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THE UNIVERSITIES

THIS week we feature the dinner and reunion of the Universities Association. While the universities have their own societies as a stimulant towards recruiting and for securing a recognition of the art of change ringing among the activities of a university, in no sense is there a desire for their ringing to be regarded as something apart from the main sections of the Exercise to be found in the guild and territorial associations. Throughout the speeches there was an admission of indebtedness to the ordinary ringers in university cities for their co-operation, not only in the loan of towers but in providing instructors. Ringing is in no sense the exclusive enjoyment of one section of the community, although to the outer world it is often bracketed with the sexton and grave-digger. No, servants of the belfry embrace men and women of all classes—from the trades and learned professions. And let it not be forgotten that however erudite the individual may be there is in the ringing chamber one yardstick by which the individual is judged—his ability to ring his bell accurately and in perfect rhythm with his companions.

Fortunes of university Guilds fluctuate in accordance with the freshmen coming up each year. Reports to hand indicate that, while the Oxford Guild is holding its own, Cambridge is having a struggling time, although history in regard to the emancipation of woman was made in this university as recently as December 19th, when Miss A. B. Stockdale, of Girton, rang the trebles to a handbell peal of Plain Bob Major and became the first woman to ring a peal in hand for this Guild. Bristol is developing its ringing well. Here leadership is in the hands of a member of the medical school, and it is exceedingly fortunate for the advancement of ringing to know that the same guiding influence will operate for the next two years. London is also making headway; Sunday service ringing is divided between two churches, but so far the Guild has not a belfry which is exclusively its own.

At the present time the Universities Association has a membership of 265, and interest in the organisation is revealed in the fact that in response to the recent dinner notices 150 replies were received. This is an unusually high percentage, and it does indicate the interest taken in the Association. Of the members, 89 per cent. come from Oxford, Cambridge, Bristol and London; the other 11 per cent. come from Reading, Durham, Birmingham, Sheffield, Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, Nottingham, Wales and Edinburgh. It was regarded as no little honour when at the Central Council meeting at Birmingham affiliation was granted to the University Association, and they were allowed one representative. The question of Central Council representation is again in the melting pot. A report on this subject is promised for the York Conference, and the universities submit a plea that this recognition will be continued and that the Central Council will not model its new constitution on the Parliamentary pattern and abolish plurality representation. This would lead not only to the universities losing their members but would affect also the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. But that is another subject.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Tues., Dec. 14, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5050 CHANGES;
Tenor 37 cwt.

Edgar C. Shepherd	*Treble*	Arthur V. Pearson	7
Frank E. Pervin	2	Leonard Tuffrey	8
T. James Turner	3	Herbert C. Spencer	9
Albert Walker	4	George E. Fearn	10
G. William Critchley	5	John Pinfold	11
William C. Dowding	6	Edward T. Lloyd	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Albert Walker.
Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

Henry H. Fearn	*Treble*	G. William Critchley	7
Edgar C. Shepherd	2	Herbert C. Spencer	8
Albert Walker	3	Thomas W. Sheppard	9
Frank W. Perrens	4	John Pinfold	10
Frank E. Pervin	5	Frank E. Haynes	11
Paul K. Williamson	6	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Fearn.
The first peal of Maximus in the method. Rung without previous practice.

TEN BELL PEAL

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

Edward G. L. Coward	*Treble*	Thomas G. Fox	6
Roydon Davies	2	James G. Prior	7
Albert Harman	3	Charles W. Roberts	8
*William F. Oatway	4	Frederick E. Collins	9
William Rogers	5	Reuben Sanders	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by F. E. Collins.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Peter H. Rollison	*Treble*	Leslie W. Jarvis	5
Helen Gorringe	2	Ronald W. Pankhurst	6
Arthur F. Lewry	3	Frank H. Hicks	7
Fredk. J. Lambert, jun.	4	William A. Kitchenside	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Charge. Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
A birthday compliment to Miss Helen Gorringe.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Deanery Church,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Claude Snowden	*Treble*	Ronald Suckling	5
Hilda G. Snowden	2	Walter Arnold	6
Lewis W. Wiffen	3	*Harry Millott	7
Frank Claydon	4	Ernest Bright	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Ronald Suckling.
* First peal in the method.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,
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, Hitchin, Langley, Lindum, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Watford and Wembley, with 149 changes of method. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

H. Leslie Pask	*Treble*	Walter Tomlinson	5
Charles McGuiness	2	John Freeman	6
Fredk. W. Stokes	3	John Walden	7
Jack L. Millhouse	4	John A. Freeman	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by John A. Freeman.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 14, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *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*	Frank E. Hawthorne	5
Alfred H. Pulling	2	Ronald J. C. Hagley	6
Eric T. Lee	3	Frederick A. Munday	7
H. William Barrett	4	T. Mark White	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.
Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 14, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

John E. Clarke	*Treble*	William A. Wood	5
Josiah Morris	2	Arthur E. Bodycote	6
*Harold Kilby	3	†John J. Morris	7
Ernest Morris	4	W. Arthur Riddington	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by W. Arthur Riddington.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major away from treble. † First peal of Plain Bob Major. To celebrate the King's birthday. Also an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. John E. Clarke.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's Variation of Brooks'. Tenor 10 cwt.

George E. Oliver	*Treble*	Joseph Wm. Cotton	5
*Miss Joan Beresford	2	Sidney H. Jones	6
Ernest W. Beadsmoore	3	Ernest Morris	7
William F. Woodward	4	Percival W. Grice	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Morris.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. A birthday compliment to J. W. Cotton.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Reginald C. Thrift	*Treble*	Ernest W. Furbank	5
*Arthur H. Edwards	2	†Peter J. Eves	6
Ernest J. Runter	3	Henry T. Wilson	7
Harry Turner	4	John Sitch	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Harry Turner.
* First peal of Double Norwich. † First peal of Double Norwich inside.' In honour of the christening of H.R.H. the Prince Charles.

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BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Catherine,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

*A. Leslie Mills ...	...*Treble*	Hector Knights	5
Walter J. Clough ...	2	E. Charles Turner ...	6
Alfred Jordan	3	Frank K. Measures ...	7
J. Edward Clough ...	4	Thomas H. Campton	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank K. Measures.
* First peal. Rung for the christening of H.R.H. Prince Charles.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 15, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*Kathleen Harrison	...*Treble*	Wilfred G. Saunders...	5
Clement J. More ...	2	*Charles V. Orves ...	6
†Arthur E. Cook ...	3	Eric G. Bennett ...	7
Albert G. Harrison ...	4	W. Archie Lock ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Eric G. Bennett.
* First peal of Plain Bob. † First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the royal christening. Tenor 23 cwt. 82 lb. in D.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's (Johnson's Variation). Tenor 15 cwt.

Oliver Sippetts ...	*Treble*	Kenneth Snelling ...	5
Reginald V. Johnson ...	2	Horace E. Lilley ...	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	John Dearlove	7
Albert E. Laker	4	Raymond Overy ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Raymond Overy.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 16, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*Brian Warwick ...	...*Treble*	Peter J. Staniforth ...	5
Kathleen Tilley	2	John R. Smith	6
Dorothy Udale	3	Alan Jacques	7
Jill Poole	4	Harold J. Poole	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Jill Poole.
* First peal of Major. A 21st birthday compliment to Peter J. Staniforth.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 16, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter de Merton,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*Stanley Harlow	...*Treble*	Ronald Sharp	5
Henry Harding	2	*George Hulatt	6
Betty Spice	3	Andrew Sinfield ...	7
*George Amor	4	William Stapleton	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Wm. Stapleton.
* First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells after augmentation to eight. Tenor 12 cwt.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves' Variation. Tenor 10½ cwt.

Joan Salmons ...	...*Treble*	Arthur Jackson	5
John W. Meade	2	Bryan C. Stirland ...	6
Miss Nelia Leahy ...	3	Ernest F. Salmons ...	7
Frank S. Taylor	4	Henry T. Macey ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest F. Salmons.

AMESBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Meloris,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,
Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

*Geoffrey K. Dodd	...*Treble*	†David R. Reed	5
William C. Shute ...	2	Reginald W. Rex ...	6
†Colin W. Reed	3	Ronald N. Marlow ...	7
Frank L. Harris ...	4	A. Patrick Cannon	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. The first peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt.

F. Raymond Addison...	...*Treble*	George P. Kemball ...	5
J. Wilfred Addison ...	2	*Lawrence Bonnard ...	6
H. Arnold Ward ...	3	†G. Allan Robinson ...	7
*Thomas M. Cox	4	Cecil Robinson ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by B. Annable. Conducted by Cecil Robinson.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. To commemorate 25 years in the ministry of the Church on Tees-side by the Archdeacon of Cleveland (the Ven. William Palin) on December 21st.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Ernest Whiting ...	...*Treble*	Thomas Simmons	5
*Cecil A. Thompson ...	2	Frederick J. Roope ...	6
*Wilfred G. Saunders...	3	Ernest C. Staff	7
Cecil Poyntz	4	W. Archie Locke	...*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Ernest Whiting.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 14 cwt.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

Richard J. Jackson	...*Treble*	Cecil E. Carr	5
*Ernest W. Tipler ...	2	William A. Wood	6
A. John Timson	3	Frank K. Measures ...	7
E. Charles Turner ...	4	Horace G. Goosey	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank K. Measures.
* 80th peal.

ANDOVER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

*John R. Tolman	...*Treble*	Norman V. Andrews...	5
†Miss Nesta D. Smith...	2	Charles H. Kippin ...	6
Richard Smith	3	‡Archibald L. Mitchell	7
Oscar G. Smart	4	Albert Andrews	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Archibald L. Mitchell.
* First peal. † First on 'inside' bell in method. ‡ First of Triples. First as conductor. First peal since rehanging August, 1947.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 18 cwt.

Thomas E. Sone ...	...*Treble*	Luther J. Honess ...	5
Ernest J. Ladd	2	Reginald E. Lambert...	6
Fredk. J. Lambert, sen.	3	Robert T. Lambert ...	7
Doris E. Colgate ...	4	Robert Collins ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Edburg,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*C. Henry Harding	...*Treble*	*Andrew C. Sinfield ...	5
Margaret L. Tutt ...	2	Fredk. A. H. Wilkins	6
Betty Spice	3	*Bryan F. Sims	7
*Ronald J. Sharp ...	4	Walter F. Judge	...*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Walter F. Judge.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 15 cwt.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

Bernard Madeley	...*Treble*	Thomas Price	5
*Richard J. Warrilow	2	†Arthur V. Pearson ...	6
Eric F. Speake	3	Howard Howell ...	7
Frederick Price	4	Arthur Pritchard	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal this year.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 23¾ cwt.

Percival C. Richards	*Treble*	†Thomas Greenhall ...	5
Clifford Skidmore ...	2	John Lloyd	6
*Geoffrey Westwood ...	3	Thomas Hemming ...	7
William B. Cartwright	4	†Charles T. Richards...	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by C. Skidmore.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. Conductor's 300th peal and quarterly peal for the Northern Branch.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

*Cyril Wright	*Treble*	‡Frederick A. Adams ...	5
†G. Gordon Graham ...	2	*Herbert T. Rooke ...	6
L. William Jacques ...	3	‡Gordon C. Briggs ...	7
*Dennis Parsons	4	*Arthur B. Cooper ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by L. William Jacques.
* First peal in the method. † First of Grandsire Triples. ‡ First peal of Triples.

NORTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition.

John Thomas	*Treble*	*Trevor Newbury ...	5
Edward Evans	2	Leslie Barry	6
*Ivor Goulter	3	Thomas Boreham ...	7
*Peter Baker	4	Francis Miles	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Thomas.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 15 cwt.

*Frank H. Eley	*Treble*	Maurice G. Turner ...	5
William J. Leach ...	2	Barnabas G. Key	6
Harold Harrison ...	3	George L. Roden	7
Noreen Brain	4	Thomas W. Bates...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal on eight bells and in the method. By ringing in the above peal Mr. Thomas W. Bates, of the local company, has broken an eighteen-year spell, it being his first peal since August, 1930.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

J. Frank Smallwood ...	*Treble*	John E. Chilcott	5
David Parsons	2	Horace Belcher	6
John W. Stephenson ...	3	John Phillips	7
Herbert Langdon ...	4	James H. Rumley ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert Langdon.
Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. A. T. Morgan, and to commemorate the consecration of Carbis Bay Church and the institution of the Rev. A. S. Roberts as Vicar, also as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker, of Birmingham.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

William H. Briggs ...	*Treble*	Gerald L. Ball	5
Reginald C. Tipler ...	2	Alfred Ballard	6
Nun L. Walker	3	John H. Bailess	7
*Eileen M. Cheney ...	4	Joseph Herbert	*Tenor*

Conducted by John H. Bailess.
* First peal on eight and first attempt. First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells. Also as a birthday compliment to ringers of 6 and tenor.

OVER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 6 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Chad,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 10080 CHANGES;

Peter Laflin	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis ...	5
Alan A. Potts	2	Walter Allman	6
Wilfred Stevenson ...	3	John Worth	7
John E. Bibby	4	Joseph W. Whittaker...	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by John Worth.
This composition, rung for the first time, contains the 60 course-ends with the tenors together. Longest length for all except the ringers of the treble and 4th. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Sam Scattergood ...	*Treble*	†Peter E. North	5
Dennis Holland	2	†Tom Cutts	6
*Billie Holland	3	Norman Chaddock ...	7
Herbert O. Chaddock	4	Harry Hirst	*Tenor*

Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal. † First in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SOUTHAMPTON
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. On the 'Holyrood' six. Tenor 5¾ cwt. in C.

Nesta D. Smith ...	*Treble*	*Rev. K. W. H. Felstead	4
Jessie M. Kippin ...	2	Richard Smith	5
*Nelia Leahy	3	Charles H. Kippin ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles H. Kippin.
* First peal of Minor.

ST. BREOCKE, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Breocke,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 extents. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

*A. Hubert Eplett	*Treble*	R. Gordon Cross ...	4
F. Dudley Teague ...	2	E. Vivian Williams ...	5
†Alex J. Webster ...	3	*James C. Northey ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. Gordon Cross.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal of Plain Bob Doubles for all the band and for the Guild. First peal on the bells.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 13, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Cross,
A PEAL OF KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 4¾ cwt.

*W. Edwin Gough	*Treble*	R. Michael E. Richards	4
Peter H. Wright ...	2	Eric J. Sterland ...	5
E. Glyn Holdgate ...	3	Brynley A. Richards ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brynley A. Richards.
* First peal. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 13, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 20 cwt.

*Ronald G. Beck ...	*Treble*	Frederick Savage ...	4
A. George Clare ...	2	E. John Targett	5
Edward J. Chivers ...	3	*Joseph T. Dyke ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ronald G. Beck.
* 200th peal together. First peal of London Surprise Minor by all the band.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 17, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*Sidney G. Eke ...	*Treble*	†Gordon Chambers ...	4
*Albert W. Barber ...	2	Sidney Marshall ...	5
Robert C. Bunning ...	3	George T. Bunning ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Sidney Marshall.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local band for 36 years. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

ALDERSHOT.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rex Corke (aged 13) 1, W. H. Viggers (cond.) 2, R. O. Fry 3, Betty Stewart 4, Edna C. Denyer 5, E. J. Bragg 6, C. W. Denyer 7, A. Annear (aged 14) 8. First quarter 1 and 8.

ASPATRIA, CUMBERLAND.—At St. Kentigern's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Rigg (first quarter) 1, T. G. Park (first 'inside') 2, H. S. Grisedole 3, J. W. Brownrigg 4, R. F. Grisedole 5, A. Forsyth 6, S. Richardson (first of Grandsire as cond.) 7, D. Wilkinson 8. A 68th birthday compliment to D. Wilkinson.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's Church on Dec. 12th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: J. Scott 1, A. V. Pearson 2, E. E. Speake 3, J. F. Harvey 4, A. D. Cook 5, S. G. Chaplin 6, H. H. Fearn 7, G. E. Fearn (cond.) 8. First of London 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. A. D. Somerset-Ward (first quarter) 1, W. Allen 2, F. Windibank 3, G. Norris 4, W. Read (cond.) 5, K. Windibank 6. For christening of Royal Prince.

CAMBERWELL, LONDON.—At St. Giles' on Dec. 19th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: W. H. Hewett (cond.) 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 3, T. Francis 4, C. J. Matthews 5, H. Belcher 6, J. Phillips 7, F. Mead 8, R. F. Deal 9, E. J. Peett (first quarter) 10.

CANTERBURY.—At the Cathedral Church on Dec. 13th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Walter 1, Miss Brenda Philpott 2, Miss Mabel Brockman 3, W. F. Jenkins 4, C. E. Buesden 5, S. Walter 6, F. R. Weller (cond.) 7, F. A. J. Wells 8, G. R. French 9, H. R. French 10. In memoriam Percy J. Paine, a member of the Cathedral company since 1891.

CHESTER.—On Dec. 15th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. W. Best 1, A. Prince 2, Joan Close 3, G. Sperring 4, A. Watkin 5, D. Millward 6, H. O. Baker 7, J. Webb 8, J. W. Griffiths 9, P. Swindley (cond.) 10. First Royal 'inside' for 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Rung for the christening of Royal Prince.

QUARTER PEALS

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Price 1, W. Hopwood 2, G. Pugh 3, F. Jones 4, S. Jones, sen., 5, S. Jones, jun. (cond.) 6, H. Thomas 7, E. Price 8. A compliment to the ringer of the 5th on his 80th birthday.

FULMER, BUCKS. — On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Fowler 1, W. W. Wolstencroft 2, C. Watkins (cond.) 3, E. Harding 4, E. J. Briden 5, M. Hastings (first quarter) 6. Rung at the induction service of the new Rector, the Rev. R. A. Lloyd.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.—On Dec. 4th, 1,762 Kent Treble Bob Major: T. Richardson 1, L. Buckley 2, J. Bentley 3, E. Bryon 4, F. Booth 5, W. Hall 6, C. Ingerson 7, F. Johnson (first as cond.) 8. First quarter 1 and 4. In honour of the golden wedding of the 'father' of the local ringers, Mr. Joseph Marsdin.

GORLESTON, NORFOLK. — On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Denton 1, P. G. W. Newstead 2, J. G. W. Harwood 3, A. Fulcher 4, A. Wigmore (cond.) 5, W. J. Lee 6, R. Garwood 7, A. W. Bird 8. First of Grandsire 1 and 4. To celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. W. J. Lee, a regular service ringer.

HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS. — On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Reeves 1, S. Manning 2, D. Robinson 3, V. Perry 4, S. Osborne (cond.) 5, Rev. M. Pendleton 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6. In honour of the wedding of Miss J. Anderson and Mr. E. Smith.

HASLEMERE, SURREY. — On Dec. 12th, 1,313 Grandsire Caters: E. Lee 1, C. E. Smith 2, Mrs. F. Bowden 3, F. Bowden 4, S. Breeze 5, A. E. Brown (first of Grandsire Caters) 6, A. J. Bartlett 7, F. Radford 8, C. Hazelden (cond.) 9, H. Mullard 10.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Dec. 5th, 1,440 Minor, being 720 each of Kent and Plain Bob: W. Gorringe 1, Miss N. Gorringe (first T.B. 'inside') 2, O. Santer (first of T.B.) 3, A. Kemp 4, M. S. Cloke 5, L. T. Pope (cond.) 6.

LLANTRISANT, GLAM.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Collins 1, W. Huish 2, J. Westcott 3, F. Rowsell (cond.) 4, R. Westcott 5, G. Westcott 6, J. Evans 7, R. Rees 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET. — On Dec. 12th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. C. Tett 1, R. Keeley 2, C. W. Powell 3, Rev. C. C. Cox 4, S. H. Green 5, G. H. Whitemore 6, H. G. Keeley 7, G. S. Morris (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 2, 3 and 6.

NETHERSEAL, BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Cotton (first quarter) 1, W. G. Hair (first as cond.) 2, J. W. Cotton 3, W. H. Curson 4, F. Sharp (first 'inside') 5, W. F. Woodward 6, P. W. Grice 7, S. T. Scattergood 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.—On Dec. 14th, 1,440 of Bob Minor: T. C. Ryder 1, N. Chaddock 2, F. Fisher 3, Brenda Hutchinson 4, H. E. North 5, P. E. North (conductor) 6.

SAWSTON, CAMBS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (64 singles): E. Pettit 1, I. Start 2, L. Matthews 3, F. Hurry 4, P. Matthews 5, H. Churchman 6, S. Matthews (covering) 7.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Palmer (first away from tenor) 1, Miss M. Pilbeam 2, C. A. Bassett 3, M. S. Cloke 4, L. W. Giles (cond.) 5, J. T. Newick 6.

WARWICK.—On Dec. 19th, at 21, The Butts, on handbells, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Male (cond., first 'in hand') 1-2-3-4, T. Male 5-6.

WORCESTER.—On Nov. 30th, on the back eight at Worcester Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. W. Lewis 1, G. Ambler 2, P. Blissett 3, J. J. Jeffries 4, A. E. Humphries 5, D. R. Sayers 6, D. R. Morris (cond.) 7, F. Fluck 8.

WROTHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Strood 1, S. Whiteway 2, Anthony V. Kemp (first as cond.) 3, Edna M. Sills 4, R. L. Sills 5, S. S. King. For the christening of Prince Charles.

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AN ASSUMPTION.

With reluctance we have assumed that those few readers who have not forwarded their subscriptions to Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth, do not desire 'The Ringing World.' Unless received forthwith their names will be removed from our subscribers' register.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Photographs were taken of the Ven. W. Palin, Vicar of Skelton-in-Cleveland, and the ringers who took part in the peal in honour of his 25 years' ministry on the Tees-side, in the belfry before ringing started on December 18th. Afterwards the Archdeacon entertained the ringers to dinner, when compliments were extended to him on his silver jubilee.

Mr. H. W. Knight, of Wrington, has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

Bournemouth Ringers' Rally has been fixed for May 7th at Christchurch.

May we repeat the reminder in last week's issue, that we are hoping to publish a list of those who have rung 40 or more peals during 1948. We require number rung in tower and hand and number conducted.

Most ringers are interested in church architecture. Liverpool Cathedral Picture Book (price 2s. 3d. post free, from Canon C. F. H. Soulby, Residentiary Canon Treasurer, Liverpool Cathedral) is a particularly impressive production.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden, conveyer of the Biographies Committee of the Central Council, is in St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford, having had to undergo a serious operation. The good wishes of his friends for a speedy recovery are extended to him.

Naseby bells were rung to a peal for the royal christening, thus redeeming the failure for the royal birth. It is probable that this is the first peal on the bells which have been five since 1640, and were hung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. in 1939.

Mr. T. E. Sone has called Holt's Original five times 'round the circle' of Brenchley tower. Mr. F. J. Lambert, who rang in the peal on December 18th, will be 82 next February. His last peal of Grandsire was over 20 years ago.

First peal on the augmented Lyndhurst bells was by several noted Bournemouth personalities. The conductor reports a long draught of rope plus the oscillation of the tower made good striking difficult. The peal was a very creditable performance despite the unusually high number of blisters collected.

The first peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Maximus has been rung. The honour goes to Birmingham and not Lincoln.

By ringing a peal at Tettenhall, Staffs, Mr. H. W. Bates has resumed peal ringing after a break of 18 years. His last was in August, 1930.

One better is Mr. N. L. Walker, of Stoney Stanton, Leics. It is 40 years since he rang his last peal. The peal was in honour of the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells, and he started ringing soon after the installation of the eight bells.

December 13th was the 80th birthday of Mr. S. Jones, sen., towerkeeper at Eccleston, Cheshire, since 1907, and a ringer for over 60 years. At the age of 10 Mr. Jones lost his left hand, but he had no difficulty in managing the fifth at Eccleston in the quarter in honour of his birthday.

Mr. H. E. Hammond rang the third to a quarter of Superlative Surprise Major at Braintree, Essex, for his 83rd birthday. The company was H. Pratt 1, H. E. Collins 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. Wiffen 4, G. Lindridge 5, R. Suckling 6, L. W. Wiffen (cond.) 7, H. R. Felton 8.

Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Lichfield, patron of the living of Seale, Derbyshire, and president of the Midland Counties Guild, had his 77th birthday honoured by a peal of Cambridge at the Parish Church, Netherseale. The band wish to thank Mr. Worthington for his hospitality after the peal.

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Dedications

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.

A new treble, making a tuneful ring of six at Thakeham, near Pulborough, recently dedicated by the Rector, the Rev. G. R. Barnett, before Sunday morning service, has an interesting story.

It belonged to Hollycombe Private School (now a Council School), near Midhurst. The bell became redundant, was taken down, and left in a field. The Education Committee gave it to the Bishop of Chichester, to be given preferably to a new church built in West Sussex.

There was no apparent demand for it. Bishop Hordern, then Bishop of Lewes, told the Rector of Thakeham about it, and he approached the Bishop of Chichester and the Director of Education, Chichester, who gave him permission to acquire the bell. It was collected from a muddy location and taken to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's Croydon Foundry, reduced from 5 cwt. to 3¼ cwt., and tuned to F sharp.

A meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association, held on the Saturday following the dedication, attracted about 60 ringers, who were entertained to tea by the parishioners of Thakeham.

HILLSBOROUGH, CO. DOWN.

The ring of eight bells of St. Malachi's Church, Hillsborough, Co. Down, was rededicated on December 26th, 1948, by the Right Rev. W. S. Kerr, Bishop of Down. After the Bishop completed the rededication, he ordered 'Let the bells ring,' and immediately the bells pealed forth for the first time since V-Day. The bells were cast in 1773 by Rudhall. The restoration was carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

After the service the bells were available for ringing, and those taking part were very pleased with the 'go' of them. The ropes now hang in a proper circle, whereas previously the tenor rope dropped into the centre of the circle formed by the other seven which meant that the tenor ringer had to be continuously 'on the move.'

It is interesting to record that only three peals have been rung on these bells, all by visiting teams of ringers from England. In the first of these, Mr. James George rang the third to a peal of Stedman Triples conducted by William Pye. This was on September 13th, 1904. On September 15th, 1909, William Keeble called a peal of 5,056 London. James Riding called 5,088 of Kent on September 8th, 1931. We hope that ere long peals will be rung there by resident ringers.

Amongst those in the congregation were the Earl and Countess Granville (Governor of Northern Ireland), the president of the Irish Association, Mr. W. Pratt, Messrs. F. E. Dukes, general hon. secretary, J. T. Dunwoody, district secretary, and H. Brown, district Ringing Master. The opening ringing was by a team of local ringers, which included: F. McBride (captain), 1, D. Rogan (hon. secretary) 2, W. McBride 3, N. Johnston 4, V. Silcock 5, R. Walker 6, N. Boreland 7, and W. Dewart (vice-captain) tenor.

The sympathy of many friends is extended to Mr. R. W. Grimwood, of Hersham, Surrey, in the death of his wife. The funeral was on January 3rd.

Kent County Association

RESTORE FAMOUS MEMORIAL STONE.

Dear Sir,—To preserve the memory of James Barham, of Leeds, Kent, famous during the latter part of the eighteenth century for his activity and endurance in peal ringing, including 40,320 changes of Bob Major, rung at Leeds, Kent, on April 7th and 8th, 1761, the Kent County Association have once again restored the headstone in the graveyard of Leeds Parish Church.

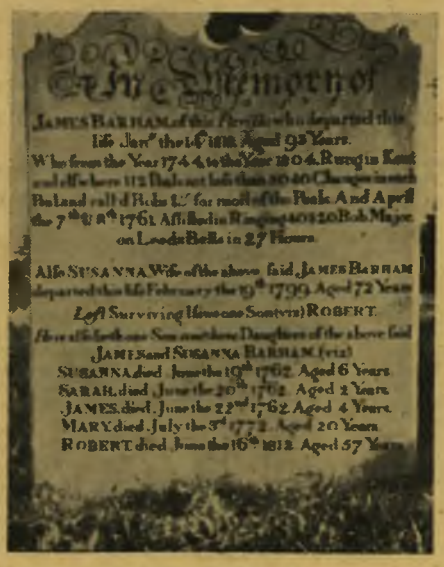
To ringers throughout the country who, by references in past issues of 'The Ringing World' and the activities of the Leeds (Kent) Youths as recorded in Morris' 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' may be interested, the photograph reproduced below, taken after the recent restoration, shows the front of the headstone.

On the reverse of the stone is the following inscription: 'James Barham, deceased January 14th, 1818. Aged 93 years. This stone was restored by the Kent County Association of Change Ringers A.D. 1913.' It is hoped in the near future to add the date of the last restoration.—Yours sincerely,

Sutton Valence, Kent. F. S. MACEY.



LEEDS PARISH CHURCH.



THE TABLET.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild

NORTH DORSET BRANCH.

There was an attendance of 45 members at the annual meeting of the North Dorset Branch at Mere on December 11th. The opening spell of ringing was followed by the Guild service, which was conducted by the secretary, and the address was given by the Vicar of Mere (Rev. N. E. E. Johnson).

At the business meeting the officers elected were: Chairman, Rev. R. M. Taylor; vice-chairman, Rev. F. Ll. Edwards; secretary and treasurer, Rev. William Uphill; Ringing Masters, Messrs. W. C. Shute, L. Perrett, B. Ridout and J. Gray; branch committee, Messrs. J. Ralph, B. Ridout.

The following new members were elected: Marnhull, Rev. J. Collins, Messrs. W. H. Frampton, F. Arnold, F. Caines, C. Frampton, D. Hannam, G. Plowman, M. Plowman, T. Trew, V. Fudge; Yetminster, Messrs. J. Chant, H. C. Vowles, W. Bennett, J. Elliss, B. Jessop, L. Partridge, Misses P. Symes and M. Baker; Hazelbury Bryan, Messrs. J. W. Hutchings, J. Bird, L. J. Fish, J. Hutchings, W. Long, H. Hunt, W. Symes, Misses D. M. Fish and I. Carter; Long Burton, Messrs. E. Wallbridge, A. Light, E.. Osmet, J. T. Ware, A. Riggs and Miss M. Farthing, Lt.-Col. G. D. Young (honorary); Stalbridge, Messrs. C. Walter and C. Elliott; Mere, Mr. F. C. Stone.

Places of meeting for next year are: March, Yetminster; June, Stourton; September, Iwerne Minster; December, Sherborne.

The thanks of the ringers were expressed by Rev. F. Ll. Edwards to the Vicar, the church organist and choir and to the ladies for providing the tea. More ringing followed.

ROYAL BIRTH PEALS

Dear Sir,—I wish to draw your attention to an inaccuracy in 'Belfry Gossip' for December 10th. The oldest to ring a peal for the royal baby is said to be Mr. Josiah Morris, aged 81, but Mr. J. W. Jones, Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, who rang the 2nd at Llanfrechfa (published December 10th), was one month short of 83 years of age.

A peal at Caerleon, on the eve of his 83rd birthday, is published in your issue dated December 24th.—Yours faithfully,

LESLIE F. G. BAINHAM.

Newport, Mon.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

Ringers from the counties of Berkshire, Gloucester, Oxford and Wiltshire attended the annual meeting of the Swindon Branch at Christ Church, Swindon, on December 11th.

The usual ringing was followed by the Association form of service, conducted by the Vicar (Canon J. Gilbert), who also dedicated a peal board recording a peal of Plain Bob Royal rung to mark the election of the hon. secretary of the Swindon Branch as Master of the Association.

The company was entertained to tea by the Christ Church ringers, and a collection for the Belfry Repair Fund realised £1 7s. At the business meeting the retiring officers were re-elected, and it was proposed to visit St. Mark's, Swindon, South Marston and Rodbourne Cheney during the next three months.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION

Reunion Dinner a Popular Function ..... Extension of London Surprise Major a Motion for The Central Council ..... Fourteen Universities Share Membership

THE reunion dinner of the Universities Association, held at the Three Nuns, Aldgate, on December 30th, was a popular function, members coming from all parts of the country to make the event a success.

To the Exercise at large was the announcement of a peal attempt of an extension of London Surprise, to take place the following day. As the extension is not recognised, the suggestion was made that the peal, if successful, should be called 'London Surprise Royal U.A.' A motion dealing with Surprise extensions is to be submitted at the next meeting of the Central Council.

Mr. E. H. Lewis (the president) presided, and he was supported by Dr. Hatcher, the Revs. C. Elliot Wigg, K. W. H. Felstead, A. G. G. Thurlow, and A. Davis, Maj. A. H. Janes, Lt.-Comdr. and Mrs. R. G. Cross, Mrs. E. E. Davis, the Misses J. Holdsworth, Margaret Fidell, Betty Spice, Mary Kennelly, Anne B. Stockdale, Frances Edgar, Dorothy Richardson, Hilary Steer, Rachael Dodd, Margaret Green, Jean Askew, Jean Southerst, Marie Cross, Jill Brittain, Jan Fulford, Barbara Podger, Mary Bliss and Pam Woolley, Messrs. Paul Taylor, John Richards, R. Clouston, P. Gray, A. York-Bramble, D. Layton, P. Layton, J. Wrenbury, W. H. J. Hooton, A. Jones, G. Beynor, W. E. Court, C. T. Brown, W. Moreton, J. Worrall, S. E. Darmon, C. G. Woodhead, L. C. J. Watson, F. Hayes, F. J. Roan, A. Fabian, P. J. Robbins, M. E. H. Barrow, R. B. Meadows, P. W. B. Semens, F. S. Macey, V. J. Benning, Geoffrey Dodds, A. A. Hughes, George Cross, P. Layton, D. E. Parsons, E. J. Lindley, F. S. Poole, G. Carter, E. M. Atkins, P. Parrott, Wm. Gray and T. W. White.

After the toasts of 'The King' and 'The Church' had been proposed from the chair, Mr. A. Jones submitted the toast of 'The Universities Association.' The first occasion he was permitted to join the Association as a guest was at Worcester four years ago. On that occasion he was of some use as he stood behind some of the younger members trying to coach them through a plain course of 120 Grandsire Doubles. Those same people were now ringing Spliced Surprise.

He did not think they could let the evening pass without paying tribute to the great work of John Spice, who laid the foundation of the Association. A couple of years ago Mr. Lewis had occasion to pass some adverse criticism on the striking. Those who heard the ringing that day would agree that it was of a higher standard, and there were three excellent leads of Treble Ten. It was certainly up to the standard of any diocesan or Guild meeting. He felt that the Association had a great future in front of it.

CHESTER WEEK POPULAR.

Dr. Hatcher, in reply, said their main activities of the year were the annual dinner and the summer ringing week. All of them who went to Chester last August (40 members from eight universities) came away refreshed and inspired and would like to express their great appreciation of the friendliness and welcome given them in Cheshire, North Wales and Lancashire.

At the present time the universities were ringing relatively few peals, and as far as the Universities Association was concerned the peal analysis would show a further decrease over 1947, the number having dropped from eight to four. In six years the Universities Association had rung altogether 53 peals, never more than eight in any year except in 1946, when 23 were rung. Thus the fall from 23 to eight in 1947 was not so much a decline as a reversion to something like normal. Among the 12 conductors only two had more than four peals—John Spice 21 and Richard Speed eight.

During the present year 37 new members had joined the Association, bringing the grand total to 265. Among new members they were happy to welcome representatives from Liverpool, Nottingham and Edinburgh. They had in all representatives from 14 universities.

The toast of 'The Ladies' was humorously proposed by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow and responded to by Miss Dorothy Richardson.

Miss Marie Cross gave the toast of 'The Exercise.' She had a special word of thanks to people in university towns who did so much to help them. In connection with the Chester visit they were especially indebted to Mr. Clarke and Mr. George Newton, of Liverpool. In their ringing that day they had to thank Mrs. Davis at Bishopsgate, Mr. Fox at Stepney and Mr. Gregory at Holloway.

TEACHERS OF THE FUTURE.

The President, in his reply, said he thought that ringers up and down the country were beginning to recognise that the Association was doing very good work and was going to do more in the future. There were a number of districts where there were young people anxious to learn to ring, and there was a lack of competent instructors. He hoped they would be the teachers of the future and would always remember to begin at the lowest rung, i.e., that people should handle well and ring good rounds before starting method ringing.

He felt sorry he could not join them at Chester. He spent eight years and lived at Frodsham, where he was largely responsible for getting the two trebles added. He looked on the Bibbys as his pupils, and he was able to help Mr. George Newton with some of the higher methods.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The business meeting then followed. The accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £9 11s. 8d., against £10 0s. 2d., were adopted.

The election of the following new members were ratified: Oxford, P. Fabian, F. J. Roam, P. T. Robbins, Miss H. Steer; Cambridge, A. S. Watt, C. G. Woodhouse; London, D. E. Parsons, P. G. Parrott; Bristol, Miss J. M. Brekenbidge, Miss P. M. Coster, H. G. Jones, Miss M. Kennelly, K. E. Pinney, D. B. Palmer, Miss R. Sanger-Davies, I. H. Trueman, J. R. Worrall, L. C. J. Watson; Manchester, R. D. Airey; Nottingham, W. E. Court; Edinburgh, R. St. Clair Wilson.

The meeting decided to hold the ringing week at Exeter from August 13th to 20th, and accepted the offer of the registrar to provide accommodation in St. Thomas' Hall. A condition was a guarantee of 35 members.

It was decided to hold the next annual dinner on January 4th, 1950, at Croydon.

LONDON EXTENSION.

Mr. A. York-Bramble said the Central Council had never recognised the London method rung on a ring of bells past eight—London Royal and London Maximus. There had been peals of London rung as Royal, but they had not been recognised as such. The immediate interest was that their Association was to attempt a peal of the extension of the original London method to Royal. This extension had never been rung and had never been published, but there were members of the Association who considered that it was a straightforward extension for several reasons.

This was hardly the place to go into reasons, but he was grateful for the privilege of saying one thing. As they all knew quite well, in any hunt-controlled or treble-dominated method there was a turning place when the treble leads and a turning place when the treble lies. In Plain Bob the turning place is seconds. In Reverse Bob the turning place when the treble lies is seconds, and that is the main axiom for all hunt-controlled methods. In London, either Major or Minor, they had seconds place for the turning place, and they had when the treble lies fourths from behind.

In considering this axiom in application to Royal they had this turning place at fourths from behind in the sevenths place. One of the reasons why they wanted the method to be attempted was that it had the axiomic feature at the half-lead. If the peal was successful on the following day they understood it would not be recognised and it might not be published in 'The Ringing World' as a peal of London Royal. They had taken the precaution of calling it 'London Royal U.A.'

He proposed that the meeting consider tabling a motion for the Central Council's next meeting, which would serve to permit a recognition of London Royal in some form or forms. He proposed for submission to the Central Council the following resolution: 'That peals of London Surprise Royal be recognised with London places at the pull and half lead.'

Mr. Wilfrid Moreton seconded.

The chairman said there was no question of the peal, if rung, being recognised as a peal because this method was a good method and one which agreed with all the requirements of a method. It was only a question of the name that was in doubt.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead asked whether it would not be better to ask the Central Council to instruct its appropriate committee to go into this extension and submit a report to the Council.

The Chairman: That would be the natural course.

After further discussion, Mr. York-Bramble accepted a motion by Mr. Denis Layton: 'That any treble-dominated method, claiming to be recognised as an extension or contraction of a basic method of the same name, shall exhibit, inter alia, the standard requirement of turning or pivot places (counted from the trebles leading and lying) at full and half-leads respectively, exactly as in the basic methods.'

This was carried.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr. Dennis Layton for making arrangements for the ringing that day.

The service at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, was conducted by the Rev. John D. Richards and the address given by the Rev. C. E. Wigg.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

At the Church of St. Peter, Walgrave, on December 18th, a date touch, 1,948 changes, consisting of 8 changes Plain Bob Singles, 500 Grandsire, 480 each Stedman, St. Simon's, Plain Bob Doubles, was rung as a farewell to the Rev. A. T. Seggar, Rector of Walgrave, who is retiring, by the following Northampton Branch members: T. Tebbutt (cond.) 1, P. Jones 2, G. S. Valentine 3, E. Nobles 4, G. Care 5.

The bells were raised in 'peal' and 'date touch' rung, and bells were lowered in peal without interval. E.N.

NASEBY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 15, 1948, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising one 240 by Lindoff and forty 120's, ten variations.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F

MISS GLADYS ASHBY	*Treble*	*C. WILLIAM BROWN	3
PERCY AMOS	2	WILLIAM R. HAMMONS	4
ARTHUR MILLWARD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by WILLIAM R. HAMMONS.
* First peal. First 5,040 on the bells since rehanging by Taylors, 1939. Rung for the christening of Prince Charles.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 17, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven diffierent extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN THOMPSON	*Treble*	*THOMAS S. EDWARDS	4
ERNEST TWIGG	2	WILLIAM EDWARDS	5
WILLIAM POTTS	3	WILLIAM CARNWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM CARNWELL.
* First peal 'inside.'

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR. 5040 CHANGES;
Being 4 extents of Single Oxford and 3 of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*ALFRED W. BODIAM	*Treble*	†GEORGE F. CANTRILL	4
WILLIAM R. MANSER	2	LEWIS NEWMAN	5
†EDNA M. SILLS	3	REGINALD L. SILLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal in more than one Minor method. First peal in more than one method as conductor.

HEMINGFORD GREY, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR. 5040 CHANGES;
Being 1,440 each Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 2,160 Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr.

EDMUND J. WHITING	*Treble*	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	4
*JOHN W. C. BLYTHE	2	STANLEY GILBERT	5
FRANK W. LACK	3	FRANK WARRINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal in three methods.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*DENNIS MOSS	*Treble*	JOHN E. BROUGH	4
†HERBERT SUTTON	2	FREDERICK S. SUTTON	5
FRANK OLLIER	3	EDWARD J. BOFFEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside' in method. Rung for royal christening.

WHAPLODE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 54 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 12 cwt. 14 lb.

*MAURICE BENNETT	*Treble*	†JOHN G. AMES	4
FRANK TAYLOR	2	‡THOMAS H. CHARLTON	5
†STANLEY E. BENNETT	3	CYRIL WANDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.
* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal together. ‡ First peal in three methods. Rung in honour of the christening of Prince Charles.

NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb.

THOMAS SCOTT	*Treble*	HARRY BOYCE	4
*EDMUND J. MORRIS	2	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS	5
JOHN T. WILLIAMS	3	GWYN I. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.
* First peal of Minor.

MORETON CORBET, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

F. HECTOR BENNETT	*Treble*	FREDK. G. BEDDOW	4
*MISS BESSIE CARTER	2	HARRY VICKERS	5
EDWARD V. RODENHURST	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr.

*SIMEON K. TAYLOR	*Treble*	ALWYN TAYLOR	4
*JILLIAN BRIERLEY	2	ALLAN SMITH	5
*V. WILSON SYKES	3	JAMES TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALLAN SMITH.
* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung for wedding of the niece of the ringer of the 4th.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 2, 1948, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
IN THE SELECT VESTRY HALL OF ST. MARGARET'S,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
M. J. Morris' Variation. Tenor size 17 in A.

*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	1-2	ERNEST MORRIS	5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3-4	JOSIAH MORRIS	7-8

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First in the method on handbells.

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE FIVE BELLS INN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON	1-2	THOMAS BIRD	5-6
ALBERT CATTERWELL	3-4	REGINALD RIPPINGALE	7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by THOMAS BIRD.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1948, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
AT 39A, HIGH STREET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*MARION GRAIN	1-2	MAURICE J. THURMOTT	3-4
		RONALD H. BULLEN	5-6

Conducted by MAURICE J. THURMOTT.
* First peal of Minor 'in hand.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 18 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD	1-2	WILLIAM G. YOUNG	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	DANIEL T. MATKIN	7-8

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
The conductor has called peals of Grandsire Triples from each pair.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 12, 1948, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
IN ST. PETER'S CHURCH HALL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM G. YOUNG	1-2	MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	5-6
EDWIN J. LINDLEY	3-4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

DUBLIN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 13, 1948, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.
AT 130, CONNAUGHT STREET, PHIBSBOROUGH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
42 six-scores. Tenor size 11 in G.

MISS ADA C. DUKES	1-2	FREDERICK E. DUKES	3-4
		T. W. WARREN JONES	5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.
Rung in honour of the B.A. degree being conferred on T. W. W. Jones.

OBITUARY

MR. R. J. GOATE.

The death took place on December 19th of Mr. R. J. Goate, of Beccles, Suffolk, at the age of 77 years, after a long illness. He learned to ring at Loddon in his youth, and came to Beccles, where he set up business, over 50 years ago, and since that time had been connected with St. Michael's Church.

Although he rang very few peals, he was most regular in attendance for Sunday service ringing and practices, and was Master and district secretary for very many years. He was also, until his illness, a sidesman and member of the Church Council, and took great interest in all the church activities.

MR. W. LINTER.

Mr. William Linter passed away on December 31st, after a short illness. He had been a member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild and captain of the Swanmore band for more than fifty years. He was 91.

MR. E. SWAIN.

Mr. E. Swain, a pioneer of change ringing at Holy Trinity Church, Morecambe, has passed away, after a long illness, at the early age of 41 years.

For some years Mr. Swain was secretary of the then newly-formed Lancaster Branch of the Lancashire Association, and put in much spade work in the scattered area which comprises the branch.

At the interment on Monday, December 27th, ringers were present from Barrow-in-Furness, Ulverston, Kirkby Lonsdale, Manchester and Lancaster. The Rector, Canon A. E. Nock, spoke appreciatively of the useful but unobtrusive service which the deceased had rendered to the church he loved and served in many capacities.

Ernie Swain's kindly and cheerful presence will be missed by everyone and by nobody more than his ringing colleagues in Lancaster and Morecambe. J. W.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

MEETING AT LLANDILO.

Wet weather and difficulties of travelling did not deter the enthusiasts from Haverfordwest, Llanelly, Burry Port, Carmarthen and Swansea from attending the quarterly branch meeting of the scattered St. David's Diocesan Guild on December 11th at Llandilo. An excellent tea was provided.

Thirty-two ringers attended the service in St. Teilo's Church, which was conducted by Rev. J. Marks, assisted by Revs. J. A. Morgan (Burry Port) and G. H. R. Morgan (Haverfordwest, SS. Mary and Thomas').

The belfry is unique in that the clock pendulum (as large as a 5-gallon oil drum) swings in the centre at eye level. For Grandsire Doubles this does not matter much, but in Minor, especially Stedman, 5 and 2 and 4 and 6 play a game of 'peep bo' with each other and the pendulum in its wood and wire netting cage. Odd drops of rain down the neck of the ringer of the 4th were also unusual. Nevertheless, in the Kent and Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob the striking was generally good.

In the business meeting the member for Haverfordwest asked if financial assistance could not be given to instructors to visit branches needing them and to learners to attend practices with efficient bands. His church was 15 miles from St. David's Cathedral and 20 miles from Tenby, and co-operation was difficult. Revs. Marks, J. Morgan and G. Morgan were elected hon. members.

The March meeting will be held at Llanstephan if arrangements can be made.

NOTICES

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All notices must be prepaid.

Notices must be received not later than Monday.

ENGAGEMENT

CHATFIELD—PHILPOTT. — The engagement is announced between Derek, second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Chatfield, of 35, Cherry Drive, Canterbury, and Brenda, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Philpott, of 73, London Road, Canterbury.

MARRIAGE

VINCENT—SKELLERN. — On December 25th, 1948, at Holy Trinity Church, Mossley, Cheshire, by the Rev. J. Sellors, Gordon George, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Vincent, of Hale, to Betty, only child of Mr. and Mrs. S. Skellern, of Mossley, near Congleton. 4638

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. WOOLLEY is now 39, Titian Avenue, Bushey Heath, Herts. 4625

Address, pro tem., of Mr. Geo. GILBERT, 9, Northampton Avenue, Slough, Bucks. 4639

FOR SALE

INKWELL, bell model, 3in. diameter, in solid silver; 5 gns.—E. Ronnebeck, silver craftsman, 183, High Street, Guildford. 4504

HANDBELLS WANTED

HANDBELLS wanted, set of 8 or 10.—Particulars and price to J. Roe, Field View, Church Broughton, near Derby. 4610

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AT BOURNEMOUTH. —Board-residence, h. and c., good table; 5 minutes sea (cliff lift), 2 minutes buses, shops. Terms till June 12s. per day; Easter, Whitsun and summer terms, 15s. per day, all inclusive; book early.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Price, St. Michael's, 9, Fisherman's Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. Telephone, Southbourne 2693. 4514

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

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.

RINGERS' NOTEBOOK AND DIARY, 1949.—The present edition is almost sold out. Will ringers still wishing to purchase copies please send their orders, **without cash**, at once? If sufficient are required, a reprint will be arranged and a further announcement made.—William Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 4641

MISCELLANEOUS

PEAL TABLETS in Stone, Slate or Marble. Ecclesiastical Masonry to Architect's design. Commissions accepted by Trevor M. Roderick (Guild of Memorial Craftsmen), c/o The Masonry Yards, Port Talbot, Glam. 3749

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Will any members interested in attempting a peal on Friday, February 4th (70th anniversary of the Guild) or during that week-end, please communicate with M. R. D. Harford (Trinity). 4626

WANTED

HANDBELL FRAME, folding preferred, to hold set 12 bells for tapping.—Offers to F. G. Hooper, 31, Spring Gardens, Newark-on-Trent, Notts. 4600

MEETINGS

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. —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.—R. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4534

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 8th, St. Mary's (10), 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 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.—W. C. Hughes. 4569

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 ASSOCIATION.— Bridgwater Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridgwater, Jan. 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to R. Short, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater. 4580

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.—C. G. Dymond, Silverton. 4584

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, price 4d. post free. 4591

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. 4589

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting, Chesterfield, Jan. 8th. Bells from 2.30. Committee 3. Tea 5, in nearby cafes. —W. Lancaster, Hon. Sec. 4633

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Annual district meeting, Jan. 8th. St. John's, Old Hackney, 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Meeting 6. Further ringing till 8.—R. H. Begrie, Dis. Sec. 4615

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting, St. Giles', Lincoln (8), Jan. 8th, 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 4599

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Church Kirk, Jan. 8th. Tower open 2.30. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower 6.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 4601

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Childwall (6), on Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea must send their names before Wednesday, Jan. 5th, to Mr. F. C. Thomas, 12, Hallville Road, Mossley Hill, Liverpool. 4602

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District and Lancaster Branches.—Combined meeting, Milnthorpe, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 4.30. Meeting follows. Names for tea to Miss J. Procter, Bank House, Milnthorpe, Westmorland, by Jan. 13th.—N. M. Newby and J. Skeats, Brauch Secs. 4644

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.—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

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

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

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Stanground (6), Saturday, Jan. 15th. Names for tea by Jan. 11th to W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough. 4609

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 15th. Loughborough. Bells: Parish Church and Bell Foundry 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Fearon Hall. Names by Jan. 12th to J. H. Grundy, Limehurst, Bridge Street, Loughborough.—C. W. Hall, Hon. Sec. 4608

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Annual, Jan. 15th, Watermoor. Bells 3. Service 5. Tea 6. Parish Church (12) after. Notify for tea by Jan. 11th.—W. H. Hayward, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester, Glos. 4620

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—Annual, Rothwell (8), Saturday, Jan. 15th. Tea, names by Tuesday previous, please. Return branch library books.—G. Watson, 81, Church Street, Burton Latimer. 4623

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting, Rawtenstall, Jan. 15th. Bells from 3. Tea at 5; own food. Meeting in tower 6; everybody welcome.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec. 4627

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 4636

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual general meeting is at Leighton Buzzard on Jan. 15th. Bells (10) 3. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, to F. J. Plummer, Romaine, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.—Valerie Willard, Hon. Sec., 25, Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 4624

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells (10) from 6.—Frank Reynolds, 38, Windsor Avenue, Whitefield. 4637

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Wollaston, Saturday, Jan. 15th, 3. Service 4.15. Tea and business afterwards.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 4635

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The bells of the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Ormskirk, will be dedicated on Saturday, Jan. 15th, at 3, by the Bishop of Liverpool. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers. No arrangements for tea; cafes nearby.—J. Burns, Branch Secretary. 4629

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting at St. Barnabas', Shore, on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells (8) from 3. Business meeting at 6.30.—V. Wilson Sykes, Hon. Branch Sec. 4630

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Barrow Gurney, Jan. 15th, 4 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 4631

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Branch.—Annual, Glastonbury, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 11th.—Wm. Marsh, Dovecotes, Street, Somerset. 4634

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Swalcliffe, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Tadmarton bells after.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 4604

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Hawkhurst, Jan. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. Gorringe, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 4605

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Ilkeston District.—Annual, Ilkeston, Jan. 15th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Committee 3.45. Tea 4.45. Names to F. Shaw, 38, Inglefield Road, Ilkeston. 4611

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Annual meeting, Crewe (10 bells), Jan. 15th, 2.30. Tea provided. Names by 12th, please.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 4614

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting, Hethersett, on Sat., Jan. 15th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Room, for all who send names or numbers by Tuesday, 11th.—H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 4613

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Gainsborough District.—Annual meeting, Gainsborough, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business meeting in vestry 6. Names for tea by previous Tuesday, please.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 623. 4643

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Earls Barton, Jan. 22nd. Service 4.30. Notify A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 4592

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Anuual Ditcheat, Jan. 22nd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. C. Lintern. Ditcheat. 4628

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Sittingbourne (8) on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea to B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Sittingbourne, by Tuesday, Jan. 19th.—B. W. May, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4640

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Jan. 22nd, St. Chad's, 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea and business. Ringing at St. Chad's in the evening. Tea details later.—C. A. Barron, Hon. Sec. 4642

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Quarterly meeting, St. Peter's, Wolvernampton (12), Jan. 22nd. Bells 3. Committee 4.15. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30, St. Peter's School. Names for tea by Jan. 18th to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 4607

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. St. John's bells 12 to 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Church Hall, Silverdale Road. Please notify Mr. D. Cooper, 44, Waddon Road, Croydon, by Jan. 19th. Nominations for district officers by Jan. 15th to R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 4603

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Service All Saints' 4. Tea and meeting after service. All Saints' bells (8) from 3 and after meeting. Notify for tea by Jan. 18th to B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 4621

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—First annual district meeting, Ipswich, Jan. 22nd. St. Margaret's (8) 2.45 to 9, St. Matthew's (6) 3 to 5, St. Clement's (6) 3 to 9, St. Mary-le-Tower (12) 7 to 9. No ringing during tea and meeting. Tea 5, Tudor Cafe. Names to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 4622

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District. — Annual meeting, Leicester, Saturday, Jan. 22nd. All Saints', St. Margaret's and Cathedral bells 2 to 4.45. Tea and meeting 5, St. Martin's Day School, Friar Lane. Names by Tuesday, Jan. 18th.—W. Root, 8, The Portwey, Leicester. 4619

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available 3 to 5. All requiring tea (1s. 6d. each) please notify me not later than Jan. 18th.—G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 4618

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—A dinner and social evening will be held at New Milton Restaurant, Nottingham, on Jan. 22nd. Tickets (10s.) from W. Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham. Ringing: St. Mary's (10), St. Peter's (10), 2 to 5.30. 4617

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. All Saints' (8), 2 to 4.45. Both All Saints' and St. Giles' (10) after meeting until 9. Committee meet Parish Hall, Ropergate, 3. Fish tea (3s. per head) at Co-operative Cafe, Beastfair, 5, only to those who notify Mr. H. C. Walters, 30, Newgate, Pontefract, by Jan. 19th. General meeting same room immediately afterwards. Tea tickets at St. Giles' Vestry 4 to 5. One minute from cafe.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 4617

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Corporate Communion at Long Ashton, Sunday, Jan. 23rd, 8. Ringing 7 to 8. Breakfast reserved for those notifying me by Wednesday, Jan. 19th.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 4632

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Weekly practices, starting on Jan. 17th, will be at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, on 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Mondays, and at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on 3rd Monday of the month at 6.30 p.m. 4606

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LOOKING BACK

THE recent announcement in 'The Ringing World' of Mr. Cyril F. Johnston's resignation from the directorate of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., of Croydon, breaks an active partnership of over 40 years with a firm in which for the greater part of that time he was the controlling influence, particularly in regard to bells. Some 10 years after Canon Simpson had introduced his scientific method of tuning bells, Mr. Johnston, then a young man barely out of his teens, decided not only to master the principles but to introduce his own ideas in the development of this science. A life study has borne fruit, and Mr. Johnston can look back to about 50 carillons in all parts of the world which have come not only from his firm but in which he has given that personal supervision in tuning and details of the contract. This is apart from the hundreds of rings of church bells hung for change ringing. It is a record that rivals that of the great 17th century Dutch firm of Haemory Bros., of Amsterdam, which between 1644 and 1684 gave to Europe some 50 carillons.

Two of the largest carillons with which he was associated were provided through the munificence of John D. Rockefeller, jun., who visited Croydon. That at Riverside Drive Church, New York, contains 72 bells in a tower 400ft. high, with ascent by four elevators. The big bass bell in C weighs 18¼ tons. The sister carillon in the chapel of Chicago University has also 72 bells with a bass bell of 17 tons in C sharp.

Another carillon he looks back upon with special pride is that in the Houses of Parliament at Ottawa. These 53 bells, with the largest weighing 10 tons, were provided to mark the 60th anniversary of the confederation of Canadian provinces in 1927. At the inaugural ceremony a squadron of 12 American planes, led by Col. Lindberg, attended, and one of the planes crashed. The funeral march was played on the new carillon by Lefève when the dead airman was buried. As far as London is concerned, probably the carillon that was most publicised was that for the Wellington War Memorial, New Zealand. Recitals were given on it daily by Clifford Ball, of Bournville, in Hyde Park during the summer of 1930.

A memorable day for Mr. Johnston occurred in May, 1925, when King George V. and Queen Mary visited the Croydon works and saw a number of bells cast, including a ring for Great Haseley, in Oxfordshire, and a bell for Buckingham Palace. Some 10,000 people visited the works that day. There have been other royal visits. Princess Beatrice came to see Carisbrooke bells cast, and the Duke of Connaught also attended. But royalty have not by any means been the only visitors it has been Mr. Johnston's privilege to entertain. Many will recall the three mammoth tea parties given by Mr. Johnston to the Exercise—that in 1932, embracing a company of 2,300 ringers and friends. Seventy of the prettiest girls in Croydon acted as hostesses and talked glibly if not always accurately about Superlative and higher methods to the amusement of those present.

Mr. Johnston's reminiscences would indeed fill a book. In the first World War he served with the Grenadier Guards in France, and in the last war was in command of a Works Home Guard Company, which had the benefit of Guards instructors from Wellington Barracks. The Rt. Hon. Oliver Lyttelton was his adjutant in France, and in 1944, when Mr. Johnston was elected Master of the Clock Makers Company (the year of the centenary of the firm) Mr. Oliver Lyttelton was his principal guest. About six months ago his name appeared in the Honours List, when he was appointed an officer of the Order of the British Empire 'for work done in development of the art of bell founding and tuning in this country.'

Like our other principal founders, Mr. Johnston is a practical ringer, being a pupil of the late Dr. Carpenter. He has some 32 peals to his credit, and one in which he has the happiest recol-

lections was that at Edenbridge, called by W. G. Smith, in which all the ringers were members of his firm. He was the hon. secretary of the Surrey County Association for upwards of nine years. His son at Winchester is learning to ring, and Mrs. Johnston has entered very fully into all his activities, having on many occasions acted as clerk to him in the inspection of bells and bell frames. Space prevents us from giving but a cursory glance at a busy life of great interest to the ringing fraternity. A book of reminiscences would make a popular appeal.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes.*
In St. Hugh's Tower of the Cathedral,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*Donovan R. White	*Treble*	H. Leslie Pask	7
*Archer T. Lowman ...	2	*Raymond F. Smith ...	8
Charles McGuiness ...	3	Sydney A. Chambers ...	9
Lewis Snell	4	*George E. Feirn ...	10
John Freeman	5	John A. Freeman ...	11
*Kenneth S. B. Croft...	6	Jack L. Millhouse ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Maximus as conductor.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5081 CHANGES;
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

*Robert W. Barber	*Treble*	*H. William Barrett ...	7
William C. Duffield...	2	*Arthur J. E. Smalls...	8
*George Sayer	3	*Cecil V. Ebberson ...	9
†Henry Tooke	4	William Clover	10
*Arthur G. Bason ...	5	George Bailey	11
Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow	6	Nolan Golden	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal of Cinques. † First peal of Cinques 'inside.' A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Bailey, of Wroxham, formerly of Norwich.

TEN BELL PEALS

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 22, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Laurence,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5201 CHANGES;
From the 'Clavis.' Tenor 23 cwt.

Percy J. Dyke ...	*Treble*	Arthur Wiggens ...	6
Mrs. D. Catherall ...	2	Edgar Humfrey	7
Miss Peggy Hart ...	3	George Foxell	8
Raymond Burton ...	4	William Hibbert	9
*Cyril Watts	5	*Vincent Cherrill ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Edgar Humfrey.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung for the 200th anniversary of the first peal on the ten bells (Grandsire Caters).

BECKENHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*John E. Lyddiard	*Treble*	†Richard G. Crosland	6
*Maxwell F. Oakshett	2	James Bennett	7
†Miss Hilda Oakshett	3	Percy J. Spice	8
‡Peter G. Parrott ...	4	Jack Dafters	9
William J. Rawlings...	5	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. Darby. Conducted by James Bennett.
* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal on ten. ‡ First peal of Royal.

SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Sam Scattergood ...	*Treble*	Norman Chaddock ...	6
Joseph Saxton	2	*Barry Holland... ...	7
Gordon C. Briggs ...	3	G. Gordon Graham ...	8
Ralph Long	4	John E. Turley	9
Fred A. Adams	5	Herbert O. Chaddock	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal of Royal. Tenor 40 cwt.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Jessie M. Kippin	*Treble*	*Maurice J. Butler ...	6
Rev. K. W. H. Felstead	2	Roy Faithfull	7
John W. Faithfull ...	3	William R. Melville...	8
Reginald W. Rex ...	4	Charles H. Kippin ...	9
*Nelia Leahy	5	Arthur V. Davis ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Charles H. Kippin.
* First peal of Caters. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

John E. Rootes ...	*Treble*	Frederick W. Brinklow	5
*Geoffrey W. Seaman...	2	Francis Kirk	6
Wilfred H. J. Hooton	3	Maurice F. R. Hibbert	7
Stephen H. Hoare ...	4	Harold G. Cashmore ...	*Tenor*

Composed by E. Timbrell. Conducted by Harold G. Cashmore.
* First peal. First in the method on the bells. Tenor 24 cwt.

LYNDHURST, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	*Treble*	Fred Price	5
Daniel T. Matkin... ...	2	William E. Cheater ...	6
Herbert A. Mitchell ...	3	Arthur V. Davis	7
Roy Faithfull	4	Harry Gillard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur V. Davis.
The first peal on the bells.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 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 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*Miss Joan Alison	*Treble*	Harold Denman	5
†Frederick Jackson ...	2	Harry Morgan	6
G. Leslie Lunn	3	Charles H. Baker ...	7
Joseph Dixon	4	Cecil W. Hooton ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Morgan.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 19, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

Thomas W. Lewis	*Treble*	Arthur V. Pearson ...	5
George E. Large	2	Thomas Hemming ...	6
Arthur D. Cook	3	*Arthur Pritchard ...	7
Clifford Skidmore ...	4	†George E. Fearn ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Geo. E. Fearn.
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THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

JOHN D. ROCK ...	...*Treble*	†WILLIAM THOMPSETT ...	5
*MICHAEL P. MORETON...	2	‡ROY HALLETT	6
REGINALD T. JONES ...	3	WILFRID F. MORETON...	7
LESLIE EVANS	4	JOHN BOURNE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* 50th peal. † First peal. ‡ First peal on eight. In honour of the christening of the Royal Prince.

BASFORD, NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEODIGARIUS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*R. WINFIELD CARLISLE	*Treble*	ALAN CATTELL	5
†SAM PINDER	2	*DENNIS R. CARLISLE ...	6
‡JOHN B. BENNETT ...	3	RALPH NARBOROUGH ...	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Surprise. ‡ First peal of Cambridge Major. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 19, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation.

THOMAS LARKEY ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS HORRIDGE ...	5
THOMAS HAMMOND ...	2	*THOMAS HESKETH ...	6
WILLIAM H. DEACON ...	3	*EDWIN BIRKETT	7
RONALD. KENRICK	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* 50th peal together. First peal in method on the bells. A birthday compliment to William Deacon and Malcolm C. Ridyard. Also for the birth of a granddaughter to Mr. Partridge, donor of the treble bell.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 19, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

*JOSEPH WM. COTTON	*Treble*	PETER J. STANIFORTH ...	5
MISS JILL POOLE	2	ALFRED BALLARD	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE ...	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ...	7
*ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE	4	HAROLD J. POOLE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Mr. W. W. Worthington, J.P., patron of the living of Seale and president of the Midland Counties Guild.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 20, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

GEORGE E. FEIRN ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE W. MOODY ...	5
FRANK LORD	2	GEORGE DOBBS	6
CHARLES MCGUINESS ...	3	PHILIP BARNES	7
FRED JEFFERY	4	JACK BRAY	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
The conductor's 400th peal.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 22, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt.

*E. BARKER	...*Treble*	*LESLIE HOUGHTON ...	5
*CHAS. E. G. BANHAM...	2	ERIC A. DENCH	6
ERNEST H. MASTIN ...	3	*BERT GOGLE	7
*GEORGE P. ADAMS ...	4	†DONALD MILES ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 23, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*GEORGE H. MOORE ...	*Treble*	RAYMOND G. LOFTY ...	5
ERNEST G. SHORTING ...	2	CHARLES H. MOORE ...	6
F. CHARLES GOODMAN...	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
EILEEN BRACEY	4	NOLAN GOLDEN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Treble Bob. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. William J. Lee, of Great Yarmouth. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MISS PAMELA A. MARTIN	*Treble*	DEREK E. LATCHFORD...	5
*PETER A. NASH	2	‡GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN...	6
MISS OLIVE M. MARTIN	3	§LESLIE S. BAINES... ...	7
†PETER HOLNESS	4	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by BERTRAM C. JOHNSON.
* First peal. † First on eight bells. ‡ First in the method. § First 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11½ *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

*PERCY BONNETT ...	...*Treble*	†ANDREW C. SINFIELD...	5
C. HENRY HARDING ...	2	*ALFRED RUSHTON ...	6
*HAROLD BURTON	3	BRYAN F. SIMS	7
†RONALD J. SHARP... ...	4	*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal in the method. † 75th peal together. First peal of Lincolnshire by the Association and in the county. Tenor 23 cwt.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

BRIAN AUSTIN	...*Treble*	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ...	5
RONALD C. NOON	2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON ...	6
ERNEST E. WHITMORE ...	3	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE...	7
RAYMOND H. IDLE	4	BERNARD J. SADDINGTON	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. BIRMINGHAM. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
First peal in the method by all and for the Guild.

BURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*COLIN MILTHORP, R.N.	*Treble*	JOSEPH PORTER	5
ROGER LEIGH	2	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ...	6
*DEREK WHITFORD ...	3	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON...	7
*KENNETH HARTLEY ...	4	CHARLES CLEGG	*Tenor*

Composed by HORACE HOWLETT. Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Bob Major on the bells. First peal of Major as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. V. Williams, of Haslingden. Tenor 13 cwt.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. Parker's Six-part (C.C.O. No. 13). Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WILSON ...	...*Treble*	REGINALD WOODYATT ...	5
*R. GEORGE MORRIS ...	2	RALPH W. SAYERS	6
ALLEN MORGAN	3	DENIS R. MORRIS	7
GEORGE E. LARGE ...	4	SIDNEY T. HOLT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal in the method.

ELY, ISLE OF ELY.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*MISS MARION GRAIN	...*Treble*	WALLACE W. COUSINS ...	5
ERNEST H. MASTIN ...	2	ARTHUR ROLFE	6
*MAURICE J. THURMOTT...	3	CLAUDE COUSINS	7
*JOHN ROWSELL	4	RONALD H. BULLEN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

*Arnold Hill ...	...*Treble*	Arthur Firth	5
*W. Eric Critchley ...	2	J. Frederick Milner ...	6
*Milton C. Fowler ...	3	J. Edward Cawser ...	7
*F. Bernard Ditcher...	4	Harold J. Poole ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

Albert W. Beard	...*Treble*	*Dennis G. Blows ...	5
David W. Beard... ...	2	Colin E. Wright ...	6
*Miss D. J. Fleetwood	3	Frank V. Gant	7
Reginald J. Funnell...	4	Arthur Chaplin	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. Pritchard. Conducted by Arthur Chaplin.
* First in method away from treble. First of Major as conductor.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At The Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

William J. Robinson	...*Treble*	John Davy	5
Peggy G. Kitchen ...	2	Peter F. Davy	6
George W. Steere ...	3	Herbert G. Andrews...	7
Alfred H. Pulling ...	4	T. Mark White ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.

MELLS, SOMERSET.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's. Tenor 26 cwt.

*George Clare ...	...*Treble*	*Frederick Savage ...	5
*Harry Smith	2	Edwin H. Nash	6
*Edward Wickham ...	3	Ronald Beck	7
*Victor Savage	4	Joseph T. Dyke ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Joseph T. Dyke.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23½ cwt.

*J. Richard Chaundy a...	...*Treble*	Walter F. Judge... ...	5
Marie R. Cross	2	†Paul K. Williamson ...	6
*Philip Walker	3	*Fredk. A. H. Wilkins	7
*Michael E. H. Barrow	4	Alan R. Pink ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Edwin A. Barnett. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal on tower bells.

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Harry Baker	...*Treble*	Ernest J. Ladd	5
John O. Weller	2	*Thomas E. Sone	6
Reginald E. Lambert ...	3	Robert T. Lambert ...	7
Doris E. Colgate ...	4	William Rogers ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.
* 25th peal on the bells and 175th different composition.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Percy Swindley	...*Treble*	†Arthur Watkin	5
*Miss Nancy P. Birks...	2	Arthur B. Close ...	6
Henry O. Baker	3	*Dennis H. B. Millward	7
*Frederick H. Birks ...	4	John W. Griffiths	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Percy Swindley.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. O. Baker. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

HAWKHURST, KENT.
THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).

*Miss Frances Wood...	...*Treble*	W. Gorringe	5
†Miss Helen Gorringe	2	S. Geoffrey Waters ...	6
‡J. Owen Santer	3	Malcolm S. Cloke ...	7
‡Roy Tappenden	4	Lawrence T. Pope	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Malcolm S. Cloke.
* First peal. † First of Triples 'inside.' ‡ First of Triples. First of Triples as conductor. A farewell to the ringer of the fourth, who is leaving for Southern Rhodesia with the R.A.F.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 29, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

Mrs. J. E. Turley	...*Treble*	G. Gordon Graham ...	5
John H. Brothwell. ...	2	Jack G. Brothwell ...	6
Arnold Hill	3	John J. L. Gilbert ...	7
W. Eric Critchley ...	4	John E. Turley ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by John J. L. Gilbert.
First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BREDON-WITH-NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 17, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*Tony Nurden ...	...*Treble*	Francis Miles	4
John Thomas	2	Trevor E. Newbury ...	5
Frederick G. Nurden	3	Oliver Attwood ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by John Thomas.
* First peal.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 17, 1948, *in 2 Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
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 11¼ cwt. in G.

Frank C. Price ...	...*Treble*	Geoffrey Dodds ...	4
Walter Sparrow	2	H. William Barrett ...	5
G. William Morris ...	3	*Tony Price	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Tony Price.
* 100th different tenor turned in to a peal. In memoriam Rev. R. M. Pitt.

STANGROUND, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

Donald Catlingham	...*Treble*	Herbert Goakes	4
John H. Bluff	2	Denis D. Wright	5
William H. Waldron ...	3	George Bush	...*Tenor*

Conducted by John H. Bluff.
First peal of Minor on the bells since being augmented to six. Rung to commemorate the birth of a granddaughter to the ringer of the fourth.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 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 E. Rice	...*Treble*	*Robert Critchley ...	4
Miss V. Draper	2	Cuthbert Ackers ...	5
Miss M. Ackers	3	Arthur Mawdsley	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur Mawdsley.
* 25th peal. Rung to welcome the new Rector, the Right Rev. C. R. Claxton, Bishop of Warrington.

ASPLEY GUISE, BEDFORDSHIRE.—On Dec. 26th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob Minor: G. White 1, W. Day 2, C. Lees 3, S. Brown 4, A. Kershaw 5, G. Jackson (cond.) 6. First quarter by the band. A farewell to the Rev. H. L. Clothier.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ralph Winser (first quarter away from tenor) 1, H. Wingrove 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Kathleen Fletcher 3, J. Howard 5, D. Lamb 6, J. Harrison (cond.) 7, Noel Devonshire 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples Christmas Day.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's on Dec. 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Skidmore (cond.) 1, E. J. Ridler 2, Mrs. D. Bennett 3, N. Denson (first in method) 4, C. A. Baker 5, V. Lucas 6, Sig. R. G. Hooper 7, J. Cox 8. A 21st fiirthday compliment to the 4th and an 83rd to the tenor.

CAMPTON, BEDFORDSHIRE — 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire and 480 of Plain Bob): A. Murphy 1, M. Lockey 2, H. Lawrence 3, R. J. Sharp (cond.) 4, A. C. Sinfield 5.

CHEADLE, STAFFS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. D. Steel 1, Miss M. Rigby 2, A. Peake 3, F. E. Wilshaw 4, A. W. Hall 5, J. G. Cartlidge 6, W. Carnwell 7, N. R. Holland (first of Surprise Major as cond.) 8. First Surprise Maior for 2 and 5.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Beale 1, F. Welch 2, W. F. Gibbons 3, D. R. Best 4, H. J. Gaylard 5, R. Welch 6, J. T. Locke 7, J. W. Drew (cond.) 8. First quarter Major for 4, 5 and 6.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Hunt 1, A. T. Weeks 2, M. S. Hunt (first quarter) 3, W. Mortimer 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, P. Yates 6.

DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. J. Elsey, sen., 1, D. Clarke 2, D. Bryan 3, V. Bowen 4, F. J. Elsey, jun., 5, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 5.

QUARTER PEALS

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS. — On Dec. 26th 1,260 Doubles, 240 each of Canterbury, April Day, Old Doubles, Plain Bob, and 300 of Grandsire: J. E. Labbut 1, A. E. Partridge 2, J. J. Partridge (cond.) 3, H. Wooding 4, E. Smart 5.

EYDON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Tompkins 1, J. Steel (first quarter) 2, H. Lansbury 3, E. Lines 4, C. Parish (cond.) 5.,

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Doubles, being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 3 six-scores of Plain Bob: W. F. Todd (first quarter) 1, G. Cherry 2. E. W. Winters 3, W. J. Croft (cond.) 4, F. W. Croft 5.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Mattless 1, H. Proctor 2, S. Proctor 3, T. Relf 4, C. Glenn (cond.) 5, C. Blakey 6, F. Proctor 7, P. C. Woods 8, T. Hall 9, W. Rose 10.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Wilkins (85) 1, Miss Doreen Coker (cond.) 2, Miss Sylvia Coker 3, E. Markham 4, F. Hayes 5, W. H. Plumridge 6, R. Coles 7, M. Ward (first quarter) 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX. — On Dec. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss R. J. Pett (first of Major) 1, Miss S. E. Harris 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Miss E. Farrell (first of Bob Major) 4, Mrs. K. F. J. Parr 5, E. Dodds 6, D. Charnley 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8.

IWERNE MINSTER, DORSET.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Ridout 1, W. G. Damen (cond.) 2, E. Chant 3, F. Hilliar (first quarter) 4, G. W. Dennis 5, W. E. Trevett 6. First quarter on the bells since rehanging. In memoriam the Bishop of Salisbury.

LEEK, STAFFS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,272 Stedman Cters: G. H. Hill 1, G. Wilkinson 2, J. Ball 3, P. Warren 4, J. Rider 5, T. S. Edwards 6, F. Billings 7, A. Rider 8, E. Sharratt (cond.) 9, C. Bettany 10.

LONDON.—On Dec. 26th at St. Margaret's, Westminster, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. E. Davis 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, R. W. Stannard 3, D. Satow 4, E. A. Reeve 5, R. F. Deal 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, E. J. Peett 8.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT.—On Dec 19th, 1,260 Doubles, being 120 each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire: B. McArthur 1, P. Neal 2, G. Beynon 3, G. Rooke 4, J. Watson (cond.) 5.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 19th, 1,440 Bob Minor: J. Nelson 2, A. Leete 2, F. H. Beales 3, L. A. Freeman 4, V. R. Ovens (cond.) 5, T. Owen 6. For the induction of the Rector, the Rev. T. Elliot.

OLNEY, BUCKS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. D. R. Tompkins 1, R. D. Perkins 2, B. S. Fisher 3, W. J. Robinson 4, A. H. Stapleton (first 'inside') 5, F. Boswell 6, A. A. Freeman 7, M. T. Cook (cond.) 8.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS. — On Dec. 12th, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: E. Warner 1, W. Rose (cond.) 2, C. Woods 3, J. Mounfield 4, W. Waldron 5, R. Dawson 6, G. Bush 7, J. Bluff 8. First by 3 and 6.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 12th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Bishop, jun., 1, E. Gavin D. Tonkin (14 years, first in method) 2, W. Rogers (first in method as conductor) 3, A. F. Lewry 4, C. Brasier 5, F. Hammond 6, S. T. A. Russell 7, F. H. Hicks 8.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFS. — On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Rigby 1, C. H. Page 2, F. E. Wilshaw 3, N. R. Holland 4, W. P. Deane 5, A. D. Steel 6, A. Peake (cond.) 7, S. Lightfoot 8. First in method for 1, 3, 4, 7, and 8.

WALMER, KENT.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Mantle 1, A. Rye 2, T. Wickens 3, F. Rye 4, F. Hawkins 5, H. Furminger (first of Minor as cond.) 6, E. Axon 7 (covering). First quarter of Minor 1 and 5. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

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Mr. T. H. Reeves, hon. secretary and treasurer, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, for the past 20 years, has been succeeded by Mr. G. E. Fearn.

Next week we hope to publish the list of those who rang 40 peals or more in 1948.

BELFRY GOSSIP

To-day is the 50th anniversary of the first peal of London Surprise rung in the City of London at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street. The band were all from St. Peter's, Brighton, and the sole survivor is the conductor, Mr. George Williams.

A Cheshire ringer, noted for his 'cold feet,' presented Mr. and Mrs. Gorden Vincent with an electric blanket as a wedding present.

Mr. W. Twidell, sen., who has rung at Totternhoe, Beds, for over 60 years, rang his longest length on December 26th—1,260 Grandsire Doubles.

An attempt for Parker's One-part peal of Grandsire Triples at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, on Boxing Day, came to grief five courses from the end. Four were attempting their first peal.

Patrol Leader Marion Davies' question re Girl Guides as ringers has been answered by Hilda M. Shuttleworth, Field Head, Outgate, Ambleside, Westmorland. She rings at St. Michael's, Hawkshead, and is a Patrol Leader in the 1st Hawkshead Girl Guides.

Another Girl Guide ringer is Patrol Leader Joan Greasby, of the 1st Retford, Notts, Guides. She rang her first peal on March 19th, 1948, having started learning at East Retford in November, 1947.

Burford, Oxford, bells have been declared unsafe to ring. The traditional midnight ringing on New Year's Eve was observed by handbell ringing in the centre of the town by J. G. Collett, M. C. F. Collett and B. S. Nichols.

At the R.A.F. Station, Hereford, 'Ring out the old, ring in the new' was observed by F. S. Worth (Plymouth) 1-2, R. W. F. Scarrett (Cheltenham) 3-4, K. M. Cooper (Aldershot) 5-6, D. G. Rice (Plympton) 7-8, at the end of 1948.

Members of the University Association on New Year's Eve had the unpleasant experience in their attempted peal of 'London Royal U.A.' at Rickmansworth to come round after 3 hours 12 minutes 124356789X. It was found that 3 and 4 had changed over a course or two from end. Mr. Wilfrid Moreton was conducting and the company had never stood all together as a band previously. Some had rung only a couple of leads or so of the method and the rest had never struck a blow. Another attempt is to be made.

Mr. W. A. Kitchenside has thrice 'circled' Frant, Sussex, tower.

On Boxing Day Mr. Henry Tooke rang his 200th peal for the Norwich Diocesan Association.

The peal at Conisborough, Yorkshire, on Boxing Day was rung through two weddings, and concluded by ringing a third bridal party into the church.

North Staffordshire ringers feel that they climbed another rung on the ladder by the first of Superlative Surprise Major by resident members.

On the same day, Boxing Day, Mr. Arthur Pritchard and Mr. Claude Cousins rang their 200th peal. Here's to the 300th together!

Has a peal ever been rung at Stoke Rochford, Lincs, before? Mr. H. Reginald Woods is submitting a claim for the first on the bells.

As far as we can gather, only one peal was rung for the midnight Christmas service. This was at Clopton, Suffolk. There were a number of quarter-peals.

Mr. T. E. Sone informs us that his calling of peals of Holt's Original five times 'round the circle' took place in 16 different towers and not at Brenchley as announced in our last issue.

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Christmas Quiz Answers

Appended are the answers to our Christmas Quiz:—

ROUND ENGLAND QUIZ.

1. St. Andrew's, Plymouth.
2. St. John's-on-the-Wall, Bristol.
3. St. James', West Teignmouth.
4. Holy Trinity, Queensbury, Bradford.
5. Acle, Norfolk.
6. St. Andrew's, Rugby (5 and 8 bells).
7. St. Mary-the-Great, Cambridge.
8. Carlisle.
9. Bradford-on-Avon.
10. Swaffham Prior, near Cambridge.

HUNT THE PSALMS.

11. Call, Ps. 102 (2).
12. Quick, Ps. 124 (2).
13. Touch, Ps. 144 (5).
14. Guide, Ps. 7 (9).
15. Course, Ps. 19 (5).
16. Stand, Ps. 37 (41).

17. A Code. Write down the letters in order as a 24 of Bob Minimus. Read in turn the work of the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 4th: 'Some rings of bells exist in which a bell is heavier than one of lower pitch. Good examples are at Ditchling and at Cefn Coed.'

18. Darts Problem. Write a course of Plain Bob 20 in. The pairs of bells dodging at the lead-ends give the arrangements for each night (count the bell making seconds with the treble).

19. Stedman Triples. In order starting from the treble: Jack, John, Arthur, Tom, Bill, Tony, Bob, Pat. The bells are hung anticlockwise.

Anagrams. 20. Grandsire Triples. 21. Double Norwich Court Bob Major. 22. Stedman Doubles. 23. Original Caters. 24. Bristol Surprise Royal. 25. Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

The prizewinners will be announced next week.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

An increase of 34 members, receipts increased by 50 per cent., and contributions to the Essex Bell Restoration Fund doubled, were the chief features of the secretary's report at the anual meeting of the S.W. Division of the Essex Association held at Barking on January 8th. Congratulations were also extended to the division's four very active octogenarians, E. Bacon (Loughton), G. Playle (Dagenham), W. Nelder (Wanstead) and R. Stannard (Leytonstone).

A most impressive service, conducted by the Rev. Priestnell, was enjoyed by 46 members.

The following elections were made at the business meeting which followed: Master, Mr. J. Chalk; secretary, Mr. F. V. Gant; representatives to the committee, Messrs. Sitch and Groves.

The thanks of the meeting are due to the local Master, Mr. Caleb Fenn, for the excellent arrangements in a much blitzed ringing chamber.

A DAGENHAM VETERAN

On Boxing Day Mr. George Playle, of Dagenham, Essex, celebrated his 80th birthday. A life member of the Essex Association, Mr. Playle has been associated with the Dagenham tower for well over 50 years. Although not quite so well in health as of yore, George still enjoys occasional touches. The peal in his honour on Boxing Day was also the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. A. Chaplin, towerkeeper and Master at Dagenham. A peal of Bob Major was rung in their honour.

WESTON-BY-WELLAND, LEICS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob Doubles, 780 Grandsire): Miss K. Faulkner (first quarter) 1, Miss F. Hart 2, C. Windram 3, F. Wallington 4, W. Hector (cond.) 5.

A NOTE ON METHOD STRUCTURE

(With special reference to 'London.')

Increasing interest in ringing on the higher number prompts reconsideration of the question of some Royal and Maximus methods published and rung under familiar names of Major methods, yet not always acceptable as the methods so named. The London method is still generally regarded as one of the most difficult to be rung, and as giving its successive ringers a 'hall mark.' It may therefore be of some interest generally to realise that a systematic analysis of its structure permits it to be defined in such a way that the method may be evolved, free of adulterations, as Royal and Maximus extensions of the original or basic method.

(The following is an abridged extract from a work on Principles of Method Structure in Change Ringing, and the rights of reproduction elsewhere of this article are reserved by the author.)

The main reason, perhaps, for so much controversy on the subject of extension is the lack of stated principles or conditions of the matter. A clearer idea of what is involved seems essential. There are two points of view:—

1. The Ideal. This demands that extensions must be identical in form with the basic. Strictly speaking, this can be the case only with 'Original,' though some consider that such methods as Plain Bob, Grandsire, Cambridge, Yorkshire and the like, come within this category.
2. The Proximate. This demands that the recognised extension, or contraction, must be the **nearest** obtainable form of the basic, **having regard to** certain conditions or principles of method structure.

Since the majority of recognisable extensions may be considered as falling within category 2, such conditions may be set forth as below.

In view of the unfortunate pronouncements, ambiguous and erroneous, sometimes made in regard to method structure, it is necessary, first of all, to restate, in simple terms to avoid all doubt as to intended meaning, the fundamentals, and to show how the concluded conditions or principles are derived from them. Thus:—

A. Methods having a hunt-bell (or hunt-bells as in Grandsire with two) produce rows of changes in sets usually called 'leads.' These sets of rows are linked together where the hunt-bell is found 'at the lead.' The actual dividing line between any one 'lead' of rows and its successor is thus between the two rows which have the hunt-bell at its full lead. So the first row of any 'lead' is the one with the hunt-bell striking the **last** blow of its full lead, before hunting up to the back; while the last row of the set is the one with the hunt-bell (usually the treble) back down again at lead, and striking the **first** blow of its full lead there.

B. Each set of rows ('lead') divides into exactly similar halves, on either side of an athwart dividing line which separates the two rows where the hunt-bell lies full behind. This divides the set into two 'half-leads,' the second of which will be found to be an exact 'reflection' of the first, so called because the similarity of network of the bell-paths is obvious if a mirror be placed on the dividing line to face the first or upper half, and the reflection in the mirror be compared with what lies below it in the second or lower half.

C. All sets or 'leads' of the plain course of a hunt-controlled method are identical in structure.

D. It follows from B and C above that a 'reflection' (similar to that found about the half-lead dividing line) will be found about the dividing line between the leads themselves, i.e., the first half of any lead is the 'reflection' of the second or last half of the lead immediately preceding it.

E. In methods with more than one hunt-bell these dividing lines occur at the mid-spaces between the rows of the full leads and half-leads respectively of those several hunt-bells.

F. At each of such dividing lines a bell 'makes a place' across the line. This is known as the turning or pivot-place. Thus, there is a pivot-place for the lead and a pivot-place for the half-lead, known respectively as the 'full lead pivot' and the 'half-lead pivot.' The reason for the name may be seen from B and D above, in so far as the **reflection** of the work of the place-making bell gives it a path **after** the place, which is the reflection of its path **before** the place. Hence the two similar parts of its path turn about its 'pivot' place.

G. Pivot places are fundamental and are **fixed throughout the range** of a method, in contraction from or extension from the basic. The positions of the places thus made are always counted as so many away from the hunt-bell. The full lead pivot place is counted as so many places away from the hunt-bell's full lead, while the half-lead pivot place is counted as so many away from the hunt-bell's full lie. Where a pivot bell makes its place at the extreme position in the row (that is, at the end opposite to the leading or lying of the hunt-bell(s), it is said to pivot in the 'extreme' place.

H. In 'double' methods, the pivot places at the lie are are same **numerically** as at the lead, i.e., the **same number of places** from the position of the hunt-bell. In single methods they **may** be the same, but frequently are different. But in any case, whatever the positions are in the basic, so they remain throughout extension or contraction of the method. Any variation of these positions at either lead or lie is a departure from the parent method. The extreme place is always at **one end** of the row.

I. Following are examples of pivots in methods:—

Method.	Full-lead pivot.	Half-lead pivot.
Plain Bob	Seconds	Extreme
Cambridge	Seconds	'Seconds'
Grandsire	Thirds	Extreme
Double Norwich	Extreme	Extreme
London	Seconds	'Fourths'
Kent	Extreme	Extreme
Albion T.B.	Seconds	Extreme

J. Reconsidering what has been said in B, D and F above, it may be seen that the pattern of the whole working path of any bell divides into two main halves; the first part pivots around the full lead place-making and may be known as 'Lead-pivot Section,' while the second part pivots round the half-lead place-making and may be known as the Half-lead-pivot Section.' Now since each of these sections divides again into two parts, the second being the reflection of the first (as we have seen), we have, in all, four sections of bell-path work, mutually reflective in pairs.

K. These four sections of work are to be found in all hunt-controlled methods as accepted for ringing by the Exercise of to-day.

NOTE.—All the fundamentals stated above apply throughout the range of extension and contraction of hunt-controlled methods. Any so-called variant of a method which does not conform with them is clearly not the original method on that number of bells, and should be given another name or a name variant. There are other reasons for forfeiture of name-claim, as will be seen.

(To be continued.)

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (rung on back six): H. Dickens, jun., 1, G. W. Anker 2, D. Nock 3, K. Smith 4, N. Smith 5, R. N. Eaton 6, W. G. Anker (cond.) 7, E. Thompson 8.

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

MR. FREDERICK G. BIGGS.

With regret we record the death of Mr. Frederick G. Biggs, of Hughenden, Bucks, who died on Christmas morn, aged 81. He was for over 60 years a ringer at Hughenden, an excellent striker, and could take any bell in any method.

He had a vivid recollection of Lord Beaconsfield, and as a choirboy attended the funeral in 1881. He had many 'firsts' to his credit, including the first of London for the Oxford Guild in 1892, almost the first of Alliance ever rung (Crawley rang the first the previous day), the first of D.N. and Superlative for Bucks among many others. He was always ready and willing to assist beginners, and very helpful in keeping the bells in going order.

Many of his 274 peals were rung with such stalwarts as Canon G. F. Coleridge, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the three Australian tourists, W. H. Fussell, George Martin and J. S. Goldsmith, and that prince of ringers, J. W. Washbrook, probably the greatest exponent ever, and the first ever to ring two tower bells to a peal, a feat at that time so incredible that the editor of the 'Bell News' refused to publish it until he received confirmation, which was quickly forthcoming with further similar peals and then eclipsed by taking a pair of bells to Stedman in the Rev. F. E. Robinson's thousandth peal. Fred rang more than a hundred peals with his son, Mr. Roland Biggs.

By trade a first-class chairmaker, he was one of the very few real craftsmen remaining in this deplorable age of mass production.

The funeral was at Hughenden on January 1st, many ringers from surrounding towers attending, and four of his brother ringers of Hughenden acting as bearers. A course of Triples was rung at the graveside, followed by a short touch on the tower bells. In the evening a peal of Stedman Triples was rung.

A list of his peals is appended, the first being in 1889 and the last in 1943, in 26 towers:—

Grandsire Triples 26, Caters 2; Stedman Triples 75, Caters 2, Cinques 3; Erin Caters, 1.

Plain Bob Major 20, Minor 8, Spliced 1; D.N.C.B. Major, 32; Alliance Major, 1; Forward Major, 1; K.T.B. Major 8, Maximus, 1; Oxford and Kent (spliced), 1; Oxford and Kent Minor (spliced), 1; Oxford T.B. Major, 1; St. Clement's Major, 1.

Surprise Major: London 25, Cambridge 24, Superlative 17, Yorkshire 7, New Cambridge 5, Norfolk 2, Rutland 1, Bristol 2, Beaconsfield 1, Hughenden 1, Brighton 1, Newcastle 1, Spliced, 4 methods 1, Cambridge Minor 1. Total, 274.

THE REV. HECTOR MACTURK.

Silk Willoughby, Lincs, has lost a great lover of the bells by the death of the Rev. Hector MacTurk, who died on December 27th. For 24 years he was Rector. Two years ago, when he had a serious illness, he would not hear of the bells being silent, although his home was not more than 20 yards from the church. 'The bells must be rung,' he said. His opinion of ringers was equally high. 'I consider that bellringers are a noble band of churchworkers and a happy family,' he once said.

MR. E. S. MYNARD.

A member of the Emberton, Bucks, band for 46 years, has died in the person of Mr. E. S. Mynard. He had several peals to his credit rung for the Bedfordshire Association and the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

His funeral was on December 30th. In his memory 1,320 Treble Bob Minor (720 Kent and 600 Oxford) was rung on January 2nd by J. Lovell 1, H. Lovell 2, F. J. Mynard (cond.) 3, C. Wilson 4, F. W. Mynard 5, W. Cook 6.

MR. R. EDWARDS.

By the passing of Mr. Richard Edwards, St. Oswald's, Oswestry, has lost a ringer who for 57 years was a model of punctual and regular attendance. On Sunday, December 19th, he was ringing as usual, but two days later was taken ill and died in a few hours at the age of 77.

Mr. Edwards was not a prolific peal ringer, ringing about 20 in the standard methods, but was rarely absent on a Sunday. Surely his epitaph is 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'

W. B. K.

MR. W. LINTER.

In connection with the passing of Mr. W. Linter, of Swanmore, Hants, reported in our last issue, A.P. writes that Mr. Linter took part in 720 Kent Treble Bob on his 91st birthday on November 27th, 1948. The same bells were rung muffled for his funeral by members of the Diocesan Guild. In a tribute, the Rector (the Rev. A. E. McCaig) mentioned his work as chorister, parish clerk and captain of the ringers for many years. He assisted in coaching many beginners. He was a personality and will be missed and remembered for many years.

A 200th ANNIVERSARY

Dear Sir,—Regarding the peal of Grandsire Caters at Reading on December 22nd the following may be of interest to your readers. In the 'Reading Mercury' under date of November 26th, 1748, is the following:—

'At this date St. Laurence's Church bells, 10 in number, were cast and hung by the ingenious Mr. Catlin, of Shoe Lane, London, and the event was commemorated by the Society of Reading Youths ringing a "compleat peal of 5,040 Cators in 3 hours and twenty-nine minutes."'

No record can now be found of the names of those taking part in this peal and no records of the Reading Youths are known to exist, and further application to the Bodleian Library has failed to find a copy of the 'Reading Mercury' of that date.

The church records state that at that date the existing eight bells were recast and turned into a ring of ten.

On November 27th, 1948, an attempt was made to ring 5,040 Grandsire Caters, but it came to grief after two hours' ringing through two bells changing over, but a second attempt, though not the same peal, was successful.

The peal rung in November, 1748, would be also the first in Reading and the first in Berkshire.—Yours faithfully,

E. G. FOSTER
(Foreman, St. Laurence's).

TANWORTH IN-ARDEN

Until October, 1947, Tanworth-in-Arden, Warwickshire, had had a 'stoney' band. On December 18th, following an unsuccessful peal attempt, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung by: John H. Jones 1, J. N. Lindon (cond.) 2, J. Scott 3, A. H. Fitter 4, A. D. Cook 5, A. J. Collins 6. This was the first quarter of Grandsire by all except the conductor.

A complete restoration of the bells and framework by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank is due to commence after Christmas and finish by May, 1949. The contract includes a new all-metal frame, rehanging in ball bearings, recasting the fifth and adding two new trebles.

The front five bells are by Richard Sanders, of Bromsgrove, and were cast in 1707. In 1733 the tenor was cast by Smith, of Edgbaston, the last major overhaul being in 1894.

To have a permanent record of the bells a gramophone recording was made. If anyone would like a copy they are asked to contact Mr. John H. Jones, Bank House, Tanworth-in-Arden, near Birmingham.

LETTERS

A SUFFOLK VIEW ON THE B.B.C.

Dear Sir,—In endorsing the Somerset protest in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' I wish to acquaint my fellow-ringers of my experience with the B.B.C. in doing my best to get campanology properly recognised by them. We shall not get the recruits so urgently needed in the art until the general public realise that it is not just a matter of removing one's coat and tugging like blazes at a ton of metal.

I recall the journalist's report of the peal at Chelmsford, which gave the impression (in ignorance) that the door was locked to prevent anyone stopping the ringers from making a noise.

We were given a place of honour by Maurice Brown in the St. George's Day broadcast and, as you know, were cut down as much as possible in the final arrangement of the programme. This recording was one of the finest pieces of striking I have ever heard, and in reply to my request to purchase the record I was politely informed that it was their copyright and they didn't intend to part with a copy. I pointed out that if a band leader had a few bars played and was faded down to allow the commentator to start talking it would be regarded as an insult.

The 'Radio Times' printed the name of the Vicar and organist, but the name of the ringing conductor or mention of the bells did not seem to matter.

I was once told by a B.B.C. director that ringers seemed so keen on their art that they had little or no time for the listening public, and was also asked what we saw in it. I replied that, apart from all the interest which ringing produced, I had 40,000 good friends spread about the country.

My part in the St. George's Day programme was to arrange for the ringing item, and I pointed out that one of the important things was to have the 'mike' on the best side of the tower, also the correct distance away, but in the few broadcasts we have had since this advice has not appeared to be of any importance to the B.B.C., with the result that we often get the tenors drowning the trebles.

Here's wishing us all a 'striking' New Year, with recruits available to get every ring of bells in the country sending forth their message of peace and goodwill every Sunday.—Yours fraternally,

LESLIE MILLS.

Bures, Suffolk.

FORWARD MINOR

Dear Sir,—For some time I have been experimenting with a method which I understand is Forward Minor, but I have been unable to compose a full 720 or prove conclusively the impossibility of so doing. I wonder if any of your readers can help me?—Yours faithfully,

P. H. WHITAKER.

Kildwick, near Keighley, Yorks.

WEST REGIONAL BROADCASTING

Dear Sir,—Two brief notes on broadcasting in the West may be of some interest:—

(a) The broadcast from St. Mary Redcliffe was magnificent. I do not think that I have ever heard bells come over the air with quite such grand effect.

(b) In an announcement of religious broadcasting on the West Regional on January 3rd it was officially stated that the programme would include examples of 'fine bells and skilled bellringing.'

F. LL. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna.

ST. CRANTOC, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Carantoc,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
42 extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*Donald Docking	*Treble*	R. Gordon Cross	4
†A. Hubert Eplett	2	Alex J. Webster	5
F. Dudley Teague	3	*Clarence Stephens	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. Gordon Cross.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells. A tribute to the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, secretary of the Truro Diocesan Guild.

SEDLESCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Leslie W. Jarvis	*Treble*	Fredk. J. Lambert, jun.	4
*E. Gavan D. Tonkin	2	†Malcolm S. Cloke	5
*Helen Gorringe	3	Frank H. Hicks	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

* First peal in more than one method. † First peal in three Minor methods. First peal in three methods on the bells. To commemorate the induction of the Rev. A. S. Roberts as first Vicar of Carbis Bay, Cornwall.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 20, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Wilfred Norgrove	*Treble*	Michael P. Moreton	4
Leslie Evans	2	John D. Rock	5
*Thomas Stead	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* First peal of Minor.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 21, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

Cyril J. Smith	*Treble*	*Norman Bett	4
*Owen P. Smith	2	Harold W. Smith	5
Alfred J. Oldfield	3	Stanley H. Wallis	*Tenor*

Conducted by Stanley H. Wallis.

* First peal. First peal on bells by a local band.

WONSTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 21, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four extents of St. Clement's Bob and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*John Tanner	*Treble*	William R. Melville	4
†Mary Tanner	2	Charles H. Kippin	5
Nesta D. Smith	3	Richard Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles H. Kippin.

* First peal. † First peal on working bell. A farewell to ringers of treble and 2nd.

ST. WEONARDS, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 21, 1948, *in 3 Hours,*
At the Church of St. Weonard,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

Charles G. Jones	*Treble*	Raymond A. Brewer	4
*Henry G. Brewer	2	Reginald T. Jones	5
*S. Goodwin	3	L. G. Chamberlain	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald T. Jones.

* First peal. For the wedding of Mr. L. Roberts, son of the Vicar.

STOKE ROCHFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 22, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Andrew,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 5 callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Harold Drury	*Treble*	Thomas A. Relf	3
*Fredk. S. Pinchbeck	2	*Fredk. Wm. Parsons	4

H. Reginald Woods *Tenor*

Conducted by H. Reginald Woods.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all the band. First as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells. A wedding compliment to the daughter of the Bishop of Grantham.

KEWSTOKE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 22, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

Leonard Derrick	*Treble*	*John Owen	4
*Ernest Shearn	2	*George Prescott	5
*Herbert W. Knight	3	*William A. Prescott	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Prescott.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. First in the method on the bells.

DAMERHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 23, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Miss Jean Brown	*Treble*	Jack Mussell	4
Gordon Walford	2	Frank L. Harris	5
Leslie A. Page	3	Ronald N. Marlow	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

* First peal. 25th peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.*
At Cleatham House Farm,
A PEAL OF SPLICED ST. CLEMENT'S AND CRAYFORD COLLECE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. J. Bray	1-2	Jack Bray	5-6
George E. Feirn	3-4	*Philip Barnes	7-8

Composed and Conducted by George E. Feirn.

* First spliced peal. First peal on the bells.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 19, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,*
At Osmington School,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Miss A. B. Stockdale (Girton)	1-2	G. Dodds (Emma.)	5-6
E. M. Atkins (St. Cath's.)	3-4	W. H. J. Hooton (Queens')	7-8

Composed and Conducted by G. Dodds.

* First peal and first lady to ring a peal 'in hand' for the Guild.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 20, 1948, *in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

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		

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Cheshire Xmas Day Wedding

Former fellow-students of Cheshire Agricultural College, Mr. Gordon George Vincent, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Vincent, of Hale, and Miss Betty Skellern, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Skellern, Melrose, Boundary Lane, Mossley, were married on Christmas Day at Mossley Parish Church. The 130 guests included many ringing friends.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. Sellors) officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore white silk velvet with coronet of orange blossom and net veil. Her bridesmaids, the Misses Grace Davenport and Jean Hoyland, were in fuchsia velvet. Mr. John Vincent was best man, and Messrs. W. Copeland, T. Hayes and J. Cooke were groomsmen.

Handbells were rung between the toasts at the reception by J. Worth, Mrs. Vincent, Gordon and John Vincent. In proposing the toast of 'The bridegroom's parents,' Mr. John Worth brought in a crack or two about the Suffolk origin and the inevitable 'Thumbpiece.'

Friends who have known the bridegroom from a boy rang a peal at Wrenbury. He heard the last hour and spent a happy time with them before leaving for his honeymoon at Blackpool.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Vincent will be living at Wrenbury.

REV. A. S. ROBERTS FIRST VICAR OF CARBIS BAY

December 18th was a great day in the history of Carbis Bay Church, when the church was consecrated, and the Rev. A. S. Roberts instituted and inducted as first Vicar of the newly-created parish. The church was built in 1929, and has been served by a priest-in-charge.

The Rev. A. S. Roberts has been at Carbis Bay for eight years, and during that time much has been done to constitute the new parish. Additions have been a ring of eight bells, and in August last an electric striking tower clock. It must be unique for a priest-in-charge and his wife to have taken part in five peals on their own bells before the church became a parish church.

The Bishop of Truro and the Assistant Bishop, who is also Archdeacon of Cornwall, and the Rev. I. S. Jenkins (Vicar of St. Ives and Rural Dean) took part in the service.

ESSEX PEAL BOARDS

The excellent spirit prevailing between ringers and clergy was much in evidence at St. Andrew's, Hornchurch, on Dec. 12th, when two peal boards commemorating recent peals were dedicated by Canon Courthope during evensong.

During the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by G. W. Faulkner 1-2, C. Fenn 3-4, R. W. Stannard 5-6, F. V. Gant 7-8.

LATE NOTICES

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Annual meeting at Bolton Parish Church, St., Jan. 22nd. Bells available 2.30. Service 5. Tea 5.15, followed by business. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 4678

LEICESTER GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Annual, Kibworth, Jan. 22nd. Service 4. Tea 4.45, Railway Hotel. Names by Jan. 18th.—L. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 4679

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Christchurch District. — Annual, Christchurch, Jan. 22nd. Bells (12) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names by Jan. 19th.—Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 4681

Barwell, Leicestershire

The first Ringers' Sunday at Barwell, Leicestershire, on December 12th, was a great success. The local band had decorated the church with flowers and evergreens in readiness for Christmas, and in each window was placed a handbell, signifying the thoughts and prayers of the day. Special leaflets containing ringers' hymns had been printed and were used by the large congregations.

Holy Communion at 8 a.m., which was a corporate celebration for ringers, was preceded by touches of Grandsire Triples, and an hour's ringing before matins brought a busy morning's duty to a close. The Rector preached at this service and spoke of the long history of bells and bellringing.

In the afternoon a special service of carols, sung by children's massed choirs of 200 voices, attracted amazing crowds, and every available space in the church was filled.

Following this, tea was provided for visiting ringers and friends who attended afternoon and evening services at the Church Institute. Evensong was preceded by touches in various methods, the preacher being Canon R. F. Wilkinson, himself a ringer of, West Bridgford, Notts.

Throughout the day members of the local band acted as readers and sidesmen, and at eventide, when the last of the congregation had departed, we all felt that our first Ringers' Sunday had made its mark upon the life of the Parish Church. Collections throughout the day amounted to £15, and were handed to the local bell fund.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at Goole on January 1st, and was attended by about 35 ringers from 15 towers. The bells were kept going from two o'clock until service, conducted by the curate, Rev. Metcalfe, who gave the address.

Tea was served in the Church Schools, after which the business meeting was presided over by the vice-president, Mr. A. H. Fox, who began by wishing all a very happy New Year. Five new members were elected, viz., Messrs. R. Coldwell, of Snaith, and L. Straughan, of Pocklington, and Mrs. Graves and Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith, of Carlton. It was decided to hold the spring meeting at Carlton and Snaith. The usual votes of thanks were passed, special thanks being expressed to Mrs. J. J. Taylor for her kindness in providing such an excellent tea, including an iced cake to celebrate the New Year.

The meeting stood in silence in memory of Mr. W. Pearson, of Pontefract, an old member of the Association, who died recently. A collection for the bell repair fund realised 18s. Mr. A. E. Sellers appealed to those not at present taking 'The Ringing World' to become subscribers and so help to keep the paper going. Ringing in various methods continued till 9 o'clock.

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MEETINGS

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

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. 4519

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.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec., 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 4567

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.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec., 106, Hythe Hill, Colchester. 4582

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Swalcliffe, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Tadmarton bells after.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 4604

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Wollaston, Saturday, Jan. 15th, 3. Service 4.15. Tea and business afterwards.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 4635

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Branch.—Annual, Glastonbury, Saturday, Jan. 15th.—Wm. Marsh, Dovecotes, Street, Somerset. 4634

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Hawkhurst, Jan. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. Goringe, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 4605

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Gainsborough District.—Annual meeting, Gainsborough, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business meeting in vestry 6.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 623. 4643

CHESTER GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual branch meeting at St. Michael's, Macclesfield, on Jan. 15th. Bells (12) available from 3. Tea 2s. 6d. Names to C. Lawton, School View, Sutton Lane Ends, Macclesfield. 4648

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 15th. Ringing 3 to 5, St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Victoria. Tea 5-5.45. Business meeting St. Stephen's Vestry, 5.45-6.15. Ringing 6.30-8, St. Mary's, Lambeth (Lambeth Bridge). We welcome all ringers and friends. —A. F. Udall, Hon. Sec., Southern District. 4645

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Acton, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells 3 to 5 and 6 to 7.30. Short business meeting in belfry.—F. Finch. 4664

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Earls Barton, Jan. 22nd. Service 4.30. Notify A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 4592

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Anuual Ditcheat, Jan. 22nd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat. 4628

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Sittingbourne (8) on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea to B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Sittingbourne, by Tuesday, Jan. 19th.—B. W. May, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4640

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Jan. 22nd, St. Chad's, 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea and business. Ringing at St. Chad's in the evening. Numbers for tea must reach me on or before Jan. 19th.—C. A. Barron, 15, Claremont Hill, Shrewsbury. 4642

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Quarterly meeting, St. Peter's, Wolvernampton (12), Jan. 22nd. Bells 3. Committee 4.15. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30, St. Peter's School. Names for tea by Jan. 18th to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 4607

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. St. John's bells 12 to 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Church Hall, Silverdale Road. Please notify Mr. D. Cooper, 51, Waddon Road, Croydon, by Jan. 19th. Nominations for district officers by Jan. 15th to R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 4603

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Service All Saints' 4. Tea and meeting after service. All Saints' bells (8) from 3 and after meeting. Notify for tea by Jan. 18th to B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 4621

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Westbourne (8), Jan. 22nd, 3. Names for tea (by 19th) to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 4649

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—First annual district meeting, Ipswich, Jan. 22nd. St. Margaret's (8) 2.45 to 9, St. Matthew's (6) 3 to 5, St. Clement's (6) 3 to 9, St. Mary-le-Tower (12) 7 to 9. No ringing during tea and meeting. Tea 5, Tudor Cafe. Names to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 4622

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District. — Annual meeting, Leicester, Saturday, Jan. 22nd. All Saints', St. Margaret's and Cathedral bells 2 to 4.45. Tea and meeting 5, St. Martin's Day School, Friar Lane. Names by Tuesday, Jan. 18th.—W. Root, 8, The Portwey, Leicester. 4619

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available 3 to 5. All requiring tea (1s. 6d. each) please notify me not later than Jan. 18th.—G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 4618

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. All Saints' (8), 2 to 4.45. Both All Saints' and St. Giles' (10) after meeting until 9. Committee meet Parish Hall, Ropergate, 3. Fish tea (3s. per head) at Co-operative Cafe, Beastfair, 5, only to those who notify Mr. H. C. Walters, 30, Newgate, Pontefract, by Jan. 19th. General meeting same room immediately afterwards. Tea tickets at St. Giles' Vestry 4 to 5. One minute from cafe.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 4617

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern and Western Districts. — Joint meeting, Chester-le-Street, Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Names for tea by Jan. 20th to Mr. J. A. Brown, 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street. 4651

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, Dorchester, Jan. 22nd. Bells (8) 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting after. Please notify by Jan. 17th.—J. Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 4650

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Huntingdon, Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells: St. Mary's (8), 3, All Saints' (6) 4. Service All Saints' 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec 4646

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual meeting, Bakewell (8), Jan. 22nd, 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—G. H. Paulson, Darley Dale. 4654

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meetings at Worle, Jan. 22nd, and Westbury-sub-Mendip, Jan. 29th, 5-9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec., Sandford. 4662

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stratford and Warwick Branch.—Meeting at Clifford Chambers, Jan. 22nd. By permission. Bells 3. Tea 5.—C. R. Steed. 4665

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—High Wycombe, Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Committee meeting 3.45. Bells 6.—A. D. Barker. 4666

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Annual meeting, Wisbech, Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea. Business meeting in belfry 6.—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 4677

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual meeting, Hinckley, Jan. 22nd. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify Mr. B. Ridgway, 61, Priesthills Road, Hinckley, by Tuesday, Jan. 18th. 4673

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 22nd, St. Peter's, 2.30. Tea, Parochial Room, 5. Meeting, ringing Cathedral after. Names to W. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Jan. 19th latest. 4674

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Measham (8), Jan. 22nd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Take own food.—J. Cotton. 4676

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Battle (8), Jan. 22nd. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by Wednesday.—F. H. Hicks, 21, Garfield Road, Hailsham, Sussex. 4668

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual, Cambridge, Jan. 22nd. Bells: St. Andrew's-the-Great (8), 2.30; St. Bene't's (6) 2.30-4 and after 6.45; St. Mary's-the-Great (12), 6.30. Service 4.15 at St. Andrew's. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., St. Andrew's Parish Room, Emmanuel Road. 4675

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Birkenhead, St. Mary's (6), Jan. 22nd. Tea free if notified by 18th. —Alex. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 4660

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Corporate Communion at Long Ashton, Sunday, Jan. 23rd, 8. Ringing 7 to 8. Breakfast reserved for those notifying me by Wednesday, Jan. 19th.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 4632

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting Ledbury, Jan. 29th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea not later than Jan. 25th.—H. K. Hill, The Village, Bosbury, Ledbury. 4653

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, Jan. 29th, 2.30. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow. St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and Willesden bells during evening.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 4652

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting, Basingstoke, Jan. 29th. St. Michael's and All Saints' bells available. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Jan. 25th to G. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 4655

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual meeting, Ely, St. Mary's (8), Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, St. Mary's Cafe, almost opposite church.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 4658

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Portsea, Jan. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in the Institute. Business meeting follows. Names by Jan. 24th.—John H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 4661

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Wulfram's, Grantham (10), Jan. 29th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mr. S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham, by Jan. 24th, please.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 4669

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next business meeting Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Jan. 29th, 3. Practice Southwark Cathedral, Jan. 18th. 6.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 4672

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual meeting at Farnham (8), Saturday, Jan. 29th, 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30 in Coffee House (near Church). Names for tea by Monday previous to C. Denyer, 115, West Street, Farnham.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4671

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual district meeting, Saturday, Jan. 29th, at Royston. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Jan. 26th, please, to Rev. Canon F. F. Greig, The Vicarage, Royston, Herts.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 4670

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 5th, at Southwark, St. George-the-Martyr, 3 to 4.45. Cathedral, 4 to 5 and evening. Service 5 in Cathedral. Tea 5.45 in Chapter House. All peal books available. Handbell contest. Report book 1939 to 1948 inclusive available, price 1s. 6d. Everyone welcome. Names for tea, please. Practice meeting Lambeth, Monday, Feb. 7th, 7.15.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 4680

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PEAL RINGERS OF 1948

FEATURED in this issue is the list of those who rang 40 or more peals in 1948. The list is not complete. There are other names to be included, but either through bashfulness or calls in other directions they have not responded to the three requests made by the Editor for details.

We feel certain that the Exercise will join with us in congratulating Mr. George E. Fearn on the magnificent total of 108 peals in 12 months. There have been in bygone years other ringers who have passed the century mark in a year, but they are very few. Mr. Fearn's list has also quality, containing 22 peals on 12 bells, and no fewer than 52 were in Surprise methods The year also saw Mr. Fearn pass his 500 mark. He is in his early forties, and if health and time are at his disposal the new secretary of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham should soon reach the 1,000 mark.

Second on the list is Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, with 72 peals. In 1947 Mr. Morris rang his 1,000th peal. Two of his peals were silent, and of the 21 he rang 'in hand' was a 9,999 Stedman Caters. Mr. Morris' list ranges from Doubles to Cinques, and includes 25 in Doubles or Minor methods.

One peal behind him is Mr. John Thomas, of Evesham, Worcestershire. Noteworthy was the fact that Mrs. Thomas rang 51 peals with him during the year, and it is doubtful if in the annals of change ringing a similar record by husband and wife has been surpassed. Mrs. Thomas, with 53 peals, can claim the position of No. 1 among our peal-ringing ladies.

Apart from Mr. George E. Fearn, there are other enthusiastic peal ringers in the Birmingham area. Messrs. John Pinfold and Henry H. Fearn were both in the sixties, and Edgar C. Shepherd, Paul K. Williamson (Coventry) and Albert Walker (in his golden wedding year) also figure in the list. Associated with them in many of their performances was Thomas W. Sheppard (Coventry), one of the new generation.

Mr. A. H. Pulling, of Guildford, has marked his first year of retirement with 57 peals. Of the names in the list his aggregate of peals is greater than any other, with about 1,450 to his credit. Well up in the list is Mr. Nolan Golden, of Norwich, with 56 peals. He has the distinction of conducting more peals than any other conductor in 1948, with 48 to his credit. The Norwich Diocesan Association has a second representative in Mr. George Sayer. The Suffolk Guild is represented by Mrs. Sylvia R. E. Pipe, whose peals on tower bells exceeded Mrs. Thomas' list.

Other Midlanders of note are Messrs. Arthur V. Pearson, of Wolverhampton, J. W. Frank Trotman (Nuneaton), and Arthur Pritchard, of Hadley, Shropshire. The Chester Guild has a strong representation with Messrs. Walter Allman (Runcorn), John Worth (Macclesfield), John E. Bibby (Frodsham) and C. Kenneth Lewis (Altrincham).

Heading the list of London ringers is Mr. Philip A. Corby with 50. The year 1948 was the fourth in succession that he has scored 50 or more peals, and September, 1948, when he was hors de combat, was the first calendar month in which he had not rung at least one peal since January, 1945. His list includes 38 in Surprise methods. Of the six-bell ringers, Mr. Frank Warrington, of St. Ives, Hunts, is prominent with 46. Yorkshire's sole representative is the Association's secretary, Mr. Leslie W. G. Morris. From Oxford comes Mr. Alan R. Pink. Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, of Bournemouth, has in her 43 peals 32 rung 'in hand'; her list of 200 appeared in the last issue. Two of our younger ringers are Mr. Edgar R. Rapley (West Grinstead) and Mr. T. Mark White (Guildford), who were both in the forties. There are a number who just missed inclusion in the list, among them being Mr. Frederick E. Dukes, the genial secretary of the Irish Association with 37 peals.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

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GEORGE LEDSHAM ...	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	7
WILFRED STEVENSON ...	2	*PETER LAFLIN	8
EDWARD JENKINS	3	*CHARLES W. LAWTON ...	9
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	†JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	10
C. KENNETH LEWIS ...	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS ...	11
WALTER ALLMAN	6	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON...	*Tenor*

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Tenor 25 cwt.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON ...	7
*KATHLEEN TILLEY ...	2	*J. FREDK. MILNER ...	8
*DOROTHY UDALE	3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ...	9
JILL POOLE	4	HAROLD J. POOLE ...	10
*ALFRED BALLARD	5	*PETER J. STANIFORTH...	11
SHIRLEY BURTON	6	WILLIAM J. ROOT... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of New Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

*WALTER BAXTER (16) ...	*Treble*	EDMUND J. HOBBS ...	6
FREDK. J. PLUMMER ...	2	JOSEPH E. ARNOLD ...	7
VALERIE WILLARD ...	3	NORMAN INSKIP	8
SYDNEY FOSKETT	4	VICTOR W. CONQUEST ...	9
KENNETH SPAVINS ...	5	*LESLIE KEEP (17) ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH E. ARNOLD.

* First peal.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

JOHN S. MASON	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY...	2	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD...	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	3	HERBERT C. SPENCER ...	8
ALBERT WALKER	4	HENRY H. FEARN	9
FRANK W. PERRENS ...	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
The first peal of Royal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 31, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

LESLIE W. STEVENS ...	*Treble*	HAROLD J. POOLE ...	6
COLIN HARRISON	2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ...	7
*KATHLEEN TILLEY ...	3	SHIRLEY BURTON	8
*DOROTHY UDALE	4	*J. FREDERICK MILNER...	9
HARRY G. WAYNE ...	5	*ALFRED BALLARD	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

* First peal of New Cambridge Surprise Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 21, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

IVAN KAY	*Treble*	S.S.M. PHILIP TOCOCK...	5
CAPT. EDWARD SAMSON...	2	DAVID VINCENT	6
VERNON SYKES	3	FRED DUNKERLEY	7
SELWYN H. DEARDEN ...	4	HAROLD WALKER	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 24, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*JOHN E. MANNERS ...	*Treble*	MARGARET E. RICHARDS	5
†ENID LLOYD-ROBERTS ...	2	‡PETER ANGER	6
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	3	WM. W. T. DANIELL ...	7
THOMAS MOULDEN ...	4	HENRY AUSTIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

* First peal of Triples. † First of Grandsire Triples. ‡ 25th peal. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. Moulden.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	*Treble*	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ...	5
GEOFFREY W. BEECH ...	2	ARTHUR PEAKE	6
ARNOLD G. MOORE ...	3	FREDERICK W. GROCOTT	7
ROBERT S. ANDERSON ...	4	CHARLES H. PAGE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

J. GEOFFREY STONELEY...	*Treble*	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN...	5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	JOHN B. BENNETT	6
*HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ...	3	ALAN CATTELL	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Surprise.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.

IVOR GOULTER	*Treble*	EDWARD EVANS	5
HAROLD AUSTIN	2	LESLIE BARRY	6
PETER BAKER	3	*TREVOR NEWBURY ...	7
WILLIAM JONES	4	CHARLES LARNER	*Tenor*

Composed by T. THURSTON. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* 25th peal.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST DALE	*Treble*	WALTER NICHOLS	5
CLEMENT GLENN	2	ARTHUR C. LYGO	6
WALTER WHITE	3	CECIL KNAPP	7
*WILFRED WALKER ...	4	STEPHEN LOACH	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal on eight and in the method. First peal on the bells since their augmentation from six.

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RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Wm. A. Theobald	*Treble*	Frederick E. Collins	5
Frank L. Harris	2	Colin W. Reed	6
David R. Reed	3	Ronald N. Marlow	7
*Brian R. Tiller	4	Wm. E. Cheater	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Wilson. Conducted by William E. Cheater.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter ad Vincula,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Miss Margaret Rigby	*Treble*	Fredk. E. Wilshaw	5
William Carnwell	2	Alan D. Steel	6
Frederick W. Grocott	3	Charles H. Page	7
Arthur Peake	4	Neville R. Holland	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Neville R. Holland.
First peal of Superlative by all and by all North Staffordshire ringers. Tenor 20¼ cwt.

WELLINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

Samuel Birch	*Treble*	*Mrs. E. D. Poole	5
Albert D. Collins	2	*E. Dennis Poole	6
Eric E. Speake	3	Arthur V. Pearson	7
*Trevor Reynolds	4	†Arthur Pritchard	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.
* First peal in the method. † 200th peal.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

Miss Muriel Reay	*Treble*	*Terry R. Hampton	5
John S. Mason	2	Arthur D. Cook	6
Henry H. Fearn	3	Edward T. Lloyd	7
John Pinfold	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Fearn.
* First touch in a Surprise method.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

E. Barker	*Treble*	Wallace W. Cousins	5
*Maurice J. Thurmott	2	William Buckenham	6
Arthur Rolfe	3	Ernest H. Mastin	7
John Rowsell	4	†Claude Cousins	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Hunt. Conducted by Ernest H. Mastin.
* First peal of Double Norwich. † 200th peal.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 15¼ cwt.

Ronald C. Noon	*Treble*	John King	5
*Miss Maureen Mabbutt	2	†Ernest G. Orland	6
†Raymond H. Idle	3	Geoffrey E. Watson	7
†Arthur H. Idle	4	†Sydney G. Osborne	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey E. Watson.
* First peal 'inside' and on eight bells. † First of Grandsire Triples. First of Grandsire as conductor.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 29, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Josiah D. Harris	*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 C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Fredk. W. Rogers.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and by the Guild. Tenor 25¼ cwt. in E flat.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Dec. 29, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At Bishop Ryder's Church,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

Terry R. Hampton	*Treble*	John Pinfold	5
John S. Mason	2	Frank E. Pervin	6
*Edgar C. Shepherd	3	Henry H. Fearn	7
*G. William Critchley	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Frank E. Pervin.
* First peal of Bristol.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Leslie G. Brett	*Treble*	Charles W. Beecroft	5
Leslie G. Wightman	2	Willoughby E. Maulden	6
William Wightman	3	Walter W. Miller	7
Albert E. Whiting	4	William J. Button	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
In memoriam Mrs. K. B. Kersey.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE) CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*Joan Brentnall	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Arthur Hibbert	2	John Worth	6
James A. Milner	3	Wilfred Stevenson	7
Sydney Hough, jun.	4	Peter Laflin	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by John Worth.
* First peal. 300th peal as conductor.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Miss Joan E. Withey	*Treble*	Arthur V. Pearson	5
Miss Muriel Reay	2	Thomas Hemming	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	John S. Mason	7
George E. Fearn	4	Arthur Pritchard	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 31, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

Alfred H. Pulling	*Treble*	Peter Davy	5
Thomas W. Tomlinson	2	Ronald J. C. Hagley	6
William J. Robinson	3	Clarence H. Dobbie	7
T. Mark White	4	William H. Inwood	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 31, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

Alfred W. Brighton	*Treble*	John F. Grove	5
Charles A. Hughes	2	Charles E. Willmington	6
*David W. Beard	3	George Dawson	7
John H. Crampion	4	Edward D. Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Edward D. Smith.
* First peal of Surprise.

LONDON.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 31, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church, Isle of Dogs,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Wm. E. Court	*Treble*	*Peter T. Robbins	5
Edwin J. Lindley	2	Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow	6
Dorothy T. Richardson	3	*Peter W. B. Semmens	7
Margaret Fidell	4	Jack R. Worrall	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Johnson. Conducted by Jack R. Worrall.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 31, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

*GEORGE H. BAILEY	*Treble*	JOSEPH A. FENTON	5
JOHN F. STIMSON	2	HARRY CLAYTON	6
HARRY ALEY	3	ERNEST BARTRAM	7
†WILLIAM SMITH	4	‡THOMAS TEMPLETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST BARTRAM.

* First of Stedman on a working bell. † First on eight bells. ‡ First peal First of Stedman as conductor. First of Stedman Triples ever rung in the tower.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 31, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (6th observation). Tenor 13 cwt. 105 lb. in F.

NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	*THOMAS SIMMONS	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
ERNEST G. SHORTING	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	7
CHARLES H. MOORE	4	WALTER C. MEDLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE SAYER.

* First peal of Triples.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 31, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

WALTER F. JUDGE	*Treble*	†EDWIN G. MOORE	5
WM. H. B. WILKINS	2	CHARLES COLES	6
*PHILIP WALKER	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
*NORA HONEY	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWARD C. GOBEY. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in two Major methods. † First peal in two Major methods 'inside.' Rung for the 78th birthday of William H. B. Wilkins.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 30 cwt. 17 lb. in C sharp.

ERNEST B. BETTS	*Treble*	FREDERICK SEAGER	5
FRED HODGSON	2	WALTER ALLMAN	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	ALFRED SMITH	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

COLIN E. WRIGHT	*Treble*	DONALD COOMBES	5
HORACE J. MANSFIELD	2	WILLIAM THEOBALD	6
WILLIAM PERRY	3	SYDNEY C. EASTER	7
FRANK B. LUFKIN	4	FRANK V. GANT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

JOHN B. BENNETT	*Treble*	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	5
MRS. A. H. BEAMISH	2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	6
FRANK E. PERVIN	3	ALAN CATTELL	7
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 82 lb.

KATHLEEN HARRISON	*Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH	5
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	2	RONALD A. CLOUSTON	6
CLEMENT J. MORE	3	ERNEST WHITING	7
CHARLES V. ORVES	4	W. ARCHIE LOCKE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

SIX BELL PEALS

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES H. WICKENS	*Treble*	EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4
FREDERICK F. GODSMARK	2	CECIL R. LONGHURST	5
STELLA M. WICKENS	3	BASIL W. WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BASIL W. WHITE.

First peal as conductor. A greeting to the new Vicar, the Rev. H. Woodford.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 23, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Primrose, Cambridge and, Ipswich Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6½ cwt.

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

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

ST. MELLONS, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 24, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MELLON,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents.

GEORGE E. MONK	*Treble*	LEONARD I. HULBERT	4
GODFREY CHOULES	2	ALFRED W. HEATH	5
DONALD G. CLARKE	3	JACK R. WORRALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

A wedding compliment to the conductor's twin sister.

CLOPTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 24, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different callings. Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

LEWIS J. LAST	*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING	4
*GEORGE W. PIPE	2	RONALD W. STEWARD	5
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE	3	*WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor. A birthday compliment to Leslie C. Wightman.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 24, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising one extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

GEORGE WALL	*Treble*	MISS MARGARET FIDELL	4
STEPHEN THOMPSON, JUN.	2	STEPHEN THOMPSON	5
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB	3	THOMAS W. DODD	*Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN THOMPSON.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 25, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

CEDRIC GURMIN	*Treble*	CHARLES G. JONES	4
REGINALD T. JONES	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS	3	ARTHUR W. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

BREDON-WITH-NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 25, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, two of Plain Bob and one of Oxford Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

TREVOR E. NEWBURY	*Treble*	JAMES ATTWOOD	4
MRS. J. THOMAS	2	JOHN THOMAS	5
FRANCIS MILES	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—At the Annunciation Church on December 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. R. Packer 1, J. H. Arlet 2, J. L. Morris 3, R. H. Baker 4, D. Beveridge 5, M. F. Davis (first quarter) 6, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 7, E. Winfield 8.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On Dec. 25th at St. James', 1,260 Bob Minor (tenor covering): W. D. Prockson 1, Mabel A. Prockson 2, J. Payton 3, J. Goodall 4, D. Harmon 5, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 6, R. H. Russell 7. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 4.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's, on Dec. 23rd, 1,329 Stedman Caters: S. Walklate 1, W. Parsons 2, G. Freebrey (cond.) 3, F. R. Lowe 4, A. E. Thompson 5, J. Wilkinson 6, H. Taylor 7, H. Letts 8, W. H. Buxton 9, W. Shaw 10. First Stedman Caters by 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 10.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.—On Dec. 26th, a date touch, 1,948 changes, being two 720's, a 360 and 108 Plain Bob Minor, and 40 Grandsire Doubles: Joan E. May (longest length) 1, W. S. May 2, P. J. Eves 3, H. J. Oliver 4, F. C. May (cond.) 5, G. Frost 6.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—At St. George's on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. A. Constant (first quarter) 1, E. J. Beer (cond.) 2, R. E. Constant 3, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 4, F. Cluett 5, J. Constant 6, C. J. Matthews 7, Miss J. Chesson 8.

GRIMSBY, LINCS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Kennington (first quarter) 1, C. Kennington 2, Miss Gweneth Rusby 3, J. B. Budd (cond.) 4, A. Swain 5, J. Kennington 6, A. Pashley 7, H. Hadwick 8. A birthday compliment to F. Kennington, aged 15.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. House (first quarter) 1, W. J. Roberts 2, A. Tilston 3, Miss N. Bibby 4, T. R. Griffiths 5, J. A. Randles 6, G. H. Randles (cond.) 7, R. Jarvis 8.

QUARTER PEALS

IGHTHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Strood 1, R. L. Sills 2, Edna M. Sills (first as conductor) 3, S. Whiteway 4, S. King (first of Grandsire) 5, G. Knowles (first quarter) 6.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—At St. Mary's, on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. H. Daynes 1, J. Bennett (cond.) 2, L. Chislett 3, S. Ball 4, G. Bennett 5, W. Packer 6, P. A. Corby 7, R. Boyce 8. First in method by 3, 4, 6 and 8.

MAIDS-MORETON, BUCKS. — On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Yates, sen. (first away from tenor) 1, H. Jones, jun., 2, G. Holland 3, E. Nicholls 4, W. Yates (cond.) 5. In memoriam Mrs. Richardson.

MEYSEY-HAMPTON, GLOS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Boulton (15) 1, H. R. Acock 2, Miss J. Morse (14) 3, Miss E. Morse (16) 4, W. Godwin (cond.) 5, Miss F. Hope 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 4. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles Dec. 25th and Dec. 31st.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth M. Foreman 1, F. B. Jeal 2, F. T. Hoad 3, J. W. Crouch 4, A. T. Shelton 5, W. J. Avenell 6, W. Claydon (cond.) 7, H. A. Hoad 8.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX. — On Dec. 12th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. H. Russell 1, W. J. Bowden 2, Miss M. A. Prockson 3, J. H. Goodall (first attempt quarter Caters) 4, S. G. Peck 5, W. A. Theobald 6, H. Miller 7, M. Fensom 8, S. Wade (con.) 9, J. G. Nash 10.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Dec. 26th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: Miss M. Rigby 1, G. R. Dawson (Lincoln) 2, A. Peake 3, J. Goodall (London) 4, F. E. Wilshaw 5, R. J. Stone (Plymouth) 6, W. P. Deane (cond.) 7, F. W. Grocott (Bucknall) 8. First of Treble Bob Major for 2 and 4.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Nock (first quarter) 1, H. Dickens, sen., 2, H. Dickens, jun., 3, R. N. Eaton 4, W. G. Anker (cond.) 5, K. Smith 6. For the christening of Prince Charles.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 changes (720 Plain Bob and Oxford Bob, 360 Oxford Bob, 180 Plain Bob): F. J. Elsey, sen., 1, S. G. Elsey 2, D. Clarke 3, V. Bowen 4, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6. First Spliced 720 by 1, 3 and 4.

TIRLEY, GLOS.—On Dec. 25th, at 6 a.m., a quarter-peal: C. Tustin 1, W. Smith 2, W. Barnfield 3, T. Steward (cond.) 4, F. Bullock 5, E. Margerett 6.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Newman 1, Miss Joan Newman 2, L. S. Griffiths (cond.) 3, J. Newman 4, J. Scott 5, W. Twidell, sen., 6.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.—On Dec. 26th, 576 Cambridge S. and 720 Kent T.B.: Douglas Rooke (first T.B.) 1, R. T. Flint 2, F. Flint 3, D. Chadwick 4, W. Dickinson 5, H. T. Rook (cond.) 6.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lorna Gaved (first quarter) 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, A. S. Richards (cond.) 3, Wm. A. Hughes 4, R. Hartley 5, I. Couch 6. Also on Dec. 19th 1,260 Grandsire Doubles with first quarter for Patricia Gaved 1.

WHISTON, YORKS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major. Bob Major: B. Thomas 1, Elaine Wright (first quarter) 2, R. Rhodes (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. Curwen 4, G. S. Lee 5, G. Preston (cond.) 6, T. Cutts 7, N. Chaddock 8. In memoriam Malcolm Head (aged 18), a ringer at this church, who died suddenly the same day.

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Mr. Frederick W. Middleton, of Milbarton, Norfolk, a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association since 1905, has been awarded the B.E.M.

A review of 'Change Ringing on Handbells,' the Central Council's latest production, will appear in our next issue.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Eighty-nine-years-old Mr. W. Sears rang the treble to 1,260 Grandsire Triples rung on December 29th at Mangotsfield, Bristol, as a birthday compliment to him. Next to him stood M. Jefferies, aged 13, ringing his first 'inside.' A. Rodway had a similar privilege. J. G. Jefferies conducted.

Mr. Arthur Newton has now 'circled' Hughenden, Bucks, tower.

Mr. Frank Warrington rang his 300th peal for the Ely Diocesan Association at Holywell.

Mr. Tony Price rang double-handed in a tower-bell peal at Feltham on New Year's Day. The treble was 5 cwt. 11 lb. and the 2nd 6 cwt. 10 lb. He also 'called the bobs.'

ERRATA.—Re peal of Superlative Surprise Major at Bocking, Essex, reported on page 2. Date of peal December 18th; ringer of the seventh, Mr. Harry Millatt.

The Henry Johnson dinner will be held on March 5th at the Imperial Hotel, and all enquiries should be addressed to G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025.

The London County Association have produced their report covering the years 1939-48 inclusive. Useful touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Kent and Cambridge on 8 and 10 bells are included apart from the usual information.

Fifty years ago Goldhanger, Essex, bells were rehung with the addition of a treble bell. The anniversary of the dedication was marked by a quarter-peal (240 New London Pleasure, 360 Kent and 720 Oxford T.B.) by: J. D. Buckingham 1, H. R. Appleton 2, A. Appleton 3, W. J. White 4, G. H. Neville 5, M. C. Mann (cond.) 6. The ringer of the fifth was a member of the band formed at the time of the dedication by the late Mr. H. G. Rowe.

Ringers of Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B.C., sent a food parcel to the ringers of Westminster Abbey which arrived just before Christmas. The gesture was much appreciated. The parcel was accompanied by a Christmas card signed by all the ringers. In return an etching of the Abbey, bearing the signatures of the Abbey ringers, has been sent to Victoria.

That fine old Oxford ringer, Mr. Wm. H. B. Wilkins, rang in the peal for his 78th birthday.

Mr. W. E. Court is the first ringer from Nottingham University to ring a peal for the Universities Association.

The augmented ring at Birmingham Cathedral will be dedicated on Saturday, February 19th, at three o'clock.

Mr. P. Amos asks us to point out that the appeal he circulated for St. Andrew's (Northampton) bells was authorised by the Parochial Church Council. No suggestion is contained in the letter that Mr. E. Nobles wrote on the question of lotteries for restoration schemes that any of this money raised by Mr. Amos was used for any other purpose.

'The Belle,' a news letter for lady ringers, made its appearance at the meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild at Guildford on January 6th. The Editor is to be congratulated on her vigorous editorial at the expense of Holy Trinity company, Guildford, who incurred displeasure by expressing the opinion that their eight was not suitable for an all-ladies band to ring upon, the tower secretary commenting that 'if it was intended that collectively they (the ladies) should ring our eight then the good Lord would have taken more than one rib from the first man.'

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Leading Peal Ringers of 1948

In response to our appeal we have been able to compile the following table of the leading peal ringers in 1948:—

	Tower.	Hand.	Total.
George E. Fearn	99 (31)	9	108
Ernest Morris	*51 (22)	*21 (4)	72
John Thomas	52 (17)	19 (12)	71
John Pinfold	62	1	63
Henry H. Fearn	62	—	62
Alfred H. Pulling	43 (34)	14 (7)	57
Nolan Golden	54 (48)	2	56
Arthur V. Pearson	52 (1)	1	53
Mrs. J. Thomas	41	12	53
Walter Allman	50 (3)	—	50
John Worth	50 (28)	—	50
Philip A. Corby	47 (26)	3 (2)	50
Arthur Pritchard	48 (33)	1	49
John E. Bibby	47 (6)	—	47
Frank Warrington	46 (45)	—	46
George Sayer	46 (5)	—	46
C. Kenneth Lewis	46 (20)	—	46
Mrs. Sylvia R. E. Pipe	45 (14)	—	45
Edgar C. Shepherd	40 (7)	5	45
Edgar R. Rapley	44	1 (1)	45
Paul K. Williamson	*35 (2)	9 (1)	44
Alan R. Pink	43 (32)	—	43
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	11	32 (2)	43
T. Mark White	39	3	42
Albert Walker	32 (8)	*8 (7)	40
J. W. Frank Trotman	40 (3)	—	40
Leslie W. G. Morris	40 (28)	—	40
Thomas W. Sheppard	29 (8)	11	40

* Unconducted.

MR. G. E. FEARN'S FIRST 500

Details of 500 peals in which G. E. Fearn took part:—

Maximus: Cambridge Surprise, 11; Lincolnshire Surprise, 1 (conducted 1); Belgrave Surprise, 1 (1); Yorkshire Surprise, 1 (1); Superlative Surprise, 1; Kent Treble Bob, 1; Plain Bob, 1.

Cinques: Stedman, 113 (7); Grandsire, 2; Erin, 1.

Royal: Cambridge Surprise, 26 (4); Yorkshire Surprise, 14 (2); New Cambridge Surprise, 2; Belgrave Surprise, 1; Kent T.B., 1; Little Bob, 1.

Caters: Stedman, 46 (4); Grandsire, 12.

Major: Cambridge Surprise, 43 (18); New Cambridge Surprise, 2 (2); London Surprise, 23 (2); Yorkshire Surprise, 33 (20); Superlative Surprise, 10 (4); Bristol Surprise, 7; Rutland Surprise, 7 (4); Lincolnshire Surprise, 6 (2); Belgrave Surprise, 3 (1); Pudsey Surprise, 2 (1); Stratford Surprise, 1; Ipswich Surprise, 1 (1); Painswick Surprise, 1 (1); Ashtead Surprise, 1 (1); Hinton Surprise, 1 (1); Kent T.B., 4; Double Norwich C.B., 36 (3); Plain Bob, 19 (3).

Triples: Stedman, 27; Grandsire, 9 (1).

Minor: Cambridge Surprise, 5 (3); London Surprise, 1; Plain Bob, 14 (3); Kent T.B., 1; Oxford T.B., 1; 2 methods, 2; 3 methods, 1.

Doubles: Grandsire, 2 (1); 2 methods, 1.

Total, 500 (conducted 92).

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

Secretaries of Societies affiliated to the Council are reminded that the affiliation fees became due on January 1st and should be sent without delay.

Particulars of the forthcoming Council meeting at York will be published shortly, together with list of hotels, etc.

G. W. FLETCHER,
Hon. Secretary.

More peals have been rung during 1948 for the Truro Guild than in any of the previous fifty years of its history. The Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts have each taken part in fourteen, which is a record by any individual in one year. Miss Joan Withey has rung twelve. The previous highest individual number was as long ago as 1927, when Mr. Roberts rang ten.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM

MR. T. H. REEVES RESIGNS SECRETARYSHIP.

For many years the annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham has been held in the large clubroom at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, on the first Saturday in the year, and this year was no exception, for on Saturday, January 1st, a company of about 60 assembled to transact the Guild's business.

In the unavoidable absence through illness of the Master, Cclr. Paddon Smith, J.P., the chair was taken by Mr. Vice-President Albert Walker, who, in his opening remarks wished all present a happy and prosperous New Year.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. T. H. Bartlett and M. T. Bartlett (Shirley), Messrs. Leslie Mole and James Corbett (Tanworth-in-Arden), Mr. Barry C. Webb (South Yardley) and Margaret F. Daniels (Coundon, Coventry), and as a life member, Mrs. John Thomas (Hinton-on-the-Green, Worcestershire).

An invitation from the Aston Company to hold the first quarterly meeting of the year at Aston Parish Church was unanimously accepted.

The Ringing Master, Mr. George Fearn, reported that the dedication of the two new trebles and the reopening of the augmented ring of 12 at the Cathedral Church of St. Philip was provisionally fixed for February 19th. He proposed that the bi-quarterly meeting should coincide with this, and asked members to book the date.

The treasurer, Mr. T. H. Reeves, presented the annual balance sheet. Subscriptions continued to come in satisfactorily, and the results showed an increased balance in the bank. The accounts showed that a start had been made in writing-up the peal book, and he hoped further progress would occur during the present year. The auditors having given their report, the accounts were unanimously adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1949.

In the election of officers for 1949 several changes were made. The secretary proposed that the name of Mr. Frank B. Yates be added to the list of vice-presidents for his many kindnesses to the Guild in past years, and especially for his generous gifts in augmenting the rings of bells at King's Norton and the Cathedral Church of St. Philip. The chairman proposed that Mr. T. H. Reeves be honoured in a similar manner for his services during the past 20 years as hon. secretary and treasurer. Both proposals were unanimously adopted.

Mr. Albert Walker was elected Master in place of Cclr. Paddon Smith, and Mrs. Edgar C. Shepherd as Ringing Master in place of Mr. G. E. Fearn. Mr. Shepherd, in accepting the office, said he had been a member of the Guild for 30 years, and in following such men as Henry Johnson, John Day, John Carter, James E. Groves, William Short and, more recently, Albert Walker, F. E. Haynes and G. E. Fearn, he had a high standard to uphold. He was, however, still an enthusiast, and with the assistance of Mr. Fearn and the co-operation of the members he would do his best to be a worthy successor. The trustees, Cclr. Paddon Smith and Mr. E. T. Allaway, and the auditors Messrs. H. H. Fearn and G. W. Critchley, were re-elected. Mr. J. F. Harvey was elected librarian in the place of G. F. Swann (deceased).

For the office of hon. secretary and treasurer Mr. T. H. Reeves informed the meeting that he had now completed 20 years and thought it was time for a younger man to take over. He therefore had much pleasure in proposing Mr. George E. Fearn as his successor. They all knew Mr. Fearn, and as an enthusiast for real hard work and plenty of it there was no one better. This was seconded by Mr. J. Pinfold and supported by Mr. F. W. Perrens and carried unanimously. Mr. Fearn acknowledged his appointment, thanking the members for their confidence and assuring them he would do his best to deserve it.

Referring to the peals rung during the past year, Mr. Fearn said that these numbered 80 and that the number of conductors was 20. They had rung several notable peals, but the two outstanding were Lincolnshire Maximus, rung without previous practice, and Rutland Royal at the first attempt.

HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

Mr. T. H. Reeves reported that he had booked the Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel for Saturday, March 5th. The seating capacity of this room was about 180, but in the event of more wishing to attend the dinner he had arranged for them to have the meal in another room and later join with those in the Connaught Room. Mr. Albert Walker thought it would be a fitting compliment to Mr. Reeves on terminating his period as secretary and treasurer to invite him to occupy the chair at the dinner, and he had much pleasure in making the proposition. This was seconded by Mr. J. S. Mason, supported by Mr. G. E. Fearn, and carried unanimously. It was agreed to leave the other arrangements for the dinner to the officers of the Guild.

Mr. Reeves reported that he had arranged for a certain number of bedrooms at the Imperial Hotel to be reserved for the Friday and Saturday evenings for the convenience of visitors, but would suggest that early application for reservations be made direct to the hotel. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by Mr. Reeves, terminated the meeting. The rest of the evening was taken up in social intercourse and handbell ringing.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ ANSWERS

No competitor succeeded in sending a correct solution. Questions 17, 18 and 19 were each awarded five points. In the opinion of the Editor those nearest to Kewsett's solutions were:—

Mr. Kenneth B. JONES,
Whichford, Hurst Road,
Bexley, Kent.

Mr. T. G. HAWKINS,
Cherry Orchard Close,
Stoke Poges, Bucks.

Capt. E. F. M. SAMSON,
D. and M. School,
R.A.C. Centre,
Bovington Camp, Dorset.

Highly commended are the entries of K. Arthur, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; Miss D. Fletcher, Beaconsfield; and J. Davey, Little Houghton, Northampton.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

AXBRIDGE BRANCH.

The Rev. R. T. Powys David presided at the annual meeting of the Axbridge Branch at Wick St. Lawrence. The statement of accounts showed a credit balance of £13, and it was proposed to hold a ringers' service at Axbridge on April 23rd.

Mr. G. Prescott was thanked for his work on behalf of the branch and congratulated on calling a peal in 11 methods.

Two hon. members and seven performing members were elected. Officers appointed for 1949 were: President, the Rev. L. T. Powys David; Ringing Master, Mr. G. Prescott; hon. local secretary, Mr. E. J. Avery.

The following towers will be visited during the next quarter: Worle, Westbury-sub-Mendip, in January; Shipham in February, and Burnham-on-Sea in March.

LETTERS

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION AND EXTENSION

Dear Sir,—With reference to the proposed resolution to the Central Council by the Universities Association on the subject of method extension raised in connection with London Surprise, I would like to clarify a position which has arisen because of a slight misinterpretation.

Mr. York-Bramble's original motion, 'That peals of London Surprise Royal be recognised with London places at the full and half lead,' was withdrawn in favour of an amendment, proposed by Mr. Denis Layton, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, that the motion should be a general one dealing with the whole subject of extension. This, however, did not imply that an alternative motion should be substituted suggesting any particular principle of extension, and it was in the hurry of the moment that this occurred and was reported.

To prevent any possible confusion, therefore, I would like to state that the wording of the resolution which our representative will table at the next Central Council meeting will be decided after full consultation with the proposers and seconders of the original and amended motions.—Yours sincerely,

E. S. JOHN HATCHER,
Hon. Sec., U.A.C.R.

Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent.

THE CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Dear Sir,—The Christmas Quiz was both interesting and educative.

In trying to solve question four I discovered that the Parish Church of Brentor, Devon, which is a very early church dedicated to St. Michael de Rupe, contains a ring of five bells in going order, the bell frame of which is 1,155ft. above sea level, and it would be interesting to know the altitude of Holy Trinity, Queensbury, Bradford.

Incidentally, question nine could almost have been Launceston, Cornwall, with St. Mary Magdalene's (8), St. Stephen's (8), one mile away, and the Parish Church of St. Thomas-the-Apostle (6) just half-way between them.—Yours faithfully, GEORGE GRILLS.

Tavistock, Devon.

A VARSITY 'FIRST'

Dear Sir,—May I beg the hospitality of your columns to record that Miss Gillian A. Smith is to be congratulated on being the first lady to ring a peal for the Cambridge University Guild. It was hoped that this historic event would coincide with a peal in honour of the royal birth, but this attempt, on Monday, November 15th, was lost through the conductor's lack of experience. Another attempt, this time for a peal of Minor, was scheduled for November 23rd, but unfortunately one member of the band did not turn up. However, the third attempt, on December 4th, was successful, and a good peal was rung.—Yours faithfully,

M. R. D. HARFORD.

Trinity College, Cambridge.

A RINGERS' SUNDAY IN WILTSHIRE

At North Bradley, Wiltshire, on January 9th, a 'Ringers' Sunday' was observed, and the prayers and hymns were taken from the Salisbury Guild of Ringers' service. Four ringers read the lessons, and after the third collect four members of the local band rang a course of Grandsire Doubles 'in hand,' with 7, 6, 8 covering. The Vicar, in his sermon, spoke of the important part the bells play in the life of the church.

This is believed to be the first service of its kind in the district, and it is hoped to make it an annual event. The offertory was given towards the two new bells it is desired to install in the tower.

Diamond Wedding

Veteran ringer at Rotherfield, Sussex, is Mr. E. Bishop, who on Monday, January 17th, celebrated with Mrs. Bishop their diamond wedding.

Their 60 years of wedded happiness was marked by a party they gave in the British Legion Hall. The same day at 6 p.m. a peal attempt for Double Norwich Court Bob Major was made in their honour.



MR. E. BISHOP.

After the peal attempt Mr. W. Rogers, captain of the local ringers, presented Mr. and Mrs. Bishop with an engraved silver salver subscribed to by the Rotherfield Guild of Ringers.

Mr. Bishop still regularly rings the 23¼ cwt. tenor, and last November rang it to two quarter peals in three days. He rings Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent very well for his 84 years of age.

For 66 years he has been a regular attendant in the belfry, and can tell many a good story of local ringing. He recalls the days when Rotherfield had only five bells, and it took two-men to ring the tenor.

Of the bells, the tenor was cast in 1670 by John Hodson and the fifth in 1603. These are the only two original bells left, the other three were recast and three more added to make a ring of eight by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1907. To date only 49 peals have been rung on the bells, and it is sincerely hoped that the 50th will be associated with Mr. Bishop, who has rung the tenor to more peals than anyone so far.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT CARBIS BAY

On New Year's Eve the ringers and other workers at Carbis Bay were entertained to dinner by the Parochial Church Council at the Atlantic Hotel. The Vicar (Rev. A. S. Roberts) presided. After dinner everyone joined in and enjoyed games organised by Mr. and Mrs. Roberts. At 11.15 p.m. a move was made to the tower, and the bells rung first half-muffled, and at midnight open, to welcome 1949.

OBITUARY

MRS. C. H. PAGE.

Members of the North Staffordshire Association extend their deepest sympathy to Mr. C. H. Page in the loss he has sustained by the death of his wife on December 31st. Mrs. Page was a frequent visitor to meetings and outings, and her happy and charming personality won for her the friendship of a wide circle of friends.

The funeral service was on January 5th at St. Peter's, Stoke-on-Trent, the Rev. Osborn officiating in the absence of the Archdeacon (the Ven. P. Hartill). Many towers were represented, Mr. R. Anderson attending for the Association and Mr. A. Crawley for the Crewe Branch of the Chester Guild. The bells of St. Peter's Church were rung half-muffled before and after the service. At the graveside a course of Bob Minor was rung by F. E. Wilshaw 1-2, R. Anderson 3-4, A. D. Steel 5-6.

MR. L. A. PORRITT.

For many years secretary of the St. Lawrence, Ramsgate band, Mr. Leslie A. Porritt died on December 26th. As a mark of respect, 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung on December 30th by Miss B. Solly 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, J. A. Atkins 3, L. J. Hilton 4, J. A. Russell (cond.) 5, S. J. Gee 6, A. Purdom 7, W. J. Fairbeard 8.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

WIRRAL BRANCH.

The second annual social held at St. Saviour's Parish Hall, Oxton, Birkenhead, on December 30th, proved to be as equally successful as the first venture. Over 200 ringers and friends were present, and hon. members in attendance included the Vicar, the Rev. N. J. Blow (Dean-elect of Newcastle, Australia), and the Rector and Rural Dean of Wallasey (Rev. J. R. Spencer).

A varied programme of dances, games, novelties and entertainment resulted in all present capturing the festive spirit.

During the interval a presentation was made by young ringers of the branch to the chairman, Mr. J. Cooke, and the hon. secretary, Mr. A. J. Martin, as a mark of appreciation of their instruction at the weekly beginners' practice at Birkenhead St. Mary's. The gift was subscribed to by regular attenders at this practice.

At the conclusion, upon venturing into the night a blanket of snow was discovered, and all were thankful for the fleet of buses waiting to convey them to their respective homes in Wirral.

A. J. M.

5,057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

By J. E. ARNOLD.

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42365	1 2 3s
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Last eight courses five times repeated, calling bob for single at * in second and fifth parts, and omitting last course in sixth part, for:—

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Rounds the lead previous.

6th the extent in fifths for both positions.

Rung at Leighton Buzzard, Dec. 4th, 1948.

STAUNTON-ON-ARROW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 extents of Plain Bob, 10 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 20 of Grandsire

*Cynthia Stead (14) ... *Treble*	John D. Rock 4
Frederick R. Harris... 2	Leslie Evans 5
E. Peter Rock 3	Sidney Daniels ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie Evans.
* First peal. To celebrate the 'coming of age' of Miss Mary Preece, daughter of the local captain at this tower.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 26, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*Terry Thornber ... *Treble*	John B. Bennett 4
John Bramley 2	Alan Cattell 5
*Colin Walker 3	Ernest Morris ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by Alan Cattell.
* First peal of Minor. Rung on the silver wedding anniversary of the mother and father of the conductor.

FRANT, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Alban,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of a 720 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

*Henry N. Vaughan ... *Treble*	†Fredk. J. Lambert, jun. 4
*E. G. D. Tonkin (14)... 2	Wm. A. Kitchenside... 5
Arthur F. Lewry ... 3	Frank H. Hicks ... *Tenor*

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal in six methods. † 170th peal.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different callings. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

Lewis J. Last ... ... *Treble*	Sylvia R. E. Pipe ... 4
Alfred B. King 2	Ronald W. Steward ... 5
*George W. Pipe ... 3	Cecil W. Pipe ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by Sylvia R. E. Pipe.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

WATTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Robert C. Button ... *Treble*	Thomas A. A. Potter... 4
Albert E. Dixon 2	Frederick G. Williams 5
Edward Etheridge ... 3	Frederick C. Johnson... *Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick C. Johnson.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

*James M. Pemberton ... *Treble*	Arthur K. Humphreys... 4
*Trevor Sutton 2	Alfred W. Cusick ... 5
Thomas Smith 3	Charles B. Pemberton... *Tenor*

Conducted by Alfred W. Cusick.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

HALSE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 120's, 10 callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

Harry Comins ... ... *Treble*	*Tom Hancock 4
Claude Tarr 2	William A. J. Knight 5
Frank Branchflower ... 3	†William G. Hancock *Tenor*

Conducted by William A. J. Knight.
* First peal on six bells. † First peal. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three extents of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*Roger Leigh ... ... *Treble*	*Charles Clegg 4
*Chris. M. P. Johnson 2	D. Sanderson, R.A.F. 5
*Derek Whitford ... 3	†Laurence J. Williams *Tenor*

Conducted by Laurence J. Williams.
* First peal in three Minor methods. † 250th peal for the Lancashire Association. A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. C. Birkett, of Liverpool.

FOWNHOPE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Double Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Leslie Evans ... ... *Treble*	*E. Peter Rock 4
John D. Rock 2	Michael P. Moreton... 5
*Reginald T. Jones ... 3	Wilfrid F. Moreton... *Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal in seven Minor methods. In memoriam Richard Godfrey Parsons, Lord Bishop of Hereford and president of the Guild.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of York Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

*Miriam F. Pettitt ... *Treble*	Andrew C. Sinfield ... 4
C. Edward Jeffries ... 2	C. Henry Harding ... 5
Ronald J. Sharp ... 3	Bryan F. Sims ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by C. Henry Harding.
* First peal in seven methods.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each Double Court, Double and Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford T.B. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

*John W. C. Blythe ... *Treble*	C. Henry Harding ... 4
*Harold S. Peacock ... 2	†Stanley Gilbert 5
Frank W. Lack 3	Frank Warrington ... *Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Warrington.
* First in seven methods. † First in seven methods 'inside.'

HANDBELL PEALS

LONDON.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Tues., Dec. 21, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
In the Crypt of the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 18 in A.

Thomas H. Francis ... 1-2	Cecil J. Matthews ... 5-6
Betty Spice 3-4	William L. B. Leese ... 7-8

Composed by H. Howlett. Conducted by Betty Spice.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 22, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes.*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 17 in A.

Herbert A. Mitchell ... 1-2	William G. Young ... 5-6
Daniel T. Matkin 3-4	*George E. Evendon ... 7-8

Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
* First peal 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1948, *in* 1 *Hour and* 32 *Minutes,*
At 11, Exton Road,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 extents: 12 of Stedman, 15 of Plain Bob (4 callings) and 15 of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor size 17 in A.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay... 1-2	Daniel T. Matkin 3-4
*William G. Young ... 5-6	

Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
Witness: F. J. Marshallsay.

A NOTE ON METHOD STRUCTURE

(Continued from page 19 of the previous issue.)

BY A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

It seems fitting to open this instalment with a reminder that controversies of earlier years have not always necessarily closed a technical subject. Persistent research has opened up, in this case, new vistas with new conclusions, likely to modify the whole outlook. It is accordingly unavoidable that new and strange terms enter the discussion. They provide ready reference and promote quicker explanation.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF EXTENSION.—We have seen that a Proximate extension must contain, at full- and half-leads, the pivot places of the basic method; or, to put it another way, there must be no variation of the basic work in the two cross-sections each where the treble leads and lies. But this is only one feature, and we may say at once that in assessing any Proximate extension there are TEN qualities or characteristics to be considered, as applicable in, order of importance. They determine positively whether any 'extension' may claim to be genuine and, if so, what degree of prior claim it has. We proceed to discover, discuss and tabulate these characteristics. But first the ground must be cleared of ambiguity.

THE GRID.—It is unfortunate that several terms and phrases in ringing have more than one meaning. 'Course' with four is typical. 'Lead' is just as bad. In conversation little difficulty arises with an additional phrase to make the meaning clear; but in reasoned analysis, where the one word may serve to convey some of its different meanings in one sentence, logical argument tends to become obstructed and obscured. Of the several meanings of 'Lead,' that which connotes a set of rows as described in paragraph A of the previous instalment (roughly from one treble-lead position to the next) needs a distinctive name, and more generic, i.e., to cover a similar set of rows in a method ('principle') which is **not** treble dominated, e.g., Stedman. Now consider these groups of rows as sets of numeric symbols all neatly arranged in columns, distinguishable as 'o' (odd) and 'e' (even) according to the number of bells represented; and in rows distinguishable as 'h' (handstroke) and 'b' (backstroke), of twice the number of bells in plain or four times the number in treble-bob, hunt-controlled methods. Then each of these numeric symbols could have drawn round it a small square, and these closely-packed squares would form a 'grid' of columns and rows. This rectangular GRID is the basis of all method structure in 'methods' and 'principles' alike. And these Grids are 'linked' together by 'P.L.' (plain) or 'B.L.' (bobbed) or "S.L." (singled) 'Grid-links.' ('L' here means 'link.')

GRID-SECTIONS.—In all methods as practised to-day the changes produced are shown, in the appropriate grid, as symbols which interchange places, in the columns, in pairs. Consequently the rows are associated also in pairs, or 'Sections.' In plain hunt-controlled methods the treble crosses from one section to the next after every second row. In Treble Bob methods she crosses from one section of the grid to the next after every fourth row. These 'Grid-sections' are as readily identifiable as the individual squares of the grid, preferably by the nomenclature indicated in the following paragraph; but alternatively as 'The 1-2 up section' or 'the 7-8 down section,' and so on.

GRID-SQUARE NOMENCLATURE. — In this abridged extract we are unable to discuss in detail the very useful system of identification or naming of the grid-squares and grid-sections. But the interested reader may like to know that it has been fully developed to suit any grid, and that a column, row, section or even square, once given a name in the basic grid, retains that designation throughout any process of extension or contraction, appearing or disappearing in the varying grids. Even the theorem of displacement in grid expansion, proving discontinuity of the hunt-bell's path (in other words, new grid-sections always enter at inner part of new grid), and which proves the impracticability of numbering the rows of a 'lead' from the head downwards, is fully accommodated by this system. The 'leading' pair of columns of any grid is always under 'A' and the 'lying' pair under 'Z.' Each column in a pair is, of course, either 'o' or 'e.' The rows are nominated correspondingly, the first pair being 'A' and so on, with the stroke of the row indicated under 'h' or 'b.' The reflected half of the grid (see paragraph B of previous article) has its row letters prefixed by 'r.' For lack of space the accompanying very simple grid of plain Minimus must suffice here, as an example. Each square takes its name from the column above it and the row alongside it. So the first square of the grid-head row is Ao-Ah always. Again, the last square but one, for instance, in the last or grid-base row, is Zo-rAh always. 'Always' as long as we stick to single hunt-controlled methods! But how many ringers have realised that while twin-hunt methods, such as Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Hereward Bob, London Bob, St. Clement's, etc., begin their grids with a handstroke blow, every single-hunt method, such as Plain Bob, Double Norwich (not D.N. Caters!), Kent Treble Bob, all Surprise methods, etc., begin their Grids (or of you like, 'leads') with a grid-head (or lead-head) row which is a **back**-stroke blow? The importance of realising this fully is seen in the fact that no adequate definition of 'forward hunting' or 'reverse hunting' is possible without it, and may be regarded as lacking hitherto.

		A Z
		oeoe
	h	1234
A	h	2143
Z	b	2413
	h	4231
	b	4321
rZ	h	3412
rA	b	3142
	h	1324
		1234

'FORWARD' AND 'REVERSE' HUNTING.—These may be defined thus: 'In forward hunting, at a handstroke blow, bells are moving UP from odd columns into even ones, and DOWN from even ones into odd ones; and conversely at a backstroke blow. In reverse hunting the whole process is reversed.' (The second blow at lead may always be regarded as 'up' for this purpose, while the second blow at the lie may always be so regarded as 'down.')

(To be continued.)

PROPAGANDA AT BOURNEMOUTH

Mr. A. V. Davis has addressed Bournemouth Inner Wheel on 'Bells.' Proceedings opened with a touch of Grandsire Triples, in which Mr. Davis was assisted by Andrew Pearmain, Bruce Rogers and John Davis. A scale model of a bell (loaned by Mr. J. M. Turner, of Southbourne) was on view. Similar lectures have been given to the Southbourne Men's Club and to the Soroptimists' Club.

As the outcome of the ringing of carol tunes by St. Peter's Youth Club, Bournemouth, several young folk have asked for instruction at Bournemouth during 1949.

WRINGTON RINGERS' SUPPER

The Wrington bellringers held their annual supper at the Golden Lion on January 8th. After an excellent meal, Mr. H. W. Knight welcomed the Rector (Rev. A. Talbot), Mrs. Hesse and the other visitors, the Rector, in his reply, thanking the ringers for inviting them to such a splendid meal. Mr. Hesse and Mr. L. W. Pullin also spoke. Handbells were rung before and after supper.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. and Mrs. Harold SMITH, late of Melksham, is now 6, Lansdowne Terrace, The Grove, Twyford, Berks. 4683

MISCELLANEOUS

Ringer wishes to buy British, colonial, any foreign COINS.—Write Box 4657, 'The Ringing World,' Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford. 4657

NEWARK PARISH CHURCH (10).—An open practice will be held the last Tuesday in every month, 7.15. Visitors welcome.—J. W. Raithby, Tower Sec. 4685

PEAL DETAILS REQUIRED

In order to bring the tower records up to date, details of peals rung at St. Matthew's, Northowram, Halifax, other than for the Yorkshire Association, will be very much appreciated.—W. G. Turner, 4, Marldon Road, Northowram, Halifax. 4682

FOR SALE

INKWELL, bell model, 3in. diameter, in solid silver, 5 gns.; other sizes made to order. —E. Ronnebeck, silver craftsman, 153, High Street, Guildford. 4684

PUBLICATIONS

'CHANGE RINGING ON HANDBELLS.' —The first official book on this subject. Price 2s. post free, from Hon. Librarian, Central Council, W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, Hertfordshire.

'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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MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Sittingbourne (8) on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.15.—B. W. May, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4640

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Christchurch District. — Annual, Christchurch, Jan. 22nd. Bells (12) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 4681

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Jan. 22nd, St. Chad's, 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea and business. Ringing at St. Chad's in the evening.—C. A. Barron, 15, Claremont Hill, Shrewsbury. 4642

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. St. John's bells (12) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Church Hall, Silverdale Road. 4603

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Service All Saints' 4. Tea and meeting after service. All Saints' bells (8) from 3 and after meeting. 4621

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available 3 to 5.—G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 4618

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. All Saints' (8), 2 to 4.45. Both All Saints' and St. Giles' (10) after meeting until 9. Committee meet Parish Hall, Ropergate. 3. Fish tea (3s. per head) at Co-operative Cafe, Beastfair, 5. Meeting same room immediately afterwards. Tea tickets at St. Giles' Vestry 4 to 5. One minute from cafe.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 4617

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, Dorchester, Jan. 22nd. Bells (8) 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting after.—J. Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 4650

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Huntingdon, Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells: St. Mary's (8), 3, All Saints' (6) 4. Service All Saints' 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec 4646

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—High Wycombe, Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Committee meeting 3.45. Bells 6.—A. D. Barker. 4666

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Annual meeting, Wisbech, Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea. Business meeting in belfry 6.—W. Buckenham, Marham, King's Lynn. 4677

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Annual meeting, Jan. 22nd, St. Peter's, 2.30. Tea, Parochial Room, 5. Meeting, ringing Cathedral after. 4674

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Measham (8), Jan. 22nd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Take own food.—J. Cotton. 4676

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual, Cambridge, Jan. 22nd. Bells: St. Andrew's-the-Great (8), 2.30; St. Bene't's (6) 2.30-4 and after 6.45; St. Mary's-the-Great (12), 6.30. Service 4.15 at St. Andrew's. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., St. Andrew's Parish Room, Emmanuel Road. 4675

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, Jan. 29th, 2.30. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow. St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and Willesden bells during evening.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 4652

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting, Basingstoke, Jan. 29th. St. Michael's and All Saints' bells available. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Jan. 25th to G. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 4655

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual meeting, Ely, St. Mary's (8), Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, St. Mary's Cafe, almost opposite church.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 4658

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Portsea, Jan. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in the Institute. Business meeting follows. Names by Jan. 24th.—John H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 4661

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next business meeting Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Jan. 29th, 3. Practice Southwark Cathedral, Jan. 18th, 6.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 4672

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual district meeting, Saturday, Jan. 29th, at Royston. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Jan. 26th, please, to Rev. Canon F. F. Greig, The Vicarage, Royston, Herts.—A. E. Symonds, Dis Sec. 4670

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual meeting at Farnham (8), Saturday, Jan. 29th, 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30 in Coffee House (near Church). Names for tea by Monday previous to C. Denyer, 115, West Street, Farnham.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4671

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Wulfram's, Grantham (10), Jan. 29th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mr. S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham, by Jan. 24th, please.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 4669

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—Meeting St. Thomas' (8), Moorside, Oldham, Jan. 29th. Bells 2 to 6.45 p.m. Meeting 4.30.—N. Edwards, 16, Portugal Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs. 4667

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Ambrose's (8), Jan. 29th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol, 7. 4687

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Annual meeting, Witton, Jan. 29th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 2s. Names by Jan. 24th to Alfred Johnson, Elston, King Street, Rudheath, Northwich.—H. Howard. 4689

LLANDAFF AND MON. ASSOCIATION.—Dedication of Blaenavon bells (8), Saturday, Jan. 29th, 3.30. Tea provided, 1s. 6d. each. Names for tea to Mr. C. Stokes, 28, Park Street, Blaenavon. 4692

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the Grimsby District to be held at St. James', Grimsby, on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Grange Hotel near the church. Business meeting at Church House 6 p.m. Please send your name to me by Wednesday, Jan. 26th, for tea. Then come.—Herbert I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby. 4690

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Annual meeting Ilminster, Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Tuesday, Jan. 25th, for tea.—J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Taunton. 4696

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting Towcester, Saturday, Jan. 29th. Service 3.30. Tea to follow. Names to Mr. V. Burt, 4, Hesketh Terrace, Towcester. 4693

OXFORD GUILD.—Southern Oxon Branch. —Quarterly meeting at Watlington, Oxon, Saturday, Jan. 29th, 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by Jan. 25th to H. Badger, 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame, Oxon. 4697

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's (8), Northampton, Jan. 29th. Committee 3.30. Names for tea by Jan. 26th to Mr. Eric Nobles, 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 4698

LADIES' GUILD.—Wiltshire District.—A meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mrs. W. C. West, 584, Semington Road, Melksham, by Jan. 18th. 4702

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Own arrangements for tea. Business meeting in tower 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12. 4710

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Annual meeting at Syston, Jan. 29th. Names by the 26th, please, to Mr. E. Payne, 6, The Green, Syston.—H. Morton. 4704

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Annual meeting at Doncaster on Jan. 29th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. No names, no tea.—W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 4705

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Annual meeting Cathedral, Jan. 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Names for tea not later than 26th.—Geo. G. Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 4706

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Butterwick on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Hall 5. Names for tea by Monday, Jan. 24th, to Mr. W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 4699

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch. — Compton, Saturday, Feb. 5th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. W. Turvey, Fair View, Compton, Newbury, by Wednesday, Feb. 2nd. 4700

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 5th, at Southwark, St. George-the-Martyr, 3 to 4.45. Cathedral, 4 to 5 and evening. Service 5 in Cathedral. Tea 5.45 in Chapter House. All peal books available. Handbell contest. Report book 1939 to 1948 inclusive available, price 1s. 6d. Everyone welcome. Names for tea, please. Practice meeting Lambeth, Monday, Feb. 7th, 7.15.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 4680

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Junior Section.—Annual social, St. Mary's Hall, Hemel Hempstead, Saturday, Feb. 5th, 7-11. Tickets 2s. (including refreshments) from T. G. Morton, 46, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. Please apply early. 4701

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Lutterworth, Feb. 5th. Misterton (6) also available during the afternoon. Further details next week.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 4703

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight Branch.—Annual meeting at Carisbrooke on Feb. 5th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea only to those who inform the secretary by January 31st.—Mrs. A. M. Guy, 3, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport. 4707

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Meeting at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, Feb. 5th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5. Tea (2s. 6d. per head) for those notifying me by Jan. 29th. There are no other facilities nearby. Next combined practice Dartford, Feb. 10th, 7.30 to 9, and second Thursday in each month thereafter.—A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 4694

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Annual district meeting, Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (10 and 8) at 3. Important business of election of new district secretary. Names for tea by Feb. 2nd, please.—A. Gillings, Horringer. 4686

CUMBERLAND AND N.W. ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, February 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Meeting 5.30. Names for tea before Jan. 31st to M. Johnston, 24, Bedford Street, Hensingham, Whitehaven. 4688

LLANDAFF AND MON. ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Llantwit Major (6), Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Cups of tea provided; bring food.—F. J. Hannington. 4691

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford District.—Annual Sleaford (8), Feb. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 Church Room. Names to Mrs. Wray, Kesteven Street, Sleaford, by Jan. 31st. 4695

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.—S. Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting, Diss, on Sat. Feb. 5th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 in Waveney Cafe (opposite Corn Hall) for those who notify by Feb. 1st. Special invitation to Suffolk ringers. Subscriptions, please.— A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk. 4708

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting at Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells from 2. Service 3.45. Tea and business meeting at Duke's Head 4.30. Please notify Mr. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by Feb. 2nd. 4709

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CHANGE RINGING ON HANDBELLS

By JOHN E. SPICE.

RINGERS will welcome the Central Council's new publication, 'Change Ringing on Handbells,' by Christopher W. Wooley. This valuable little book is a guide to handbell ringing from the earliest stages up to Surprise Major. Assuming only a knowledge of the rudiments of change ringing, it begins with the plain hunting positions on six bells, and goes on to the work of the various pairs in courses and touches of Bob Minor and Bob Major. This is the longest section of the book and the most important, since most methods are based—both in theory and in handbell ringing practice—on the plain hunting positions and the Plain Bob method, which must therefore be known inside out. If the extremely lucid treatment given here cannot ensure such a understanding, then nothing will. Other Plain and Treble Bob Minor methods are then discussed, careful directions are given for the ringing of Double Norwich, and finally there are sections on Surprise Major methods (the standard four) and on conducting. Little is said about Stedman, and less about Grandsire, but, as is pointed out, the former method offers its own peculiar problems which need to be solved in isolation from the other standard methods, while the latter should offer no particular difficulty to the ringer well accustomed to Plain Bob.

'Ringing by the places' is advocated throughout, and handbell ringers of the 'two blue-lines' school may for this reason feel that the book is not for them. But they will nevertheless find much in its pages to interest and help them, and they must in any case remember that a handbell treatise based exclusively on the 'two blue-lines' technique need only consist of the one sentence, 'learn all the possible work of your pair and practise hard.'

The least satisfactory part of the book may be felt to be that on Surprise methods, consisting as it does of a somewhat indigestible list of places to be made and directions to be followed. This underlines the fact that the book is most emphatically a companion and guide to handbell ringing, rather than a set of infallible, ex cathedra pronouncements. In conjunction with actual ringing practice, the most formidable looking explanations have new light thrown upon them, and seemingly intractable difficulties usually sort themselves out. All the same, more stress might have been laid on the section (i.e., the four rows with the treble in any one dodging position) as the working unit of Treble Bob and Surprise methods. It may not always be a theoretically sound unit, but when actually ringing it helps immensely to 'think in fours' and to get into a Treble Bob dodging frame of mind—even though the internal places often cause plain hunting instead of dodging. Again, to think of (say) 5ths and 8ths being made when the treble is dodging in 3-4 in Cambridge Major is more difficult in practice to regard the work as 'plain hunting at the back,' when the places will be made automatically. But, of course, every ringer who has progressed so far will have his own particular angle on the art, and the object of any set of directions must be to put one on the right road, rather than map out the route completely. Critics of 'ringing by the places' sometimes object that it destroys the sense of movement in ringing—that handbell ringing thus becomes nothing but a 'pricking of changes' and a static rather than a dynamic process. In a sense this is true; but as soon as the handbell ringer acquires confidence he begins to use so many different aids in his ringing, and to rely not least on a new and delightful kind of rhythm—a rhythm quite peculiar to handbell ringing—that, in fact, the objection carries but little weight.

It is to be hoped that users of the book will follow the advice given in the foreword, and mark in the lines on the diagrams. For these lines to have been printed would have meant the use of blocks, and the book would then have been much more expensive. One minor criticism is the lack of any index or table of contents. On the other hand, a particularly pleasing feature is the way in which long stretches of explanation are enlivened with practical hints, which

are valuable both in themselves and for the way in which they continually keep theory wedded to practice. These hints are evidently culled from long (and sometimes bitter) experience, and reading between the lines one feels that if, some day, the author had time to produce a collection of personal reminiscences of the funnier side of handbell ringing, such a volume would be well worth reading. For the time being, however, we must be content with the present work, and the grateful thanks of the Exercise are certainly due to Mr. Woolley for the very capable way in which he has carried it out.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN PINFOLD ...	...*Treble*	*JOHN S. WALTON ...	7
HENRY H. FEARN	2	ALBERT WALKER	8
FRANK E. HAYNES ...	3	ARTHUR D. COOK ...	9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	4	JOHN N. LINDON ...	10
HERBERT C. SPENCER ...	5	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	11
ALLAN SHORT	6	JOHN SCOTT	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HERBERT C. SPENCER.
* First peal on twelve bells.

IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM TILLETT	...*Treble*	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ...	7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ...	2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	8
*GEORGE W. PIPE ...	3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	9
HOBART E. SMITH ...	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	10
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CECIL W. PIPE	6	JOHN F. TILLETT ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.
* First peal of Cambridge Maximus, aged 13.

TEN BELL PEALS

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 29, 1948, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;
Tenor 31¼ cwt.

EWART A. ANDREWS	...*Treble*	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ...	6
MISS MARGARET ROWLAND	2	PATRICK HARRIS	7
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ...	3	HARRY A. PLUMB	8
JOHN THOMAS	4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ...	9
FREDERICK G. NURDEN ...	5	WILFRED J. NEWMAN	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Oliver Hunt, town clerk of Evesham, interred the same day.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E flat.

JOYCE A. ENGLAND	...*Treble*	HAROLD N. PITSTOW ...	6
DAVID E. PARSONS ...	2	JOHN F. GALYER	7
*JILL BRITTAIN	3	ARTHUR J. W. HUGHES	8
DENIS N. LAYTON ...	4	FRANK D. JENNINGS ...	9
ALBERT J. ADAMS ...	5	EDWARD G. TALBOT	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. E. PITSTOW. Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.
* 25th peal. First peal on ten as conductor. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

CARDIFF.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

FRANK J. BAILEY	...*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	6
JOHN W. JONES	2	*GWYN I. LEWIS	7
TREVOR M. RODERICK...	3	ALBERT J. PITMAN ...	8
FREDK. J. HANNINGTON	4	ROBERT E. COLES ...	9
*ALFRED HANNINGTON ...	5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hannington for their silver welding. Tenor 27 cwt.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

*DONALD PEARSON	...*Treble*	*HAROLD C. LONYON ...	6
MRS. C. W. LAWTON ...	2	JOHN WORTH	7
*STANLEY PICKFORD ...	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	8
*JUNE HENSHAW	4	FRANK YATES	9
CHARLES W. LAWTON...	5	GORDON HENSHAW	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 15, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ROBERT A. FREEMAN	...*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS	5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ...	2	PATRICK HARRIS	6
MISS MARGARET ROWLAND	3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ...	7
MRS. J. THOMAS	4	GEORGE FREEMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. John Champion, son of the Rector of Hinton.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

DAVID BEVERIDGE	...*Treble*	†T. MARK WHITE	5
MARGARET FIDELL ...	2	WILLIAM ROGERS	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ...	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ...	7
*C. ERNEST SMITH ...	4	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* 200th peal for the Guild. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*MAURICE G. TURNER	...*Treble*	*ERIC E. SPEAKE	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ...	2	THOMAS HEMMING ...	6
*HOWARD HOWELL ...	3	*ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	7
*RICHARD J. WARRILOW...	4	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (No. 8). Conducted by A. V. PEARSON.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*SYLVIA R. E. PIPE	...*Treble*	*WILLIAM J. BUTTON ...	5
†RUSSELL PARKER	2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	6
GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	3	ALBERT E. WHITING ...	7
CHARLES E. FISHER ...	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	...*Tenor*

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*HERBERT SUTTON ...	...*Treble*	*FREDK. S. SUTTON ...	5
*WILFRED KERR	2	*EDWARD J. BOFFEY ...	6
RICHARD D. LANGFORD	3	*J. WILLIAM EDGE ...	7
*JOHN E. BROUGH ...	4	GEORGE A. PACKER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by GEORGE A. PACKER.
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On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
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*ALBERT PEGG	2	*ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS...	6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ...	3	*GEORGE POYNTZ	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	THOMAS SIMMONS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Triples. Composition is now rung for the first time.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*FRED C. LYNE ...	...*Treble*	†ARTHUR SHOREY	5
FRED G. KINCHIN ...	2	*CHARLES N. EDWIN ...	6
VIVIAN B. HUNT	3	C. ARTHUR MANNING ...	7
†KENNETH WHEELER ...	4	LEONARD KINCHIN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal on eight bells.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE MARTIN	...*Treble*	EDWARD TIMPSON	5
ARTHUR NEWTON	2	F. DONALD BOREHAM ...	6
ARTHUR R. BLABY	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
PERCY NEWTON	4	VICTOR EVANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.
In memoriam Frederick G. Biggs.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN W. BEST	...*Treble*	PERCY SWINDLEY ...	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ...	2	†DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
MISS NANCY P. BIRKS	3	HENRY O. BAKER	7
*JOHN HAYES	4	‡AMOS LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.
* 150th peal. † First peal of Stedman on a working bell. ‡ First peal.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

WM. J. LEACH (comtee.)	*Treble*	E. W. BEADSMORE (c'tee.)	5
J. W. COTTON (sec.) ...	2	WM. CURSON (chairman)	6
*J. H. BRITTAN (treas.)...	3	SID. H. JONES (comtee.)	7
T. MARRIOTT (comtee.)	4	B. G. KEY (R'g. Master)	*Tenor*

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' All are officers of the above Guild. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

*VERNON BOTTOMLEY	...*Treble*	*GORDON C. BRIGGS ...	5
*ERNEST RAYNER	2	HAROLD WALKER	6
LEONARD DRAKE	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	7
*ARNOLD COLE	4	RONALD H. DOVE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. The first peal on the light eight.

ARKSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

*MRS. IRENE SOMERVILLE	*Treble*	†J. MARTIN THORLEY ...	5
†MILTON C. FOWLER ...	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ...	6
HARRY MORGAN	3	†ERNEST COOPER	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER ...	4	ARNOLD HILL	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal of Major and of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. The conductor's 200th peal for the Yorkshire Association.

BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's (Johnson's Variation). Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

ERNEST T. CARVELL	...*Treble*	CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	5
JOHN COOKE	2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN...	6
ALFRED W. CUSICK ...	3	*FRANK T. PARRY	7
JAMES H. COOKE	4	WILLIAM DEAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM DEAN.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 3, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation).
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

*WILLIAM M. STEPNEY	...*Treble*	*BENJAMIN STEPNEY ...	5
GEORGE BEENEY	2	FRANK H. HICKS	6
*E. GAVAN D. TONKIN...	3	JOHN HOBDEN	7
†ERNEST E. BREED ...	4	†MAURICE PUTTOCK ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN HOBDEN.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First peal as conductor.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 4, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
H. Johnson's Variation. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

*ERNEST T. CARVELL	...*Treble*	*JAMES H. COOKE ...	5
*ALFRED W. CUSICK ...	2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN...	6
*CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	3	*JOHN COOKE	7
†BRIAN D. THRELFALL ...	4	*WILLIAM DEAN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. A 20th birthday compliment to B. D. Threlfall.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 4, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD	...*Treble*	*PETER T. ROBBINS ...	5
BETTY SPICE	2	*S. GEOFFREY WATERS...	6
DORIS G. DOBBIE	3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ...	7
GEORGE H. SPICE	4	WILFRID F. MORETON...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.
* First peal of Surprise.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Comprising 960 London, 480 Rutland, 320 Eastcote, 320 Bristol, 320 New Gloucester, 320 Wordsworth, 320 Wembley, 320 Norfolk, 320 Cambridge, 320 Superlative, 320 Yorkshire, 320 Lincolnshire, 320 Pudsey, and 160 Watford, with 139 changes of method.
Tenor 7¾ cwt. in A flat.

EDWIN G. MOORE ...	...*Treble*	BETTY SPICE	5
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ...	2	ALAN R. PINK	6
MARGARET L. TUTT ...	3	WILFRID F. MORETON ...	7
MARIE R. CROSS	4	WALTER F. JUDGE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. F. JUDGE.
The first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in fourteen methods by all the band.

SIX BELL PEALS

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 5, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores (4 callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb. in F sharp.

*C. John Piper (13)	*Treble*	E. G. D. Tonkin (14)	4
†Michael G. Collins (14)	2	Frank H. Hicks	5
Wm. M. Stepney (13)	3	Benjamin Stepney	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. Gavan D. Tonkin.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal of Plain Bob Doubles by all the band. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

*Bertram Hubbard	*Treble*	W. Arthur Riddington	4
Ernest Morris	2	Alan Cattell	5
Harold Kilby	3	John J. Morris	*Tenor*

Conducted by John J. Morris.

* First peal of Surprise.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

John W. Moore	*Treble*	Charles McGuiness	4
Miss Evelyn Wright	2	Kenneth W. Mayer	5
Charles E. Brown	3	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. E. B. James. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
Rung to welcome Rev. J. Lawson, Rector of Blankney.

HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 31, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt.

*Mrs. R. Rendell	*Treble*	R. W. White	4
Miss F. Poole	2	W. C. Turner	5
A. S. Atyeo	3	G. W. Rendell	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. W. Rendell.

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

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 31, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Ernest Pimblott	*Treble*	John Worth	4
John W. L. Slack	2	Charles W. Lawton	5
Mrs. C. W. Lawton	3	Joseph W. Whittaker	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Worth.

* First peal of Minor.

PELSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., Dec. 31, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 6 extents April Day, 8 of Plain Bob (4 callings), 8 of Morris' 240 (8 callings), 12 of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 7 cwt.

William C. Stackhouse	*Treble*	George Golder	4
Harry Claridge	2	Joseph Gregory	5
Eric Claridge	3	Wilfred Rowley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joseph. Gregory.

SMARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 31, 1948, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

Harry Baker	*Treble*	Mark S. Lancefield	4
*John L. Morris	2	Mark W. Marshall	5
William C. Marshall	3	*Frank C. W. Knight	*Tenor*

Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.

* First peal of Minor.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Three different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Margaret E. L. Beamish	*Treble*	Alfred J. Hinde	4
Margaret D. Reeves	2	W. Brian Ellender	5
Douglas E. Ellender	3	Hubert E. Ashley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Margaret E. L. Beamish.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. First as conductor, aged 13 years. Rung to mark the completion of 21 years' ministry at the above church by the Vicar, Rev. J. H. Dingley, a vice-president of the Guild.

DEAL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

William Bottrill	*Treble*	†Wilfred C. E. Goldup	4
Alfred C. Gambrill	2	Edward J. Wells	5
*John H. Baxter	3	‡Martin M. Milner	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Bottrill.

* First peal of Doubles. † First 'inside.' ‡ First peal. To commemorate the 250th anniversary year of the granting of the Charter to the Borough of Deal.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Hermon J. Oliver	*Treble*	Gerald Frost	4
Frank C. May	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Donald Coombes	3	William Theobald	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents in seventeen methods, viz.: (1) (Spliced) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob; (2) (Spliced) Willesden and Newdigate Delight; (3) (Spliced) Old Oxford and College Bob IV. Delight; (4) (Spliced) Wragby and Charlwood Delight; (5) (Spliced) Neasden and St. Albans Delight; (6) (Spliced) Kingston, Sandal, Capel and London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob; (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

Norman Meakin	*Treble*	Arthur Hibbert	4
*Alex Richardson	2	Joseph W. Whittaker	5
*Syd Hough, jun.	3	James A. Milner	*Tenor*

Conducted by James A. Milner.

* First peal in 17 methods 'inside.'

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb.

David H. Pearce	*Treble*	William F. Butler	4
Miss Mary R. Jaycock	2	*Ernest E. Gosling	5
William Birmingham	3	†George Gilbert	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Gilbert.

* First of Minor 'inside.' † 150th peal of Minor. In memoriam Fred Biggs, buried at Hughenden on January 1st.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 Cambridge Surprise, three 720's Kent T.B. and one 720 each of Oxford T.B., St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*Arthur B. Cooper	*Treble*	*Donald Chadwick	4
*Roland T. Flint	2	Frederick Flint	5
*William Dickinson	3	Herbert T. Rooke	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.

* First peal in five methods. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Flint. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Flint.

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ADLINGTON, LANCS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: T. Barker 1, A. Rigby 2, J. Charnock (cond.) 3, J. Hill 4, T. Turner 5, F. Brownlow 6, J. Blackburn 7, J. H. Gartside 8.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On Jan. 2nd, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Wolstencroft 1, W. Harrison (first quarter 'inside,' 13) 2, J. B. Robinson (13) 3, R. H. Wimpenny 4, D. Ogden (cond., 15) 5, G. Taylor (11) 6.

BORDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: W. C. Marshall 1, W. A. Oldfield 2, P. D. Huckstepp 3, S. B. Dobbie 4, F. G. Huckstepp 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6, W. H. Dobbie 7, H. Parkes 8.

BOSTON, LINCS. — On Dec. 19th, 1,386 Grandsire Caters: K. Thompson 1, Miss L. Briggs 2, A. Freeston 3, R. Brown 4, S. Jessop 5, D. White 6, J. Pitch 7, F. Dewey 8, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 9, T. Freeston 10. Longest length in method for 1, 2, 3, 6 and 10.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,386 Grandsire Triples: E. Paulson 1, Miss C. Broome (first quarter) 2, Miss J. Dunn 3, H. W. Gregory 4, G. H. Paulson 5, D. Scott (first 'inside') 6, H. E. Taylor (cond.) 7, N. Hotchen 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples, conducted by G. H. Paulson, in which E. Paulson rang first 'inside.'

DODDERHILL, DROITWICH. — On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Wilson 1, G. E. Large (cond.) 2, R. G. Morris 3, A. Morgan 4, R. W. Sayers 5, R. Woodyatt 6, D. R. Morris 7, F. G. Yates 8.

EBBW VALE, MON.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Miss R. Mary Davies 1, T. Stephens 2, R. Stephens 3, J. Alsop 4, J. Worrell (cond.) 5, B. D. Price 6, D. G. Clift 7, Leonard Derrick 8.

EXETER, DEVON.—At St. Thomas' on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. L. Oliver (first quarter) 1, E. W. Biffin 2, E. J. Ryall (first 'inside') 3, W. A. Wills 4, R. Truman 5, C. P. Yates 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, H. Wills 8.

QUARTER PEALS

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. G. Bartholomew 1, W. J. Barrett 2, A. Hubble 3, A. Edwards 4, H. W. Shadrack 5, A. Meadowcroft 6, P. J. Eves (first of Triples as cond.) 7, B. Bover 8. First of Triples 6 and 8.

GLASGOW. — At St. Mary's Cathedral on Jan. 2nd, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: A. E. Haynes 1, R. O. Street (cond.) 2, J. Hutchison 3, Miss Ruth How (first of Caters) 4, H. F. Sargent 5, R. M. Preston 6, E. Boumphrey 7, E. A. Stafford 8, T. C. Winderam 9, R. W. Sear 10.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,280 Double Norwich: V. Evans 1, J. Kape 2, R. Biggs 3, A. Cox 4, Miss A. Smith 5, D. Cox 6, A. R. Blaby 7, W. Lee 8. First in method by 1, 2 and 5.

HUNTINGDON. — At All Saints' on Jan. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob: A. T. Howes (first quarter Minor) 1, J. Blythe 2, J. Spicer 3, C. J. Young 4, C. Gravette 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. K. Parr 1, Sheila E. Harris 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, S. Croft 4, F. D. Bishop 5, R. W. Rogers (cond.) 6, D. J. Charnley 7, H. Brooks 8.

LEYTONSTONE, E. — On Dec. 12th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: J. H. Lott 1, Miss A. M. Castle 2, N. G. Hollingworth 3, T. H. Taffender 4, C. W. Ottley 5, W. A. Theobald 6, J. Bullock 7, E. D. Smith (cond.) 8.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS. — On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. A. Tremeer 1, F. N. Lane (first quarter 'inside') 2, Miss E. K. Knight (first of Triples) 3, H. Newnham 4, A. D. Tremeer (first as cond.) 5, G. Allen 6, E. Lane 7, J. Nicholl (first quarter) 8.

PORTSMOUTH. — On Dec. 31st, at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Duguid 1, Miss C. Burbidge 2, Miss H. Dale (first as cond.) 3, Mrs. E. F. Salmons 4, J. D. Harris 5, L. Pearson 6, E. F. Salmons 7, H. T. Macey 8.

PLYMOUTH.—On Dec. 25th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. Holmes 1, A. S. Weatherly 2, G. H. Myers 3, A. W. Myers 4, J. H. Tippett 5, A. Mitchelmore 6, H. F. Myers 7, S. O'Shaughnessy 8, T. G. Myers (cond.) 9, D. F. Wheeler 10. This is the first quarter-peal ever accomplished on these bells on a Christmas Day.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX. — On Jan. 2nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss Ann Turner 1, P. Coombes 2, A. Reeve 3, R. Brown 4, W. Perry 5, J. Belcham 6, T. Loxton 7, F. Souter 8, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 9, B. Sadler 10.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. M. Castle 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss K. Branson 3, J. Bullock 4, N. G. Hollingworth 5, W. A. Theobald 6, C. W. Ottley 7, F. W. Wicks 8.

READING, BERKS.—On Jan. 2nd, at St. Laurence's, 1,261 Stedman Caters: A. Diserens 1, Mrs. D. Catterall 2, H. Tucker 3, Miss P. Hart 4, H. Sweetzer 5, T. Lanaghan 6, E. Humfrey (cond.) 7, R. Burton 8, C. Watts 9, E. G. Foster 10.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Strand 1, R. E. Tiller 2, C. W. Reed 3, L. Harris 4, R. Marlow 5, B. R. Tiller 6, W. E. Cheater (cond.) 7, C. Drayson 8. In memoriam H. Kerley, former member.

RUGBY.—On Dec. 24th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Reverse Stedman, St. Simon's, Canterbury, Grandsire, Bob Doubles, Stedman and April Day: Mrs. W. Vann 1, W. Vann 2, A. E. Barlow (cond.) 3, R. Gibbons 4, C. Underwood 5.

SLOUGH, BUCKS. — On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Butler 1, R. Purchase 2, J. Brooks 3, R. Posnett 4, D. H. Pearce (first quarter as cond.) 5, E. J. Briden 6.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS. — On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: B. Latham 1, S. C. Thain 2, G. Latham (cond.) 3, E. Risbey 4, R. J. Thain 5, F. Garland 6.

WROTHAM, KENT. — On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. S. B. Marchant 1, A. V. Kemp 2, Edna M. Sills (cond.) 3, C. E. East 4, R. L. Sills 5, C. Shaw 6.

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Peals rung in 1948 totalled 2,637 (2,364 tower bells, 273 handbells), compared with 2,176 in 1947. The Kent County Association head the Associations with 150 on tower bells and six 'in hand.'

First peal by a band of ladies for the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths was scored at Bexley, Kent, on January 15th. It was Cambridge Surprise Major; conductor, Miss Betty Spice.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. G. H. Cross was elected Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths on Saturday in succession to Mr. Walter Ayre. The voting was Mr. G. H. Cross 43, Mr. Frank E. Hawthorne 20, Mr. T. G. Bevan 13. A report will appear in our next issue.

Names omitted from our list of ringers who have rung 40 or more peals during 1948 are Mr. Jack L. Millhouse, Lincoln, with 59 peals and Mr. Charles W. Roberts, London, with 40 (conducted 19). Of Mr. Roberts' peals 29 were in Surprise methods.

There has been a change in the Mastership of Cambridge University Guild. Mr. M. R. D. Harford has resigned owing to the pressure of work, and Mr. Geoffrey Dodds (Emmanuel) has been elected his successor.

The peal attempt at Rotherfield, Sussex, in honour of the diamond wedding of Mr. E. Bishop, was successful. 'It was a first-class peal, well struck, and was much appreciated by the large gathering of friends,' reports our correspondent.

'We are quite proud of the performance of Mr. H. Buckingham, who at the age of 79 rang his bell faultlessly. . . . It is 12 years since he rang his last peal.' Thus writes our correspondent from Marlow in sending a report of the local peal. Others, we feel sure, will share Marlow's pride.

Mr. A. Miller, captain of Christ Church, Mitcham, has been 54 years a ringer. To mark his 69th birthday on Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles was rung by F. Uden 1, A. Miller 2, H. Allen 3, T. Miller 4, P. E. T. Allen (cond.) 5, H. Uden 6.

St. John's, Deptford, specialise in quarter-peals, conducting being shared by F. W. Richardson, J. Warner, jun., and P. G. Parrott. In their list to hand is a quarter of Grandsire Triples at 7 a.m. on Christmas Day.

Mr. Charles J. Sedgley and Mr. G. E. Symonds have both rung 60 peals of Surprise Maximus in seven different methods.

Mr. Vernon Sykes has 'circled' the tower of St. Thomas', Moorside, Oldham.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden, of Guildford, is making good progress after his operation. He wishes to thank all enquirers.

Miss Stella M. Wickens believes that she is the first lady to call a peal for the East Grinstead and District Guild.

Mr. George E. Oliver had his young band performing at Willenhall, Staffordshire, with a peal of Stedman Triples on Jan. 8th.

The peal at Audley, Staffordshire, on Jan. 8th, was a compliment to Mr. John Jebb, for 58 years a ringer at Audley and for 22 years leader of the local band.

Mr. A. P. Cannon's six months old record of ringing 840 changes on Brooklands (Kent) bells was beaten by 2,040 Plain Bob Doubles rung on Jan. 8th by Miss Frances Wood 1, J. Owen Santer 2, W. Gorringe 3, M. S. Clarke (cond.) 4, L. T. Pope 5. The attempt, like the previous one, came to grief when a rope jumped the wheel of the tenor.

Eighty-nine-years-old Mr. W. Sears rang the treble to 1,260 Grandsire Triples rung on December 29th at Mangotsfield, Bristol, as a birthday compliment to him. Next to him stood M. Jefferies, aged 13, ringing his first 'inside.' A. Rodway had a similar privilege. J. G. Jefferies conducted.

The 'Bristol Evening Post' comments that the 12-bell ring in Trowbridge Parish Church is silent much more than it should be in these days because of the lack of ringers. The bells did not herald the birth of the Royal Prince or the New Year. An appeal for learners is made by Mr. Gilbert Harding.

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Hinckley District at Dinner

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Another example of enterprise on the part of Leicestershire ringers was the second annual dinner of the Hinckley District, held at Burbage on January 8th, which attracted a company of 128.

The dinner was preceded by ringing at St. Catherine's, Burbage, during the afternoon. Mr. E. C. Turner, the genial district chairman, presided, supported by the Guild president (Mr. H. J. Poole) and Mrs. Poole. Mr. W. Wood (secretary) and Mr. A. Rowley (treasurer) were also present.

In reply to a welcome by the chairman, Mr. Poole said how gratified he was to see such a truly representative gathering of the district ringers. It showed how enthusiastic were the members and how truly they emphasised the social spirit and good comradeship in the district.

Mr. Frank K. Measures, district secretary, was responsible for the social and dance which followed. There was never a dull moment and great thanks are due to him. There were hilarious turns on the stage by local ringers, and handbell ringing, which was a revelation in good striking. Thanks are also due to the Earl Shilton and Barwell Male Voice Choir for their excellent singing.

The games, in which everyone took part, were a riot, and numerous prizes were given. Midnight came all too soon, and a fleet of buses saw everyone safely home.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

NORTH-EAST BRANCH.

At the annual meeting of the North-East Branch, held at Silverton on January 8th, a noticeable feature was the large number of visitors, some of whom came from as far afield as Combe Martin, Chivenor, Newton Abbot, Wellington and Milverton.

The report showed that good progress had been made during the past year, both as regards the numbers of peals and quarter-peals rung and also in the instruction of beginners.

All the retiring officers were re-elected, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Sampford Peverell on April 23rd.

In addition to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, touches of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung.

HELLINGLY'S PLIGHT

There has always been enthusiasm for bell-ringing in the Sussex village of Hellingly, and the parish was fortunate in that ringers were available throughout the war.

Two years ago an effort was made to introduce young blood into the tower with excellent results. Soon Kent Treble Bob Minor was being rung in addition to Grandsire Doubles before the Sunday services and seven Minor methods amongst various Doubles methods on practice nights.

In the spring of last year the sad discovery was made that the death-watch beetle had badly affected the timbers in the tower in addition to much damage in the church itself.

Expert advice declared the condition of the bell frame (in August) to be such as to make further ringing unsafe and the church is set to raise £2,000 to treat the roof timbers, replacing as necessary, and to install an iron frame for the bells, to recast the third and complete new fittings.

Nevertheless, great enthusiasm still prevails among the ringers, who take every opportunity available to ring in other towers, including a visit a short time ago to Barcombe, when they rang a peal of Bob Doubles.

If any of our ringing brethren feels that he (or she) has any money to spare to help this country parish in its big effort, donations will be most gratefully received by the Vicar, the Rev. R. W. Shaw, Hellingly Vicarage, Hailsham, Sussex. FRANK H. HICKS.

Ringer Awarded B.E.M.



Mr. Frederick W. Middleton, a ringer well known and beloved in the Norwich Diocese, was awarded the B.E.M. in the New Year's Honours List in recognition of 50 years' service as sub-postmaster at Mulbarton, which he completed on December 9th last.

Born at Brooke, Norfolk, on December 1st, 1870, Mr. Middleton was taught to ring on the heavy six in the ancient round tower when a boy of 14. On moving to Mulbarton, he found a light ring of five and continued his interest in bellringing. In 1946 Mr. and Mrs. Middleton added a treble in memory of their only son, killed at Dunkirk in the Second World War.

Mr. Middleton joined the Norwich Diocesan Association iu 1905 and rang his first peal 'inside' to Bob Major in that year. Since then he has taken part in 24 peals, recent ones being in honour of his 78th birthday and the B.E.M. award. In addition, Mr. Middleton has been a regular supporter of district meetings both far and near and most hospitable to ringers visiting Mulbarton. The affection with which he is held in ringing circles is shared with the general public as letters to the local Press and the many private tributes he has received have testified. Numerous people have given expression to the ability, friendliness and co-operation which have typified Mr. Middleton's work as sub-postmaster at Mulbarton for such a long period. It is the toast of his ringing friends that he may enjoy many more years of health and happiness. N. G.

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD

A meeting of the Guild at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on January 8th, proved quite a success, when over 40 ringers, representing 17 towers, enjoyed ringing on this handy octave. As usual, the learners were there in force, to the detriment of the striking, but they had some very good practice. Double Norwich went quite well, as did Yorkshire Major, until two leads from the end.

After a short service, conducted by the Rev. — Ellis, tea was taken in the Parish Hall, followed by the business, with Mr. H. Lamb, a churchwarden, in the chair.

Essex Association

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Boreham on January 15th, 40 members and friends attending. The Rev. T. W. J. House conducted the service, Miss Jean Thomas being the organist. Tea was provided by the kindness of Mrs. M. R. French, an honorary member.

At the business meeting Mr. H. Mansfield, of Maldon, after 15 years as Master, relinquished office. Several members spoke appreciatively of Mr. Mansfield's service to change ringing, and Mr. H. W. Shadrack, of Springfield, was elected Master. The secretary and committee members were re-elected.

In his report for 1948 the secretary (Mr. A. H. Everett) reported an average attendance of 39 at meetings. The standard of ringing in many individual cases had greatly improved, whilst younger members had widened their knowledge of methods. All Saints', Maldon, with structural defect repaired, had recommenced ringing. The year had been satisfactory financially, £10 13s. 7d. and £11 8s. 6d. being handed to the general secretary on the Bell Restoration Fund and General Fund accounts respectively. Five ringing and 10 probationers had been elected during the year.

Sixteen peals were rung during 1948, shared by seven conductors. Two members conducted their first peal, which was most welcome news.

Tribute was paid to those who, having passed the three score and ten, continue to give faithful service, including G. Green (Great Baddow), and H. Allen (Chelmsford), who joined this Association 63 years ago. In conclusion the secretary stressed the need for recruits so that all the bells might be rung every Sunday.

The Rev. T. W. J. House and Miss Joan May were elected ringing members, and D. Wallace, T. Whitesmith and J. Gowers probationer members.

NORTHERN DIVISION.

On January 8th, the Northern Division held its annual meeting at Braintree, when some 55 members and friends attended. The Association's form of service was held in the church, conducted by Mr. D. Smith, the Vicar being indisposed. After the service tea and meeting followed in the Church Hall.

Miss H. Snowden was re-elected Master and Mr. H. A. Pratt secretary. Mr. H. W. Smith and Mr. G. Trendell were elected to the committee. Stisted was selected for the next meeting. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and local ringers and friends for arranging the tea.

Ringing was resumed after tea, and Bocking tower was also available.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Wingham on January 8th. A company of 70 attended, and ringing was enjoyed on the fine eight until 4.30. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. D. Brockman, who is learning ringing.

Tea, very generously provided by the Vicar, Mr. R. Miles and Mr. Elgar, was followed by the usual business meeting. Fourteen new practising members were elected, also one new honorary member. Upper Deal tower was also elected in union with the Association. From four towers proposed for the next quarterly meeting, St. Lawrence's, Thanet, was selected. Ospringe beat its opponents for the next by-meeting.

Mr. G. H. Spice read a report on the work of the Central Committee, prepared by Mr. J. W. Unwin, who was unable through illness to be present.

Further ringing was held until 8.30.

ENDERBY, LEICS. — On Dec. 30th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Lucy Muggleton 1, Mrs. L. E. Rivers 2, D. T. Oliver 3, W. Salt 4, L. E. Rivers (first as cond.) 5, B. Stevens 6. First quarter by 1 and 6. First 'inside' 2.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CENTURY MAKERS OF THE PAST

Dear Sir,—By ringing 108 peals during 1948, Mr. George Fearn becomes the first century maker since 1933, when Mr. George R. Pye's total was exactly 100, and only the second since 1913, in which year Mr. Alfred W. Grimes rang 136 after his previous years 114, he being the only ringer to have accomplished the feat more than once. The only other men who rang more than 100 peals in a year were Messrs. J. W. Washbrook, with 127 in 1888, and, I think, Bertram Prewett, who did so in 1912 or 1913. All this is from memory, but I don't think it is far wrong.—Yours faithfully,

Crayford, Kent. E. A. B.

40 PEALS AND OVER

Sir,—With reference to your publication in this week's 'Ringing World' of the list of those members of our fatermity who have rung 40 peals and over during the past year.

Although this is a matter for our congratulations to them for achieving this number, I wonder how many of these same ringers could claim to have rung for Sunday services on 40 Sundays during this same past year? Of those who can claim this, how many stayed to the services for which they rang?

There seems a tendency nowadays to amass a large number of peals, but if that is not coupled with the primary objects for which our Guilds stand—I mean that of ringing regularly for Sunday services, and training learners —then, to have rung 40 or more peals in a year seems to lose the greater part of its value. Peal ringing should be a means to an end and not the end in itself. The bells belong to the church, and we are members of the church; our ringing for services should be a service and duty to that church, and not merely a hobby to satisfy our desires. I am glad, therefore, to see that many of those names published are, in fact, of such ringers who do fulfil their obligations.

I feel also that those who faithfully carried out the objects for which their Guilds stand, and have been good and loyal members of their churches and perhaps have not rung or had the chance to ring 40 peals in a year, are equally deserving of such worthy recognition as has been given to these more prolific peal ringers of our fraternity.

Could not, therefore, a list be published of those who have rung for service and stayed to those services on 40 Sundays in the past year? —Yours faithfully,

E. F. N. SAMSON, Capt.

D. and N. School, R.A.E. Centre,
Bovington Camp, Dorset.

[NOTE.—We have not the space for such a list. In the Editor's own tower ten ringers rang for more than 40 services, there being a number exceeding 130.—EDITOR.]

THE LONDON PEAL OF 1899

Dear Sir,—Re the peal of London Surprise rung at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, on Jan. 14th, 1899. In addition to Mr. Williams, the conductor, there are at least two other survivors of that peal in Brighton, i.e., George Baker and Frank Bennett.

Whether George King, who also took part in the peal, is still alive I do not know. He went to Canada many years ago, and for some years nothing has been heard of him.—Yours faithfully, GEORGE BAKER.

Brighton.

THE MISSION TO LONDON

Dear Sir,—In preparation for the Mission to be held in May, we are forming a small discussion group between some of the ringers at Kilburn. We feel that this will help us in the part we hope to play in the Mission and would like to welcome any other ringers who would care to join in the discussions. I should be glad to supply further particulars.—Yours faithfully, E. M. ATKINS.

18, Westbere Road, N.W.2.

THE CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Dear Sir,—It seems that once again I have put my foot right in it! Contrary to all 'Kewsett Laws,' once again error has crept into the Christmas Quiz. 'Quizzed' writes, 'Perhaps Kewsett will explain how John and Arthur, ringing the 2nd and 3rd respectively, manage to be dodging in 4-5 when Bob on the 7th is in quick.' The only explanation I can offer is that I inadvertently took a slow six-end to be a quick one.

It appears that there were alternative answers to several of the 'Round England Quiz.' Many have pointed out that Holy Sepulchre, Northampton, is a round church with a ring of eight, and that St. Maurice's, Winchester, has a ring of six with a roadway underneath.

The Darts Problem was also solved in different ways, which, however, all used the natural coursing order. I submit that writing out the lead-ends of Plain Bob is the quickest way to solve the problem.—Yours, etc.,

'KEWSETT.'

[NOTE. — In marking the papers, these alternatives were taken into consideration. — EDITOR.]

CHRISTMAS CARD WANTED

Dear Sir, — A few days ago I received a Christmas card from Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, with a fine view of St. Margaret's Church on the front, which brought to my mind a thought for something I have often wished for—a real bellringer's Christmas card, suitable for any church.

My suggestion is a view and name of one's own church on the front leaf, and on the inside leaf three bells, the centre bell in the down position, and one each side, mouth upwards, complete with stock, stay and wheel. Underneath this illustration would be 'The bells of St. Mary's' (or other church), 'How sweetly they ring,' and lower, in a half circle of music lines, the first eleven notes of the bells of St. Mary's. On the other leaf could be included a photo of oneself, with Christmas greetings from ——.

I hope to get this worked out before next Christmas, when some of my old friends will receive a card.—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST WEATHERBY.

1235 Mullen Avenue, Los Angeles 6,
California, U.S.A.

RINGERS' NOTEBOOK & DIARY, 1949

We regret that the Ringers' Notebook and Diary, 1949, contains the following false touches and other errors which we ask owners to note.

Page 5.—Secretary of the Truro Diocesan Guild is the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, The Vicarage, Crantock, Newquay, and not as printed.

Page 29.—The 111 Grandsire Triples is false.

Page 33.—Second 180 in last column; the part-end should be 2315647 (not 2315674).

Page 34. — Bottom of second column: the fourth course-end of the 1,260 should be 234156 (not 243156). Also bottom of third column; the heading of the last 1,260 should be 231456.

Page 38.—The 320 Plain Bob Major is false.

Page 39.—Two consecutive bobs in Little Bob Major do not come round. Also in the 1,344 Plain Bob Major the first bob of the third part produces 8674523 (not 8764523).

Page 48.—The 224 is produced by seven consecutive bobs (not five).

Page 52.—Both touches of 384 London Surprise Major are false.

End-Paper.—One of the bells in the design is the wrong way round.

W. VIGGERS and M. HODGSON.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. G. Eke 1, A. W. Barber 2, R. C. Bunning 3, A. G. Chambers 4, S. Marshall 5, G. T. Bunning (cond.) 6. First quarter by all.

OBITUARY

THE REV. A. A. DE VERE.

The Rev. Allan Augustin de Vere, the much loved Vicar of Christ Church, Ealing, died suddenly on January 15th. Prominent in Anglo-Catholic circles, he was also a man of wide interests and a tremendous worker. He had been a soldier in the first world war, holding a commission in the 1st Battalion of the Gloucestershire Regiment, and seeing service in France, before being seconded to the Ministry of Supply. Following the war, and after obtaining his degree at Oxford, he took Holy Orders, and served at several well-known Anglo-Catholic Churches, including St. Matthew's, Westminster, the Church of the Annunciation, Bryanston Street, and others. In 1939 he was appointed to Christ Church, Ealing, following his Vicariate at St. Anne's, Brondesbury. His period at Ealing was one of great stress and hard work. In June, 1944, his beautiful church was very badly damaged by a flying bomb. Due to his untiring efforts, within a comparatively short time, the church was restored to something like its pre-war state. The restoration, so far, has included the rebuilding of the organ, which was badly damaged, and the rehanging and recasting of some of the bells. He was a great lover of his bells and the beautiful restored ring was a great joy to him.

At the request of Father R. W. F. Cowdry, priest-in-charge, the bells were rung half-muffled for as many of the services as possible up to the time of the funeral. On Saturday evening, January 15th, the ringing was carried out by members of the Middlesex County Association, following a meeting at Acton. On the Sunday morning, following ringing for Matins, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung 55 times to correspond with the age of the departed. by W. G. Wilson 1, D. R. Judd 2, F. A. Finch 3, E. C. S. Turner 4, J. E. Lewis Cockey 5, J. King 6, W. J. Ellis 7, A. Jones 8. On the Wednesday afternoon the body was brought to lay in state in the chancel, and ringing was again carried out by the local company, prior to Vespers for the Dead. A watch was then set until the time of the funeral, watches being taken by Mr. W. G. Wilson and Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, on behalf of the ringers.

Preceding the funeral service at 10.45 a.m. on Thursday, a representative band again rang the 'whole pull and stand': W. G. Wilson 1, T. J. Lock 2, J. E. Lewis Cockey 3, A. A. Hughes, J.P. 4, E. Maurice Atkins 5, A. T. Parker 6, H. J. Eldred 7, F. Miller 8. Miss D. Luke (Christ Church) and Mr. W. Pickworth (Richmond) also took part in the ringing.

The funeral service was most impressive, the church being packed, with many more waiting outside. Requiem Mass was sung, presided over by the Bishop of London, supported by the Bishop of Kensington, the Archdeacon of Middlesex, the Rural Dean of Ealing, the Vicar of Ealing and nearly all the clergy of the Ealing Deanery.

The ringers connected with the church express their deep sympathy with Mrs. de Vere and her two sons.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

DEVIZES BRANCH.

The annual meeting of this branch was held on January 8th at St. James', Trowbridge, attended by 40 members. The Rev. R. J. Pelly conducted the Guild service, and Mr. A. T. Weeks was at the organ.

Tea was served in the Court Cafe, followed by the meeting, presided over by the branch chairman, Mr. W. C. West. All the officers were re-elected with the exception of the secretary, who has left the district, and Mr. Fred Slatford was elected to this office. Five new members were proposed. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector, and to Mr. G. Harding for making all the usual arrangements, and a welcome was given to the visitors, to which Mr. A. Prince replied.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Catherine,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.

*Tony Price	*Treble* / 2	Walter Sparrow	4
		G. William Morris ...	5
Frank C. Price	3	Richard E. Price ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Tony Price.
* First double-handed tower-bell peal.

LLANELLY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.
ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Elli,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores.

*J. G. Edwards	*Treble*	L. Hurren	4
*J. Evans	2	J. T. Williams	5
C. H. Hawkins	3	J. Hurren	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. H. Hawkins,
* First peal. In honour of the Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Jones, becoming Bishop of Bangor.

FISHTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Guthlac,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Rev. E. Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Thomas Cummins	*Treble*	*George Dawson	4
John R. Kemp	2	†E. Fisher	5
John R. Young	3	Albert E. Flatters ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Young.
* First peal of Minor away from treble. † First peal of Minor. First Surprise peal on the bells.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*George S. Bush	*Treble*	John H. Bluff	4
*Herbert Goakes	2	William H. Waldron ...	5
Charles W. Wood ...	3	Frank Warrington ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Warrington.
* First in seven methods.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Norfolk, London, York, Durham, Primrose, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

George R. Dawson ...	*Treble*	Cecil Wade	4
*William B. Dawson ...	2	*Cyril Wander	5
Horace M. Day	3	Albert E. Scott	*Tenor*

Conducted by Horace M. Day.
* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *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 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

Frederick A. Salter ...	*Treble*	William E. Simpson ...	4
*Mrs. W. E. Simpson ...	2	†J. Kenneth Wagstaff	5
Thomas W. Robinson...	3	Walter Nichols	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick A. Salter.
* First peal. † First of Minor on tower bells.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denys,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being six 240's by Morris, three by Pitman and 24 120's.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

Frank R. Mitchell ...	*Treble*	Miss Joan Wright ...	4
Miss Mary Smith	2	James H. Musson ...	5
Henry T. Collin	3	*Fred J. Wright	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.
* First peal. In memoriam the Rev. Hector Maeturk, M.A., 24 years incumbent of the above parish.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*Brian Radley	*Treble*	Frank Claydon	4
George Trendell ...	2	Ronald Suckling	5
Claude Snowden	3	Hilda G. Snowden ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ronald Suckling.
* First peal (age 13 years).

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 6, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

F. Charles Goodman ...	*Treble*	Harry J. Hall	4
Arthur J. E. Smalls ...	2	Fredk. W. Middleton...	5
George Sayer	3	Nolan Golden	*Tenor*

Conducted by Nolan Golden.
Rung in honour of the award of the British Empire Medal to Mr. Frederick W. Middleton.

HANDBELL PEALS

WICKHAM ST. PAUL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 14, 1948, *in 1 Hour and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Methodist Chapel,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents.
Reginald Rippingale ... 1-2 Thomas Bird 3-4
Ralph Bird 5-6
Conducted by Ralph Bird.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

William G. Young	1-2	Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	5-6
Daniel T. Matkin	3-4	Roy C. Hurst	7-8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

William G. Young	1-2	Daniel T. Matkin	5-6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3-4	Roy C. Hurst	7-8

Composed by Geo. Hughes. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At Trentwood,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

Mrs. J. Bray	1-2	Jack Bray	5-6
Frank Lord	3-4	George E. Feirn	7-8
		*Philip Barnes	9-10

Composed by G. Hayward. Conducted by George E. Feirn.
* First ten-bell peal.

LONDON.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 2, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At 18, Westbere Road, Hampstead,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor size 8 in C.

Anne B. Stockdale ...	1-2	Geoffrey Dodds	5-6
E. Maurice Atkins ...	3-4	Edwin J. Lindley	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Edwin J. Lindley.
The conductor's 50th peal on handbells.

PORTSLADE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 2, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At Merok, 3, Carlton Terrace,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 13 in E.

Albert W. Bond	1-2	R. Gordon Cross	5-6
*David Gallop	3-4	Mrs. R. G. Cross	7-8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by R. Gordon Cross.
* First peal on an 'inside' pair.

A NOTE ON METHOD STRUCTURE

(Continued from page 34 of the previous issue.)

By A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

THE GRID-PATTERN OF A METHOD.—The terms 'red line' and 'blue line' are familiar to all ringers as the indicators of the respective paths of treble and working bells as shown in Snowdon's 'Standard Methods.' If the paths of all the bells are marked by such lines, omitting the figures and using, preferably, a distinguishing colour for each bell, we derive a distinctive network of bell-paths. This network IS the method. We call it the Grid-pattern of the method. Each method has its own, quite different from any other method's Grid-pattern. It is instantly recognisable on sight, far more quickly and positively, in fact, than even an expert could recognise a 'lead' of figures of a method.

Any reader who has never seen a Grid-pattern is advised to stop here and take squared paper and red crayon (or ink) and pencil, and to draw up grid rectangles for Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus. Then take a standard method, say Plain Bob or Cambridge, and make out the Grid-pattern for the Minor, using lines only to run from square centre to square centre, the treble's path being distinguished in red. Draw cross lines to divide off the Grid-sections. Now note: 1. The way the pattern repeats in the sections, and changes at the junctions of the sections. 2. How this is all 'governed' by the position of the hunt-controlling bell, i.e., the treble. Now, without reference to any book of rules, repeat the pattern in the Major, Royal and Maximus grids. Notice: 3. The pattern is 'identical' **throughout.** (It must be so, for this Grid-pattern is, as we have said, **the method itself.**) Check the bell-paths down to the grid-base row, put in the grid-link, and see what row of figures you obtain. There is no question as to whether or not you have the method. 'All very well,' I hear some readers saying, 'with methods such as he suggests. But what about irregular ones?' 'Right,' we reply, 'how about London, the Queen of irregular patterns? Later we shall do the same with London. And get a surprise, no doubt!' The process holds good for odd-bell methods, of course, and for 'principles,' too, such as Stedman. Now whilst the ordinary ringer may manage with the blue line, the advanced performer and certainly the skilled conductor need a working acquaintance with the interdependence of the bell-paths, i.e., what we have called the Grid-pattern. To the method-builder, however, it is indispensable.

CONES.—If the red line of the treble's path be followed across the Grid (Plain or Treble Bob), from leading to lying, and back again from lying to leading, it will be seen to form a cone, with its base along the 'A' columns of the grid, and its apex in the 'Z' columns of the grid at the half-lead position; or, as we may preferably call it, the 'Grid-junction' position, since it is where the two reflective halves of the grid are joined together. The whole of the Grid-pattern enclosed within this 'front' cone we shall describe as 'front-cone work.' Again, the treble, in coming down from behind to leading, in the last half of a grid, and in moving up behind again in the first half of the ensuing grid, traces out a similar cone with its base along the 'Z' columns and its apex in the 'A' columns, at the grid-link. And all the Grid-pattern lying with this cone we shall describe as 'Back-cone work.' Note that both cones are halved, through the apex, by the axial dividing lines at Grid-link and Grid-junction respectively. Now, all these unfamiliar names may seem unwelcome at first contact, but their convenience, usefulness and even necessity quickly become apparent in any serious pursuit of this subject.

THE ARBITRARY CONVENTIONS. — All methods are subject to certain arbitrary 'Conventions,' demanded by usage and custom throughout the Exercise over long years. Fundamentally all methods spring from the 'Original' principle of plain hunting, the hunting being varied, from method to method, by causing bells to pause in their paths at varying positions and 'make a place.' This pausing, in turn, compels the bells **beyond** the place-making (i.e., beyond as considered from the direction in which the place-making bell was moving beforehand) compels, we were saying, those bells to 'dodge.' The whole combined process of disturbance may be conveniently known as a 'Stat.' (The nature and effect of stats is a separate and absorbing branch of the subject for study.) The 'coursing order,' that is, the order in which the bells follow one another as in Original, is accordingly disturbed, at any rate temporarily.

In hunt-controlled methods this order is usually regained by the time the Grid-base row is reached, except in so far as the order of the working bells in relation to the hunt-bell appears. This convention results in what are known as 'natural' (sometimes 'Bob Major,' though a poor name) lead-rows, that is, the rows at the Grid-links. Further, especially on the higher numbers, is the convention that the heavier bells should not be separated, by stats, in the first grid of the plain course, to a degree which could place them oppositely in the grid. This has the effect of ensuring, in the main, that the heavy bells are congregated throughout. Again, no more than two blows, except in certain 'calls' and method adaptations such as Plain Bob on odd numbers, are to be laid consecutively in any one place. Again, no penultimate place is to be made unless the treble lies next behind.

In extensions it frequently occurs that characteristic portions of the work unavoidably turn up in an order differing from that in the basic, and with additional bits to accommodate the expanded grid. In a choice between two variants, proximate order would be a determining factor. Again, Grid-head rows of an extension should be not only in 'natural' coursing order, but also, if possible, in the 'associated' order of those of the basic—another influencing factor in deciding approximation of extension. Finally, for the ringer himself, the 'blue lines' must be similar in extension or contraction. These conventional requirements have a very restrictive effect in method construction and extension, not to discuss the even more vital factor of nature of rows, whether 'in phase' or 'out of phase,' affecting even 'pealability.' The optimum version clearly is that satisfying the greatest number of conditions in order of importance. We are now ready to consider how to draft a method's Formula.

(To be continued)

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MEETINGS

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, Jan. 29th, 2.30. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow. St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and Willesden bells during evening.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 4652

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting, Basingstoke, Jan. 29th. St. Michael's and All Saints' bells available. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 4655

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next business meeting Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Jan. 29th, 3. Ringing afterwards St. Dunstan's, Stepney.—A. B. Peck. 4672

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Wulfram's, Grantham (10), Jan. 29th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 4669

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual meeting at Farnham (8), Saturday, Jan. 29th, 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30 in Coffee House (near Church). —G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4671

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—Meeting St. Thomas' (8), Moorside, Oldham, Jan. 29th. Bells 2 to 6.45 p.m. Meeting 4.30.—N. Edwards, 16, Portugal Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs. 4667

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Annual meeting at Doncaster on Jan. 29th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. No names, no tea.—W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 4705

OXFORD GUILD.—Southern Oxon Branch. —Quarterly meeting at Watlington, Oxon, Saturday, Jan. 29th, 3. Service 4. Tea and meetings afterwards. 4697

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Butterwick on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Hall 5. 4699

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch. — Compton, Saturday, Feb. 5th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. W. Turvey, Fair View, Compton, Newbury, by Wednesday, Feb. 2nd. 4700

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 5th, at Southwark, St. George-the-Martyr, 3 to 4.45. Cathedral, 4 to 5 and evening. Service 5 in Cathedral. Tea 5.45 in Chapter House. All peal books available. Handbell contest. Report book 1939 to 1948 inclusive available, price 1s. 6d. Everyone welcome. Names for tea, please. Practice meeting Lambeth, Monday, Feb. 7th, 7.15.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 4680

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Junior Section.—Annual social, St. Mary's Hall, Hemel Hempstead, Saturday, Feb. 5th, 7-11. Tickets 2s. (including refreshments) from T. G. Morton, 46, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. Please apply early. 4701

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.—S. Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting, Diss, on Sat., Feb. 5th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 in Waveney Cafe (opposite Corn Hall) for those who notify by Feb. 1st. Special invitation to Suffolk ringers. Subscriptions, please.— A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk. 4708

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Meeting at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, Feb. 5th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5. Tea (2s. 6d. per head) for those notifying me by Jan. 29th. There are no other facilities nearby. Next combined practice Dartford, Feb. 10th, 7.30 to 9, and second Thursday in each month thereafter.— A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 4694

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Annual district meeting, Bury St. Edmunds, Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (10 and 8) at 3. Important business of election of new district secretary. Names for tea by Feb. 2nd, please.—A. Gillings, Horringer. 4686

CUMBERLAND AND N.W. ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, February 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Meeting 5.30. Names for tea before Jan. 31st to M. Johnston, 24, Bedford Street, Hensingham, Whitehaven. 4688

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting at Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells from 2. Service 3.45. Tea and business meeting at Duke's Head 4.30. Please notify Mr. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by Feb. 2nd. 4709

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting, Hereford, Feb. 5th. Service, All Saints', 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Garrick Hotel. Please notify me by Feb. 1st.—J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 4722

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Longton, Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells 3 o'clock. Cups of tea. Bring own food.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 4715

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District. — Annual meeting, Feb. 5th, at St. Peter's, Bedford, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, St. Peter's Hall.—P. S. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4714

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — District annual meeting, Watford (10), Saturday, Feb. 5th, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. — S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 4716

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — Annual meeting, Stockport (St. Mary's), Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5.15.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 4723

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Twyford (8) on Saturday, Feb. 5th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 4712

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 5th, Ormskirk Parish Church. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 3s. per head, to those who notify Mr. W. Pilkington, 5, Edgeley Drive, Tower Hill, Ormskirk, by Feb. 2nd.—J. Burns. 4721

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Annual meeting, Cuckfield (8), Feb. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names by Feb. 2nd to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 4720

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—St. Mary's, Redcliffe, Feb. 5th. Ringing 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business to follow in the Under Croft: Book teas by Feb. 2nd. 4719

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting, Buckland, Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 2nd.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 4727

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Oswaldtwistle, Feb. 5th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 4726

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District). — Joint meeting, Chesterfield, Feb. 5th. Tea in nearby cafes. — H. O. Chaddock and G. C. Briggs, Hon. Secs. 4737

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting, Kirkby Lonsdale, Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, to Mr. Proctor, 7, Greenside, Kirkby Lonsdale. — J. Skeats, Branch Sec. 4740

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Loughton, Saturday, Feb. 5th, at 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson. 4738

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Cromhall (6), Feb. 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — Miss D. M. Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall, Glos. 4730

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Gloucester Branch. — Quedgeley (8), Feb. 5th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at Plough Hotel, 2s. Names by Feb. 3rd to W. Sidwell, 3, Houyatt Road, Gloucester. 4729

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Lutterworth, Feb. 5th. Bells (8) 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 at Denbigh Arms. Names by Tuesday, 1st, to E. W. Tipler, 47, Baker Street, Lutterworth, near Rugby. Misterton bells (6) 2 to 4. 4735

LEICESTER GUILD. — Melton District. — Meeting at Melton Mowbray, Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. E. Bartram, 55, Kings Road, by the 3rd.—J. H. Cook, District Sec. 4736

LLANDAFF AND MON. ASSOCIATION.— Quarterly meeting, Llantwit Major (6), Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Cups of tea provided; bring food.—F. J. Hannington. 4691

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Bovey Tracey (8), Saturday, Feb. 5th. Usual arrangements. — A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 4724

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight Branch.—Annual meeting at Carisbrooke on Feb. 5th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea only to those who inform the secretary by January 31st.— Mrs. A. M. Guy, 3, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport. 4707

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual meeting, Petersfield, Feb. 5th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, St. Peter's Hall. Business meetings follows. Numbers for tea by Monday, Jan. 31st.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Sunnybrook, Brook Lane, Warsash, Hants. 4733

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting. West Haddon, on Feb. 5th. Names for tea by Feb. 1st to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 4734

HEREFORD GUILD. — Bridgnorth Branch. —Annual meeting will be held Saturday, Feb. 5th, at Bridgnorth. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea notify me not later than Feb. 3rd.—H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 4746

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Dartford, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All gentlemen welcome.—D. E. Lidbetter. 4731

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — South and West District.—Annual meeting at Heston on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 3.30. Committee meeting 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5.30, followed by business.—F. A. Finch, Hon. Sec. 4732

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Barnsley, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Rectory Room, Huddersfield Road. All those requiring teas must notify Mr. E. Stainrod, 6, Ledbury Road, Smithies, near Barnsley, not later than Feb. 9th. Bells have been overhauled and are in good going order. A good meeting desired. — D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 4739

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Badby, Feb. 12th. Tea for those who send names to me by Friday, Feb. 4th.—F. W. Hancock, Willoughby, Rugby. 4721

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.— Annual district meeting at Elveden, Feb. 12th, 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Requests for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 9th, to Miss Reeve, Hockwold, Thetford. 4728

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Greasley (8), Saturday, Feb. 12th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 2s. Names to Mr. T. Wheat, 7, Main Street, Newthorpe, Notts, by Wednesday, Feb. 9th. 4741

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tring (8), Saturday, Feb. 19th. Dedication of peal board by the Bishop Suffragan of Bedford (Rt. Rev. C. T. T. Wood). Ringing 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Further ringing after tea. Tea tickets (2s. 6d., with remittance) from D. Cartright, 56, Longfield Road, Tring. 4744

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HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Rapley 1, Stella M. Wickens 2, P. Romney (first of Major) 3, E. Lish 4, M. Thomas 5, C. Longhurst 6, R. Congreve-Pridgeon 7, B. White (cond.) 8. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Morey 1, Catherine A. Lish (first of Stedman) 2, E. Rapley 3, E Lish 4, F. Parsons 5, C. Longhurst 6, B. White (cond.) 7, F. Cruttenden 8.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. C. Chandler 1, W. T. Godfrey 2, J. Sansom 3, W. W. Webb 4, W. A. Lewis 5, E. R. Gladman 6, B. A. Rose (first as cond.) 7, W. J. Winter 8.

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RINGING IN 1948

THE Peal Analysis Committee have prepared a preliminary report on ringing in 1948, which indicates the unprecedented enthusiasm in the country to-day for peal ringing. The total of peals rung reached a new high level with 2,637, made up of 2,364 on tower bells and 273 'in hand.' This is a big advance on the total for 1947 of 2,174 (1,955 on tower bells and 221 'in hand'). The upward trend since the war is indicated by the following figures: 1945, 1,304; 1946, 1,795; and 1947, 2,174. There is a feeling in some quarters that peal ringing has reached its zenith. In both 1947 and 1948 national rejoicings on account of Princess Elizabeth's wedding and the birth of Prince Charles added materially to the total, and there were a large number of ringers who performed on those occasions whose names do not normally appear in our peal columns.

The trend of ringing can be gauged by the monthly totals, viz.: January 207 (140 in 1947), February 193 (101), March 188 (138), April 253 (180), May 234 (201), June 177 (163), July 182 (137), August 231 (170), September 177 (167), October 236 (184), November 334 (349), December 225 (246). The abnormal climatic conditions that prevailed in 1947 during the months of February and March were responsible for the drop in the totals. Successful peal tours during the summer months added substantially to the figures of 1948, although there were tours in the previous year.

For the third year in succession there has been no change in the leading Associations, viz., Kent County 156 (136), Lancashire County 147 (133), Leicester Diocesan 141 (125). Other Associations in the forefront are Chester Diocesan 127 (120), Oxford Diocesan 124 (110), Lincoln Diocesan 113 (112), Yorkshire 110 (99), Ely Diocesan 105 (47), Norwich Diocesan 96 (73), Bath and Wells Diocesan 91 (74), Sussex County 85 (102), St. Martin's Guild 80 (71), Suffolk 73 (54), Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan 72 (68), Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan 62 (42), Coventry Diocesan 61 (42), Worcestershire and Districts 61 (51), Essex 59 (55), Middlesex 58 (52), Peterborough Diocesan 58 (42), Archdeaconry of Stafford 54 (40), Hertford County 53 (45), Salisbury Diocesan 50 (52).

In arriving at their total the committee have excluded a peal of Minor with the tenor covering rung for the Ely Diocesan Association. Our readers will remember that this point was raised by the New South Wales Association, and the committee announced that 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 bells. Two peals of London Royal rung for the Surrey Association have been included in the total. The treatment of extensions of London will be a matter for the Central Council at York to decide. The opinion was expressed by Mr. E. H. Lewis at the Universities' Association dinner that there was no question that these were peals; it was one of nomenclature. Before next Whitsun thoughts on this thorny subject might possibly be crystallised.

There is no question that the number of peals rung during 1948 brought with it editorial problems for 'The Ringing World' staff. Those who handle guild reports are conscious that if the traditional style of typography is to be maintained, the cost of setting is very much increased. The same applies to editorial costs of 'The Ringing World.' To deal with arrears of peals this issue is of 16 pages. Reluctantly at times the Editor has had to reduce footnotes and place the weight of the tenor in with the latter so as to conserve space. We ask readers to forbear with us in these matters. It is a choice of necessity. To set peals in the accustomed style is far easier for us than constantly watching space. Nevertheless, we realise that the non-peal ringers have to be catered for, and it is our endeavour to ensure that lesser brethren who ring quarter peals and those who enjoy their ringing at Saturday afternoon meetings have an appropriate place in our editorial columns.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Mrs. A. Richardson	*Treble*	Donovan R. White	7
Charles McGuiness	2	Sydney A. Chambers	8
John Freeman	3	*John G. Ames	9
Stanley E. Bennett	4	Jack L. Millhouse	10
John Walden	5	John S. Mason	11
John A. Freeman	6	†Bernard H. Dalton	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by John A. Freeman.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First peal on 12 bells. In memoriam Rupert Richardson. Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 20, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

Jill Poole	*Treble*	Ernest W. Rawson	7
*Kathleen Tilley	2	Redvers F. Elkington	8
*Dorothy Udale	3	Sidney O. Cheney	9
*Mrs. H. J. Poole	4	†Harold G. Jenney	10
Harry G. Wayne	5	Peter J. Staniforth	11
Shirley Burton	6	Harold J. Poole	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal of Maximus in the method. † 150th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Jan. 13, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

H. James Turner	*Treble*	William C. Dowding	6
Arthur V. Pearson	2	Howard Howell	7
John Scott	3	Herbert C. Spencer	8
John Pinfold	4	Frank E. Haynes	9
John S. Walton	5	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Frank E. Haynes.
A birthday compliment to William C. Dowding.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 16, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

Fred Hayes	*Treble*	*Anthony E. Cox	6
Miss Doreen Coker	2	*Ernest E. Gosling	7
George R. Goodship	3	William Henley	8
Miss Sylvia Coker	4	Cecil A. Smith	9
*David Pearce	5	*Ronald P. Newton	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Fred Hayes.
* First peal on 10 bells. To celebrate 50 years' membership in the above tower by the conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ASHBY FOLVILLE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mar[illegible],
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Mrs. H. J. Poole	*Treble*	*Harry G. Wayne	5
Dorothy Udale	2	J. Frederick Milner	6
Sidney O. Cheney	3	Herrick B. Bowley	7
*Kathleen Tilley	4	Harold J. Poole	*Tenor*

Composed by Fred Dench. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 7, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael at Coslany,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Henry Hubbard's Ten-part. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Peter G. W. Newstead	*Treble*	Clifford Bird	5
Walter C. Medler	2	Leslie W. Houghton	6
Ernest G. Shorting	3	George Sayer	7
Arthur G. Bason	4	Nolan Golden	*Tenor*

Conducted by Nolan Golden.
First of Bob Triples by all except conductor.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*Frederick E. Wilshaw	*Treble*	Richard D. Langford	5
*Neville R. Holland	2	Alan D. Steel	6
*Miss Margaret Rigby	3	*†Arthur Peake	7
George A. Packer	4	*Reginald Rowley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur Peake.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † 50th peal.

COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael, Stoke,
A PEAL OF PETERBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

Adolphus Roberts	*Treble*	Frank E. Pervin	5
Margaret E. L. Beamish	2	Paul K. Williamson	6
Frank W. Perrens	3	Arthur H. Beamish	7
Walter P. Whitehead	4	Thos. W. Sheppard	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Thomas W. Sheppard.
First peal in the method by all the band, for the Guild and on the bells.

MARLOW, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

Anthony E. Cox	*Treble*	F. Dennis Poole	5
George Martin	2	†Richard E. Dean	6
H. Buckingham	3	†Joseph Young	7
*Mrs. E. D. Poole	4	James T. Clay	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Martin.
* First of Grandsire Triples. † First in the method. Rung for the christening of Veronica Grace, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Cecil W. Smith.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Dunstan,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

Robert W. R. Percy	*Treble*	Leslie W. Jarvis	5
Helen Gorringe	2	Fredk. J. Lambert, jun.	6
E. Gavan D. Tonkin	3	Frank H. Hicks	7
Mrs. Betty Percy	4	William A. Kitchenside	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Holt. Conducted by Wm. A. Kitchenside.
For the 24th wedding anniversary of the conductor.

RAINHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

Benjamin F. Baker	*Treble*	Louis Head	5
Doris G. Dobbie	2	Walter H. Dobbie	6
George A. Naylor	3	Stanley B. Dobbie	7
Francis J. Cheal	4	William Hollands	*Tenor*

Conducted by Louis Head.

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LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard, Streatham, S.W.,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 14 cwt.

Reuben Charge ...	*Treble*	James E. Chapman ...	5
*John E. Chilcott ...	2	Horace Belcher	6
William H. Hewett ...	3	Richard F. Deal ...	7
John Phillips	4	Reuben Sanders ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by William H. Hewett.
* First Surprise peal 'inside.'

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

William Smith ...	*Treble*	Stanley Gilbert	5
John H. Bluff	2	Frank Warrington ...	6
William H. Waldron...	3	Francis H. Newman ...	7
Charles O. Wood ...	4	Lawrence Hadman ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Frank Warrington.
Birthday compliments to Mr. L. Hadman and Mr. G. Bush.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, *in 3 Hours,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

*Peter Beresford (14)	*Treble*	*Jeffrey B. Webb (16)...	5
Miss J. Beresford (16)	2	Christopher Wallater	6
†Donald Braddock (15)	3	George E. Oliver ...	7
*Dennis Beresford (14)	4	†Gordon Pearson (15)...	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Oliver.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal. First of Stedman as conductor.

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (6th observation). Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr.

J. Alwyn Taylor ...	*Treble*	Simeon K. Taylor ...	5
*Jillian Brierley	2	Peter Crook	6
†Allan Smith	3	James Taylor	7
‡Herbert Davenport ...	4	Marjorie Leach	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter Crook.
* First peal in method. † First peal in method 'inside.' ‡ 150th peal for Association. Rung to celebrate 50 years' membership of Association by Mr. W. Crabtree, of Todmorden.

DURSLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

*Royston G. Bryant ...	*Treble*	Donald G. Clift ...	5
†Mary P. Hilliar ...	2	Jack R. Worrall ...	6
Alfred E. Reeves ...	3	†Edwin T. Newbury ...	7
†Sidney G. Riches ...	4	Wilfred Williams ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise.

STOKE MANDEVILLE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

John E. Rootes ...	*Treble*	Patricia Holmes	5
Thomas H. Francis ...	2	Alick Cutler	6
*Mrs. C. J. Matthews...	3	Francis Kirk	7
Fredk. W. Brinklow...	4	Harold G. Cashmore ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Harold G. Cashmore.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 9 cwt.

HASLINGDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 10, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

Kenneth Hartley ...	*Treble*	Chris. M. P. Johnson...	5
Derek Whitford	2	Charles W. Blakey ...	6
A. Victor Williams ...	3	Roger Leigh	7
Arthur Tomlinson ...	4	Charles Clegg	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Barker. Conducted by Arthur Tomlinson.

WROTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

David Beveridge ...	*Treble*	John O. Weller	5
Edna M. Sills	2	Robert Collins	6
Robert Palmer	3	Reginald L. Sills	7
John L. Morris (12) ...	4	Frank C. W. Knight ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Reginald L. Sills.
First of Major as conductor. A birthday compliment to Robert Collins. Tenor 20¾ cwt.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Jan. 10, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

John Pinfold	*Treble*	Vincent A. Hemming ...	5
John S. Walton	2	*James F. Harvey	6
George E. Fearn	3	*John A. Bragg	7
Edgar C. Shepherd ...	4	Edward T. Lloyd ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Wm. Hudson. Conducted by Edgar C. Shepherd.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 12, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Harry Davison	*Treble*	Leslie W. G. Morris ...	5
Ernest B. Betts... ...	2	Fred Hodgson	6
William Barton	3	Alfred Smith	7
*Donald R. Marshall...	4	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. Wilde. Conducted by Leslie W. G. Morris.
* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh's visit to the city on this day for the official opening of the new Bradford Grammar School. Tenor 25¼ cwt in D.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 12, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Evelyn Wright	*Treble*	John Walden	5
Charles McGuiness ...	2	Kenneth W. Mayer ...	6
Jack L. Millhouse ...	3	Frederick W. Stokes ...	7
*Charles Brown	4	John A. Freeman ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by John A. Freeman.
* First peal of Cambridge Major.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 13, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*John Dunn	*Treble*	†Arthur Crowder ...	5
Fred Jeffery	2	Philip Barnes	6
George W. Moody ...	3	Jack Bray	7
Arthur Tomlinson ...	4	Brian Bray	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack Bray.
* First peal. † First in the method. In memoriam Rupert Richardson.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 13, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PETERBOROUCH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Edward C. Lankester...	*Treble*	Alick Cutler	5
Leonard H. Bowler ...	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
Maurice Hodgson ...	3	Alfred J. House	7
Thomas H. Francis...	4	Charles W. Roberts ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Charles W. Roberts.
First peal in the method by all the band. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 14, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Cave's Variation of Washbrook's. Tenor 15 cwt.

Arthur S. Richards ...	*Treble*	Herbert E. Audsley ...	5
Harry Hoverd	2	*Bertie W. Aldridge ...	6
Alfred G. Hill	3	Frederick J. Cullum...	7
Maurice Hodgson	4	Thomas H. Francis ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
* 100th peal.

ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

EDWIN HOPKINSON	*Treble*	FRED A. ADAMS	5
*SAM SCATTERGOOD	2	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE	6
GORDON C. BRIGGS	3	JOSEPH SAXTON	7
CYRIL WRIGHT	4	G. GORDON GRAHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

BEXLEY, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

MRS. R. F. DEAL	*Treble*	*JILL BRITTAIN	5
DORIS G. DOBBIE	2	BETTY SPICE	6
FRANCES A. EDGAR	3	†PATRICIA HOLMES	7
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS	4	‡DORIS E. LIDBETTER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.
* First peal of Cambridge Major. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal in the method. The first peal of Surprise for the society by a ladies' band.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	WILFRED W. RING	5
*PETER D. HUCKSTEPP	2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	6
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD	3	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	7
PERCY PAGE	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP.
* First peal in the method. First in method as conductor.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

EDWARD IDDON	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. DUKES	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	ALBERT GREENHALGH	6
MISS MURIEL REAY	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
CHARLES W. BLAKEY	4	JAMES L. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
To celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mrs. G. Annie Paine, a ringer in this tower, and daughter of the conductor. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 16 cwt.

JACK R. WORRALL	*Treble*	ALFRED HANNINGTON	5
ROBERT E. COLES	2	ALBERT J. PITMAN	6
*THOMAS YEOMANS	3	TREVOR M. RODERICK	7
ERNEST STITCH	4	WILLIAM T. PETTY	*Tenor*

Conducted by TREVOR M. RODERICK.
* First peal of Stedman. A compliment to the hon. secretary of the Association, Mr. A. J. Hannington, and Mrs. Hannington, on their silver wedding.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

MISS AUDREY E. EWINS	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. EASTWELL	5
DAVID H. PEARCE	2	WILLIAM F. BUTLER	6
MISS RUTH TABRAHAM	3	CYRIL A. BURGESS	7
*MISS M. R. JAYCOCK (14)	4	GEORGE GILBERT	*Tenor*

* 30th peal. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*W. E. MAULDEN	*Treble*	*GEORGE A. FLEMING	5
*SYLVIA R. E. PIPE	2	*WILLIAM J. BUTTON	6
*GEORGE W. PIPE	3	*ALBERT E. WHITING	7
LESLIE G. BRETT	4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. BARTON. Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, HACKINGTON,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JABEZ WALTER	*Treble*	STANLEY G. WHITE	5
SIDNEY WALTER	2	*GEORGE R. FRENCH	6
*CYRIL E. BUESDEN	3	FREDERICK R. WELLER	7
†THOMAS HOLMES	4	H. RICHARD FRENCH	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDERICK R. WELLER.
* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal. A compliment to Miss Brenda Philpott and Mr. Derek Chatfield on their engagement.

CODSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ALBERT G. RICHARDS	*Treble*	*SAMUEL BIRCH	5
ALBERT D. COLLINS	2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON	6
HERBERT KNIGHT	3	HARRY GRIFFITHS	7
HERBERT PIPER	4	†BERT HORTON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALBERT D. COLLINS.
* First peal on 'inside' bell. † 150th peal for society. First peal in the method as conductor. Tenor 10 cwt.

EWHURST, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. BEESON	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	KENNETH SNELLING	6
*ERIC T. LEE	3	HAROLD A. MAY	7
RAYMOND OVERY	4	†C. ERNEST SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
* First peal of London. † 250th Surprise peal. First of London on the bells. A birthday peal for E. T. Lee. Tenor 11 cwt.

GRAYSHOTT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Transposition. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

BARBARA M. HARRIS	*Treble*	HERBERT J. ELDRED	5
PEGGY G. KITCHEN	2	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE	6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3	HERBERT G. ANDREWS	7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	4	*W. JOHN ELDRED	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 7¾ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. HEWETT	5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	2	JOHN PHILLIPS	6
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	3	HERBERT LANGDON	7
JOHN W. STEPHENSON	4	JOHN E. CHILCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.
A birthday compliment to John E. Chilcott.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

PERCY E. JONES	*Treble*	WILLIAM WELLING	5
THOMAS G. BANNISTER	2	HERBERT W. IMPEY	6
FRANK BLONDELL	3	REGINALD A. REED	7
THOMAS COLLINS	4	FRANK CORKE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK CORKE.
In memory of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's last peal rung in this tower January 15th, 1910. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 22 cwt.

VICTOR CRABB	*Treble*	*ERNEST WHITE	5
JOHN T. LOCKE	2	REGINALD WELCH	6
DENNIS R. BEST	3	JACK W. DREW	7
HARRY J. GAYLARD	4	WALTER MARKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.
* First peal of Triples. First of Triples as conductor.

LEWISHAM.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 22¾ cwt. in E flat.

*R. PETER ANDRE ...	*Treble*	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY...	5
MRS. T. J. LOCK	2	WILLIAM ROGERS	6
JAMES BENNETT	3	†JACK DAFTERS	7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ...	4	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells. Rung for the christening of Andrew John Corby, which took place the following day at St. George's, Perry Hill.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*DAVID THORLEY ...	*Treble*	*RAYMOND C. WESTNEY...	5
J. MARTIN THORLEY ...	2	ERNEST THORLEY	6
MISS LUCY MOTTISHAW	3	CHARLES THORLEY ...	7
†W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ...	4	JAMES THORLEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES THORLEY.
* First peal. † 75th peal. A 12th birthday compliment to ringer of treble.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MISS MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	FREDK. E. DUKES ...	5
ALBERT GREENHALGH ...	2	*HARRY S. COOPER ...	6
SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW	3	JAMES L. WRIGHT	7
JOHN ASHCROFT	4	JCHN W. HAMER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JAS. L. WRIGHT.
* First peal of Stedman. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

E. ROGER MARTIN	*Treble*	JOHN JACKSON	5
*THOMAS BARKER	2	ARTHUR HATCH	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	3	*VICTOR J. WOOD ...	7
G. ALEC DIMMOCK ...	4	*ERNEST J. GOWER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 21¾ cwt.

MIDDLEHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ALKELDA AND MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

RONALD W. H. JAMES ...	*Treble*	GEOFFREY DALTON	5
*DENNIS R. AIREY ...	2	THOMAS COOKE	6
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY...	3	EDWARD HUDSON	7
HARRY PARRISH	4	LUCIAN VENUS	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD HUDSON.
* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. A compliment to Mr. Jack Stott, Ringing Master of the Northern District of the Yorkshire Association, who has completed 50 years as a ringer at Thirsk.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 17, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ...	*Treble*	CHARLES C. RAWDING...	5
*LINDA M. REDHEAD ...	2	JOHN W. CARTER	6
FRANK RICHARDSON ...	3	*C. HAROLD WHITTON ...	7
*JOY RAWDING	4	JOHN G. AMES ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.
* First peal. Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 17, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, MILES PLATTING,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

RICHARD BENSON ...	*Treble*	HAROLD WALKER	5
ALLEN N. BROWN	2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	6
DAVID VINCENT	3	*ALLEN J. BROWN ...	7
R. MARY ELKINGTON ...	4	RONALD H. DOVE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. J. BROWN.
* 100th peal. Tenor 12 cwt.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Jan. 17, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 54 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.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	5
HENRY H. FEARN	2	EDWARD T. LLOYD ...	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	*FREDERICK E. DUKES ...	7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ...	4	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 18, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

SAMUEL C. WALKER	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON...	5
JOHN A. BROWN	2	WILLIAM H. BARBER ...	6
CHARLES C. HULSE ...	3	ADAM DEAS	7
*JOHN ANDERSON	4	*DENIS A. BAYLES ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* 25th peal together. A compliment to the conductor on his birthday. Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 18, 1949, *in 3 Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY PERRY ...	*Treble*	*FRANK C. MAY	5
FRANK V. GANT	2	*GERALD FROST	6
HENRY T. WILSON ...	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN ...	7
*DAVID W. BEARD ...	4	†HENRY W. ROOME ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 18, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JOSEPH E. WILSON	*Treble*	CHARLES CLEGG	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	2	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ...	6
DEREK WHITFORD	3	VICTOR J. C. WOOD ...	7
HARRY ANDERTON ...	4	ERNEST J. GOWER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
A farewell peal to the Vicar, the Rev. E. C. Varah, who is leaving the district for Battersea. Tenor 18 cwt.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 20, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*RICHARD KENDALL ...	*Treble*	*ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...	5
*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ...	2	HORACE H. SMITH ...	6
*RONALD J. SHARP ...	3	EDMUND J. HOBBS ...	7
HAROLD P. BURTON ...	4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by EDMUND J. HOBBS.
* First peal in the method. A 60th birthday compliment to the conductor. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. COLEY ...	5
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ...	6
FREDERICK W. BUDGEN...	3	HARRY HOVERD	7
*MISS DORIS E. COLEGATE	4	JOHN O. WELLER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 20, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FRANK TAYLOR ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON	5
MAURICE BENNETT	2	CYRIL R. BURRELL ...	6
C. HAROLD WHITTON ...	3	JOHN G. AMES	7
CYRIL WANDER	4	STANLEY E. BENNETT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by STANLEY E. BENNETT.
First peal as conductor. Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STOTFOLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Sydney W. Sharman ...*Treble*	Jack S. Dear 4
William Collins 2	Walter D. Pooley ... 5
Roy Webb 3	R. Thomas Newman ... *Tenor*

Conducted by R. Thomas Newman.
* First peal.

WRENBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

David Vincent ... ...*Treble*	Wilfred Stevenson ... 4
C. Kenneth Lewis ... 2	Alan J. Brown 5
Peter Laflin 3	John Worth ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
Rung as a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Vincent, married at Mossley, Congleton, on December 25th.

STOULTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Edmund, King and Martyr.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 40 six-scores and one 240. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*Arthur F. Jopp ... ...*Treble*	Ernest F. Cubberley ... 4
Harold Willett 2	Charles J. Camm 5
Francis J. Cubberley ... 3	F. Albert Rea ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by Charles J. Camm.
* First peal.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Cuthbert,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Margaret Ackers (13) *Treble*	†Ellen Rice 4
Vera Draper 2	Cuthbert Ackers ... 5
Mary Ackers 3	Arthur Mawdsley ... *Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur Mawdsley.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' For the engagement of Miss Ellen Rice to Mr. Jack Parker.

NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 7, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in A.

Charles E. Brown ...*Treble*	Kenneth S. B. Croft ... 4
*Madeleine M. Lyon ... 2	John W. Moore 5
†Charles McGuiness ... 3	Jack L. Millhouse ... *Tenor*

Composed by Rev. E. B. James. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Minor. † 250th peal.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

Frank Arnold ... ...*Treble*	Robert G. Fisher ... 4
Cedric F. W. Phillipoo 2	Leonard G. Tooke ... 5
Thomas E. Spight ... 3	Henry Tooke ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by Henry Tooke.
First peal of Kent T.B. Major by all except the conductor. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

*John Hawtin ... ...*Treble*	*Alan E. Jacques, jun. 4
*John A. Underwood... 2	Roland Beniston ... 5
C. William Hall ... 3	G. Ronald Edwards ... *Tenor*

Conducted by G. Ronald Edwards.
* First in seven methods.

COUND, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Miss Bessie Carter ...*Treble*	Fredk. G. Beddow ... 4
Thomas Price 2	Edward V. Rodenhurst 5
Clifford A. Barron ... 3	William A. Farmer ... *Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Farmer.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jah. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Dunstan,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and two each (called differently) of Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

*Peter J. Woodgyer ...*Treble*	†Alfred Bone 4
†R. Mary Davies ... 2	†Rodney Meadows ... 5
C. Edward Lankester 3	E. Maurice Atkins ... *Tenor*

Conducted by E. Maurice Atkins.
* First peal including Treble Bob. † First peal in four methods.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *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.

Ellen Rice ... ...*Treble*	Jack Pounds 4
Vera Draper 2	Cuthbert Ackers 5
Mary Ackers 3	Arthur Mawdsley ... *Tenor*

Conducted by Cuthbert Ackers.
First peal as conductor. To celebrate the birth of a son to the ringer of the fourth.

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's.
Tenor 14½ cwt.

Miss Doris Sheppard ...*Treble*	Frederick Brookings ... 4
Leslie Barry 2	Raymond Thain 5
George Latham 3	Charles Larner ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie Barry.
In memoriam Hubert Srivens, aged 90 years. He was one of the band who rang in the 13,001 Grandsire Cinques, Painswick, 1920.

TISBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 16½ cwt.

Leslie A. Page ... ...*Treble*	Jack Mussell 4
Leonard Harris 2	Frank L. Harris 5
Colin W. Reed 3	Ronald N. Marlow ... *Tenor*

Conducted by Frank L. Harris.
Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 1,440 changes each of Plain Bob and April Day and 2,160 changes of Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in A.

Charles H. Wickens ...*Treble*	Stella M. Wickens ... 3
George A. Packham ... 2	Cecil R. Longhurst ... 4
Basil W. White ... ... *Tenor*	

Conducted by Stella M. Wickens.
First peal of Doubles in 3 methods by all the band and the first in three methods in the tower.

YAXLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *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 12 cwt.

Albert G. Harrison ...*Treble*	Charles V. Orves ... 4
Bert Chilvers 2	Arthur E. Cook 5
Robert E. Lester ... 3	W. Archie Lock ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by W. Archie Lock.

EASTWELL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 9, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

PETER D. HUCKSTEPP	*Treble*	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	4
*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	2	†HARRY PARKES	5
†MARK W. MARSHALL	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal of Cambridge Minor.

OLD MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 9, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Eynsham, St. Leonard's, Cassington, St. Peter's, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, Norfolk, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Columb, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Grandsire, St. Blaise, Fortune, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Antelope. Tenor 6 cwt.

*DOUGLAS O. WILKS	*Treble*	*†RICHARD G. CROSLAND	3
NORA HONEY	2	HARRY P. FLOYD	4
ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in 21 methods. † First peal of Doubles.

EGLOSHAYLE, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH BELIEVED TO BE DEDICATED TO ST. CONAN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 1,440 of Grandsire and 3,600 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G sharp.

*A. HUBERT EPLETT	*Treble*	R. GORDON CROSS	4
*REV. W. H. R. TREWHELLA	2	†ALEX J. WEBSTER	5
F. DUDLEY TEAGUE	3	*JAMES C. NORTHEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.
* First peal in two methods. † First peal in two Doubles methods. First peal of Doubles on the bells. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 12, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES G. JONES	*Treble*	REGINALD T. JONES	4
LESLIE EVANS	2	E. PETER ROCK	5
MICHAEL P. MORETON	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 7 extents in nine methods, viz.: Plain and Single Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Thelwall Bob, Childwall Bob, St. Clement's Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*EDWIN G. MOORE	*Treble*	MARIE R. CROSS	4
*NORA HONEY	2	*CHARLES COLES	5
*DOUGLAS O. WILKS	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in nine Minor methods. First peal in more than three Minor methods on the bells.

WARBLETON. SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
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Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
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Two old members of the Ancient Society of College Youths have died. Mr. Emmanuel Hall (91), of St. Dunstan's, Stepney, who joined the society in 1887; Mr. Frank Skevington (75), St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, who joined in 1905.

First ladies' peal for Royal Cumberland Youths was Bob Major, St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, May 27th, 1939; conductor, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher. Peal at Bexley was first Surprise peal.

BELFRY GOSSIP

His many friends will regret to hear that Mr. James George has been seriously ill in Long Fleat Gardens Hospital, Poole, since January 11th, suffering from bronchitis and pneumonia. The oldest veteran ringer to ring a peal on handbells at the age of 95 writes that he is now slightly better and regrets that he has been unable to answer his correspondence.

With the peal at Eastwell, Kent, on January 9th, Mr. Harry Parkes has rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

We are informed that the peal at Stokesay, Shropshire, on October 16th, was rung for the Hereford Diocesan Guild and not for the Shropshire Association.

Two members of the Watford tower—Messrs. H. G. Timms and A. R. Dawes—have each been presented with sons. The double event was honoured with a peal of Grandsire Caters on January 25th.

Mr. Edward Iddon has 'circled' the tower of Holy Trinity, Bolton; Mr. Robert E. Coles, St. Illtyd's, Bridgend, Glam.; Mr. James Thorley, for the second time, Thorne, Yorks; Mr. Percy Swindley, St. Mary's-without-the-Walls, Chester.

By ringing a peal of Stedman Triples at St. John the Baptist's, Erith, on January 14th, Bertie W. Aldridge, the captain of St. Mary's, Woolwich, completed his 100th peal. Thirty-nine of these have been called by the conductor of the peal, Mr. F. J. Cullum.

Mr. F. E. Dukes has made a good start for 1949 with three peals in 24 hours and 39 minutes. A handbell peal in Belfast on Friday, 14th, was followed by two tower peals in Lancashire on the 15th at Bolton and West Houghton. There were two other peals on following days.

All ringers will share with us our deep regret at the passing of Mr. George Williams. We hope to publish in our next issue tributes to his memory.

Almost with a tinge of regret, Mr. George Gilbert informs us that the peal at Burnham on January 15th was the first of the last 66 peals rung on the bells without a 'first.'

The peal at Egloshayle, Cornwall, on January 12th, is believed to be the first peal on the bells for 40 years and first by a resident Cornish band.

When the Duke of Edinburgh visited Bradford to open the new Grammar School, Donald R. Marshall, a prefect at the school, rang his first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on the Cathedral bells in honour of the occasion.

The peal of Doubles at Cranford, Middlesex, on January 16th, enabled Messrs. T. G. Bannister, F. W. Goodfellow and R. A. Reed to have rung peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

Members of the Craft will desire to extend their congratulations to those participating in the first handbell peal to be rung at Bolton. The conductor, Mr. F. E. Dukes, is Master-elect of No. 72 Dublin Lodge.

Miss Mary E. Davis, now a student nurse at Queen Mary's Hospital for Children, rang in a peal at Upwey, Dorset, on January 15th. It is nearly two years since she stood in a peal attempt.

Three generations of Mr. J. Hope, of Siddington, Cirencester, participated in 1,260 Grandsire Triples at Fairford, Glos., on Jan. 22nd: Miss D. H. Boulton (granddaughter, first of Triples) 1, Miss F. M. Hope (daughter) 2, A. Law 3, H. L. Cooke 4, H. R. Acock 5, W. A. Godwin 6, J. Hope (conductor) 7.

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THE ROYAL CUMBERLANDS' PROGRESS

INCREASED JOINING FEES ADVOCATED ..... THE MASTERSHIP: A RETURN TO ST. MARTIN'S ..... THE DINNER AND LICENSED PREMISES

THE annual meeting of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths, held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on January 22nd, attracted a large attendance of ringers to London. A cordial welcome was extended to them by the Master (Mr. Walter Ayre), who was supported by the secretary (Mr. G. W. Steere).

'It is very gratifying to see so many young people in town,' said the Master. 'Some of the ringing this afternoon was not too bad; it was a little bit above the average of ringing meetings, but it could be better.'

After announcing the apologies, Mr. Ayre said he had a letter from one of the secessionists, who were a pet aversion of his. Mr. E. J. Rowe had tendered his resignation as a member of the Royal Society stating that he intended to seek membership of the Ancient Society. Those who read the report of the 311th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society would remember what he said about such things. He still stuck to that view regardless of another letter that appeared in the Press a week or two afterwards.

Arising from the minutes, a question was asked whether the dinner was a success. Mr. Ayre replied, 'Socially, yes; financially, no.'

Calling attention to the rule that no one who had not paid 2s. in steepleage fees was entitled to vote on financial matters, a suggestion was made that certain members present would like to qualify forthwith and another that an annual subscription should be introduced.

The Chairman replied that if tower secretaries who were faithful Cumberlands organised monthly practices, there would be no question of finding 2s. for the annual meeting.

Mr. C. Matthews: The rule is tantamount to making an annual subscription of 2s.

Mr. A. H. Pulling: Have you a list of those who have paid 2s.?

The Chairman: No. The question of voting on financial matters will be left to conscience.

AN INCREASED BALANCE.

The hon. secretary then presented the balance sheet. The year started with a balance of £69 7s. 3½d. Receipts included 77 new members £19 5s., steepleage £5 2s. 3d., and donations £6 1s. The main item on the expenditure side was a deficit on the dinner of £6 10s., the year concluding with a balance in hand of £89 19s. 2½d. On the proposition of Mr. George Cross, the balance sheet was adopted.

The secretary's report stated that the past year had been very successful with 77 new members, which was a record for all times. During the year 20 peals on tower bells and three 'in hand' had been rung. Quarterly meetings were arranged for Chislehurst, Dunstable and Guildford. The year had been marred by the death of Mr. J. Bailey.

The report was adopted with a vote of thanks to the secretary for his work in the past year.

Commenting on the peals, the Master said there had been 12 conductors to the 23 peals and there were eight first pealers. He hoped there would be 20 first pealers in 1949.

Mr. A. H. Pulling congratulated the St. Martin's company on ringing a peal with four or five College Youths. It was one of the finest gestures they had seen for a long time.

The Master: I think it is appreciated on the other side. It is not an iron curtain between the societies, but a linen one which one can go through.

Mr. C. Matthews said he had it on excellent authority that Cumberland ladies rang a Surprise peal for the first time for the Society; they ought to congratulate those ladies.

RATIFICATIONS.

The meeting ratified the election of the following members: Alec A. Bird (Stoke Newington), A. E. Chilson, P. White, W. Chandler, F. G. Hooper, J. W. Raithby, G. E. Elsey (Newark), the Misses Kathleen and Grace Birchnall (Sutton-on-Trent), Miss Rachel Yeld (Milford-on-Sea), D. Martin (London, S.W.17), W. Rose (Peterborough), T. H. Holmes (Herne Bay), Miss Millhouse (Lincoln, hon. member), Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts (Carbis Bay), Miss Peggy Kitchen (Thames Ditton), P. Davy (Bramley), Ian W. Jackson (Isle of Wight), Miss Doris Dobbie (Sittingbourne), Miss Frances Edgar (London, S.W.1), P. J. Delmon (Eastbourne).



MR. GEO. H. CROSS.

New members elected were Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Carter and Mr. J. M. Pages (Hertford), Mr. P. I. Chapman (Kettering), Keith McGregor (Orpington) and Miss Audrey Diserens (Reading).

ELECTION OF MASTER.

There were three nominations for the post of Master, the ballot resulting as follows:—

Mr. George H. Cross	43
Mr. Frank E. Hawthorne ...	20
Mr. Tom Bevan	13

Mr. Cross, on taking the chair, thanked the members for electing him and also Mr. Ayre for his services during the past year as Master. It was something unknown for someone outside of St. Martin's tower to hold the office of Master. He had been the means of getting a lot of young members. Mr. Cross concluded that his health had not been so good during the past six months, so any of the younger members who could help would be welcomed.

The Rector of St. Martin's, who had to leave the meeting, said it was a great privilege and an honour to St. Martin's for the Society to make its headquarters there. They welcomed them and he asked the members to take the good wishes of St. Martin's to their towers.

The new Master thanked the Rector for the use of the bells and the good people of St. Martin's for their hospitality. He knew of no other tower in London where the people were so good to the ringers.

Mr. F. Hawthorne, in proposing the re-election of Mr. Steere as hon. secretary, said Mr. Steere had served them very faithfully and well, but they should look round for a successor with the right qualifications to take office in, say, 10 years' time.

Other officers elected were: Senior steward, Mr. Tom Bevan; junior steward, Mr. Frank E. Hawthorne; trustees, Messrs. C. J. Matthews and Winterton; auditors, Messrs. A. H. Pulling and W. Ayre.

Meetings proposed were: Rickmansworth, April 30th; Dartford, July 23rd; Broxbourne, Herts, Oct. 1st; and the annual meeting on Feb. 4th, 1950.

DINNER AND LICENSED PREMISES.

A discussion was taken on the advisability of holding an annual dinner, and on the proposition of Mr. Hawthorne, it was decided to hold such a gathering on October 9th.

Mr. Frank C. W. Knight questioned whether it was advisable to hold the dinner at the Old Bell as it precluded juniors.

Mr. C. J. Matthews, advocating the holding of the dinner at the Old Bell, said he hesitated to depart from tradition. Ringing had always gone with liquid refreshment on the social side. He could not see a dinner being a success on unlicensed premises.

It was decided to leave the arranging of the dinner in the hands of the following committee: Mrs. Deal, Miss Pat Holmes, Messrs. Tom Francis, Peter Bond, F. Hawthorne, F. Knight and the Master and hon. secretary.

The advisability of appointing a deputy secretary was discussed, and Mr. Peter Bond was elected to this office.

INCREASED JOINING FEE SUGGESTED.

Miss Pat Holmes said the Society charged a joining fee of 5s. To bring it into line with other societies' subscriptions, she suggested that it should be 7s. 6d. The College Youths' subscription, she believed, was 15s. 'This Society is too cheap,' she added. 'I don't think it would be too much.'

Mr. Frank Knight seconded.

The Master thought the proposition was a good idea as the certificates they gave members were very expensive.

An amendment was moved by Mr. Frank Hawthorne that the matter be referred to the next annual meeting. He suggested that a book be kept in each tower for steepleage.

Mr. Matthews seconded. The Cumberlands, he said, did not want to see a big bank balance.

Miss Holmes withdrew her motion in favour of the amendment on the understanding that new notice of the proposed change of subscription would be given in 'The Ringing World.'

The business concluded with a vote of thanks to the officers and the church authorities, proposed by Mr. Frank Hawthorne.

Mr. George Gilbert made an appeal on behalf of Burnham bells. The job would cost £2,000 and he had to raise that sum by next Christmas. Burnham had made 25 Cumberlands in their tower. A retiring collection was taken for the fund.

40 YEARS AS SECRETARY

Dear Sir,—I wish to thank all those, far and near, who so generously subscribed to the fund—together with kindly expressions—in recognition of my forty years' service rendered as lay secretary to the Stafford Archdeaconry Society. Mr. Chris. Wallater, in a few chosen words, made the presentation of a fat cheque at the quarterly meeting at Wolverhampton on January 22nd. The Rev. C. H. Barker, clerical secretary and treasurer, also paid high tribute to the work of the recipient.—Yours faithfully,

H. KNIGHT.

Wolverhampton

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Central Council's Visit

PROMISCUOUS APPLICATIONS FOR BELLS.

A very successful meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Pontefract on January 22nd, attended by representatives of all the districts. By kind consent of the respective clergy, All Saints' bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and St. Giles' in the evening only, due, of course, to the fact that the church is situated in the market place, which is always a busy spot on a Saturday afternoon.

The General Committee met at St. Giles' Parish Hall, after which an excellent tea was served in the Co-operative Cafe, followed by the general meeting in the same room immediately afterwards. The chair was taken by the president, the Rev. C. O. Ellison, supported by the general secretary, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, and Mr. P. J. Johnson, vice-president. Apologies for absence were received from the hon. treasurer, Mr. S. F. Palmer, the hon. peal secretary, Mr. W. Barton, both of whom were ill, and Messrs. W. H. Senior, A. H. Fox and F. W. Dale. A vote of thanks to the clergy and churchwardens of both churches was ably moved by Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Morley and carried. The Rev. A. J. Poole replied, saying that he understood it was 15 years since a general meeting was held at Pontefract, and hoped that the next one would come round much earlier than that. A similar vote of thanks to the local companies for their able arrangements was moved by Mr. E. Hudson, seconded by Mr. F. A. Staveley and carried. Mr. H. C. Walters replied.

The President pointed out that the next meeting would be the annual meeting, and they had an invitation to hold it at Selby Abbey on May 7th. There being no other invitation, Mr. J. Ambler moved and Mr. E. Short seconded that the invitation be accepted, and this was carried. Mr. L. W. G. Morris moved the re-election of Mr. S. F. Palmer as hon. treasurer, which was seconded by Mr. J. W. Moxon and carried unanimously.

The President reported on the arrangements, which, of course, are incomplete at the moment, in connection with the forthcoming Central Council meeting at York, but which would be published in due course. Premises had already been booked for the meeting, and the delegates would be the guests of the Association to tea afterwards. Ringing arrangements will be published, and it is hoped, in order to avoid confusion, that visitors will address all enquiries in this respect to the responsible Association officials when announced. Promiscuous applications for the use of certain rings of bells for peal ringing on the Whit Monday had already come in from people who were not members of the Council, and had, needless to say, not been addressed to any Association official. The committee were unanimous that this practice was one to be deprecated, particularly as in no fewer than three instances it was proposed that the rings of bells in question should be placed at the disposal of Council members who otherwise would not have an opportunity to ring them.

The President announced that the committee had considered the secretary's report on the Snowdon Dinner, held at Bradford on October 2nd, and were disappointed that a clash should have occurred with the date. An Eastern District meeting was held on the same date, and had the effect of reducing the attendance from the district to three members only. It was most unfortunate in view of the fact that the Association had supported the revival of the dinner and the date was published in the annual report. The Eastern District secretary had explained that that was the only date on which the tower concerned could accept the meeting. The dinner itself had been a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed, and the Association's thanks were due to the secretary and his Bradford helpers, who put on an excellent show. It was a pity that the attendance fell below the anticipated complement of 90, which had been the basis in calculating the cost to members. The attendance was 60, and in consequence the secretary anticipated a loss of £6 or more.

The President reported that the committee had given serious consideration to the upward trend in administration costs, largely due to the steep rise in the cost of printing, and intended to review the entire position at its next meeting, and, if found necessary, to recommend an adjustment in the annual subscription rate to bring it into line with present-day administration costs. H. E. North (Rotherham), Mrs. N. Chadwick, J. Cutt, G. Hepworth (Sandal) and Frank Townend (Crofton) were elected members.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.

A large gathering of ringers and friends attended the annual meeting on January 22nd, when the Guild's service was held in the Parish Church, the Vicar (the Rev. L. A. Ewart) officiating. A collection for the Guild Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £2 1s. 3d.

Tea to a company of 80 was supervised by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Johnson. The Rev. S. F. W. Powell (branch president) was in the chair at the business meeting. The company stood in silence to the memory of Mr. J. C. Shatford.

Mr. A. Bingley (Irthlingborough) presented his report as branch secretary, and the balance sheet showed an increased balance of £2 8s. 3d. Permission is to be sought for the next quarterly meeting, to be held at Stanwick.

New ringing members elected were Messrs. D. J. Houghton, M. N. P. Taylor and B. C. Clark (Higham Ferrers). First peal certificates were presented to Messrs. A. J. Edmunds, A. Partridge, R. Elliott, M. Elliott and R. Line (Bozeat) and W. Wilson (Higham Ferrers).

Officers elected were: Rev. S. F. W. Powell (Bozeat), president; hon. secretary and treasurer, A. Bigley (Irthlingborough); Branch Ringing Master, W. G. Callis (Mears Ashby); Guild Committee, J. King and A. E. Plowman (Wellingborough); Branch Committee, A. Y. Tyler (Irthlingborough), C. Payne (Irchester), C. W. Partridge (Wilby); auditor, E. W. Johnson (Earls Barton).

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting held at Chilvers Coton on January 15th was highly successful, being attended by upwards of 100 members and friends, most of the towers being represented. The light ring of ten was tried in various methods, but the inaudibility of the new trebles in the ringing chamber rather upset the striking. More attention to this point should be given by founders when bells are augmented, especially with lighter rings.

The Guild service, conducted by the Rev. D. A. Munro, curate of Chilvers Coton, was followed by tea and business meeting. The Master (Mr. A. H. Beamish) gave notice of motion that he would propose at the annual meeting that the annual subscription of junior members be 1s. instead of them being admitted free as at present. This was supported by Mr. W. A. Stote and Miss M. Reeves. New members elected were Miss C. Bloxham (Nuneaton) and Messrs. J. Woodward and W. Brandist (Keresley).

It was announced that the annual meeting would take place at Stratford on April 23rd.

Ringing was resumed until 7.15, when a return was made to the Parish Hall for a social evening. This had been thrown open to the parishioners, and a company of 200 spent the next four hours playing whist, games and dancing. A feature of the evening was the selections on 28 handbells by Mr. C. H. Webb and his company of Allesley ringers.

Southwell Guild Dinner

A SUCCESSFUL INAUGURATION.

The youthful Southwell Guild, following precedent set by many old and influential societies, held a dinner at the New Milton Cafe, Nottingham, on January 22nd. Lack of accommodation made it necessary to restrict diners to 90 and many applications for tickets had to be refused.

Visitors included the Rev. A. Ingles, the Vicar of St. Peter's, Nottingham, Mr. Albert Ward, Derby, Mr. Clement Glenn, Grantham, Mr. W. C. Rhodes, Birmingham, and a contingent of ringers from Pinchbeck, headed by Mr. David Whitton.

Canon R. F. Wilkinson presided and was supported by the officers. In proposing the toast of 'The Church,' Mr. Walter White warned his audience that Sunday, a holy day, should not be turned into a holiday and that the pattern of our church must not be tampered with. He also stated (amidst laughter) that bellringing went back to David's time, as it was said in Psalm 82 'that all foundations of the earth are out of course.'

The Rev. A. Ingles replied in witty vein and mentioned that Charles Lamb had said in a moment of chagrin that the music of bellringing was nearest heaven . . . . it was not earthly!

Mr. J. W. Raithby, the hon. general secretary, proposed the toast of 'The Guild,' and spoke of its formation and objects, the need for individual initiative and the necessity for an intensive recruiting drive. He mentioned that if every tower in the Guild taught one new ringer each year, the increase would be 600 in ten years. The 42 peals rung for the Guild during 1948 constituted a record, and bands were fortunate in being able to ring 'firsts in the method' for the Guild. This was much more difficult with the older societies.

The Guild's chairman, Canon R. F. Wilkinson—a well-known clerical ringer and a fluent speaker—suitably replied and spoke of the danger in this radio-minded age confronting our great tradition by 'canned' bells.

'The Visitors' was given by Mr. H. Pailing and responded to by Mr. W. C. Rhodes, of Birmingham.

Mr. Walter Nichols, the hon. treasurer, was warmly thanked and applauded for his enterprise in arranging the dinner, which it is hoped will take its place in the ringing calendar as an annual event.

Entertainment included handbell ringing, musical items and a skilful display by a lightning cartoonist.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

DORCHESTER BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the above branch was held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on January 22nd, and was attended by about 70 ringers and friends.

The service was conducted by the branch chairman, Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, and after tea at St. Peter's Institute, the Canon also presided at the business meeting.

The membership was given as 203, of which 168 were ringing members. The secretary mentioned that the branch had lost three members by death during the past year, and that since the beginning of 1949 the oldest member of the branch, the Rev. John Wynn Werninck, had died. The meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect for these ringers. The accounts showed a credit balance of £61.

The Chairman remarked that some of the towers had held a 'Belfry Sunday,' and advocated that more of these services be held as they undoubtedly helped the general public to understand the work and objectives of the ringers.

Canon A. W. Markby was re-elected chairman, and all the remaining officers were returned to office, with the addition of Mr. R. H. Duke as assistant secretary.

The bells were kept going until nearly 9 o'clock to a variety of methods. J.H.H.

Dedications

SS. PETER AND PAUL'S, ORMSKIRK.

The Lord Bishop of Liverpool dedicated the bells of SS. Peter and Paul's, Ormskirk, on January 15th, in the presence of a large congregation. The front seven have been recast and a new tenor replaces the pre-Reformation bell, dated 1497, which now stands under the tower as a museum piece. Cast iron headstocks and modern bearings have been fitted, but the original oak frame has been retained. The work was ably carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

In the course of his address, the Bishop said Ormskirk bells were known throughout the country; they were always good bells. To the Vicar, churchwarden and members of the church at Ormskirk he would say, 'Be proud of your bells; they are a great possession; be glad you have got them.'

In a word to the ringers the Bishop said he was glad so many had come to take part in that service, and he hoped that bellringers would always do their duty as part of the community of the Church. The ringing of church bells was a call to worship, a challenge and a cail to duty as Christians.

After the service the local band, augmented by two ringers from nearby churches, who replaced two members incapacitated through an accident, rang a well-struck touch of Grandsire Triples.

Refreshments followed at the Scouts' Headquarters, and then the tower was open to visiting ringers. Fortunately the tower is very large, but even then the accommodation was severely taxed by the 117 ringers who crowded in. Touches were rung in Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol. One touch of London deserves special mention, being rung by 'Old Joe's Saturday Band.' Many expressions of praise of the bells were heard.

The bells and their inscriptions are:—

Treble.—1774.
2nd.—1774. Peace and good neighbourhood.
3rd.—1714. William Guse. Parish Clerk, A.R.
4th.—1714. Mr. Henry Welsby. Constable, A.R.
5th.—1714. Archippax Kippax, Vicar, A.R.
6th.—1714. Benj. Fletcher, Thos. Moorcroft.
7th.—1774. Thomas Aspinall, Churchwarden. Thomas Rudhall, Gloucester, Founder.
Tenor.—1948. God's Preservation, 1939-1945.
Weight, 21 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

The old tenor bell weighs 25½ cwt. and bears the inscription: 'J*S*de*B*armig*et*ux*me* fecerunt*in honore*trinitatis R.B. 1497.'

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

BOLTON BRANCH.

The Bolton Branch held their annual meeting at the Parish Church of St. Peter on Jan. 22nd. The new Vicar, the Rev. H. G. Norburn, presided, and gave a hearty welcome to the members and promised to give all the help he could to help ringers in their work.

At this meeting the secretary, Mr. Peter Crook, tendered his resignation. He said he had held this position continuously for 30 years and he thought the time had come when they ought to get someone else, but the meeting decided unanimously that the resignation ought not to be accepted and that an appreciation of his long service be entered in the minutes. Mr. John Potter was re-elected to serve on the committee for two years, and the good wishes of the members were sent to him for a speedy recovery from his illness. Mr. James L. Wright was re-elected Ringing Master, and nominations were also made for officers of the Association.

The ringing part of the meeting was again a huge success. There was a large attendance. All classes of ringing were catered for, from rounds to Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol. Tea was very kindly provided by the local members.

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS.

It is with deep regret we record the death of Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, at North Stoneham on Friday. He was 91 years of age and died in his sleep.



Mr. George Williams was one of the outstanding personalities of the Exercise, and in all branches of the art he did much to advance peal ringing. He had rung more than 1,500 peals and his list of 'firsts' was outstanding. A member of the famous Brighton band of the early years of this century, his ability as a conductor and ringer gained for him a foremost place in an assembly of eminent ringers. Among the first peals in a method to his credit were Bristol Surprise Major, Oxford Surprise Major (his composition) and Norfolk Surprise Major. He rang in the first peal on Exeter Cathedral bells—Grandsire Caters—in 1902.

When it was decided to ring a peal by a band composed of ringers with 1,000 peals to their credit at St. Olave's, Hart Street, in February, 1936, the choice of the conductor fell to Mr. Williams. The peal was Cambridge Surprise Major, and of the ringers who participated only Messrs. Frank Bennett, James George and Alfred H. Pulling are now living.

He was one of the senior members of the Central Council, and he was held in very high esteem by his fellow members. To his own Guild—first the Winchester and afterwards the Winchester and Portsmouth—he rendered faithful service, attending to his duties meticulously.

Mr. Williams was a widower. Mrs. Williams shared her husband's pleasures in ringing, and she was the first lady to ring a handbell peal—Holt's Ten-part in 1892. Mr. Williams gave two trebles at North Stoneham in memory of his wife.

The funeral took place at North Stoneham on Tuesday.

DONNINGTON, LINCS. — On Dec. 31st, 1,080 Oxford Treble Bob and 180 Bob Minor: D. Woods (first quarter) 1, J. E. Allen (cond.) 2, E. Staples 3, C. Wander 4, S. V. Woods 5, A. Woods 6.

TICKHILL, YORKS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Jackson 1, H. Denman 2, H. Barnes 3, A. Hulley (first of Doubles) 4, A. Rogers (cond.) 5, W. Watkinson (first of Doubles) 6.

MR. HENRY HOGARTH.

By the somewhat sudden death on January 18th, at the age of 66, of Mr. Henry Hogarth, the Church of St. Mary, Chatham, the belfry in particular, has sustained a sad loss.

Harry, with his quiet but perpetual kindly way, was greatly esteemed by all who knew him; whether in church, in the belfry, at work or on the bowling green his pleasant manner was a tonic to his colleagues. He came from a ringing family, being the eldest of four sons and one daughter (all ringers) of the late Mr. Hogarth, who was the Ringing Master at Crosswaithe Parish Church, Keswick, Cumberland.

Mr. Hogarth came to Chatham from the Lake District and joined the St. Mary's ringers in 1911, and he also served as a sidesman for some 20 years. Being employed in the grocery business, he was perhaps not so well known amongst ringers outside his own local towers, he being unable to attend association meetings or take part in Saturday peals, and in consequence his peal list was a very short one. A very competent ringer in the standard methods and an excellent striker, he will be greatly missed from Sunday service ringing.

As a tribute to his memory, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from Parker's Twelve-part was rung half-muffled at St. Mary's Church on January 23rd by R. Skinner 1, T. Beaumont 2, E. A. G. Allen 3, C. S. Jarrett 4, G. Wiggins 5, R. E. Norris 6, V. A. Jarrett (cond.) 7, C. E. Norris 8.

Mr. Hogarth leaves no family to follow him in the belfry, but deepest sympathy is extended to his widow in her bereavement and to his relatives in Cumberland. V.A.J.

MR. G. W. WARNER.

By the sudden death of Mr. George W. Warner, at the age of 51, on January 22nd, St. Mary's, Woodbridge, ringers have lost a close friend and member. He was present in the tower on the Sunday and Tuesday previous to his death.

Mr. Warner had a long association with St. Mary's and always set a good example by his regular attendance at Sunday ringing. Although not a great peal ringer, his accomplishments included a peal of Grandsire Triples for the Coronation of King George VI. His passing will leave a gap very hard to fill. A.S.W.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

St. Mary's, Cottingham, with its unusual entrance to the belfry from the outside of the church, up a circular staircase to the roof and then through a trap door, descending a wooden ladder to the floor of the ringing chamber, was visited by the Beverley and District Society on January 8th.

A touch of Stedman Triples preceded the service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. R. Hebron), and Mr. A. H. Fox was the organist. High tea followed at Brocklesby's Cafe.

The president (Mr. G. F. Williams) presided at the business meeting, when Holy Trinity, Hull, was selected for the meeting on February 12th, and Hessle for the March meeting. Thanks were accorded the Rector, organist and local ringers on the proposition of Mr. Tyson. Handbell ringing by several teams proved most enjoyable, and further ringing in the tower to standard methods brought a successful meeting to a close.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON. — At the Church of St. Anne on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Perrin 1, W. T. Theobald (cond.) 2, H. Howson 3, W. T. Forrester 4, E. J. Rowe 5, A. Ingrey (first quarter) 6.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON. — On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Print 1, H. Brookes 2, V. B. Hunt 3, R. C. Chapman 4, C. R. Steed 5, W. Cockings 6, J. F. Lyne (first as cond.) 7, F. C. Lyne 8.

SAMPFORD PEVERELL, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 18½ cwt.

Harry Commins ...	...*Treble*	Claude Tarr	4
Raymond A. Winter ...	2	Harry Purchase	5
*William H. Ware ...	3	Stanley Bristow	... *Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Purchase.
* First peal 'inside.' First peal on bells since overhauling and rehanging on ball bearings by J. Taylor and Co. Believed to be first peal on the bells.

ST. BREWARD, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Breward,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 2,760 of Grandsire and 2,280 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

*James C. Northey	...*Treble*	R. Gordon Cross	4
†A. Hubert Eplett ...	2	Alex J. Webster	5
Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella	3	F. Dudley Teague...	... *Tenor*

Conducted by R. Gordon Cross.
* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal in two methods 'inside.' First peal in two methods on the bells.

UPWEY, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*Richard H. Duke	...*Treble*	Edward F. M. Samson	4
Frederick Preecey ...	2	*Joseph H. Hayne ...	5
Mary E. Davis	3	Arthur V. Davis	... *Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur V. Davis.
* First peal of Bob Minor. A compliment to Leslie V. Davis of the local band upon the birth of a daughter.

RETTENDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes.*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, different variations. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Fredk. W. Frost	...*Treble*	Charles Jay	4
William Perry	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Roderick W. Croucher	3	Gerald Frost ...	... *Tenor*

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 16, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Dunstan,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

Thos. G. Bannister	...*Treble*	Herbert W. Impey ...	4
Albert R. G. Twinn ...	2	Reginald A. Reed ...	5
Fredk. W. Goodfellow	3	*Miss Barbara Thrush	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas G. Bannister.
* First peal. First peal of Stedman Doubles on the bells and by all the band. Quickest peal on the bells.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 18, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James;
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being twenty-four 120's, five 240's of Morris and four 240's of Pitman's arrangement. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*Mrs. Olive Tranter	...*Treble*	Harold Austin	4
Leslie Barry	2	†William Rickings ...	5
William Sidwell ...	3	Charles Larner ...	... *Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie Barry.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Augustine,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 16 six-scores of Grandsire, 12 of Plain Bob, 8 of Reverse Canterbury, and 6 of London. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

Trevor Payne ...	...*Treble*	George Prescott ...	4
Edward E. Fisher ...	2	Marjorie Legg	5
*Brenda Prescott ...	3	†Henry Button ...	... *Tenor*

Conducted by Marjorie Legg.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First peal as conductor.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 21, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Harry Duncombe ...	...*Treble*	Hubert E. Ashley	4
Alfred J. Hinde	2	J. W. Frank Trotman...	5
Margaret Beamish ...	3	John A. L. Thompson...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Margaret Beamish.
The quickest peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Mon., Jan. 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At 35, Woodstock Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

Betty Spice	1-2	Wilfrid F. Moreton ...	5-6
Margaret L. Tutt	3-4	Jean A. Southerst	7-8
		*Peter T. Robbins ...	9-10

Composed by Edward Francis. Conducted by Jean A. Southerst.
* First peal of Royal and on handbells. First peal of Royal and on handbells as conductor.

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 5, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 59 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of St. Thomas' Church,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

Frederick E. Dukes ...	1-2	John T. Dunwoody ...	3-4
		A. Ernest McGrath ...	5-6

Conducted by A. Ernest McGrath.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 7, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

William G. Young ...	1-2	Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	5-6
Daniel T. Matkin	3-4	Roy C. Hurst	7-8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay.
First peal of Major as conductor.

LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 7, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the County Hall, Westminster Bridge, S.E.1,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Thomas J. Lock	1-2	Alfred G. Williams ...	5-6
Maurice Hodgson	3-4	Wilfrid G. Wilson ...	7-8

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Wilfrid G. Wilson.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 46 *Minutes,*
At 20, Westbrook Villas,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
42 six-scores. Tenor size 14 in C.

*Dennis R. Airey	1-2	Ronald D. Airey	3-4
		*Miss Madeleine Ough...	5-6

Conducted by Ronald D. Airey.
* First peal 'in hand.' First handbell peal as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes.*
At 26, Wellington Road.
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	1-2	*William G. Young ...	5-6
Daniel T. Matkin	3-4	Roy C. Hurst	7-8

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
* First peal of Major 'inside,' 'in hand.' 100th peal as conductor.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 14, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor size 12 in F.

*Margaret E. Richards...	1-2	W. Bertram Kynaston ...	3-4
		*William W. T. Daniell	5-6

Conducted by W. Bertram Kynaston.
* First peal 'in hand.'

BADWELL ASH, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): C. Fordham 1, W. Goodson 2, R. E. Manton 3, H. Hunt 4, A. Rogers (cond.) 5.

BEDFORD.—At St. Peter's de Merton on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Long 1, B. Hulatt 2, G. Hulatt (age 14, first as cond.) 3, S. Harlow 4, W. Stapleton 5, E. Jeffries 6. First of Plain Bob by 1 and 2.

BENWELL, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE. — On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Benwell (first quarter) 1, Miss K. Stotherd 2, A. Wallace 3, C. S. Dixon 4, J. Carse (cond.) 5, R. Barrow 6.

BRAFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,949 Doubles, consisting of 360 each of St. Simon's, April Day, Antelope, Canterbury and Plain Bob and 149 Grandsire: G. Robinson 1, R. C. Noon 2, G. Care 3, P. Jones (cond.) 4, C. Longland 5. For the silver jubilee of the founding of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

BROMLEY, KENT. — On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. J. Humphrey 1, P. Spice 2, E. C. Bishop 3, J. R. Wilson (first quarter) 4, G. F. James 5, J. E. Lyddiard 6, C. Cullen (first as cond.) 7, M. F. Oakshett 8.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY, YORKS. — On Jan. 14th, 1,949 Treble Bob Minor (149 Oxford, 360 each of Sandal, Kingstone, Woodbine, Duke of York and Kent): G. K. Crompton 1, C. Rusby 2, F. Cowling 3, K. H. Wood 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. Golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Acton.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. L. Crocker 1, W. Goldstone 2, Miss J. Crocker (first quarter) 3, G. Curtis (birthday compliment) 4, R. Andrews 5, J. B. Hessey (cond.) 6, J. Crocker 7, T. Warden 8.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, H. Cook 2, Miss P. Francis 3, R. Jarvis 4, M. Sinden (cond.) 5, I. Harris 6, J. Jarvis 7, C. Tompkins 8.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Miss L. Mottishaw 1, J. E. Cawser (cond.) 2, M. C. Fowler 3, A. Firth 4, J. M. Thorley 5, W. E. Critchley 6, E. Cooper 7, E. A. Thorpe 8. First in method 1, 5, 7, 8.

CRAYFORD, KENT. — On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. O. Coley (first quarter, age 12) 1, E. Barnett 2, H. Hoverd 3, J. H. Wheadon 4, W. Lemon 5, J. Eden 6, F. A. Coley (cond.) 7, H. E. Audsley 8.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Wagstaffe (first quarter) 1, G. H. Paulson (cond.) 2, Miss J. Dunn 3, Miss C. Broome 4, H. E. Gregory 5, D. Scott 6, E. Paulson 7, N. Hotchiss 8.

DEANE, LANCS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cooper 1, T. Barlow 2, H. Walmsley 3, D. Flitcroft 4, J. Hewitson 5, L. Peters 6, T. W. Smith (cond.) 7, J. W. Hamer 8.

EAST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 14th, 1,080 Bob Minor: G. Beeney 1, C. John Piper (14, first 'inside') 2, E. E. Breed 3, A. Robinson 4, E. Gavan D. Tonkin (first of Minor as cond., 14) 5, F. H. Hicks 6. A 14th birthday compliment to the 2nd.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Andrew's on Jan. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. F. Bootman (first of Major) 1, I. J. Attwater 2, Mrs. P. A. Tomlinson 3, Mrs. G. Manchip 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, S. J. Nichols 6, J. Roberts 7, A. J. House (cond.) 8.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Diamond (first quarter) 1, E. Haines 2, C. Turner 3, G. S. Joyce (cond.) 4, R. E. Woods 5, R. Mills 6.

QUARTER PEALS

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. M. Limmer (first quarter) 1, A. R. Gale 2, Miss R. Tabraham 3, W. H. Eastwell 4, B. Matthews (first away from tenor) 5, D. H. Pearce (first of Triples as cond.) 6, W. Henley 7, A. Birch 8.

GORING-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ansley Bowers (first quarter) 1, S. Ansell 2, K. Bryder 3, P. Wood 4, H. Weaver (cond.) 5, L. Ward 6.

GOSBERTON, LINCS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Gwen Robinson 1, F. Payne 2, N. Hutchesson 3, H. Whitton 4, J. Edgoose 5, W. Worthington (cond.) 6.

GROBY, LEICS. — On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Bob and 540 Plain Bob): T. Isom 1, W. E. Geary 2, T. E. Gardner 3, Eric Geary 4, Vic Geary 5, G. E. Spencer (first as cond.) 6.

HACKNEY, LONDON.—On Jan. 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. W. Beard 1, D. W. Beard 2, C. A. Hughes 3, T. H. Taffender 4, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 5, C. W. Ottley 6, C. E. Willmington 7, J. Bullock 8.

HALEWOOD, LANCS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Alan P. Cave (first quarter) 1, J. Robinson 2, W. Maddock 3, P. W. Cave (cond.) 4, T. Robinson 5, T. Hesketh 6, W. Robinson 7, J. Robinson 8.

HARWICH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 11th, 1,264 Bob Major: A. Gow 1, Miss P. Peck 2, Mrs. J. Warner 3, Miss J. Constance 4, U. W. Wildney (cond.) 5, H. Tovell 6, R. G. Bugg 7, W. Felgate 8. First quarter 1, 2, 3, 4, 6.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each London, Old Plain Bob and Norfolk, 120 April Day and 180 Grandsire): J. Brooks 1, Mrs. J. Naish 2, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 3, J. Naish 4, W. J. Gait 5, W. A. Prescott (cond.) 6. First in six methods by all the band except the conductor.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Jan. 2nd, at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: N. E. Hollingworth 1, E. F. Pryor 2, A. E. Hoare 3, D. F. Harman (first in the method) 4, A. F. Lancaster 5, G. Charge 6, R. H. Begrie (first in the method as cond.) 7, J. G. Nash 8.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. Sandford 1, W. D. Ashdown 2, Miss Q. Pring 3, D. Callard (first in method) 4, E. E. Retter 5, J. Salway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. R. Retter 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX. — On Jan. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Meadows 1, A. W. Beard 2, J. Carrott 3, D. W. Beard 4, F. V. Gant 5, G. E. Wright (first as cond.) 6, T. East 7, F. Freestone 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Mrs. O. L. Rogers 1, Sheila E. Harris 2, Mrs. K. Parr 3, Eileen D. Farrell (first Stedman) 4, S. Croft 5, E. Dodds 6, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, A. F. Thirst 8, D. J. Charnley 9, F. Hopgood 10. First Stedman Caters 2 and 6.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On Jan. 2nd, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: John H. Lott 1, T. H. Taffender 2, D. Beveridge (first of Surprise) 3, Miss A. M. Castle 4, N. G. Hollingworth (first of Surprise as cond.) 5, C. W. Ottley 6, W. D. Grainger (first in the method 'inside') 7, J. Bullock 8.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK. — On Jan. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. T. Symonds 1, A. F. Turner 2, W. Andrews 3, E. Ambrose 4, W. Jarvis 5, F. C. Boreham 6, L. C. Offord 7, F. G. Pryke 8. Birthday compliment to D. A. Symonds.

LILLINGTON, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Alibone (first away from tenor) 1, W. Jarvis 2, Miss E. Hall 3, R. J. Edden 4, J. R. Ball 5, W. Oakley 6, H. C. Burt (cond.) 7, C. Grindley (first quarter) 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET. — On Jan. 2nd, 1,248 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: N. Adams (first in method) 1, R. Keeley 2, C. W. Powell 3, S. H. Green 4, H. G. Keeley 5, G. H. Whitemore 6, Rev. C. C. Cox (cond.) 7, G. S. Morris 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Jan. 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. W. Powell 1, R. Keeley 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, S. H. Green 4, H. G. Keeley 5, Rev. C. C. Cox (cond.) 6, G. H. Whitemore 7, G. S. Morris 8. First of Cambridge 2 and 7; first away from the treble 3. First of Surprise by the local band and first by a local band in Dorset.

MACHEN, MON.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Davies 1, Rev. F. A. Oswell 2, L. Hulbert 3, T. Yeomans 4, H. Cassel 5, W. Dare 6, P. Jones (cond.) 7, P. Trew 8. First quarter 1 and 8.

MANCHESTER.—At St. James' on Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Mabel Parham 1, D. Parham 2, A. Cooper 3, E. Bowkett 4, D. Henshall 5, D. Shepherd (first as cond.) 6, N. Williamson 7. First quarter 2, 3 and 7. In memoriam Dr. Parsons, Bishop of Hereford.

MANCHESTER. — On Jan. 16th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: H. Reynolds 1, Mary Walshaw 2, F. Barraclough 3, F. E. Dukes 4, R. Airey 5, A. Ridyard (cond.) 6, W. Pye 7, B. Walshaw 8, R. Longden 9, G. Longden (first quarter) 10.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS. — On Jan. 4th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Miss E. S. Wise 1, H. G. Bailey 2, F. J. Stimson 3, H. Aley 4, F. Shepheard 5, J. A. Fenton (cond.) 6, H. Clayton 7, E. Bartram 8. First in method for all except 6 and 8.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. Woolley 1, W. G. Gigg 2, R. Winter 3, F. E. Hansford 4, H. G. Sparkes 5, C. Williams 6, A. H. Reed (cond.) 7, H. Comins 8. First in method for 1 and 3.

OXENHOPE, YORKS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Whitehead 1, J. Robertshaw 2, S. Whitehead 3, H. Helliwell 4, W. Greenwood 5, A. Bairstow (cond.) 6, V. Bairstow 7, A. Daley 8. In memoriam Ernest G. Ayers, a member of the local company.

PINCHBECK, LINCS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joyce Chenery 1, W. Worthington 2, Dulcie Robinson 3, K. Richardson 4, H. Whitton 5, H. Bennett (cond.) 6. First quarter of Bob Minor by 1, 3, 4 and 5.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Jan. 12th, at St. Stephen's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. A. Garlant (first quarter) 1, A. E. Ewer 2, E. H. Durrant (first 'inside') 3, D. W. Barton 4, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 5, J. S. Worbey (first quarter) 6.

ST. BRIAVELS, GLOS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Reynolds 1, J. C. Goulding 2, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 3, W. G. Reynolds 4, J. L. Smith 5, H. G. Wilce 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6.

STANTON HARCOURT, OXON.—On Jan. 16th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. B. Meadows 1, Miss C. M. Trist 2, Miss M. J. Brierley 3, G. N. McCrum 4, M. E. H. Barrow 5, P. W. B. Semmens (first in method as cond.) 6.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,949 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Doris Shepperd 1, T. Pritchard 2, Miss Nora Aldridge (first 'inside') 3, S. Thain 4, T. Witts (cond.) 5, R. Sharpe 6.

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A NOTE ON METHOD STRUCTURE

(Continued from page 46.)

By A. E. YORK-BRAMBLE.

M. CORRELATING STATS. — We have seen how very restrictive in effect are the conventional requirements of method structure and extension. They are such, in fact, that unless the basic method itself is in the Ideal category, there can be *no 'extension' without some modification of the extended grid pattern.* Now, clearly, in any extension some new grid-sections will have appeared, additionally to those of the basic, and it is there that the modifications may properly be made. Accordingly Stats are introduced, solely in those grid-sections if possible, but in any case *not* in the four grid-sections at grid-link and grid-junction. These 'Correlating Stats' must produce the grid-pattern of the method to conform with the requirements we have discussed. So that in any Proximate Extension there will be found the original or basic stats and some correlating stats, either in substitution or additionally. We may thus conclude:—

'Of the various recognisable extensions that may be produced from any given basic method, the Proximate is that which fulfils the standard requirements* with the minimum of correlating stats in the permitted grid-sections.' (* See table below.)

N. METHOD FORMULÆ.—With the foregoing principles in mind, a formula may be drafted for the structure of any method. How often have we heard such a statement optimistically made, in the sense of some sort of magic recipe in algebraic terms, rigidly applicable 'ad infinitum.' And how often has it failed to materialise! The truth is that such is demonstrably impracticable. In general terms, however, subject to the minimum of correlating stats imposed by the conventional requirements, a formula may be derived from the basic method itself. The process is to draw up the grid-pattern of the basic, with its appropriate grid-link. The grid-pattern is then examined and carefully detailed, with particular regard to the work in the cones, in relation to the hunt-controlling bell and the pivot-bells. Specific reference may be required as to the placing of the correlating stats, preferably done by means of the grid-square reference nomenclature, as outlined in the previous article. In double methods, while the work of either cone alone defines the method (since the two are there identical), yet special conditions often arise. The two halves of any one cone, of course, are identical, reflectively; except in special cases of ultra-modern design. A formula is not necessarily restrictive in extension; that is to say, more than one variation may be produced from it. But in any case, any so-called extension of a method, not being in conformity with the formula for that method, cannot be a true extension of that method, and should be known and rung under some name other than that of the basic from which it emerged. From this it follows that while its 'places' may adequately define a method for any one ring of bells only (another set being required for another ring, i.e., one set for 6, one for 8, one for 10 and so on), yet a formula, if correct, is sufficient to define the method generally.

O. TABLE OF EXTENSION CHARACTERISTICS.—And so we come to our promised tabulation. If a method is capable of being defined under a formula, and if extension ad inf. may proceed from that formula with due regard to these requirements, then the method is unquestionably extensible. The ten characteristics are placed in descending order of importance, and while the first six may be considered essential in the light of present-day demands, the last four may be considered as desirable. Having set out the basic grid-pattern and drafted the formula, prepare blank grids for the proposed extensions and then fill in the grid patterns from the formula, and check the derived grid-link rows, the scope for full plain-course and 'pealability.' For a characteristic that is lacking, introduce one or more correlating stats as demanded, and make final selection of the variant produced, which most closely conforms with the tabled requirements:—

TABLE OF EXTENSION CHARACTERISTICS.

Order of Priority.	Characteristic.	Structural.	Ringing.
1.	Unvaried pivot places.	Essential.	——
2.	Similar grid pattern.	Essential.	——
3.	Full plain course without repetition.	Essential.	——
4.	Conventional requirements.	Desirable.	Essential.
5.	Minimum of correlating Stats.	Essential.	——
6.	Similar 'blue line.'	Desirable.	Essential.
7.	Natural coursing order of plain course.	Desirable.	Desirable.
8.	Congregation of the 'Heavies.'	Desirable.	Desirable.
9.	Work portions of blue line to be in approx. order of basic.	Desirable.	Desirable.
10.	'Associated' Grid-links. (Similar order of lead-heads.)	——	Desirable.

(To be continued)

Letters to the Editor

GIRL GUIDES AS RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Hersham (Surrey) Girl Guides bellringers send greetings to all other Guide ringers. We have at Hersham a band of girl ringers from the age of seven upwards. Among these we have one Brownie, two Guides, our Captain and Lieutenant, and also two ex-Guides. In 1939, just before the war, a team of girl bellringers was formed, all of whom were Guides. Two of the present band have rung a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Another will be trying in a short time. We all started ringing about nine months ago.

PAMELA COLLIS, Patrol Leader.
2nd Hersham Guide Company.

88 AND STILL GOING STRONG

Dear Sir,—Having read about the anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 'The Ringing World,' I have been asked by Mr. George Holmes to write to you.

Mr. George Holmes, who will be 88 years old this year, tells me he became a member of the College Youths in 1879, which makes him feel he must be one of its oldest living members. With regard to his ringing, he says that on a visit to London in 1872 at the age of 11 years he rang at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, along with such men as H. Haley, Matt. Wood, George Dorrington and Mr. Cox.

He has rung about 60 peals in various methods, over 20 of them being Stedman Cinques. He rang the tenor in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus to commemorate the burial of Queen Victoria, and recently rang at the birth of Prince Charles.

He tells me that he considers his masterpiece of change ringing was a peal of Stedman Caters of 60 course-ends composed and conducted by the late C. H. Hattersley.

I might add that he is still a member and attends regularly for ringing of St. Marie's Company, Sheffield.—Yours sincerely,

W. BILSON, Hon. Sec., St. Marie's.

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MEETINGS

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting at Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells from 2. Service 3.45. Tea and business meeting at Duke's Head 4.30. 4709

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — District annual meeting, Watford (10), Saturday, Feb. 5th. 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. — S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 4716

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 5th, at Southwark, St. George-the-Martyr, 3 to 4.45. Cathedral, 4 to 5 and evening. Service 5 in Cathedral. Tea 5.45 in Chapter House. All peal books available. Handbell contest. Report book 1939 to 1948 inclusive available, price 1s. 6d. Everyone welcome. Names for tea, please. Practice meeting Lambeth, Monday, Feb. 7th, 7.15.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 4680

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Meeting at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, Feb. 5th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5. Tea (2s. 6d. per head). Next combined practice Dartford, Feb. 10th, 7.30 to 9, and second Thursday in each month thereafter.—A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 4694

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Annual meeting, Cuckfield (8), Feb. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea. 4720

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting, Buckland, Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. — R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 4727

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District). — Joint meeting, Chesterfield, Feb. 5th. Tea in nearby cafes. — H. O. Chaddock and G. C. Briggs, Hon. Secs. 4737

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Cromhall (6), Feb. 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — Miss D. M. Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall, Glos. 4730

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight Branch.—Annual meeting at Carisbrooke on Feb. 5th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30.—Mrs. A. M. Guy, 3, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport. 4707

HEREFORD GUILD. — Bridgnorth Branch. —Annual meeting will be held Saturday, Feb. 5th, at Bridgnorth. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by meeting.—H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 4746

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting, Feb. 12th, at Greasley is cancelled. 4741

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Dartford, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All gentlemen welcome.—D. E. Lidbetter. 4731

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — South and West District.—Annual meeting at Heston on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 3.30. Committee meeting 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5.30, followed by business.—F. A. Finch, Hon. Sec. 4732

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Barnsley, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Rectory Room, Huddersfield Road. All those requiring teas must notify Mr. E. Stainrod, 6, Ledbury Road, Smithies, near Barnsley, not later than Feb. 9th. Bells have been overhauled and are in good going order. A good meeting desired. — D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 4739

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Annual district meeting at Elveden, Feb. 12th, 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Requests for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 9th, to Miss Reeve, Hockwold, Thetford. 4728

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Hull, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 2.30, Lowgate. Service 4, Holy Trinity. Tea (3s. 6d.) 4.45, Trocadero, Arcade, Silver Street. Notify Wednesday, Feb. 9th, Miss Lidgley, 105, Marlborough Avenue, Hull.—Albert E. Sellers. 4725

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Northern District. — Annual meeting, Brecon (St. Mary's), Feb. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Tuesday, Feb. 8th, for certain.—D. H. Bennett, 2, Council Houses, Bronllys, Talgarth, Brecon. 4770

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—South Marston (6), Feb. 12th. For tea advise Tom Stone, 3, Manor Cottages, South Marston, Swindon. — W. B. Kynaston. 4750

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Blaydon, St. Cuthbert's, Saturday, Feb. 12th, 2.30 p.m. Names to Mr. R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, by Feb. 9th, for tea.—Mr. C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4748

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Turners Hill (8), Feb. 12th. Tea for those who notify Mrs. Pollard, Forge Tea Rooms, Turners Hill, Crawley.—C. Bassett. 4751

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District. — Brampton, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 4752

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Annual meeting, Church Stretton, Feb. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 4755

OXFORD GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ambrosden (8), on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Names for tea by Feb. 9th. — Cyril Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 4757

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. — Meeting at St. Thomas', Newhey, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. —V. Wilson Sykes, Branch Secretary. 4750

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Millom on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ullock, 23, Wellington Street, Millom, Cumberland.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 4751

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Eccleston, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Light tea provided. Please send names not later than Saturday, Feb. 5th, to Mr. A. Rigbye, Tannersmith Lane, Mawdesley, Ormskirk. 4753

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Annual meeting, Shoreham (8), Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names by Feb. 9th to E. L. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill (phone 3293). 4754

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Monthly meeting, Baslow (6), Saturday, Feb. 12th, 3 p.m. No arrangements for tea.—Miss D. J. Dunn, District Sec., Darley Dale. 4755

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5, White Horse.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 4756

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch. — Annual, Retford, Feb. 12th. East Retford (10), West Retford (6), Ordsall (6), from 2.30. Service, East Retford, 4.30. Tea, White Hart Hotel, 5.15, only for those notifying by Feb. 8th Miss Joan Greasby, 63, Hallcroft Road, Retford.—H. Denman. 4759

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD. — Birmingham Cathedral. New trebles will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Birmingham on Saturday, Feb. 12th, at 3 p.m. Bells available afterwards.—G. E. Fearn (SPR 1025). 4761

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Bearsted (6), Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea by invitation of the Vicar. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 4764

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Heighington (6), Feb. 12th, 2.30. Those requiring tea notify by Feb. 8th.—J. T. Titt, 54, Newlands Road, Darlington. 4766

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. John's Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 4768

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Francis Xavier's (8), Salisbury Street, Liverpool, on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells open 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tea at 6 p.m. for those who send their names before Wednesday, Feb. 9th, to Mr. T. Egan, 27, Canton Street, Liverpool 6.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 4749

COBHAM, KENT.—Service of thanksgiving for rehanging bells (6), Friday, Feb. 18th, 7 p.m. Address, Ven. Archdeacon Browne. Ringing before and after service.—E. L. Brooke Jones. 4753

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual meeting, Chertsey, Feb. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Postcard to Mr. J. B. Hessey, 11, Queen Street, Chertsey, by Wednesday, 16th.—F. Hawthorne. 4752

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bromyard, Feb. 19th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea 4 p.m., Banwell Cafe. Service 5 p.m. Please notify me by Feb. 16th.—A. S. Tomkins, Harp Cottage, Bredenbury, Hereford. 4769

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tring (8), Saturday, Feb. 19th. Dedication of peal board by the Bishop Suffragan of Bedford (Rt. Rev. C. T. T. Wood). Ringing 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Further ringing after tea. Tea tickets (2s. 6d., with remittance) from D. Cartright, 56, Longfield Road, Tring. 4744

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Feb. 19th. Bells: Cathedral Church 2.45 to 3.45, S. Nicolas' 3 to 4 and in evening. Service, S. Nicolas', 4 p.m. Numbers for tea to me by Feb. 15th, please. Seating for tea limited to 60. Admission by ticket only issued to first 60 names received. — G. L. Grover, Epsom Road, East Clandon, Surrey. 4714

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Laurence's (12), Reading, Feb. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Names for tea (1s. 6d.) by Feb. 12th.—T. N. Lanaghan, 31, Blenheim Road, Reading. 4756

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Meeting, Halesowen, Feb. 19th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 4767

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, Woodchurch, Feb. 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Feb. 16th to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 4765

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Annual district meeting, Reigate (10), Feb. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business after. Names to Mr. W. Claydon, 8, Charfield Road, Reigate, by Wednesday, Feb. 16th. 4760

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Feb. 26th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Farr, Cemetery Lodge, Pinchbeck Road, Spalding, before Feb. 18th. 4757

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Johnson Dinner, Imperial Hotel, Saturday, March 5th. Chairman, T. H. Reeves, Esq. Tickets to fully paid up members 4s.; to other members and friends 8s. 6d. Bells: Bishop Ryder's (8), 2 p.m.; St. Chad's (8), 3 p.m.; St. Martin's (12), 3.30 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 4 p.m.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Springfield 1025.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary notice. The annual supper of the South and West District will take place at Heston on March 26th. Details later.—F. A. Finch. 4749

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. M. Payne (first quarter) 1, E. G. Grindell 2, J. W. C. Blythe 3, C. J. Gibson 4, G. H. Wright 5, R. S. Paine (first on six as cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Gibson, daughter of ringer of 4.

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GEORGE WILLIAMS

THE historian invariably prefers a lapse of 20 years to apprise the contribution of an individual to the community or to draw his conclusions to a set of circumstances. With the journalist his writings are generally confined to an expression of the immediate factual incident and the marshalling of facts and emotions as available at the time. Thus, in recording the passing of George Williams, the elements of greatness associated with his very long life have not the benefit of perspective.

In the realm of achievement he centainly earned the title of a great ringer. He had amassed the immense total of 1,508 peals, and the fact that he had called more than 1,000 peals on tower bells tells its own story of amazing accomplishment. Viewed from the varied lists of advanced ringing to-day, his contribution was not exceptional, but of his total there were 475 peals in Surprise methods, and this indicates that in the prime of his life he was in the very forefront as a master of his craft. And his mental faculties remained unimpaired; he stepped quietly across the threshold of the earthly to the spiritual life as a normal process just like going to bed.

This phrase ' stepping quietly ' seems in a sense to sum up the life of George Williams. From the formation of the Central Council in 1891 he had enjoyed continuous membership. With Canon Coleridge he saw the birth, growth and development of change ringing on a national foundation. Quietly observant of the trend of decisions, he put into practice the principles enunciated, and in his own county of Hampshire worked diligently for their fulfilment. While he was naturally keen on peal ringing, in no sense could it be said that he neglected the art of teaching, and he had the satisfaction of seeing this work bear excellent results. When he started the county had to be scoured for a Grandsire Triples band; to-day there are bands of advanced ringers in a number of centres.

' Stepping quietly ' in life and character is one of the attributes of spiritual grace. Bellringing to him was not merely a pastime; it was accompanied by an inborn love of the Church. At North Stoneham he added to the beauty of the Church by a beautiful oak screen symbolic of a sense of knowledge that the belfry is not the spiritual centre and that there is a duty entrusted to ringers to enrich by gifts and service other Church activities. It is important to ringers both young and old to retain that true balance in spiritual and temporal things as George Williams followed in his life. Ringing was not the all-absorbing thought; in his locality he gained the respect of the community for his work for the friendly society movement and in local government, and running through his veins he had the Englishman's love of cricket. Thus mingling with the Hampshire earth at North Stoneham are the remains of one who stepped quietly amid a surround of greatness. Ringers in every Guild and Association will honour his name as one of the creators of modern ringing who has set a standard by quiet but purposeful endeavour that has enriched our art.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Jan. 25, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

Edgar C. Shepherd	*Treble*	John S Walton	7
Albert Walker	2	John Pinfold	8
William C. Dowding	3	Henry H. Fearn	9
Leonard Tuffrey	4	John N. Lindon	10
Frank E. Haynes	5	George E. Fearn	11
H. James Turner	6	R. Thomas Newman	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Edgar C. Shepherd.

First peal as conductor on twelve bells, also his 50th peal on twelve. A welcome to Rev. Bryan S. W. Green, B.D., who was inducted Rector on January 18th.

TEN BELL PEALS

WELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*

At the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 56 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Arthur H. Reed	*Treble*	Fredk. A. H. Wilkins	6
*Thomas W. Kimber	2	Walter F. Judge	7
Albert Diserens	3	*Ronald G. Beck	8
*Henry J. Sanger	4	Joseph T. Dyke	9
Wilfrid F. Moreton	5	†Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Walter F. Judge.

* First peal of New Cambridge Surprise Royal. † 350th peal. First single-handed peal of Surprise Royal on the bells.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., Jan. 25, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

*Alan Elesmore	*Treble*	George W. Hughes	6
*P. George Golder	2	Arthur V. Pearson	7
Arthur H. Hingley	3	Maurice G. Turner	8
Wm. T. Powell	4	Howard Howell	9
Kenneth W. Knowles	5	Albert J. Hubble	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Haley. Conducted by Maurice G. Turner.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal on ten bells as conductor.

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 25, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

George W. Debenham	*Treble*	Harry G. Timms	6
Peter N. Bond	2	Fredk. W. Brinklow	7
Fredk. W. Elliott	3	Richard G. Bell	8
Stephen H. Hoare	4	Harold G. Cashmore	9
*Geoffrey W. Seaman	5	Thomas H. Francis	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Harold G. Cashmore.

* First peal on ten.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES;

Mrs. F. I. Hairs	*Treble*	George Ades	6
John Dearlove	2	Frank Bennett	7
Albert W. Bond	3	Frank I. Hairs	8
Maurice Thomas	4	Henry Stalham	9
Frederick Page	5	*Frederick Pullman	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Frank Bennett.

* First peal. A compliment to the conductor on the eve of his 80th birthday. Tenor 18 cwt.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt 2 qr. 4 lb. in D.

Frank E. Hawthorne	*Treble*	Herbert J. Eldred	6
*Barbara M. Harris	2	Chas. W. R. Grimwood	7
H. William Barrett	3	George C. Goodman	8
Alfred H. Pulling	4	G. William Morris	9
Jill Brittain	5	Clarence H. Dobbie	*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. Newton. Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.

* First peal of Royal.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*Gordon Harrison	*Treble*	Barnabas G. Key	6
John E. Bibby	2	Howard Howell	7
Richard D. Langford	3	John Worth	8
Eric E. Speake	4	Arthur V. Pearson	9
George A. Packer	5	Arthur Pritchard	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by John Worth.

* First peal of Royal. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, *in* 5 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 9344 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

Hector A. Knights	*Treble*	Alan Cattell	5
Kenneth S. B. Croft	2	Walter P. Whitehead	6
J. W. Frank Trotman	3	Ernest Morris	7
Paul K. Williamson	4	Joseph A. Fenton	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.

Longest tower bell peal for the Guild.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 17, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Denys,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

Alec Richardson	*Treble*	Stanley T. A. Russell	5
Arthur F. Lewry	2	*Thomas E. Sone	6
Ernest J. Ladd	3	Robert T. Lambert	7
Reginald E. Lambert	4	William Rogers	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.

* 250th peal of Major. The 50th peal rung on the bells. Rung to celebrate the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Bishop. Also as a 74th birthday compliment to Mr. C. Brasier and for the christening of Andrew John Corby.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 23½ cwt.

Maj. J. H. R. Freeborn	*Treble*	William Judge	5
Victor J. F. Bennett	2	Fredk. A. H. Wilkins	6
Margaret L. Tutt	3	Walter F. Judge	7
H. Peter Raynor	4	Francis A. White	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter F. Judge.

Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. A. C. R. Freeborn, widow of the late Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn, a former Vicar of this parish from 1886-1925.

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WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 19, 1949, *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.

*ALLEN MORGAN ...	...*Treble*	SIDNEY T. HOLT ...	5
†WM. H. A. COMPTON...	2	GEORGE AMBLER ...	6
GEORGE E. LARGE ...	3	REGINALD WOODYATT ...	7
DENIS R. MORRIS ...	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* 100th peal for the Association. † First peal of Surprise.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ERNEST WHITING ...	...*Treble*	*CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	5
THOMAS SIMMONS	2	FREDERICK J. ROOPE ...	6
ARTHUR W. ROOPE	3	ERNEST C. STAFF	7
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ...	4	W. ARCHIE LOCK	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 13 cwt. 50 lb.

EATON SOCON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

*MICHAEL R. D. HARFORD	*Treble*	BRIAN D. THRELFALL ...	5
BETTY SPICE	2	*JOHN DAVY	6
†PETER T. ROBBINS ...	3	BRYAN F. SIMS	7
C. HENRY HARDING ...	4	GEOFFREY DODDS	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.
* First peal of Surprise . † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor and on the bells. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

STEWKLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

JOAN NEWMAN ...	...*Treble*	JACK SCOTT	5
*VALERIE WILLARD ...	2	FREDERICK J. PLUMMER...	6
JAMES G. NEWMAN ...	3	JOSEPH E. ARNOLD ...	7
HENRY B. WHITNEY ...	4	VICTOR W. CONQUEST	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. ARNOLD. Conducted by VICTOR W. CONQUEST.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major. First peal as conductor.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's. Tenor 15 cwt. 11 lb.

ALAN CATTELL	...*Treble*	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON...	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	2	JAMES DRAYCOTT	6
MRS. A. H. BEAMISH ...	3	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN...	7
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	4	ROY COLEMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.
A birthday compliment to Charles Marshall.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

A. LESLIE PEARSON	...*Treble*	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD...	5
*MRS. E. F. SALMONS ...	2	ERNEST F. SALMONS ...	6
*MISS HAZEL DALE ...	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS...	7
TOWER R. TAYLOR ...	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.
* First peal of Bristol. First peal of Bristol as conductor.

PATRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

LEONARD RODMELL	...*Treble*	WILLIAM A. CROWDER ...	5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ...	2	PHILIP H. SPECK	6
ALBERT E. SELLERS ...	3	JOHN W. HOBSON	7
WALTER GODDARD ...	4	FREDERICK OSGERBY	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.
Rung as a wedding compliment to the nephew of the treble ringer.

HEADCORN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

FREDERICK S. MACEY	...*Treble*	WILFRED W. RING... ...	5
WILLIAM ROGERS	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
FRANCES BROMLEY	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ...	7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ...	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH...	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
Quickest peal of Major and believed to be 50th peal on the bells. Rung to commemorate the eleventh anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lambert's wedding. Tenor 24 cwt.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

WALTER SOUTHGATE	...*Treble*	EDWARD B. SMITH ...	5
RONALD G. BUGG	2	GEORGE W. MOSS	6
HARRY J. MILLATT	3	EDWARD E. DAVEY ...	7
URBAN W. WILDNEY ...	4	ALAN R. ANDREWS	...*Tenor*

Composed by EDW. E. DAVEY. Conducted by ALAN A. ANDREWS.
First peal in the method as conductor. This composition has 108 singles and no bobs. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

JOHN SCOTT	...*Treble*	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	5
JOHN PINFOLD	2	FRANK E. HAYNES ...	6
WM. B. CARTWRIGHT ...	3	*ARTHUR D. COOK	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY...	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of London. Tenor 6½ cwt.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE E. FEARN	...*Treble*	HOWARD HOWELL	5
*RODERICK J. LEES ...	2	STANLEY PRESTIDGE ...	6
HARRY HILL	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	7
WILLIAM DAVIES	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal in the method. Rung on the 40th anniversary of Harry Hill's first peal, which was rung in this tower.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*GEORGE F. SPERRING	...*Treble*	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ...	5
JOHN HAYES	2	*HENRY O. BAKER	6
PERCY SWINDLEY	3	†JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ...	7
JOHN W. BEST	4	HARRY PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal of Oxford Major. † 100th peal and first of Major as conductor. A welcome to the Rev. W. N. Digbie Thomas, the new Rector. Tenor 20 cwt.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 23, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*LUCY MOTTISHAW ...	...*Treble*	†J. MARTIN THORLEY ...	5
ARTHUR FIRTH	2	HARRY MORGAN	6
MILTON C. FOWLER ...	3	†ERNEST COOPER	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ...	4	J. EDWARD CAWSER	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDW. CAWSER.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 24, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	*Treble*	†PHILIP COOTE	5
*D. ELAINE WRIGHT ...	2	†GEORGE PRESTON	6
MRS. JOHN E. TURLEY...	3	PETER E. NORTH	7
JOHN E. TURLEY	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. NICHOL. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 25, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Wilfred G. Wilson	*Treble*	Arthur Jones	5
J. E. Lewis Cockey	2	William J. Ellis	6
Frederick A. Finch	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
Derek R. Judd	4	Ernest C. S. Turner	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Ernest C. S. Turner.

First peal on the bells since their restoration. In memoriam the Rev. Allan Augustin de Vere, Vicar, 1939-1949, through whose efforts the bells have recently been restored. Tenor 13½ cwt.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 25, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John, Miles Platting,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

Joseph Hall	*Treble*	Allen N. Brown	5
Mary Walshaw	2	†Derick Ogden	6
David Vincent	3	Ronald Edwards	7
R. Mary Elkington	4	Harold Walker	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David Vincent.

* First peal of Major. A compliment to Mr. J. Hall, who has completed 50 years as a ringer at this church.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Jan. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At Bishop Ryder's Church,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

R. Thomas Newman	*Treble*	Henry H. Fearn	5
William C. Dowding	2	John Pinfold	6
G. William Critchley	3	*William A. Theobald	7
Arthur V. Pearson	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by Chas. J. Sedgley. Conducted by G. Wm. Critchley.

* First peal of Yorkshire. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

C. Ernest Smith	*Treble*	*T. Mark White	5
*George L. Grover	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
*Frederick A. Munday	3	Harold A. May	7
Edgar R. Rapley	4	†William T. Beeson	*Tenor*

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by C. Ernest Smith.

* First peal in the method. † 500th peal. First peal in the method on the bells and by the Guild. Tenor 17 cwt.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Transposition. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

Miss K. Burchnall	*Treble*	James W. Raithby	5
Miss Grace Burchnall	2	Arthur E. Chilton	6
Nat T. Moxon	3	Frederick G. Hooper	7
Clement Glenn	4	*William S. Chandler	*Tenor*

Conducted by Clement Glenn.

* First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6¼ *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

W. Arthur Riddington	*Treble*	Edward F. Gobey	5
Colin Harrison	2	Ernest Morris	6
Walter P. Whitehead	3	Kenneth S. B. Croft	7
Alan Cattell	4	John J. Morris	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Philip and James,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*Brian Warwick	*Treble*	Shirley Burton	5
Dorothy Udale	2	Herrick B. Bowley	6
*Alan Jacques	3	J. Fredk. Milner	7
Harold J. Poole	4	Alfred Ballard	*Tenor*

Composed by Fredk. Dench. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.

* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Ballard. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Sidney Clements	*Treble*	Oliver Norman	4
Stanley Gilbert	2	Francis H. Newman	5
Frank Warrington	3	Derek Sanderson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Warrington.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 20, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being five extents of Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

Robert E. R. Smith	*Treble*	Rev. Ivor J. Richards	4
John W. Jones	2	George Large	5
Mrs. L. Bainham	3	Alfred W. Heath	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert E. R. Smith.

A 92nd birthday compliment to Mr. T. Thompson, churchwarden for nearly 29 years.

HENLOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 14½ cwt.

Raymond Fuller	*Treble*	Lewis Harry Bywaters	4
Miss Daphne J. Hare	2	Walter D. Pooley	5
Gordon Dear	3	John Church	*Tenor*

Conducted by Lewis Harry Bywaters.

HASCOMBE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 2 extents of Stedman, 20 Plain Bob (4 different callings) and 20 Grandsire (10 different callings). Tenor 4 cwt.

*Mrs. F. A. Munday	*Treble*	†Harold A. May	3
Fredk. A. Munday	2	*William T. Beeson	4
A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Harold A. May.

* First peal of Doubles in more than one method. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob (4 callings) and 30 six-scores of Grandsire (10 callings).

*A. J. Tickner (14)	*Treble*	Anthony R. Peake (15)	4
Margaret E. Richards	2	Walter H. Trueman	5
Brian Bladon (15)	3	William W. T. Daniel	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter H. Trueman.

* First peal. Rung on the front six of the ring of ten.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

*L. Macdonald Clark	*Treble*	Harry J. Gaylard	4
Frederick Locke	2	Herbert Westlake	5
John T. Locke	3	Jack W. Drew	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack W. Drew.

* First peal. A compliment to Mr. Gerald Locke on his completing 50 years as a member of this tower.

MITCHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*F. Uden	*Treble*	T. Miller	4
Miss B. Harris	2	*P. E. T. Allen	5
*H. Allen	3	*H. J. Uden	*Tenor*

Conducted by P. E. T. Allen.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

ANSTEY, LEICS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: T. Thornber (first of Major) 1, G. H. Arguile 2, Alban Disney 3, M. D. Staniforth 4, Jill Poole 5, J. B. Bennett 6, J. P. Staniforth 7, R. F. Elkington (cond.) 8. First in the method 2 and 4.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,263 Stedman Caters: John H. Lott 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, D. Beveridge (first of Stedman) 4, I. J. Emery 5, N. G. Hollingworth 6, W. J. Rawlings 7, W. D. Grainger 8, J. Bullock 9, Miss J. Tugwell (first quarter peal) 10.

BEOLEY, WORCS. — On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. L. J. Birch 1, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 2, F. W. James 3, E. Dudley Wilson 4, W. R. Jackson 5, W. J. Gethin 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 6.

BUCKINGHAM. — At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul on Jan. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. E. Roberts 1, F. Vickers 2, J. A. Green 3, F. C. Case 4, W. A. Yates 5, G. W. Holland 6, A. J. Green (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8. A compliment to Mrs. Fanny Parker, of Buckingham, on attaining age 100 the same day.

BUCKNALL, STAFFS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,296 Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob: F. Walklate (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. Bowen 2, F. W. Grocott, sen. 3, P. Jefferies 4, Wm. Fradley 5, F. W. Grocott, jun. (cond.) 6.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): M. Adams 1, Miss M. L. Lidgey 2, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 4, H. Miles 5, J. Knutt 6. First quarter by 1 and 6.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On Jan. 21st, 1,232 Bob Major: Miss J. Walker (first quarter) 1, Miss M. A. P. Bertie 2, F. Sheraton 3, C. Mordue 4, H. Jarrett 5, J. A. Brown 6, S. C. Walker 7, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 8.

COOMBE FLOREY, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Phillips 1, A. Cavill 2, B. Holt 3, C. Thomas 4, F. Morris (cond.) 5, R. Stone 6.

QUARTER PEALS

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's on Jan. 16th, quarter-peal of Bob Major: Mrs. B. I. Davies (first quarter) 1, J. E. Churchill 2, J. P. Kent 3, P. E. Clark 4, T. Davies 5, A. M. Stacey 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, A. Harding (first quarter as cond.) 8.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Manuel 1, Peter R. Jemmett 2, H. Chaplin 3, F. Pack 4, Eileen S. Wyles 5, Wilfred S. Palin 6, W. Dennett 7, F. Curling 8. First quarter by a local band for 50 years.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. G. Chaplin (first with Treble Bob hunt) 1, Miss Joan E. Withey (first of Surprise) 2, J. S. Walton 3, J. Scott 4, J. F. Harvey 5, S. G. Chaplin 6, A. D. Cook 7, G. E. Fearn (cond.) 8.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Lola King (first quarter) 1, F. J. Dodson 2, J. Gill 3, C. W. R. Grimwood 4, H. Colcombe 5, J. Brent 6, W. Simmonds (cond.) 7, D. Silver 8.

HUNGERFORD, BERKS. — On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Rosier 1, G. K. Dodds 2, J. W. Wilson 3, S. F. Tuffley 4, R. W. Rex 5, R. F. Crook 6, C. J. Hibbert (first in method as cond.) 7, W. W. Warwick 8. First in method by 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. McArthur 1, Sheila E. Harris 2, A. F. Thirst 3, E. Dodds 4, R. W. Rogers 5, E. Hynard 6, D. J. Charnley (first of Grandsire as cond.) 7, H. Brookes 8.

LEICESTER.—At St. John the Divine's on Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. R. Haynes 1, W. H. Clarke (cond.) 2, G. H. Hebborn 3, J. C. Deacon 4, T. Thornber 5, D. Irons (first quarter) 6.

MALMESBURY, WILTS.—At the Abbey on Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. E. Billings 1, V. G. H. Hemus (cond.) 2, H. G. Blanchard 3, L. K. Grey 4, H. Blacker 5. First quarter by 1 and 4. First quarter on the bells by a local band.

OLDHAM, LANCS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. R. Fairnie (first quarter) 1, V. W. Sykes 2, W. E. Howarth 3, H. Barlow 4, J. Warmsley 5, S. Dearden 6, P. H. Tocock (first as cond.) 7, V. Sykes 8. An 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. Samuel Elson, an old ringer at the above church.

OXFORD.—On Jan. 19th, at the Church of St. Thomas, 1,260 Bob Minor: Shirley Rymer (first quarter) 1, Kathleen Higgins 2, Jill Brierley 3, R. B. Meadows 4, M. E. H. Barrow (first as cond.) 5, P. W. B. Semmens 6. For the 90th birthday of Mrs. Freeborn.

SHERBORNE ST. JOHN, HANTS.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Bob Minor: T. Englefield 1, Miss B. Englefield 2, Miss B. Perry 3, J. Chesterman 4, C. Herridge 5, A. E. Smith (first as cond. in method) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss B. Perry.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At St. George-the-Martyr's on Jan. 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. J. Rowe 1, N. S. Bagworth 2, R. H. Begrie 3, C. A. Hughes 4, A. J. W. Appleton 5, C. E. Willmington 6, J. Phillips 7, J. G. A. Prior (first of Surprise as cond.) 8. First in method for 1 and 2.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's on Jan. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. F. Sayers 1, A. Dale 2, Miss A. Bailey (first in method as cond.) 3, W. J. Southam 4, F. J. Spicer 5, H. G. Mason 6, T. J. Southam 7, F. J. Bailey (first quarter-peal) 8. An 18th birthday compliment to the conductor.

STANDON, HERTS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Lankester (first quarter) 1, W. Smith 2, K. Smith (first quarter 'inside') 3, R. Stacey 4, S. W. Smith (first quarter as cond.) 5, R. W. Smith (first quarter in method) 6. A compliment to Mr. Harold Groom, who is leaving the district.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. M. Tomlin (first quarter) 1, A. F. Richardson 2, S. A. White (first away from treble) 3, E. J. Ladd 4, A. V. Kemp 5, J. T. Medhurst 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, L. Duke 8

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LATE NEWS.

Mr. Ernest Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, has had a further honour conferred upon him in his election as a member of the Royal Society of Literature.

The third edition of 'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods' has been published. Details next week.

BELFRY GOSSIP

From 'The Washington Post' comes this delightful tribute: 'Though bell-ringing isn't well known in these parts, there are so many fans in England that a weekly magazine called "The Ringing World" details their complicated activities. The issue after little Prince Charles' birth was a fascinator. . . . All in all some 156 peals (all lasting over three hours) were rung in England within 24 hours of the happy event, so you can imagine the state of British eardrums the ensuing day.'

Huddersfield ringers are arranging an open evening on February 19th.

Mr. H. J. Poole and Mr. A. Ballard have rung 100 peals together in 57 different towers.

Mr. John T. Locke has 'circled' Langport, Somerset, tower.

Market Harborough District members rang their first peal at Foxton, Leics., on Jan. 29th.

Wigtoft, Lincs, ringers have started on the peal ladder by their first by a local band.

Three of Chester's post-war recruits—Sidney Holmes, Brian Harris and John Payne—have rung their first peal.

Commending the new ring of eight at Blaenavon, Mon., Mr. J. W. Jones writes: 'I have for the past 40 or more years been to dozens of dedications, but Blaenavon was the best of all.'

Lancashire ringers will regret to hear of the death on February 5th of Mr. John Wallwork, of Helmshore. He was one of the Association's leading ringers, though of late his health had kept him away from the tower.

Major E. J. Bragg, of Aldershot, has just learnt of his award of the M.B.E. for gallant and devoted service in Palestine. A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung last Saturday at Aldershot in his honour.

Mr. Herbert Mingay, 25 years secretary, Northern District, Lincoln Diocesan Guild, received an resignation a gift of wallet and notes.

Mr. W. P. Whitehead informs us that an attempt for 17,152 Bristol Surprise Major will be made at Gilmorton, Leicestershire, on Saturday, February 19th, starting at 9.30 a.m.

The pen of Mr. Percy Amos is busy again. He is writing the history of the bells of Preston Deanery and Haddon Deanery.

Mr. A. Harding has called his first quarter at St. Mary's, Ealing, at the age of 71.

An appeal committee has been formed to have the bells of Malmesbury Abbey rehung. Visitors are welcome at the weekly practice on Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m.

The quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles reported in the issue of January 28th was rung at Clewer and not Slough as announced.

Mr. W. T. Beeson, of Cranleigh, will receive many congratulations on his 500th peal. His list should make interesting reading.

The peal at Longbridge Deverill, Wiltshire, on January 22nd, was the first by the local Sunday service band and contained four first peals.

A double silver jubilee was associated with the peal of Doubles at Oxendon, Northants—those of the Peterborough Guild and the last rehanging of the bells by John Taylor and Co., Ltd. The old font in the church was of special interest to Mr. Ernest Morris.

Mr. T. E. Sone enquires in connection with the peal at Headcorn, Kent, whether James Bartram rang any of his peals in this tower. The peal is the 50th recorded in the K.C.A. reports.

It was a sad coincidence that the first peal on the restored bells of Christ Church, Ealing, should be in memory of the Vicar (the Rev. A. A. de Vere). At the conclusion of the peal Mrs. de Vere and her sons thanked the ringers individually.

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MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS: HIS LIFE AND PEALS

BURIED NEAR THE TOWER HE LOVED

Last week we briefly recorded the death of Mr. George Williams and mentioned certain salient features in his life which did much to advance the art of change ringing. We are indebted to Mr. George Pullinger for the fuller account of his life.

GEORGE WILLIAMS was born at East Meon, Hampshire, on May 7th, 1857, and was educated at the Dame's School, Corhampton. He was apprenticed to a miller at Droxford and afterwards worked at Exton, Wickham and various mills in the district, before moving to Brighton in the early nineties. He returned to Hampshire in 1905 and was employed as chief clerk at Gaters Mill, West End, until he retired in 1923. He came to reside at Eastleigh in 1930.

It was at Droxford, where his uncle was sexton, that he learnt to handle a bell by raising and lowering the curfew. He soon transferred his affection to the neighbouring tower of Soberton, where the ring of six had been increased to eight. Here there was a band that could struggle through Grandsire Doubles, and with them he had his first lessons in change ringing. At that time he possessed a penny-farthing cycle and often rode to Southampton, a distance of 16 miles each way, in order to ring plain courses of Grandsire Triples. Among his recollections of those days was ringing the half-muffled bells of Holy Rood Church, Southampton, when the body of Livingstone was brought ashore on the last journey to Westminster Abbey.

His first peal, Holt's Ten-part of Grandsire Triples, was rung at Soberton in 1884 and was conducted by Mr. S. Brooker, who brought most of the band from Leatherhead. This was the first peal in Hampshire by the Winchester Diocesan Guild, which was formed in 1879. Mr. Williams joined the Guild in the following February. His third peal was also at Soberton in 1885. This he conducted and thus began the long career of one of the most able conductors the Exercise has produced. It was in the same tower that he rang the last of his 1,508 peals—Double Norwich Court Bob Major on May 8th, 1940.

Previous to moving to Brighton Mr. Williams had lived for short periods near Midhurst, Sussex, and Capel, Surrey, where he quickly built up good ringing bands. At Midhurst he trained two complete bands at the same time —his 'second eleven' as he termed them. These ringers included Dr. George, a very great friend, and Mr. W. R. Madgwick, who was killed in an air raid on London.

At Brighton, in company with Mr. Attree, he quickly built up the famous Surprise company that scored many firsts. The Brighton weeks of Surprise peals were something that had not been achieved before. Of this famous band Messrs. George Baker and Frank Bennett are still living at Brighton.

It was largely due to his energy and enthusiasm that ringing in Hampshire occupies its present position. He saw ringing in the area develop from Grandsire Triples to Surprise Royal. Mr. Williams called the first peal in the county in very many methods, and the number of ringers he piloted through their first peal was probably greater than any other conductor. He was secretary of the Winchester District from 1908-1911, general secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild 1912-1917, and Ringing Master from 1918-1949. Since 1905 he had missed only one annual general meeting of the Guild.

In the wider field of ringing he was elected a member of the Central Council on its formation in 1891, and had enjoyed a continuous membership, missing only five meetings. From 1891-96 he represented the Winchester Diocesan Guild; 1897-1905 the Sussex County Association; 1906-17 honorary member; 1918-27 Winchester Diocesan Guild; 1928-49 Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. He had served on the Peals Analysis Committee. The popularity of ringing tours owes much to his initiative; he was the forerunner of this pastime and many of his peals were the result of these journeys that took him to all parts of the British Isles.

North Stoneham Church will always be associated with his memory. He joined this band in 1905 and was largely instrumental in raising funds to make a ring of eight in 1909. He gave two trebles in 1932 as a golden wedding gift and erected a beautiful oak screen in 1938 to the memory of his wife. Mrs. Williams died in 1935. She was the first lady to ring in a handbell peal, and to mark that occasion the Editor of 'Bell News' presented Mrs. Williams with a set of 15 handbells. Mrs. Williams rang in two peals of Grandsire Triples in 1897, but never took part in tower ringing.

Although best known as a ringer, Mr. Williams did not shirk from his responsibilities as a member of the community. He was a parish councillor, a volunteer, was a life-long Liberal, being at one time chairman of the West End Liberal Party, and a member of the Central Body of the Hampshire and General Friendly Society.

THE FUNERAL.

There was a large attendance at the funeral service at North Stoneham Parish Church on February 1st. The Rector (the Rev. J. Stranack) officiated, assisted by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead. Psalm xxiii. and the Nunc Dimittis were sung, Mr. D. Cecil Williams being at the organ. At the end of the burial service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by Mrs. Marshallsay, D. Matkin, A. V. Davis and F. Price.

Among the ringers present were Messrs. E. H. Lewis (representing the Central Council), A. H. Pulling (Royal Society of Cumberland Youths and Guildford Diocesan Guild), A. Butler (Royal Society of Cumberland Youths), A. F. Martin Stewart and M. Harris (Salisbury Guild), G. Baker and F. Bennett (Sussex County Association), A. York-Bramble (Universities Guild) and Mr. Sinclair (representing Mr. A. E. Young).

The Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild were represented by Messrs. F. Rogers (general secretary), W. Linter (treasurer), G. Smith (auditor), Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and Mr. G. Pullinger (Central Council representatives). Other members present were Mrs. Marshallsay, Messrs. A. V. Davis, F. Price, D. Matkin, J. Turner (Bournemouth), D. Fraser, R. Flew (Basingstoke), R. Hunt (Hursley), J. Hill (Andover), W. Ireland (Romsey), W. Rose (Totton), W. Andrews, R. Pain, G. Noice (Winchester Cathedral), W. R. Melville (Wonston), H. Higson (Bishopstoke), H. Newnham (Alresford), W. Upton (Newport, I. of W.), L. Page, J. Hunt (Titchfield), Rev. S. A. Gidlow (Goodworth Clatford), Mr. G. Preston, Miss Sparshott (Christchurch), Messrs. E. Whiteman and W. Linter (Bishop's Waltham), G. Chappell (Wickham), F. Davis (King's Somborne), R. Brown, W. Tucker, E. Dumper, C. Fray (North Stoneham), J. Faithfull, M. Butler, Miss Leahy (Southampton), Mr. and Mrs. E. Salmons (Portsmouth).

Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cannon (Bletchingley), Mr. O. Giles (Shoreham), Mr. H. Reed.

There were many wreaths. Those from ringing organisations were: The Central Council; Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild; Alton and Petersfield District; Andover and District; Christchurch and Southampton Districts; Basingstoke District; Portsmouth District; Society of Royal Cumberland Youths; Sussex County Association; bellringers of St. Nicholas', North Stoneham, and Bishopstoke.

Immediately after the service a peal of Stedman Caters was rung on the bells at North Stoneham with the bells half-muffled, and in the evening a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Michael's, Southampton.

HIS PEALS.

The following is a record of his 1,508 peals, of which he conducted 1,038.

On six bells (Plain Bob to 7 Surprise), rung 33 (conducted 26).

Bob Triples, 6 (4); Bob Major, 94 (68); Bob Royal, 8 (5); Bob Maximus, 1.

Grandsire Triples, 129 (94); ditto (on handbells), 4 (4); Grandsire Major, 1 (1); Grandsire Caters, 16 (11); Grandsire Cinques, 1; Union Triples, 1 (1).

Stedman Triples, 312 (226); Stedman Caters, 57 (34); Stedman Cinques, 15 (2).

Oxford Treble Bob Major, 3 (2); Kent Treble Bob Major, 110 (92); Kent Treble Bob Royal, 32 (19); Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 3 (1).

Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 203 (162); Double Norwich Court Bob Royal, 2; College Exercise Major, 1; Champion Major, 1.

Norfolk Surprise Major, 3 (1); Gloucester Surprise Major, 3 (1); New Cumberland Surprise Major, 6 (6); Bristol Surprise Major, 15 (3); London Surprise Major, 89 (64); Cambridge Surprise Major, 131 (81); Cambridge Surprise Royal, 14 (3); Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 200 (124); Yorkshire Surprise Major, 4; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; Spliced Surprise Major (4 methods), 1; Westminster Surprise Major, 3 (1); Oxford Surprise Major, 3 (2).

Total, 1,508 (1,038).

AN APPRECIATION.

Dear Sir,—Nobody will be missed more from ringing in Hampshire than the late Mr. George Williams. His name was a household word and his presence was as sincere whether in the belfries of the cathedrals or humblest country church. Ringing will be all the poorer by his removal from amongst us, and the finest memorial to his memory will be his only earthly wish that striking must for ever be the keynote of all ringing. F. W. ROGERS.

Other tributes to his memory will appear in our next issue from Mr. George Baker and Mr. Frank Bennett.

SOME RINGING TRIBUTES.

As a tribute to his memory, 720 Oxford Single was rung at Wickham, Hants, by Tom Page, Audrey Morrison, H. W. Merritt, Pat Page, G. E. Chappell (cond.) and John Hunt. At Swanmore, 720 Bob Minor was rung by H. V. Jones, Audrey Morrison, A. Mellard, E. Jacobs, G. E. Chappell (cond.) and H. Ainsley.

As a mark of respect, 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled at St. Mary's, Southampton, on Jan. 31st, by Miss J. Cox (first quarter-peal) 1, J. W. Faithfull 2, D. Cull 3, Miss Nelia Leahy 4, F. White 5, M. J. Butler (first as cond.) 6, R. Brown 7, A. Butler 8.

LONDONDERRY, N. IRELAND.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Columb, on Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (consisting of 360 April Day, 420 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): Lily Hughes 1, T. R. Hampton (cond.) 2, J. Fielding 3, H. McIntyre 4, J. Campbell 5, W. Young 6. First quarter in three methods for all.

LETTERS

IDENTITY WANTED

Dear Sir,—Quite recently I was asked to give an opinion of a very old book on the art of change ringing. As I have never seen any of Fabian Stedman's original books, I wonder if you could give me the title of the one in question from the following description.

The size is roughly that of a postcard, bound in real leather; it has 226 pages, the first 14 are missing. The last page is subscribed by F. S.

The contents mention the 'late dreadfull fire of London,' 'Muskets' used as illustrating changes, also plain changes, cross peals, and among others are London Paradox, Pheonix, London Pleasure, Mr. Tendring's peal (call'd Grand Paradox, a cure for Meloncoholly), The Experiment, The Wild Goose Chase, Cambridge peals by Mr. S. S., My Honey, The Whirligigge, Jack on Both sides, Jumping doubles, The Grand Experiment.

Stedman's Principle does not seem to be mentioned in the book, so I wondered if it is a copy of 'Tintinnalogia.' The book is not in a bad condition. In places the changes have been ticked off, also there is one alteration in ink which has faded. There are also two or three names written in ink, now almost faded out, on the last page, which has an 'eratta' note printed on it.

Is the book of any value or are there many of them still in existence? The book in question is not in my possession, but it is being well looked after.—Yours faithfully,

Charing, Kent. CHARLES F. GOOD.

DISAPPROVAL WITHOUT OFFENCE

Dear Sir,—In connection with your excellent report of the January meeting of the Yorkshire Association, perhaps you will permit me to say that I do not recollect the use of the word 'promiscuous' in reference to any applications for permission to ring peals in towers in the neighbourhood of York during the week-end of the Central Council's visit. The committee merely wished to express its disapproval of the unofficial appropriation of bells which it felt ought, by the dictates of courtesy and hospitality, as well as by the quality of the bells themselves, to be placed at the disposal of members of the Council, and of which one or two rumours had come to its notice.

'Promiscuous' generally connotes something furtive or underhand. However, two dictionaries which I have consulted include 'casual' as one of their definitions, and it would be in this second sense that the word was used, if at all. I hope the epithet has given no offence to any innocent and well-meaning enquirer.—Yours faithfully,

C. O. ELLISON, President,
Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers.

FORMING A LIBRARY

Dear Sir,—The library of the Central Council for the Care of Churches is most anxious to have a complete collection of books on church bells. At the present moment it has considerable gaps in its collection, and is desirous of obtaining the following publications:—

Church Bells of Norfolk, J. L'Estrange (1874); Church Bells of Somerset, H. T. Ellacombe (1875); Church Bells of Lincolnshire, T. North (1882); Church Bells of Leicestershire, T. North (1876); Church Bells of Northamptonshire, T. North (1878); Church Bells of Rutland, T. North (1880); Church Bells of Kent, J. C. L. Stahlschmidt (1887); Church Bells of Staffordshire, C. Lynam (1887 or 1889); Church Bells of Suffolk, J. J. Raven (1890); Church Bells of Huntingdonshire, T. M. N. Owen (1899).

If any member has a copy they could offer or sell cheaply I should be most grateful for information.—I remain, Yours faithfully,

F. C. EELES, Secretary,
Central Council for the Care
Dunster, Somerset. of Churches.

University of Bristol Society

This Society held its first reunion ringing afternoon and dinner in Bristol on January 29th. The Society was formed in 1943, while tower bells were still banned, Bristol being the first provincial University to have a Change Ringing Society. The first peal scored by the Society was at Wincanton in 1947 and was conducted by Dr. John Hatcher.

This year the Society is far stronger than ever before, and rings regularly at St. Michael's (6) and All Saints' (8).

Old members attended from many parts of the country, and visitors from the Bristol City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, from the Bath and Wells Association and from London and Reading Universities were present.

Towers visited in the afternoon were the Lord Mayor's Chapel (6), All Saints' (8), St. Stephen's (10) and St. Mary Redcliffe (12). Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major and Stedman Cinques, the last touch of the day being the service touch of Stedman Triples at All Saints'.

The service, conducted by the Rev. Arthur Roberts, was greatly appreciated, especially his address, which was on different lines to the sermons one usually hears at ringing services.

Dinner was at the Full Moon Hotel, Stokes Croft, Dr. S. H. Piper, the president, being in the chair. It was felt that the whole day, both in the towers and at the dinner, was a great success, and it is hoped that this function will become an annual affair.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The annual general meeting of the Association was held in Shrewsbury on January 22nd. Ringing commenced at St. Chad's at 2.30 p.m., and after a rope had broken at the second pull, continued until 4, when a service was held in St. Aidan's chapel, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. T. Horan. The party then went down to the Parish Hall, where 38 members sat down to an enjoyable tea.

At the business meeting the 1948 officers were again elected, viz.: Ringing Master, Mr. A. Pritchard; secretary, Mr. C. A. Barron; treasurer, Mr. W. A. Farmer. A proposal that monthly meetings should be held during 1949 was defeated by an amendment that these meetings should be held in the summer months and bimonthly in the winter. The peal secretary reported a record year with 30 peals, this being later reduced to 29 when it was decided to withdraw one peal of Grandsire Doubles. These peals included the first for the Association of Superlative Surprise and Duffield Major; special mention was made of the peal of Duffield, as it was also the first rung for some years in the country.

St. Mary's was unfortunately unavailable owing to repairs to the steeple, and ringing was again at St. Chad's in the evening. Methods rung included Grandsire Caters and Cinques, Kent Treble Bob, Little and Plain Bob Royal, Double Norwich and Superlative Major on the back eight.

QUEENSBURY BELLS

Dear Sir,—With reference to question four of the Christmas Quiz, Mr. George Grills states that the bell frame of Brentor Parish Church is 1,155ft. above sea level, and asks the height of the bells of Holy Trinity Parish Church, Queensbury, near Bradford.

The answer to this is that the bell frame is 1,190ft. above sea level. This figure was given a few years ago in 'The Ringing World,' and as it was not subsequently challenged we ringers at Queensbury felt we had a claim to ring on the highest hung bells in England.

It does seem, however, that the height at Brentor is very close to the one at Queensbury.

May I also thank 'Kewsett' for his Christmas Quiz and look forward to receiving another instalment next Christmas. — Yours sincerely, PAUL BIRKETT.

Queensbury, near Bradford.

Leeds & District Society

JUBILEE DINNER PLANNED.

The Society's first meeting in 1949 was held at Bradford Cathedral, where the very fine ring of ten bells was heard in well-struck changes and rounds. The bells were raised before 3 p.m. and ringing continued, except for the tea and business meeting intervals, until 8.30 p.m.

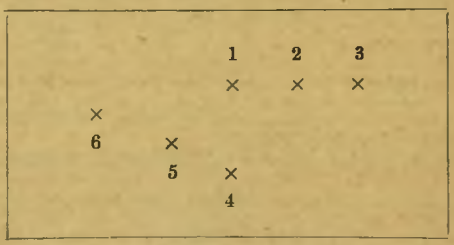
The business meeting was held in the tower and members were present from Armley, Bradford, Drighlington, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Michael's), Idle, Huddersfield, Leeds Parish Church, Liversedge, Ossett, Pudsey and Denholme, also friends from Edge Hill, Liverpool and Accrington. Two new members were elected—Messrs. H. Armitage and A. W. Bond, of Huddersfield.

The vote of thanks to the Provost, churchwardens and local company for the use of the bells and other arrangements was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse and seconded by Mr. J. Ambler. Mr. F. Simpson acknowledged the thanks.

The Society's jubilee is March 30th next. The committee considered that a dinner should be held on the nearest Saturday—March 26th. Arrangements were approved for a dinner at Leeds, the cost being 7s. 6d. per head. The committee's recommendation was confirmed and it was decided that expenses with regard to entertainment, etc., should be charged to the Society's account.

GREAT HORWOOD BELLS

A fund started by the ringers of Great Horwood, Bucks, in October, 1941, for the rehanging of the bells in a steel frame and to recast the four has reached approximately £700. The bells date back to 1623, the tenor



and treble having been cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1847. This firm have the work now in hand. The bells were lowered on January 26th, the weight of the tenor being 16 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. There is only one other tower with the bells hung in the same order as shown above.

OBITUARY

MR. ARTHUR W. BASHFORD.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Arthur W. Bashford, of Reigate. He was a regular member of St. Mary's, Reigate. The funeral was at St. John's, Redhill, on January 21st. Messrs. Peck, Hoad, Claydon and Jeal rang the whole pull and stand on handbells over the grave.

MR. FRANK SKEVINGTON.

An old member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. Frank Skevington, has passed away at the age of 75. Born at Carlton, Bedfordshire, he came to London and rang at St. Paul's, Hammersmith, until the bells became unringable. Mr. Skevington then joined the band of St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and was a regular service ringer. He joined the Ancient Society in 1905.

MR. WILLIAM WILLIAMS.

The death occurred on January 27th of Mr. William Williams, of Trevethin, Pontypool, at the age of 78. Mr. Williams had done little ringing of late years owing to ill-health. He had been a ringer at Trevethin for 54 years. The funeral took place at Trevethin.

LLANELLY, CARMARTHENSHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*J. EVANS ... ...*Treble*	A. HOARE 4
R. SCUDAMORE 2	†D. CURTIS 5
J. T. WILLIAMS 3	C. H. HAWKINS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. H. HAWKINS.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Oxford Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

SYDNEY FLINT ... ...*Treble*	GEORGE SKELLAND 4
THOS. W. HAMMOND ... 2	THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... 5
ROBERT LARKEY 3	ERNEST F. BENNETT ...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS S. HORRIDGE.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, RODBOURNE CHENEY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

*GEORGE F. CAPELING ...*Treble*	*BERNICE M. STRANGE ... 4
*BERYL J. STRANGE... ... 2	JOHN E. MANNERS ... 5
*THOMAS I. HOLBOROW... 3	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON *Tenor*

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.
* First peal of Minor. A wedding compliment to the Rev. H. E. Watkins (curate) and Mrs. Watkins.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 8 Morris' 240's, 3 Pitman's 240's, and 20 six-scores.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

FRANK R. MITCHELL ...*Treble*	JACK W. ROBERTS 4
RICHARD E. MANTON ... 2	JAMES H. MUSSON 5
HENRY P. COLLIN 3	ALBERT FRITH ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*J. A. WHITE (14) ...*Treble*	*P. M. WHITE 4
*RUTH AVERY (15) 2	W. A. AVERY 5
*QUEENIE COOPER 3	H. TROLLOPE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. A. AVERY.
* First peal.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD ...*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.
A christening peal for Barbara Steward and Roderick Pipe.

MATTISHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's Oxford T.B., two 720's Kent T.B., and three 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ANDREW MOORE ... ...*Treble*	SYDNEY MARSHALL 4
BERTIE HAMMOND 2	GEORGE ADAMS 5
GEORGE BUNNING 3	BERT GOGLE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by BERT GOGLE.
First peal on the bells.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, four callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

LESLIE HERBERT TAYLOR *Treble*	JOSEPH WALTER BAILY ... 3
GEORGE FREDK. CUMMINS 2	ROBERT JAMES TOYNTON... 4
RONALD PADLEY ... ...*Tenor*	

First peal as conductor. Conducted by RONALD PADLEY.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 2,160 (C.C.C. No. 153) and four different 720's.

*NORMAN B. FOVARGUE...*Treble*	†WILLIAM B. DAWSON ... 4
*MAURICE BENNETT 2	†CYRIL WANDER 5
†STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 3	†GEORGE R. DAWSON ... *Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Kent Minor. 25th peal as conductor. Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 25, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, HOOLE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two 120's, 10 callings. Tenor 9 cwt

*SIDNEY HOLMES (15) ...*Treble*	*BRYAN HARRIS (16) ... 4
R. GORDON CORBY ... 2	HENRY O. BAKER 5
GEORGE F. SPERRING ... 3	*JOHN PAYNE (15) ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.
* First peal. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents Kent Treble Bob, three of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR E. COOK ...*Treble*	CHARLES V. ORVES 4
GEORGE SELF 2	W. ARCHIE LOCK 5
RONALD A. FRANCIS ... 3	JAMES BAILEY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES BAILEY.
First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 14, 1949, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor size 12 in F.

FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4
WILLIAM A. PATTERSON ... 5-6	

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 17 in A.

*ROY C. HURST 1-2	MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4	WILLIAM G. YOUNG 7-8

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.
* First peal 'in hand' away from the tenors.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sun., Jan. 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HOUSE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor size 12 in G.

*PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 1-2	FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 3-4
*EDWARD IDDON 5-6	

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.
* First peal 'in hand.' First peal 'in hand' in Bolton.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT 39, TITIAN AVENUE,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 7-8

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

A NOTE ON METHOD STRUCTURE

(Continued from page 62.)

By A. E. YORK-BRAMBLE.

FORMULA FOR LONDON.

1. A hunt-controlled method constructed on the Treble Bob principle and having one hunt-controlling bell, the treble.

2. A single method (as distinct from a double method) and having differently-positioned pivot-places at the Grid-link and Grid-junction.

3. Pivot places:—

Full-lead (Grid-link) — Seconds, by a bell hunting UP to this place and DOWN from it; with adjacent thirds, above and below, by two other bells.

Half-lead (Grid-junction) — 'Fourths,' by a bell hunting UP to this place and DOWN from it; with adjacent 'thirds,' above and below, by two other bells.

4. Grid-sections at cone axes:—
In both front and back cones, all work in these two axial sections, *beyond* the pivot place in each case, is plain hunting reversed, the limits of which respectively are set by the path of the pivot-bell in the *front* cone, and by the paths of the adjacent place-making bells in the *back* cone. *There is nothing else in these parts.* Introduction of any variation is foreign to London.

5 Front-cone work, other than as in 4 above:—
Places, which are made *inside* this cone, 'against' the hunt-bell's path, throughout, *except in the 'A' columns of the grid.**

6 Back-cone work, other than as in 4 above:—
Work as determined by the hunt-bell, that is, dodge when she dodges, and plain hunt when she plain hunts, i.e., when she is ending her work in one grid-section and entering her work in the ensuing one.

* Note. — For lack of space, grid-column nomenclature was not fully developed in previous article; but the columns of a Maximus grid, for example, are: Ao Ae Bo Be Co Ce Xo Xe Yo Ye Zo Ze.

The student will find that the foregoing defines completely the London method as exemplified in Minor and Major. Our promise, in the previous article, to produce, from the grid patterns of London Minor or Major, an identical pattern for London Royal, is now due for redemption. Starting with a Minor grid, and following the formula only, the student will be able to produce London Minor. Proceeding with a Major Grid he will be able to build up London Major. In building up these grid patterns squared paper, of course, will be used, and the student may first draw a rectangle on the paper, to represent the boundary of the grid. The treble's zig-zag path should then be drawn in red crayon or ink. The paths of all other bells may then be filled in, *by lines not figures*, so as to facilitate rapid recognition and checking of the appropriate features of the grid patterns. Pencil and rubber are advised for this lining-in so as to correct any errors made. Now comes the crux of this whole matter! Following on with grids appropriate for the Royal and Maximus, *the London grid pattern may instantly be built up from the formula, and all patterns from Minor upwards to the Maximus will appear identical in structure.* The majority of ringers may hardly credit this. They should try it! Half-grids, of course, are all that are necessary, to prove formulaic production of these 'Ideal' London grid-patterns.

Qualification, however, is needed.

Tracing down the lines of the pattern to identify the bells at the grid-junction, and then transposing to produce the grid-link rows and hence the plain course, the student will find these 'ideal' London patterns in Royal and Maximus will not give the full plain course: they both run short courses only, the half-lead pivot bell in Royal being '3' and that in Maximus being '2.' Noting that in Minor and in Major the half-lead pivot bell is consistently the penultimate bell at the lead-head: i.e., from rounds, in Minor it is '5' and in 'Major' it is '7,' the student may conclude that in Royal it should be '9.' (Preserving the progression.) Indeed, he will find that he can, by introducing the essential correlating 'Stats' (see para. 7 of the formula, below) produce quite a good version of Royal, with '9' as the half-lead pivot bell in its proper pivot-place, that is, 4ths from treble. This gives the 'natural' lead-head which is in the 'associated' order with those in the plain courses of Minor and Major. *But*, the internal structure of the London Grid-pattern is necessarily disturbed, *and*, the 9th bell is separated from the other heavy bells in this first lead of the plain course. The 9th *can* be kept behind, however, and still made to pivot; but not in the true London position, i.e., *not* '4ths' from the treble's lie, but '2nds'! This penultimate place is, of course, quite foreign to the London method, as is also the consequent non-London pattern in the rest of this axial grid-section of the front cone. But, if the truth must be told, it is by such adulterations that the versions hitherto published have been produced. The student may judge for himself how right the critics are that, so far, we have not seen true London Royal, and that the Maximus version with '11' coming *down from behind* to the half-lead pivot (although in '4ths') eliminates the essential London work as in item 3 of the Formula. This formula we must now complete. (To be concluded.)

5,021 SPLICED BRISTOL AND PETERBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

By MAURICE HODGSON.

5,053.

23456	M	B	W	H	
42356				1	1B
25463		—			6P
26354	2		1	—	1P 7B 1P
32654				—	7P
53624			1		7B 1P*
62534			—	—	7P
36524			1		7B 1P
23645		—		2	6P 1B

Repeat twice, calling the last course of the peal as follows:—

3462578 P

6354827
5683742
8576234
—2785463
—4827356

Round in 29 changes.

Reduce to 5,021 by ringing 7P in the course marked * (instead of 7B 1P), in one part only.

1,952 Bristol.
3,069 Peterborough.
21 changes of method.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCS. — On Jan. 22nd, 1,320 Cambridge Minor: N. B. Fovague 1, J. P. Morris 2, W. B. Dawson (first as cond.) 3, S. R. Wilson (first 'inside') 4, L. P. Wilson 5, B. H. Dolton 6.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss Ruth Maundrell 1, Miss Bessie Hacker 2, W. Hacker 3, W. A. Swift 4, F. W. Hale 5, W. G. Mortimer 6, S. G. Grant (cond.) 7, G. Oram 8. First of Stedman Triples by 1 and 2.

Oxford Diocesan Guild

SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.

Wokingham was again the venue of the annual meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch. Ringing at All Saints' preceded the service, conducted by the Rector, the preacher being the Rev. R. B. Sutton, Vicar of Warfield. Tea followed in the Parish Room, nearly 100 ringers and clergy attending, over 80 being branch members.

At the business meeting, the chairman, Archdeacon Shaw, was supported by the president, Canon Coleridge, and the Rural Dean. All officers were re-elected, and in a brief report the secretary spoke of the sound position of the branch as regards Sunday ringing and practice. The holding of the summer meeting at Wargrave was agreed to.

Canon Coleridge, despite his 91 years, was in good story telling mood, and the meeting closed with the usual words from the Deputy Master, general secretary and Guild librarian.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of Hunts District was held at Huntingdon on January 22nd. About 40 members and visitors were present and some good ringing took place at both St. Mary's and All Saints' towers.

The service at All Saints' Church was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley), who also took the chair for the business meeting.

All the officers were re-elected for 1949, viz., Mr. S. Gilbert, secretary; Mr. F. Warrington, Ringing Master; committee, Messrs. H. Fields, F. Baker, W. Chamberlain, C. Young, H. Pratt, F. W. Lack and two more were added, Mr. S. J. Peck and Miss C. Dunnington.

The Vicar of St. Mary's and the Rector of All Saints' were thanked for the use of the bells and for making the ringers so welcome, as were the local ladies for providing such an excellent tea.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

NORTH-EAST DIVISION.

The annual district meeting, held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on January 15th, attracted over 50 ringers from 25 different towers.

An excellent address was given at the service by the Vicar (the Rev. T. Hollingdale), who also joined the company at tea.

A special welcome was given to Mr. R. Stannard, a former District Master and member of the St. Peter's band, who had travelled from Barking.

The retiring officers, Mr. G. Waterman (Master), Mr. H. J. Millatt (secretary) and Messrs. A. Andrews and G. W. Moss (committee members), were re-elected. Two honorary and four ringing members were elected, and Tendring was selected for the next meeting.

The secretary's report for 1948 showed increases in both honorary and ringing membership and was considered satisfactory. A collection was made for the family of the late Mr. S. Jennings, of Harwich, and realised 3 guineas.

Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening on the fine eight at St. Peter's, and St. Leonard's bells were also available. H.J.M.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD

Some 23 members from Hastings, Wadhurst, Bexhill, Tenterden, Salehurst and the local band attended the annual meeting at Hawkhurst on January 15th. Ringing included Plain Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

Tea was followed by the business meeting, Mr. G. Billenness being in the chair. The treasurer reported a balance in hand of £1 0s. 2½d. New members elected were Messrs. E. Avery, G. Muggridge and G. Hicks (Salehurst). Mr. W. Gorringe was re-elected chairman and Miss H. Gorringe hon. secretary. Members from Salehurst, Wadhurst, Benenden and Hawkhurst were elected to the committee. The February meeting will be held at Wadhurst and that for March at Salehurst.

NOTICES

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BIRTHS

BUTLER.—On Jan. 5th, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Butler, of 8, New Street, St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, the gift of a daughter (Angela Irene). 4775

HATCHER.—On Jan. 31st, 1949, at King's College Hospital, S.E.5, to Olive (nee Rawlins), wife of Dr. E. S. John Hatcher—a sister (Jill Theresa) for Peter. 4781

RETURN THANKS

Mr. Victor Scardifield and relatives, together with Mr. and Mrs. William Rowe, wish to express thanks for the many letters of sympathy received together with the many floral tributes on the occasion of the death of Mr. George Williams. They also desire to thank all those ringers who were able to attend the funeral service. 4776

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EXMOOR borders. Country house holidays. Good sporting facilities. Farm and garden produce. Trains and buses. Ringing parties catered for, but early booking essential. Terms 5½ to 6½ gns.—Churchill, Hollam, Dulverton, Somerset. 4758

SCARBOROUGH.—Board residence, comfort assured, moderate terms. One minute to buses all parts. Personal attention.—Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sutton, 12, Highfield. 4747

WHITBY. — Ardlui Hotel. Special early season. Terms 17s. 6d. per day. Brochure on application. Tel. 319. 4773

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INKWELL, bell model, 3in. diameter, in solid silver, 5 gns.; other sizes made to order. —E. Ronnebeck, silver craftsman, 153, High Street, Guildford. 4684

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'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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MEETINGS

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Northern District. — Annual meeting, Brecon (St. Mary's), Feb. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—D. H. Bennett, 2, Council Houses, Bronllys, Talgarth, Brecon. 4770

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Turners Hill (8), Feb. 12th. Tea for those who notify Mrs. Pollard, Forge Tea Rooms, Turners Hill, Crawley.—C. Bassett. 4751

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — South and West District.—Annual meeting at Heston on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 3.30. Committee meeting 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5.30, followed by business.—F. A. Finch, Hon. Sec. 4732

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District. — Brampton, Saturday, Feb. 12th Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 4752

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Annual meeting, Shoreham (8), Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5.

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch. — Annual, Retford, Feb. 12th. East Retford (10), West Retford (6), Ordsall (6), from 2.30. Service, East Retford, 4.30. Tea, White Hart Hotel, 5.15.—H. Denman. 4759

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Bearsted (6), Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea by invitation of the Vicar. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 4764

BIRMINGHAM. — St. Philip's Cathedral Church. Dedication of the two new trebles completing the ring of 12 by the Lord Bishop of Birmingham on Saturday, Feb. 12th, at 3 p.m. Bells available afterwards. Bells installed by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. 4771

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual meeting, Chertsey, Feb. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Postcard to Mr. J. B. Hessey, 11, Queen Street, Chertsey, by Wednesday, 16th.—F. Hawthorne. 4752

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Feb. 19th. Bells: Cathedral Church 2.45 to 3.45, S. Nicolas' 3 to 4 and in evening. Service, S. Nicolas', 4 p.m. Numbers for tea to me by Feb. 15th, please. Seating for tea limited to 60. Admission by ticket only issued to first 60 names received. — G. L. Grover, Epsom Road, East Clandon, Surrey. 4714

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Laurence's (12), Reading, Feb. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Names for tea (1s. 6d.) by Feb. 12th.—T. N. Lanaghan, 31, Blenheim Road, Reading. 4756

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Meeting, Halesowen, Feb. 19th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 4767

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting. Woodchurch, Feb. 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Feb. 16th to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 4765

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Annual district meeting, Reigate (10), Feb. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business after. Names to Mr. W. Claydon, 8, Charfield Road, Reigate, by Wednesday, Feb. 16th. 4760

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Wadhurst, Feb. 19th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 2s. Names to C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex.—H. Gorringe, Hon. Sec. 4774

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —Annual meeting, Chichester (8), Feb. 19th, 2.30. Names for tea (by 16th) to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 4777

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Nicholas', Wallasey (6), 3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 19th. Tea provided free. Numbers by 16th, please! A dinner, entertainment and dance will be held at Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, Saturday, March 16th. Tickets (15s.) now available.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Sapcote, Feb. 19th. Bells (6) 3. Tea in Village Hall 5. Bring own food. — F. K. Measures, Hon. Sec. 4789

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District. — Monthly meeting at Tilsworth on Feb. 19th. Bells (6) at 3. Cups of tea. — Valerie Willard, Dis. Sec., 25, Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 4784

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Thurnby, Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Please notify Mr. H. L. Wykes, Grange Cottage, by 16th.—F. Key, District Sec. 4780

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Tickenham, Feb. 19th, 4 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 4788

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry and Rugby Districts.—Meeting, Feb. 19th, at Church Lawford (6), 3 p.m. Names for tea to me by Wednesday previous.—T. W. Sheppard, 2, Guild Road, Foleshill, Coventry. 4782

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Newhall, Feb. 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to me. — J. Cotton. 4795

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting, Waterfoot, Feb. 19th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Bring own food. 4792

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Daresbury, Feb. 19th. If requiring tea advise Mr. H. Worrall, 5, Causeway Avenue, Warrington, by the 16th.—J. E. Ashcroft. 4791

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Weston Favell, Feb. 19th. Names for tea to Mr. Eric Nobles, 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 4793

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Feb. 26th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Farr, Cemetery Lodge, Pinchbeck Road, Spalding, before Feb. 18th. 4757

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Bradpole, Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea follows.—C. H. Lathey, Branch Sec. 4783

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Baldock on Feb. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Feb. 23rd to Mr. E. Buck, 13, The Rise, Baldock.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 4785

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District. — Meeting to be held at Roydon (6) on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bus Service from Epping hourly, commencing 2.50. Names for tea, please.—G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 4786

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch. — Prestbury (8), Feb. 26th, 3 p.m. No. 1 bus (2d.) from Cheltenham Centre. Names for tea by 22nd, please. — Charles Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Glos. 4790

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Guild Committee will meet at Hind Hotel, Wellingborough, Saturday, Feb. 26th, 3 p.m. —Robert G. Black, Guild Sec. 4772

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Johnson Dinner, Imperial Hotel, Saturday, March 5th. Chairman, T. H. Reeves, Esq. Tickets to fully paid up members 4s.; to other members and friends 8s. 6d. Bells: Bishop Ryder's (8), 2 p.m.; St. Chad's (8), 3 p.m.; St. Martin's (12), 3.30 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 4 p.m.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Springfield 1025.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice. General Guild committee meeting, Saturday, March 12th, at Reading. Full details later.—W. Hibbert, General Sec. 4779

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Thaxted. — Preliminary notice. An invitation is extended to all members of the above Association to attend the service and opening of Thaxted bells by the Vicar of Thaxted on Saturday, March 26th, not Feb. 12th as circulated. Further details in later issues.—G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon. 4787

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Outing, Saturday, June 25th, 1949, as reported at annual general meeting, London County. Please write stating number of seats required. Enclose deposit on seat(s). Latest date for booking seats Feb. 28th. Postal orders to be crossed. Write A. F. Udall, School House, St. Luke's Street, Chelsea, S.W.3. 4794

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OURSELVES

IN our editorial of the issue of February 4th a concluding paragraph concerning the problems of publication aroused considerable interest, and the Editor acknowledges with gratitude the many helpful suggestions received. To most of these letters he has given a formal acknowledgment; will others who have not received a letter please accept his sincere thanks.

A concluding sentence in this editorial, in which a reference was made to 'lesser brethren who ring quarter-peals and those who enjoy their ringing at Saturday afternoon meetings,' has been in some quarters misinterpreted. In no sense does the Editor or the Exercise desire to disparage their service to ringing or the valued place they hold in the realms of change ringing. Their work is important; they knit together a spirit of friendship, and there is no question that the Saturday afternoon meeting has a stimulating influence for good, and is also an integral part in the organisation of ringing. The editorial of February 4th was intended as a brief survey of peal ringing in 1948, giving certain figures and facts which we felt were of interest, not only to peal ringers but to the Exercise as a whole. Because a man plays cricket on his village green on a Saturday afternoon it does not mean that he is not interested in county cricket. Peal performances are read and followed by a far greater circle than those who regularly participate. A non-ringing lady, who incidentally does not come from a ringing family, told the Editor that she always reads the peals and has an affectionate regard for certain men and women whom she has never seen. She has captured in her heart the same sense of enthusiasm as prevails in the sporting world.

A misapprehension exists regarding the paper allocation to 'The Ringing World.' Because daily and weekly newspapers now enjoy free sales this does not apply to the section of the press in the category of 'The Ringing World.' We receive an allocation in bulk. Last November we had our allowance increased, and it enabled us to dispense with the eight-page issues and to increase our circulation. The response for new readers was most satisfactory, and within a few weeks the Editor was happy to report to the Editorial Committee that the new peak figure had been reached. This week we have received from the Paper Controller our allocation figure for the next four months. This is a favourable figure. It will permit of another 300 new readers, and enable us to give an occasional 16-page issue for big events such as the forthcoming Central Council meeting at York and to keep abreast with the publication of peals.

We have two classes of subscribers—those on our mailing list and those who purchase their 'Ringing World' through the newsagent. Those on our mailing list are the most valuable, and it is to them that the solvency of 'The Ringing World' is due. From these subscribers 'The Ringing World' receives 3d. a copy, compared with a fraction over 1½d. from those who purchase through the newsagent, the reason being the cost of distribution through the publisher, the wholesaler and the newsagent. We do not ask these subscribers to transfer their allegiance; we welcome both sections of readers providing the mailing lists are maintained.

Now as to the procedure of new subscribers. If you desire to join our mailing list, send your subscription (4s. 3d. per quarter, 8s. 6d. half-year, or 17s. yearly) to Mrs. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth. In the event of a copy being lost in the post write to the Editor forthwith and he will attend to it at once. Please remember that "The Ringing World' is only dispatched to those who have paid their subscriptions. Reminders are published at the appropriate time in black type. Last month there were some 80 subscribers whose copies were temporarily withheld pending the arrival of their subscriptions; they are drifting back into the fold, but with pegged circulations there was a danger of their journal being allocated elsewhere. So close have been our margins that the Editor has not a single copy left of the issue of February 4th.

As regards new readers who desire their copies through the newsagent the procedure is as follows: If your newsagent has any difficulty in supplying you, write to our publishers, Rolls House Publishing Company, Breams Buildings, London, E.C.4, giving the name of the newsagent and his wholesaler and the appropriate arrangements will be made. 'The Ringing World' is the connecting link joining all ringers into one big fraternity; its aim is to be the family newspaper of all who love ringing. The Editor is truly thankful for the support and interest he has received in the past. He has seen the circulation increase by 40 per cent. during his regime, and he is confident that with the goodwill existing to-day the new allocation of paper will be quickly absorbed.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., Feb. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

*HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	ALBERT D. COLLINS	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	8
MAURICE G. TURNER	3	HENRY E. GREEN	9
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	4	*ARTHUR V. PEARSON	10
P. GEORGE GOLDER	5	J. DENNIS HOLDEN	11
GEORGE W. HUGHES	6	ALAN ELSMORE	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* 75th peal together.

TEN BELL PEALS

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb.

*FRED C. LYNE	*Treble*	*REGINALD C. CHAPMAN	6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	2	*WILLIAM H. MALE	7
ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY	3	FRANK E. PERVIN	8
*VIVIAN B. HUNT	4	CHARLES J. CAMM	9
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Composed by WM. WILSON. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.
* First peal of Caters. First peal on the recast and augmented bells.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 35 cwt.

*VERNON W. SYKES	*Treble*	HERBERT BARLOW	6
*CHARLIE CLEGG	2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	7
RICHARD LONGDEN	3	SELWYN DEARDEN	8
DAVID VINCENT	4	S.S.M. PHIL TOCOCK	9
*IVAN KAY	5	VERNON SYKES	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. HUDSON. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

JOHN W. FAITHFULL	*Treble*	ALFRED H. PULLING	6
A. PATRICK CANNON	2	REGINALD BROWN	7
*MRS. E. F. SALMONS	3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	8
*MISS NELIA M. LEAHY	4	*ERNEST F. SALMONS	9
FRED PRICE	5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal of Stedman. In memoriam to Mr. G. Williams, Master of the above Guild.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Treble*	EDGAR R. RAPLEY	5
FLORRIE WYMAN	2	KENNETH SNELLING	6
REGINALD V. JOHNSON	3	WILLIAM SLAUGHTER	7
LEONARD STILWELL	4	ALFRED J. BULL	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 20, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Grove's Variation. Tenor 10½ cwt.

THOMAS GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	MRS. J. THOMAS	5
ROBERT FREEMAN	2	FREDERICK E. NURDEN	6
JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	3	*JOHN THOMAS	7
MARGARET ROWLANDS	4	PATRICK HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* 800th peal.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.
THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (2nd observation). Tenor 23 cwt.

LESLIE W. JARVIS	*Treble*	ALBERT H. KEMP	5
MISS HELEN GORRINGE	2	*MACOLM S. CLOKE	6
*MISS VIOLET RELF	3	ALBERT BEANEY	7
WILLIAM GORRINGE	4	HERBERT F. GOODEARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM GORRINGE.
* First peal.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 27, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

RONALD KENRICK	*Treble*	†CUTHBERT ACKERS	5
ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	2	THOMAS MARSHALL	6
MISS M. E. RIDYARD	3	JAMES J. JACKSON	7
*MISS VERA DRAPER	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (429). Conducted by JOS. RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 28, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
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THOMAS H. FRANCIS	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's. Tenor 18 cwt.

RONALD W. HAYWARD	*Treble*	CLAUDE TARR	5
WILLIAM G. GIGG	2	HARRY CHURCHILL	6
FRANK E. HANSFORD	3	ARTHUR H. REED	7
CLIFFORD WILLIAMS	4	FRANCIS J. MORRIS	*Tenor*

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On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. in D.

FRANK J. BAILEY	*Treble*	THOMAS YEOMANS	5
FRED BAILEY	2	ALFRED W. HEATH	6
*HAROLD C. CASSEL	3	PERCY JONES	7
LEONARD HILBERT	4	WILLIAM H. DARE	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by WILLIAM H. DARE.
* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Treble*	†REG. G. HOOPER	5
*GORDON H. ARGUILE	2	‡JOHN BRAMLEY	6
JILL POOLE	3	ALBAN DISNEY	7
*MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by R. F. ELKINGTON.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Surprise away from treble. ‡ 25th peal. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Davies' Transposition. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

CLEMENT GLENN	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. SALTER	5
*HAROLD PAILING	2	†WM. THORNLEY, JUN.	6
†PATRICK PRESTON	3	WALTER NICHOLS	7
J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First of Triples in the method. † First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN N. LINDON	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
JOHN S. MASON	2	ARTHUR D. COOK	6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	3	*JOHN SCOTT	7
JOHN S. WALTON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *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. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*BERNARD BOVER	*Treble*	ARTHUR H. EVERETT	5
ALBERT G. BARTHOLOMEW	2	HENRY W. SHADRACK	6
*ARTHUR HUBBLE	3	PETER J. EVES	7
ARTHUR H. EDWARDS	4	WILLIAM J. BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. EVES.
* First peal of Triples. First peal as conductor.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

CHARLES W. LAWTON	*Treble*	ALLAN A. POTTS	5
MISS JUNE HENSHAW	2	NORMAN MEAKIN	6
MRS. C. W. LAWTON	3	WILFRED STEVENSON	7
*HAROLD LONYON	4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JOSEPH WHITTAKER.
* First peal of Major and of Treble Bob. First peal as conductor on eight bells. Tenor 14¼ cwt. approximately.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM ROGERS	*Treble*	*ARTHUR F. LEWRY	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	*STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL	6
THOMAS E. SONE	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 41). Conducted by P. A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

THOMAS E. SONE	*Treble*	ALFRED W. DURHAM	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	3	*WILLIAM ROGERS	7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *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.

*EDWARD COX	*Treble*	GEORGE W. BISHOP	5
JAMES GORDON	2	ROBERT B. BLOND	6
*DOUGLAS JORDON	3	†WILLIAM CORDEROY	7
HENRY L. BISHOP	4	ERNEST MULFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

ROBERT H. YOUNG	*Treble*	SIMON DACE	5
ERNEST BROWN	2	CECIL J. BARKER	6
OLAVE E. BROYD	3	REGINALD RIPPINGALE	7
ALBERT CATTERWELL	4	ERNEST W. PYE	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.
In honour of the gift of a son to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Pye.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

ARNOLD HILL	*Treble*	HARRY MORGAN	5
MILTON C. FOWLER	2	J. EDWARD CAWSER	6
J. MARTIN THORLEY	3	J. FREDERICK MILNER	7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT	4	*ERNEST A. THORPE	*Tenor*

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

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS	*Treble*	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	5
EDWARD J. BEER	2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	6
*RONALD E. CONSTANT	3	CECIL J. MATTHEWS	7
ALFRED G. HILL	4	†JUNE CHESSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.

NORTHCHURCH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

PERCY L. PARSLOW	*Treble*	PERCY M. WATTS	5
MISS AUDREY M. BAILEY	2	RICHARD G. BELL	6
PETER A. NASH	3	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON	7
THOMAS J. CLARK	4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. W. SEAMAN.
First peal as conductor. Tenor 15 cwt.

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, OXENHOPE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

RONALD SQUIRES	*Treble*	*HARRY WILD	5
VERNON BOTTOMLEY	2	DONALD R. MARSHALL	6
EDWARD JENKINS	3	WILLIAM AMBLER	7
*MOLLY AMBLER	4	ALFRED SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*Leonard D. Millard	*Treble*	*James Brooks	5
Roger Posnett	2	A. James Glass	6
Albert Fleet	3	William Henley	7
*Royston Purchase	4	William F. Butler	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Wm. F. Butler.
* First of Major. First of Major as conductor. Rung to celebrate the birth of a second son to Mr. and Mrs. R. Posnett.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Grove's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17 cwt.

Ernest Paulson	*Treble*	George H. Paulson	5
*Norma Howes	2	*Dennis Scott	6
Dorothy Jean Dunn	3	Herbert E. Taylor	7
†Cynthia Broome	4	*Norman Hotchin	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert E. Taylor.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. In memoriam Mrs. Wall, wife of Mr. Walter Wall, chorister at St. Helen's Church for over 75 years.

BALDOCK, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*Benjamin Scoot	*Treble*	John Church	5
Horace Werrett	2	†Jack S. Dear	6
Edwin G. Buck	3	Walter D. Pooley	7
Roy V. Webb	4	R. Thomas Newman	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by R. Thomas Newman.
* First peal. † First of Major. Tenor 26½ cwt.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

P. Anger	*Treble*	W. H. Trueman	5
*B. Bladon	2	*E. L. Hughes	6
*H. S. Cooke	3	W. A. T. Carter	7
*W. A. Godwin	4	*W. H. Hayward	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by W. A. T. Carter.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major. First as conductor on eight bells.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*Cecil Poyntz	*Treble*	†George Sayer	5
†Leslie W. Houghton	2	Nolan Golden	6
†F. Charles Goodman	3	*Thomas Simmons	7
†Wilfred G. Saunders	4	†Arthur G. Bason	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

BLACKHILL, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Richard A. Gofton	*Treble*	William J. Davidson	5
John A. Brown	2	Adam Deas	6
John Anderson	3	William H. Barber	7
William E. Robinson	4	Denis A. Bayles	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Wm. J. Davidson.
First peal on the augmented eight. Tenor 17½ cwt. (assumed).

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Paul Lea Taylor	*Treble*	Margaret E. L. Beamish	5
Colin Harrison	2	Walter P. Whitehead	6
Edward F. Gobey	3	Ernest Morris	7
Alan Cattell	4	John A. L. Thompson	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Reginald E. Lambert	*Treble*	*Arthur F. Lewry	5
*Alfred W. Durham	2	Geoffrey V. Murphy	6
Arthur S. Richards	3	Robert T. Lambert	7
William Rogers	4	†Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal in the method. † 350th peal and 200th Surprise peal.

COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 31, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael, Stoke,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 13 cwt.

Frank E. Pervin	*Treble*	Frank Brassington	5
*Roy D. Hayne	2	*W. Brian Ellender	6
Adolphus Roberts	3	Thomas W. Sheppard	7
Douglas F. Ellender	4	*Harold Folwell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas W. Sheppard.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 31, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 3½ cwt.

John N. Lindon	*Treble*	Thomas Hemming	5
Clifford Skidmore	2	Arthur V. Pearson	6
John Pinfold	3	William C. Dowding	7
*Geoffrey Westwood	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Fearn.
* First peal in a Surprise method.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Arthur Rigby	*Treble*	Albert Greenhalgh	5
Miss Muriel Reay	2	John Ashcroft	6
*Frederick Brownlow	3	Peter Crook, sen.	7
James Blackburn	4	James L. Wright	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Peter Crook, sen.
* First in method 'inside.' Tenor 12½ cwt.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ECKINGTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one of Oxford Bob, two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 19 cwt.

Patrick Harris	*Treble*	James Attwood	4
John Thomas	2	Francis Miles	5
Trevor E. Newbury	3	Oliver Attwood	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Thomas.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 16, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of three 720's of Plain Bob and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

James Smith	*Treble*	Tom Ward	4
Alfred B. King	2	George Thompson	5
George W. Pipe	3	William Sawyer	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Sawyer.
An 81st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

FOXTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents, C.C.C. Nos. 85, 82, 79, 77, 76, 21, 20.

Arthur J. Millward	*Treble*	†Cyril G. Windram	4
*Albert Martin	2	*Dennis H. Allsopp	5
†Harold Bailey	3	*George A. Hollick	*Tenor*

Conducted by George A. Hollick.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

AYLESFORD, KENT.—On January 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Homewood 1, Miss R. Upton 2, W. Linksted 3, J. Homewood 4, L. Wells 5, J. Upton 6, G. Avis (cond.) 7, A. Green 8. For the 76th birthday of Mr. J. Homewood.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On January 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: N. Abell 1, P. Wells 2, C. Linch 3, G. Castleman 4, P. Smith 5, A. Skinner 6, R. Barrow (cond.) 7, E. Bass 8. First quarter Bob Triples by all.

BENWELL, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On January 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Wilkinson (first quarter) 1, Miss K. Stothard 2, A. Wallace 3, C. S. Dixon 4, J. Caise (cond.) 5, R. Barrow 6.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On January 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Millstead 1, Betty Solby 2, Hazel Luck (first 'inside') 3, H. Luck 4, J. Russell (cond.) 5, F. Reeves 6, F. Gadsden 7, J. Tumber 8.

BLACKROD, LANCS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,320 Cambridge, Oxford and Kent Minor: F. Brownlow 1, Miss Muriel Reay 2, J. Blackburn 3, A. Greenhalgh 4, J. H. Gartside 5. P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 6.

BOTTESFORD, LEICS.—On January 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. Johnson 1, W. Thorpe 2, A. Ward 3, F. Parsons 4, F. Proctor 5, S. Proctor (cond.) 6, T. Hall 7, R. Pick 8. First in method 1 and 4.

CAMBERWELL, LONDON.—On January 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. E. Chilcott 1, E. J. Rowe 2, J. W. Stephenson 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, W. H. Hewett 5, H. Belcher 6, A. W. J. Appleton 7, R. F. Deal 8, J. Phillips (cond.) 9, E. Peett 10.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's on January 30th, 1,260 of Plain Bob Minor: R. Pepper (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Yearsley 2, D. Chatfield 3, Miss B. Philpott 4, J. Stockbridge 5, A. Butler (cond.) 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. C. Philpott 1, D. Wilsden (first as cond.) 2, Mrs. J. Stockbridge 3, R. Port 4, Miss B. Philpott 5, D. Chatfield 6.

QUARTER PEALS

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's on January 30th, 1,280 Double Norwich: G. W. Barnes 1, H. T. Pye 2, P. G. Barnes (first of Major) 3, E. J. Butler 4, J. Edwards (first in method) 5, W. Chalk 6, E. P. Duffield (cond.) 7, H. J. Millat 8.

EALING.—At St. Mary's on January 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. B. I. Davies (first in method) 1, J. E. Churchill 2, J. P. Kent 3, P. E. Clark 4, T. Davies (first as conductor) 5, A. M. Stacey 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, B. J. Bennett (first quarter) 8.

GRAVELEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Bob Minor: S. Mynott 1, F. Warboys 2, S. Mynott 3, A. Redd 4, F. Gardner 5, T. H. Townsend (cond.) 6.

HEADCORN, KENT.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Foord 1, Rev. M. G. Bryant 2, C. Bridger 3, R. W. Belsey 4, W. C. Marshall 5, F. S. Macey (cond.) 6, G. W. Grant 7, R. Smith 8. 60th birthday compliment to R. W. Belsey.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 13th, at St. Andrew's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. W. Beard 1, G. W. Faulkner 2, J. Carrott 3, D. W. Beard 4, C. E. Wright (first in method) 5, T. East 6, F. V. Gant (first in method as cond.) 7, F Freestone 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ian Biggs (first quarter, aged 12) 1, R. Biggs 2, D. Cox 3, A. Cox 4, Ann Smith 5, J. Kape (first as cond.) 6, P. Newton 7, V. Evans 8.

KERESLEY, COVENTRY.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. A. Stote 1, A. E. Bristow 2, Miss M. Daniels (first quarter) 3, Miss M. D. Reeves 4, W. B. Ellender (first as cond.) 5.

LEYTONSTONE.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. A. Hughes 1, F. W. Housden 2, A. J. Boyack 3, L. E. Last 4, R. W. Stannard 5, J. H. Crampion 6, G. Dawson 7, E. D. Smith (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to G. Dawson.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Daphne Keeley 1, C. W. Powell 2, G. S. Morris 3, R. Keeley 4, S. H. Green 5, H. G. Keeley 6, G. H. Whitemore (cond.) 7, C. Tett 8.

OLD SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Owen Cripps (15) 1, Mrs. I. Simpson 2, Wm. E. Court (cond.) 3, David Marshall (14) 4, J. C. Wiseman 5, Wm. E. Simpson 6. First quarter 1 and 4.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: Alan Payne 1, Miss D. Clarke (first in method) 2, Miss C. Dunnington 3, D. Adams 4, G. E. Crisp 5, F. G. Gleaves 6, G. H. Dunnington 7, M. Ginn (cond.) 8.

OVERSEAL, DERBYS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Joan Cotton 1, D. Sankey 2, H. Carter 3, J. Quimby 4, J. Cotton 5, P. Grice 6, W. H. Curson (cond.) 7, H. Shaw 8

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Haffenden 1, E. Bishop, jun., 2, J. Turley (first 'inside') 3, A. F. Lewry 4, C. Brasier (cond.) 5, F. Hammond 6, S. T. A. Russell 7, E. Bishop, sen., 8.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. J. Southam (cond.) 1, M. Messenger (first 'inside') 2, R. W. Darvill 3, Miss J. Burrows 4. D. Barton (first quarter) 5, F. J. Spicer 6.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.—At St. Ann's on Jan. 16th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: Miss K. Westmancott 1, H. Corney 2, R. Bird 3, M. H. Sinden 4, T. H. Francis 5, W. T. Forrester 6. First quarter for 1 and 3. First of Doubles for 2 and 4.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Wilton 1, W. W. Daniel 2, Miss M. E. Richards 3, Miss B. E. Ll. Roberts (first as cond.) 4, F. J. Daniell 5, G. Wells 6, E. J. Berry 7, W. Bullock 8.

TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Daphne Meetens (first quarter, aged 13) 1, F. Meetens 2, H. Weaver 3, R. Wood, jun., 4, B. D. Price (cond.) 5, F. Chipper 6.

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LATE NEWS.

The attempt for 17,152 Bristol Surprise at Gilmorton on Feb. 19th is now not possible. The peal attempt is to be limited to 10,000, wires Mr. W. P. Whitehead.

Salisbury Diocesan Advisory Committee for Care of Churches have decided to ban 'radio bells' in the diocese.

BELFRY GOSSIP

From Vancouver, B.C., we learn of the passing of that fine old veteran, Mr. A. B. Lomas, of Victoria, B.C. The bells of the Cathedral were rung half-muffled to his memory on February 6th. He has been cremated and his ashes are being sent to Gawsworth Church, Macclesfield.

Over 30 quarter-peals were rung for services at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, during 1948.

Norfolk Surprise has seven new adherents in its own county by the peal at Loddon on January 29th.

Mr. John Thomas, of Hinton-on-the-Green, Worcestershire, has rung his 800th peal. The 1,000 peal coterie are waiting to welcome you!

Has a non-conducted and silent peal been rung previously for the Ely Diocesan Association, enquires Mr. M. J. Thurmott.

Interest in Spliced Surprise Major is on the increase. Peals to hand this week are Harmston, Lincs (10 methods) and Dorchester, Oxon (8 methods).

In sending the particulars of two peals rung in honour of the gift of a son to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Pye, our correspondent expresses the hope of the two bands that the spirit of his grandfather, the late Mr. William Pye, and his ability as a ringer will be manifest in the youngest member of the Pye family.

Endeavours are being made by Mr. F. S. Wilson to substantiate the claim that the peal of Stedman Triples rung on November 25th was the first 'in hand' for the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Can any reader help? A peal of Stedman Caters was rung at Lyme Regis on May 25th, 1947. Between 1887 and 1895 a number of handbell peals were rung, and it is during this period that records are incomplete.

The Rev. A. S. Roberts, of Carbis Bay, Cornwall, entered Hayle Hospital last Saturday for an operation. For the next three weeks it is likely that letters from ringing friends will remain unanswered. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Reward of perseverance was Mr. E. F. Salmon's first peal of Stedman at North Stoneham. We are told it was his 47th attempt.

The ringer of the treble in quarter-peal of Doubles at Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on January 9th was H. Thompson.

A gratifying feature of the first peal on the recast and augmented bells at Stratford-on-Avon was the six first peals of Caters by local ringers.

The 100 peals rung together by Messrs. A. Ballard and H. J. Poole were 43 'in hand' and 57 on tower bells, and not as stated in a previous issue.

The joint meeting of the Leeds and District with the Ladies' Guild will be held at Batley and not Birstall as previously arranged.

The first peal on the augmented eight at St. Mary's (R.C.), Blackhill, Co. Durham, was followed by munificent hospitality to the ringers, who wish through our columns to extend their thanks to Rev. Father McCartan, the local ringers and their friends.

The Rev. C. Kelland Peeke, hon. treasurer of the Truro Diocesan Guild, has been installed as an hon. Canon of Truro Cathedral. He is a member of Truro Cathedral company. In honour of the event a ¼-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the Cathedral on Jan. 26th by: Miss M. Penrose 1, Rev. A. S. Roberts 2, Miss J. E. Withey 3, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 4, W. E. Minors 5, W. H. Southeard 6, C. E. Lanxon (cond.) 7, G. P. Webb 8.

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In Appreciation

MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS

It was a great shock and grief to me when I read in the 'Sunday Express' of January 30th that my old friend, George Williams, had passed away. My recollection of him goes back to 1894, when the Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Arundel, my birthplace. I was then only a beginner, and it was not until October, 1896, that he conducted my first peal, Grandsire Triples, at Fareham. Three of us, Chamberlain, Haggett and myself, went to Fareham on October 2nd, 1896, and after two hours of good ringing we were stopped by the church clock winder throwing stones at the belfry window, making it impossible for the ringing to be continued. A fortnight later, on October 16th, the three of us from Arundel again journeyed to Fareham for a second attempt, and this time there was no interference from the clock winder, and we three beginners scored our first peal of Grandsire Triples in 3 hours 1 minute, conducted by George Williams. This peal was the beginning of a life-long friendship, now severed by his passing at the ripe old age of 91. Most of the peals that I have rung were conducted by him, and in 1892 I migrated to Brighton and joined the St. Peter's band, where George Williams was the chief conductor.

Among other peals we rang together was the first 'George' peal of Stedman Triples, rung at Lewes on April 24th, 1893, and many firsts in new methods, Bristol, Norfolk, etc.

He (George Williams) also conducted the first peal of London Surprise rung in the City of London at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, on January 14th, 1899, and of this peal there is very little doubt that Frank Bennett and myself are the sole survivors. Although I retired from active ringing in 1907, George never failed to look me up when he came to Brighton, as he often did, and now it is good-bye from his old friend.

GEORGE BAKER.

It was with the deepest regret I heard of the passing of my dear old friend, George Williams. I first met him on March 2nd, 1889, at S. Nicolas', Guildford, when he conducted my first peal, Grandsire Triples. That was the beginning of a friendship that has lasted within a month of 60 years. I met him again at East Meon on Whit Monday, 1891, when he called his 100th peal, Kent Treble Bob Major. He was a conductor of the highest ability, and for his weight a wonderful tenor ringer. I shall always remember the way he turned in Christchurch (Hants) tenor, 30 cwt., to Double Norwich on Boxing Day, 1892, and then in the evening rang St. Peter's, Bournemouth, to another peal of Double Norwich.

After my removal to Brighton we became almost inseparable and rang a large number of peals together, and I can honestly say we never had a disagreement. There were very few Saturdays that we were not out either to meetings or peal ringing, and mostly to oblige visitors, for at that time we used to get plenty of them, and George would always do his utmost to arrange something for them. It was a great loss to Sussex ringing when he left the county, and I did not see a great deal of him during my seven years in London, but since then we had had a good many enjoyable ringing weeks together. It was a great pleasure to us both when we rang our 1,500th peal together, although it was not pre-arranged. I was also in what was to be his last Double Norwich at Soberton in May, 1940, for his 82nd birthday.

Of his activities after he returned to his native county in 1905 I must leave others who were associated with him to record. His cheery smile will be sadly missed by us all and his place difficult to fill. May his soul rest in peace.

FRANK BENNETT.



MR. HERBERT MINGAY.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild

NORTHERN BRANCH.

There was a good attendance at the annual meeting of the Grimsby District held at Grimsby on January 29th. Mr. J. Bray, Guild general secretary, presided in the unavoidable absence of the president, Ven. Archdeacon Marsden.

Mr. Herbert Mingay, the hon. district secretary, resigned his office after 25 years of faithful service. All the towers in the area showed their appreciation of his work by contributing to a gift of a wallet and notes.

In making the presentation, Mr. Bray spoke of Mr. Mingay's great work for the district, and said how fortunate they had been to have such a man who had missed few meetings in 25 years. Letters from the president and Richard Thackray, of Bigby, added words of appreciation.

Mr. Mingay briefly thanked the members.

Officers elected for 1949 were: President, Ven. Archdeacon Marsden; Ringing Master, Mr. J. Bray; hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Moody; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. G. Dobbs; representative on branch committee, Mr. J. Bray.

Meetings for the year were fixed for Caister, Great Carlton, Bigby, Waltham and Barton-on-Humber, and it was hoped to have an additional meeting in the Louth area.

LEARNT A METHOD LAST YEAR.

Dear Sir,—Although I only knew Mr. George Williams for five years, I would like to add my little tribute to the memory of a great man. Mention has already been made of the example he set to all ringers in his service to the Church, and to that I would simply add that of no one could it be more truly said that he was a Christian gentleman. One thing which always amazed me was his youthfulness and his buoyant spirit. Thus, last year I remember, when some 20 years his junior said they were too old to learn a new method, he learned and rang for the first time the No. 3 version of London Royal. Or, again, his peal books show that from October, 1938, to the end of 1939, when the war stopped peal ringing and when he was 81, he rang 25 peals in 17 different methods, including the only peal he ever conducted of Treble twelve, two of his four peals of Yorkshire Surprise Major, a peal of Stedman Cinques at the C.C. meeting, his only peal of Spliced 4, his only peal of Plain Bob Maximus (at St. Nicholas', Liverpool), and the second of his peals of Double Norwich Royal (the first being in 1902). Such facts speak for themselves.

Yes, the Exercise is the poorer for his passing. We have lost, in this life, a great man. May we all seek to follow his example of service.—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

RANG 300 PEALS WITH GEO. WILLIAMS.

Sir,—I cannot allow my dear old friend, George Williams, to pass over without a few lines from me. In the 1890's and after, although I only learnt Stedman Triples by looking at Troyte's book twice, I went to Brighton for a peal and rang it at the first attempt, conducted by the late G. Williams.

I was stationed at Rugby, Warwickshire, and many week-ends I used to visit Brighton and stay with Mr. and Mrs. Williams, and altogether I rang about 300 peals with him. One of them was on handbells, Mrs. Williams ringing 1-2 in a peal of Grandsire Triples. Had I not lost my leg I should, if able, have been at the funeral.—Yours very sincerely,

JAMES GEORGE.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch was held at Stockport on January 29th, when over 60 members and friends were present. The ten bells at the Parish Church were in use from 3.30 p.m. until service, conducted by the Rector (Canon D. H. Saunders-Davies), who in his address commended the exercise of the art of change ringing to any young man or woman who wanted to do something worth while in the service of the church.

Following tea, the Rector presided at the business meeting, supported by Mr. A. R. Elkins (branch chairman). The Rector expressed the pleasure it gave them to entertain the branch and how much he appreciated the effort of ringers, not only in his own parish, but throughout the land. Seven new members were elected.

The secretary in his report asked the members to consider whether the wastage of recruits during training, which was looked upon as inevitable, was due to some extent to out-of-date teaching methods. He urged all to consider this since counter attractions to-day were many and powerful and could not be combated with 19th century methods. If the monotony and drudgery of the first six months could be relieved in some measure, then the wastage of material need not be so great.

All the officers of the branch were re-elected, and Canon D. H. Saunders-Davies was elected to the newly-created office of branch president. It was reported that the authorities at Dunham Massey are going ahead with a scheme to replace the present heavy ring of ten with a light ring of eight, in spite of the heavy commitments the church has in other directions.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Carter, son-in-law and daughter of Mr. A. Barnes, on their silver wedding anniversary. After some discussion it was resolved that the rule governing the annual meeting of the branch be altered and that the annual meeting be held alternately at St. Mary's and St. George's Churches, Stockport.

The meeting carried with acclamation a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, the wardens, the local ringers and the organist for their part in a very successful meeting. The officers received sincere thanks for their efforts to promote interest during the year.

Further ringing was enjoyed on the bells until a late hour, the wants of all being catered for by the Master, Mr. T. Wilde.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

REPORTING OF PEALS

Dear Sir,—Your leading article of Feb. 4th again draws attention to a fact that has been all too plain for some years—'The Ringing World' is quite unable to keep up-to-date with peal reports. This fact is well illustrated in this issue; there is not one report which should not have been printed previously, and some peals recorded were rung as long ago as January last.

The present style of reporting and size of type used have changed but little from those in use in the last century, when peals were comparatively few and paper was plentiful. Surely the remedy is obvious? I suggest that the traditional style should be drastically altered and the size of type greatly reduced. By doing this it should be possible to publish all peal reports which reach you on Monday in the following Friday's issue, and gain considerable space in the paper for other matter.

I do not doubt that many ringers would be sorry to see the old style abandoned; but we must realise that it is now out of date and just will not do. I would far rather see the reports up to date and all footnotes included in full.

While all relevant details must be included, such words as 'At the Church of' and 'A Peal of' could well be omitted; 'Composed by' and 'Conducted by' could be abbreviated, and the words 'Treble' and 'Tenor' could be replaced by numbers.

Of course, a reduction in the size of reports would produce an outcry from those who rely on your columns for the collection of performances, statistics, etc., particularly from those who confess to being unable to read 'Bob Major' unless preceded by the word 'Plain.' As a help to peal secretaries and others, I suggest that peals should be grouped under the Associations for which they are rung, the Association headings being arranged in alphabetical order. Further, the peals in each group could be arranged alphabetically according to the places at which they were rung. The name of the Association would then be omitted from individual reports.

By printing the place and method in heavy type, readers would be able to tell at a glance what had been rung and where. This is possible at present, but one needs to glance at five or six pages.

Handbell peals should still be kept apart; but with the system of grouping by Associations, I see no reason why peals on different numbers of bells should still be kept in separate sections. C. W. WOOLLEY.

Bushey.

PEAL RINGING AND THE 'RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—Last week's leading article comments on the heavy demand which peal reports make on the available space in 'The Ringing World.'

I sometimes wonder whether or not too much weight is given to peal ringing in ringing circles generally, tending to overshadow other ringing activity.

Undoubtedly, peal ringing has an immense value in giving an urge to greater achievements, and regular peal ringers are amongst the best strikers, and many of them key men in the Exercise.

However, many who are supporters of the established ringing organisations, and who are regular service ringers, probably skip the first few pages of 'The Ringing World,' or just look for peals of local interest, or the odd peal which they themselves occasionally take part in. These ringers would probably continue to take 'The Ringing World,' even if the space devoted to peals was considerably reduced and the space made available utilised for discussion, illustrations, varied articles and news of activities other than peal ringing. Could a 'Peal Supplement' be published, say monthly or quarterly, for those who wished to have a copy, instead of the present system. Meritorious performances could still receive prompt 'publicity in the 'Gossip' column. This would release the equivalent of a page or two each week. After all, peals receive further publicity in the Association Reports and in 'The Ringing World' from time to time.

A good peal by a local band is a valuable achievement. A good peal by a band from various sources may be a valuable achievement, or just a piece of personal satisfaction. In the absence of local knowledge one cannot always tell from the peal columns.

In conclusion, may I emphasise that I am not decrying the value and pleasure of peal ringing. I think it should be the aim of every probationer to ring a good peal as early as possible, and that all those who are able should take some part in peal ringing activity to add polish to their capabilities.

It may, however, be worth while pausing to consider whether we have not become overconscious of the merit of peal ringing for its own sake to the exclusion of other attributes of the average ringer.—Yours, etc.,

Rotherham. NORMAN CHADDOCK.

ELECTRONIC BELLRINGING

Dear Sir,—The Central Council librarian has recently accepted from me a small collection of letters and photographs connected with an electronic bellringing apparatus which was made over thirteen years ago.

About 1935 Mr. L. E. A. Bourn, of the John Compton Organ Co., conducted experiments which led to the production of the modern Compton electric organs. Apparently as a sideline, he built a bellringing apparatus which was installed for a time at Albury (Surrey) and could be heard for twelve miles. This apparatus was notable in that it contained neither bells nor recordings, but produced the sound synthetically.

To condemn such an apparatus is useless; it represented a real advance in electronic progress. It seems that the danger of such an apparatus being manufactured to replace ringers passed while we were in happy ignorance, for the Compton organ has been produced whereas automatic ringing apparatus has not been.

I can thoroughly recommend to those interested a book recently published, 'Electronic Musical Instruments,' by S. K. Lewer (Pub. Electronic Engineering, 28, Essex Street, W.C.2). This book at 3s. 6d. is a mine of information collected from technical journals on sound synthesis, and contains sections on pitch standards. Thus on page 11 is a table of pitch notes which are broadcast from the National Bureau of Standards (Station WWV) in Washington, D.C. Two of these are on the ordinary short wave band, at approximately 20 and 30 metres (given as 15 and 10 megacycles). They are broadcast day and night, and I have received the note on 30 metres as a peculiar interrupted note. Both broadcasts are of the standard pitch, A = 440, and are accurate to one part in ten million.

Mr. Bourn is a leading authority on electronic sound synthesis (he owns fifteen patents) and must have taken great pains over the ringing apparatus. Special steps were taken to produce a swinging effect, and he wired the machine to ring a plain course of Oxford T.B. Major only. A criticism was that the striking was too regular, and a device was introduced to make it slightly uneven!

A similar apparatus was in existence at the Compton factory in North Acton, to chime the Cambridge Quarters. Both were destroyed in the 1941 air raids. B. D. PRICE.

Dedications

BLAENAVON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

Saturday, January 29th, was a red-letter day at Blaenavon on the occasion of the rededication and opening of the bells. The Bishop of Monmouth, in his address, said ringing was a healthy art, for the 'Diocesan Gazette' showed some remarkable records of long service among the ringers. The bells were rung for one purpose only, to call people to worship, but at Blaenavon as elsewhere many were deaf to the call they made.

Immediately following the dedicatory prayers the bells struck out for the first time, being in rounds by the local ringers, led by their veteran, Mr. Stokes. Following the service the Master of the Association, Mr. J. W. Jones, was chosen to take charge of the ringing for the day. The first touch he conducted, one of Grandsire Triples, was by ringers from various towers. During the day the four standard methods were rung, but the acknowledged titbit was one of Stedman Triples. A sumptuous tea was provided in the Church Hall.

The bells, originally a ring of six by Rudhall, cast in 1807, have been recast and two more added. They are now a most musical ring of eight with a tenor of 9¼ cwt., the contract having been excellently carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who was represented by Mr. J. P. Fidler. The ringers at Blaenavon have always taken the greatest interest in their bells, and chiefly through their persistent efforts has the restoration been achieved. At present there are three generations of the family of Stokes and also quite a young band of ringers.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

The quarterly meeting of the Society was held on January 22nd at Wolverhampton, when 80 ringers and friends attended. St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, was well represented, also ringers from Coventry, Stourbridge and Birmingham were welcomed. Service in St. Peter's Church, conducted by the Rector of Wolverhampton, was followed by tea.

At the business meeting a cheque for £30 18s. was presented to Mr. Herbert Knight, former secretary for 40 years. The presentation was made by Mr. C. Wallater, one of the oldest members, who voiced the opinion of every ringer present in saying that no society had ever had a better servant. Subscribers were from the Archdeaconry and as far afield as Bournemouth and Somerset.

New members elected included the entire band from Rugeley, where change ringing is now being practised. During the afternoon and evening methods rung included Cambridge Surprise Royal, Superlative Surprise Major and Stedman Cinques.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

The fine ring of eight at St. Mary's, Portsea, was made good use of at the annual meeting of the Portsmouth District on January 9th, when ringing ranged from Grandsire Triples to Spliced Surprise Major (four methods). The Rev. H. A. Gilroy conducted the service.

At the business meeting members stood in silence as a mark of respect to Messrs. G. Williams (Master of the Guild), W. Linter and A. Mears, who had died within the last two months.

Mrs. Tate was elected a life member, and ringing members elected were Messrs. J. Hedges, J. Pearce, H. Reynolds and F. Salmon (Alverstoke) and C. Twineham (Soberton).

Mr. Linter was re-elected chairman, and all the remaining officers were returned to office. The next quarterly meeting will be at Hambledon on April 23rd.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*DAVID W. BEARD	*Treble*	*COLIN E. WRIGHT ...	4
†ALBERT W. BEARD ...	2	JOHN SITCH	5
*GEORGE W. FAULKNER...	3	FRANK V. GANT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in more than one method.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four extents of Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.

*GORDON F. PICKTHALL	*Treble*	†ANDREW J. H. SCOTT...	4
*ROBERT F. FERRIS ...	2	†A. LENNARD SHEPHERD	5
CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	3	‡ALEXANDER J. MARTIN...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.
* First peal. † First peal in more than one method. ‡ 25th peal. A birthday (her 84th) compliment to the mother of the treble ringer and also to Mr. James Turner, of Eastham. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob (seven different extents). Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*DORIS E. COLGATE ...	*Treble*	LEONARD A. TIDY ...	4
ERNEST J. LADD	2	JOHN O. WELLER ...	5
PETER N. BOND	3	*ROBERT COLLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT COLLINS.
* 25th peal together.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

*REGINALD T. GOODMAN	*Treble*	ALAN JACQUES	4
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD...	2	G. RONALD EDWARDS ...	5
C. WILLIAM HALL ...	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal in seven methods. First as conductor in seven methods.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

BERT W. MAY...	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. WOOD ...	4
DORIS G. DOBBIE	2	*TREVOR A. CROSS... ...	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
* First peal in four methods.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*LESLIE H. TAYLOR ...	*Treble*	JOHN R. YOUNG	4
ARTHUR YOUNG	2	†EDWIN FISHER	5
*JOSEPH A. BAILEY	3	†ERIC KEMP	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN FISHER.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

GORING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., Feb. 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, C.C.C. 77, 76, 75, 74, 82, 21, 20. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

SIDNEY ANSELL	*Treble*	BRIAN D. PRICE	4
ERNEST TREAGUS	2	HENRY C. WEAVER ...	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND WOOD, JUN.

THORNBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 31, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 4 six-scores of St. Simon's, 6 six-scores of April Day, 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 20 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

*EDWARD G. BENNETT...	*Treble*	STANLEY M. RUDDLESDEN	3
PERCY AMOS	2	*ARTHUR MILLWARD ...	4

WILLIAM R. HAMMONS... *Tenor*
Conducted by WILLIAM R. HAMMONS.
* First peal in four methods of Doubles. First peal as conductor in four methods. For the silver jubilee of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

*FRANCIS R. LOWE ...	*Treble*	WM. THORNLEY, JUN. ...	4
GIRLING RIGBY	2	*C. JOHN GIBBS	5
*ALFRED MOULD	3	DENIS R. CARLISLE ,...	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
* First peal in the method. A farewell peal to the ringer of the 5th, who is joining H.M. Forces.

HANDBELL PEALS

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 23, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *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	MARION GRAIN	7-8

Adapted from E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 28, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT SWAN STREET,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

OLAVE E. BROYD	1-2	THOMAS BIRD	5-6
ALBERT CATTERWELL	3-4	REGINALD RIPPINGALE ...	7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by OLAVE E. BROYD.
In honour of the gift of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Pye.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 28, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

WILLIAM G. YOUNG	1-2	*FRED PRICE	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	DANIEL T. MATKIN	7-8

ROY C. HURST 9-19
Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters on an 'inside' pair. Tenor size 17.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 1 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

*ROY C. HURST	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	3-4

WILLIAM G. YOUNG 5-6
Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 30, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT 39A, HIGH STREET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

ERIC DENCH	1-2	MAURICE J. THURMOTT ...	3-4

RONALD H. BULLEN 5-6
Umpire: MISS M. GRAIN.
Rung non-conducted and silent. First non-conducted peal by all.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 4, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT 47, HAYWARD ROAD, REDFIELD, BRISTOL, 5,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 12 in F.

TOM HARRIS	1-2	ROYSTON G. BRYANT ...	5-6
EDWIN J. BROWN	3-4	MISS ANNIE BROWN ...	7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.

A NOTE ON METHOD STRUCTURE

(Concluded from page 74.)

By A. E. YORK-BRAMBLE.

We come, then, to the last item of the London formula:—

7. CORRELATING STATS. — Unless the method is to be mutilated, these must come within the Front Cone and in its non-axial grid-sections. For Royal, no additions but two transfers are needed:—

(a) In the 5-6 UP grid-section: Last 4ths to 2nds.
(b) In the 7-8 UP grid-section: Last 1sts to 3rds.

For Maximus, (a) as in Royal, plus two transfers:—

(b) In the 7-8 UP grid-section: First 6ths to 2nds.
(c) In the 9-0 UP grid-section: First 8ths to 6ths.

Except for the 'reflections' of these in the second half of the Grid, *no other alterations or additions of any kind* are necessary.

Turning again to the 'Ideal' grid-patterns of London, which the interested student may have made as directed in an earlier paragraph, he may now erase the pencilled bell-paths at the grid-squares indicated in item 7 and rearrange as directed. Tracing down the paths to the grid-junction, the half-lead pivot is revealed as '4' in Royal and '7' in Maximus. To save an experimenter's time it may be stated that the author has thoroughly explored possible rearrangements, and has produced, over many years of patient research, about as many versions of Royal for London as there are letters in our alphabet. These versions successively improved until the qualifying extension emerged, conforming with every essential characteristic requirement. Indeed, London Royal is possible only with the 4th bell as pivot at the first half-lead; though the proof (by a process of elimination) is too lengthy for inclusion in this article. This 'residual' version satisfies all requirements of the principles laid down in paras. 'A' to 'O' above, and conforms strictly to the formula derived. Half-leads of Royal and Maximus are appended. They should be traced out for the grid-patterns and checked against London Minor and Major, and the formula.

These processes are universally applicable in change ringing methods and principles. But it must be emphasised that haphazard trials at 'extension' lead nowhere. The job must be tackled systematically and recorded step by step and checked. Knowledge of the theory of Stats, as mentioned in para. L above, is invaluable. All effort must be concentrated within the ambit of the formula; and the formula, be it remembered, is inherent in the basic form of the method. In London we are fortunate in having both Minor and Major for this, the one being a check upon the other. Serious investigators, working on logical or mathematical lines, will soon discover the fallacy of reliance upon *imitation* of place-positions only, of the basic. (See end of para. N above.) Without other considerations, success is unattainable.

(It is regretted that abridgement may have made some parts of the argument rather more difficult to follow, but space considerations render this unavoidable.—A. Y-B.)

LONDON ROYAL (U.A.)*	LONDON MAXIMUS (U.A.)*
1234567890	1234567890ET
2135476980	213547698E0T
1253749608	12537496E8T0
2157394068	2157394E6T80
2517930486	251793E4T608
5271394068	5271394E6T80
5217930486	521793E4T608
2571394068	2571394E6T80
5273149608	52731496E8T0
5723416980	572341698E0T
7532149608	75321496E8T0
7523416980	752341698E0T
5732461890	5732461890ET
5374268109	5723648109TE
3547621890	7532461890ET
5346728109	7352648109TE
3564278019	372546801T9E
3652487091	32745608T1E9
6325840719	234765801T9E
6238504791	24367850T1E9
2683054971	42638705TE19
etc., to	4628307T5E91
1684029375	648203T7E519
1648203957	68402T3E7591
etc.	8604T2E37951
	etc., to
	1TE098765432
	1T0E89674523
	etc.

* To distinguish from previously published variants and out of compliment to the Universities' Association of Change Ringers.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT.

An attendance of 50 supported the annual meeting of the Northampton District on January 29th at St. Peter's, Northampton. The Rev. L. J. Chybnall (Rector) conducted the Guild service, followed by tea in the Parish Rooms.

Mr. S. S. Valentine (Branch president) was in the chair for the business meeting, when the district's report and balance sheet, presented by Mr. E. Nobles, were adopted. The Rev. R. H. Palmer presented first peal certificates to Miss M. B. Valentine and Mr. S. Earl.

Officers elected were as follows: Mr. G. S. Valentine, president; Mr. Eric Nobles, hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. W. R. Hammons, Branch Ringing Master; Mr. G. Care and Mr. P. Jones, Guild Committee; Messrs. W. R. Hammons, J. Dunkley, B. O. Soden, Branch Committee; Mr. W. Gammage, branch auditor.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

At the annual district meeting on January 22nd at St. John's, Croydon, over 100 ringers and friends sat down to a tea, arranged by the local lady ringers. A service was held at St. John's, the address being given by the Vicar.

Three life members and 13 ringing members were elected at the business meeting. The committee's report showed steady progress in the Association activities. Some discussion on the advisability of increasing the subscriptions arose from the decreased balance on the financial statement.

The appeal for funds towards the Benhilton bells was brought to the notice of the ringers; a voluntary subscription raised £6, and a proposition was carried to make a collection at each quarterly meeting. The votes of thanks to the Vicar and the ladies were carried with acclamation.

Middlesex County Assn.

NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.

A representative gathering from nearly every affiliated tower met at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on January 29th, for the annual district meeting, when ringing took place in the local tower and at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and St. Mary's, Willesden, in the evening. The striking showed improvement indicating that post-war recruits are gaining by experience.

At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. A. W. Coles (vice-president), those present stood in silent tribute to the memory of J. Armstrong (Southgate) and G. Williams (North Stoneham). Newly-elected members were E. Southgate (Kingsbury), R. Meadows and D. Riley (Kilburn), W. F. Forrester, L. Green, M. Sinden, the Misses M. Cater, K. Westmancott and E. Simpson (Stamford Hill) and R. Lambert (Stanmore).

The district secretary's report indicated that ten towers had been visited for meetings with an average attendance of 40; that 98 quarter-peals had been rung, mostly for Sunday services, in 15 towers, with 35 sharing in conducting; that reports on towers may be summarised as encouraging but still with plenty of scope for betterment; and that he welcomed the towers of Kingsbury, Stamford Hill and Walthamstow (St. Saviour's) having rejoined the Association. Mr. Lock presented the statement of accounts, which showed a balance of £35 0s. 5d., the substantial increase over last year's amount being mainly due to revision of the Association's rules governing finance.

Most of the retiring officers were re-elected, Mr. C. F. Neal being elected as assistant secretary. The meeting applauded votes of congratulations to the Rev. Arthur S. Roberts upon his institution as first Vicar of the parish of Carbis Bay, and to Messrs. Hodgson and Viggers upon the production of the Ringer's Notebook and Diary. It was decided to reintroduce the principle of ringing 'special methods' at district meetings. Thanks were accorded to all incumbents and tower representatives concerned.

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MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual meeting, Chertsey, Feb. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—F. Hawthorne. 4752

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Feb. 19th. Bells: Cathedral Church 2.45 to 3.45, S. Nicolas', 3 to 4 and in evening. Service, S. Nicolas', 4 p.m. Seating for tea limited to 60. Admission by ticket only issued to first 60 names received. — G. L. Grover, Epsom Road, East Clandon, Surrey. 4714

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Meeting, Halesowen, Feb. 19th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 4767

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting. Woodchurch, Feb. 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 4765

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Wadhurst, Feb. 19th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 2s. Names to C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex.—H. Gorringe, Hon. Sec. 4774

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Newhall, Feb. 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to me. — J. Cotton. 4795

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting Lubenham (5), Feb. 19th. Service 4.30. Tea 5, School. —L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 4819

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Bradpole, Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea follows.—C. H. Lathey, Branch Sec. 4783

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Baldock on Feb. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Feb. 23rd to Mr. E. Buck, 13, The Rise, Baldock.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 4785

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District. — Meeting to be held at Roydon (6) on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bus Service from Epping hourly, commencing 2.50. Names for tea, please.—G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 4786

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch. — Prestbury (8), Feb. 26th, 3 p.m. No. 1 bus (2d.) from Cheltenham Centre. Names for tea by 22nd, please. — Charles Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Glos. 4790

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Netley Abbey, Feb. 26th, 2.30. Names for tea by Feb. 22nd.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh. 4807

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Spondon (6), Feb. 26th, 3. No arrangements for tea.—J. F. Wilkinson, Dis. Hon. Sec. 4800

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Warmley (6), Feb. 26th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss Mary Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol, 7. 4799

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at All Souls', Bolton, on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 3.45. Cups of tea provided. —Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 4825

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District. — Meeting Tuddenham, Feb. 26th. Bells 2.45. Tea 5. Bring own food. Bus leaves Ipswich 2.20 and 3.45.—Edward Ellenger, Hon. Dis. Sec., 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 4824

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and LADIES' GUILD (Northern Section).—Joint meeting at Batley on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available from 3. Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Senior, 54, Halifax Road, Staincliffe, Batley, by Feb. 23rd.—Mrs. D. E. Kelly and H. Lofthouse, Hon. Secs. 4826

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District. — Meeting Saturday, Feb. 26th, at Terrington St. John. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway, Wisbech. 4801

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting Broxbourne, Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Tuesday, Feb. 22nd, to the secretary. All ringers welcome.—A. S. Carter, 93, North Road, Hertford. 4798

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, Eastbourne, Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells: All Saints' (8), 3-4; St. Mary's, 3.30-4.30 and 6.30-8.30. Tea 4.30. Please notify P. H. Rollison, 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne, by 23rd.—F. H. Hicks, Hon. Div. Sec. 4818

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Chippenham (6), Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. No. tea. Meeting 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 4808

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting Swaffham, Saturday, Feb. 26th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea as soon as possible to W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 4809

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Saturday, Feb. 26th. Stoke Poges, 3; Slough, 6. Names for tea.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 4810

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Quorn (8), Saturday, Feb. 26th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Bring own food and sugar.—C. W. Hall. 4811

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury-Clare District.—Annual meeting at Bures (6), Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available at 3.15, following dedication of new peal board. Tea only for those who notify Mr. Leslie Mills, Lyford, Colchester Road, Bures, Suffolk. Business follows. A good company is requested to welcome the new Vicar.—A. A. Fitch, Dis. Sec. 4812

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Bentley, Feb. 26th, 2.30. Names for tea to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 4813

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Deanery. — Practice meeting, Shipham, Saturday, Feb. 26th, 5 to 9.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 4814

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Feb. 26th, 3.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 4829

APPLETON, BERKS.—The 131st anniversary will be held Saturday Mar. 5th. Bells available at 1 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Please notify R. White, 68, Eaton Road, Appleton, Berks. 4802

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday, Feb. 26th, Tibshelf (6). Executive 3.30. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—J. W. Price. 4830

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Gillingham on Saturday, Mar. 5th. Bells (8) at 3. Service at 4.15. Names for tea to B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne, by Tuesday, Mar. 5th. 4805

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Ranmoor (10), Saturday, Mar. 5th, 3. Committee meeting 4. Names for tea to Mr. E. G. Dickens, 18, Gisborne Road, Sheffield, 11.—H. O. Chaddock, Hon. Sec. 4816

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting Neath (6), Mar. 5th, 3. Service and business meeting.—E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot. 4797

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Spratton, Saturday, Mar. 5th. Names for tea before Feb. 26th to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby. 4821

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Johnson Dinner, Imperial Hotel, Saturday, March 5th. Chairman, T. H. Reeves, Esq. Tickets to fully paid up members 4s.; to other members and friends 8s. 6d. Bells: Bishop Ryder's (8), 2 p.m.; St. Chad's (8), 3 p.m.; St. Martin's (12), 3.30 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 4 p.m.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Springfield 1025.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting at Gorleston-on-Sea, Sat., Mar. 5th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, at Matthes Assembly Rooms, England's Lane. Names or numbers very essential not later than Wednesday, Mar. 3rd.—J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 4796

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — By-meeting at Ospringe, Saturday, Mar. 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 1s. 9d. per head only to those who notify Mr. F. C. Farnsworth, 16, King's Road, Faversham, not later than Wednesday, Mar. 2nd.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury,. 4820

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Hanslope on Saturday, Mar. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Feb. 28th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley, Bucks. 4823

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting Saturday, Mar. 12th. Announcement of two towers afternoon later. St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 5.45-8.—A. F. Udall, Sec. 4828

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Rededication of bells at Thaxted Church, Saturday, March 26th. Preacher, the Bishop of Colchester. A cordial invitation is extended to all bellringers. Will those wishing to ring please apply to A. C. Kent, c/o The Vicarage, Thaxted, Essex, by Mar. 7th, stating the number of ringers and the approximate time of arrival. It is hoped that ringing will commence at 10 a.m. Times of buses and trains on application. Tea tickets (1s. 3d. each) on application not later than Mar. 20th.—A. C. Kent. 4817

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil on Easter Monday. Lunch and tea provided for the first 100 to send in their names. By courtesy of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, Sherborne Abbey bells will be available in addition to those of Somerset towers.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 4815

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—It is proposed to run a coach from Oldham via Rochdale to annual meeting at St. Helens on April 30th. Interested members please contact undersigned at 4, Eric Street, Oldham, before July 28th.—V. Wilson Sykes, Branch Sec. 4827

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Outing, Saturday, June 25th, 1949, as reported at annual general meeting, London County. Please write stating number of seats required. Enclose deposit on seat(s). Latest date for booking seats Feb. 28th. Postal orders to be crossed. Write A. F. Udall, School House, St. Luke's Street, Chelsea, S.W.3. 4794

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WASTAGE

By C. K. L.

IS the wastage which occurs during the training of recruits to the Exercise inevitable? It is alarming to note the complacency with which the majority of ringers regard this loss, and whilst it must be admitted that there will, of necessity, be some failures surely the high percentage of recruits who fail to become ringers is a challenge to every member of the Exercise. No statistics are available to help us to decide what and where the deficiencies are, and though we may seek consolation in the fact that this has always been the case we should not excuse ourselves on that score, rather we should pause to consider whether, with all the advantages we enjoy, we are making the best use of the material coming forward.

First, let us consider the would-be ringer. It is generally admitted that no two persons are alike either physically or temperamentally, yet how many instructors completely ignore this fundamental truth and treat all recruits in exactly the same way? We suggest that every instructor should adopt the slogan, 'They are all different,' and adjust his teaching methods to each individual.

Secondly, there is the question of teaching methods. Are these the best and up-to-date? We are sure that all our older readers will allow that the counter-attractions to-day are much more powerful than they were in their day, and if some of the suggestions which follow appear somewhat heretical to them we would urge them to remember that twentieth-century counter-attractions cannot be combated with nineteenth-century methods.

Our experience has been that most instructors require a pupil to attain an unreasonable degree of efficiency in any one stage before proceeding to the next. This undoubtedly produces first-class results, but what is usually glossed over by these instructors is that it also produces an excessive percentage of losses to the Exercise. Now we all know the satisfaction which follows from the successful completion of a task which has hitherto been out of our reach. If we are to be successful in training recruits to the Exercise we should encourage them to learn by doing and at the same time take care that no task set is beyond their capabilities at that moment. This is difficult, for every pupil progresses at a different rate, and the provision of a series of progressive steps fostering a sense of achievement is a problem.

To the first part of the problem we can offer no other advice than 'Remember they are all different.' To the second we suggest that each instructor tries to find his own series of graded steps from each of the well-defined stages of progress to the next. The following is suggested as a broad basis.

Promotion from the 'pulling a bell' stage should be more rapid than at present. Rounds can be attempted with the instructor standing by as soon as the pupil is able to control his bell fairly well. Corrections to style can be carried out while the pupil is trying to ring rounds. It may cost a few stays and try the patience of the instructor, but the increased enthusiasm of the pupil will be the reward.

The monotony of the rounds stage can be relieved by the use of call changes; in fact, we have found that some recruits acquire a feeling of compass more readily from Queens than from rounds. Call changes should be based on the first method to be rung by the pupil, i.e., the method is rung row by row at the direction of the instructor.

This brings us to another point. While the pupil is learning to pull a bell and ring rounds, etc., he should be learning the rules of and to prick out the method he is to ring at the next stage. This principle should be carried on throughout his novitiate; his homework should be one stage ahead of his practical work.

We have all experienced the difficulty of having several learners able to ring, say, Bob Major but being held up until one other has reached the same stage. This is a highly dangerous situation, and

the instructor must employ all kinds of dodges to give variety to the practice while giving the laggard plenty of opportunity to catch up. Changing the observation bell often successfully disguises a well-worn touch. Reverse Bob affords a treble man practice in hunting and gives the learners a little further advanced something to think about. Original Major offers plenty of scope for practice in hunting for the learners and at the same time keeps the rest of the band on its toes.

To sum up in three slogans: Remember they are all different. Nothing succeeds like success. Variety is the spice of ringing.

We should see to it that once the spark of interest has been kindled no efforts are spared to fan it into the blaze of unbounded enthusiasm.

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Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	7
HARRY F. HOLDING	2	*ARTHUR T. DUTTON	8
GEORGE E. OLIVER	3	P. GEORGE GOLDER	9
GEORGE A. PACKER	4	BARNABAS G. KEY	10
GEORGE W. HUGHES	5	RICHARD D. LANGFORD	11
MAURICE G. TURNER	6	ALAN ELSMORE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. W. PERRENS. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* 50th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

MRS. JESSIE KIPPEN	*Treble*	A. E. YORK-BRAMBLE	6
DANIEL T. MATKIN	2	ROY FAITHFULL	7
REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	8
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	4	*JOHN H. HUNT	9
MAURICE BUTLER	5	†GEORGE SYMONDS	*Tenor*

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal. First peal of Caters on the bells. In memoriam to Mr. George Williams.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL OF B.V.M., SS. GEORGE AND DENYS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE HESKETH	*Treble*	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	6
*MISS MARY WALSHAW	2	THOMAS W. HESKETH	7
MISS JULIA M. PRESTON	3	PHILIP H. TOCOCK	8
DAVID VINCENT	4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE	9
*RONALD AIREY	5	FRED S. ALMOND	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. R. FARDON. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt.

JAMES W. GROUNDS	*Treble*	JAMES L. WRIGHT	6
MISS MURIEL REAY	2	THOMAS HORRIDGE	7
MISS M. E. RIDYARD	3	RONALD KENRICK	8
ALBERT GREENHALGH	4	JAMES J. JACKSON	9
JOHN ASHCROFT	5	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
First peal in the method by all except treble and tenor ringers. First peal in the method on the bells. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. James Taylor, Aughton.'

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 30, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Comprising 1,760 London, 1,120 Rutland, 640 Bristol, 320 Cambridge, 320 Superlative, 320 Yorkshire, 320 Pudsey, 320 Lincolnshire, with 144 changes of method. Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE	*Treble*	†PHILIP M. J. GRAY	5
*DENIS N. LAYTON	2	ALAN R. PINK	6
MARGARET L. TUTT	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
†NOEL J. DISERENS	4	WALTER F. JUDGE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in eight methods. † First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Comprising 1,440 London, 1,184 Rutland, 416 Cambridge, 384 Superlative, 320 Lincolnshire, 320 Pudsey, 320 Bristol, 288 Norfolk, 288 New Gloucester and 160 Yorkshire, with 128 changes of method.
Tenor 12 cwt.

ARCHER T. LOWMAN	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. STOKES	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	*†KENNETH S. B. CROFT	6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	3	JOHN WALDEN	7
*JOHN S. MASON	4	JOHN FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First of Spliced Surprise Major in ten methods. † 100th peal. First peal of Spliced Surprise in ten methods as conductor.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS	*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
*MRS. E. F. SALMONS	2	*FREDERICK W. BURNETT	6
*MISS HAZEL DALE	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
*ERNEST F. SALMONS	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Lincolnshire. In memoriam to Mr. George Williams, the late Master of the Guild.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*BRIAN WARWICK	*Treble*	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	6
*ALAN E. JACQUES	3	SHIRLEY BURTON	7
*DOROTHY UDALE	4	CECIL H. F. KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by SHIRLEY BURTON.
* First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman Triples as conductor.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*JOHN R. LEEVES	*Treble*	MICHAEL A. CAUSLEY	5
HENRY N. VAUGHAN	2	STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL	6
†EDWARD EADE	3	WILLIAM ROGERS	7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4	‡PETER J. OSTLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal. † First in the method 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Triples. In memoriam to Mr. George Williams.

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WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 3, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF HITCHIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

THOMAS E. DAVIES	*Treble*	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ...	5
LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ...	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ...	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
First peal in the method by all the band. Tenor 10 cwt.

SAWSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 4, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*MISS B. WHISTLER(N'm)	*Treble*	REV. A. G. THURLOW(Sel)	5
MISS G. A. SMITH (N'm)	2	†A. S. WATT (Pem.) ...	6
REV. B. SHEPPARD (Ty.)	3	B. D. THRELFALL (Trin.)	7
T. B. ROWSELL (Jesus)	4	G. DODDS (Emmanuel)	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED (Caius). Conducted by G. DODDS.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major away from treble. Rung for the 70th anniversary of the Guild. Tenor 13½ cwt.

GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

EDWIN G. MOORE	*Treble*	H. PETER RAYNOR	5
MARGARET L. TUTT ...	2	ALAN R. PINK	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
*PHILIP M. J. GRAY ...	4	WALTER F. JUDGE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

*GORDON WALFORD	*Treble*	WILL H. VIGGERS	5
THOMAS E. DENYER ...	2	EDWIN S. SMITH	6
*ERNEST GARDNER	3	CHARLES W. DENYER ...	7
†MRS. EDNA DENYER ...	4	EDWARD J. BRAGG ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD J. BRAGG.
* First peal of Major. † First of Kent T.B. Major. First of Major as conductor. In honour of the award of the M.B.E. to Major E. J. Bragg. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 10 cwt.

MISS HAZEL DALE	*Treble*	MRS. JESSIE KIPPIN ...	5
*MISS AUDREY EBBS ...	2	MISS NELIA LEAHY ...	6
*MISS CECILY BURBIDGE	3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ...	7
GEORGE PULLINGER ...	4	*MRS. BETTY FAITHFULL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.
* First peal. In memoriam to Mr. George Williams.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

HECTOR A. KNIGHTS	*Treble*	FRANK E. PERVIN	5
JOHN E. S. MORETON ...	2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	6
ALAN CATTELL	3	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN...	7
JAMES DRAYCOTT	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.
The first peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*BRYANT J. MATTHEWS...	*Treble*	*ANTHONY A. BIRCH ...	5
ARTHUR R. GALE	2	†DAVID H. PEARCE ...	6
†MISS RUTH TABRAHAM...	3	†WILLIAM F. BUTLER ...	7
†WILLIAM H. EASTWELL	4	WILLIAM HENLEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID H. PEARCE.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung as birthday compliment to Arthur R. Gale.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, *in* 4 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

RONALD H. DOVE	*Treble*	EDWARD JENKINS	5
JOHN E. BIBBY	2	WALTER ALLMAN	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	3	JOHN WORTH	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER ...	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
First peal of London in the tower and the first peal on the back eight of the twelve.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt. approximately.

MISS GRACE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	*JAMES W. RAITHBY ...	5
MISS KATH. BURCHNALL	2	*HAROLD DENMAN	6
*†ARTHUR R. FOWKES ...	3	*ARTHUR E. CHILTON ...	7
ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN	4	J. FREDK. MILNER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER.
* First peal in method. † First peal of Major. First peal in method for Guild. In memoriam George Williams.

HATFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

JAMES THORLEY	*Treble*	J. MARTIN THORLEY ...	5
EDWARD DALINGWATER...	2	CYRIL TOYNE	6
LUCY MOTTISHAW	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ...	7
*RAYMOND C. WESTNEY...	4	HARRY ASHTON	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Major. First peal in these methods spliced on the bells and by all the band. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
J. R. Pritchard's Composition. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*FRANK OLLER	*Treble*	RICHARD D. LANGFORD...	5
*HERBERT SUTTON	2	FREDERICK S. SUTTON ...	6
EDWARD J. BOFFEY ...	3	GEORGE A. PACKER ...	7
RONALD TRAVISS	4	JOHN E. BROUGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.
* First peal in method. First peal as conductor in method. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 4th.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Treble*	ALBERT D. COLLINS ...	5
SAMUEL BIRCH	2	MAURICE G. TURNER ...	6
HARRY GRIFFITHS	3	HOWARD HOWELL	7
FRANCIS BROTHERTON ...	4	BARNABAS G. KEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HENRY H. FEARN...	*Treble*	FRANK E. HAYNES ...	5
*ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	2	ARTHUR D. COOK ...	6
FRANK W. PERRENS ...	3	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEO. E. FEARN.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 16 cwt. 4 lb.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *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.

BARBARA M. HARRIS	*Treble*	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD	5
PEGGY G. KITCHEN ...	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ...	6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3	GEORGE C. GOODMAN ...	7
HERBERT J. ELDRED ...	4	HERBERT G. ANDREWS...	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. NEWSON. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Frank L. Fisher ...	...*Treble*	Willoughby E. Maulden	5
*George W. Pipe	2	Charles E. Fisher ...	6
Sylvia R. E. Pipe ...	3	†Ronald W. Steward...	7
George A. Fleming ...	4	William J. Button ...	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Sylvia R. E. Pipe.
* First peal of Kent T.B. Major. † First peal of Kent T.B. Major 'inside.' A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Parker, of Tuddenham. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Arthur Bellamy ...	...*Treble*	Ronald C. Noon ...	5
William J. Whitmore...	2	Bernard J. Saddington	6
Geoffrey E. Watson ...	3	*Harry Richardson ...	7
Ernest E. Whitmore ...	4	George Care	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by George Care.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor. In honour of the 25th anniversary of the Guild. Tenor 14½ cwt.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 6, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*Cyril H. Godfrey ...	...*Treble*	Frank C. May	5
Roderick W. Croucher	2	Donald Coombes	6
†Mrs. C. Woodgate ...	3	Gerald Frost	7
William S. May	4	Frank B. Lufkin ...	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Robinson. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. Rung as a welcome to Roderick James Croucher, born on February 5th, 1949. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 9, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*John R. Leeves ...	...*Treble*	†Edward Eade	5
Arthur F. Lewry ...	2	‡Michael A. Causley ...	6
†Henry N. Vaughan ...	3	Stanley T. A. Russell	7
Peter J. Ostley	4	William Rogers ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by William Rogers.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method 'inside.' ‡ First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 9, 1949, *in 3 Hours,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Arthur Tomlinson ...	...*Treble*	Rev. F. F. Rigby ...	5
*Miss Muriel Reay ...	2	*John Ashcroft	6
*Sidney Leatherbarrow	3	*John Halsall	7
*Albert Greenhalgh ...	4	*James L. Wright ...	*Tenor*

Composed by O. Lang. Conducted by Arthur Tomlinson.
* First peal in method. Tenor 13½ cwt.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 9, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*Ronald Lord	...*Treble*	Charles R. Belton ...	5
Harry Duncomb	2	*Alan H. Hough ...	6
Thomas C. Belton ...	3	Thomas K. Deacon ...	7
Frank Trotman	4	George P. Garner ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Trotman.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 15 cwt. 6 lb.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Wed., Feb. 9, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 24 cwt.

Ronald G. Beck	*Treble*	Edward J. Chivers ...	5
Joseph T. Dyke	2	Henry J. Sanger	6
Percival H. Hull ...	3	Gilbert H. Harding ...	7
Charles F. Andrews...	4	Harry Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joseph T. Dyke.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*George West	...*Treble*	Frederick S. Wilson ...	4
George R. Hiner ...	2	Frank Pickering	5
Elijah Pammenter ...	3	Harry Mortemore ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Mortemore.
* First peal, aged 70 years.

OXENDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 24, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being twelve six-scores of Plain Bob (4 variations), ten six-scores of Grandsire (10 variations), five spliced 240's of Grandsire of Pitman's arrangement, and five of Morris'. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in B.

*Charles E. Gilby ...	...*Treble*	Ernest Morris	3
Percy Amos	2	†William R. Hammons...	4

Arthur Millward ... ... *Tenor*
Conducted by Ernest Morris.
* First peal. † 50th peal. First peal on the bells, which have been five since 1886. Rung for the silver jubilee of the Guild.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 27, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's (variations). Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

Cyril Cousins	...*Treble*	Claude Cousins	4
Wallace W. Cousins ...	2	William Rose	5
*James Gibson	3	Cecil V. Ebberson ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cecil V. Ebberson.
* First peal.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 3, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Bob and two of Plain Bob.

*H. Stanley Grisdale...*Treble*	William H. Barber ...	4
John Anderson	2	Joseph E. R. Keen ...	5
William E. Robinson...	3	Denis A. Bayles	*Tenor*

Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.
* First peal of Minor. Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 3, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt.

*Colin Loke	...*Treble*	†John Skerritt	4
Brian S. Cope	2	Patrick I. Chapman ...	5
†G. F. Le Marquand ...	3	Geoffrey E. Watson...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey E. Watson.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in five methods. A first birthday compliment to the son of Mr. G. F. Le Marquand.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, *in 3 Hours,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

Frederick Savage ...	...*Treble*	Victor Savage	4
Joseph T. Dyke	2	George Clare	5
Ronald G. Beck	3	Edward J. Chivers ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joseph T. Dyke.

RAMSBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Cross,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

John E. Manners ...	...*Treble*	*George A. Newman ...	4
*Frederick J. Read ...	2	W. Bertram Kynaston	5
T. Arthur Palmer ...	3	*Wilfred J. Liddiard...	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Bertram Kynaston.
* First peal. First peal on the bells.

ANDOVER, HANTS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Cottle 1, O. Smart 2, R. Tolman 3, J. Smart 4, J. Hill 5, N. V. Andrews 6, A. L. Mitchell (cond.) 7, A. Andrews 8. In memoriam Mr. Geo. Williams.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Feb. 5th, 1,344 Bob Major: George Gardner 1, C. H. Webb 2, J. Oughton 3, T. H. Wright 4, G. A. Newton (cond.) 5, C. S. Aylett 6, C. R. Belton 7, George Garner 8.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE. — On January 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. W. White (cond.) 1, R. Lydster 2, D. Ellender 3, H. Folwell 4, F. Brassington 5, C. Lawrence (first of Triples) 6, B. Ellender 7, G. Gardner 8.

BRISTOL.—On January 30th, at the Church of All Saints, 1,260 Stedman Triples for the Bristol University Society: Marie R. Cross 1, Pamela Woolley 2, May I. Kennelly (first Stedman) 3, Dorothy T. Richardson 4, A. York-Bramble 5, I. W. G. Fulford (first Stedman) 6, J. R. Worrall (first Stedman as conductor) 7, I. H. Trueman 8.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On January 24th, 1,280 Double Norwich Major: J. R. Dacre 1, G. E. Watson (cond.) 2, B. S. Cope 3, P. Chapman 4, R. F. Turner 5, C. W. Bird 6, T. Garley 7, B. J. Saddington 8. First in method by 1, 3 and 7.

DAMERHAM, HANTS. — On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. M. Gray 1, J. Lush 2, Miss J. M. Brown 3, G. Baverstock 4, P. K. Waterman (first as conductor) 5, H. J. Gray 6. First quarter by 1, 4 and 6. First by a local band.

FISHTOFT, LINCS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Single Court Minor: H. Harrison (first quarter) 1, A. Pearson (first 'inside') 2, H. Pearson 3, G. Dawson 4, H. Harper (cond.) 5, E. Barnes 6.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Ballard (cond.) 1, G. Chalton 2, A. Jordon 3, J. A. Walton 4, E. Sowman 5, B. Ridgeway 6, F. Vallance 7, M. Abbott (first on eight) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Jan. 30th at St. Mary Magdalene, 1,260 Bob Major: D. F. Harman 1, E. F. Pryor 2, N. G. Hollingworth 3, W. D. Prockson (first 'inside' in method) 4, G. A. Parsons 5, G. Charge 6, W. A. Theobald 7, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX. — On Jan. 23rd, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Eileen D. Farrell 1, Mrs. O. R. Rogers 2, Sheila E. Harris 3, S. Croft 4, Mrs. K. Parr 5, E. Dodds 6, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, F. Hopgood 8, F. D. Bishop 9, A. Tomlin 10.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—On Jan. 30th, at the Church of St. Mary Abbot's, 1,299 Stedman Caters: W. S. Langdon 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, N. G. Hollingworth 4, C. W. Ottley 5, W. D. Granger 6, E. W. Furbank 7, A. B. Wiffen 8, J. Bullock 9, W. W. Bailey 10.

LILLESHALL, SHROPSHIRE.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. P. Ruscoe (cond.) 1, D. Cartwright 2, J. Bickley 3, W. Reynolds 4, L. C. I. Watson 5, G. Lowe 6. In memory of the late Vicar, Rev. C. H. Watson, M.A., killed in a road accident.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Jan. 30th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. Keeley (aged 14, first of Major) 1, R. Keeley 2, H. G. Keeley 3, G. S. Morris (cond.) 4, S. H. Green 5, Rev. C. C. Cox 6, G. H. Whitemore 7, C. W. Powell 8.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 30th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. E. Moore (cond.) 1, C. Stannard 2, S. Sturgeon 3, A. Baalam 4, H. Foulger 5, D. Rowland (first of Caters) 6, W. Stannard 7, F. Buckle 8, W. Goodship 9, J. W. Banks 10.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Kefford (first quarter) 1, H. Werrett 2, S. Bonnett 3, W. Collins 4, W. Pooley 5, I. Werrett 6, J. Dear 7, R. Webb (first as cond., aged 15) 8.

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX. — On Jan. 30th, 1,680 changes of Plain Bob Major: J. Greenwood 1, Gordon Turner (first quarter, aged 15) 2, W. Noble 3, L. Healey 4, N. Bennett (longest touch) 5, C. Nicholl 6, W. G. Turner 7, J. Pearson (cond.) 8.

POOLE, DORSET.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. T. Hendley 1, J. I. Davis 2, A. R. Macdonald 3, A. G. Rose 4, W. H. Young 5, R. H. True 6, H. C. Baverstock (cond.) 7, H. P. Davis 8. To Mr. F. W. Townsend on his 82nd birthday.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob and April Day): Rev. R. W. Bennett (first quarter) 1, Miss M. A. Carter (first quarter 'inside') 2, D. O. Wilks (cond.) 3, J. Honey 4, W. Cudd 5, J. Wilks 6.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On Jan. 30th, at St. Leonard's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Wright (first quarter away from tenor) 1, E. A. Reeve 2, R. Charge 3, E. L. Miles (cond.) 4, J. W. Chapman 5, C. D. Nichols 6, R. Sanders 7, W. Sparkes 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Feb. 7th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. W. Barton (first on eight) 1, H. V. Frost 2, C. F. Sayer 3, F. J. Spicer 4, T. J. Southam 5, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 6, R. W. Darvill 7, H. G. Mason 8.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal, C. G. Woodhead 1, Miss G. A. Smith 2, Rev. B. F. Sheppard 3, M. R. D. Harford 4, A. W. T. Cleaver 5, B. D. Threlfall 6, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow 7, G. Dodds (first of Royal as conductor) 8, A. S. Watts 9, B. D. Price 10. First of Royal 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 9.

WATFORD.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. Wise (first on ten) 1, R. G. Bell 2, M. J. Foster 3, H. G. Timms 4, A. W. Dix 5, W. G. Paul 6, F. H. Crook 7, P. H. Avey 8, S. H. Hoare 9, G. W. Seaman (first as cond. on ten) 10.

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LATE NEWS.

The first peal on the augmented ring of Birmingham Cathedral was rung on February 17th.

Barnsley District Society are arranging a dinner in September to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the society.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peals at Chilcompton, Trowbridge and Ditcheat were rung as a mark of esteem and affection for Henry R. Newton, who reached his 84th birthday on February 12th. The men who rang the peal at Trowbridge would like to put on record their gratitude to Arthur Prince, who waived his prior right to the use of the bells.

Having reached the allotted span of life, Mr. George West has rung his first peal at Rawmarsh, Rotherham. And many more!

The peal at Prittlewell, Essex, on February 5th, replaces one rung on February 7th, 1948, by F. Robinson, which was false.

Mr. Ernest F. Salmons informs us that the peal at North Stoneham on February 1st was not his first of Stedman at the 47th attempt, but his first peal of Caters, in any method, at his 41st attempt. He has rung several peals of Stedman Triples and one of Cinques.

Two births were celebrated by the peal at Barwell, Leicestershire, on Feb. 9th—a son to the wife of T. C. Belton and a grandson to C. R. Belton, captain of the local band; and a first granddaughter to G. P. Garner, vice-captain of the band.

Two new trebles are being cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for St. Mary's, Slough. This will make them the only ring of ten in Buckinghamshire. Mr. E. H. Preston informs us that the company hope to ring Caters for Easter.

Warmly complimented are those responsible for the ringing room at St. Mary's, Shoreham. 'It was a picture of brightness and extra welcome,' writes 'Visitor.' 'The crowning touch in the centre was the bowl of pink tulips, reflected in the round table's polished surface, and the impression created added greatly to my enjoyment of the meeting as a whole.'

We are indebted to Mr. Harold W. Rogers for the block and picture of the annual meeting of the London County Association which is featured on the next page.

All tickets have been sold for the Henry Johnson Dinner at Birmingham on March 5th.

Corston, Bath, ringers were entertained to supper at the Rectory on February 9th by the Rev. J. W. and Mrs. Tunwell in appreciation of their services Sunday by Sunday.

After a period of about ten years the first course of London Surprise Major has been rung by a residential company at St. Andrew's Church, Derby.

Owing to pressure on our space the report of the dinner to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Cambridge University Guild is held over until next week.

The Rev. W. H. R. Trewhalla rang his first peal on his own bells on February 12th. It was a tribute to Lt.-Comdr. R. G. Cross.

Forty years after, Messrs. F. W. Stokes and J. Cragg returned to Caythorpe, Lincs, and rang a peal of Grandsire Triples on February 12th to mark the 46th anniversary of the first peal on the bells by a local band in which they participated.

Many of our readers probably listened to 'This is the West of England,' the radio feature on Sunday night, and heard Mr. 'Brandy' Fisher talk about ringing and Congresbury bells. About a dozen changes of Grandsire Triples followed.

How often is a peal conducted by a county councillor? Mr. Arthur E. Sharman, for many years hon. secretary of the Bedfordshire Association between the two wars, and now a member of the Bedfordshire County Council, had this distinction at Leighton Buzzard on February 12th, 1949.

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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S 'ANNUAL'



Officers of the London County Association present at their annual meeting on February 5th. Front row, left to right: Messrs. A. Boyack, R. H. Begrie, C. A. Hughes, C. W. Ottley, Mrs. O. L. Rogers, Messrs. H. W. Rogers, T. H. Taffender (Master), Very Rev. H. E. Ashdown, E. Alex. Young and M. C. J. Strickland. Behind: Messrs. S. J. Hart, A. F. Udall, A. H. Keighley and C. M. Meyers.

An 'All Ladies' Team Wins Handbell Cup

PRESENTATION TO MR. E. ALEX YOUNG.

Over 130 members and friends were present at the annual meeting of the London County Association on February 5th at the Cathedral and St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, ringing taking place at both churches in the afternoon and again at the Cathedral in the evening.

Three teams entered for the handbell competition, the best being a plain course of any method on eight bells, the main consideration being correct and good striking. One team was from St. Luke's, Chelsea, and the other was from All Saints', Isleworth. Messrs. G. H. Cross, T. W. Taffender and C. W. Ottley were elected umpires, and the winning team, who rang Grandsire Triples, consisted of Miss R. J. Pett, Mrs. K. Parr, Mrs. O. L. Rogers and Miss E. Farrell.

The service, conducted by the Association's hon. chaplain (the Very Rev. H. E. Ashdown, Provost of Southwark), was held in the afternoon. The choir, under the direction of Sir Elgar Cook, sang the anthem, 'Blest are the Pure in Heart.' A most fitting conclusion to the service was in the form of a few personal words from the hon. chaplain.

At the commencement of the business meeting the hon. chaplain spoke to the Association for the first time since his election in 1948 and wished it well. He felt sure it would continue with the good work now in progress.

The Provost then presented an illuminated address to Mr. E. A. Young. Signatures of 18 of the officers of the Association were surmounted by the words, 'The London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild hereby express its gratitude and appreciation for the services of E. Alexander Young, Esq., A.R.I.B.A., during his 56 years in office.'

The Provost informed the meeting that, although he had only had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Young on two occasions, he had begun to realise, quite apart from normal routine work, some of the highly specialised services performed by him, only one instance being the design and gift of the Masters' badge.

Mr. Young, who is now 84, expressed his gratitude for the kind and appreciative thoughts conveyed by the testimonial.

Presenting his report, the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender) said that the average attendance at the general meetings had been 40, excluding non-members. These meetings had been held at Southwark Cathedral, Isleworth, Chelsea, Battersea, Putney and Fulham, with the addition of a special meeting at Westminster and Lambeth for the benefit of Central Council delegates on Whit Monday. Practices had also been held on the first Monday in each month at Lambeth with an average attendance of 16. Resuscitation of the activities of the Northern and Southern Districts had taken place with meetings at Poplar, Hackney, Holloway, Battersea, Chelsea, Clapham R.C., Clapham Park, Chiswick and Westminster.

Seventeen peals had been rung in methods up to Superlative Surprise Major, Cambridge Surprise Royal and Treble Bob Maximus, the last-named being the first peal of Maximus at Southwark Cathedral since the rehanging of the bells. Thirty members had been elected whilst five had passed on. A 36-page report book had been produced, and copies were available.

One of the greatest works of the Association had been the rotational visiting of towers which have no full band of ringers. This had taken place on 49 Sundays during the year. Quarter-peals, frequently in Surprise methods, were successfully negotiated on most occasions. The hon. treasurer, Mr. C. J. Strickland, stated that a slight profit had been shown on the year's working, but for the coming year printing expenses would be very heavy.

Two new officers were elected: Miss Audrey Castle as one of the assistant secretaries, and Mr. E. Beachamp as junior steward. New members were elected as follows: Miss S. Coker and Miss D. Coker (High Wycombe), Messrs. C. Norris (Chatham), T. Blow (Sanderstead), H. Evans (Chiswick) and B. McArthur (Sheppey).

Illuminated peal books dating from 1827 were available for inspection.

A SUFFOLK DIAMOND WEDDING

Suffolk ringers forgathered at The Fountain, Tuddenham, on February 2nd, in honour of the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Parker. Now 84 years of age, Mr. Parker has been a keen ringer since the age of 16. A reception was followed by tea and a musical evening with handbell ringing, Mr. C. W. Pipe being M.C.

Mr. Parker is a native of Grundisburgh. For 34 years he was host at the Fountain Inn, Tuddenham, and at the same time carried on a builder's business. He retired nearly 10 years ago.

The day coincided with the 89th birthday of Mr. William Dye, one of Mr. Parker's oldest friends, and it was deeply regretted that illness presented him from attending.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NEW CAMBRIDGE ROYAL AT WELLS

Dear Sir,—I was most interested to see the report of the peal of New Cambridge Royal at Wells on January 22nd. It is obvious from the names of the participants that the peal was one of high quality, and Mr. Pink's single-handed ringing of the tenor is a notable achievement.

The circumstances in which Mr. Worth and I rang the bell double-handed last summer perhaps tended to make it difficult to estimate accurately the magnitude of the single-handed task, but we both thought that it would be truly formidable, at any rate in a Surprise Royal method.

There is little doubt that Wells tenor will now be rung single-handed in other Surprise Royal peals. The first time, however, is always the hardest, and Mr. Pink's performance should be ranked among the outstanding heavy-bell feats in the annals of peal ringing. I congratulate him most heartily and sincerely.—Yours faithfully,

Hale, Cheshire. J. C. E. SIMPSON.

HEADCORN PEALS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Sone's enquiry regarding peals at Headcorn, Kent, may I take it that the name should read 'James Barham,' not 'Bartram,' as printed.

I have a copy of James Barham's peal book, from which I quote the following:—

Friday, December 26th, 1766, was rung at Headcorn, 5,184 changes of Oxford Tripple Bob in 3 hours, 26 minutes, by Wm. Tilley, Richd. Masters, Stephen Bayley, Edwd. Mason, Jno. Sweetlove, Edwd. Cook, James Barham, Thomas Lacy. Very fine striking and first trial by the above.

No other peal rung at Headcorn appears in the book.—Yours truly, G. W. MOSS.

Manningtree, Essex.

THREE COPIES OF FIRST EDITION SURVIVED

Dear Sir,—The book described by Mr. Charles F. Good in your issue of February 11th may be one of the editions of 'The Tintinnalogia.' If Mr. Good will write me giving details of the page numbers on which the various methods are described I will gladly identify it for him. Three copies of the first edition of 'The Tintinnalogia' and only one of the second edition are known to have survived.—Yours faithfully,

Bicester, Oxon. FREDERICK SHARPE.

'TINTINNALOGIA'

Dear Sir,—In Mr. Good's letter re Fabian Stedman's book, according to his description it is undoubtedly 'The Tintinnalogia' which came out before F. S. wrote his book on the method he invented, which he printed in 1677 and dedicated to the College Youths.

When the late W. H. Fussell passed over in 1944 I saved his library of ringing books from being destroyed. We have them arranged in our belfry as a library, and there is nearly every old text book on ringing and most of the books on county bells. But among the text books I found the F. Stedman book on his method. I consulted Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, and he recommended me to hand it to the College Youths, which I did in 1945 for safe keeping, as it was too valuable to be in a belfry. The College Youths will be most grateful to receive any old books on ringing, as their library was destroyed in the blitz during the war.

EDWARD H. PRESTON.

Slough, Bucks.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 10th 720 Bob Minor: J. H. Kindred 1, Miss D. Cook (first 720) 2, E. Newson 3, A. E. Coleman 4, R. W. R. Coates (cond.) 5, P. Kindred 6.

TOURS IN KENT

Dear Sir,—During the past three or four years I have organised a peal tour of East Kent during the month of August. This year I propose to break away from tradition and run the tour in another part of the country. I wonder, therefore, it you would kindly allow me the hospitality of your columns to make known the fact that I can offer excellent accommodation to anybody who would care to organise a ringing tour in Kent during August.

My headquarters have always been in Folkestone, and the charge was 6s. per person per night, bed and breakfast, in a very excellent private boarding house. The private coach, a 32-seater, calls at the house every morning and is supplied by the East Kent Road Car Company at a cost of about £60 for about 400 miles. There are some very fine rings of bells in East Kent, and anybody who would care to undertake to organise such a tour would be well rewarded for his efforts, and any such person is invited to write to me for full details of accommodation, private coach and towers. I shall be glad to help in every way.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK C. W. KNIGHT.

THE LADIES' GUILD

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Forty-three members and friends of the Southern District attended the annual meeting of the district at Guildford. Ringing was enjoyed at S. Nicolas', and following an excellent tea at the Y.W.C.A. the ladies held their meeting. The secretary (Miss W. A. Oliver) reported upon a very successful year with a number of new and hon. members.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

In spite of the unfavourable weather, a highly successful meeting of the Central District was held at Dartford, Kent, members and friends being present from a wide area.

At the business meeting held after the service and a splendid tea in Sutton's Hall, five new members were elected. It was proposed that the next meeting should be the annual meeting of the district to be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields and Clerkenwell.

The suggestion of having an outing in September received good support, so it was decided to proceed in making arrangements. The meeting closed with a very warm vote of thanks to Mrs. Jenkins for making all the arrangements, and to whose efforts the success of the meeting was largely due.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Cambridge District was held in Cambridge on January 22nd. Members and friends were present from Cambridge, Ely, Fulbourn, Harston, Hockwold, Melbourn, Meldreth, Newmarket, Over, Little Shelford, Sawston, Sudbury and Trumpington.

The ringers' service was held at Great St. Andrew's and was conducted by the president of the branch, the Rev. P. D. Chamier (Vicar). After the service the ringers were entertained to tea in St. Andrew's Parish Room by the president and Mrs. Chamier.

At the business meeting the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, the Rev. P. O. D. Chamier; Ringing Master, Mr. E. G. Hibbins; Deputy Master, Mr. C. Hurst; secretary, Mr. N. L. Martin; deputy secretary, Mr. C. W. Cook; committee, Messrs. C. W. Cook, T. R. Dennis, E. G. Hibbins, F. Hurry, A. Hurst and C. Hurst. Mr. C. W. Cook was also elected secretary-treasurer of the District Bell Repair Fund. The following new members were elected: Miss A. Stockdale (non-resident), Mr. P. Pigg, Mr. T. Howe, Miss I. Start and Mr. P. Matthews.

Guildford Diocesan Guild

FARNHAM DISTRICT.

That all 11 belfries were ringing regularly for Sunday services was reported by Mr. C. Denyer at the annual meeting of the Farnham District on January 29th, which was attended by a company of 70. He mentioned the rapid strides towards proficiency at Hawley under the leadership of the Rev. K. C. Davis, and the growth of the Ash Bell Fund.

Mr. G. S. Joyce, secretary and treasurer, reported that the total district membership was 129, of whom 105 were ringing members. Average attendance at the district meetings had been 46, including the Three Guilds' Festival at Yorktown, attended by 109 bell-ringers from 40 towers. Mr. Joyce spoke of the seriousness of the financial position, and it was eventually agreed to ask the Guild to amend the subscription ruling so that the district could impose an annual levy of 6d. on each member in addition to the two shilling subscription fee.

The following officers were elected: Ringing Master, Mr. C. W. Denyer; secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. S. Joyce; auditor, Mr. P. Eldridge; executive committee representatives, Mr. P. Eldridge, Mr. W. Viggers and Major E. J. Bragg.

Mr. W. Viggers congratulated Major E. J. Bragg on being awarded the M.B.E. The chairman (Mr. Stedman) was also congratulated on having attained his 80th birthday.

The meeting stood in silence to the memory of Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester Guild.

The bells at Farnham Parish Church were rung for two hours prior to the meeting, and a special service was conducted in the church by the Rector of Farnham (the Rev. G. N. Selby-Lowndes), assisted by the Rev. K. C. Davis (Vicar of Hawley). In the evening there was ringing at Aldershot Parish Church.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

CHESTER BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the branch was held at the Cathedral, Chester, on January 29th, with the Dean, Bishop Norman Tubbs, occupying the chair. The attendance consisted of 55 members and visitors, who included Mr. George Newton.

Ringing in various methods was carried out before the service in the Cathedral, after which the ringers were entertained to tea by the Dean and Chapter. At the business meeting the officers of the branch were re-elected and the quarterly meetings for 1949 were provisionally arranged to be held at Christleton, Handley and Pulford.

Afterwards the ringers adjourned to the tower, and ringing continued until 8 p.m. In addition, the bells of Old St. Mary's were made available, through the kind offices of the Rector (Rev. J. Kingdom).

RINGERS' SUNDAY AT SEVENOAKS

On January 30th, the ringers of Sevenoaks held their first Ringers' Sunday. This had been advertised in the local papers and there were large congregations at both morning and evening services. The choir and clergy were rung in to, and out from, the services with courses of Grandsire Triples on the handbells.

During the course of his sermon the Rector referred to two of the local ringers, Mr. H. J. Ford, who had completed 50 years as a ringer at Sevenoaks when he retired in 1947, and Mr. P. Turley, who had completed 37 years with the band and was still an active member.

The evening service was of particular interest to ringers, as Mr. E. H. Lewis, the president of the Central Council, read the lessons and gave the address. The churchwardens were so impressed by this service that they have asked if Ringers' Sunday can become an annual event.

WILLOUGHBY WATERLEYS, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*Gerald Armstrong	...*Treble*	Harry Duncombe	3
†Ronald Lord	2	‡Alan Hough	4

‡Thomas C. Belton ...*Tenor*
Conducted by Thomas C. Belton.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal in the method. First as conductor. First peal since rededication. In memoriam Charles H. Belton.

BISHOPS CLEEVE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

John Thomas ...	...*Treble*	Francis Miles	4
Ivor Goulter	2	Oliver Attwood	5
Peter Baker	3	Edwin T. Newbury	...*Tenor*

Conducted by John Thomas.

A compliment to Mr. P. Baker and Miss R. Ansell on their engagement.

STAPLEGROVE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

Douglas Fear ...	...*Treble*	William H. Tarr... ...	4
*Douglas Witt	2	Frank E. Hansford ...	5
Arthur H. Reed... ...	3	William Warren ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur H. Reed.

* First peal 'inside.'

EASTRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three different 720's Kent Treble Bob and four different 720's. Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Mrs. J. J. Taylor	...*Treble*	Robert B. Smith	4
John J. Taylor	2	Edward Philpot	5
Horace S. Morley ...	3	Leslie M. Woodhead	...*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by Leslie M. Woodhead.

BECKLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
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 13 cwt. in F.

Helen Gorringe	...*Treble*	*Albert H. Kemp	4
E. Gavan D. Tonkin ...	2	Fredk. J. Lambert, jun.	5
Leslie W. Jarvis	3	Frank H. Hicks	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

* First peal in three methods.

BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extenis each of Double Oxford and St. Clement's, and one each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*Miss Mary Atkinson...	...*Treble*	Bernard O. Mann ...	4
Miss F. Mary Laceby...	2	G. Leslie A. Lunn ...	5
William Middleton ...	3	George E. Feirn ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Feirn.

* First peal. To celebrate the golden jubilee of the Lincoln Guild.

TUDDENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 6, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

Charles W. Parker	...*Treble*	George A. Fleming ...	4
John Crooks	2	*Sylvia R. E. Pipe ...	5
George W. Pipe	3	*Ronald W. Steward	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Sylvia R. E. Pipe.

* 50th peal together. A diamond wedding compliment to Charles W. Parker.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 240 each of Stedman Slow Course, Reading, St. Dunstan, Antelope, Union, Stedman, Northrepps Pleasure, St. Blaise, Fortune, London, St. Simon's, Norfolk, Kennington, Plain Bob, April Day, Old Doubles, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, St. Columb and Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

Trevor Payne ...	...*Treble*	Reginald A. Dare ...	4
Marjorie Legg	2	George Prescott	5
Edward J. Avery	3	Edward E. Fisher	...*Tenor*

Conducted by George Prescott.

First in 21 methods by all the band. Rung half-muffled for the late Mr. J. Atwell.

HANDBELL PEALS

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 26, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 51 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor size 17 in A.

A. Ernest McGrath ...	1-2	John T. Dunwoody ...	3-4
Frederick E. Dukes ...	5-6		

Conducted by Frederick E. Dukes.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 30, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 54 *Minutes,*
At Osmington School,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents called differently. Tenor size 11 in G.

Rosemary Smith	1-2	W. H. J. Hooton	3-4
Brenda Fells	5-6		

Conducted by W. H. J. Hooton.

A compliment to Mr. F. J. Reeve on his golden wedding celebrated on January 21st, 1949.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 31, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At 32, Ruskin Avenue,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 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 John Carter. Conducted by John Freeman.

A birthday compliment to Miss E. B. Millhouse.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 4, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At Trentwood,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Mrs. J. Bray	1-2	Jack Bray	5-6
George E. Feirn	3-4	*Philip Barnes	7-8

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Jack Bray.

* First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.' Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 6, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At 37, Warkworth Street,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor size 14 in D.

P. M. Freeman (Jesus) ...	1-2	W. H. J. Hooton (Queens')	5-6
E. M. Atkins (S. Caths)...	3-4	G. Dodds (Emmanuel) ...	7-8

Composed by A. B. Carpenter. Conducted by W. H. J. Hooton.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 6 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At 37, Warkworth Street,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*Miss A. Stockdale (Grtn)	1-2	G. Dodds (Emmanuel) ...	5-6
W. H. J. Hooton(Queens')	3-4	P. M. Freeman (Jesus)...	7-8

*B. D. Threlfall (Trin.) 9-10
Composed by E. M. Atkins (S. Caths).
Conducted by W. H. J. Hooton.

* First peal of Royal. Tenor size 14 in D.

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 9, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 30 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
42 extents (four callings). Tenor size 11 in G.

Frederick E. Dukes ...	1-2	John T. Dunwoody ...	3-4
A. Ernest McGrath ...	5-6		

Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.

OBITUARY

MR. E. D. BINNING.

His friends will learn with regret of the death of Mr. E. D. Binning, of Cheddar, Somerset, on February 13th, at the early age of 32. He was previously captain of the local band and a member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. The funeral on Feb. 17th was at St. Andrew's Church, and six members of the local band acted as bearers.

A quarter-peal was rung after the interment by the following: C. Richardson 1, W. Sargent 2, E. C. Wickham 3, E. Fisher 4, R. E. Hudson (cond.) 5, H. Fountain 6, A. Hill 7, J. Small 8. E. C. W.

MR. ISAAC GARSIDE.

The ringers of Moorside Church, Oldham, Lancs, have suffered another heavy blow by the death of Mr. Isaac Garside, which took place on February 7th in hospital after a short illness. He was a regular service ringer at this tower for about 18 years and a member of the Lancs and Yorkshire Associations.

Mr. Garside had rung about 40 peals, 32 being with the writer, among them his first in 1933, and his last only a few weeks ago. His most notable performance was in 1947, when he rang Oldham Parish tenor to a peal of Double Norwich. A few weeks later he repeated the performance, no mean feat, as anyone who knows will agree. He also excelled in the field of sport, and, although he enjoyed all the ball games, readily admitted that bellringing fascinated him most of all.

He was laid to rest near the bells he loved to ring, amid a large gathering. Six of his fellow-ringers acted as pall-bearers, and when the cortege approached the church the muffled bells were rung full pull and stand. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by I. Kay 1-2, H. Barlow 3-4, V. Sykes 5-6, F. Dunkerley 7-8.

The tower bells were rung after the funeral in various methods until 5 p.m. Among the many floral tributes were those from the Moorside and Oldham parish ringers. 'Ike,' as he was known to his many friends, was in his 35th year and a bachelor. I. R.

MR. FRANK CHAPMAN.

The funeral took place at Hawkhurst on February 7th of Mr. Frank Chapman, who was a member of St. Lawrence's band for 54 years. He was captain for many years and retired when the ban on ringing was introduced.

A fine tenor ringer, few could cover Triples better than he. Of his peals, the one he cherished most was Bob Major for the Coronation of the present King, which was the first by a local band.

The service was conducted by the Rev. E. Chapman, a nephew, and Mr. L. W. Jarvis represented the St. Lawrence band. The bells were rung half muffled on the Sunday preceding the funeral, but at the express wish of Frank the bells were rung open on the evening of his funeral to 1,260 Grandsire Triples by M. S. Cloke 1, Miss H. Gorringe 2, Miss E. F. Wood (first in method 'inside') 3, F. J. Lambert 4, L. W. Jarvis (cond.) 5, A. H. Kemp 6, W. Gorringe 7, L. T. Pope 8.

W. G.

MR. T. HITCHENSON.

The funeral took place on February 8th, at Davenham, Cheshire, of Mr. Thomas Hitchenson, aged 83, who had been a ringer at this tower for many years, but retired when the ban was imposed. In his memory a quarter-peal of Bob Minor was rung the same day by J. Booth (first quarter) 1, Miss Nancy Evans 2, A. G. Lawrence 3, A. Booth 4, H. Parker 5, H. W. Howard (cond.) 6.

Winchester and Portsmouth

BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT.

The annual meeting was held at Basingstoke on January 29th, and was attended by over 100 ringers and friends. The service was conducted by the branch chairman, the Archdeacon of Basingstoke, and an address given by the Rev. G. M. Vallence, Rector of Sherborne St. John.

After tea in the Church Cottage, the business meeting was held. Membership of the district was given as 137, with six hon. members. The death of the Master of the Guild, Mr. George Williams, the day before the meeting, was a great blow to all members present, as he always attended the meeting and was a friend to all; he will be greatly missed. Mr. S. J. Riddell, of Yateley, another very old member of the Guild and a ringer at Yateley for 40 years, also has died. He too had set a fine example in teaching others to ring, ringing for services and practices, besides being of a friendly nature.

The chairman, in closing the meeting, said he was surprised to see visitors from as far apart as London and Northampton, and he felt that ringing was a great brotherhood, and was pleased to be associated with such an ancient art.

The bells of St. Michael's and All Saints' were kept going until 9 o'clock in a variety of methods.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SOUTH NORFOLK BRANCH.

A record attendance of 66 attended the 15th annual meeting at Diss at February 5th. A special service was conducted by Canon J. A. Appleton (Rector). Owing to the large number present, the tea and meeting were held in the Magistrates' Room.

Mr. W. L. Duffield presided, supported by Canon Appleton, vice-president, Canon T. A. Nock, Rev. J. T. Poole, Rev. F. E. Vokes, Mr. N. Golden, Ringing Master, Mr. A. G. Harrison, Branch Secretary, and Messrs. E. G. Bennett, C. E. G. Banham, E. Whiting, W. G. Saunders, F. C. Roper, and E. Phillipo. The officers were re-elected with the addition of Mr. E. Whiting as Ringing Master for the South Norfolk Branch.

Mr. Harrison, on behalf of the branch, congratulated Mr. F. W. Middleton, B.E.M. (who was present), on the great honour bestowed upon him in the New Year's Honours List.

Mr. Golden thanked the Rector and all who helped, also the Suffolk ringers present and members of the Royal Air Force.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Congratulations were extended to Bentley at the annual meeting of the society on January 29th, when they were awarded the Walker cup for Sunday attendance. The placings were: Bentley 312 (out of 312), Doncaster 308, Thorne 295.

Canon L. L. Davis (president), in announcing the result, said two years ago there were no ringers at Bentley, and all the present band had been taught to ring since then.

The cup was presented by its donor, Mr. Harold Walker, of York, to Mr. R. Sanderson, of Bentley. Reference was made to the sterling work of Mr. E. Cooper, of Arksey, who had taught all the ringers at Bentley almost single-handed, and without whom the five bells at Bentley would have been silent.

The officers were re-elected as follows: Secretary, Mr. W. E. Critchley; peal secretary, Mr. F. Newsome; auditors, Messrs. E. Cooper and H. Wagstaffe; committee, Messrs. E. Darlingwater, E. Padgett and B. Burkitt. Ten new members were elected, six coming from Sprotborough.

The service at St. George's Church, Doncaster, was conducted by the president, and the tea organised by the wives of Doncaster ringers was enjoyed by a company of 50.

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BIRTH

COLCOMBE.—On Feb. 14th, 1949, at Rodney House, Walton, to Doris Eva (née Jones), wife of Herbert Colcombe, a daughter, Valentine Dawn. 4847

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. A. H. PULLING, 144, Woodside Road, Guildford. 4843

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PUBLICATIONS

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MISCELLANEOUS

WROTHAM, KENT.—The tower secretary is now Miss Edna M. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 4856

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.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The monthly practices at St. Martin-in-the-Fields have been changed from first Wednesday to first Tuesday of March and April at usual time.—G. W. Steere. 4855

MEETINGS

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—No ringing at All Saints', Eastbourne, to-morrow. St. Mary's available 2.30.—F. H. Hicks, Hon. Div. Sec. 4860

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District. — Meeting to be held at Roydon (6) on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bus Service from Epping hourly, commencing 2.50. Names for tea, please.—G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 4786

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District. — Meeting Tuddenham, Feb. 26th. Bells 2.45. Tea 5. Bring own food. Bus leaves Ipswich 2.20 and 3.45.—Edward Ellenger, Hon. Dis. Sec., 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 4824

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Spondon (6), Feb. 26th, 3. No arrangements for tea.—J. F. Wilkinson, Dis. Hon. Sec. 4800

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury-Clare District.—Annual meeting at Bures (6), Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available at 3.15, following dedication of new peal board. Tea only for those who notify Mr. Leslie Mills, Lyford, Colchester Road, Bures, Suffolk. Business follows. A good company is requested to welcome the new Vicar.—A. A. Fitch, Dis. Sec. 4812

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District. — Meeting Saturday, Feb. 26th, at Terrington St. John. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway, Wisbech. 4801

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Chippenham (6), Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. No. tea. Meeting 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 4808

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting Swaffham, Saturday, Feb. 26th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea as soon as possible to W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 4809

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Saturday, Feb. 26th. Stoke Poges, 3; Slough, 6. Names for tea.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 4810

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Feb. 26th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards at St. John at Hackney. —A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 4829

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Meeting Feb. 26th, Netley Abbey, postponed; illness near church.—G. Pullinger. 4837

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Gillingham on Saturday, Mar. 5th. Bells (8) at 3. Service at 4.15. Names for tea to B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne, by Tuesday, Mar. 5th. 4805

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Ranmoor (10), Saturday, Mar. 5th, 3. Committee meeting 4. Names for tea to Mr. E. G. Dickens, 18, Gisborne Road, Sheffield, 11.—H. O. Chaddock, Hon. Sec. 4816

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting Neath (6), Mar. 5th, 3. Service and business meeting.—E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot. 4797

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Johnson Dinner, Imperial Hotel, Saturday, March 5th. Chairman, T. H. Reeves, Esq. Bells: St. Martin's (12), 1; Bishop Ryders (8), 2; Aston (12), 3; St. Chad's (8), 3.30; Cathedral (12), 4.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Springfield 1025.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting at Gorleston-on-Sea, Sat., Mar. 5th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, at Matthes Assembly Rooms, England's Lane. Names or numbers very essential not later than Wednesday, Mar. 3rd.—J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 4796

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Hanslope on Saturday, Mar. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Feb. 28th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bletchley, Bucks. 4823

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Mar. 5th, Christ Church, Southport. Bells (8) 2.30. Names for tea by Mar. 2nd, please, to Mr. J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale. 4838

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Saturday, Mar. 5th, 3. Service 4.30. Business 6.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 4383

APPLETON, BERKS.—The 131st anniversary will be held Saturday Mar. 5th. Bells available at 1 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Please notify R. White, 68, Eaton Road, Appleton, Berks. 4802

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Felkirk, Saturday, Mar. 5th, 2.30 Tea provided for those who notify me not later than Mar. 3rd.— Daniel Smith, 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 4858

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — By-meeting at Ospringe, Saturday, Mar. 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 1s. 9d. per head only to those who notify Mr. F. C. Farnsworth, 16, King's Road, Faversham, not later than Wednesday, Mar. 2nd.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury,. 4820

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting Landon, Mar. 5th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Great Baddow (8) available 7-9. Numbers for tea.—Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 4831

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Finchampstead (6) on Saturday, Mar. 5th, 6-9.—B. C. Castle. 4834

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting Cheadle, Saturday, Mar. 5th. C.E. bells 3 to 5, R.C. 6 to 9. Names for tea (2s.) to Mr. W. Potts, 28, Town End, Cheadle, Staffs. —W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 4836

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Stagsden (6), Mar. 5th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. —P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 4840

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Committee meeting and Lancaster Branch half-yearly meeting at Lancaster, St. Peter's, Saturday, Mar. 5th. Bells (10) available 1.30. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. R. Rainford, 23, Golgotha Road, Lancaster, by Wednesday, Mar. 2nd.—J. Skeats, Branch Sec. 4842

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—St. Ives, Saturday, Mar. 5th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.45. Fish tea available, 2s. Names to Mr. G. H. Dunnington, 2, The Broadway, St. Ives, by Friday, Mar. 4th.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 4831

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Crediton (8), Mar. 5th. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea by Mar. 3rd.—E. J. Ryall, Hon. Sec., Alphidex, Dunsford Hill, Exeter. 4845

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting Saturday, Mar. 5th, at Mansfield, St. Peter's. Bells 3.30 to 5.45 and 7 to 9. Tea, 2s. 6d. per head, at 5.45. Names to Mr. Charles Carr, 3, Forest Road, Mansfield, Notts, by Wednesday, Mar. 2nd, latest.—Wm. Thornley. 4846

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Dedication at Somerby, Saturday, Mar. 5th, by Bishop of Leicester, 3 p.m. Tea and handbells in Institute. All ringers welcome (no names).—J. H. Cook, Dis. Sec. 4849

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Harston (6), Saturday, Mar. 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at Three Horse Shoes.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 4850

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Lower Beeding, Mar. 5th, 3. Tea. Notify G. T. Sennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, by Mar. 2nd. Bus, Horsham Carfax.—G. T. Jennings, Hon. Div. Sec. 4853

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Stisted, Saturday, Mar. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, please, to Henry A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 4851

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET. — Dedication of the new ring of ten bells by the Lord Bishop of the diocese on Saturday, Mar. 12th, at 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please advise early for tea.—H. J. Sanger. 4848

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—General Committee meeting, Saturday, Mar. 12th, Central Club, Chain Street Reading, 3 p.m. —W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 4804

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The annual meeting will be held at Backwell on Sat., Mar. 12th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by Mar. 8th.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., 20, Macaulay Buildings, Bath. 4844

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting Staverton, Mar. 12th. Names for tea no later than Monday, Mar. 7th, to Miss P. Jackson, The Red House, Staverton, Rugby.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 4839

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Annual meeting, Staveley, Saturday, Mar. 12th. Names for tea to A. E. Parsons, 42, Circular Road, Staveley, Chesterfield, by Mar. 8th. 4832

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Redbourn (6), Saturday, Mar. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names to J. Hobbs, 84, High Street, Redbourn, by Wednesday, Mar. 9th.—L. Baines, Dis. Sec., 30, Cotterells Hill, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. 4858

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual, East Grinstead, Mar. 12th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business in small Parish Hall 5. Names early to Miss K. Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road, East Grinstead.—C. A. Bassett. 4854

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—March 12th, St. Mary's, Merton Park, 1.45 to 2.30; Christ Church, Mitcham (Colliers Wood station), 2.45 to 4. Tea own arrangements, 4 to 5. Business, The Hall, Ravenslea Road, 5 to 5.40; St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 5.45 to 8. Any person wishing to come on outing but does not wish to be catered for, cost approximately 16s.—A. F. Udall. 4859

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Rededication of bells at Thaxted Church, Saturday, March 26th. Preacher, the Bishop of Colchester. A cordial invitation is extended to all bellringers. Will those wishing to ring please apply to A. C. Kent, c/o The Vicarage, Thaxted, Essex, by Mar. 7th, stating the number of ringers and the approximate time of arrival. It is hoped that ringing will commence at 10 a.m. Times of buses and trains on application. Tea tickets (1s. 3d. each) on application not later than Mar. 20th.—A. C. Kent. 4817

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Outing, Saturday, June 25th, 1949, as reported at annual general meeting, London County. Please write stating number of seats required. Enclose deposit on seat(s). Latest date for booking seats Feb. 28th. Postal orders to be crossed: Write A. F. Udall, School House, St. Luke's Street, Chelsea, S.W.3. 4794

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About 25 members attended on February 5th a successful meeting at the historic village of Llantwit Major, which is reputed to be the seat of one of the earliest Christian communities in the country, there having been a church there in the fifth century. The Rev. Clifford Thomas conducted the service. The bells were made good use of during the afternoon. After tea, provided by the ladies of the parish, the business proceeded.

Mr. J. W. Jones reported on the recent recasting and augmentation of Blaenavon bells, and it was learned with satisfaction that the four bells at Porthkerry are to be increased to six and that there is an enthusiastic band there who, under Mr. L. J. Malings, are ringing 24 variations of Plain, Reverse and Double Bob Minimus.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Duffell 1, S. Smith (first quarter) 2, W. Avery 3, W. Woodward 4, R. Wright 5, K. Seymour (cond.) 6.

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SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

By A. J. PITMAN.

IN view of the increasing interest taken in this form of ringing, I will try to assist ringers who would like some guidance in the way true touches may be made up. It would take up too much space to deal fully with the matter, so I will indicate just a few examples. Courses of Spliced Cambridge and Superlative may be rung as follows:—

A Arrangement.		B Arrangement.	
Cambridge	2345678	Superlative	2345678
Cambridge	5738264	Superlative	5738264
Cambridge	8674523	Superlative	8674523
C. or S.	4263857	C. or S.	4263857
Superlative	3527486	Cambridge	3527486
Superlative	7856342	Cambridge	7856342
Superlative	6482735	Cambridge	6482735

By the addition of Bobs M and H to courses arranged as A or B, up to eleven courses may be produced, 5th fixed. By the addition of Bobs W and H to courses arranged as A or B, up to eleven courses may be produced, 6th fixed. Each arrangement to be rung separately to ensure truth. That is, either 5 or 6 have to be treated as a fixed bell in each touch and only A or B rung.

Further arrangement:—

Superlative	2345678
Cambridge	5738264
Superlative	8674523
C. or S.	4263857
Superlative	3527486
Cambridge	7856342
Superlative	6482735

This arrangement will run to 30 true courses, as the false course-ends are as follows: 24365, 32465, 43265. I have a number of compositions on this plan.

The first composition of Spliced Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major was produced by the late Mr. J. W. Parker. An account of the first peals of Spliced Surprise Major will be found in 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' by E. Morris.

The first composition of Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative was produced by the Rev. H. L. James on the three-lead course plan.

I will try to show how one may produce touches to avoid falseness. Courses as follows:—

London	2345678	London	2345678
C. or S.	4263857	Bristol	—6423857
London	3527486	Bristol	—2643857
		C. or S.	—4263857
		Bristol	—2357486
		Bristol	—5237486
		London	—3527486
			2345678

or

It must be pointed out that there is falseness between the London and Bristol leads M and W. When a long length is required, this falseness can be overcome by the five courses in one or more groups being rung as all London or all Bristol.

Bristol leads.	False London.	Bristol leads.	False London.
5243867 =	2357486	5247683 =	5243678
2356847 =	3627584	2357486 =	2356478
3624857 =	6437285	3627584 =	3624578
6435827 =	4567382	6437285 =	6435278
4562837 =	5247683	4567382 =	4562378

The following touches of (a) and (b) include the above leads all rung as Bristol:—

(a) London	2345678
C. or S	4263857
Bristol	—2357486
London	—5237486
London	3542678
Bristol	—6435827
C. or S.	—3645827
London	5267384
	—3652478

Repeat four times for 1,280.

(b) London	2345678
C. or S	4263857
Bristol	—2357486
Bristol	5243678
Bristol	4562837
C. or S.	—6452837
London	2347685
	—6423578

Repeat four times for 1,120.

(a) and (b) may be rung in one touch for various lengths.

Further arrangements have also been used in Spliced peals in the four methods. Here is one which I used first in a 5,248, as published in 'The Ringing World,' September 11th, 1942:—

Example (1).

London	2345678
Bristol	—6423857
Bristol	—2643857
C. or S.	—4263857
Cambridge	3527486
Superlative	7856342
Cambridge	6482735

Example (2).

London	2345678
Bristol	—6423857
Bristol	2684735
Bristol	8276543
Superlative	—7826543
Cambridge	6483752
	3542678

Repeat twice.

(1) Add bobs at W and H, will give up to eleven courses with 6th fixed.

(2) Add bobs at H with 6th fixed, both examples may be used in same touch.

Example (3).

Cambridge	2345678
Superlative	5738264
Cambridge	8674523
C. or S.	4263857
Bristol	—2357486
Bristol	—5237486
London	—3527486

Example (4).

Cambridge	2345678
Superlative	5738264
Bristol	—7864523
Bristol	6758342
Bristol	5637284
London	—3567284
	6325478

Repeat twice.

(3) Add bobs at M and H, will give up to eleven courses with 5th fixed.

(4) Add bobs at H with 5th fixed, both 3 and 4 may be used in same touch.

Interesting compositions on the different plans have also been produced and rung by Mr. E. C. S. Turner, Mr. H. G. Cashmore and others, as readers of 'The Ringing World" will remember. On the three-lead course plan, peals have been rung which include up to 22 methods.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb.

JOHN E. CHILCOTT	...*Treble*	*ANTHONY W. J. APPLETON	7
HERBERT LANGDON	2	R. CONGREVE-PRIDGEON	8
DAVID E. PARSONS	3	HORACE BELCHER	9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	4	REUBEN SANDERS	10
WILLIAM H. PASMORE	5	ALFRED B. PECK	11
RICHARD F. DEAL	6	JOHN PHILLIPS	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

* First peal on 12 bells. To celebrate the 84th birthday of Mr. H. R. Newton, a most respected member of the above society.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Feb. 17, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

HENRY H. FEARN	...*Treble*	JOHN S. WALTON	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	ARTHUR D. COOK	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY	9
H. JAMES TURNER	4	JOHN PINFOLD	10
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
WILLIAM C. DOWNING	6	EDWARD T. LLOYD	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN

The first peal on the augmented ring. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 17, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

*JOHN B. BENNETT	...*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON	7
†ELIZABETH FAULKNALL	2	J. FREDK. MILNER	8
DOROTHY UDALE	3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	9
‡MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	LAWRENCE GREENHOW	10
§JILL POOLE	5	§PETER J. STANIFORTH	11
SHIRLEY BURTON	6	‡HAROLD J. POOLE	...*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by JILL POOLE.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. ‡ 100th peal of Surprise together. § 50th peal of Surprise together.

TEN BELL PEALS

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

*JOAN SALMONS	...*Treble*	MAURICE J. BUTLER	6
JESSIE M. KIPPIN	2	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	7
*TOM PAGE	3	WALTER C. ROSE	8
GEORGE PULLINGER	4	*ERNEST F. SALMONS	9
ERNEST J. MUNDAY	5	†HENRY T. MACEY	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

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

ABINGDON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

MARGARET L. TUTT	...*Treble*	†R. ANDREW ROUTH	6
*†CATHARINE M. TRIST	2	DAVID GALLOP	7
KATHLEEN HIGGINS	3	C. JOHN DICKINSON	8
†NORMAN G. MCCRUM	4	*†PETER W. B. SEMMENS	9
*†MICHAEL E. H. BARROW	5	H. PETER RAYNOR	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by P. W. B. SEMMENS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on 10 bells. First tower-bell peal on 10 bells for the society by a resident band. First peal of Grandsire Caters by all except the ringer of the 3rd. A coming-of-age peal for Catharine M. Trist.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5061 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

SIDNEY BRIGGS	...*Treble*	FREDERICK A. SALTER	6
MRS. J. E. TURLEY	2	*WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.	7
GEORGE W. CREASEY	3	JOHN BRAMLEY	8
CLEMENT GLENN	4	*JOHN E. TURLEY	9
*FREDERICK G. HOOPER	5	WALTER NICHOLS	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MIDDLEWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ALBERT BOOTH	...*Treble*	RICHARD T. HOLDING	5
MISS ELIZABETH MORTON	2	ALBERT CRAWLEY	6
HARRY PARKER	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	7
DAVID SMITH	4	A. GORDON LAWRENCE	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. HUBBARD. Conducted by A. GORDON LAWRENCE.

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On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Treble*	GEORGE W. MILLS	5
*MAURICE BENNETT	2	CYRIL WANDER	6
AUBREY D. MILLS	3	BERNARD H. DALTON	7
FRANK TAYLOR	4	JOHN G. AMES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.
* First peal of Major in the method. A 21st birthday compliment to Aubrey D. Mills, also a birthday compliment to his father, George W. Mills. Tenor 16 cwt.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 11, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Shipway's. Tenor 20 cwt.

*JOHN W. C. BLYTHE	*Treble*	GERALD C. BRIDGER	5
DEREK SANDERSON	2	STANLEY GILBERT	6
†JOHN C. DUDDINGTON	3	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN	7
WILLIAM SMITH	4	FRANK WARRINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First Major peal. † First Major 'inside.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss C. Dunnington.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Fri., Feb. 11, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

VICTOR SAVAGE	*Treble*	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	5
GEORGE CLARE	2	*HENRY J. SANGER	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.
* 100th peal. Tenor 24 cwt.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 11, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

*MISS ELSIE LEYLAND	*Treble*	THOMAS BRATBY	5
PETER CROOK, JUN.	2	EDWARD IDDON	6
ALBERT E. SANDIFORD	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
SYDNEY CLOUGH	4	JAMES W. KAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD IDDON.
* First peal. In memoriam Isaac Garside, of Moorside, Oldham.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Treble*	*LUCY MOTTISHAW	5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	2	*RAYMOND C. WESTNEY	6
JAMES THORLEY	3	JAMES MCCLUSKEY	7
CYRIL TOYNE	4	CHARLES THORLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 13½ cwt.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*VALERIE WILLARD	*Treble*	HAROLD BURTON	5
HENRY B. WHITNEY	2	FREDERICK J. PLUMMER	6
*JAMES G. NEWMAN	3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	7
RICHARD KENDALL	4	JOSEPH E. ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.
* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to the Treble ringer. Tenor 24 cwt.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

PERCY J. JOHNSON	*Treble*	HARRY WILD	5
PAUL BIRKETT	2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	6
*ROY B. COOKE	3	WILLIAM AMBLER	7
SAM LONGBOTTOM	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by WM. AMBLER.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN WALDEN	*Treble*	HARRY SQUIRES	5
JOHN FREEMAN	2	JOHN A. FREEMAN	6
ARTHUR MACKEARS	3	JOHN CRAGG	7
FREDERICK W. STOKES	4	CALEB L. SINCOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
To mark the 46th anniversary of the first peal in this tower by a local band.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Comprising 2,240 London, 1,664 Bristol, 576 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 115 changes of method. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WM. B. CARTWRIGHT	*Treble*	SIDNEY T. HOLT	5
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	2	THOMAS HEMMING	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	REGINALD WOODYATT	7
GEORGE E. LARGE	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
First peal on the bells since they were rehung.

WYE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,
A PEAL OF WYE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;
Heywood's alternative Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 20½ cwt.

PERCY PAGE	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	5
BENJAMIN F. BAKER	2	FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP	6
PETER D. HUCKSTEPP	3	HARRY PARKES	7
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.
The first peal in the method, which is Tipler's B13/3 (2nds place L.E.), in A. J. Corrigan's unnamed Surprise Major Collection.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*MISS M. A. SWANN	*Treble*	NOEL E. CHAMBERS	5
†MISS JEAN METHAM	2	HAROLD MARCON	6
CHARLES MCGUINESS	3	†SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	7
†CHARLES E. BROWN	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. LEWIS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Major.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ANTIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND AND IRELAND.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 19 cwt.

BRO. EVEREST FORD, Rectitude Lodge (5197)	*Treble*
BRO. DAVID VINCENT, De Sala Lodge (5657)	2
W.BRO. FREDERICK E. DUKES, Dublin Lodge (72)	3
BRO. PETER CROOK, Antiquity Lodge (146)	4
BRO. NORMAN HEAPS, Lodge of Unity (613)	5
BRO. EDWARD IDDON, Antiquity Lodge (146)	6
BRO. FRED DUNKERLEY, Albert Lodge (854)	7
BRO. THOMAS ROGERS, Evening Star Lodge (3644)	*Tenor*

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by BRO. F. DUNKERLEY.
To celebrate the installations of the Vicar, R.W. Bro. the Rev. Canon T. W. Taylor, M.A., as Prov. Grand Mark Master, and W.Bro. Frederick E. Dukes as W.M. in Dublin Lodge, No. 72.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21 cwt.

DERRICK CALLARD	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. ASHDOWN	5
EDWARD W. BIFFEN	2	HORACE J. BUTT	6
WILLIAM H. HONE	3	FREDERICK WREFORD	7
HENRY J. CORRY	4	*WILLIAM A. BAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK WREFORD.
* First peal. Rung for the 75th anniversary of the Devon Guild.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

*Stanley G. Elsey	*Treble*	Wallace W. Cousins	5
Ernest H. Mastin	2	*Arthur Rolfe	6
Cecil V. E. Ebberson	3	William Buckenham	7
Edward Barker	4	Claude Cousins	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Ernest H. Mastin.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Edwin G. Moore	*Treble*	William C. Porter	5
Noel J. Diserens	2	Walter F. Judge	6
Albert Diserens	3	Fredk. A. H. Wilkins	7
Philip M. J. Gray	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by Jas. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
The first peal in the method by all the band, for the Guild and in the county. Tenor 14¾ cwt. in F.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

Walter P. Whitehead	*Treble*	Raymond Lyster	5
Joseph H. W. White	2	*Cyril Lawrence	6
J. W. Frank Trotman	3	John A. L. Thompson	7
John W. T. Taylor	4	William Lowdnes	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. W. Frank Trotman.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*Edward J. Leversuch	*Treble*	*Ralph E. W. Wenban	5
Henry Hodgetts	2	‡Geoffrey W. Seaman	6
†Thomas J. Clark	3	Fredk. W. Brinklow	7
William Wenban	4	Harold G. Cashmore	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Harold G. Cashmore.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Surprise 'inside.' ‡ First in the method. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*Stanley Naden	*Treble*	*Denis Mottershead	5
†Harold Lonyon	2	Barry Corbishley	6
Charles W. Lawton	3	Mrs. C. W. Lawton	7
Miss June Henshaw	4	Joseph W. Whittaker	*Tenor*

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by J. W. Whittaker.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Major in the method as conductor. Tenor 7¾ cwt. approximately.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*Edwin C. Buck	*Treble*	*Walter D. Pooley	5
*Roy V. Webb	2	John Church	6
*Jack S. Dear	3	*William A. Collins	7
*Horace Werrett	4	R. Thomas Newman	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by R. Thomas Newman.
* First peal of Treble Bob. 16th birthday compliment to R. V. Webb. First peal of Major on the bells. Tenor 9 cwt.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 14, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

Vernon Sykes	*Treble*	Fred Mellor	5
Harold Armstead	2	Ivan Kay	6
Selwyn H. Dearden	3	Fred Dunkerley	7
Gerald Dare	4	Philip Tocock	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Hunt. Conducted by Fred Dunkerley.
In memoriam to Isaac Gartside, a ringer at the above church.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10½ cwt.

Ronald Lord	*Treble*	John J. Morris	5
Roland Smith	2	George P. Garner	6
Hector A. Knights	3	Fred Staniforth	7
Thomas C. Belton	4	Roy Coleman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Fred Staniforth.
Rung on the occasion of the 80th birthday and 55th wedding anniversary of Mr. J. Pears, verger of Stapleton.

WOOLWICH.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

Bertie W. Aldridge	*Treble*	Alfred G. Hill	5
Thomas H. Francis	2	Frederick A. Coley	6
Geoffrey V. Murphy	3	Arthur S. Richards	7
Maurice Hodgson	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
Rung as nearly as possible to the centenary of a peal, 5,376 changes, in this method rung in this tower on February 10th, 1849.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*William Smith	*Treble*	§Frederick Oldroyd	5
Albert Harman	2	G. Brian Grover	6
†John A. Etherington	3	George L. Grover	7
‡Ronald Wallis	4	Harold A. May	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by George L. Grover.
* First peal. † First of Major. ‡ First on eight and first 'inside.' § First in method 'inside.' First of Major as conductor. A farewell to treble ringer (local), who is leaving for South Africa.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

REDBOURNE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

Bertie A. Cornell	*Treble*	W. John Southam	4
Charles F. Sayer	2	Joe Hobbs	5
Frederick J. Spicer	3	Thomas J. Southam	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas J. Southam.
First peal of Minor as conductor.

EASTWELL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 6, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*Michael Huckstepp	*Treble*	William A. Oldfield	4
Mark S. Lancefield	2	William C. Marshall	5
Peter D. Huckstepp	3	Frederick G. Huckstepp	*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.

ST. BREOCK, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 7, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Breoke,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 extents, four callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

A. Hubert Eplett	*Treble*	F. Dudley Teague	3
*James C. Northey	2	Alex J. Webster	4
R. Gordon Cross	*Tenor*		

Conducted by F. Dudley Teague.
* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 7, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary de Lode,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*Charles Larner	*Treble*	William Richings	4
Leslie Barry	2	John Whiting	5
Harry Worrall	3	Charles Hodges	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie Barry.
* First peal away from the tenor.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Feb. 6th, 1,280 Cambridge Major: Elizabeth Layton 1, Jill Brittain 2, Frances Edgar 3, V. J. Benning (first quarter in method) 4, G. Marriner 5, F. L. Harris 6, A. J. Adams 7, D. N. Layton (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to ringer of 3rd.

BARROWBY, LINCS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Plain Bob, April Day, Canterbury Pleasure and 540 of Grandsire): H. Drury 1, J. Haw 2, F. Pinchbeck 3, F. Parsons 4, H. R. Woods (cond.) 5, A. Nicho's (first quarter) 6. First quarter in four methods by all the band.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Mary's, Bathwick, on Jan. 30th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: A. E. Baverstock 1, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 2, T. F. King 3, E. White 4, W. J. Prescott 5, H. Taylor 6, E. J. Fry 7, J. Hallet 8. First quarter on the bells since rehanging by Mears and Stainbank.

CANTERBURY.—At the Cathedral on Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Walter 1, F. R. Weller (cond.) 2, S. G. White 3, S. Walter 4, G. R. French 5, C. E. Buesden 6, H. R. French 7, T. Holmes 8.

CHELTENHAM.—At St. Mary's on Feb. 6th, quarter-peal Stedman Caters: P. Baker 1, E. Evans 2, I. Goulter 3, W. Williams (cond.) 4, G. Walters 5, W. Dyer 6, G. Kilmister 7, T. Newbury 8, C. Martin 9, W. Newman 10.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Garlick 1, W. Irving 2, J. Money 3, L. Haines (cond.) 4, T. Palmer 5, J. Taylor 6, A. Fletcher 7, H. Ecote 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8. A compliment to ringer of 7, who was married at this church 30 years ago.

CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Stephens (first away from tenor) 1, A. H. Eplett 2, D. Docking (first 'inside') 3, A. J. Webster 4, R. G. Cross (cond.) 5, E. Tozer (first quarter) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

DEANE, HANTS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss Esme Taylor 1, J. Marlowe 2, J. Weaver 3, Miss E. Tillson (first quarter) 4, A. E. Smith 5, E. F. Gilbert (first as cond.) 6. First quarter in method 1 and 2.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. H. Webb 1, C. R. Belton 2, J. Oughton (first in method) 3, G. Gardner 4, F. Bailess 5, C. S. Aylett 6, E. E. Pickering (cond.) 7, J. Hill 8.

FROME, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Seymour (first of Triples) 1, W. H. Crocker 2, J. Topp 3, W. H. Mills 4, P. Bray 5, W. Flower 6, D. H. Flower (cond.) 7, H. J. Brown 8. First by a local band for over 45 years.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,264 Bob Major: C. G. Woodhead (first of Major) 1, Miss G. A. Smith 2, Miss B. Whistler (first of Major 'inside') 3, C. Moor 4, P. T. Robbins 5, B. D. Threlfall (first of Major as cond.) 6, G. Dodds 7, A. S. Watt 8.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Feb. 6th, at All Saints' Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Alsop 1, W. Langdon 2, Alf Jones 3, Arthur Jones 4, J. W. Paice 5, W. T. Elson 6, G. W. Debenham 7, J. W. Stephenson 8, S. Wade (cond.) 9. H. W. Page 10.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX. — On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. J. Eves 1, R. C. Thrift 2, E. W. Furbank 3, A. Edwards 4, A. G. Bartholomew 5, H. W. Shadrack 6, W. J. Bartlett (first as cond.) 7, B. Bover 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6.

HANBURY, STAFFS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Chamberlain 1, B. G. Key 2, H. Harrison 3, N. Brain 4, G. Harrison 5, S. Jones 6, G. L. Roden (cond.) 7, C. Shennard (first quarter) 8.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' on Feb. 6th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, J. W. C. Blythe 2, C. J. Young 3, H. S. Peacock 4, C. H. J. Gravette 5, S. Gilbert (first in method as conductor) 6.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On Feb. 6th, 1,296 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss E. K. Fulton 1, P. D. Beedie 2, Miss F. Clayton (first Double Norwich) 3, Mrs. P. M. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. D. Butler 6, J. R. Mayne 7, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX. — At St. St. John's Church on Feb. 6th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. Thurlow (first in method) 1, F. G. Baldwin 2, N. W. Genna 3, T. G. Bannister 4, W. H. Coles 5, F. W. Goodfellow 6, F. Corke (cond.) 7, R. A. Reed 8.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Pilbeam (first on eight) 1, C. H. Walker 2, L. Chislett 3, P. Andre 4, E. Jones 5, S. Ball (cond.) 6, W. Packer 7, R. Boyce 8.

MARTIN, WILTS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. M. Gray 1, J. Lush 2, Miss J. M. Brown 3, G. Baverstock 4, P. K. Waterman (cond.) 5, H. G. Gray 6.

MORTIMER, BERKS.—.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Parsons 1, C. Herridge 2, A. Ham 3, F. Mitchell 4, W. Clift (cond.) 5, D. Neville 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6. In memoriam James Illman.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): G Pomeroy 1, J. Holbrook 2, D. Hoare 3, H. Griffen 4, F. Carter (first as cond.) 5, E. Connick 6. First quarter 2 and 3. A 75th birthday compliment to Mr. T. Griffen, tower master

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. Messenger (first of Treble Bob) 1, W. J. Southam 2, F. J. Spicer 3, Miss J. Burrows (first of Treble Bob) 4, B. A. Cornell (first of Treble Bob 'inside') 5, T. J. Southam (cond.) 6.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Ladd 1, R. E. Lambert 2, T. E. Sone 3, W. Rogers 4, R. T. Lambert 5, D. E. Colgate 6, R. Collins (first in method as cond.) 7, W. H. Dobbie 8.

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LATE NEWS.

Leeds and District Society have postponed their Jubilee Dinner to the end of April.

Mr. Jack R. Worrall is studying in France for six months.

BELFRY GOSSIP

By taking part together in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Leicester Cathedral on February 17th, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole have rung 100 Surprise peals together. Has this been done before by husband and wife? A week before the peal, when it was realised it would be the century together, the youngsters, not wishing to be outdone, started counting up, and it was found by sheer coincidence that this peal would be the 50th Surprise together by Jill Poole and Peter J. Staniforth.

Grundisburgh bells and frame arrived from the foundry this week and the dedication will take place on March 26th at 3 p.m.

By the peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor at Redbourne, Herts, Mr. Charles F. Sayer has rung Kent from Minor to Maximus and Mr. Joe Hobbs has 'circled' the tower.

'Leighton Buzzard Observer,' in an editorial, writes: 'A reader who lives at Linslade declares that church bells and baby's wails don't harmonise.' We fully agree.

The bells of Wilby, Northants, were rehung last May. Newcomers to our art scored their first quarter on February 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles. The ringers were Miss D. Wykes 1, T. Fowler (80) 2, Miss M. Sedgwick 3, J. R. Partridge 4, C. W. Partridge (cond.) 5, W. Drage 6. First quarter by 1, 3 and 4. We await progress! Mr. Fowler has been a regular service ringer at Wilby since 1893.

Hawley, Hants bells (8) have been completely restored, and the Rev. Ken. C. Davis, Vicar, invites his ringing friends to the dedication service on March 19th at 3 p.m. Plenty of ringing and a tea are promised. Hawley Church is five minutes' walk from Blackwater Station. The last £50 of the £450 needed has to be raised, and donations, however small, will be gratefully acknowledged by Mr. Davis.

After completing a peal of Wembley Surprise at Shipton - under - Wychwood, Oxfordshire, the ringers went to the local hostelry for a meal. Mine host provided a first-class meal and demonstrated his appreciation of the ringing by halving the price. There is a moral here: good striking will provide you with good friends.

Messrs. Jack Bray and Philip Barnes rang their 50th peal together at Messingham, Lincs, on February 12th.

Another Birmingham ringer has gone to Cornwall, Mr. H. C. Spencer. These visitors should strengthen Cornish ringing.

Mr. James George must look to his laurels. Mr. R. H. McDonald, of Sydney, New South Wales, has rung his first 360 'in hand' at the age of 91. There is no telling what he might accomplish before he reaches 95.

Present deficit on the Richardson Memorial Fund is £40. Contributions from friends would be gratefully acknowledged. A peal board commemorating Mr. Rupert Richardson's last peal was dedicated at Spalding on Saturday.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association's 71st annual report has been published. A comprehensive guide book to ringing in the area, the report contains a number of compositions. The Association had a membership of 475 at the date of publication (276 ordinary, 176 life members).

There was a determination to get the peal in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Yeo, of Long Ashton, Somerset. Towards the end of the third part the tuck came out of the 7th rope and began flapping in the face of the ringer (Leonard Derrick). He removed the remaining tuck and completed the peal with a single rope and a coil in his hand. This was no mean achievement with a bell weighing a ton.

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LETTERS

REPORTING PEALS—AND A REMEDY

Dear Sir,—I view with some concern the suggestion from Messrs. C. W. Woolley and N. Chaddock that the present style of peal reporting should be changed. If Mr. Woolley's idea was put into practice, a peal would look no more important than a quarter-peal. If a peal is worth ringing, it is worth publishing with the time-honoured traditions of over 70 years. I do not think that there is very much of interest 'left out' because of the number of peals to be reported. There still seems plenty of space available for mathematical articles which can have no practical value to anyone.

However, before any drastic decision is ever taken, I think it would be fairer to take a vote (by postcard sent to the Editor) as to what our peal ringers think about the matter. It would also be fair if those who have not rung any peals, or do not wish to ring any peals, refrained from voting.

There is, of course, one other way to save space, and that is for prolific peal ringers to cut down on the number of peals they ring. If we all kept to about 25 a year each and made the attempts in a wider range of towers, it would serve two purposes. Firstly, it would enable the peals rung to be published without overcrowding, and, secondly, it would prevent complaints from people who live near towers where peal attempts are plentiful.

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Betchworth.

'SPARE US THE NEW LOOK'

Dear Sir,—It has been suggested by some correspondents that in order to enable you to keep abreast of the peal reports in 'The Ringing World,' the present style of reporting peals should be altered and size of type reduced, etc. Mr. Woolley says the size of type has changed but little in the last century and that it is out of date and just will not do. Well, why won't it do? I, for one, am not old-fashioned, but has *peal ringing* drastically changed since the last century? Thank goodness a peal has still to be rung in the same 'old-fashioned' way by human effort; we haven't allowed that to be completely mechanised.

Bells may be hung in iron frames and on ball bearings instead of wooden frames and plain bearings, but a peal has to be rung in precisely the same way, and whoever rings his first peal, or indeed any peal, does it in the same fashion as the ringer of the last century. Why deny him or her the pleasure of seeing that peal published in the style that we have been accustomed to, instead of the type he or she usually associates with quarter-peals.

Personally, I do not mind whether one of my peals is published on the next Friday or two or three weeks after, but I do like to see it in the traditional style. You, Mr. Editor, may congratulate yourself on the manner in which you have kept the peal records in hand. The average peal is only two or three weeks 'behind' in publication and the position is not getting worse, unless, of course, some special occasion results in a big increase in peals. As a gesture, why not *all* peal ringers voluntarily refrain from peal ringing for the last two or three weeks in the Lenten season? By Easter the Editor's headache would have gone (at least one of them).

I do not think the majority of ringers (not essentially peal ringers) favour a drastic change of style, much less the younger ringers. I remember the thrill I got at school when I saw my name on a certificate of merit for doing something more than the average scholar. I had exactly the same thrill when I saw my name for the first time in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World.'

Please think again before giving up these so-called traditions and spare us from the 'New Look'!

F. W. ROGERS.

Portsmouth.

Ringer Honoured



Mr. Edward J. Bragg, who has recently been awarded the M.B.E. (Military Division) in the Palestine awards, was born 44 years ago in Sharnbrook, Beds, and started ringing at the village church when he was 10 years of age.

In 1924, at 18, he joined the Grenadier Guards, and served in various parts of the country. He scored his first peal at Aldershot in 1925, and later rang peals in and around London and Windsor whilst his battalion was stationed there. Promoted to the rank of sergt.-major, he went to Egypt in 1936, and at the outbreak of war was in France, evacuating from Dunkirk with the Guards Brigade.

In 1941 he was commissioned to the Hampshire Regiment, and whilst serving as garrison adjutant at Lincoln enjoyed the hospitality of the ringing fraternity of that city. Later he went to Palestine and held the position of deputy assistant quartermaster general with H.Q. staff, and when the King David Hotel was blown up narrowly escaped injury.

Major Bragg retired from the Service in July last year, and has made his home at Aldershot. He married in 1935 Miss Grace Denyer, of Aldershot, and they have one son and two daughters.

With 28 peals to his credit, he is a member of several Associations, including the Bedfordshire, Oxford, Middlesex, Winchester, Lincoln, College Youths and Guildford, to which latter he has recently been elected to the executive committee.

REPORTING OF PEALS

Dear Sir, — We are continually being reminded of the shortage of space in 'The Ringing World,' but no effort seems to be made to remedy things. Mr. C. . Woolley suggests an alteration in the style and size of type used for the recording of peals and I quite agree.

At the last Central Council meeting several suggestions were put forward for the saving of space—one being that the peals should be set in 'lower case' — thus allowing three columns to the page as against two at present.

There are several other ways of space saving and advice can be given (*if* the printer really needs it).

The alphabetical arrangement of peals is hardly necessary and would no doubt add to the cost of production.

F. I. HAIRS.

Burgess Hill.

STANDON, HERTS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,440 Bob Minor: K. Smith 1, J. Smith 2, W. Smith 3, R. Stacey 4, S. Smith 5, H. Groom (cond.) 6.

Foreign to London Surprise

Dear Sir,—The following figures are the first twelve rows of the Minor and Major of the method published recently by Mr. York-Bramble as a 'variant' of London Surprise Minor and Major:—

123456	12345678
213546	21354768
125364	12537486
215634	21573846
251643	25178364
526134	52713846
521643	52178364
256134	25713846
526314	52731486
562341	57234168
653214	75321486
652341	75234168
Lead end 124365	Lead end 15372846
Lead head 142635	Lead head 13527486 or 15738264

The first eleven rows are London Surprise pure and simple; the remaining 14 rows of Minor and 22 rows of Major are foreign to London Surprise Minor and Major. The following stricture applies to the so-called London Royal and Maximus: the first eleven rows in each are 'London,' the twelfth row in each breaks away from the method at that point and the remaining rows are foreign to London Surprise.—Yours faithfully,

Brighton. GEORGE BAKER.

THANK YOU, OLDHAM

Dear Sir,—On a still, lovely Saturday afternoon, January 29th, I walked from Ashton, through Lees and round the back of the Pike. For nearly the whole of my walk I could hear the sound of bells. I was entranced by the exquisite music which reached my ears, now loud, now soft. All my life I have listened to the ringing of bells, but never has the sound played so strongly on my emotions. Often I lingered on my way, fearful of missing some of the beauty that was being given to me. I see now that there was a peal of Grandsire Caters at Oldham Parish Church on that same Saturday afternoon; if the ringers in that peal never touch a bell again, they may rest content in the knowledge that they gave enough pleasure to one man to last a lifetime.—Yours sincerely, F. F. RIGBY.

Ashton-under-Lyne.

BOURNEMOUTH RINGERS' RALLY

Bournemouth Ringers' Rally will take place at Christchurch on May 7th.

The Organising Committee met at Christchurch Vicarage and decided to run two coach tours if sufficient numbers desired them. Route one would be from Christchurch to Wimborne Minster, Ringwood and Milford, and the second from Bournemouth to Swanage, Kingston and Poole. Both tours to leave at 11.30 a.m. and return to Christchurch in time for some ringing on the Priory bells before dinner at 7 p.m.

Special tours of the Priory with guides are being arranged, and the bells of the Priory Church will be available from 2.30 p.m. St. Peter's, Bournemouth, bells will be available in the morning and St. John's, Surrey Road, in the afternoon. The dinner is to be held at the Wick Ferry Restaurant on the banks of the river near Christchurch Priory at 7 p.m.

The committee decided to keep the price of the dinner tickets as last year, i.e., 8s. 6d., and the tickets for the coach tours will be 7s. each. An early application for tickets should be made to the hon. secretary, Mr. Arthur V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

70th ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDATION. COMMEMORATION DINNER.

Nearly fifty members and guests of the Cambridge University Guild attended a dinner held in the University Arms Hotel at Cambridge on February 5th, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the foundation of the Guild.

Those present were the president (Rev. A. C. Blyth), Messrs. G. Dodds (Master), B. D. Threlfall (secretary), the Rev. C. F. D. Moule (treasurer), P. W. B. Semmens (Master, Oxford University Society), Miss M. J. Brierley and Mr. D. Gallop (secretaries, O.U.S.), Mr. D. N. Layton (Master, University of London Society), Mr. H. L. Martin (Master, Cambridge Youths) and Mr. E. G. Hibbins, the Revs. B. F. Sheppard, A. G. G. Thurlow and G. M. Styler, Major J. H. R. Freeborn, Dr. and Mrs. F. Moor, Drs. F. S. Poole and S. E. Darmon, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. J. Hooton, Messrs. T. R. Dennis and J. W. R. Quinney (hon. members of the Guild), E. M. Atkins, M. N. Bland, A. W. T. Cleaver, P. G. L. Cole, J. Davy, P. M. Freeman, M. R. D. Harford, R. I. Harker, B. M. Hawkes, P. H. Hilton, J. F. Moor, C. Moor, B. D. Price, J. B. Rowsell, P. T. Robbins, H. J. M. Turner, A. S. Watt, C. G. Woodhead and J. B. Wrenbury, Misses Alison L. Blyth, Gillian Anderson-Smith, Margaret E. Green, Anne B. Stockdale, Benedicta Whistler and K. Mary Williams.

After the loyal toast, Dr. F. S. Poole, the senior member present, proposed the toast of 'The Guild.' He recalled various phases of the Guild's history, and spoke of its early years, mentioning particularly the institution of the annual Guild Weeks, which had grown in popularity during the years and which had been so valuable a feature in the development of Guild ringing. They had not only provided an opportunity for resident and non-resident members to meet and ring together, but they had been effective in preserving the continuity of the Guild.

The president, in replying, said that the Guild had a continuous ringing history since its foundation, but stressed that the activity of the resident Guild necessarily occurred in peaks interspersed with periods of less activity. This was inevitable in a university ringing society, where members were seldom resident for more than two or three years. The president thought that the Guild had probably passed through a peak period in tower-bell ringing during the last three or four years, and he mentioned as evidence of this various peals which had been rung by resident junior members of the Guild and also the increased standard of service ringing.

He also emphasised that, although peal ringing is a test of competence in the individual ringer, it is not the only criterion by which the work of a society such as the Guild must be judged. If the Guild succeeded in producing promising ringers who, although perhaps not reaching peal standard during their comparatively short time in the resident Guild, would go down and be of use to their local bands, then it was performing a valuable service to the Exercise.

The Master, in proposing the toast of 'The Visitors,' mentioned especially the debt which the Guild owed to the Cambridge Youths and in particular to the steeplekeeper at Great St. Mary's, Mr. J. W. R. Quinney. The Guild was able to practise and teach beginners in Cambridge very largely as a result of their willing co-operation and assistance. The Master of the Oxford University Society replied to the toast and congratulated the Guild on admitting women as full members.

The toast to 'The Ladies' was fittingly proposed by Major J. H. R. Freeborn, in a speech which caused much hilarity. He said that the increasing participation by ladies in what had previously been regarded as exclusively men's activities was an inevitable process. It had become clear, when the University had recently admitted women to full membership, that the Guild would ultimately have to do the same. Major Freeborn said that he had that afternoon watched the women members of the Guild ringing in the tower, and he had been greatly impressed by their capabilities and potential assets to the Guild. He mentioned that the institution of a permanent president was one of the principal reasons why the Guild had flourished for seventy years, and he paid a well-deserved tribute to the work of the present president.

Miss Gillian Anderson-Smith, who has the distinction of being the first woman to ring a peal for the Guild, very appropriately replied to this toast.

During the afternoon there was ringing at Great St. Mary's, St. Andrew's, St. Bene't's and the R.C. Church of Our Lady; Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Royal were the main events at Great St. Mary's. One tower-bell peal—Bob Major at Sawston—was rung during the week-end, and also a quarter-peal of Bob Royal at Saffron Walden. There were two handbell peals on Sunday—Double Norwich and Bob Royal.

This was the first reunion dinner in Cambridge for many years. The large attendance and the many appreciative comments expressed by members afterwards suggest that perhaps such a dinner is sufficiently popular to warrant its being held annually.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

A report that ringing was slowly regaining ground in the district was reported by Mr. C. Ernest Smith (Ringing Master) at the annual meeting of the Guildford district on February 19th. During the year Worplesdon bells had been augmented from six to eight, a new ring had been provided at Send, and Wonersh bells restored and rehung.

The Rev. Ken Davis, who presided, extended an open invitation to all ringers to attend the rededication of Hawley bells on March 19th at 3 p.m.

Regret was expressed at the absence of the district secretary (Mr. A. C. Hazelden) and wishes for his recovery were expressed. An apology was also received from Mr. J. Corbett (Guild treasurer), who was afraid he would have to go into hospital for treatment. Wishes for a speedy recovery were expressed.

Officers elected were: Mr. C. E. Smith, Ringing Master; Mr. A. C. Hazelden, hon. secretary; Mr. F. A. Munday, assistant secretary; Mr. Leslie Hunter, auditor; Mr. L. Warner, committee. New members elected were: Ringing, Messrs. G. Smith (Worplesdon), P. Welch (Pirbright), P. Mansell and P. Saunders (Shere); compounding members, Miss F. Wymann, Miss Margaret Fidell, Messrs. Wm. Rogers, D. Beveridge, R. E. Pace and E. V. Blake.

Meetings were suggested for Worplesdon, West Clandon, Albury, Bramley and Ewhurst during the year. The Guild secretary (Mr. G. L. Grover) announced a proposal that would come before the executive to equalise the districts by the following transfer of towers from the Guildford district: to Chertsey, Old Woking, Send and Ockham; to Farnham, Pirbright, Worplesdon and Grayshott; to Leatherhead, Shere, West Clandon and Merrow.

The Guild service was held at S. Nicolas' Church, and ringing took place at the Cathedral and S. Nicolas' Churches.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. P. Andre 1, C. H. Walker 2, Miss M. Pilbeam (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. Bennett (cond.) 4, E. H. Jones 5, S. W. Ball 6, W. Packer 7, R. Boyce 8.

Birmingham Cathedral's New Treble Bells

A FINE RING OF TWELVE.

The new treble bells to complete the ring of twelve were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Birmingham on February 12th.

The ten bells were installed in 1937 to commemorate the Coronation of King George VI., and the present scheme was made possible by the generosity of Mr. Frank B. Yates, a highly respected member of St. Martin's Guild.

For the sake of audibility, and to allow the ropes to fall into a good circle, it was decided to hang the seventh, eighth and ninth (of the twelve) in a separate frame, above the existing one, and to move the smaller bells round so that the new trebles occupy the pits previously filled by the trebles of the ten. This involved considerable work — new headstocks and fittings were required for the bells moved into larger pits. The work was carried out in an exemplary manner by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the founders of the existing ten bells.

In an address, the Bishop regretted that Mr. Yates was unable, through illness, to be present. He was not going to praise the generous gift, as the donor would be sufficiently rewarded by the knowledge that his gift had been gladly received. As the centuries pass, said the Bishop, may the church and tower stand safe. May the bells, the ring of twelve, ring often on occasions of peace, but never for war. If war should come may they be silent like men stricken with plague.

Immediately after the service a touch of Stedman Cinques was rung by A. Walker 1, H. H. Fearn 2, T. H. Reeves 3, E. C. Shepherd 4, W. C. Dowding 5, G. W. Critchley 6, A. D. Cook 7, J. Pinfold 8, S. O'C. Holloway 9, F. E. Haynes 10, A. Paddon Smith 11, G. E Fearn 12.

The critical listeners outside heard the full beauty of the bells and passed appreciative comments upon them. The new bells blend very nicely with the former ten, and are a credit to the Croydon founders, who were represented by Messrs. M. Howard, F. C. W. Stevenson, B. Newson and others.

PEAL BOARDS AT TRING

A good muster of members of the Hertford County Association and of neighbouring societies attended a service at Tring on Feb. 19th, at which the Bishop of Bedford dedicated two peal boards and gave an address. The lesson was read by Mr. E. H. Lewis, and some younger members of the Association formed a choir.

For the ceremony itself the Bishop proceeded to the chancel screen where the boards had been placed. The request for dedication was made by Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, and the Bishop, after blessing the boards, committed them to the charge of the Vicar.

The boards commemorate peals rung in honour of the royal wedding and of the consecration of the Bishop in St. Albans Abbey last year.

After the service tea was served in the Church House, and the Bishop was welcomed by the general secretary of the Association, Mr. Walter Ayre. In the course of a reply the Bishop expressed the sense of honour he felt at being asked to officiate at the dedication. His interest in bells and in ringers continued, and in this connection he told of the problems of the provision of churches for the new towns, expressing a hope that bells would be installed. He would, he said, use his influence to advise the building of towers in which bells could eventually be placed.

Mr. T. J. Reeve, the oldest active member of the Tring band, also expressed the pleasure all had felt in seeing the Bishop again in the pulpit he once occupied as Vicar, and Mr. Ayre finally thanked the Vicar for his practical interest in the Association and in the young band now being formed at Tring.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 8, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob and one of Oxford Single.

S. Flint	...*Treble*	R. Larkey	4
J. Taylor	2	J. Lunham	5
Miss A. Abraham	3	W. Deakin	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Deakin.
A 70th birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 8, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 1,440 changes each of Oxford and Kent T.B. with 2,160 changes of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Herbert Goakes	...*Treble*	Stanley Gilbert	4
John H. Bluff	2	George S. Bush	5
William H. Waldron ...	3	Frank Warrington ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Warrington.
Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Bush, parents of Mr. G. S. Bush.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

H. Benjamin Bull... ...	...*Treble*	John W. C. Blythe ...	4
Cyril J. Young	2	Harold S. Peacock ...	5
Charles H. J. Gravette	3	Stanley Gilbert	*Tenor*

Conducted by Stanley Gilbert.
A compliment to the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley on completion of three years as Rector.

GREAT CHART, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents Oxford T.B., two of Kent and three of Plain Bob.

Harry Baker	...*Treble*	William C. Marshall...	4
Hildred S. Wickens ...	2	Frederick G. Huckstepp	5
Wilfred W. Ring	3	Thomas Cullingworth...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas Cullingworth.
First peal of Minor on the bells. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

YAXLEY, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's Kent T.B and four 720's Oxford T.B.. Tenor 16 cwt.

*Thomas Loweth	...*Treble*	George S. Bush	4
Herbert Goakes ...	2	Frank Warrington ...	5
†James K. Mounfield...	3	D. Thomas Austin ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Warrington.
* First peal. † First of Treble Bob. Rung as a compliment to W. H. Waldron, 25 years secretary of Peterborough Branch, Peterborough Diocesan Guild, by his friends of the Ely Association.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 11, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
At the Church of Immanuel,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob, called differently.

Harry Anderton	...*Treble*	Charles Clegg	4
Joseph A. Tomlinson ...	2	Arthur Tomlinson ...	5
Ernest J. Gower	3	Victor C. Wood	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur Tomlinson.
Rung as an 84th birthday compliment to Mr. H. R. Newton (London).

DESFORD.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*Brian Warwick	...*Treble*	Herrick B. Bowley ...	4
Jill Poole	2	*Sidney O. Cheney ...	5
*Elizabeth Faulknall ...	3	†Peter J. Staniforth...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor on tower bells and also as conductor.

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Catwg,
A PEAL OF YORK SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 1,440's and three 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

Alfred Hannington ...	...*Treble*	Benjamin Williams ...	4
Ernest Stitch	2	Harry Boyce	5
Trevor M. Roderick ...	3	Gwyn I. Lewis	*Tenor*

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
First peal in the method by all the band, for the Association and also first in the method in Wales.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 23, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

William G. Young ...	1-2	Daniel T. Matkin	5-6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3-4	Roy C. Hurst	7-8

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 6, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,*
At 39A, High Street,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 6000 CHANGES;
A 240 and 8 extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

Marion Grain	1-2	Maurice J. Thurmott ...	3-4
		Ronald H. Bullen	5-6

Conducted by Maurice J. Thurmott.
Longest length by all.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 6, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

William G. Young	1-2	Daniel T. Matkin	5-6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay...	3-4	Roy C. Hurst	7-8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Cond. by Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 8, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,*
In the Cathedral Belfry,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Brian Warwick	1-2	Alfred Ballard	5-6
Harold J. Poole	3-4	†Redvers F. Elkington	7-8

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore. Conducted by H. J. Poole.
* First handbell peal and first of Bob Major. † First of Bob Major on handbells.

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 9, 1949, *in 1 Hour and 30 Minutes.*
In the Belfry of St. Thomas' Church,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 11 in G.

Fredk. E. Dukes	1-2	John T. Dunwoody ...	3-4
A. E. McGrath	5-6		

Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.
First peal of Plain Bob Doubles as conductor.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 11, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.*
At Cleatham House Farm,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

Jack L. Millhouse	1-2	*George E. Feirn ...	7-8
Charles McGuiness ...	3-4	John A. Freeman	9-10
John Freeman	5-6	†Jack Bray	11-12

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by John Freeman.
* First peal of Cinques 'in hand.' † First peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand.'

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 13, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.*
At 110, Noel Street,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original.

Frederick A. Salter ...	1-2	Albert H. Ward	5-6
Clement Glenn	3-4	*Peter Nix	7-8

Conducted by Clement Glenn.
* First handbell peal of Triples.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE C. COLLINS.

The death was recently announced of Mr. George C. Collins, a former member of the Milton-next-Gravesend band for some 15 years, at the age of 59. He took part in four peals of Minor there for the Kent County Association between 1912 and the early 1920's.

Mr. Collins was, however, much better known as a cricketer, and was the subject of a special article in the early years of 'The Ringing World.' He was probably the only ringer to have been a professional; indeed, apart from the famous Australian, M. A. Noble, the only one to have reached first-class standard. As a member of the Kent XI. between 1911 and 1928, he scored over 6,000 runs and took nearly 400 wickets for the county. His best performance was to take all ten Nottingham wickets in one innings in 1922. There was an anti-climax the next day when he began the bowling with four successive wides!

DENNIS LOOKER.

St. Mark's, Swindon, have lost a very promising ringer in Dennis Looker, aged 17 years, who died on February 16th after 11 weeks' illness. Requiem Mass was conducted by the Rev. R. Royle (Vicar) at St. Mark's on Saturday, February 19th. Muffled ringing preceded the service and afterwards quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples and Doubles were rung.

Dennis, who had rung one peal of Minor, will be greatly missed in the Swindon District for his keenness to learn, and he was justly proud of his faith in the Church.

MR. A. B. LOMAS.

Apropos the regretted passing on January 30th of Mr. A. B. Lomas, which was announced in 'The Ringing World' recently, Mr. E. W. Izard, from Victoria, B.C., writes:—

Before coming to Canada in 1912, Mr. Lomas lived at Gawsworth and rang at Macclesfield, Cheshire. On his arrival in Canada he became a ringer at the Holy Rosary Church, Vancouver, until 1938, when he came to Victoria and joined the Christ Church Cathedral Guild and rang regularly at Christ Church Cathedral from 1938 until his death—his death coming suddenly after a stroke.

Mr. Lomas was very much respected by all who knew him and especially his fellow ringers. He was a very able conductor and had been instrumental in the teaching of young ringers. Mr. Lomas' name is on the peal board in Macclesfield, also in the Holy Rosary Church, Vancouver, and the peal board recently erected in Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria.

SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS

A reunion meeting of the Society of Roving Ringers was held over the first week-end in February at Wrington, Somerset. Early arrivals joined Long Ashton ringers at their practice on Friday night, whilst the remainder of the company was collected from Bristol Station.

Ringing on the nable ring of eight at Congresbury occupied Saturday morning, when methods ranging from Plain Bob to Yorkshire Surprise Major were rung.

To the great disappointment of all, a peal attempt for Grandsire Caters on the magnificent ten at Wrington was lost after an hour and a half.

A dinner and a short business meeting were held in the evening, when the officers for the following year were elected and the plans for this year's tour discussed.

Service ringing at Wrington, Backwell and St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, occupied the next day. Four of the five towers visited during the week-end had tenors of over 30 cwt.

The thanks of the party are due to Mr. Herbert Knight for the use of Wrington bells and 'Billy' Kingcott for making all the local arrangements, including an excellent transport system.

100 Years After

The activities of a famous band of ringers at Woolwich a hundred years ago are recalled by a peal of Superlative recorded elsewhere. A board in the tower at Woolwich records that 'On Monday, Feb. 10th, 1849, the following members of the Woolwich branch of the Society of College Youths rang on these bells a true and complete peal of Superlative Surprise containing 5,376 changes in 3 hours and 15 minutes, which is the first peal in the method ever rung in Kent: Henry Banister, sen. 1, Wm. Banister (conductor) 2, Henry Banister 3, Samuel Teasel 4, John Banister 5, George Cleveland 6, George Banister 7, Edward West 8.'

This was, in fact, the third peal of Superlative ever rung, the earlier ones being at Huddersfield in 1821 and Norwich in 1835. The commemorative peal rung on February 12th, 1949, was to have been conducted by Mr. F. J. Cullum, of Erith, who was unfortunately prevented from standing in at the last moment. Mr. Hodgson took his rope at three hours' notice.

The Woolwich bells are now rung from a floor higher in the tower than that used in the Banisters' time. The tower is unusually tall for brick construction, and even from the higher ringing floor now used it is quite entertaining to ring some of the bells as there is no indication what they might do next. To ring from the lower floor used by the Banisters must have been a very tricky business in view of the much greater draught. Hearing must also have been difficult as there were three intervening floors and even upstairs the volume of sound is inadequate.

MR. H. R. NEWTON

The peal recently rung at Southwark in honour of Mr. H. R. Newton's 84th birthday brought to the minds of those taking part memories of the exploits of this very remarkable man, whose achievements at the heavy end have never been surpassed—nor, indeed, are they likely to be.

Bob Newton was never a heavy-weight in build and certainly not tall—but he was very broad across the shoulders, and his superb style and striking provided an example to the younger generation, which has been a factor in producing such a high standard in College Youths' performances. Amongst the many big jobs he has done are ringing the tenor at Bow (53 cwt.) to London Surprise, turning in Southwark tenor (when she was 52 cwt.) to Superlative and Cambridge, and Cornhill (41 cwt.) to Superlative. He also turned in St. Paul's (62 cwt.) to Treble Twelve.

He took part in the long length of Stedman Cinques at Southwark (ringing the 11th), and in the long peal of Stedman Caters at Appleton in 1922. He has rung several peals at Westminster Abbey, and when 83 years of age took part in a peal of Stedman Triples in honour of the birth of the Royal Prince.

Readers will be pleased to know that he is in excellent health, still at work and as alert as ever, and we feel sure they will join in the good wishes extended to a most lovable man and a superb ringer. J. F. S.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

To commemorate the 40th anniversary of the foundation of the Society, it was decided at the annual meeting on February 12th to arrange a dinner in September and to make this an annual fixture.

The Rector, the Rev. A. P. Morley, who presided, was unanimously elected hon. president, with Mr. F. Moxon as president for 1949. The secretary, treasurer and auditors were re-elected. The balance sheet showed a small profit on the year's working and was regarded as satisfactory. Nine new members were elected.

50 Years as Steeplekeeper

At a social evening for the Church Council, sidesmen and bellringers of All Saints' Parish Church, Feering, Essex, a presentation was made to Mr. J. C. Newman, who had been steeplekeeper for 50 years before retiring last year.

The presents, which were a copy of 'Bells Through the Ages,' pipe, pouch, tobacco and cheque, were handed to Mr. Newman by Mr. S. H. Catt, Vicar's warden. The Vicar had previously outlined to the gathering the duties of a steeplekeeper, which few other than ringers have any idea of the time which is involved to do the job properly. Mr. H. Nichols thanked Mr. Newman for his service on behalf of the ringers.

Mr. Newman suitably replied, saying that he had been a ringer for 52 years and had been a member of three different eight-bell companies at Feering, and he looked forward to the day when there would be a full company again to ring Major. Mr. Newman succeeded Mr. William Keeble as Ringing Master in 1936, when the latter had to give up owing to ill-health.

The evening concluded with refreshments and entertainment, which included tunes on the handbells by Messrs. J. C. Newman, F. Fludder, S. Fisher and H. Nichols.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

MID-DEVON BRANCH.

Meeting at Bovey Tracey on February 5th, the Mid-Devon Branch discussed at length the unsatisfactory manner in which church bell-ringing was broadcast prior to services as well as announcers speaking whilst church bells were on the air. The general opinion was that church bells should be allowed at least five minutes. A letter of protest is to be sent to the general committee of the Guild.

Mr. J. E. Lilley presided, supported by the president (Preb. E. V. Cox) and the general secretary (Mr. F. C. Smale). Certificates were presented to Messrs. F. Turner (Ashburton) and B. Wilkinson (Paignton). A letter was read from Mr. C. W. Pope thanking the branch for its donation to Grundisburgh Bell Fund. In adopting the report, the meeting minuted its appreciation of the work of the hon. secretary (Mr. A. L. Bennett).

Officers elected were: Chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. J. E. Lilley; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. L. Bennett; auditor, Mr. B. H. Cooper; general committee, Messrs. C. F. Austin, F. Turner and W. C. Wakley. Subject to the necessary permission the next meeting will be held at Babbacombe on April 23rd.

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The address of Mr. H. W. Impey is now 73, Parkfield Avenue, Hillingdon, Uxbridge, Middlesex. 4863

PUBLICATIONS

The reprint of 'THE COLLECTION OF DOUBLES AND MINOR METHODS" will be welcomed by many who have shown interest in the recently published four-way Table of Minor Methods. This table is for use with the collection, which can now be obtained from the Librarian (3s. 3d. post free), Osmington School, Tring, Herts.

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MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Gillingham on Saturday, Mar. 5th. Bells (8) at 3. Service at 4.15. 4805

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Johnson Dinner, Imperial Hotel, Saturday, March 5th. Chairman, T. H. Reeves, Esq. Bells: St. Martin's (12), 1; Bishop Ryders (8), 2; Aston (12), 3; St. Chad's (8), 3.30; Cathedral (12), 4.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Springfield 1025.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Saturday, Mar. 5th, 3. Service 4.30. Business 6.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 4383

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — By-meeting at Ospringe, Saturday, Mar. 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 1s. 9d. per head only to those who notify Mr. F. C. Farnsworth, 16, King's Road, Faversham. — B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4820

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting Sandon, March 5th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Great Baddow (8) available 7-9. Numbers for tea.—Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 4831

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—St. Ives, Saturday, Mar. 5th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.45. Fish tea available, 2s. Names to Mr. G. H. Dunnington, 2, The Broadway, St. Ives, by Friday, Mar. 4th.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 4831

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Harston (6), Saturday, Mar. 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at Three Horse Shoes.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 4850

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Lower Beeding, March 5th, 3. Tea. Bus, Horsham Carfax.—G. T. Jennings, Hon. Div. Sec. 4853

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Stisted, Saturday, Mar. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, please, to Henry A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 4851

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET. — Dedication of the new ring of ten bells by the Lord Bishop of the diocese on Saturday, Mar. 12th, at 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please advise early for tea.—H. J. Sanger. 4848

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—General Committee meeting, Saturday, Mar. 12th, Central Club, Chain Street Reading, 3 p.m. —W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 4804

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Annual meeting, Staveley, Saturday, Mar. 12th. Names for tea to A. E. Parsons, 42, Circular Road, Staveley, Chesterfield, by Mar. 8th. 4832

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Redbourn (6), Saturday, Mar. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names to J. Hobbs, 84, High Street, Redbourn, by Wednesday, Mar. 9th.—L. Baines, Dis. Sec., 30, Cotterells Hill, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. 4858

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual, East Grinstead, Mar. 12th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business in small Parish Hall 5. Names early to Miss K. Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road, East Grinstead.—C. A. Bassett. 4854

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Meeting at St. Mark's, Preston, Saturday, March 12th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Bring own food, cups of tea provided.—L. Walmsley, 5, School Lane, Leyland. 4872

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Greens Norton on Saturday, March 12th. Names for tea before March 9th to Mr. G. Mansfield, Greens Norton, Towcester. 4871

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District. — Monthly meeting, Ashover (8), Saturday, March 12th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea obtainable.—Miss D. J. Dunn, District Sec., Darley Dale. 4870

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Rodbourne Cheney (6), March 12th. Tea 5 p.m.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 4866

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Cuckney (6), Saturday, March 12th. Names for tea to Mr. H. Upex, Church Cottage, Cuckney, Mansfield, by 9th.—H. Denman. 4873

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 4875

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Claybrooke, March 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Cups of tea at Swan Inn, Ullesthorpe, 5 o'clock.—F. Measures, Hon. Sec. 4876

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough and Leicester Districts. — Great Glenn (6), March 12th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, the Crown. Write by 9th to L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 4877

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch. — Meeting, Hartford, March 12th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by March 6th to Thomas Wilmot, 43, Flower Street, Castle, Northwich. 4886

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Boston on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Memorial Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, March 7th, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 4878

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Wem (8), March 12th, 3 p.m. Local cafes available for tea.—C. A. Barron. 4881

OXFORD GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting. Nether Winchendon, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (5) 2.45. Service 4. Tea to follow.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 4880

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. — Meeting at Hamer, March 12th. Bells (6) from 3. Meeting 6.30. Notify Mr. J. Taylor, 96, Greenbank Road, Rochdale, for teas before Wednesday, 9th.—V. W. Sykes, Branch Secretary. 4882

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Dalton-in-Furness, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (10) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting after tea. Names for tea to T. Metcalfe, 33, Skelgate, Dalton-in-Furness, before March 9th.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 4885

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (10) from 3.30 p.m.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 4884

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Hessle, Saturday, March 12th. Bells 2. Service 4. Tea 4.30 (3s. each), Church Hall. Notify Mr. J. Poole, 6, Oaklands Drive, Hessle, not later than Tuesday, March 8th.—Albert E. Sellers. 4865

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Llanstephan, Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carm. 4861

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Peter's, Woolton (8), Saturday, March 12th. Bells open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those requiring tea must send their names before Wednesday, March 9th, to Mr. E. Humphries, Abbotslea Cottage, Woolton Hill Road, Liverpool. 4883

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District. — Meeting at Leamington Spa, March 12th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Please make own arrangement for tea. 4891

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury District.—Meeting, Great Barton, March 12th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Bring own food.—E. W. Pye, Hon. Dis. Secs., Blackhorse Farm, Wickhambrook. 4890

LADIES' GUILD.—Special joint meeting of Central, Guildford and Southern Districts to be held at Beddington, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Important business meeting to follow. Will committee members make effort to attend? Names for tea by March 15th to Mr. D. Parsons, 4, Carshalton Place Terrace, Carshalton, Surrey.—D. E. Lidbetter, W. Oliver, F. I. Hairs, Hon. Dis. Secs. 4852

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Quarterly meeting, Rolvenden, March 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. For tea notify Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 4879

DUDLEY GUILD.—Annual meeting, Dudley, March 19th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Tea for numbers only received March 15th. — Colclough, Hall Park Street, Brierley 4867

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SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, North Muskham (6), March 19th, 2.30. Please notify me for tea by the 15th.—J. W. Raithby, 145, Farndon Road, Newark. 4868

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Rededication of bells at Thaxted Church, Saturday, March 26th. Preacher, the Bishop of Colchester. A cordial invitation is extended to all bellringers. Will those wishing to ring please apply to A. C. Kent, c/o The Vicarage, Thaxted, Essex, by Mar. 7th, stating the number of ringers and the approximate time of arrival. It is hoped that ringing will commence at 10 a.m. Times of buses and trains on application. Tea tickets (1s. 3d. each) on application not later than Mar. 20th.—A. C. Kent. 4817

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District. — Dedication of Thaxted bells. If sufficient support is forthcoming a coach can be arranged from Romford. Could pick up en route. Fare 6s. 9d. to include tea. Names by March 12th (first 32). Will confirm final details by post.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 4874

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary. The annual meeting will be held in Worcester on Saturday, April 30th, and not Easter Monday as in past.—J. D. Johnson, Hon. Sec. 4888

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MORE ABOUT WASTAGE

By N. CHADDOCK.

I AM in agreement with the theme of C. K. L.'s article, 'Wastage,' in your issue of February 25th. Perhaps the greatest loss is the one who gives up just after reaching a reasonable stage of proficiency, since he is, so to speak, an investment (of time, energy and patience) which brings no return. Such a loss is most likely with ringers who learn in their late teens (though this is the most suitable age). Probable causes are military service, marriage and pressure of other interests and growing responsibilities.

Regular attendance for service ringing demands real sacrifice, and is of prime importance, as if this was non-existent other ringing activities would be impossible, for bells would not be available as they are at present. The paramount need to-day in many areas is to restock our belfries with ringers, and it is foolish to let a band get very low before attempting to train replacements.

As the process of swinging a bell cannot be slowed down, many instructors break down the process into several separate (and artificial) processes, which, when mastered separately, have still to be pieced together. I think it is a mistake to prolong these separate processes beyond the first practice. Quicker results are obtained by introducing the pupil to all operations almost at once, starting by raising the bell (with asssistance). The pupil's hands are then fully occupied, and not forming the habit of doing nothing during part of the operations (as when the instructor does one stroke).

The aim is to accustom the pupil at once to the operations which must be performed in sequence and time to harmonise with the movements of the rope and thus control the swing of the bell. Rounds should be varied with call changes to give practice in gauging by ear the distance to be allowed over bells of different sizes. Within a few weeks of first starting, a fairly bright pupil will be ready for attempting to learn plain hunting to Grandsire Doubles (tenor behind), followed by Plain Bob Minor. Each stage should receive only the minimum practice to permit the next to be attempted until Plain Bob 'inside' is being practised. Too long on one stage causes the next to be more difficult to assimilate.

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(2) Arms full stretch at point of balance.
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(5) Bell just over balance with minimum effort, but tight rope.
(6) Eyes level to centre of circle, never on the sally.

Undoubtedly, comfortable counter-attractions (i.e., bed on Sunday mornings and pictures on Sunday evenings) make it difficult to attract and retain recruits. Therefore we should brighten and warm our belfries, provide good refreshment at meetings, organise occasional social functions, which may help to bind ringers together.

Loyalty to the Sunday service band to which we are attached demands regular attendance, even when it is not particularly convenient, except where work and illness intervene.

Finally, with all these ladies about, why not a cup of tea on some of these cold practice nights, as with other church activities? Where there's a will there's a way! If none of my previous remarks have stirred up opposing ideas, I am sure this one will!

TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES CLEGG ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. [illegible] ...	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	2	RONALD [illegible]	8
JACK CLEGG	3	RICHAR[illegible]	9
THOMAS HAMMOND ...	4	ARTHUR [illegible]AWDSLEY ...	10
GEORGE R. NEWTON ...	5	EDWIN BIRKETT	11
THOMAS HORRIDGE ...	6	JOSEPH RIDYARD ...	...*Tenor*

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AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSEPH L. STANIER	...*Treble*	G. LEONARD HEWITT ...	6
ALFRED S. BAYLEY ...	2	*JOHN F. BUTLER	7
*A. EDWARD REEVES ...	3	WALTER LAGO	8
MRS. E. D. POOLE ...	4	*CLIFFORD A. BARRON ...	9
E. DENNIS POOLE ...	5	WILLIAM A. FARMER	...*Tenor*

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EIGHT BELL PEALS

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt.

GIRLING RIGBY ...	...*Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE ...	5
†JOHN WILKINSON ...	2	*HAROLD TAYLOR	6
WILLIAM LANCASTER ...	3	‡PHILIP L. PARROT ...	7
*WILFRED H. BUXTON ...	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	...*Tenor*

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
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A PEAL OF DOUBLE ROB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt. in F.

KATHLEEN HARRISON	...*Treble*	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ...	3	W. ARCHIE LOCK	7
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On Sun., Feb. 13, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
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A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

HAROLD A. MAY ...	...*Treble*	ALFRED H. PULLING ...	5
*JOHN A. ETHERINGTON...	2	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ...	6
WI[illegible]AM J. ROBINSON...	3	T. MARK WHITE	7
ER[illegible] LEE	4	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ...	*Tenor*

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ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

SIDNEY O. CHENEY	...*Treble*	J. FREDK. MILNER... ...	5
*MRS. H. J. POOLE ...	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH ...	6
JILL POOLE	3	FRANK MEASURES	7
HAROLD J. POOLE ...	4	ALFRED BALLARD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of New Cambridge Major. First peal as conductor in the method. In memoriam to Mr. George Williams.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 17, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HENRY HODGETTS	...*Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN	5
*GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN...	2	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ...	6
*RALPH E. W. WENBAN...	3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ...	7
†THOMAS J. CLARK ...	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' Rung as a welcome to Sara, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Woolley. Tenor 13 cwt.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 18, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Grove's Variation. Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb

HERBERT W. KNIGHT	...*Treble*	*NORMAN H. YEO	5
*PERCY G. YEO	2	*DAVID G. YEO	6
ERNEST SHEARN	3	LEONARD DERRICK ...	7
†WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT	4	*BERNARD CHARD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT W. KNIGHT.
* First peal. † First in method. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Yeo and a birthday compliment to ringer of the 6th.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING ...	...*Treble*	W. ARCHIE LOCK	5
CECIL A. THOMPSON ...	2	ERNEST C. STAFF	6
FREDERICK J. ROOPE ...	3	THOMAS SIMMONS	7
CYRIL J. BARBER	4	CHARLES W. LOOME	...*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
The conductor's 350th peal for the Norwich Association.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Davies' Transposition. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

PATRICK PRESTON	...*Treble*	HAROLD PAILING	5
CLEMENT GLENN	2	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ...	6
WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.	3	FREDERICK A. SALTER ...	7
*PERCY E. BALL	4	HERBERT CAWTHORN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal in the method.

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MAKSDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Containing 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative and 1,024 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 107 changes of method.
Tenor 26½ cwt. in D flat.

ALFRED SMITH ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM BARTON	5
CYRIL VALENTINE	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	3	WALTER ALLMAN	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
In this composition, which is now rung for the first time, all the bells do the full work of each method, and this is the first five-method Surprise peal to be rung with these qualities.

LAMBETH.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Comprising 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative, and 1,024 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, 107 changes of method, and all the work of all methods. Tenor 17 cwt.

T. MARK WHITE ...	...*Treble*	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	5
LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	7
MAURICE HODGSON ...	4	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
The first peal in five methods for the Association.

SUNDERLAND, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK SHERATON ...	*Treble*	JOHN A. BROWN	5
MARGARET FIDELL ...	2	W. NORMAN PARK	6
*HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	3	ADAM DEAS	7
JOHN ANDERSON	4	DENIS A. BAYLES ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal of Surprise Major. A birthday compliment to R. L. Patterson of this belfry and to mark the 36th anniversary of the augmentation of the bells.

ARKSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

JAMES THORLEY	...*Treble*	J. MARTIN THORLEY ...	5
ARTHUR FIRTH	2	HARRY MORGAN	6
MILTON C. FOWLER ...	3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ...	4	J. EDWARD CAWSER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
First peal in the method in the county, for the Association and by all the band except the conductor.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*MISS D. FLEETWOOD ...	*Treble*	*DAVID W. BEARD ...	5
ARTHUR CHAPLIN	2	GEORGE W. FAULKNER...	6
*REGINALD J. FUNNELL...	3	†COLIN E. WRIGHT ...	7
ALBERT W. BEARD ...	4	FRANK V. GANT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.
* First in method. † First in method away from treble. A birthday compliment for Miss D. Funnell.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in* 5 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 10976 CHANGES;
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

E. HARRY STONELEY ...	*Treble*	ALAN CATTELL	5
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN...	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	3	JOHN J. MORRIS	7
FRANK E. PERVIN	4	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
The longest peal of Surprise on the bells.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. On the 'Richardson Eight.'

GEORGE E. FEIRN	...*Treble*	MRS. R. RICHARDSON ...	5
*JOHN E. ALLEN	2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ...	6
JACK BRAY	3	JOHN A. FREEMAN ...	7
JOHN WALDEN	4	BERNARD H. DALLIN ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

BEXLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN WHEADON ...	...*Treble*	ALFRED G. HILL	5
*MRS. E. ROSCOE	2	WALTER LEMON	6
ALFRED E. WILLIAMS ...	3	PHILIP J. COWARD ...	7
FREDERICK A. COLEY ...	4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* First peal of Major and first with a working bell.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ALAN R. ANDREWS	...*Treble*	ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD	5
URBAN W. WILDNEY ...	2	GEORGE W. MOSS	6
*PAMELA M. PECK	3	RONALD G. BUGG	7
GEORGE N. ORMAN ...	4	GEOFFREY B. ANDREWS...	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
* First peal. Tenor 7½ cwt.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5059 CHANGES;

WILLIAM BOTTRILL	...*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	5
*WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS...	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	6
FRANK BENNETT	3	REGINALD T. SILLS ...	7
JOHN L. MORRIS (12) ...	4	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* 50th peal. A birthday compliment to W. J. Rawlings. First peal in the method on the bells. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt. in A.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING ...	*Treble*	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	5
JOHN PINFOLD	2	ARTHUR D. COOK	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY...	3	EDWARD T. LLOYD ...	7
GEORGE E. FEARN ...	4	HENRY H. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by G. W. CRITCHLEY.
A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Lloyd.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

RODERICK J. LEES	...*Treble*	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	5
HENRY H. FEARN ...	2	*THOMAS HEMMING ...	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	3	*HOWARD HOWELL ...	7
*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ...	4	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEO. E. FEARN.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes.*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*FRANK OAKSHOTT	...*Treble*	DENIS N. LAYTON	5
*DAVID MARTIN	2	DAVID E. PARSONS ...	6
†ERIC DODDS	3	ALFRED H. JANES	7
HELEN Y. GARDENER ...	4	PHILIP M. J. GRAY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. BEEVOR. Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Plain Bob Major 'inside.'

HERTFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

Sidney Carter ...	...*Treble*	Stanley A. Carter ...	5
*Eric Edmonds	2	Barnard Patmore ...	6
Reginald Dore	3	John Welch	7
*J. Martin Page	4	Alfred J. House ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lewis. Conducted by Alfred J. House.
*First eight-bell peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wilfred,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Sydney Tuson ...	...*Treble*	James W. Grounds ...	5
Thomas Barker	2	*Ernest Gower	6
John Jackson	3	E. Roger Martin ...	7
G. Alec Dimmock ...	4	Arthur Hatch ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by E. Roger Martin.
* First peal in the method First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

NORTHOP, FLINTSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Eurgain and Peter,
A PEAL OF LONDON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A. J. Pitman's Twelve-part. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

George F. Sperring	...*Treble*	Harry Pye	5
Henry O. Baker ...	2	Percy Swindley	6
Frederick H. Birks ...	3	John W. Griffiths ...	7
John W. Best	4	Dennis H. B. Millward	*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Griffiths.
First peal in the method by all and for the Guild.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's Composition. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

William B. Duncan	...*Treble*	George A. Fleming ...	5
*Leslie Forster	2	Harry D. Lister	6
Sylvia R. E. Pipe ...	3	Albert E. Whiting ...	7
Charles E. Fisher ...	4	William J. Button	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Sylvia R. E. Pipe.
* First peal of Cambridge.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt.

*Bryan W. Trusler	...*Treble*	Redvers F. Elkington	5
†Gordon H. Arguile ...	2	John Bramley	6
‡Terry Thornber ...	3	John B. Bennett ...	7
Sidney Harrison ...	4	*S. Anthony Jesson	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. Taylor. Conducted by Redvers F. Elkington.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal on eight bells.

GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary de Crypt,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Harry Newman ...	...*Treble*	William Sidwell	5
Thomas Newman	2	George Case	6
Edward Evans	3	William Jones	7
John Thomas	4	Leslie Barry ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Leslie Barry.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Feb. 21, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul, Wood Green,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
H. Wilde's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 18 cwt.

William T. Powell	...*Treble*	*John R. Cotterill ...	5
*James B. Bicknell ...	2	†George Hughes	6
†Maurice Turner	3	Edwin J. Tyler	7
Edgar Marlow	4	*George Evans ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Edgar Marlow.
* First peal. † First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MESSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 30 extents of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*John Ellerton ...	...*Treble*	George E. Feirn	4
†‡Philip Barnes	2	Jack Bray	5
John Toyne	3	Herbert Parkin ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Feirn.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ 50th peal. A 21st birthday compliment to Ronald Traviss.

MARTIN-BY-TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes.*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising one 720 Oxford Treble Bob and and three 720's Kent Treble Bob and three 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Moses Billings ...	...*Treble*	†Fred Ingall	4
Lowis Wilders	2	*Peter Mason	5
*Bean Glassup	3	Amos Ingall ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Moses Billings.
* First peal. † First in three methods.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Frederick A. Adams	...*Treble*	†Harold Wagstaffe ...	4
*Bessie Moss	2	†Joseph Saxton	5
*Cyril Wright	3	Gordon C. Briggs	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Gordon C. Briggs.
* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor.

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

Frederick Blowen	...*Treble*	*Trevor Pritchard ...	4
George Case	2	*John Whiting	5
*William Richings ...	3	Leslie Barry ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie Barry.
* First peal of Minor. A birthday compliment to Miss Janet Pritchard, daughter of the ringer of the 4th.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

*Brian S. Chapman (14)	*Treble*	Lionel E. Chapman ...	4
Richard T. E. Hubbard	2	Neville Moyes	5
Josiah Morris (81) ...	3	Ernest Morris ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Morris.
* First peal.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary de Wyche,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

A. O. Lewis	...*Treble*	†H. Nicklin	4
*F. Whitworth	2	W. H. Raxter	5
†J. Nicklin	3	*J. F. Nash	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. H. Raxter.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

KINGSTONE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 13, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. John and All Saints,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being six 240's and 30 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*Reginald C. Beale	...*Treble*	Frederick Welch	4
Jack W. Drew	2	Thomas J. Hill	5
Reginald Beale	3	Thomas W. Vickery	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack W. Drew.
* First peal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On Feb. 20th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Wolstencroft 1, W. Harrison (12) 2, J. B. Robinson (13, first as cond.) 3, D. Ogden 4, R. Wimpenny 5, G. Taylor (12) 6.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—At St. Mary's on Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Dodds 1, F. Bush 2, Miss E. Cropley 3, E. Dodds 4, R. Stallibrass 5, E. Beauchamp (first 'inside' in method) 6, S. Hart (cond.) 7, E. Howard 8.

BILTON, WARWICKS. — On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and April Day, and 300 Stedman): Mrs. W. J. Vann 1, A. E. Barlow 2, W. Betley 3, R. Gibbons 4, W. J. Vann (cond.) 5, E. Hunt 6. First quarter on the bells since they were rehung.

BLUNHAM, BEDS. — On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Rawlins (first away from tenor) 1, F. Hull 2, C. H. Harding (cond.) 3, W. Sims 4, E. Ashton 5. First quarter by 4 and 5.

BROMLEY, KENT. — On Feb. 13th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: P. Spice 1, G. Kite 2, E. C. Bishop 3, G. I. James 4, C. C. Cullen 5, M. F. Oakshett 6, J. E. Lyddiard (cond.) 7, S. J. Humphrey 8. First quarter in method 3 and 5.

BUCKINGHAM. — At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul on Feb. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. A. Yates 1, F. C. Case 2, T. W. Wyatt 3, F. Vickers 4, Major D. Satow 5, G. W. Holland 6, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON. — On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, H. Cook 2, Miss P. Francis 3, M. Sinden 4, R. Jarvis (cond.) 5, F. Perry 6, J. Jarvis 7, C. Tompkins 8. A 78th birthday compliment to H. Cook.

CROYDON, SURREY. — At the Church of St. John the Baptist on Feb 20th, 1,301 Stedman Caters: Miss M. J. Tiller (first on ten bells) 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, C. Parks 3, E. W. Razzell 4, R. Davies 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, W. F. Oatway 7, G. H. Humphries 8, F. E. Collins (cond.) 9, R. Abbott 10.

QUARTER PEALS

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss R. Hopkinson (first quarter) 1, R. J. Funnell 2, Miss D. Fleetwood 3, D. G. Blows 4, C. E. Wright 5, F. Berry 6, A. Chaplin (cond.) 7, F. V. Gant 8.

DATCHWORTH, HERTS. — On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. W. Bennett 1, W. T. Holmes 2, T. Turner 3, S. Huckle 4, R. A. Cochrane 5, E. B. McKie (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 3 and 5. First quarter since the war.

EARL SHILTON, LEICS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,324 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. Wright 1, B. Newton 2, J. Lawrence 3, E. Pickering 4, F. Bailess 5, W. Newton 6, H. Wright 7, G. Newton (cond.) 8. First quarter-peal in the method for all the band and the first ever rung by a local company in the method for the Hinckley District.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Feb. 20th, 1,313 Grandsire Caters: H. M. Page 1, W. Langdon 2, R. Mackrell 3, J. H. Allsop 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, J. W. Stephenson (first as cond.) 6, G. Debenham 7, W. T. Elson 8, J. E. Chilcott 9, H Belcher 10.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX. — On Feb. 12th, 720 New London Pleasure, 360 Oxford Treble Bob and 240 Kent: J. D. Buckingham 1, C. J. Mann 2, A. Appleton 3, W. J. White 4, H. R. Appleton 5, B. C. Mann (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 3 and 6.

GORSEINON, SWANSEA.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Dobbins 1, R. Dunn 2, R. Edwards 3, W. Brown 4, A. Tew 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. Williams (cond.) 7, A. Jones 8.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On Feb. 20th, 1,250 Stedman Triples: Miss E. K. Fulton (first in the method as cond.) 1, P. D. Beedie 2, J. R. Mayne 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart 5, R. E. W. Wenban 6, C. C. Mayne 7, H D Butler 8

LENTON, NOTTS. — On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Bird (first quarter) 1, Wm. E. Court (cond.) 2, W. Ratcliffe 3, P. Nix 4, L. Berry 5, A. Berry 6.

LINCOLN.—On Feb. 19th at St. Peter-at-Gowt's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Single Court, 180 Plain Bob: F. Dixon 1, A. Melton 2, Miss B. Brown 3, F. Crowe 4, V. Briggs 5, H. Hurst (cond.) 6. In memoriam G. Cherrill (91) and A. Sendall (80), both sidesmen at the above church.

LYME REGIS, DORSET. — On Feb. 13th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Barrett (first of Major) 1, R. Keeley 2, C. W. Powell 3, S. H. Green 4, G. H. Whitemore 5, G. S. Morris (cond.) 6, H. G. Keeley 7, Rev. C. C. Cox 8.

PRISTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Lock 1, J. Holbrook 2, D. Hoare 3, H. Griffin 4, E. Connock (cond.) 5, D. Bishop 6. First quarter by 1 and 6. A compliment to R. Lock, who is joining the Royal Marines.

SALISBURY.—At St. Martin's on Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Rogers 1, J. Maidment 2, W. A. Theobald 3, J. Sutton 4, F. L. Harris (cond.) 5, J. Mussell 6, R. Marlow 7, W. Chalk 8. For 70th birthday of W. Chalk, captain of this tower.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On Feb. 13th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss C. M. Hoare (first quarter) 1, D. Cattell 2, F. Cattell 3, F. Bullock 4, G. Cheshire 5, C. Wenban (first 'inside') 6, G. Hughes 7, E. J. Leversuch (cond.) 8.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—At All Saints' on Feb. 20th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: J. P. Stocker 1, D. Sanderson 2, F. L. Nicholls 3, L. W. Fisher 4, J. W. C. Blythe 5, G. L. Perkins 6, W. Ransome 7, F. Warrington (cond.) 8. First Major 'inside' 5 and 7.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFS. — On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. R. Holland 1, F. W. Grocott (first in method) 2, R. S. Anderson 3, Miss M. Rigby 4, C. H. Page 5, F. E. Wilshaw 6, A. Peake (cond.) 7, S Lightfoot 8.

THORNE, YORKS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. G. Leask (13) 1, D. Thorley (12) 2, T. C. Leask (13) 3, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 4, T. D. Leask 5, F. J. Jackson 6. First quarter by 1, 2 and 3.

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LATE NEWS

A broadcast of interest to ringers will take place on Tuesday, March 15th, at 8.15 p.m. on the Home Service when T. R. Robinson and Frank Phillips will be talking about bells generally.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. A. J. Pitman's ingenious composition of Spliced Surprise Major in five methods, published in 'The Ringing World' on November 12th, 1948, was rung twice on the same day—at Marsden, Yorkshire and Bambeth, London. The peal at Marsden came round at 6.45 p.m., 20 minutes earlier than Mr. Corby's band, who had originally arranged for the attempt on February 12th.

In the earlier days of spliced ringing some people objected to the fact that in spliced peals bells did not have to ring the whole of each method. A composition to overcome this objection eluded our most skilful composers until Mr. H. G. Cashmore produced a peal in four methods which was rung at Lambeth on April 19th, 1947. In the meantime, Mr. Pitman produced a peal with the additional quality of over a quarter peal in each method. This composition has been rung on at least three occasions.

Mr. F. Charles Goodman is the first ringer to circle Mulbarton, Norfolk, tower.

Mr. B. J. Saddington has twice 'circled' Cranford, Northants, his native tower.

London Surprise Royal enthusiasts are at it again! Two members of the Central Council participated in No. 3 version at Beddington.

The 75th anniversary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers occurs on March 21st and not February 12th as suggested by the Broadclyst peal published last week.

The peal at Wednesbury on February 21st was in honour of Mr. E. J. Tyler's 53 years as a ringer at the church and also a birthday compliment to Mr. John R. Cotterill.

The handbell peal at Bournemouth, a 74th birthday compliment to Mr. F. S. Wilson, was rung on the 50th anniversary of his first peal. Mr. Wilson's hospitality after the event was much appreciated by the band.

The Henry Johnson commemoration dinner at Birmingham last Saturday was an outstanding success. A company of 246 was present, and the efficient new secretary, Mr. George E. Fearn, had to return remittances in over 50 letters from late applicants.

In the chair was Mr. Thomas H. Reeves, who for the past 20 years had been secretary of St. Martin's Guild. The story of the dinner and the appreciation of Mr. Reeves' service will be told in our next issue.

Towards fulfilling his objective of ringing peals in every 8, 10 and 12-bell tower in Kent, Mr. Frank Bennett, now 81, has two more towers to visit successfully.

The first peal on the 'Richardson' eight of Lincoln Cathedral was rung on February 19th. The band was made up of officers of the Lincoln Guild and Mrs. Richardson, who rang the bell which was installed in memory of her late husband.

Our bell foundries are helping the export drive in no unmistakable manner. In two years the Whitechapel Foundry have sent 70 bells to the Province of Quebec, and have on order a ring of eight for Queensland and a ninth bell for the same church.

With the 'touch of Bristol' at the Bell Foundry on February 19th, 'our evergreen Ernie' completed his 110th peal on the bells. This, besides being a record, includes five peals of 9,000 changes and over, and he has conducted the longest (13,440 in 1922) peal on the bells.

The Acoustics Group of the Physical Society invite ringers to their annual meeting at the Royal Society of Arts, John Adam Street, W.1, on March 18th at 2.30 p.m. A paper will be read on the acoustics of bells, followed by a discussion.

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LETTERS

PEAL OF BRISTOL QUESTIONED

Dear Sir,—I should like to point out that the 5,024 Bristol Surprise Major published in your issue of December 17th transgresses the accepted principle that only one type of bob should be used in a composition.

There is no objection to sixths place bobs in Bristol, but both fourths and sixths place bobs should not be used in the same composition.

No doubt the Peals Analysis Committee has already taken the necessary action in the matter.—Yours sincerely,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham.

RECORDING OF PEALS

Dear Sir,—When charges for printing have doubled, necessity compels Guild reports to restrict space and to omit much interesting copy, peals reports are compressed to a minimum. Even so, peals are performances, prided by ringers and indicators of progress in the art to be emulated by young ringers. Young and ambitious ringers may emulate the doings of W. Pye, F. Bennett or G. E. Fearn like a budding cricketer does a Bradman or Hutton. They do so through the records of performances; old ringers do the same and wonder, often, at the performances. Why, then, limit in any way the number of peals rung by a so-called peal grabber? Why reduce the records of such to the use of microscopic type? Tradition and practice have established a way of setting out records of peals which is good. Why change it? I am as interested in the peals rung by many whom I know only by name as I was in the records of Ranji or Grace when I was a boy. Please don't reduce the type so that I can read it only by use of a microscope.—Yours faithfully,

FRED C. SMALE.

Okehampton.

HOLY WEEK AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—I agree wholeheartedly with the greater part of Mr. Rogers' letter in your edition of March 4th, but surely the most important sentence in his letter is as follows: 'As a gesture, why not *all* peal ringers voluntarily refrain from peal ringing for the last two or three weeks in the Lenten season?' This, I would suggest, has more significance than Mr. Rogers at first appreciated.

Apart from the fact that 'The Ringing World,' as suggested, would be able to get abreast of peal reports, is it too much to expect ringers to forgo a peal during the latter half (if not all) of the Church's most solemn and sacred season?

We in this great ringing fraternity like to think of ourselves as church officials (in the Sussex Association we have this as an object laid down in the rules), and as church officials we should be active Christians and as such should be among the first to recognise the Lenten season, not as a morbid and miserable season, but as a period of quiet respect and temperance.

Let us not this year read of peals being rung during Passion Week and even on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, as was, I think, the case last year.—Yours faithfully,

PETER H. ROLLISON.

Eastbourne.

CRICKET PROFESSIONALS AS RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I see it was stated in the obituary of Mr. George C. Collins that he was probably the only ringer who had been a cricket professional. I have rung several times in the company of Mr. Sam Coe, of Earl Shilton, Leicestershire, who was for many years a well-known and popular member of Leicestershire County Cricket Club, and I believe he still officiates as scorer for the team.—Yours faithfully,

H. L. WYKES.

Thurnby, Leics.

University of London Society

SECOND ANNUAL DINNER.

The second annual dinner of the University of London Society was held at The Marquis of Granby on February 26th, preceded by ringing at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields and St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. A peal of Cambridge Major was rung on the very fine bells of St. John the Baptist's, Barnet, by kind permission of Mr. S. Casley.

Dr. J. C. E. Simpson, the president, took the chair at the dinner. After the toast to 'The Church and King,' Mr. D. Layton proposed that of the Society. This, he considered, was in a flourishing state. Although several members spent much of their time in sporting activities, he did not think it was in any danger of losing its campanological character.

Dr. Simpson replied with an excellent speech, stressing, among other things, the need for good striking. It was a speech in which he explained his favourite precepts at (mercifully) less length than he had applied them at Leeds some days previously.

Mr. G. Carter proposed the toast to the visitors, who included the Masters of the Ancient Societies of College Youths and Cumberland Youths. He thanked Mr. George Cross for the privilege of ringing at St. Martin's.

Mr. J. A. Waugh replied with some amusing incidents of his own ringing career.

After discussing the proposed Whitsun and Summer tours, the party left the premises, only to be recalled to pay the bill!

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

BOLTON BRANCH.

There were three striking features at the February meeting of the Bolton Branch at All Souls' Church, Bolton, viz., youth, good striking and a high order in the methods rung. Out of a very large attendance youth predominated, both male and female. Some who are still at school handled their bells and rang the methods in a manner that must have been the envy of some of the older members. Great credit must be extended to their tutors.

All Souls' bells are very good, both in tone and 'go,' and the excellent striking caused the ringing to be very much enjoyed. The Acting Ringing Master did not find it difficult to fit all in with their particular method, because most of them were 'Surprise' bent, and when a touch in a Surprise method was being rung there were more 'standing behind' watching than ringing. The meeting can be regarded as a good omen for the future.

Along with the local towers there were visitors from Hereford, Southport, Liverpool, Morecambe, Whittle-le-Woods, Standish, Rochdale, Adlington, Ashton, Manchester and Parbold.

A 15-minute service was conducted by the Vicar, who also gave a hearty welcome to his church. Cups of tea were provided. Mr. F. G. Bradley moved a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting a success.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

The quarterly meeting of the Cheltenham Branch at Prestbury on February 26th proved very popular. Visitors and members attending represented over twenty towers, the former coming from as far afield as Burford, Witney, Swindon, Ross-on-Wye, Bristol and Kingston-on-Thames, in addition to those usually present.

A wedding caused some delay in starting ringing, but the bells having been raised in peal before, no time was lost after. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Hill, who also presided at the meeting, supported by the Master, Mr. Kynaston, and the Rector of Alderton.

Methods rung included Grandsire, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, Plain Bob and Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major, and was all of a much higher standard than is usual at meetings. C. R.

Central Council at York

DIFFICULTIES OVER ACCOMMODATION.

It has been very difficult to arrange accommodation at York for the Central Council meeting on Whit Tuesday. Members of the Council are advised to book immediately. The following is a list of available accommodation:

LICENSED HOTELS.

Adelphi Hotel, Railway Street, bed and breakfast 15s., lunch 3s. 6d. to 5s., dinner 5s. (Minimum booking four days.)

Ainsty Hotel, Boroughbridge Road, b. and b. 12s. 6d., dinner 5s. (21s. per day).

City Arms Hotel, Fawcett Street, b. and b. 14s. 6d., lunch 5s. 6d., dinner 5s. 6d.

Dean Court Hotel, Duncombe Place, b. and b. 16s. 6d.

Embassy Hotel, The Mount, b. and b. 15s. (double 25s.), dinner 5s.

Great Northern, Railway Street, no terms given.

Old George Hotel, Fossgate, b. and b. 14s. 6d., lunch 5s., dinner 5s.

Windmill, Blossom Street, b. and b. 12s. 6d., lunch 3s. 6d., high tea b. and b. 16s. 6d.

Youngs Hotel, High Petergate, b. and b. 14s. 6d., lunch 3s. 6d. to 5s., dinner 5s.

UNLICENSED.

City Hotel, Lendal, b. and b. 12s. 6d., lunch 4s., dinner 5s.

Galtres Lodge Guest House, b. and b. 12s. 6d., lunch 3s. 6d.

Mrs. L. Cobb, Grosvenor House, High Petergate, b. and b. 12s. 6d., no lunch.

No headquarters have been fixed.

Middlesex County Assn.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

Heston was the scene of a great gathering of the Middlesex Association, when on Feb. 12th the South and West District met at this beautiful church for their annual meeting. It was the best attended annual for many years, over 60 members being present.

The occasion was a very happy one for the Association, who were meeting the new Vicar, the Rev. Preb. F W. Ferraro, for the first time. The warmth of his welcome will be long remembered, and another link has been forged in the chain of happy memories going back over fifty years between Heston and the Middlesex County Association.

The district secretary, in presenting his report, spoke of another successful year. Thirteen district meetings had been held with an average attendance of over forty. Peals had been well maintained, while quarter-peals for service showed a remarkable increase, St. John's, Hillingdon, under their very able leader, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, topping the list with nine. Membership was on the increase, and the statement of accounts showed a considerably increased balance over previous years, this being the first full year of the revised rules governing finance.

The officers elected were: Hon. district secretary, Mr. F. A. Finch; assistant secretary, Mr. W. G. Wilson; Ringing Master, Mr. W. W. Webb; Deputy Master, Mr. Tony Price; Central Committee, Messrs. F. W. Baldwin, T. G. Bannister and J. E. Lewis Cockey; auditor, Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

Newly-elected members were Preb. F. W. Ferraro, J. Ricketts, Miss A. Ricketts (Heston), D. Fowles (Cranford), D. Beveridge (Chislehurst), B. J. Bennett, Mrs. B. I. Davies (Ealing, St. Mary's), Miss D. Luke (Ealing, Christ Church), W. T. Cook (Ealing, St. Stephen's) and P. Thrift (Ruislip).

The vice-president (Mr. W. H. Coles), speaking from the chair, congratulated Mr. Tony Price on his recent performance of ringing two bells and conducting a peal at his own tower at Feltham. Congratulations were also accorded Mr. H. C. Chandler for 60 years of devoted and faithful service at Heston. Thanks were accorded to all those who helped in providing tea and for making the meeting such a success.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild

ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.

Nearly every tower in the branch was represented at the annual meeting at Spalding on February 26th, and visiting ringers were present from North Mymms, Newark, Lincoln, Boston and Algarkirk.

During the short service the president, Canon Carnegy, dedicated a peal board commemorating the last peal in which the late Master of the Guild, Mr. Rupert Richardson, took part. The peal board, finished in black with gold lettering, was ably executed by Mr. A. W. Coles, who was also at the meeting.

The balance sheets, showing favourable balances, were read and adopted. All the officers were re-elected, and new members from Pinchbeck and Crowland were accepted.

A discussion about the outstanding deficit on the Richardson Memorial Fund followed, with the result that £2 13s. 6d. was collected, and a second grant of £20 was made from the General Fund. Mr. J. A. Freeman, Guild Master, thanked the meeting very warmly for this generosity, and hoped it would set a good example to the rest of the Guild. There now remains roughly £40 to be found, and any contributions will be received gratefully.

The quarterly meetings were arranged as follows: April 23rd, Gedney Hill; June 11th, Deeping St. Nicholas; August 6th, Crowland; November 12th, Gedney. It is proposed to hold a joint meeting with the Eastern Branch at Bicker when the augmented ring of eight bells is opened in April.

Mr. J. A. Freeman announced that he will propose, at the annual Guild meeting at Lincoln on April 30th, that half-yearly Guild meetings be held, one at Lincoln and the second at each of the other three branches in rotation.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WESTERN DIVISION.

Fifty members attended the annual divisional meeting at Chichester on February 19th, when the Very Rev. A. S. Duncan-Jones (Dean of Chichester) conducted the Association's service in the Cathedral.

Mr. F. I. Hairs (Moster) presided at the business meeting, held in the Chapter House. The meeting expressed pleasure at the attendance of the Ven. Lancelot Mason (Archdeacon of Chichester). The Archdeacon, replying, spoke of his visitations in the diocese and deprecated the practice of leaving bells up for long periods.

The divisional secretary's report showed an increase in membership and, with three towers joining during the year, 21 were now in affiliation in the division. The balance sheet showed an increased balance in hand.

Subject to permission being given, meetings are to be held at Easebourne (April), Slinfold (May), Bosham (June), Shipley and Itchingfield (July).

The Divisional Ringing Master (Mr. R. Wood, jun.) catered for all grades of ringers in his usual adept style during ringing in the afternoon and evening.

5,184 BOB MAJOR

COMPOSED (?) BY G. DODDS.

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First rung at Osmington School, Tring, on Sunday, December 19th, 1948.

Not a musical peal for tower bells.

Beverley and District Society

MEETING AT HULL.

'A ringers' delight' was how the visit of the Society to the 13th century Church of the Holy Trinity, Hull, on February 12th, was described. In 1727 the existing six bells were recast into eight. They have since been recast at various dates and augmented to ten with a tenor of 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D. Recently the bells were overhauled and fitted with ball bearings making a very fine ring.

The afternoon ringing, owing to the proximity of the Market, was at St. Mary's, Lowgate, where a press photographer took a picture for 'The Hull Daily Mail.'

During the singing of Psalm 150 at the service in Holy Trinity Church a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by M. Walker 1-2, C. Barker 3-4, G. F. Williams 5-6, L. Rodmell 7-8. Mr. A. H. Fox was the organist.

The Vicar (the Rev. L. O. Kenyon), during his address, called attention to the beautiful carvings of angels, each with a different musical instrument, on the pillars in the choir. He compared the unknown sculptors of these carvings to the bellringers and belfry, who out of sight gave anonymously the great message of God's eternal love for all the world.

At tea at the Trocadero Cafe the company, numbering sixty, were welcomed by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Hull. Their welcome was acknowledged by Mr. G. F. Williams (the president) and Mr. A. H. Fox.

The secretary read an apology from Mr. F. Dale (vice-president), who had met with an accident with a circular saw. A letter of sympathy and good wishes for a speedy recovery had been sent.

Hessle was selected for the meeting on March 12th, and Sutton for that on April 9th. Mr. L. Rodmell was elected an honorary member and Miss Davey and Miss Jackson active members.

After the votes of thanks, the Lord Mayor accompanied the ringers to the belfry of Holy Trinity and saw the bells called off to Grandsire Caters, followed by Stedman Caters, Bob Royal and other methods.

JOINT MEETING

LADIES' GUILD (NORTHERN) AND LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A joint meeting of the above Societies was held on February 27th at Batley. The belfry here has many advantages over some of our more famous churches with their noble spires, causing the ringers long, wearying climbs to the ringing chamber, for at Batley the ringers go down two steps only. The ring is a light one and full use was made by all present.

A splendid tea was arranged by Mr. W. H. Senior. After tea the Ladies' Guild had first use of the Church Schools for their business meeting, while the tower bells were kept going by the men. After further touches the Leeds Society business meeting was held in the schools, Mr. T. Hill presiding.

The secretary reported that the room offered before the last meeting for the Jubilee Dinner was not now available and that he had not been successful in obtaining another. After discussion it was decided to postpone the dinner until the end of April and that the secretary make further efforts to obtain accommodation.

Three new members from Rothwell were elected, viz., Allan Strangeway, Josh. Wormald and George Perkins.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse, who explained to the members how Mr. Senior had fixed up the meeting at very short notice and deserved the warmest thanks. Mr. P. J. Johnson seconded and expressed the hope that it would not be long before Mr. Senior was once again ringing and fully recovered from his present disability.

The next meeting will be at Armley on March 26th.

OBITUARY

MR. FRANCIS A. SMITH.

We regret to announce the death of Francis Arthur Smith, of Bushey, which occurred at his home on February 27th, after a long and painful illness.

Mr. Smith, who was in his 85th year, was a native of Worcester, but came to Bushey in the early 90's, as head gardener at Haydon Hill, and soon afterwards took up bellringing and rang his first peal at Bushey in August, 1896. His peal list totals 180, in methods up to Bristol Surprise and Stedman Caters.

He was made president of the Hertford County Association in 1927, and was for some time captain of the Bushey Society, and maintained his interest in ringing until the end, eagerly looking forward to seeing 'The Ringing World' each week.

Besides his local societies, Mr. Smith was a member of the Middlesex Association, the College Youths and the St. Martin's Guild, and at his cremation at Golders Green on March 2nd the writer represented these societies. His favourite method was Stedman and he was very proud of having rung peals in this method on every bell of Bushey, Oxhey and Aldenham. M.F.R.H.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

Halcyon weather and a warm welcome awaited the 65 members and friends who attended the quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District at St. Johns, Deptford, on February 5th. The Vicar (the Rev. T. L. Livermore) led the service and gave an address.

A course of Grandsire Caters 'in hand' preceded the business meeting, at which Mr. F. W. Richardson presided. The 14 new members elected included six from Eltham and four from the Annunciation, Chislehurst, and one hon member. Mr. P. A. Corby read a report of proceedings at the committee meeting held at Maidstone. This was adopted. St. Mary Cray was chosen as place of next meeting, to be held on April 30th, with Chelsfield as alternative if necessary. October 1st was suggested as the date of the annual combined meeting with the Surrey Association (at St. Peter's, Croydon, Surrey being the host this year).

Mr. G. V. Murphy was elected district representative to succeed Mr. P. A. Corby, who now serves on the committee by virtue of his office of peal secretary. It was agreed to hold the annual social at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, December 3rd.

IRISH NEWS

A new ring of six is to be installed by midsummer at St. Donard's, Belfast. Some 20 to 30 prospective ringers attended a meeting on February 8th to inaugurate the St. Donard's Society. Two very able ringers are foundation members, Mr. George McCleave, formerly of Ballylesson, and Mr. James Rush, of Holywood. A sum of £1,600 has been raised by the parishioners for the bells, which will be a memorial to the late Canon Moore, a former Rector.

The quarterly meeting of the Irish Association was held at Ballymena on February 12th. It was reported that change ringing in the district was flourishing and many more towers were now taking up this aspect of ringing. Membership was also on the increase, and two new towers, St. Donard's, Belfast, and Ballylesson, would shortly be added to those available The Rev. F. J. Mitchell was elected district vice-president, and Messrs. W. Rogan, J. Campbell and J. T. Dunwoody district representatives on the General Committee. The members were entertained to tea by the local ringers, and afterwards the bells of St. Patrick's, Ballymena, were put to good use in ringing Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman.

CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.
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On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 55 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CARANTOC,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 1 extent each of Stedman, Reading, St. Martin's, Eynsham and St. Leonard's; 3 extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Fortune, April Day; 4 extents each of Old, Norfolk, Kennington, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

REV. W. H. TREWHELLA *Treble*	ALEX J. WEBSTER 4
A. HUBERT EPLETT... ... 2	R. GORDON CROSS 5
F. DUDLEY TEAGUE 3	DONALD DOCKING ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.
First peal in more than three Doubles methods for the Guild. First peal in 15 methods by all the band and for the Guild.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 10 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Grandsire, and 12 six-scores of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

MRS. KATHLEEN JONES...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. CURSON ... 4
MISS RHODA HEMMINGS 2	SIDNEY H. JONES 5
TOM J. MARRIOTT ... 3	WILLIAM MINOR ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY H. JONES.
A birthday compliment to William H. Curson, chairman of the Guild.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5520 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one 480 Little Bob Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

RICHARD T. HOLDING ...*Treble*	ALBERT CRAWLEY 4
ERIC HORNBY 2	DAVID SMITH 5
HARRY W. HOWARD ... 3	HARRY PARKER ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY PARKER.
First peal in eight methods by all.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Feb. 14, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

ALAN ELSMORE ... ...*Treble*	P. GEORGE GOLDER ... 4
JOSEPH GREGORY 2	GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 5
MAURICE G. TURNER ... 3	HOWARD HOWELL ... *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 15, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of Single Oxford, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

*ALBERT BARBER ... ...*Treble*	GEORGE T. BUNNING ... 4
†SIDNEY MARSHALL ... 2	BERT GOGLE 5
LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 3	GEORGE P. ADAMS ... *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE P. ADAMS.
* First in seven methods. † First in seven methods 'inside.' First in seven methods as conductor. Tenor 10 cwt.

BICTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 16, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS BESSIE CARTER ...*Treble*	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW... 4
EDWARD V. RODENHURST 2	JOHN F. BUTLER 5
WILLIAM A. FARMER ... 3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON ... *Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 16, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 41 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

CHARLES H. MOORE ...*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 4
*GEORGE R. MOORE ... 2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 5
FREDK. W. MIDDLETON 3	HARRY J. HALL ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by F. CHARLES GOODMAN.
* First peal of Minor.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 18, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's Oxford T.B. and four 720's Kent T.B.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

EDMUND J. WHITING ...*Treble*	STANLEY GILBERT 4
DEREK SANDERSON ... 2	FRANK WARRINGTON ... 5
JOHN W. C. BLYTHE ... 3	G. HENRY DUNNINGTON... *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

BERRINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

*ALFRED OWEN ... ...*Treble*	MISS ETHEL M. DUPPA 4
*MISS RUBY J. LLOYD... 2	*JAMES E. FOX 5
*PHILIP J. L. PURSLOW 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... *Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP J. L. PURSLOW.
* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Rung by the local band. First peal of Minor on the bells.

SHERBOURNE, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*HARRY J. BODENHAM ...*Treble*	GEORGE RATHBONE ... 4
†WILLIAM COLLET 2	†WILLIAM H. MALE ... 5
ROBERT J. EDDEN ... 3	†ERNEST H. BOSWORTH *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. MALE.
* First peal. † Frst peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

WICKHAMBREAUX, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*DEREK CHATFIELD ...*Treble*	‡STANLEY G. WHITE ... 4
†FREDERICK R. WELLER 2	CYRIL E. BUESDEN ... 5
‡JABEZ WALTER 3	‡SIDNEY WALTER ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY G. WHITE.
* First peal. † First peal on six bells and 25th peal. ‡ 21st peal together. Birthday peal for Sidney Walter, Michael John Weller and the conductor's wife.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 14, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

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 J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
First peal of Royal 'in hand' as conductor.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 18, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE AFRICAN OIL MILLS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 16 in B.

*ROGER C. PRESTON ... 1-2	JOHN E. SPICE 5-6
JULIA M. PRESTON 3-4	†FRANK VARTY 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* First peal in the method, first of Major, and first on handbells.
† 150th peal.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 18, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT NEWSTEAD, STOKE ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*EDGAR VALLANCE 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD 3-4
	*HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 5-6

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.
* First peal of Minor in 'hand.' First peal of Minor 'in hand' as conductor.

Chester Diocesan Guild

WIRRAL BRANCH.

The annual meeting, held at St. Nicholas' Church, Wallasey, on February 19th, attracted a gathering of 68 ringers and friends, eleven Wirral towers being represented. During the afternoon and evening the heavy ring of six was kept going to a variety of methods up to London Surprise.

The Vicar (the Rev. W. Simpson) conducted an abridged version of the Guild service, and immediately following the company was entertained to tea in a neighbouring cafe.

At the business meeting all existing officers were re-elected en bloc, members deeming it inadvisable to change a 'winning team.' A statement of accounts showed a favourable balance, the hon. auditor commenting on the facility with which he was able to check the items.

The hon. secretary's report stated that enthusiasm for the monthly meetings had not waned, twelve meetings being held and on six occasions the attendance had exceeded 50. The average attendance for the year was 46. Total membership had increased to 137, all classes of members showing an increase. Peal ringing was flourishing, 16 peals being rung, and ten members had scored their first peal. The branch outing had been revived, 60 ringers and friends enjoying a half-day trip to mid-Cheshire, and the second annual social had been attended by over 200 ringers and friends.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

READING BRANCH.

Among the company of 70 ringers and friends who attended the annual meeting of the Reading Branch at St. Laurence's, Reading, on February 19th, was Mr. P. Kearville, who flew over from Holland specially for the meeting.

The service was conducted by the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. E. Wigg). The Bishop of Reading gave the address, Canon Bell, of Nettlebed, read the lesson, and Mr. B. Wakefield (Checkendon) was organist.

The tea at the Parish Hall was attended by the Bishop. At the business meeting Mr. A. Wiggins (branch chairman) presided, supported by all the officers of the Guild.

Mr. Wiggins, who has been chairman for ten years, having expressed a wish to resign, was thanked for his valuable services to the branch and was appointed a vice-president in appreciation. The Rev. C. P. Sherwood, Vicar of Mapledurham, was elected as the new chairman, and he thanked the members for the great honour they had conferred on him. The other officers of the branch were all re-elected, and an addition was made to their ranks by the appointment of Mr. C. Watts, of St. Laurence's tower, as Ringing Master.

It was decided that, in addition to the quarterly meetings, monthly practices should be held at various towers in the branch.

A return was made to St. Laurence's tower, where ringing was carried on until 9 p.m., at the same others went to St. Mary's, where ringing ceased at 8.30. E. G. F.

BOCKING, ESSEX. — On Feb. 24th, 1,280 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. H. Moore (first quarter) 1, C. Snowden 2, D. Talbot 3, J. Warner 4, R. Suckling 5, Miss H. G. Snowden (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the Dean, the Very Rev. Edgar Rogers.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Bob Minor: O. Norman 1, H. W. Pratt 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, J. W. C. Blythe 4, G. H. Dunnington 5, D. Sanderson 6.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Way (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Prescott (first of Triples) 2, A. Lane 3, N. Phillips (first quarter) 4, R. Gale 5, N. Coombs (cond.) 6, H. Prescott 8.

THROWLEY, KENT.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Wyles 1, H. Manual 2, H. Chaplin 3, P. Jemmitt 4, E. Eades 5, W. S. Palin (cond.) 6, W. H. Dennett 7, F. Pack 8.

METHOD EXTENSION

A REPLY TO MR. YORK-BRAMBLE

By W. Taylor, Vice-President, Lancashire Association.

It is very disturbing when Mr. York-Bramble, with his long experience in the art of change ringing, tells us: If you cannot get the best or even something nearly passable in the extension of a given method, e.g., London Surprise, you may mutilate it and even add something which is not in the method simply for the doubtful distinction of calling a given series of figures the glamorous name 'London Surprise Royal' or 'Maximus,' thereby hoping to arrive at maximum proficiency in the performance of a peal in the method. In my opinion it is better to forgo fame than to pretend to achieve fame by such doubtful measures.

In his final instalment Mr. York-Bramble tells us: 'It must be emphasised that haphazard trials at extension lead nowhere.' A little earlier in the same column he tells us without a smile: 'He has thoroughly explored possible arrangements and has produced over many years of patient research (haphazardly? W.T.) about as many versions of Royal for London as there are letters in our alphabet, etc.' If this is true it is a very, very weak argument in favour of 'Grid nomenclature.' With the greater scope in Maximus no doubt he has produced several score. Really, he ought to be more careful.

In 'The Ringing World,' February 4th, he gives us a table of Extension characteristics from both structural and ringing points of view, classifying them as essential, or desirable, or otherwise. To save space I will refer to them by their distinctive number only. What does he mean in each of Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5? As regards No. 4 ringers in general have so-called 'conventional requirements,' but so far no one has been able to reduce the requirements to a general written statement or formula. The reason being that they apparently differ for each group of methods which have recognised and accepted extensions. For example, surely no one will contend that Stedman is extended in the same way as Grandsire. Grandsire Doubles plain course of 30 rows becomes 70 in Triples, whilst Stedman Doubles plain course of 60 rows becomes 84 in Triples.

So far as No. 7 is concerned, I may be in error, but I have always understood that the Central Council regard No. 7 as essential, at any rate so far as the lead ends and lead heads are concerned. I don't think the C.C. will agree or countenance that the milder word 'desirable' is adequate. They will most certainly insist upon 'essential.' What does 'approximate' mean in No. 9? Again the word is far too mild. In No. 10 we are up against a difficulty which we cannot solve satisfactorily It may be put somewhat like this: When proceeding from Minor to Major, which are the added bells and rows? When we write numerically 123456 and 12345678 it appears obvious that 7 and 8 is the added pair. When we augment a ring of six to eight without recasting any of the originals we add a pair of trebles, so it appears that 1 and 2 is the added pair. If we use Mr. York-Bramble's grid nomenclature, AoAeBoBeZoZe becomes AoAeBoBeYoYeZoZe. Here it appears that YoYe corresponding to 5 and 6 is the added pair. By the way, it seems to me to be rather clumsy to designate the positions in the rows as AoAeBoBeYoYeZoZe when using numbers 12345678 is so much simpler and direct. Most of us are aware that 1, 3, 5, 7 are odd and 2, 4, 6, 8 are even.

Personally, I can't see that anything is gained by renaming a half-lead as 'a grid.' Of course it can be looked at that way, but why alter a universally recognised term? Every ringer knows what is meant and there is no ambiguity.

With regard to the added rows to produce Major from Minor, in Treble Bob I think it is generally agreed that the four rows of Minor with treble in 1-2 correspond to the four rows of Major with treble in 1-2. Likewise the four rows of Minor with treble in 5-6 correspond to the four rows of Major with treble in 7-8. Now which, if any, of the eight rows of Major with treble in 3-4 and 5-6 correspond to the four rows of Minor with the treble in 3-4? This is where grid nomenclature breaks down badly and perhaps is responsible for haphazard experiment.

There is no point or advantage in changing the term 'Pivot bell' to 'Grid link.' The place made in addition to that of the treble when the treble is leading is neither a grid link nor a pivot bell. There are only two positions possible or rather permissible when the treble is leading at a plain lead, the others being reserved for Bob leads. The plain lead positions are 2nds and lying behind. In most cases all that happens when one is substituted for the other is that the plain course is rung in a different order of the plain leads with exactly the same changes or rows in each. The exceptions are three: (a) when 2 is pivot bell, 2nds place produces rounds; (b) when tenor is pivot bell, lying behind produces rounds; (c) in the methods where a bell lies back and hand behind, in the last two rows of the lead, lying behind causes four consecutive blows behind, e.g., London.

(To be continued)

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BIRTHS

HOPGOOD.—On March 5th, 1949, at Oatlands Vicarage, Weybridge, to Mary (née Cole) and Frank, a son (Michael Anthony). 4918

SAVORY.—On Saturday, Feb. 26th, 1949, to Elsie (née Leach) and Ernest William Savory, a son (Ian Arthur). 4892

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CHANGES OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. J. Martin Page is now The Queen's Head, 61, Fore Street, Hertford, Herts. 4896

The address of J. C. E. Simpson is now 8, Elton Road, Woodhouse Lane, Sale, Manchester. 4914

PUBLICATIONS

The reprint of 'THE COLLECTION OF DOUBLES AND MINOR METHODS" will be welcomed by many who have shown interest in the recently published four-way Table of Minor Methods. This table is for use with the collection, which can now be obtained from the Librarian (3s. 3d. post free), Osmington School, Tring, Herts.

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MEETINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual, East Grinstead, Mar. 12th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business in small Parish Hall 5. Names early to Miss K. Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road, East Grinstead.—C. A. Bassett. 4854

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Boston on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Memorial Hall at 5 p.m. 4878

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Wem (8), March 12th, 3 p.m. Local cafes available for tea.—C. A. Barron. 4881

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton District. — Meeting at Burton Hastings, near Nuneaton, Saturday, March 12th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. J. Hinde, Nuneaton Dis. Sec. 4894

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — March 12th, St. Mary's, Merton Park, 1.45 to 2.30; Christ Church, Mitcham (Colliers Wood Station) 2.45 to 4. Tea, own arrangements, 4 to 5. Business, the Hall, Ravenslea Road, 5 to 5.40. St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 5.45 to 8. Any person wishing to come on outing but does not wish to be catered for cost approximately 16s. — A. F. Udall. 4859

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Stisted, Saturday, Mar. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, please, to Henry A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 4851

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District. — Meeting at Leamington Spa, March 12th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Please make own arrangement for tea. 4891

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury District.—Meeting, Great Barton, March 12th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Bring own food.—E. W. Pye, Hon. Dis. Secs., Blackhorse Farm, Wickhambrook. 4890

LADIES' GUILD.—Special joint meeting of Central, Guildford and Southern Districts to be held at Beddington, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Important business meeting to follow. Will committee members make effort to attend? Names for tea by March 15th to Mr. D. Parsons, 4, Carshalton Place Terrace, Carshalton, Surrey.—D. E. Lidbetter, W. Oliver, F. I. Hairs, Hon. Dis. Secs. 4852

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Quarterly meeting, Rolvenden, March 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. For tea notify Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 4879

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, North Muskham (6), March 19th, 2.30. Please notify me for tea by the 15th.—J. W. Rainby, 145, Farndon Road, Newark. 4868

LADIES' GUILD (Midland District) and PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD (Rutland Branch). — Joint meeting. — Meeting at Oakham, Saturday, March 19th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. S. H. Towell, 25, West Road, Oakham, not later than Wednesday, March 16th. All ringers welcome.—Jill Poole, S. H. Towell, Hon. Secretaries. 4869

DUDLEY GUILD.—Annual meeting, Dudley, March 19th. Bells 2.45. Service 4 15. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Tea for numbers only received March 15th. — Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 4867

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Sunderland, St. Ignatius', Saturday, March 19th, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. F. Ainsley, 30, Aysgarth Avenue, Sunderland, by March 17th.—W. F. Sheraton, Sec. 4895

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, St. Giles', Camberwell, Saturday, March 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mr. B. H. Woolley, 8, Grove Road, Camberwell, S.E., by March 16th.—C. de Ste. C. Parks, Hon. Sec. 4893

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Oxton (8), March 19th. Refreshments provided if notified by 15th.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 4898

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Salehurst, March 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. Gorringe, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 4900

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —Practice, West Tarring (6), March 19th, 3. Names for tea (by 16th) to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 4899

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch. — Quarterly meeting at North Curry (8), Saturday, March 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea early.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 4901

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District. — Copt Oak, March 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Copt Oak Inn. Bring own food.—C. W. Hall. 4912

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Darlington, St. Cuthbert's (8), March 19th, 2.30. Names by March 16th.—J. T. Titt, 54, Newlands Road, Darlington. 4911

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, Saturday, March 19th, 4.30 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 4910

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Christchurch District. — Quarterly meeting, Lyndhurst, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. arranged for those who notify me by Wednesday, March 16th. Business meeting follows.—Arthur Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 4905

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—Meeting at Hawley (8) on Saturday, March 19th. Dedication of bells after complete overhaul and rehanging. Service at 3. Tea at 5. Ringing after service. Social in evening. Church is 5 mins. from Blackwater Station. Good train and bus service. Names for tea to Rev. K. C. Davis, Hawley Vicarage, Camberley, Surrey, by previous Wednesday.—G. S. Joyce, District Sec. 4903

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — South and West District.—St. Paul's, Hounslow (two minutes Hounslow West, Piccadilly Line), on Saturday, March 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Short business 5. Tea nearby cafes.—F. A. Finch, Sec. 4908

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery. — Meeting at Butcombe, March 19th, 4 o'clock, and Nempnett Thrubwall 6 o'clock. — Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 4902

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Bury, March 19th. Bells from 3. Tea at 5. Meeting in tower at 6. Will those requiring tea please write to Rev. G. O. Morgan, 136, Parkhill's Road, Bury, not later than Wednesday.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 4915

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Syston District.—Meeting at Barkby, Saturday, March 19th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Please notify Mr. A. Walker, School Lane, by the 16th.—F. Key, Hon. Sec. 4897

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Wortley, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring your own sandwiches. —John J. L. Gilbert. 4913

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Eastrington, March 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5. Notify J. P. Powls, Rose Neath, Eastrington, by Wednesday, 16th. 4916

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — Meeting at Braughing, Saturday, March 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome. Names for tea by Wednesday, 16th, to A. S. Carter, 93, North Road, Hertford. 4917

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Lawton (8 bells), March 19th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by 15th. — Richard D. Langford. 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 4920

BREDFIELD, WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK. —Dedication of two trebles and recast bells by Gillett and Johnston, Sunday, March 20th, 6.30 p.m. Ringers attending, please notify Rev. H. W. S. Cotton, Bredfield Rectory, Woodbridge. 4906

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Benfieldside, St. Cuthbert's, Saturday, March 26th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill, by March 23rd. 4921

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION and CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Chester Branch).—Combined meeting, Saturday, March 26th, Wrexham Parish Church. Bells (10) available 2.45. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30, Phillips Cafe (2s. 6d. per head). Please notify W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham, by March 22nd. 4919

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Rededication of bells at Thaxted Church, Saturday, March 26th. Preacher, the Bishop of Colchester. A cordial invitation is extended to all bellringers. Will those wishing to ring please apply to A. C. Kent, c/o The Vicarage, Thaxted, Essex, by Mar. 7th, stating the number of ringers and the approximate time of arrival. It is hoped that ringing will commence at 10 a.m. Times of buses and trains on application. Tea tickets (1s. 3d. each) on application not later than Mar. 20th.—A. C. Kent. 4817

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The eighth annual supper and social of the South and West District at the Catholic Hall, Heston, on Saturday, March 26th, at 5.30. Tickets (9s. 6d.) available from tower secretaries or from F. A. Finch, 14, Lancaster Gardens, Ealing, W.13. All applications by Tuesday, March 22nd. 4909

GRUNDISBURGH.—Dedication of two new trebles and retuned eight bells in new frame and fittings, March 26th, at 3 p.m. Subscribers and helpers specially invited to service and tea. All ringers welcome. Bus 210a will leave Old Cattle Market, Ipswich, 2.20 p.m. Those requiring tea and bus must notify Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 4904

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary. The annual meeting will be held in Worcester on Saturday, April 30th, and not Easter Monday as in past.—J. D. Johnson, Hon. Sec. 4888

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Preliminary notice of annual meeting. Date postponed from April 23rd to April 30th. Details later.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 4907

BOSTON, LINCS. — On Feb. 13th, 1,386 Grandsire Caters: K. Thompson 1, Miss L. Briggs 2, S. Jessop 3, R. Brown 4, A. Freeston 5, D. White 6, J. Petch 7, F. Dewey 8, W. F. Clarke (cond.) 9, T. Freeston 10.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. E. Retter (cond.) 1, W. D. Ashdown 2, Miss Q. Pring 3, D. Callard 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. Holway 6, J. Salway 7, G. Richards 8. First of Stedman by 2, 4 and 8. First of Stedman by the local band.

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HENRY JOHNSON REUNION

MUCH of the reading space in this week's issue is devoted to the Henry Johnson commemoration dinner, and young ringers will find in the admirable summary of the life of this worthy, given by Mr. Thomas H. Reeves in his speech from the chair, inspiration and encouragement. And it is no little tribute that nearly 60 years after his death there should be such a large concourse of ringers from all parts of the country present to pay their tribute to this great ringer. Many found their way to Aston churchyard to his grave and to read the inscription over his gravestone: 'This stone is erected by the ringers of England in grateful memory of Henry Johnson, to whose ability and perseverance the art of change ringing is widely indebted.' Below is the text, 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.'

The phrase that is particularly impressive is 'the ringers of England.' It was not only in his death that Henry Johnson received national recognition; there were banquets in his honour given on his 77th and 80th birthdays attended by the leading ringers of England. The commemoration dinners year by year have more and more assumed the proportion of national gatherings. An attendance of 246 from all parts of the country was counted on March 5th at Birmingham; there would have been at least another 100 if more dining accommodation had been possible. They were drawn together by that magnetism of friendship which is the great feature of our Exercise. The snow and unpleasant climatic conditions were forgotten in the warmth of good comradeship.

The spirit of Henry Johnson remains in Birmingham to-day, carefully nurtured and preserved by St. Martin's Guild of this generation. During his lifetime he rang 139 peals, of which 88 were composed by himself, and it was in the realm of composition that his lasting contribution has been made. To emulate the standard of Henry Johnson has always been an aim of the Guild, and had he heard the report of Mr. Albert Walker on the achievements of 1948, particularly the non-conducted peal of Stedman Cinques, he would have been proud of the present generation. While the standard of accomplishment to-day is good, the high tradition of service is something better. A characteristic of St. Martin's is that the office-bearers are also the peal ringers. Individual pleasure of peal ringing is accompanied by a sense of obligation and service to the general body of ringers. Thus we find that Mr. Thomas H. Reeves, at the conclusion of 20 years' service as Guild secretary, is being succeeded by Mr. Henry E. Fearn, who last year participated in 108 peals. A feature of the Guild is also a desire of service to the community at large. A former secretary of 20 years' standing, Cclr. A. Paddon-Smith, enters vigorously into the political and civic life of the city. The service, however, which was very dear to the Editor's heart was the formation of a panel of lecturers from among younger men who have visited various church organisations and other bodies and in simple non-technical language told the fascinating story of bells and the art of change ringing. This is, indeed, valuable propaganda, and is likely to give its dividend in due season. The more the love of bells and the purpose of ringing can be inculcated into the community the more staple and permanent will be the foundation of ringing, and as the dust of Henry Johnson mingles with that of Aston the message will not cease to ring forth from the neighbouring steeple.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
No. 3 Version. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

JOYCE S. ENGLAND	*Treble*	*REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	6
JILL BRITTAIN	2	*HAROLD N. PITSTOW ...	7
ROYDON DAVIES	3	TONY PRICE	8
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	4	JOHN F. GALYER	9
DAVID PARSONS	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of London Royal. A birthday peal for the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and F. E. Darby.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

ALAN A. POTTS ...	*Treble*	WALTER ALLMAN	6
WILFRED STEVENSON ...	2	CYRIL VALENTINE	7
EDWARD JENKINS	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	8
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER...	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS ...	5	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
First peal of Royal in the method by all the band, for the Association and in the North of England. Rung without previous practice.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

*RAYMOND SUART ...	*Treble*	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY ...	6
JOHN WOODS	2	JAMES E. BURLES	7
ELIZABETH M. SUART ...	3	W. THOMAS TURNER ...	8
JAMES METCALF	4	ALAN CAPSTICK	9
JOHN BAGNALL	5	THOMAS METCALF ...	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. HUDSON. Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.
* First peal. To mark the attainment of 50 years' service in this tower by Mr. Thomas Metcalf, the present leader.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

STAFFORD H. GREEN	*Treble*	*CUTHBERT W. POWELL	5
*RONALD W. HAYWARD...	2	HARRY G. KEELEY ...	6
WALTER H. POOLE ...	3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ...	7
ARTHUR H. REED... ...	4	WILLIAM G. GIGG	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor, the peal being a birthday compliment to him.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5408 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

PETER LAFLIN ...	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS ...	5
WILFRED STEVENSON ...	2	ALAN A. POTTS	6
JAMES A. MILNER	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER...	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 20, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15¾ cwt.

ALBERT E. HANCOCK	*Treble*	*NORMAN BENNETT ...	5
*GORDON TURNER (15) ...	2	*CLEMENT NICHOLL ...	6
JOE GREENWOOD	3	W. GEORGE TURNER ...	7
LEONARD HEALEY	4	JOHN PEARSON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.
* First peal.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 20, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Grove's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21 cwt.

*MISS B. M. TOMLIN	*Treble*	GEORGE KENWARD	5
MISS DORIS G. DOBBIE	2	S. GEOFFREY WATERS ...	6
†SIDNEY A. WHITE ...	3	WALTER H. DOBBIE ...	7
STANLEY B. DOBBIE ...	4	BERT W. MAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER H. DOBBIE.
* First peal. † First peal in the method 'inside.' A 21st birthday compliment to Bridget M. Tomlin.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt.

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

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

*JEAN BROWN	*Treble*	DAVID VINCENT	5
JOHN WORTH	2	HAROLD WALKER	6
WILFRED STEVENSON ...	3	*ROY BROOM	7
ALAN J. BROWN	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON...	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JAS. C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal of Surprise. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Lewis.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

*RICHARD C. MITCHELL...	*Treble*	STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL	5
CHARLES BRASIER	2	FRANK HAMMOND ...	6
†JOHN A. TURLEY	3	WILLIAM ROGERS	7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ...	4	†MAURICE E. HAMMOND	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., Feb. 24, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS	*Treble*	MISS MARGARET ROWLAND	5
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING...	2	PATRICK HARRIS	6
FREDERICK G. NURDEN...	3	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ...	7
MRS. J. THOMAS	4	*ALBERT HUGHES ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 24, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minntes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

James Thorley ...	...*Treble*	J. Martin Thorley ...	5
*Laura Mottishaw ...	2	J. Edward Cawser ...	6
Milton C. Fowler ...	3	W. Eric Critchley ...	7
F. Bernard Ditcher ...	4	John E. Turley ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by J. E. Cawser.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method on the bells.

WEST MALLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 25, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*Valerie L. A. Wallis...	*Treble*	Robert Palmer	5
Edna M. Sills	2	John L. F. Upton ...	6
Lewis Newman	3	Reginald L. Sills ...	7
Luther Honess	4	Frank P. Wright ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Frank P. Wright.
* First of Major. First of Major as conductor. Tenor 12 cwt.

MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

*Fred Buckley	*Treble*	Fred Mellor	5
†Vernon Sykes	2	Ivan Kay	6
Gerald Dare	3	Fred Dunkerley	7
Harold Armstrong ...	4	Selwyn H. Dearden ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wild. Conducted by Fred Dunkerley.
* First peal in method. † First peal in method 'inside.'

BUCKLAND, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation.

Albert Diserens	...*Treble*	Noel J. Diserens ...	5
Margaret L. Tutt ...	2	Fredk. A. H. Wilkins	6
*Audrey B. Diserens ...	3	†William Judge	7
Herbert H. Alexander	4	Walter F. Judge ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Margaret L. Tutt.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge on an 'inside bell. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*Brian Bladon	*Treble*	*William A. Godwin ...	5
†Miss E. Lloyd Roberts	2	Ronald N. Marlow ...	6
William A. T. Carter	3	*Peter Anger	7
William A. Theobald...	4	Frank L. Harris ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor. Tenor 8 cwt.

COLEORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Mrs. Kathleen Jones	*Treble*	Tom J. Marriott	5
*Peter Marriott (13) ...	2	Joseph Wm. Cotton ...	6
*Arthur J. Marriott ...	3	Sidney H. Jones	7
Ernest W. Beadsmoore	4	William Minor	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Sidney H. Jones.
* First peal of Triples. First in the method by all the band.

MALPAS, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF SINGLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

George F. Sperring ...	*Treble*	Henry O. Baker	5
John W. Best	2	John W. Griffiths ...	6
*Edwin J. Lindley ...	3	Harry Pye	7
Frederick H. Birks ...	4	Percy Swindley	*Tenor*

Arranged by J. W. Griffiths. Conducted by Percy Swindley.
* 100th peal. First peal of Major in the method by all.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Sylvia R. E. Pipe	...*Treble*	George A. Fleming ...	5
William J. Button ...	2	Frank L. Fisher	6
George W. Pipe	3	Charles E. Fisher ...	7
Willoughby E. Maulden	4	Harry Hall	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank L. Fisher.
First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to Charles E. Fisher.

IRCHESTER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Katharine,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*John Chambers	*Treble*	John King	5
William J. Whitmore...	2	Ernest E. Whitmore ...	6
†Bryan Lewis	3	Ronald C. Noon	7
*William Wilby	4	Charles Underwood ...	*Tenor*

Composed by S. Biddleston (C.C.C., No. 59).
Conducted by Ernest E. Whitmore.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. A birthday compliment to the 6th ringer.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in F.

*Sam Scattergood	...*Treble*	Cyril Wright	5
Herbert O. Chaddock	2	*Arthur B. Cooper ...	6
Stanley Slaney	3	†Joseph Saxton	7
Gordon C. Briggs ...	4	John E. Turley ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. B. Carpenter. Conducted by Gordon C. Briggs.
* First peal in method. † First in the method 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Walter Allwood and Jeffrey Saxton.

BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Barnabas,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

*Frank T. Parry	...*Treble*	*Ernest T. Carvell ...	5
*Charles B. Pemberton	2	*Alexander J. Martin...	6
†Robert S. F. P. Harris	3	*§Joseph Goddard ...	7
‡A. Trevor Sutton ...	4	William Dean ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Alex. J. Martin.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Major. § 50th peal. A welcome home to the Rector, Rev. W. J. Allen Price, and Mrs. Price, married at Bromborough on February 12th. Also a 74th birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph Goddard.

BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

*David Martin	*Treble*	‡Denis N. Layton ...	5
†Janet Mattinson ...	2	§Philip M. J. Gray ...	6
*Helen V. Gardner ...	3	Geoffrey Dodds	7
Joan Houldsworth ...	4	James C. E. Simpson ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by James C. E. Simpson.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' ‡ First peal in the method. § First peal of Cambridge Major.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 13 cwt.

Sydney Flint	*Treble*	Ronald Kenrick	5
*Margaret E. Ridyard	2	Thomas Hammond	6
Thomas S. Horridge...	3	William H. Deacon ...	7
George Skelland ...	4	Joseph Ridyard	*Tenor*

Composed by Edward F. Gobey. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal of Spliced on an 'inside' bell.

RICHMOND, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).			
Ernest Burnett ...	...*Treble*	*Betty E. Strutt	5
George F. Newton ...	2	W. Norman Park ...	6
Dennis R. Airey	3	Thomas Cooke	7
Doris M. Killingley ...	4	Thomas Hill ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas Cooke.
* First peal in the method.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Miss K. Burchnall.	...*Treble*	*Frederick Flint	5
Miss G. Burchnall ...	2	*Arnold Hill	6
Harold Denman	3	Arthur J. Chamberlain	7
George E. Foster ...	4	*Herbert T. Rooke ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. E. A. Midwinter. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Albert E. Laker ...	...*Treble*	Reginald K. Johnson ...	5
*Eric H. Knapp	2	William T. Beeson ...	6
C. Ernest Smith ...	3	Raymond Overy	7
Kenneth Snelling ...	4	Oliver Sippetts ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Oliver Sippetts.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 9 cwt. 10 lb.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

A PEAL OF KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*Bernard O. Mann	...*Treble*	George Dobbs	5
*Colin P. Bradford ...	2	*W. Arthur Crowder...	6
G. Leslie A. Lunn ...	3	George W. Moody ...	7
Fred Jeffrey	4	George E. Feirn ...	*Tenor*

Composed by E. Timbrell. Conducted by George E. Feirn.
* First peal in two Major methods.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Arthur Fowkes	...*Treble*	*Philip L. Parrott ...	5
*Girling Rigby	2	J. Frederick Milner ...	6
Thomas W. Wheat ...	3	Charles Carr	7
*Henry Rogers	4	†William Midwinter ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Frederick Milner.
* First peal in method. † First peal on eight bells.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Ronald Squires	...*Treble*	Harry Wild	5
Patricia E. M. Barton	2	Vernon Bottomley ...	6
*Clifford Ellison ...	3	William Ambler	7
William Barton ...	4	Sam Longbottom ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by William Ambler.
* First peal of Surprise. 100th peal on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Ambler, the wife of the conductor. Tenor 14½ cwt.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Richard G. Blackman...	*Treble*	*Henry C. Weaver ...	5
†Ernest Treagus	2	Brian D. Price	6
Raymond P. Wood ...	3	Harold F. Wood ...	7
R. Congreve-Pridgeon	4	Leonard Stilwell ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leonard Stilwell.
* First Surprise peal. † First Surprise peal 'inside.'

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

*Joan E. May	...*Treble*	Peter J. Eves	4
†Hermon J. Oliver ...	2	†William S. May	5
Frank B. Lufkin ...	3	*Eric Everett ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted half and half by F. B. Lufkin and P. J. Eves.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

OVERBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 14, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Faith,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B.
Tenor 9 cwt.

Robert Freeman ...	...*Treble*	James Attwood	4
John Thomas	2	Francis Miles	5
Trevor E. Newbury ...	3	Oliver Attwood ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by John Thomas.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 16, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary, Rodbourne Cheney,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

J. Charles Smith...	...*Treble*	Beryl J. Strange ...	4
Bernice M. Strange ...	2	John E. Manners ...	5
Thomas I. Holborow ...	3	W. Bertram Kynaston...	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Bertram Kynaston.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Bounds, sexton.

CRANFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 17, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Ernest E. Whitmore...	*Treble*	*John E. Skerritt ...	4
Bernard J. Saddington	2	Geoffrey E. Watson ...	5
*Brian S. Cope	3	*Patrick I. Chapman ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey E. Watson.
* First peal in seven methods. The ringer of the 2nd has now twice circled this, his native tower. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

SULGRAVE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Benig seven dfferent extents. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

*Cecil Hinton ...	...*Treble*	*Ernest Lines	4
William J. Chester ...	2	Herbert A. Alexander	5
*Montague Saunders ...	3	*William Yates ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by William Yates.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Minor on the bells.

SNODLAND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Margaret Baker	*Treble*	Frank P. Wright ...	4
Edna M. Sills	2	†Alfred Chapman ...	5
†Valerie L. A. Wallis	3	*Daniel G. Saul ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank P. Wright.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Court and Kent T.B., two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Leonard Woolard	...*Treble*	*Alan S. Pipe	4
Alderman Ling	2	James Smy	5
Arthur Smith	3	Harry Hall	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Alderman Ling.
* First peal.

More peals on page 121.

BOURNEMOUTH. — On Feb. 7th at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Booth 1, F. Price 2, Doreen Wiggins 3, B. Rogers 4, Rev. J. Coutts 5, H. Atkins 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, J. Coles 8. First quarter by 1, 3 and 5.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 27th, at St. Nicholas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Baddley (first quarter) 1, F. Bennett 2, A. Humphrey 3, G. Church 4, J. Whitehead 5, G. Ades 6, H. Stalham (cond.) 7, F. Pullen 8.

BROCKENHURST, HANTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Purkess 1, J. Hull 2, E. F. Gilbert (first in method as cond.) 3, J. H. Gilbert 4, J. Purkess 5, G. Parker 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Pamela Woolley 1, P. Jones 2, F. J. Bailey, jun. 3, H. Cassel 4, L. I Hubert 5, T. Yeomans 6, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 7, I. Davies 8. First of Stedman 5 and 8. A farewell to the conductor.

DUFFIELD, DERBYS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Barratt 1, S. Dawson 2, Miss E. Foulk 3, A. Williams 4, F. W. Stone 5, H. Letts 6, G. Warrington (cond.) 7, A. Butler 8.

HACKNEY, LONDON.—On Feb. 27th, at St. John's, 1,248 Superlative Surprise Major: E. J. Rowe 1, A. W. Appleton 2, C. E. Wilmington 3, W. H. Hewett (cond.) 4, T. H. Francis 5, J. Phillips 6, R. F. Deal 7, J. Prior 8 First quarter in method by 2 and 3.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX. — At Christ Church, Blacklands, on Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Downing (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Cowlin 2, E. G. Tonkin 3, W. H. Joiner 4, J. E. Pennells 5, J. Downing (cond.) 6, F. H. Hicks 7, J. Piper (first on eight bells) 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Feb. 20th, on the Minor Eight, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Joyce Edgington (first quarter) 1. F. Hayes 2, E. Markham 3, W. H. Plumridge 4, Miss Doreen Coker 5, Miss Sylvia Coker (first quarter as cond.) 6, R. Coles 7, A. L. James 8.

QUARTER PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Feb. 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Dodds 1, Sheila E. Harris 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Mrs. K. Parr 4, S. Croft 5, N. Hollingworth 6, D. J. Charnley (first of Cambridge) 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8. First of Surprise 1, 2 and 4.

KEYMER, SUSSEX. — On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Backshall 1, W. Small 2, J. Feist 3, A. Backshall 4, P. Romney (cond.) 5, R. Cragg 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss S. Backshall.

KING'S SUTTON, OXON. — On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Wyatt 1, A. Adams 2, E. A. Wyatt 3, H. G. Lawn 4, J. W. Barber (cond.) 5, J. S. McGinlay 6. First quarter 1 and 2. A compliment to N. Wyatt on his engagement.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS. — On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and Grandsire): A. W. Gibbons 1, Mrs. W. Vann 2, W. Vann 3, C. Underwood 4, R. W. Gibbons (first quarter as cond.) 5, J. Haycock 6. A first birthday compliment to the conductor's daughter.

OLDHAM, LANCS.—On Feb. 21st, at St. Mark's, Glodwick, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Seville (13) 1, A. F. Taylor (cond.) 2, J. W. Eyre (16) 3, Miss Marjorie Fielding 4, L. Eyre 5, P. A. Wells (16) 6, F. Pritchard 7, E. Casterton 8. First quarter of Triples by all except the conductor.

SWINDON.—At Christ Church on Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Wilton 1. B. Bladon 2. Miss B. Roberts 3, A. Tickner (first 'inside') 4, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 5, W. W. Danniell 6. In memoriam Dennis Looker.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKS. — On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Smith 1, D. Nock 2, G. W. Anker 3, H. Dickens, sen. 4, H. Dickens, jun. 5, N. Eaton 6, W. G. Anker (cond.) 7, E. Thompson 8. Rung on back six. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

SWINDON.—At St. Mark's Church on Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Daniell 1, Miss Richards 2, W. Trueman 3, W. Carter 4, J. Manners 5, W. Kynaston 6, G. Wells 7, C. Hathaway 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Minchin 1, P. Minchin 2, C. Cavalot 3, J. Woodruff 4, W. Carter 5, J. Paister 6. In memoriam for Dennis Looker.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: J. S. Eastwood (cond.) 1, A. Elsmore 2, H. T. Higgins 3, E. T. Smith 4, G. W. Hughes 5, A. T. Dutton 6, H. E. Green 7, A. M. Pickering 8, H. Howell 9, A. V. Pearson 10. A birthday compliment to the Vicar of Walsall and the conductor.

WHAPLODE, LINCS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss D. Lawson (first in method) 1, D. R. Whitton (first quarter) 2, Miss Gwen Robinson 3, M. Bennett 4, C. H. Whitton 5, S. E Bennett (cond.) 6.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS. — On Feb. 13th, 1,248 Yorkshire Surprise Major: H. Ridgeway 1, T. E. Roberts 2, R. Howson 3, W. Yates 4, G. W. Holland 5, F. C. Case 6, J. A. Green 7, A. J. Green (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method on the bells and by all the band.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's on Feb. 24th, 1,248 Bristol Surprise Major: T. H. Francis 1, T. E. Davies 2, A. J. House 3, L. H. Bowler 4, A. Cutler 5, T. J. Lock 6, C. E. Jeffries 7, C. W. Roberts (cond.) 8. First in method for 2 and 7. Also 1,280 Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative by the same band, which was the first of spliced by C. E. Jeffries.

WINGHAM, KENT. — On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Newing (first of Triples) 1, W. Botrill 2, A. Gambrill 3, W. Terry 4, D. J. Ogilvie 5, W. Goldup 6, J. Wells (cond.) 7, J. Kemp 8.

YORKTOWN, SURREY. — On Feb 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Everitt 1, R. A. C. Bath 2, F. Marchant (cond.) 3, J. Parker 4, H. Noakes 5, E. Hunt 6. To mark the 80th birthday and retirement from Post Office of Mr. F. J. Farris, the oldest member of the band. **More quarters on back page.**

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BELFRY GOSSIP

No. 3 Version of London Royal, recorded in our peal columns this week, was composed by Mr. George Baker. A correspondent writes: 'The first version of London Royal was rung in 1926 and included in the Central Council's reports for that year.'

Mr. A. J. Brown has 'completed the circle' at Bowdon, Cheshire.

Mr. James George is now out of hospital and has returned to 118, Rossmore Road, Parkstone, Dorset.

Ringing in Salisbury looks brighter in the future. A contract for a conversion into eight bells for St. Paul's Church has been placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Mr. Edwin J. Lindley, of Epsom, who is at present stationed in Cheshire, scored his 100th peal at Malpas. He has rung 50 each on tower and handbells.

The peal at Rotherfield on February 22nd was originally intended as a birthday compliment to Mr. John A. Turley and was attempted on November 27th, 1948. It was lost nearly half-way through owing to a shift course.

Previous to restoration of the bells at Beoley, Worcs., in the spring of 1948, the tower possessed a 'stoney' band. Since then younger elements have joined the company and by visits to other towers have made themselves sufficiently proficient to score their first peal.

On ringing Cambridge Surprise Minor at Desford, Mr. Sidney O. Cheney has joined the select band of those who have rung Cambridge Surprise Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus. Mr. Alfred Ballard accomplished this at Leicester on February 20th, others qualifying for this exclusive fraternity on tower and handbells in the Leicester Guild being Miss Jill Poole, Messrs. Harold J. Poole and Peter J. Staniforth.

The lovely ten at Dalton-in-Furness were rung to a peal of Grandsire Caters on the last Saturday in February to celebrate the jubilee of service of their conductor, Mr. Thomas Metcalf. His well-wishers and friends in the North-West region gathered together to make up the band. Service of 50 years in one tower is worthy of commendation, and the occasion was one for both a peal and a dinner afterwards.

Mr. George L. Roden has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

The employes of Rolls Royce have rung their first peal at Alvaston. The same team hope to ring peals in higher methods than Plain Bob Minor.

The peal at Steyning, Sussex, on February 26th, is claimed as a first Surprise peal by a resident Western Division band of the Sussex Association.

After having rung 49 peals of Kent Treble Bob Major, Mr. Joseph Goddard decided to break new ground. His 50th peal at Bromborough, Cheshire, which was a 74th birthday compliment to him, was of Plain Bob Major.

A reunion peal to mark the return from the Forces of Messrs. H. J. Hunt, R. J. Harding, D. E. Lee and L. E. Hitchins was rung at North Bradley, Wilts, on February 26th. This band is now at full strength again.

Mr. Charles Littlewood, whose 86th birthday was honoured by a peal, is believed to be the oldest ringer in Leicestershire. He is the only surviving foundation member of the Goscote Society of Church Bellringers and was present at the first meeting at Syston in May, 1882. Mr. Littlewood rang 120 Grandsire before the peal started and afterwards entertained the ringers to tea.

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'HENRY JOHNSON' COMMEMORATION DINNER

Record Attendance Honours Second 20-Year Secretary ..... St. Martin's Guild Report Flourishing Year

CENTRAL figure at the 'Henry Johnson' Commemoration Dinner at Birmingham on Mar. 5th was Mr. T. H. Reeves, who presided. This year he retired after 20 years of faithful service as secretary of St. Martin's Guild, and there was a record attendance of 246 present from all parts of the country to pay tribute to his selfless work for the promotion of ringing. A cheque was presented to him during the evening, Mr. Albert Walker, the retiring Master, being chosen to hand over the gift with the love and affection of the Guild.

Organisation of the event fell upon the shoulders of Mr. George E. Fearn, the new secretary. To seat the company two dining halls were necessary, and there were about another 100 ringers who applied too late for tickets. The presence of the B.B.C. recording apparatus was another new feature. Birmingham ringers were unsparing in their efforts for the welfare and enjoyment of their guests; the week-end fully maintained past traditions —even to the snow that fell during the day.

The secretary read apologies from the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Canon C. Guy Rogers, Mr. Yates, the Rev. Bryan S. Green, Canon S. Blofeld, Messrs. F. B. Yates, J. H. Shepherd, Herbert Spencer, George R. Newton and C. Price.

The toast of 'Church and State' was honoured on the call of Mr. John Freeman. He said he supposed that the Church and State were the two institutions that were likely to have most influence upon them. No one would deny the power of the State in the time of national emergency when the individual and his resources were at the disposal of the community, but many would question whether it was right that such resources in these days should be placed so unreservedly for the common weal. He disagreed with those who said that the Church had no influence. They had evidence in Eastern Europe of the concern of the State for the influence of the Church.

The Archdeacon of Birmingham, in reply, said the relationship of Church and State was debated recently in the Church Assembly. The Church of England was anxious for certain privileges which many thought were important to its life, but they were all concerned that any difference between the Church and State would be disastrous. It would mean a repudiation of religion by the State and they had seen something of the results of such a policy in other countries.

In a word of thanks to ringers for their services to the Church, the Archdeacon said they represented something to the outside world that their human voice could not do; when they rang Sunday by Sunday they reached the hearts of a great many people who never darken the doors of the Church and reminded them that men and women were praying for them and there was a God in heaven.

HENRY JOHNSON'S LIFE.

The toast of the memory of the late Henry Johnson was submitted from the chair. Mr. Reeves said that until a few years ago this toast was always entrusted to someone who knew Henry Johnson well and they had with them that night two who knew him. He supposed that the only person knew Johnson well was Tom Miller, who was now in his 92nd year. His father was a personal friend of Henry Johnson and rang several peals with him.

Henry Johnson was born at Lichfield on February 28th, 1809, and moved to Birmingham in his early boyhood to settle in the Aston district. He started work in his father's business, but later he was employed by a firm of



MR. T. H. REEVES.

timber merchants and in the course of time became general manager. He received his first instruction in ringing from the sexton of Aston Church, a man named R. Roberts, who was only a rounds ringer. Later he became acquainted with Joshua Short, a well-known character.

In 1830, Henry Johnson rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples at Aston, conducted by Thomas Day. In February, 1832, he conducted a muffled peal in memory of his old friend, Joshua Short. The next incident was one that influenced him very much in his study of composition and proof scale. On October 1st, 1841, when he conducted his first peal of Stedman Caters at Aston, he had previously submitted the figures to Thurstans, who said it was quite a good peal and true. It later turned out to be false. He immediately set out to master the principles of proof, and it was recognised that as far as standard methods were concerned he could tell at a glance whether a peal was true or false.

In 1844 he became the recognised leader of St. Martin's Youths, and his reputation extended throughout the country. He composed peals in all the recognised methods of that time. His last peal was rung in 1887—Stedman Caters at Aston.

At a dinner in honour of his 77th birthday he was presented with his portrait and an illuminated address subscribed to by the ringers of England. The great event, however, was on his 80th birthday, when invitations were sent out by Sir Arthur Heywood to a banquet in honour of the old man. Henry Johnson died on January 7th, 1890, and was buried at Aston. The headstone in Aston Churchyard that marks his resting place was subscribed by the ringers of England. Birmingham had produced many great ringers, but Henry Johnson was the most famous of the lot.

REMEMBERED HENRY JOHNSON.

Two ringers who remembered Henry Johnson were asked to stand and received an ovation from the assembly. They were Messrs. Charles Williams and George Mitchison.

Mr. Albert Walker, as retiring Master, proposed 'Continued prosperity to St. Martin's Guild,' and extended a very hearty welcome to the guests. Reviewing the past year, he said fortunately they had had only one loss by death, and that was a serious loss, in Mr. George F. Swann. He need not tell them his capabilities as a ringer and conductor. He was one of the smartest conductors he had met, and only a fortnight before his death he took part in a non-conducted peal of Stedman Cinques.

They had had a very successful year. Practices had been well attended and Sunday ringing in the city was regular. Another feature was their lectures; two or three of their younger members had given lectures with excellent results. As a result of Mr. George Fearn's lecture at Tamworth-in-Arden, the bells there were being made into a ring of eight.

At Yardley the ring of six was to be recast into a new ring of eight. At the Cathedral two additional trebles were added through the generosity of Mr. Frank B. Yates, and they were now a splendid 12.

During the year 80 peals were rung, but Mr. George Fearn was not satisfied; he rang another 28 on top of that! Three of their peals were outstanding. One was the non-conducted peal of Stedman Cinques, another was Lincolnshire Surprise Maximus at Walsall, rung without any previous practice, and the last the peal of Rutland Surprise Royal.

Another feature of the year was that they had changed their officers and they were loath to change. Mr. Reeves had given up the secretaryship and had been succeeded by Mr. George E. Fearn, who had been sentenced to 20 years' service straight away. Mr. Edgar Shepherd was the new Ringing Master in place of Mr. Fearn. He was a talented composer and conductor. Mr. J. F. Harvey had been appointed librarian in place of the late Mr. Swann.

Mr. George E. Fearn, who replied, expressed his pleasure at the splice of the two new trebles at the Cathedral. 'I am perfectly satisfied,' he said, 'and if I am satisfied it is a good job.' They all regretted that Mr. Yates was unable to be present through illness.

'PRINCE AMONG SECRETARIES.'

Mr. Walker then made a presentation to Mr. Reeves. In his long experience of the Guild they had had only three secretaries. The first was Mr. W. H. Godden, who resigned 40 years ago. In January, 1909, his friend, Mr. Paddon Smith, was elected secretary, and for 20 years he carried out his duties with the greatest efficiency. Mr. Reeves was appointed his successor, and the St. Martin's Guild never did a better job of work when they appointed Mr. Reeves. He was a prince among secretaries—one any Guild might be proud of.

Cclr. A. Paddon Smith fully endorsed Mr. Walker's appreciation of Mr. Reeves' services and recalled their boyhood days when they cycled into St. Martin's for practices.

Making the presentation of the cheque, Mr. Walker said: 'It is with the greatest pleasure I give you this cheque, which has been subscribed to by many friends of yours as a small token of their deep respect for you for the services you have done for the Guild. . . . We wish you well in your retirement; we wish you good health and good luck.'

Mr. Reeves' health was then drunk with musical honours.

Acknowledging the gift and good wishes, Mr. Reeves said he was overwhelmed with the words they had said regarding his services to their ancient Guild. He assured them it had been a labour of love because he had had the assistance of all the members in the work of the Guild. He must say that he felt very much easier than he did 20 years ago. He would buy with their generous present a gift his family would select and have placed on it a plaque recording that it was given to him by St. Martin's Guild for services rendered.

Mr. Frank E. Haynes proposed 'The Visitors' and said the growth of the dinner

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Henry Johnson Dinner

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was in many ways very gratifying to St. Martin's Guild. The growth of the number of people interested in change ringing had in a sense produced in him a state of alarm. He was alarmed because he would not be surprised to find, if the number of ringers and peals began to multiply, that it would not be long before somebody brought in a private member's Bill for the abolition of bellringing, which with a certain section of the community would be welcome.

There were ringers there from all over the country. They came because they were ringers and interested in ringing.

Miss Marie Cross and Mr. Donald Mears, of Hitchin, responded. Mr. Mears referred to the help and friendliness he received from Birmingham ringers during the war.

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd proposed 'The Ringing World' and thanked the committee and the Editor for their work. In a tribute to Mr. Trollope, he said he was the greatest authority on method construction they had ever known.

Mr. T. W. White, in reply, mentioned that three weeks ago he announced that they were in a position to take 300 more subscribers. Already 100 of that number had come forward. At the end of the next four monthly period it was possible that paper would be sufficient for a 16-page issue weekly, but the cost of production would not meet the existing revenue. Methods of finding additional revenue would have to be explored, and it seemed to him that if it was the wish of the Exercise for a larger paper, then there would have to be an increase in price to 4d.

The concluding toast, 'The Chairman,' was honoured on the call of Mr. Walker.

The entertainment included songs by Mr. C. J. Hemming, duets by Miss B. Marshall and Mr. W. C. Dowding, and handbells tunes by Mr. E. Mansell's band. A course of Stedman Cinques was rung by members of St. Martin's Guild: E. C. Shepherd 1-2, F. W. Perrens 3-4, Albert Walker 5-6, F. E. Pervin 7-8, F. E. Haynes 9-10, G. E. Fearn 11-12.

THE COMPANY.

Supporting Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Reeves were the Ven. S. Harvie Clark (Archdeacon of Birmingham) and Mrs. Harvie Clark, the Rev. F. F. G. Warman (Aston), the Rev. B. G. Hodgson (St. Chad's), Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Fearn, Mr. A. Walker, Cclr. A. Paddon Smith and the Rev. G. H. Codrington.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Rigg, Mr. and Mrs. C. Dale, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. D. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. K. S. B. Croft, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Oatway, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Turley, Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuiness, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. J. Pinfold, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dowding, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. A. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Freemantle, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ingram, Mr. and Mrs. K. W. and Miss Knowles, Mr. and Mrs. G. Darlington, Mr. and Mrs. F. Skidmore, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Hilliar, Mr. and Mrs. C. Harding, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perrens, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Deal, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Viggers, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Denyer, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Pervin, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilders, Mr. and Mrs. H. Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. W. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Collins.

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LETTERS

FIRST PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE AT WOOLWICH

Dear Sir,—On reading the account of the 100th anniversary of the first peal of Superlative at Woolwich, I was reminded of a story related to me some 15 years ago by the late Mr. Edwin F. Pike, a well-known London ringer. On October 11th, 1849, the band who rang the Superlative also accomplished the second peal of London ever rung, and both are, I think, recorded on the same board. Mr. Pike said that an old ringer had told him—it may have been the conductor, William Bannister, who survived well into this century—that two of the band, Samuel Teasel and George Cleveland, were soldiers garrisoned at Woolwich at the time, and that within a matter of days after the peal of London both had to leave with their regiment and were subsequently killed a few years later in the Crimean War.

I do not, of course, know whether this is just a legend, but as both men were College Youths, perhaps someone connected with that Society could throw more light on the matter. Certainly neither man appears to have taken part in subsequent peals at Woolwich, nor were any other local Surprise peals rung.

Crayford, Kent. E. A. BARNETT.

EXPANDING TENORS

Sir,—I must comment that Mr. Frank Warrington appears to be 'a don-hand' at increasing the weights of bells without recasting them. The tenor at Yaxley is given as 16 cwt. The last time these bells were rehung, in 1931, the tenor was stated to be 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb., a fact known to local ringers.

The tenor at St. Mary's, Peterborough, is 8 cwt. 3 lb., and has always been published in peal reports as 8 cwt. What good purpose can be served by Mr. Warrington adding another 2 cwt. to it unless he thinks the headstock, clapper, wheel and rope should be counted in as the weight of the bell? The founders, however, think differently.

I should be very much surprised if Eynesbury tenor is anything like 14 cwt. I put it nearer 9 cwt. when there at a meeting two years ago.

Northampton. P. AMOS.

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Mesdames Marshallsay, Richardson, H. J. Fitter, N. Davis, J. H. Jones, E. G. Fletcher.

The Misses M. R. Cross, Froggatt, J. Houldsworth, M. Reay, J. Pett, B. Millhouse, Addison, M. L. Tutt, L. Lloyd, B. Sutton, M. Barraclough, Thompson, Rhodes, B. Marshall, N. Price, E. Fletcher, R. Russell, T. J. Warner.

Messrs. W. A. Clark, W. F. Judge, F. A. H. Wilkins, W. T. Froggatt, P. Gray, W. Rogers, C. Dean, C. Williams, G. H. Williams, D. T. Matkin, W. G. Young, A. D. Cook, J. F. Harvey, T. Francis, J. H. Jones, O. Pearson, C. Rouse, P. Laflin, H. M. Howard, F. C. W. Stevenson, B. Newson, R. Davies and A. E. Laker, Capt. E. F. M. Samson and Messrs. D. C. Mears, L. Fidler, G. W. Cecil, T. G. Fox, W. Williams, J. Freeman, E. J. Lindley, F. E. Haynes, J. Scott, G. W. Critchley, J. S. Mason, H. H. Fearn, L. Tuffrey, H. J. Morris, E. T. Allaway, T. Hemming, C. Skidmore, J. Chilcott, D. G. Clift, H. Howell, H. T. Haslam, H. J. Turner, A. Morris, W. Scott, E. Drew, W. G. Chaplin, S. O'C. Holloway, A. Short, G. T. Mitchinson, P. L. Taylor, J. P. Fidler, A. A. Hughes, L. W. G. Morris, E. G. Fletcher, F. W. Rishworth, W. L. Whiston, J. Bass, A. D. Fellows, J. Coxill, C. W. Cooper, H. Harding, A. C. Simfield, B. F. Sims, R. J. Sharp H. Parker, H. J. Fitter, A. H. Fitter, L. Lloyd, R. Brain, E. J. Woodhall, W. Allman, J. Worth, J. Bibby, G. J. Hemming, A. E. Norman, S. G. Chaplin, G. J. Lewis, F. Hyde, P. K. Williamson, W. T. Elson, T. M. White, T. Russell, W. Leeson, W. E. Box, A. E. Hughes, T. E. Hughes, L. Mole, N. R. Summers, G. E. Large, A. S. Downes, H. Withers and T. W. White.

A Remedy?

Dear Sir,—There is another way of saving your space in addition to that mentioned by Mr. Cannon, and that is to refrain from publishing letters as pointless as his. We have, during the last nine or ten years, become accustomed to the rationing of most of our pleasures, but to suggest peal rationing seems to me quite ridiculous. Why 25 a year? Why not 10 or even one? How many unsuccessful attempts would be allow?

If Mr. Cannon had ever been attached to one tower for any length of time he would have realised that, on the whole, the more ringing that takes place in a tower the fewer the complaints. People become accustomed to *consistent* ringing, but an isolated peal at many towers provokes an absolute uproar. Perhaps Mr. Cannon can call to mind one such tower!

It is, of course, customary for ringers to criticise theoretical articles which they are unable to understand—and as far as the recent series on London Royal is concerned, Mr. Cannon has my sympathy—but he will probably admit that without such articles the Exercise would never have advanced far beyond the stage when the summit of a conductor's ambition was to call Holt's Original.

With regard to his suggestion that a vote be taken among *peal ringers only* before the style of peal reporting is changed, this is an insult to those readers who are not peal ringers, but have an equal right to express their views on matters concerning 'The Ringing World.'—

Burgess Hill. F. I. HAIRS.

SUGGESTED GEORGE WILLIAMS COMMEMORATION DINNER

Dear Sir, — At the committee meeting of Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild it was revealed that the date chosen for the South of England Ringers' Rally this year at Christchurch was the late Mr. George Williams' birthday—May 7th.

A proposal will be formally moved at the dinner for the function to be known from now on as the 'George Williams Commemoration Dinner,' and we shall have this Grand Old Man of Ringing very much in our minds this year.

We hope many of his friends will feel persuaded to attend this year's rally to pay further tribute to Mr. George Williams' life of service to the Exercise.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR V. DAVIS, Hon. Sec.

BROADCAST APPRECIATED

Dear Sir,—Having just heard to-night's programme on the B.B.C. Home Service (Wednesday, March 9th), 'In Britain Now,' I was very pleased to hear that one of the items was excerpts from the proceedings at the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner last Saturday. Such publicity is very good for the art—let us hope the B.B.C. will give us more publicity on occasions of this type.

May I congratulate those who took part in the Stedman Cinques on handbells. The striking was excellent and we heard the ringing for about two minutes to the end of the touch. The tune ringing, too, was very good and well recorded.

The announcer's technical data was quite accurate except that we were informed, to my surprise, that Stedman Cinques is rung with the tenor turned in!

Anyway, congratulations, Birmingham? —

Yours sincerely, PETER N. BOND.

56, Stanhope Gardens, S.W.7.

IDENTITY ESTABLISHED

Dear Sir,—I thank you for the publicity given to my letter of February 11th, headed 'Identity Wanted,' and also Mr. Preston for his reply on February 25th. Having given Mr. Sharpe the information he asked, he has identified the book as 'Campanalogia,' which was published in 1677. I also thank Mr. Sharpe for the trouble he has taken in this matter.

Charing, Kent. CHARLES F. GOOD.

FITZHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

HARRY COMMINS ...	*...Treble*	FRANK BRANCHFLOWER ...	4
*PAMELA WOOLLEY ...	2	CLAUDE TARR	5
HARRY PURCHASE ...	3	JACK R. WORRALL.... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal 'inside.'

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM A. WOOD ...	*Treble*	ERIC NAYLOR	4
*STANLEY V. RAYFIELD ...	2	FRANCIS J. CHEAL	5
GEORGE A. NAYLOR ...	3	TREVOR A. CROSS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
* First peal.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of College Single, Single Court, Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

MISS JEAN METHAM ...	*Treble*	KENNETH W. MAYER ...	4
CHARLES MCGUINESS ...	2	FREDERICK W. STOKES...	5
CHARLES F. BROWN ...	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR. 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 Single Court and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob, each different. Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS G. BURCHNALL ...	*Treble*	MISS K. BURCHNALL ...	4
*SYDNEY CARNELL	2	JOHN NEWBERT	5
*MISS JOSEPHINE SALT...	3	HAROLD DENMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.
* First in four methods.

WOOLAVINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*HEDLEY E. BEST ...	*Treble*	*CECIL T. CLARKE	3
RONALD D. SHORT ...	2	FREDERICK W. SWEET...	4
WILFRED R. KENT ...	*Tenor*		

Conducted by WILFRED R. KENT.
* First peal. First on five by all. First peal on the bells. A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. P. T. P. Barker.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

EDMUND J. WHITING ...	*Treble*	JOHN W. C. BLYTHE ...	4
DEREK SANDERSON ...	2	*FRANCIS H. NEWMAN...	5
R. FRANK BAKER	3	FRANK WARRINGTON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Feb. 20, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being six extents Spliced St. Dunstan's and Plain Bob, four Grandsire and St. Simon's, six St. Dunstan's and New Bob, eight Reverse Canterbury and St. Nicholas, eight Place and Accrington, ten St. Simon's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

CHARLES W. BLAKEY ...	*Treble*	STUART SMITH	3
DEREK WHITFORD	2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON...	4
ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

BURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 21, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

KENNETH HARTLEY ...	*Treble*	A. VICTOR WILLIAMS ...	4
MARY WALSHAW	2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	5
JOSEPH PORTER	3	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.
A 21st birthday compliment to Herbert Stanway of the local band.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 21, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

JOHN H. THOMAS ...	*Treble*	E. PETER ROCK	4
*JOHN F. BEDFORD ...	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
JOHN CLEMENTS	3	GEORGE CORBETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.
* First peal 'inside.'

ALVASTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

WILLIAM SIMPSON ...	*...Treble*	*R. WILLIAM GARNER ...	4
DENIS R. CARLISLE ...	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE ...	5
CHARLES WALKLATE ...	3	ALFRED MOULD	*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by ALFRED MOULD.

HANDBELL PEALS

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 17, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor size 11 in G.

A. ERNEST MCGRATH ...	1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ...	5-6
FREDERICK E. DUKES ...	3-4	WILLIAM H. PATTERSON ...	7-8

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.
First in the method by all 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 20, 1949, *in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

PETER J. STANIFORTH ...	1-2	*ALFRED BALLARD	3-4
HAROLD J. POOLE			5-6

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Surprise Minor on handbells.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 20, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	FRED PRICE	7-8
FRANCIS S. WILSON ...	9-10		

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN
A compliment to F. S. Wilson on his 74th birthday. Rung on the 50th anniversary of his first peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 21, 1949, *in 1 Hour and 34 Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG	1-2	MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4
DANIEL T. MATKIN (cond.)			5-6

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 21, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ALL SAINTS',
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
M. J. Morris' Variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	1-2	ERNEST MORRIS	5-6
*ALAN CATTELL	3-4	JOSIAH MORRIS	7-8

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First handbell peal.

5,039 Grandsire Caters

COMPOSED BY EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

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52364	S			S	
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235	—	—	—		
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253	—	—	—		
32564978	—		—	S	
532	—	—	—		
253	—	—	—		
52364879	—		—	—	
352	—	—	—		
235	—	—	—		
36524978		S	—	—	
65234	S				—
45263	S			S	
245	—	—	—		
524	—	—	—		
25463879	—		—	—	
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542	—	—	—		
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34562	S			S	
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453	—	—	—		
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63452	S				—
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342	—	—	—		
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First rung, tower bells, at Solihull, April 14th, 1945; first rung, handbells, at Bournemouth, December 20th, 1948, conducted by D. T. Matkin.

THE STAMPED ENVELOPE

Dear Sir,—Now is the time when secretaries of towers are beginning to make their arrangements for annual ringing tours and days. As an incumbent who often is asked for permission to ring on his bells during such an outing, may I suggest that those responsible for writing for permission should send a stamped addressed envelope with their request? Some do, many don't, but I'm sure *all* ought to, if only as a matter of courtesy.—Yours sincerely,

Southampton. K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

METHOD EXTENSION

The second instalment of Mr. W. Taylor's article on Method Extension is, owing to pressure on our space, held over until a subsequent issue.

Another 'Ten' for Lancashire

Saturday, March 5th, was another red letter day for Lancashire ringers. The Lancashire Association had fixed their committee meeting to coincide with the opening of the augmented ring at the Roman Catholic Cathedral Church of St. Peter, Lancaster.

When it became known that this fine ring of eight with its 25 cwt. tenor was to be augmented to 10, there was much speculation as to whether it would be a successful splice owing to the peculiar weight of the bells, but all doubts have been removed, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated on their work, for it was the unanimous opinion of all who attended that they are a grand ring of ten.

The Cathedral is situated on high ground overlooking the Lune Valley, with a background of trees. This enhances its beauty and enables the bells to be heard by the surrounding countryside.

Over 60 ringers attended, despite the very bad weather, and all were served with tea. In response to a vote of thanks for the tea and general arrangements, Mr. J. Woods extended a hearty welcome to all ringers who happen to be in the Lancaster and Morecambe district, on holiday, during the coming season.

P. C.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

WEST DORSET BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the branch brought about 30 members together at Bradpole on February 26th, with visitors from Queen Camel and Hartington Mandeville. The Rector (the Rev. B. N. Carver) was assisted at the service by the Master, the Rev. C. Carew Cox, and gave a plain-spoken address on a ringer's duty of worship.

Tea was enjoyed in the Forster Institute, fellowed by the business meeting with the Master in the chair, supported by the Rector, the Revs. C. F. Chase and O. C. Willmott, the hon. secretary (Mr. C. H. Lathey) and Messrs. H. D. W. Bishop and H. G. Keeley (Ringing Masters).

The next meeting was fixed for Hawkchurch and Thorncombe on July 6th and notice was given of the annual meeting of the Guild, to be held at Dorchester on May 21st. The following new members were elected: The Misses Vera Legg and A. Scott (Loders), Messrs. Jackson House and Geoffrey Deane (Powerstock).

Cordial thanks were expressed to the Rector for his welcome and address, to Mr. B. Elsworth, the branch organist; also to Miss Robinson, who, with the local ringers' wives and friends, had provided and served the ample tea.

Three courses of Grandsire Caters were rung on handbells by the Lyme Regis members, who also gave a demonstration of the 'rise and fall' and the 'whole pull and stand' on ten.

Methods rung ranged from call changes to the four standard methods, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major.

WEDDING

The wedding took place at Blo'Norton, Norfolk, Parish Church on Saturday, March 5th, between Mr. Eric G. Bennett, of Garboldisham, and Miss Violet M. Anness, of Blo-Norton. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. R. N. Hawthorn, and was fully choral. There was a large congregation present.

After the ceremony the bells were fired and a touch of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung by Kathleen Harrison (Diss) 1, A. G. Harrison (Diss) 2, C. J. More (Palgrave) 3, F. C. Roper (Winfarthing) 4, W. G. Saunders (New Buckenham) 5, W. A. Lock (Yaxley) 6.

Afterwards the ringers went to Garboldisham where the reception was held, and rang a peal of Minor on the bells of the Parish Church.

The bridegroom is one of the most popular and well-known members of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers. W. A. L.

OBITUARY

MR. E. W. MENDAY.

The death occurred in January of Mr. E. W. Menday, of Caversham, Reading, aged 83. He was associated with St. Peter's, Caversham, since boyhood when he sang in the choir. He joined the Oxford Diocesan Guild in 1884 and was elected to the Ancient Society of College Youths ten years later.

He was a member of the celebrated Caversham band, which included at different times Canon Coleridge, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Mr. Richard T. Hibbert, and rang many peals up to London Surprise in the 25 years before the 1914 war.

MRS. R. WHITE.

The 'March 4th' celebration at Appleton was this year marred by the death at 8 a.m. on the day of the meeting of Mrs. White, the wife of Mr. Richard White. Many ringers, from past presidents of the Central Council to the humblest beginner, have always received a homely welcome from Mr. and Mrs. White if they called at the house. She will be much missed for her unfailing hospitality to all ringers.

The funeral service was at Appleton, Berks, on March 9th. After the service 1,259 Grandsire Caters was rung by C. G. White 1, E. Drewitt 2, F. White 3, G. Bishop 4, F. Messenger 5, B. L. Brown 6, H. C. White 7, G. Holifield (cond.) 8, F. C. White 9, F. White 10. Friends will join us in an expression of deepest sympathy to the family.

PROGRESS IN CORNWALL

The 'Pydar Rovers,' an unattached band of ringers from various towers in the Deanery of Pydar, N. Cornwall, have succeeded in making history for the Truro Diocesan Guild. Under the instruction of Lt.-Comdr. R. G. Cross this roving band has frequently figured in the peal columns since June last. Twelve months ago only two or three of the band knew anything at all of method ringing, but progress has since been rapid, and most of the members now have several peals to their credit.

Ringing has been mostly confined to five and six-bell work, and the last peal at Crantock, on February 12th, one of Doubles in 15 methods, clearly reveals the extent of the band's progress, and is a striking tribute to the untiring efforts of their instructor. Practices are held at various towers, and often quite long journeys are involved, but in spite of rain and wind and long cycle rides, the band has managed to keep going.

One gratifying feature of its activity is the new sphere of interest that it has presented to round-ringers in the area, a number of whom are now taking the first steps towards change ringing. The band will welcome any offers of ringing assistance from those more experienced in the art who may be coming to this locality during the next summer, and Mr F. D. Teague, School House, St. Columb, Cwll., will be pleased to hear from prospective visitors and to arrange suitable ringing excursions.

CLEWER, BERKS. — On Feb. 26th, 1,440 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Henley 1, R. Purchase 2, D. Pearce 3, R. Posnett 4, J. Brooks 5, W. Butler (cond.) 6. First spliced quarter by all the band except the treble.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Trinles: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, Miss F. Clayton 3, C. C. Mayne 4, P. D. Beedie 5, J. R. Mayne 6, H. G. Hart (first as cond.) 7, H. D. Butler 8.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia McFarlane (first quarter, age 11) 1, W. Simmonds (cond.) 2, J. Gill 3, J. Brent 4, H. Colcombe 5, E. Colcombe 6, F. Dodson 7, D. Silver 8.

NOTICES

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WANTED.—One or two youths age 15 to 16 and young men age 20 to 21 willing to become bellhangers. Must be good mechanics with initiative. Ringers preferred but not essential. —Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Bell Foundry, Croydon. 4947

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of H. P. Raynor from April 1st will be c/o A. Berry, Esq., Lendy, P/O Marandellas, S. Rhodesia. 4948

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BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Ringing day in Somerset, April 21st. Old members and visitors welcome. Details from E. Mary Bliss, 4, Arlington Mansions, Bristol 8. 4945

PUBLICATIONS

The reprint of 'THE COLLECTION OF DOUBLES AND MINOR METHODS" will be welcomed by many who have shown interest in the recently published four-way Table of Minor Methods. This table is for use with the collection, which can now be obtained from the Librarian (3s. 3d. post free), Osmington School, Tring, Herts.

'CHANGE RINGING ON HANDBELLS.' —The first official book on this subject. Price 2s. post free, from Hon. Librarian, Central Council, W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School. Tring, Hertfordshire.

'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

No better pen picture of early ringing societies has been published than J. Armiger Trollope's 'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' illustrated, 2s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

MEETINGS

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, St. Giles', Camberwell, Saturday, March 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mr. B. H. Woolley, 8, Grove Road, Camberwell, S.E.—C. de Ste. C. Parks, Hon. Sec. 4893

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Christchurch Branch. — Quarterly meeting TRANSFERRED to CHRISTCHURCH instead of at Lyndhurst on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m.—A. V. Davis. 4925

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch. — Quarterly meeting at North Curry (8), Saturday, March 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea early.—A. H. Reed. George Street, Taunton. 4901

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.— Meeting, Salehurst, March 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. Gorringe, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 4900

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — South and West District.—St. Paul's, Hounslow (two minutes Hounslow West, Piccadilly Line), on Saturday, March 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Short business 5. Tea nearby cafes.—F. A. Finch, Sec. 4906

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Wortley, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring your own sandwiches. —John J. L. Gilbert. 4913

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District — Meeting at Hawley (8) on Saturday, March [illegible]. Dedication of bells after complete overhaul and rehanging. Service at 3. Tea at 5. Ringing after service. Social in evening. Church is 5 mins. from Blackwater Station. Good train and bus service.—G. S. Joyce, District Sec. 4903

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, Saturday, March 19th, 4.30 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 4910

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Eastrington, March 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5. Notify J. P. Powls, Rose Neath, Eastrington. 4916

BREDFIELD, WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK. —Dedication of two trebles and recast bells by Gillett and Johnston, Sunday, March 20th, 6.30 p.m. Ringers attending, please notify Rev. H. W. S. Cotton, Bredfield Rectory, Woodbridge. 4906

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rededication of augmented ring of six bells at Butler's Marston, near Kineton, Warwickshire, will take place on Monday, March 21st, at 6.30 p.m., by the Very Rev. the Dean of Christ Church, Oxford. All ringers cordially invited to attend. 4933

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION and CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Chester Branch).—Combined meeting, Saturday, March 26th, Wrexham Parish Church. Bells (10) available 2.45. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30, Phillips Cafe (2s. 6d. per head). Please notify W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham, by March 22nd. 4919

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.— Rededication of bells at Thaxted Church, Saturday, March 26th. Preacher, the Bishop of Colchester. A cordial invitation is extended to all bellringers. Will those wishing to ring please apply to A. C. Kent, c/o The Vicarage, Thaxted, Essex, by Mar. 7th, stating the number of ringers and the approximate time of arrival. It is hoped that ringing will commence at 10 a.m. Times of buses and trains on application. Tea tickets (1s. 3d. each) on application not later than Mar. 20th.—A. C. Kent. 4817

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The eighth annual supper and social of the South and West District at the Catholic Hall, Heston, on Saturday, March 26th, at 5.30. Tickets (9s. 6d.) available from tower secretaries or from F. A. Finch, 14, Lancaster Gardens, Ealing, W.13. All applications by Tuesday, March 22nd. 4909

GRUNDISBURGH.—Dedication of two new trebles and retuned eight bells in new frame and fittings, March 26th, at 3 p.m. Subscribers and helpers specially invited to service and tea. All ringers welcome. Bus 210a will leave Old Cattle Market, Ipswich, 2.20 p.m. Those requiring tea and bus must notify Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 4904

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Mangotsfield (8), March 26th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48. Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 4924

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Quarterly meeting. Chalford (6 steel), March 26th, 3.30. Names for tea by March 22nd Mr. S. T. Price, Bridge Cottage, High Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 4923

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —East Hoathly (6), March 26th. Bells 2.30. No teas available.—F. H. Hicks, Ass. Sec. 4943

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual nomination meeting at Armley on March 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Members bring own food, cups of tea provided. Business meeting in tower 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 4937

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Southill, March 26th. Induction service 3 p.m. Ringing from 2.30 and after service.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 4946

THANINGTON, CANTERBURY.—The ring of five bells, recently augmented, available to all ringers on Saturday, March 26th, from 6 p.m. Note the date, only information.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4931

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. John's, Farnworth, on Saturday, March 26th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. Hot tea provided free. Names to J. Thornley, 50, Carlton Street, Farnworth, near Bolton.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 4928

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—Quarterly at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (8) open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Atlantic Cafe.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 4944

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District. — Monthly meeting, Duffield, Saturday, March 26th. Bells (10) 2.30. Bring food, cups of tea provided.—J. F. Wilkinson. 4927

ST. PAUL'S, SALISBURY.—Dedication service for two treble bells will take place on Saturday, March 26th, at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends are welcome. 4929

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, March 26th, Chalfont St. Giles 3, St. Peter's 6.15. Names for tea Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 4930

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District. — Meeting at Husborne Crawley (8 bells), Saturday, March 26th, 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock. — Fred Plummer, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard. 4932

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Hemingford Grey, Saturday, March 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea, Grey Hall Hotel, 4.15. Service 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 4938

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, March 26th, Morton (6). Tea 5 p.m. Names to G. Holdgate, 6, Sitwell Villas, Morton, Derby. 4940

HALIFAX DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting and contest at New Mill, Saturday, April 2nd. For teas notify N. Tinker, Eastfield, Mearhouse, New Mill, Huddersfield, by March 26th.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 4922

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—Meeting at Great Addington, Saturday, April 2nd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by March 26th, please.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 4926

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Revival of annual dinner at Fleece Hotel, Cheltenham, Saturday, April 2nd, at 7 p.m. Tickets 7s. 6d. Bells available, Prestbury (8) 2.30, Cheltenham (12) 4.30.—Charles Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Glos. 4939

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Stanford-le-Hope, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 30th.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 4936

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.— Meeting, Aston, April 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Aston Tavern, 5 p.m. Notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 4941

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting, Goudhurst (8), April 2nd, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, near Tonbridge, Kent, not later than March 31st. 4942

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary. Annual general meeting, St. Neots, Easter Monday. Details later. — W. W. Cousins, Gen. Sec. 4935

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Maidstone, Easter Monday. See 'R.W.,' April 1st, for full particulars. Names for lunch (about 3s. 6d.) by April 6th.—G. H. Spice, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne. 4935

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QUARTER PEALS

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX. — On Feb. 27th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. E. Wright 1, Miss D. Fleetwood 2, A. W. Beard 3, S. Meadows (first away from treble) 4, D. W. Beard (first as cond.) 5, J. Carrott 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant 8.

LONDON.—On Feb. 27th, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Charge 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, R. W. Green 3, F. A. Barker 4, R. H. Begrie 5, G. A. Parsons (first as cond.) 6, G. Charge 7, J. Clifford 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

LONDONDERRY, N. IRELAND. — At the Cathedral Church of St. Columb on Feb. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob and 720 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure): Lily Hughes 1, W. Young (first away from tenor) 2, T. R. Hampton (cond.) 3, H. McIntyre 4, J. Campbell 5, J. Fielding 6.

LYME REGIS, DORSET. — On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Erin Triples: S. H. Green 1, R. Keeley 2, G. S. Morris 3, H. G. Keeley 4, Rev. C. C. Cox 5, G. H. Whitemore 6, C. W. Powell (cond.) 7, E. C. Tett 8. First in the method by all except 1 and 3. First in the method on the bells and by a local band in Dorset.

NORTON-SUB-HAMDON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Murchington (first away from tenor) 1, A. T. Osborne 2, T. Osborne 3, A. Gillman (first 'inside') 4, J. W. Drew (cond.) 5, T. Sweet (first quarter) 6. To celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mrs. W. Allen, daughter of Mr. A. T. Osborne.

PAULTON, SOMERSET. — On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Chivers 1, G. Clare 2, F. Savage (cond.) 3, P. Short 4, F. Ashman 5, V. Savage 6. First quarter for 1 and 4.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Feb. 27th, at St. Peter's, 1,251 Stedman Caters: C. F. Sayer (first of Stedman Caters) 1, H. V. Frost (cond.) 2, W. J. Southam (first of Stedman Caters) 3, A. Dale 4, Miss A. Bailey 5, H. G. Mason 6, T. J. Southam 7, B. C. Johnson 8, R. W. Darvill 9, F. J. Spicer 10.

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'BARTON BELLS'

THERE have been many histories written of church bells, but few have so captured the spirit of the people as the work of Mr. W. O. Varah concerning the two rings of bells at St. Peter's and St. Mary's, Barton-upon-Humber. His book has three appeals. To local people it is a human document giving a straightforward account in non-technical language of the place of the bells in daily life extended over the centuries; to the antiquarian there is embodied in the volume much research into churchwardens' accounts and other sources, together with valuable connecting data which could only be supplied by practical knowledge of ringing; and finally to ringers themselves it is a story of past endeavour and love of bells and also a practical method of contributing towards the Restoration Fund for the present bells, as any profit from the book will go to this object.

St. Peter's, Barton, tower was built in the 11th century and St. Mary's a century later. Three of the bells have the crest of Henry Oldfield, bellfounder, of Nottingham, about 1595. The first Henry Oldfield was living in 1558, while the second, probably a son, joined in the business with Robert Quernbie some time before 1593. Lincolnshire had seven bellfounders in days gone by, at Boston, Brigg, Grantham, Lincoln, Stamford, Barrow-on-Humber and Barton-on-Humber. The two last named were managed by the Harrison family. Between 1789 and 1833 between 70 and 80 bells in Lincolnshire were cast at Barton, and those outside the county include the tenor of Newcastle Cathedral.

An interesting chapter is told of events in 1640-41, when the 'Great Bell' of St. Mary's fell down 'the well in the bell chamber' and the 'Second Bell' appears to have been cracked at the same time which necessitated it being recast. This recasting took place at Lincoln, probably by George Oldfield, of Nottingham. The bell was transported by ox-wagon, the two churchwardens accompanying the wagon, the journey of 33 miles taking two days. The cost of recasting was £9 4s., a price which many a Parochial Church Council would envy to-day, being based on 15s. a hundredweight, plus two guineas for three stones of extra bell metal used in the process. The workmen were paid a shilling for the actual labour in casting, and a further shilling was paid for help to pull the bell out of the pit in which it was recast.

Typical of Middle Age usage of bells was the Barley Bell at Barton, which was maintained until 1860. The Parish Clerk was paid twopence yearly for every ox-gang of land in the parish, and in return had to ring one of the bells of St. Peter's for an hour every evening on a working day from the time of leading home the first load of barley until Shrove Tuesday. The object was to notify the time to the workers in the fields when they had not the sun to go by.

Both world wars resulted in the enrichment of Barton bells. In memory of 164 Barton men who gave their lives in the first World War the ring of six at St. Peter's was augmented to eight by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and the first peal of Plain Bob Major was rung on the bells on November 12th, 1921, nearly 11 months after dedication. St. Mary's bells, hitherto a ring of four, were augmented to eight in August, 1947, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The third bell was in memory of the late Canon W. E. Varah, Vicar of Barton-on-Humber from 1914 to 1945, and was the gift of his family, and the other three in honour of the Barton men and women who fell in the second World War. The inscription on the treble reads:—

'To their unchanging memory
To ring the changes
Through the changing times.'

Mr. Varah concludes his story with the report of the dedication service: 'As the service ended the bells rang out, the belfry rocked with their clanging, and the sweet tones sped out over the roof tops, over the marshy farmlands, out over the fields and silent wolds, to where dwellers in the loneliest cottages on the farthest border of the old parish listened in wonder.' 'Barton Bells' can be obtained from W. O. Varah, 29, Butts, Barton-upon-Humber, Lincs, price 3s. 6d.

TEN BELL PEAL

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

ALFRED H. PULLING	*Treble*	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD	6
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE	2	*ROY FAITHFULL	7
PEGGY G. KITCHEN	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	8
GEORGE PULLINGER	4	HERBERT G. ANDREWS	9
HERBERT J. ELDRED	5	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

ROBERT W. METCALFE	*Treble*	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON	5
*BRENDA FELLS	2	HARRY C. JONES	6
†MARION PIPER	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
CHRISTOPHER BADRICK	4	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. WILLIAMS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
* First peal of Major on tower bells. † First tower-bell peal and first peal of Bob Major. 200th peal as conductor.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 15¾ cwt. in F.

*ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	†HARRY M. PAYNE	5
MISS JEAN M. WARD	2	JOHN BRAMLEY	6
ERNEST F. PAYNE	3	GORDON A. OLLIFFE	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN BRAMLEY.
* 1,100th peal. † First peal. First as conductor.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Davies' Transposition. Tenor 15 cwt.

CLEMENT GLENN	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	5
PATRICK PRESTON	2	FREDERICK A. SALTER	6
ALBERT H. WARD	3	WALTER NICHOLS	7
WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.	4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
First peal in the method on the bells. A compliment to the Vicar, the Ven. Archdeacon Wilson, on his preferment to the bishopric of Wakefield.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *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.

*JAMES BRENT	*Treble*	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD	5
†ALFRED H. PULLING	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
PEGGY G. KITCHEN	3	ERIC T. LEE	7
HERBERT J. ELDRED	4	T. MARK WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First in the method. †1,450th peal. To commemorate the 60th anniversary of the long peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major rung at the above church. Also a birthday peal for the ringer of the fifth.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

*DAVID G. YEO	*Treble*	HERBERT W. KNIGHT	5
FREDERICK SAVAGE	2	*ERNEST SHEARN	6
EDWIN H. NASH	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	7
†GEORGE PRESCOTT	4	VICTOR SAVAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.
* First in the method. † First of Triples.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	*Treble*	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	5
JOHN E. S. MORETON	2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	6
FRANK E. PERVIN	3	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	7
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	4	JOHN E. LLOYD	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.
A birthday compliment to Mr. L. H. Dillam, churchwarden.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

JOSEPH HENRY W. WHITE	*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5
MRS. A. H. BEAMISH	2	*JOHN J. MORRIS	6
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS	3	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	7
T. EDWARD HARROLD	4	†WALTER BEEBE	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

HEADCORN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 28, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 24 cwt.

*REV. M. G. BRYANT	*Treble*	†WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	5
†ROBERT W. BELSEY	2	FREDERICK S. MACEY	6
HARRY BAKER	3	GEORGE W. GRANT	7
MARK W. MARSHALL	4	*RONALD SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK S. MACEY.
* First peal. †First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal by a resident incumbent on these bells. A silver wedding compliment to the conductor and Mrs. F. S. Macey.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 28, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HARRY W. HOWARD	*Treble*	HAROLD WORRALL	5
MISS ELIZABETH MORTON	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	6
MISS NORAH M. BIBBY	3	HARRY PARKER	7
DAVID SMITH	4	CECIL RADDON	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by HARRY PARKER.
A birthday compliment to Messrs. H. W. Howard and Kenneth Parker. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., Mar. 4, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, WOOD GREEN,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE E. FEARN	*Treble*	WALTER ALLMAN	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	6
ARTHUR D. COOK	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

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OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Mar. 1, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Ebbe,
A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

William H. B. Wilkins	*Treble*	Edwin G. Moore	5
Nora Honey	2	Bernard S. Nichols ...	6
Alan R. Pink	3	Charles Coles	7
Philip M. J. Gray ...	4	Walter F. Judge ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Walter Charman. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method, on the bells and by all the band except the conductor. Rung on the 60th anniversary of the 13,440 in this method, which took place at Warnham, Sussex. Tenor 4—3—17.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Mar. 3, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Laurence Greenhow	*Treble*	Thos. Edward Harrold	5
Ernest W. Rawson ...	2	Frank K. Measures ...	6
Shirley Burton	3	Alfred Ballard	7
*Herrick B. Bowley ...	4	Harold J. Poole ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal in the method. Complimentary peal to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Root on the birth of a son, Andrew William. Tenor 14 cwt.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Mar. 4, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Remigius,
A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

William C. Duffield	*Treble*	Henry Tooke	5
Nolan Golden	2	Arthur J. E. Smalls ...	6
George Sayer	3	Charles H. Moore ...	7
Arthur G. Bason ...	4	William Clover ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Nolan Golden.
First peal in the method by all and on the bells. Longest length in the method by the Association. A wedding compliment to Mr. Eric G. Bennett, of Garboldisham. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

William Dixon ...	*Treble*	*Harry Wild	5
Harry Davison	2	Donald R. Marshall...	6
*Vernon Bottomley ...	3	Frederick Seager ...	7
Edward Jenkins ...	4	Alfred Smith ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Edward Jenkins.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 16¾ cwt.

KINGHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Catharine M. Trist	*Treble*	David Gallop	5
*Ruth M. K. How ...	2	†Rodney B. Meadows...	6
M. Jillian Brierley ...	3	Peter W. B. Semmens	7
Kathleen Higgins ...	4	Michael E. H. Barrow	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by M. E. H. Barrow.
* First peal on tower bells. † First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

Milton C. Fowler	*Treble*	J. Edward Cawser ...	5
J. Martin Thorley ...	2	Ernest A. Thorpe ...	6
Arthur Firth	3	J. Frederick Milner ...	7
W. Eric Critchley ...	4	Harry Morgan ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
A farewell peal to J. M. Thorley on his call-up for the R.A.F.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*Albert E. Turner	*Treble*	†Harry Purchase	5
C. Henry Floyd	2	Arthur H. Reed	6
†Stanley N. Bristowe...	3	*H. George Sparkes ...	7
Claude Tarr	4	William G. Gigg	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. E. S. Powell. Conducted by Wm. G. Gigg.
* First peal of Major. † First peal 'inside.' Tenor 20 cwt.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

Jack Mussel ...	*Treble*	‡John Hartless	5
*Miss Jean M. Brown...	2	Colin W. Reed	6
William C. Chute ...	3	David Reed	7
†Brian R. Tiller	4	William E. Cheater	*Tenor*

Composed by George Williams. Conducted by Wm. E. Cheater.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Plain Bob Major. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob. Rung as a tribute to the memory of the composer.

SLEAFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denys,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 20 cwt.

Reginald Scott ...	*Treble*	Arthur Dixon	5
*Miss Evelyn Wright...	2	Arthur Mackears ...	6
Frederick W. Stokes	3	John Cragg	7
*Walter Weston	4	†Douglas Wray ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur Mackears.
* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal. Rung as a farewell peal to R. Scott.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

Rev. R. F. R. Routh	*Treble*	Henry G. Keeley	5
Herbert A. Mitchell ...	2	Stafford Green	6
Cuthbert W. H. Powell	3	G. Stedman Morris ...	7
Frederick Precey	4	Arthur V. Davis ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Arthur V. Davis.

PERRY BAR, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

Miss J. Houldsworth...	*Treble*	T. Mark White	5
John E. Bibby	2	Philip M. Gray	6
Miss Marie R. Cross ...	3	Walter Allman	7
Charles McGuiness ...	4	John Worth	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by John E. Bibby.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 4 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*	*Ann Smith	5
*John Kape	2	†Anthony E. Cox ...	6
Percy Newton	3	David Cox	7
Doreen Coker	4	Walter Lee	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Walter Lee.
* First peal of Double Norwich. † First peal of Double Norwich 'inside.' First of Double Norwich as conductor.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1949. *in 3 Hours,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 20 cwt.

John W. Griffiths	*Treble*	Harry Pye	5
Harry F. Holding ...	2	George A. Packer... ...	6
John W. Best	3	Richard D. Langford...	7
Richard T. Holding ...	4	Edward J. Boffey	*Tenor*

Conducted by Richard D. Langford.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Catherine,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.

Edward Barker ...	*Treble*	G. William Morris ...	5
Frank Blondell	2	Ernest H. Mastin ...	6
Ernest C. S. Turner ...	3	Claude Cousins	7
Wallace Cousins	4	Tony Price	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by E. C. S. Turner.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 22, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 15 callings. On the light six. Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM J. LEACH	*Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY	4
GEORGE L. RODEN	2	GORDON HARRISON ...	5
SIDNEY H. JONES	3	EDWARD J. WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all except the conductor. First of Stedman Doubles for the Guild. A compliment to Mr. W. H. Marriott on completing 21 years as churchwarden at St. Paul's.

STAMFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 Spliced Plain Bob, Single Court Bob, Oxford Bob, 720 Single Court Bob, 720 Spliced Oxford Bob and Single Court Bob, 1,440 each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr.

EDWARD COX	*Treble*	PERCY D. BALDOCK ...	4
JOHN H. BLUFF	2	ROBERT H. KNIGHT ...	5
GEORGE SLAUGHTER ...	3	JAMES BLUFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

EXHALL, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

*MISS LOLA CALLOW ...	*Treble*	MISS M. D. REEVES ...	4
ROY D. HAYNE	2	W. BRIAN ELLENDER ...	5
DOUGLAS E. ELLENDER...	3	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS W. SHEPPARD.

* First peal of Minor. Birthday compliment to ringer of the 5th and his twin brother John.

BICKENHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents, called differently. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*JOHN H. JONES	*Treble*	ARTHUR D. COOK ...	4
MISS MURIEL REAY ...	2	HENRY H. FEARN	5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

* First peal. Rung without bobs.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different callings. Tenor 18 cwt. 7 lb.

CECIL E. CARR	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. WOOD... ...	4
*J. ANTHONY FLINT ...	2	FRANK K. MEASURES ...	5
*WILLIAM R. DRURY ...	3	ALFRED BALLARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First of Treble Bob on the bells.

BARTON-UPON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

JOHN F. HOODLESS ...	*Treble*	JAMES CHAPMAN	4
JOSEPH BROUGHTON ...	2	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS...	5
*DAVID GODDARD	3	WALTER GODDARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER GODDARD.

* First peal.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt.

DICK EDMUNDS...	*Treble*	ALAN E. PARTRIDGE ...	3
JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE ...	2	HARRY PETTITT	4
HARRY WOODING	*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE.

A golden wedding compliment to Edwin (Ned) Jones, a ringer at the above church for 55 years and sexton for 35 years, and Mrs. Jones.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Plain Bob.

*EDNA M. SILLS ...	*Treble*	ERNEST J. LADD	4
DORIS E. COLGATE ...	2	JOHN O. WELLER	5
†REGINALD L. SILLS ...	3	ROBERT COLLINS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT COLLINS.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' Tenor 11¾ cwt.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Oxford, Capel and Sandal Treble Bob and two extents each of London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*MRS. WINIFRED PENNY	*Treble*	ERIC SIMPSON	4
ARTHUR HIBBERT	2	GEORGE ASHMORE	5
SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ...	3	JAMES A. MILNER	*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

SEAL CHART, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. S. B. MARCHANT	*Treble*	†SYDNEY S. KING	4
*SIDNEY A. WHITE ...	2	ANTHONY V. KEMP ...	5
ARTHUR WENBAN	3	JACK T. MEDHURST ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY V. KEMP.

* First peal of Doubles. † First 'inside' of method. First peal as conductor.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being ten 120's of Grandsire and four 120's of Plain Bob, each called differently and repeated twice, with five changes of method. Tenor 7 cwt.

*VICTORIA JAQUEST	*Treble*	E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	4
R. MARY DAVIES	2	‡PETER J. WOODGYER ...	5
†BARBARA THRUSH ...	3	*DEREK FOWLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal in two methods.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 6 six-scores of April Day, 15 six-scores of Plain Bob, 15 six-scores of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 6 six-scores of Grandsire.

*J. WARD	*Treble*	ROLAND LEWIS	4
C. WILLIAM NUTT ...	2	FREDERICK MERRICK ...	5
H. KITCHENER HILL ...	3	ERNEST PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. WILLIAM NUTT.

* First peal. Rung on back six. Tenor 11 cwt.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	*Treble*	DONALD E. LEE	4
*HERBERT J. HUNT ...	2	LAWRENCE E. HITCHINS...	5
RON J. HARDING	3	PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING.

* First peal in method 'inside.'

BRUSHFORD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MISS M. S. CHURCHILL	*Treble*	RAYMOND WINTER ...	3
HARRY COMMINS	2	†FRANK BRANCHFLOWER...	4
CLAUDE TARR	*Tenor*		

Conducted by CLAUDE TARR.

* First peal. † First peal on five bells.

(More Peals of page 133)

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On March 6th at the Church of St. Nicholas, 1,260 Stedman Doubles (ten callings): Miss A. Carter 1, Miss J. Hammond 2, A. E. Lock (cond.) 3, P. N. Bond 4, A. Treadgold 5, Miss J. Dicks 6. First quarter of Stedman Doubles by all.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS. — At St. Peter's Church on March 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Harrison 1, A. Taylor 2, J. B. Robinson 3, R. H. Wimpenny 4, A. Roberts 5, J. T. Walmsley 6, D. Ogden (cond.) 7, R. Edwards 8. First of Triples for 1, 3 and 7.

BENWELL, NORTHUMBERLAND. — On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Miller (first quarter) 1, Miss K. Stathard 2, A. Wallace 3, C. S. Dixon 4, J. Carse (cond.) 5, R. Barrow 6.

BURTON-ON-TRENT. — At St. Paul's on Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Foster 1, N. Brain 2, L. Chamberlain 3, H. Harrison 4, B. G. Key 5, W. J. Leach 6, G. L. Roden (cond.) 7, G. Harrison 8.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Wilson 1, B. S. Chapman (aged 14, first quarter 'inside') 2, B. Hubbard 3, L. E. Chapman 4, N. Moyes (cond.) 5, R. T. E. Hubbard 6. For the silver wedding anniversary of W. Wilson.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS. — On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Woodward (first quarter) 1, W. Kilsby 2, W. J. Bailey 3, W. C. Moore 4, A. A Chown 5, S. Ruddlesden 6, P. Abbott (first as cond.) 7, H. E. Abbot 8.

DINDER, SOMERSET.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Hill 1, R. Thorne 2, E. Hill 3, P. Hull 4, P. Keevil (first as cond., age 17) 5, R. Smith 6.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET. — On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Higgins 1, W. Higdon 2, H. C. Lintern 3, T. Tucker (first quarter 'inside') 4, J. Lintern (cond.) 5, A. Lintern 6.

FRANT, SUSSEX.—On March 5th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss F. Wood 1, C. Pilbeam (first of Minor) 2, A. Relfe 3, L. W. Giles 4, M. S. Cloke 5, C. A. Bassett (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX. — On March 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Whitby 1, W. Aley 2, L. Cordell 3, B. Burton 4, W. Wheeler 5, E. Rochester 6, S. Clark (cond.) 7, G. Blake 8. Bells half-muffled in memoriam Ben Copping, a member of the local company.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' on March 6th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1. J. W. C. Blythe 2, C. J. Young 3, C. H. J. Gravette 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On March 6th at All Saints' Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Dodds 1, Sheila E. Harris 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Eileen D. Farrell (first of Surprise) 4, N. Hollingworth (cond.) 5, S. Croft 6, D. J. Charnley 7, R. W. Rogers 8. To celebrate the birth of a son on March 5th to Mrs. F. Hopgood, a member of the band.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On March 1st, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Whiterod 1, J. Papworth 2, P. Elliott 3, J. Elliott (cond.) 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott 6. First quarter for 3 and 6. A birthday compliment to P. Elliott.

KIRKBYMOORSIDE, N. YORKS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Leete 1, F. Bishop 2, E. Hutson (cond.) 3, J. Dalton 4, A. Rutter 5, F. Ricketts 6. First quarter 1 and 5, first in method by all the band, first quarter on the bells.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—At the Cathedral on March 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: June Brindley (14) 1, P. Beresford 2, Joan Beresford 3, J. B. Webb 4, F. A. Sedgewick 5, W. J. Cope 6, G. E Oliver (cond.) 7, J. Newell 8. First quarter for 1 and 8.

LLANSTEPHAN, CARMS.—At St. Stephen's on March 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. J. Curtis 1, C. C. Jones 2, T. Mayhook 3, D. H. Davies 4, Tom Owen 5, W. L. Williams 6, D. J. Curtis (cond.) 7, L. T. Curtis 8.

PIDDINGTON, NORTHANTS. — On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Bob, 360 St. Clement's, 180 Plain Bob): R. C. Noon 1, P. Jones 2, B. O. Soden 3, S. M. Ruddlesden 4, G. Care 5, E. Nobles (cond.) 6. First in five methods for 4 and 6.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On March 6th. at St. Mary's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. C. Woodgate 1, C. H. Godfrey 2, W. S. May 3, J. Belcham 4, W. Percy 5, F. B. Lufkin 6, R. W. Croucher (first as cond. on ten bells) 7, F. May 8, P. Sadler 9, G. Frost 10. First of Grandsire Caters by 1 and 2.

QUEENSBOROUGH, KENT.—On Feb. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Pack 1, S. Rayfield 2, H. Manual 3, S. Wood (first quarter) 4, Miss E. Wyles 5, W. S. Palin (cond.) 6. All first in method.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM. — On Feb. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Williams 1, K. Haslam 2, Ed. Large 3, H. J. Turner 4, H. W. Haslam 5, J. Pinfold 6, N. J. Goodman 7, Wm. B. Cartwright (cond.) 8. First quarter in method by 1, 2 and 5.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKS.—On March 1st 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Eaton 1, K. Smith 2, H. Dickens, jun. 3, H. Dickens, sen. 4, W. G. Anker (cond.) 5, E. Thompson 6. Rung half-muffled in respect of T. Bloore, a ringer of this church.

WALSOKEN, NORFOLK. — On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. Spencer 1, R. G. Russell 2, G. Bayliss 3, F. C. Wigmore 4, G. F. Mason (cond.) 5, M. R. Reed 6. First quarter by 2 and 3, and first on the bells.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Baker 1. Miss E. Sills 2, P. Wright (cond.) 3, Miss V. Wallis 4, R. Sills 5, C. Mills 6, F. Wright 7, D. Saul 8.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,248 London Surprise Major: H. H. Smith 1, A C. Sinfield 2, E. J. Hobbs 3, R. J. Sharp 4, H. Burton 5, H. D. Harris (first in method as cond.) 6, A. Rushton 7, C. E. Jeffries 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

By air mail from Hobart, Tasmania, Mr. A. R. Wilson informs us that a good peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung on February 21st on the bells of St. David's Cathedral for the visit of Mr. Anthony Eden. The members afterwards adjourned to Hadley's Hotel opposite the Cathedral and drank the health of Britain's war-time Foreign Minister.

The peal unfortunately almost completely upset the annual meeting of the Royal Empire Society being held in the hotel. It was a case of conflict in the one cause, as the object of the Society and that of Mr. Eden is to direct attention to need for loyalty to the British Commonwealth. Mr. Wilson's brother is incidentally treasurer of the Royal Empire Society.

The bells of All Saints', Castle Cary, Somerset, are being rehung on modern frames.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild annual meeting has been fixed for July 23rd.

Powick, with tenor 23½ cwt., is the heaviest six in Worcestershire. See peal columns.

Mr. Harold V. Frost has rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

Mrs. M. Ditmas, who rang a peal 'in hand' at Bournemouth, is better known to the Exercise as Miss Monica Richardson.

Terms for the Adelphi Hotel, York, are 30s. per day inclusive for Whitsuntide and not as published in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. Brian D. Threlfall, who was to have stood in a Cambridge University Guild peal at Mildenhall, Suffolk, was taken suddenly ill and had to be rushed into hospital. Latest report indicates that he hopes to be about by Easter.

Would conductors of Kent County Association peals please note that the correct address of the peal secretary is P. A. Corby, 83, Hurstbourne Road, Forest Hill, S.E.23. Mr. Corby's address is wrongly given at one place in the latest K.C.A. report.

Complaints have reached us of the system of electric reproduction in place of church bells at St. John's, Torquay. 'The volume employed, the many distortions and abruptness in start and finish have produced a cacophony very distressing to near neighbours. No one else would be permitted to make so much noise without the most vehement protests and possible action on the part of the authorities,' writes Mr. J. Hammond.

The Vicar of Chippenham, the Rev. P. Snow, is appealing for £2,000 to rebuild the tower and a spire and to rehang the eight bells.

Two new trebles were dedicated by the Bishop of Dover on March 17th at St. Nicholas', Hannington, as a war memorial.

In connection with the Bishop of London's Mission from May 7th to May 22nd, a request has been made for the full co-operation of ringers in ringing church bells.

Will the person who took the wrong hat (black felt) from the Oxford Diocesan Guild General Committee meeting at Reading please communicate with the owner, the Rev. E. C. S. Lowman, Bray Vicarage, Maidenhead.

Another member of the Diserens family of Reading has entered the list of ringers. R. F. Diserens, aged 12, rang his first quarter of Grandsire Triples from the treble at St. Mary's, Reading, on March 13th.

Mr. Albert Walker writes to correct an error in our report of the Johnson dinner. He is not the retiring Master. He was elected Master in January, 1949, in succession to Cclr. A. Paddon Smith, who had held the office for two years, 1947 and 1948. Mr. Walker was first elected Master in 1944 and served in that post in 1945 and 1946, when he would not allow his name to go forward.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Living Record

Dear Sir, — Several of your correspondents who have written about the reporting of peals seem quite satisfied with the present style, and ask why a change is necessary. Well, are we to regard 'The Ringing World' as a *newspaper*—a live record of current happenings—or merely as a chronicle of past events? Surely peals are *news*? Would we tolerate any other newspaper which got so far behind? Imagine our own daily having got no further than the Hammersmith by-election and the last Test Match but one! Would we then suggest that we should hold fewer by-elections, Test Matches, etc., to enable the Press to keep pace? What an idea!

Mr. Rogers speaks of the thrill he got as a schoolboy when he received a certificate of merit for doing something more than the average scholar. But when he has rung an ordinary peal (and the great majority are in this class—I am not talking about 22 Spliced Surprise, or anything like that) does he really imagine he has done something more than the average ringer? One has only to look at the peal columns to see that by ringing a peal, one has done *no more* than the average ringer; in fact, one has done what hundreds of other average ringers are doing every week. The size and style of the report has nothing to do with the difficulty or magnitude of the achievement. To try and pretend, by printing the reports in large type, that we have done something very difficult or very out of the ordinary is really rather a foolish form of self-deception. Last year, on an average, just over fifty peals were rung *each week*.

I am not trying to run down peal ringing. To my mind it forms the best part of a very fine hobby. But we must not deceive ourselves into thinking that, by ringing a peal — or even a hundred peals—we have done something akin to winning an event at the Olympic Games or the chess championship of the world.

Mr. Rogers wishes to be spared the 'new look.' I am not advocating any new look, but rather that we abandon the far too generous fashion of the last century, and cut our coat according to the cloth. Would Mr. Rogers want to go back to the fashion of erecting enormous peal boards? Do such boards enhance the value of any performance they record in the slightest degree? Yet this practice was common when the present style of reporting was evolved.

C. W. WOOLLEY.

Bushey.



Members of the Goscote Society who rang a peal of Doubles at Kirby Bellars, Leicestershire, on February 26th in honour of the 86th birthday of the Society's oldest member, Mr. Charles Littlewood, who attended the first meeting at Syston in May, 1832. The birthday of Mrs. Wheeler, for 37 years verger at the church, was also commemorated by the peal.

Names from left to right are: Seated, Mr. G. T. H. Walker (secretary), Mr. Charles Littlewood, Mrs. Wheeler and Mr. H. T. Bonshor (conductor); standing. Messrs. C. E. Cooper, Rowland Barrow and J. H. Cook.

METHOD CRITICISMS ANSWERABLE

Dear Sir,—To all those expressing kind appreciation of the recent articles on Method Structure (with London extension), and to all others interested in progress based upon the truth of these things, may I be permitted, as an *interim* reply to criticisms being raised, to say that there are complete answers or refutations, largely derivable from C.C. publications. And may I recall that the major issue is as to principles of method structure, extension being one of its narrower fields.—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Fountains Park, Netley Abbey.

Good Striking

Sir,—The paragraph on striking in 'Change ringing on handbells' (page 5) is incorrect, in my opinion, and reveals muddled thinking.

A statement that the blows in a pair of rows should be evenly spaced is followed by the paradoxical suggestion that the last bell at handstroke should lag and the last bell at backstroke should clip, in order to improve the leading. How this can result in evenly spaced blows is not explained; nor is it made clear why a ringer capable of making such fine distinctions in timing should not be equally capable of leading correctly without their aid.

The passage continues: 'On no account should it (i.e., the last bell) hold off or drag at backstroke; doing this reduces the handstroke interval and destroys rhythm.'

Even if this instruction were correct, the reason given for it would be wrong. The open handstroke occupies time specifically allowed for it, not time robbed from the preceding backstroke.

But the instruction itself is wrong. Good striking, as I understand it, involves a rallentando effect at the end of backstroke rows to enhance the cadence produced by the last few bells. Thus, the last bell at backstroke should lag slightly; with advantage, the last bell but one may also lag, though to a lesser degree.

The book under consideration bears neither the author's name nor any statement disclaiming responsibility by the Central Council for the instructions it contains. Unless these instructions have the unanimous approval of the Council (which is unlikely), the way in which they have been put before the Exercise is misleading. An explanation of the status of the book should apparently be given by those responsible for its production.—Yours sincerely,

MAURICE HODGSON.

52, Bayswater Road, London, W.2.

Dedication

A NEW RING OF TEN FOR SOMERSET.

What is considered by many knowledgeable people to be the finest tower in Somerset, at Evercreech, now houses a fine modern ring of ten, by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and on March 12th the bells were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells. The church was filled for the service and the clergy present were Canon J. M. Alcock, Bishop's Chaplain, the Revs. W. J. Bennett (Vicar), J. Wright (North Barrow), E. Ogden (Milton Clevedon), W. Pyke (North Cadbury) and J. F. Holt (Batcombe). After the dedication, the Bishop gave an address, taking as his text Ephesians 4, i. He particularly stressed the inseparability of the ringer's work in the tower with churchmanship.

As the congregation left the church the bells were rung by a representative band to four well-struck courses of Grandsire Caters, and as they made their way to a bountiful tea, prepared by the ladies of the parish, visiting ringers were able to appreciate the magnificent tone and balance of the ring.

The tower was open for the rest of the evening, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, mostly well struck, filled in the time till nine o'clock. A crowded belfry made ringing somewhat difficult, so that only the simpler methods were attempted, a good course of Cambridge Major finishing the ringing for the day. Ringers from Bristol, Trowbridge and Westbury, as well as ringers from most parts of Somerset, were present during the day, and Mr. John P. Fidler represented the founders.

This account cannot finish without a tribute to Henry J. Sanger, whose vision, determination and hard work initiated and brought to a successful conclusion this seemingly hopeless task.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—Laudate Dominum. The gift of Douglas Bown Martin, in memory of the Bown family. 1948. Gratia.

2nd.—In memoriam Nellie Harding, and loved ones gone before. The gift of Mrs. S. White, of Horsehill.

3rd.—Laus Deo. Recast by gift of the Vicar and churchwardens.

4th.—Gratiae Deo. Recast. By gift of the Mothers' Union.

5th.—In memory of Roy Belfield, and others of this parish who made the supreme sacrifice, 1939-1945. Recast by gift of Mr. and Mrs. R. Gulliver.

6th.—The Parishioners' Bell. Recast by their gifts. W. J. Bennett, Vicar. P. Allen and O. J. Woodborne, Churchwardens.

7th.—Recast. By gift of ringers of this tower and the West Country. H. J. Sanger, Captain.

8th.—Cantate Deo. Recast. By the gift of Southwood and Pecking Mill.

9th.—Tempore Satus et Messis Domino Laus. The gift of the farmers of this parish.

Tenor.—Recast. To the memory of J. Purnell Luff, died August 25th, 1945.

Weight of tenor, 21 cwt. 17 lb.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Jones 1, Joan Yearsley 2, Francis Edgar 3, Janet Mattinson 4, W. Hardy 5, P G. Parrott 6, D. N. Layton (cond.) 7, P. M. J. Gray 8.

Shropshire Association

MASTER REPROVED.

The first of the year's ordinary meetings was held at Wem on March 12th. Attendance was not high, but the gathering was most representative. After ringing in the afternoon the Vicar conducted a welcoming and enjoyable service. The time occupied in endeavouring to get the organ started exceeded the length of the service! After tea in Kynaston's Cafe a short business meeting was held, at which several members were elected.

The secretary was asked if he had received any apologies for absence, and on his replying in the negative, there ensued a spirited discussion based on the fact that several members of the Market Drayton band, with the Ringing Master (Mr. A. Pritchard), were engaged in a peal attempt at Market Drayton that afternoon.

Some most scathing remarks were passed on this point and it was decided to send this report to 'The Ringing World' and that the secretary should write to the Ringing Master a suitable letter in reproof.

TEA IN THE BELFRY

Dear Sir,—I strongly advise lady ringers not to take up the challenge of Mr. N. Chaddock to provide cups of tea in the belfry.

One thing leads to another, and a cup of tea would soon be a cup of tea and bun, and then tea, sandwich and bun, until eventually the only connection the ladies would have with the ringing would be to pass the refreshments through the belfry door.

I have had considerable experience of church organisations and have found that all too often a woman's part in the activities degenerates back to the sink, from which she had so hopefully wished to escape.

In the case of extremely cold belfries a cure is better than temporary relief, and I suggest that the ringers should get together and pool their ideas and then make a determined attack on the offending draughts. If an expensive article, such as a screen or heavy curtain, is required, send a few words to the Parish Magazine describing the work of the ringers with a postscript on how badly they need a certain article. Such appeals are usually successful, or apply to the Church Council, either in writing or personally at a general meeting. Another way is to enlist the help of a popular church worker to raise the necessary money.

Throughout this country women in all social circles are taking an intelligent and active part in bellringing, and any suggestion that they are there for adornment, social atmosphere or tea making must be nipped in the bud.

E. DORICE KELLY, Hon. Sec.,
Northern District, Ladies' Guild.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET, BELLS

Dear Sir,—The bells of the Church of St. John, Wellington, are to be recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and were removed to the foundry about a month ago

I am sure that all our friends in the Exercise will join with me in congratulating our Vicar, the Rev. Preb. J. H. D. Grinter, on his wise decision. The magnitude of his task may be judged by the fact that since his induction in 1933 he has reroofed the church, rearranged the whole of the interior, rebuilt the organ and renewed the heating system.

St. John's always had a call-change band until the ban on ringing was lifted, when a new band was trained by Mr. C. J. Stevens, and, thanks to his efforts, we were ringing Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob until it became necessary to dismantle the bells.

In view of the very heavy expenditure we have found it necessary to open a public subscription list, and if any ringers would feel disposed to make a small donation, it would be gratefully received by the Vicar.—Yours sincerely, DOUGLAS M. BELLAMY.

Wellington, Somerset.

The East Grinstead Guild

The 22nd annual meeting was held at East Grinstead on March 12th, attended by a very representative gathering of some 45 members. The service was conducted by the president, Dr. G. Golding-Bird, with an address by the Rev. S. G. Blaikie, of Crawley Down.

There was a pleasant surprise awaiting the company on arrival at the Parish Hall, for in the centre of the tea table was an iced cake, the top of which was an exact replica, in design and colouring, of the Guild's badge.

Before the meeting members stood in silence as a tribute to the late Mr. Harry Coomber, a founder member. Ten new members were elected, and the balance sheet showed an increase of £2 0s. 10d., although the money in hand was down, owing to the purchase of more Guild badges.

The report stated that the Guild continued in a very healthy state. Five peals were rung, the high spot being the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major by eight of the officers for the 21st birthday. Miss Stella Wickens, of Twineham, was congratulated on becoming the first lady to conduct a Guild peal.

Elections resulted as follows: Chairman, E. J. Ladd; vice-chairman, A. Relfe; hon. auditor, A. L. Ryman; committee, A. Laker, A. Lewry and B. Collinson; hon. treasurer, E. J. Oliver; hon. secretary, C. A. Bassett.

The meeting approved the purchase of a leather bound peal book and the erection of a board in East Grinstead tower to record the 21st birthday peal. It was also agreed that the Guild should revert to its old way of arranging meetings, the rota system having failed, owing to local conditions.

The summer outing was fixed for July 16th, the committee to arrange a trip into Surrey.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks, in particular to Dr. Golding-Bird for giving the tea and conducting the service and meeting, also to Miss Shepherd and her helpers. Mr. Walter Ladd received the congratulations of the Guild on his coming diamond wedding on March 21st.

On returning to the tower, Mr. E. J. Ladd ably catered for all tastes in ringing, himself turning in the tenor, to bring out the beauty of this fine octave, in a well-struck course of Cambridge Major. C. A. B.

RINGABLE!

The peal rung at East Farndon, Northants, has dispersed the rumour that 'the bells weren't ringable and were unsafe.' It is thought that someone locally spread the rumour because of the Church Council's refusal to put them in iron fittings. The frame is good yet for many years and the wood headstocks were renewed in 1897, when the late Alfred Bowell rehung the old four and added a treble. The tenor has since been rehung on ball bearings by Taylors (1937). The bells have been rung twice only since 1945. Not one of the band showed the least sign of fatigue at the finish of the peal, which was the first on the bells. An outpost in the Peterborough Diocese, the first meeting has yet to be held at East Farndon.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN GARRATT.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. John Garratt, of Sapcote, Leicestershire, at his home on March 9th.

Mr. Garratt, who was in his 84th year, joined the Midland Counties Association in 1890 and was made a life member in 1934. Although never a great peal ringer—he rang 11 peals in all — he was always a good Sunday service ringer.

The funeral took place at Sapcote on March 12th. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by C. Brown 1-2, F. K. Measures 3-4, A. Ballard 5-6, G. A. Newton 7-8. The tower bells were rung half-muffled after the service. F. K. M.

66 Years a Ringer

A BRISTOL WORTHY.

A pleasant little ceremony took place in the ringing chamber of Stapleton Parish Church Bristol, on March 14th, when an inscribed tobacco jar and pipe were presented to Mr. George Guy on his 78th birthday to mark his resignation as steeplekeeper.

He has been a regular ringer at Stapleton's six-bell tower for 66 years and has lately given up regular ringing only because of the difficulty of ascending the tower steps. He still chimes from the ground floor at alternate services and intends still to come up for a pull when he feels sound enough in wind (his limbs *are* sound).

His first 720 was scratched on the belfry stone-work 55 years ago and he still considers it a long enough length to ring. He has never rung a peal and says he offered up a silent prayer of thanks when his only attempt broke down. His devotion to the church and his care of the bells, clock and chiming apparatus remain an outstanding example to the younger ringers.

In reply to the good wishes of those present expressed by the tower captain, Mr. Walter Smith, Mr. Guy remarked that he thought prospects for ringing at Stapleton were now as bright as at any time in the past 60 years. With a Rector who expressed his appreciation of the work done, an assistant curate himself a ringer, and a young band of twelve ringers and learners there was nothing to stop them reaching the heights.

In reminiscent vein he recounted how, when as a boy of twelve he joined them, the ringers were reckoned a tough hard-drinking crew, but there was no doubting their keenness. On more than one occasion, for Christmas or Easter early Communion, some of them had to have a generous layer of frost brushed off them after sleeping all night in the churchyard, no doubt suitably 'fortified' at the adjoining hostelry.

An attempted quarter-peal came to grief, but Mr. Guy joined in some excellent Treble Bob and a course or two of Grandsire Minor, his favourite method. R. G. B.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

The Northern Division held a very encouraging meeting at Stisted on March 12th, when 45 members attended from 14 parishes, which, considering that Stisted is rather isolated from either bus or train, this attendance was most encouraging.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Binnie), whose address was very bright, as was the singing led by the choir and organist.

At the meeting, which followed tea in the Institute, the District Master (Miss H. G. Snowden) presided. Eight probationer members, all from Stebbing, were elected, and Dunmow was chosen as the next place of meeting.

The question of teaching change ringing in various towers in the district, after the local band were taught to handle the bells, was discussed at length. It was finally agreed that a few volunteers would visit some of these towers.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and all for making the meeting successful were passed. Handbells were rung in various methods, and the tower bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

Forty ringers attended the quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch at Rodbourne Cheney on March 12th, and good practice was had in eight different methods. The Vicar (the Rev. J. R. Hassett) conducted the Association form of service, and tea was provided by wives of the local ringers. It was proposed that meetings be held at Blunsdon, Castle Eaton and Bishopstone during the next three months.

BEOLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two 120s, ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

MRS. L. J. BIRCH ...	...*Treble*	E. DUDLEY WILSON ...	4
VINCENT A. HEMMING ...	2	WILFRED R. JACKSON ...	5
FREDERICK W. JAMES ...	3	WILLIAM J. GETHIN ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by VINCENT A. HEMMING.
First peal by all the band except the conductor. Conductor's first peal of Grandsire Doubles and first of Doubles as conductor. First peal since restoration, 1948. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
AND THE GOSCOTE SOCIETY.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 240 Stedman, 960 April Day, 960 Plain Bob, 960 Canterbury, 1,920 Grandsire. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

ROWLAND BARROW ...	...*Treble*	HAROLD T. BONSHOR ...	3
CHARLES EDW. COOPER...	2	GEORGE T. H. WALKER	4
J. HARRY COOK ...	... *Tenor*		

Conducted by HAROLD T. BONSHOR.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. Wheeler (verger for 37 years) and Mr. Charles Littlewood, aged 86, the oldest ringer in this society.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 27, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 Kent Treble Bob and two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

RONALD FRANCIS ...	...*Treble*	*ALAN ROGERS	4
LESLIE FORSTER	2	ARTHUR COOK	5
CHARLES V. ORVES ...	3	*RICHARD E. MANTON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD E. MANTON.
* First peal in four methods. First peal as conductor.

APSLEY END, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 28, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne, Primrose, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*LESLIE S. BAINES ...	...*Treble*	AUGUSTINE V. GOOD ...	4
WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT...	2	HERBERT GATES	5
WALTER AYRE	3	†WILLIAM C. HUGHES ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven Surprise methods. A welcome home to H. P. Ayre and as an act of thanksgiving.

EAST FARNDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Mar. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 40 six-scores, ten callings, and 1,240 arrangement of Lindoff's.

CHARLES E. GILBY ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM R. HAMMONS ...	3
PERCY AMOS	2	STANLEY M. RUDDLESDEN	4
ARTHUR MILLWARD ...	*Tenor*		

Conducted by WILLIAM R. HAMMONS.
First peal on the bells since made into five in 1897. Tenor 7½ cwt.

PELSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., Mar. 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 16 six-scores of Plain Bob, 6 April Day and 20 Grandsire.

WM. C. STACKHOUSE ...	...*Treble*	P. GEORGE GOLDER ...	4
HARRY CLARIDGE	2	JOSEPH GREGORY	5
*JEFFREY B. WEBB	3	ERIC CLARIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by P. GEORGE GOLDER.
* First peal in three methods. First in three methods as conductor.

POWICK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Mar. 3, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 23¼ cwt. in E flat.

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

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal of Surprise Minor.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Mar. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, three of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

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

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.
* First peal in three methods. † First peal in three methods 'inside.' A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. S. Ratcliffe.

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

MISS M. WILLETT ...	...*Treble*	HAROLD WILLETT	4
FRANCIS J. CUBBERLEY...	2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ...	5
*GEORGE H. DERRINGTON	3	CHARLES J. CAMM	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY.
* First peal 'inside.' A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. H. M. Glasgow.

MERROW, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in F.

*PAMELA A. WARREN ...	...*Treble*	JOHN A. ETHERINGTON ...	4
HAROLD A. MAY	2	GEORGE L. GROVER ...	5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ...	3	ERIC T. LEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.
* First peal. First of Minor as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

HANDBELL PEALS

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 25, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT 39A, HIGH STREET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

MARION GRAIN	1-2	MAURICE J. THURMOTT ...	3-4
RONALD H. BULLEN	5-6		

Conducted by MAURICE J. THURMOTT.

WEST DIDSBURY, MANCHESTER.
THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores.

*ERIC NIXON	1-2	RONALD AIREY	3-4
†MISS MOLLIE BROUGHTON	5-6		

Conducted by RONALD AIREY.
* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Mar. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
IN ST. PETER'S HALL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MRS. MONICA DITMAS ...	1-2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	5-6
WILLIAM G. YOUNG	3-4	FRED PRICE	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

A. ERNEST MCGRATH ...	1-2	FREDERICK E. DUKES ...	3-4
JOHN T. DUNWOODY ...	5-6		

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Mar. 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT 110, NOEL STREET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FREDERICK A. SALTER ...	1-2	CLEMENT GLENN	5-6
MRS. C. GLENN	3-4	*PETER NIX	7-8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal of Major.

METHOD EXTENSION

A REPLY TO MR. YORK-BRAMBLE.

By W. TAYLOR.

(Continued from page 110)

I noticed in an early instalment (January 14th) that Mr. York-Bramble designates a bell lying behind as the treble leads or a bell leading a whole pull as the treble lies behind as an 'Extreme.' It may interest the modern generation to learn that adjoining places on the lead or behind were described by our ancestors as 'Extremes' because in such a case, e.g., 2nds when treble is leading the 2nds is moved its extreme distance from the normal lying a whole pull behind. I can't understand why Mr. York-Bramble desires to change this established and ancient custom unless indeed he desires to confuse us by indiscriminate use of terms.

When the treble lies its whole pull behind (at the half-lead) the other bell making a place is called the pivot bell, because it reverses its path from here and finishes at the lead end (handstroke blow) in the same position it occupied at the previous lead head (back stroke blow). This is an essential condition for the production of Bob Major or coursing lead ends and heads. The pivot bell may make its place in any odd position counting from the lead, i.e., in 1sts or 3rds or 5ths or 7ths for Major. N.B.—The half-lead rows are not necessarily in coursing order, but they must be related to coursing order in certain definite ways. It is generally agreed that 1sts and 7ths of Major correspond to 1sts and 5ths of Minor respectively; neither 3rds nor 5ths of Major corresponds exactly to 3rds of Minor. Mr. York-Bramble appears to contend that 5ths of Major corresponds to 3rds of Minor because both are 4ths from behind. This is not necessarily true and, I think, fallacious.

It may reasonably be argued that at the half-lead rows, 5ths of Royal corresponds to 3rds of Minor, both are midway. In which case it could be contended that neither 3rds nor 7ths has a counterpart in Minor. Of course, this is not the complete argument, but I leave it at that for the present.

Mr. York-Bramble asks us to describe an internal place in the body of the lead as a 'Stat' (or places, I take it) and tells us that it always causes dodging. For the benefit of the ordinary ringer 'a Stat' is the equivalent of a bob made at the parting of the leads and has a corresponding effect on coursing order. I agree it may be desirable to have a special name for places in the body of the lead and that 'Stat' is as good as any. The Stat doesn't necessarily cause dodging, as I will demonstrate presently. Indeed, I think it is possible to ring upwards of 5,000 changes in Major without one complete dodge in the composition!

Adjoining places have the same effect as an Extreme (used in old sense). The bells making adjoining places exchange duties in the coursing order, e.g., the 3-4 places of Oxford Treble Bob when treble is in 1-2 (ought I to say AoAe?) change coursing order from 24687531 to 23687541, which is restored to 24687531 when the treble dodges in 1-2 down; meanwhile the line lead or slow hunt or, more correctly, the series of extremes with the 2nd, moves the treble progressively from 3124 to 3214 in coursing order, which in the absence of an Extreme (2nds place) when the treble leads produces the second lead head 14263857 (in Major) counting rounds as the first.

If the reader examines the following half-lead he will find that in spite of several Stats there is no dodging. The nearest approach to a dodge is caused by a Stedman whole turn on the lead.

12345678
21436587
24163857
42618375
24681735
24867153
42876513
42785631

24758361

When 8ths is used at the parting of the leads and Singles only used with the plain leads (678) lying, quite a long length can be rung without any dodging in the ordinary sense.

(To be continued)

DEDICATION

SOMERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

The Bishop of Leicester dedicated on March 5th a new treble bell at Somerby Parish Church, Leicestershire. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. G. Sowerby) and the lesson read by Mr. H. J. Poole, president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. The Bishop gave an address.

After the service a well-struck touch of Minor was rung by Josiah Morris (on the new treble), J. H. Cook 2, J. Oldham 3, G. T. H. Walker 4, Colin Harrison (cond.) 5, A. Fenton 6.

Following tea at the Memorial Institute, a programme of handbell ringing was given. Ringers from the following towers were represented: Leicester Cathedral, St. Margaret's (Leicester), St. John the Divine (Leicester), Syston, Loughborough, Ashby Folville, Twyford, Great Dalby, Kirby Bellars, Asfordby, Melton, Eaton and Hose. In the evening, touches of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman were rung.

It is interesting to note that in 1552 there were three bells and a sanctus bell; in 1767 a fourth was added; in 1806 the four were reduced to three, the three bells of 1552 were useless and sold and two bells put in their place; in 1813 a new bell for an old one; in 1891 the three bells were recast with additional metal into a ring of five.

Now the record is completed—the bells have been rehung and rearranged and the ring of six completed in the year 1948. The joy of having completed this history goes to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stimson, assisted by many helpers. The £250 necessary was raised in less than a year—a great achievement.

5,088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

By A. J. CORRIGAN.

M	B	W	R	23456	
					Last five courses twice repeated, round at PL before last two bobs at R. 4, 5, 6 extent in 6ths, these three bells all double-bobbed at R. First rung at Bitton, Dec. 11th, 1948.
			2	34256	
1		2		45623	
	—	1	2	54326	
1	—	2	2	53246	
1	—	2	2	52436	
	—		2	35264	

A correspondent writes: This is a fairly good example of a three-part peal of Treble Bob, but it is rather spoilt by the fact that the first course in each part has a most unmusical course end. This composition has the very good quality of never having the 2nd dodging behind with the tenor. It is, of course, quite true when rung to Oxford, but when rung to this variation the 2nd does dodge behind with the tenor a few times in each part.

BARWELL RINGERS

At the annual meeting of the Barwell ringers, Mr. C. R. Belton and Mr. G. P. Garner were re-elected captain and vice-captain respectively. Mr. T. C. Belton succeeded Mr. A. A. Lucas as secretary, the Rev. J. D. Wakeling (curate) treasurer, and A. H. Hough and J. Armstrong joint towerkeepers.

The annual outing has been arranged to Cambridge on May 21st. Local ringers wishing to travel with Barwell ringers should contact Mr. T. C. Belton.

Mr. W. P. Whitehead was thanked by the Rector for his work among his ringers, by putting his ringing abilities at their disposal throughout the year. The Rev. J. D. Wakeling was elected a ringing member.

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.

BIRTH

TREVOR.—To Ethel Josephine, wife of Leonard Trevor, at the Manor Hospital, Manor Court Road, Nuneaton, on March 19th, 1949, a son (Martin Howard). 4988

SITUATIONS VACANT

WANTED.—One or two youths age 15 to 16 and young men age 20 to 21 willing to become bellhangers. Must be good mechanics with initiative. Ringers preferred but not essential. —Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Bell Foundry, Croydon. 4947

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

FOR SALE. — HANDBELLS, two octaves (diatonic), in polished wooden cases. Retuned Mears 1947, tenor 20 in E. £25 inclusive.—Apply Box 4954, 'Ringing World,' Guildford. 4954

MISCELLANEOUS

ALL GOOD RINGERS KEEP RECORDS. Keep YOURS the 'Delight' way using specially-designed 'Delight' loose-leaf sheets and binder. Details and sample sheets from William Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 4887

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

The reprint of "THE COLLECTION OF DOUBLES AND MINOR METHODS" will be welcomed by many who have shown interest in the recently published four-way Table of Minor Methods. This table is for use with the collection, which can now be obtained from the Librarian (3s. 3d. post free), Osmington School, Tring, Herts.

'CHANGE RINGING ON HANDBELLS.' —The first official book on this subject. Price 2s. post free, from Hon. Librarian, Central Council, W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, Hertfordshire.

'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

No better pen picture of early ringing societies has been published than J. Armiger Trollope's 'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' illustrated, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

MEETINGS

EVENT OF THE YEAR.—To-morrow night, MIDDLESEX Annual Supper and Social, Catholic Hall, Heston, 5.30. Tickets at door 9s. 6d. Excellent social programme. Drinks. Ringing 3 p.m. 4961

GRUNDISBURGH.—Dedication of two new trebles and retuned eight bells in new frame and fittings, March 26th, at 3 p.m. Subscribers and helpers specially invited to service and tea. All ringers welcome. Bus 210a will leave Old Cattle Market, Ipswich, 2.20 p.m. Those requiring tea and bus must notify Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 4904

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District. — Monthly meeting, Duffield, Saturday, March 26th. Bells (10) 2.30. Bring food, cups of tea provided.—J. F. Wilkinson. 4927

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, March 26th, Chalfont St. Giles 3, St. Peter's 6.15. Names for tea Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 4930

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Hemingford Grey, Saturday, March 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea, Grey Hall Hotel, 4.15. Service 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis Sec. 4938

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Tickhill, March 26th, 3 p.m. Tea available.—W. E. Critchley. 4976

DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.—Dedication of recast bell at 11 a.m., Sunday, March 27th. Ringing before and after service. All welcome. 4980

HALIFAX DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting and contest at New Mill, Saturday, April 2nd. For teas notify N. Tinker, Eastnield, Mearhouse, New Mill, Huddersfield, by March 26th.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 4922

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Revival of annual dinner at Fleece Hotel, Cheltenham, Saturday, April 2nd, at 7 p.m. Tickets 7s. 6d. Bells available, Prestbury (8) 2.30, Cheltenham (12) 4.30.—Charles Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Glos. 4939

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Stanford-le-Hope, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 30th.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 4936

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Meeting, Aston, April 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Aston Tavern, 5 p.m. Notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 4941

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting, Goudhurst (8), April 2nd, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, Leigh, near Tonbridge, Kent, not later than March 31st. 4942

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Melksham (8), April 2nd, 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea by March 28th. — F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 4952

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District. — Bushey Heath (8), Saturday, April 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 4951

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Hampton, Saturday, April 2nd. New ring of eight at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea by March 29th to W. J. Newman, Branch Sec., 10, Peewit Road, Hampton Evesham. 4950

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Audley, Saturday, April 2nd. Names for tea to Mr. R. Rowley, Swanley, Nantwich Road, Audley Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 4949

DISS, NORFOLK. — All ringers welcomed, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells 2 p.m. Presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Bennett. Names for tea by March 29th.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss. 4985

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Ampthill, April 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—P. L. Gilbert. 4974

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Fulbourn, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at Six Bells.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 4968

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—March (6), Saturday, April 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 4964

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City.—April 2nd, St. James', 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5, Montpelier Cafe, Marlborough Street. Notify by March 31st the Secretary. 4979

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch and Furness and Lake District Branch. —Joint meeting at Silverdale, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (6) available 2.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 30th, to W. Bolton, Kirkmead, Cove Road, Silverdale.—J. Skeats, N. M. Newby, Branch Secs. 4983

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Yate (6), April 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by March 28th to Miss D. M. Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall, Glos. 4960

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Holy Trinity, Burnley, April 2nd. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 4975

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Ansdell, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—J. H. Foster. 4981

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — Meeting, Saturday, April 2nd, St. Michael's, Aughton. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 6. Names for tea to Mr. R. Larkey, Smithy Lane, Aughton, by Wednesday, March 30th.—J. Burns. 4956

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting at Kilworth, April 2nd. Service 4.30. Tea, White Lion, 5. —L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 4969

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Netherseale (8), April 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea only for those who notify me by March 21st.—J. Cotton. 4984

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Interim meeting, Great Bircham, Saturday, April 2nd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Early replies will help.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 4957

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Warfield (8) on Saturday, April 2nd, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 4973

OXFORD GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting, Stanford-in-the-Vale, April 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by March 30th.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 4978

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Dallington (6), April 2nd. Bells 3.20 p.m. Names for tea Mr. E. Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 4966

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Naseby and Hazelbeech, Saturday, April 2nd. Service and tea at Naseby, ringing at Hazelbeech after tea. Names for tea before March 29th to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby. 4967

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Quarterly meeting at Eastwood, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells 3.30. Tea at Sun Inn 5.30. Names to Mr. J. Johnson, 29, Church Street, Eastwood, Notts, by Wednesday, March 30th, latest.—W. Thornley. 4970

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Stratford St. Mary, April 2nd. Bells 2.30 to 4.45, 6 to 7. Tea 4.45. Names to Edward Ellenger, Hon. Dis. Sec., 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. Tel. Ips 78926. 4986

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Rawmarsh, April 2nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Rawmarsh, Rotherham. All welcome. 4977

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District. — Meeting at Waltham-on-the-Wolds, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names to Mr. C. Matthews, Waltham, by March 31st. 4990

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Practice meeting, Crawley (8), April 2nd, 3. Names for tea by March 30th to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 4991

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Northleach, April 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6. Card for tea by March 28th. —W. H. Hayward, 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester, Glos. 4993

KENT ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. —Quarterly, St. Lawrence's, Ramsgate, Saturday, April 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s.) to those who notify Mr. S. J. Gee, 22, Nethercourt Hill, Ramsgate, by Tuesday, April 5th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4972

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Cobham (6) on Saturday, April 9th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 5th, to B. W. May, Keithstone, Keycol Hill, Sittingbourne. 4959

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — Staplehurst (8), April 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 4963

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Lincoln District.—Meeting, Saxilby (6), April 9th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—J. Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 4982

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Norton and Whilton, April 9th. Service and meeting Norton, Whilton evening. Names for tea to Mr. H. Haynes, Whilton, Rugby, by April 1st.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 4971

BUCKERELL, HONITON, DEVON.—Dedication of new treble and recast bells by Mears and Stainbank, Saturday, April 9th, at 3 p.m. Service by the Bishop of Crediton. Tea (2s.) by ticket only on application not later than April 4th to F. H. Parr, Butts, Buckerell, near Honiton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Maidstone, Easter Monday. See 'R.W.,' April 1st, for full particulars. Names for lunch (about 3s. 6d.) by April 6th.—G. H. Spice, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne. 4935

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, April 18th, Norwich. Mancroft bells available 10 to 11.45 and 2.30 onwards, and the other city towers by arrangement. Standing Committee, Mancroft, 11.30. Service, Mancroft 12 noon; preacher, Rev. G. B. Chambers. Lunch 1, Samson and Hercules, followed by business meeting. Lunch 4s., plus 10 per cent. service. All names for lunch by Friday, April 8th, to General Secretary, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. 4962

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Corporate Communion at Ditcheat, April 24th, 8 a.m. Names for breakfast by 20th proximo. —H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditcheat. 4958

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District outing, June 25th. A further coach available providing it is filled by April 4th. Please send deposit. Cost without meals approximately 16s., with meals 25s. — A. F. Udall, School House, St. Luke's Street, Chelsea, S.W.3. 4987

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS. — On March 2nd at St. Michael's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss I. Pointer 1, J. Weaver 2, E. Austin 3, R. Flew 4, Miss E. Taylor 5, B. Garrett 6, S. Webb (cond.) 7, N. Grover 8. First quarter for 1 and 8.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On March 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Turley 1, E. Bishop, jun. 2, R. Mitchell 3, F. Miles 4, F. Hammond 5, A. F. Lewry (first in method as cond.) 6, S. T. A. Russell 7, M. Hammond 8. First of Stedman 1, 4 and 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Hammond (first on treble) 1, Miss J. Hill (first of Triples 'inside') 2, E. Bishop, jun. 3, R. Mitchell 4, A. F. Lewry (cond.) 5, F. Miles 6, S. T. A. Russell 7, F. Hammond 8.

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WITHOUT exaggeration, we can say that in nine out of ten parishes the relationship between the incumbent and his ringers is most cordial. Understanding between man and man is twofold in character and not a one-sided affair, and where an endeavour is made by both sides to see the other's viewpoint, then both sides pull together. Both ringers and the incumbent are in the same service, their loyalty to the Church, and each has his respective sphere of usefulness.

What is of concern to both clergy and ringers is that small minority of towers where a happy relationship does not exist. Can this coolness and indifference to each other's work be overcome? The primary purpose of bellringing to-day is ringing in the service of the Church, not in the advancement of the Exercise. But the second purpose is a means towards the fulfilment of the first. Take the parallel of church music and hymn tunes and chants; the maudlin sentimentality of the last century in much of the singing is gradually giving way to the contribution of modern music. And so it is with ringing. The advancement beyond the standard methods can only be accomplished by the maintenance of enthusiasm, and one of the means towards that enthusiasm is by peal ringing. The mastery of a method by a peal and the discipline involved all contribute to the introduction of a higher standard. These principles should be understood by non-ringing clergy.

We feature in this issue the answers given by Chancellor Kenneth Macmorran, K.C., one of the leading authorities on Church law, to difficulties confronting a band of ringers which has certain elements of estrangement with the incumbent. One of the points made by the Chancellor is the drawing up of a simple set of rules for conduct in the belfry. In towers with a tradition the ringers have their own set of rules drawn up to be applicable to the special local conditions, and these rules are generally observed. Ringing to be faithfully performed requires discipline, and during the process it is essential that the authority of the captain or master should be unchallenged. This is strongly upheld by Chancellor Macmorran.

The Central Council has never questioned the rights of the incumbent over the ringing of the bells of his church. What is not generally known outside ringing circles is the highly organised state of the Exercise. The division of the country into diocesan or territorial guilds and the cementing of these bodies into a central organisation have created a fraternity that has knit the ringers of the country into one large family. This family spirit finds its expression in many directions, particularly in the welcome extended to the visiting ringer, and it is very true to say that any young man (or woman) who through the exigencies of work or the Services finds himself in a strange town or village has friends in the belfry. We should like all incumbents to know of the presence of this large family, to stimulate and help it forward, and to welcome strange faces in their belfries. At the writer's own tower rarely a Sunday passes in the summer months without a visitor. The incumbent has full confidence in the captain of the ringers and would never dream of questioning the right of the captain in inviting the stranger 'to take a rope. We should like to see such confidence manifest in every tower of the land. The main purpose of 'The Ringing World' is that it constitutes the link in the ringing family. It is being run as a family journal, and it is the Editor's principal aim to do all he possibly can to foster such an objective. Upon this family principle the Church can best be served, and we hope that all incumbents, if not active members, will become honorary members of their respective Diocesan Guild or Association.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Mar. 8, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

H. James Turner	...*Treble*	Arthur D. Cook ...	7
Edgar C. Shepherd ...	2	Henry H. Fearn ...	8
Frank E. Haynes	3	Leonard Tuffrey ...	9
William C. Dowding ...	4	*William Rogers	10
Paul K. Williamson ...	5	George E. Fearn ...	11
John Pinfold	6	John N. Lindon	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Edgar C. Shepherd.
* First peal on twelve bells. Tenor 37 cwt. in C

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Mar. 10, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

H. James Turner	...*Treble*	Arthur V. Pearson ...	7
Albert Walker	2	G. William Critchley...	8
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3	Arthur D. Cook	9
Daniel T. Matkin ...	4	William Rogers	10
*John Pinfold	5	George E. Fearn	11
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Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Albert Walker.
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TEN BELL PEALS

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
Tenor 28½ cwt.

*Rhoda Hemming ...	...*Treble*	Alan Foster	6
William J. Leach ...	2	†Barnabas G. Key... ...	7
George L. Roden ...	3	Sidney H. Jones	8
Harold Harrison ...	4	Gordon Harrison ...	9
Noreen Brain	5	Edward J. White	...*Tenor*

Composed by Wm. Micklewright. Conducted by B. G. Key.
* First peal on ten bells. † 125th peal for the Society.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 30½ cwt.

*Paul L. Taylor ...	...*Treble*	Walter P. Whitehead	6
Leonard Trevor ...	2	Joseph A. Fenton ...	7
John R. Smith	3	John Thompson	8
Colin Harrison	4	*Leslie W. Stevens ...	9
Alan Cattell	5	Edward F. Gobey	...*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by J. A. Fenton.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

*Chris. G. Woodhead	*Treble*	*Anthony W. T. Cleaver	6
*Anne B. Stockdale ...	2	†John B. Rowsell ...	7
†Dr. Frewen Moor ...	3	Geoffrey Dodds	8
†Gillian A. Smith ...	4	George Sayer	9
‡P. Michael Freeman ...	5	†Alexander S. Watt	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Geoffrey Dodds.
* First peal on tower bells. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal of Royal on tower bells. First peal of Royal as conductor. A birthday compliment to Miss Gillian A. Smith for her 21st and to Miss Anne B. Stockdale for her 19th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Mar. 3, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

John H. Bluff ...	...*Treble*	William H. Waldron...	5
*Herbert Goakes ...	2	Stanley Gilbert	6
Charles O. Wood ...	3	*George S. Bush	7
*James K. Mounfield ...	4	Frank Warrington	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Frank Warrington.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. Tenor 26 cwt.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Mar. 7, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the R.C. Cathedral of St. Chad,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

John N. Lindon ...	...*Treble*	George E. Fearn ...	5
H. James Turner	2	John Thomas	6
Mrs. John Thomas ...	3	Henry H. Fearn	7
John Pinfold	4	William Rogers ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by James Hunt. Conducted by John Thomas.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Mar. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*William G. Young	...*Treble*	Shirley Burton	5
†Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	2	Peter J. Staniforth ...	6
Jill Poole	3	Alfred Ballard	7
Daniel T. Matkin ...	4	Harold J. Poole ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Fredk. H. Dexter. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First Surprise peal. † First peal of Bristol Surprise.

DORCHESTER, OXON.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Wed., Mar. 9, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Priory Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Hubbard's Ten-part. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*Kathleen Higgins	...*Treble*	R. Andrew Routh ...	5
Catherine M. Trist ...	2	Michael E. H. Barrow	6
M. Jillian Brierley ...	3	David Gallop	7
Rodney B. Meadows...	4	Peter W. B. Semmens...	*Tenor*

Conducted by David Gallop.
* 25th tower bell peal. First peal as conductor. First peal of Bob Triples by all the band and for the Society. A coming-of-age peal for the conductor.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Mar. 10, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Albert E. Whiting	...*Treble*	Walter W. Miller ...	5
*Russell Parker	2	Leslie G. Brett	6
Willoughby E. Maulden	3	Leslie C. Wightman ...	7
Charles W. Beecroft...	4	William J. Button	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
* First peal of Treble Bob. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Mar. 10, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

Dorothy Udale ...	...*Treble*	Alan Jacques	5
Colin Harrison	2	John R. Smith	6
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HERBERT J. PERRY	*Treble*	REGINALD WELCH	5
REGINALD BEALE	2	WILLIAM G. GIGG	6
MRS. E. S. POWELL	3	JOHN T. LOCKE	7
DENNIS R. BEST	4	JACK W. DREW	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.

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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Mar. 11, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*EDMUND J. MORRIS	*Treble*	*BENJAMIN WILLIAMS	5
TREVOR M. RODERICK	2	ALBERT J. PITMAN	6
ALFRED HANNINGTON	3	GWYN I. LEWIS	7
ROBERT E. COLES	4	ERNEST STITCH	*Tenor*

Conducted by TREVOR M. RODERICK.
* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor. Tenor 16 cwt.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Mar. 11, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb.

ARTHUR W. DICKERSON	*Treble*	ALBERT PEGG	5
HENRY TOOKE	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	GEORGE POYNTZ	7
THOMAS SIMMONS	4	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
A birthday compliment to George Poyntz, Master of the local band.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*ERNEST T. CARVELL	*Treble*	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	5
*JOAN M. WEBSTER	2	*JAMES H. COOKE	6
*CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	3	*JOHN COOKE	7
*ALFRED W. CUSICK	4	WILLIAM DEAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WILLIAM DEAN.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of London on the bells. A 17th birthday compliment to A. Cusick. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original.

KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	*Treble*	SYDNEY C. DRIVER	5
BERYL COWLIN	2	REV. P. J. BOULSOVER	6
*AUDREY D. ELDRIDGE	3	C. ALFRED LEVETT	7
FREDK. N. SMEATON	4	*CHARLES GRISBROOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. ALFRED LEVETT.
* First peal.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FREDERICK SHERATON	*Treble*	R. ALDER GOFTON	5
JOHN ANDERSON	2	RICHARD A. GOFTON	6
MARGARET FIDELL	3	JOHN A. BROWN	7
KENNETH ARTHUR	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. Tenor 21 cwt.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,

*WALTER LEMON	*Treble*	MISS JILL BRITTAIN	5
MRS. R. F. DEAL	2	†PETER N. BOND	6
*MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS	3	FREDK. A. COLEY	7
GEORGE H. CROSS	4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

EAST ARDSLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20¼ cwt.

*ARTHUR R. FOWKES	*Treble*	†W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
F. BERNARD DITCHER	2	J. EDWARD CAWSER	6
MILTON C. FOWLER	3	J. FREDERICK MILNER	7
ARTHUR FIRTH	4	ERNEST A. THORPE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JACK MUSSELL	*Treble*	DAVID R. REED	5
FRANK L. HARRIS	2	COLIN W. REED	6
*MISS JEAN BROWN	3	RONALD N. MARLOW	7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	4	EDWARD J. DOEL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HOLT. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal of Triples. First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells. Tenor 14 cwt.

EYNSFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

DAVID BEVERIDGE	*Treble*	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	5
LEONARD H. BOWLER	2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
MAURICE HODGSON	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ERNEST BLOMFIELD	*Treble*	JOHN CRAPNELL	5
*DENNIS CRAPNELL	2	KEITH WHITTELL	6
CLAUD WOODARD	3	CHARLES WOODCOCK	7
R. JOHN MUNNINGS	4	ERNEST GRIMES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ERNEST BLOMFIELD.
* First peal (age 14). Tenor 15½ cwt.

LANCASTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE PRIORY AND PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

C. KENNETH LEWIS	*Treble*	PETER LAFLIN	5
JOHN E. BIBBY	2	JOSEPH WHITTAKER	6
WILFRED STEVENSON	3	JOHN WORTH	7
WALTER ALLMAN	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPEON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
The first peal in the method on the bells.

MYTHOLMROYD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

*ALBERT HANCOCK	*Treble*	*VERNON BOTTOMLEY	5
*ERNEST H. SIMPSON	2	*DONALD R. MARSHALL	6
EDWARD JENKINS	3	FREDERICK SEAGER	7
*RONALD SQUIRES	4	ALFRED SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (74). Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.
* First peal of New Cambridge. First peal of New Cambridge on the bells. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS J. BRINDLEY (14)	*Treble*	LESLIE E. MONK	5
PETER BERESFORD	2	WALTER J. COPE	6
MISS JOAN BERESFORD	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER	7
JEFFREY B. WEBB	4	*JOHN NEWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
* First peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two arrangements of 2,160 (C.C.C. Nos. 80, 83, 81, 79, 82, 85) and one 720 (C.C.C. No. 58). Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb.

BERTIE A. CORNELL ...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. ARNOLD ... 4
*ROY V. WEBB 2	HAROLD V. FROST 5
†LESLIE T. HANSELL ... 3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ... *Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS J. SOUTHAM.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Minor. First in method as conductor. First of Cambridge Minor for all. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, three of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*KATHLEEN HARRISON ...*Treble*	CLEMENT J. MORE 4
FREDERICK C. ROPER ... 2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ... 5
ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 3	W. ARCHIE LOCK ... *Tenor*

Conducted by W. ARCHIE LOCK.

* First peal of Minor. A wedding compliment to Mr. Eric G. Bennett and Miss Violet M. Anness.

GEDNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 2,160 (C.C.C. No. 153) and four different 720's. Tenor 15½ cwt.

*GEORGE R. G. BUTLER *Treble*	†AUBREY D. MILLS ... 4
*MISS FREDA OLDERSHAW 2	CYRIL WANDER 5
*THOMAS H. CHARLTON... 3	†JOHN G. AMES ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Kent Minor.

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 10 cwt.

RALPH BIRD ... ...*Treble*	GEORGE A. TRENDELL ... 4
REGINALD A. RIPPINGALE 2	ROBERT C. LYON 5
THOMAS BIRD 3	ALBERT L. DIXEY ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

OLD WARDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's of Single Oxford and four of Plain Bob.

*RAYMOND G. BYWATERS *Treble*	WALTER D. POOLEY... ... 4
MISS DAPHNE J. HARE... 2	JOHN CHURCH 5
JACK DEAR 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... *Tenor*

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

* First peal (aged 13).

GODSHILL, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*SIDNEY M. HOLLISS ...*Treble*	FRANK S. TAYLOR 4
WILLIAM UPTON 2	CHARLES H. DENNESS ... 5
*LESTER BAILEY 3	†JOHN H. HUNT ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal on six bells.

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

*MARLOW SIMPSON ...*Treble*	†MISS DORIS SHEPPARD... 4
GEORGE CASE 2	LESLIE BARRY 5
TREVOR PRITCHARD ... 3	FREDERICK BLOWEN ... *Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal ' inside.'

PEATLING PARVA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores.

*A.C.2 ROY COLEMAN ...*Treble*	RONALD LORD 3
HARRY DUNCOMBE ... 2	ALAN H. HOUGH 4
THOMAS C. BELTON ... *Tenor*	

Conducted by THOMAS C. BELTON.

* First peal on a working bell. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

LAUGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of two 720's of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 10¾ cwt. in G.

*FRANK H. HICKS ...*Treble*	FREDK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 4
†§C. JOHN PIPER 2	§E. GAVAN D. TONKIN ... 5
‡§MICHAEL A. CAUSLEY ... 3	*WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE *Tenor*

Conducted by E. GAVAN D. TONKIN.

* 100th peal together. † First peal ' inside.' ‡ First peal of Minor. § First peal in two methods. First of Minor as conductor. A birthday compliment to ringer of 3rd.

PIDDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Mar. 7, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of one extent each of Oxford Bob (C.C.C. No. 59), St. Clement's (C.C.C. No. 103), Oxford Treble Bob (C.C.C. No. 150), Kent Treble Bob (C.C.C. No. 151), three extents Plain Bob (C.C.C. Nos. 51, 49, 28). Tenor 11 cwt.

*GEORGE CARE ... ...*Treble*	†STANLEY M. RUDDLESDEN 4
†BERTIE O. SODEN ... 2	RONALD C. NOON ... 5
PHILIP JONES 3	*ERIC NOBLES ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* 25th peal together. † First peal in five methods of Minor. First peal of Minor in five methods as conductor. Birthday compliment to the conductor.

BROMYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Mar. 7, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

*ROLAND L. PRICE ... ...*Treble*	†ARTHUR F. WALL... ... 4
*WILLIAM HINKSMAN ... 2	THOMAS COOPER 5
*DONALD R. HINKSMAN 3	*CLIFFORD J. WALL ... *Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS COOPER.

* First peal. † First peal ' inside.' First peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

HELMDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Mar. 8, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*WILLIAM H. YATES ...*Treble*	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS ... 4
†OWEN JOHN STEEL ... 2	WILLIAM YATES 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 3	HARRY BATCHELOR ... *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. First peal of Doubles as conductor. Rung for the induction of the Rev. James Cornelius Morrice.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Mar. 9, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's: (1) Beverley, Surfleet, York, Durham, Hexham, Berwick; (2) Wearmouth, Rossendale, Lightfoot, Stamford, Annable's London, Netherseale; (3) London, Wells, Cunecastre; (4) Northumberland, Carlisle, Sandiacre; (5) Chester; (6) Munden; (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne and Primrose. Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS CUMMINS ... ...*Treble*	ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... 4
JOHN R. KEMP 2	EDWIN FISHER 5
ARTHUR YOUNG 3	JOHN R. YOUNG ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

First peal in 26 Surprise methods by all the band, and first in 26 Surprise methods in the Eastern Branch. There were 86 changes of methods.

(More Peals on Page 145)

ABINGDON, BERKS. — On March 13th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss A. Carter 1, Miss J. Hammond 2, Miss A. West 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, A. E. Lock 5, A. Treadgold (first quarter as conductor) 6.

BARWELL, LEICS. — On March 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. K. Deacon 1, H. Duncombe 2, W. P. Whitehead (cond.) 3, A. H. Hough 4, C. R. Belton 5, T. C. Belton 6, G. P. Garner 7, J. Hill 8.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX. — At St. Nicholas' Church on March 13th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Humphrey 1, F. Bennett 2, J. Capp 3, G. Ades 4, J. Whitehead 5, Raymond Wood 6, M. Thomas 7, H. Stalham (cond.) 8.

BURTON-ON-TRENT. — On March 8th, at St. Modwen's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles in celebration of 89th birthday of the conductor's father: Margaret Munro (first quarter) 1, T. Pryce 2, J. H. Brittan (cond.) 3, Jill Cochrane 4, A. Skelton 5, G. Smith (first quarter) 6.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—On March 13th, at the Annunciation Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. R. Packer 1, R. W. Dent 2, J. L. Morris 3, R. Streek 4, D. Beveridge 5, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 6. First in the method for 1, 2, 4 and 5.

CHISWICK, LONDON.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Lott 1, C. W. Ottley 2, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 3, C. H. Wood 4, E. W. Furbank 5, A. J. W. Hughes 6, J. Bullock 7.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON. — On March 6th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Prockson 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, F. A. Barker 3, R. Charge 4, Dr. W. R. Winterton 5, R. H. Begrie 6, A. W. Coles (cond.) 7, A. H. Warren 8. First quarter in the method 1 and 5.

CUBITT TOWN, LONDON.—On Feb. 13th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. W. Beard 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, D. W. Beard 4, C. A. Hughes 5, F. W. Furbank 6, W. D. Grainger 7, J. Bullock 8.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On March 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: A. Harris (first quarter) 1, T. Bond 2, Joan Winterbourne 3, C. G. Calcutt (cond.) 4, C. Bennett 5, H. Caves 6.

QUARTER PEALS

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. T. Cleaver 1, Miss A. B. Stockdale (first on tower bells) 2, M. N. Bland (first quarter) 3, C. Moor 4, G. Dodds (cond.) 5, A. S. Watt 6.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX. — On March 13th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. D. Beedie 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 3, R. E. W. Wenban 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. D. Butler (first in the method) 6, J. R. Mayne (first in the method as cond.) 7, C. C. Mayne 8.

HUYTON, LANCS.—On March 11th, at the Parish Church, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Audrey Adshead (first quarter) 1, S. T. Smith 2, Doreen Jones (first 'inside') 3, F. W. Mars 4, Wm. Birchall 5, W. R. Birchall (cond.) 6. A compliment to F. W. Mars before joining the Royal Navy.

IFFLEY, OXON. — On March 10th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington and 540 Grandsire): D. Woodley (first quarter, 14) 1, Miss M. Biedermann 2, Miss N. Honey (first in 7 methods as cond.) 3, W. Fern 4, J. Adams 5, G. Webb 6. First in seven methods by all except 3.

LONDONDERRY, N. IRELAND. — On March 11, at the Cathedral Church of St. Columb, 1,260 Bob Minor: Lily Hughes 1, F. E. Dukes 2, J. Fielding 3, H. McIntyre 4, J. Campbell 5, T. R. Hampton (cond.) 6. First in method for all except 2nd. First quarter of Minor on the bells.

MONMOUTH.—On March 12th at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: K. Goodwin 1, A. Goodwin 2, L. H. Jones 3, S. Goodwin 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, T. Castree 6.

NEWPORT, I.O.W.—On March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Attrill 1, E. Drake 2, P. Page 3, W. Upton 4, F. S. Taylor 5, C. A. Drake 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, W. G. Scott 8.

OLVESTON, GLOS.—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Turner 1, T. Harris (cond.) 2, Miss M. Prichard (first quarter 'inside') 3, H. Baguley 4, H. Robins 5, D. Gardner 6, V. Wills 7, W. Cook 8.

READING, BERKS. — At St. Mary's on March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. F. Diserens (first quarter, aged 12) 1, A. Diserens (cond.) 2, Miss A B. Diserens 3, Mrs. A. Diserens 4, W. Maxted 5, N. J. Diserens 6, P. J. Dyke 7, J. S. Taylor 8.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Anger 1, G. Collins 2, E. C. Anger (cond.) 3, Miss B. E. L. Roberts 4, P. Anger 5, E. G. Granger 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 6.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—On March 13th at St. George-the-Martyr, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. J. Rowe 1, Miss P. Kitchen 2, C. E. Willmington 3, C. A. Hughes 4, F. Mead 5, H. G. Andrews 6, A. W. J. Appleton 7, J. G. A. Prior (cond.) 8. First of Surprise for 2 and 5.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS. — On March 13th, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: M. C. Ridyard 1, Miss E. M. Ridyard 2, R. Kenrick 3, Miss Vera Draper 4, A. Mawdsley 5, T. Marshall 6, J. J. Jackson 7, J. Ridyard (cond.) 8. Longest length in method by 1, 2, 4 and 7.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—At St. Mary's on March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss I. Dearling (first of Triples) 1, S. Howard 2, E. Cassell 3, T. Miller 4, J. Chapman 5, R. Sanders 6, E. V. Blake (cond.) 7, F. W. Wicks 8.

WHITTLESEY, NORTHANTS.—On March 13th, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. M. Tyler (first quarter) 1, A. R. Barker 2, J. C. Duddington 3, G. C. Bridger 4, J. H. Green 5, F. H. Newman (cond.) 6, C. Layton 7.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS. — At St. Luke's, Blakenhall, on March 18th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. D. Holden 1, S. Birch 2, H. T. Piper 3, E. E. Speake (cond.) 4, C. R Godfrey 5, H. Griffiths 6, A. V. Pearson 7, H. Boswell 8. First quarter in method by 2, 3, 5 and 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Surely this is a record. Mr. George Poyntz has been a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association for 40 years, and the peal at Saxlingham Nethergate on March 11th was the first birthday compliment with bells that he had received.

The tenor at Grimley, Worcs., to which a peal was rung on March 12th, is dated 1482.

Mr. George E. Symonds has rung peals of Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

Oxford University Society marked the coming-of-age of Mr. David Gallop with the first peal of Plain Bob Triples for the Society.

Mr. W. J. Button has 'circled' Helmingham, Suffolk, tower; Mr. Ernest Stitch, Aberavon, Glam., for the fourth time.

The Editor is always pleased to publish early information of the placing of contracts for augmentations and rehanging of bells. Information frequently reaches him first through other church newspapers.

Serving at Lichfield Barracks, Mr. John Newell approached the local ringers and expressed a desire to ring. Now six months after he has rung his first peal at Alrewas, Staffs. It was also the first peal for Miss June Brindley (14). A full crop of blisters reminds her of the peal, but she says she is quite prepared to have another go.

Friends of Southwark Cathedral met in the Chapter House on March 12th for a lantern lecture given by Dr. D. H. Cranage, some time Dean of Norwich. After tea the friends went to the Cathedral for evensong, during which the Bishop of Woolwich dedicated a tablet which records the fact that the twelve bells of the Cathedral were rehung and retuned at the sole charge of the Friends in 1947.

May 14th is being planned as a big ringing day in London in connection with the Bishop of London's mission. It is hoped to ring in every tower and there will be a number of peal attempts. The co-operation of all ringers is sought and they are asked to communicate with Mr. E. C. S. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing, or Mr. T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms.

Change ringing has taken place at Bromyard, Herefordshire, for over 50 years. The local band have now scored their first peal at the fourth attempt.

Thorpe Bay, Essex, bells were dedicated in July, 1947, and were the gift of Mr. Albert Mitchell in memory of his wife. The first peal on the bells was an in memoriam peal to the donor.

Mr. F. G. Handley has completed Stedman from Doubles to Cinques, and Mr. C. Wallater, by a peal at Wollaston, Worcs., has performed the same in each of the counties of Staffordshire, Worcestershire and Shropshire.

The Rev. F. F. Gilbert, Vicar of St. Stephen's-in-Brannel, Cornwall, on Sunday, March 13th, made a presentation to Mr. J. T. Creeber, who has been a member of the Parish Church choir for 60 years and a bellringer for 53 years.

The band that rang the peal of London Surprise Major at the Priory Church, Lancaster, on March 12th, were afterwards entertained to tea by the Lord Bishop, and received a warm welcome from the head verger and the local ringers.

Three Bournemouth ringers—Mrs. Marshall-say, D. T. Matkin and W. G. Young—concluded their Birmingham visit to the Johnson dinner with a peal of Surprise with the Leicester crack band. Five handbell peals were also scored. We are thinking of a special supplement!

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INCUMBENTS AND RINGERS

DIOCESAN CHANCELLOR EXPLAINS THE POSITION.

The Editor has been fortunate to secure the findings of Chancellor Kenneth Macmorran, K.C., Chancellor of the Guildford and a number of Dioceses, on what has at times been a difficult question respecting the relationship between an incumbent and his ringers. The question arose from a letter to the Editor asking for advice on a number of points.

The letter from the captain of a village band of ringers states:—

Could you tell me what authority or powers an incumbent has over his ringers (if any)? I quite understand his authority and power over the bells when they shall or can be rung.

(1) Has the incumbent (by virtue of his office) power to say he is chairman or president of the ringers, and they must let him know when they hold meetings, discuss or arrange a supper, dance or outing, so that he can be present and preside?

(2) I know all strange ringers wishing to come and have a ring or ring a peal must first get his permission, but has he the *right* to say to the captain or vice-captain that before either brings into the tower a recruit who is anxious to join the band, he must consult him and say, 'This young man or woman is anxious to learn; will it be all right?' In my opinion, the captain has the power to bring into the tower whoever he thinks fit, providing the person concerned is a member of the Church of England (a confirmed member), who is willing to accept the traditions and rules of the band.

(3) Must the incumbent be subject to the captain's instructions if he is a ringer, or can he demand to be head of everything connected with ringers or ringing?

THE CHANCELLOR'S OPINION.

Chancellor Kenneth Macmorran writes:—

I do not think that an incumbent is entitled to be chairman or president of the ringers, or to attend their meetings except when such meetings are actually held in the church (including the belfry). But neither parochial ringers nor stranger ringers have any right to ring the church bells. The incumbent is certainly entitled to give or refuse permission for the bells to be rung, except possibly on the occasion of divine service, in which case I think that the joint permission of the incumbent and churchwardens is necessary.

If there is a properly constituted team of ringers under a captain, I think that the incumbent ought to leave to the captain a reasonable discretion as to the introduction of a recruit into the belfry. But the incumbent would, I think, be justified in refusing the captain access to the bells if the latter brought into the belfry any person of obviously unsuitable character, e.g., an habitual profane swearer.

If the incumbent is himself a ringer, he must obey the captain's directions in the technique and practice of ringing in the same way as any other member of the team.

It is desirable that the incumbent and the captain should agree on a simple set of rules for the conduct of the ringers, and that the former should look to the latter as the responsible person for seeing that the rules are observed. Then, if they are not, the incumbent is clearly justified in telling the captain that the ringers will not be allowed in the belfry unless the rules are observed. I think, also, that the incumbent may in certain circumstances forbid an individual ringer to remain in the parochial team, e.g., if he is found to be an epileptic or a drunkard.

The ringers must recognise that the incumbent and churchwardens are the proper custodians of the church and the bells, and that the ringers are only allowed there by courtesy. But if they are allowed there they are entitled to be treated decently, and the position of the captain and his authority should be recognised and treated with respect.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AT YORK

The second session of the 20th Central Council (52nd annual meeting) will be held at St. William's College, York, on Whit Tuesday, June 7th, 1949, at 11 a.m. Notices of motion, signed by two members of the Council, must be in the hands of the hon. secretary before April 8th.

Secretaries are reminded that subscriptions became due on January 1st.

G. W. FLETCHER, Hon. Sec.
The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.

YOULGRAVE'S UNIQUE RECORD

An interesting and unique presentation took place at All Saints' Church, Youlgrave, on Sunday, March 13th, when six bellringers were presented with illuminated addresses subscribed for by members of the congregation.

The Archdeacon of Derby made the presentation, and in his sermon spoke of the great brotherhood of ringers and that this must be an historic event whereby these men had rung together for 25 years. But for the fact that two members of the full team died recently it surely must have constituted a record.

The forbears of Mr. Herbert Toft were all church bellringers, his great-grandfather, grandfather and father before him, for over 100 years.

The six ringers who received addresses, together with their names and number of years, are as follows: Herbert Toft (38 years), Norman Brassington (26), Harry Slaney (25), Jack Rowland (25), Chris. Toft (25), and Frank Toft (25).

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

QUARTERLY MEETING AT LLANSTEPHAN

For the first time the Guild met at this pretty village, which lies at the estuary of the Towy and can be seen across the water from the train to Carmarthen from Swansea.

The eight bells have been silent for some time, but the Vicar, the Rev. G. Morris, has decided that it is time to get a band and has taken upon himself the task of learning and has been followed by the organist and several ladies as well as other interested lads. Ropes have been loaned by St. Peter's, Carmarthen, whose ringers are also helping by making the seven miles journey for tuition.

This tower will be welcome in a diocese with ten towers in the triangle of land south-west of a line from Llanbadarn Fawr (Aberystwyth) to Llanelly.

There was a good attendance, although the International had held up the Llanelly and Burry Port ringers for two hours. Lampeter College was represented by two able ringers. Touches in standard methods of Triples and Major were rung, but not without 'cross talk.'

At the service ladies of the parish led the singing. Afterwards a splendid tea was provided by the local ladies. New members were elected and the efforts of the local band were praised.

Reference was made to the ringing competition at Tenby in May, to the annual general meeting at St. David's Cathedral in June, and to the bi-centenary at Llanbadarn Fawr in September.

Dedication

CANTERBURY'S NEW RING OF FIVE.

On March 18th, at St. Nicholas', Thanington, Canterbury, as a memorial for those of the parish who fell by enemy action, two new trebles were dedicated by the Bishop of Dover (Dr. Rose), making a ring of five.

During and after the service the bells were rung in rounds by the local band, and on the following evening the following members of the Canterbury Cathedral company rang the first 'touch' on the bells, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: B. J. Luck 1, Sidney Walter 2, Frederick R. Weller (first as cond.) 3, T. Holmes 4, H. R. French 5. First of Doubles by 1, 4 and 5.

The ringing was witnessed by the Rector and several local ringers, who afterwards had their first lesson in plain hunting. It is hoped that in due course we shall welcome them as brother change ringers.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

A peal board recording the first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells and for the Scottish Association was dedicated by the Provost (the Very Rev. M. P. G. Leonard) in the ringing chamber of St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, on March 20th.

The board was donated by Mr. W. H. Pickett, who conducted the peal on October 23rd, 1948, and the cost of lettering, etc., defrayed by the Provost. The dedication was followed by the band ringing a course of Stedman Triples.

Reminding those present that the band had made a recording of the bells last year, the secretary (Mr. E. A. Stafford) handed to the Provost a double-sided record, being a plain course of Grandsire Triples and a 'bob' course of Stedman Triples.

This recording is now played every evening at Denny Parish Church (where a ring of bells is impracticable) through a 'boosting' apparatus in the tower.

It is interesting to note that Denny Parish Church has tolled a curfew each evening for the past 300 years up to the ban which came into force during the last war.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

A record attendance from 16 towers attended the annual meeting of the Guild at Dudley on March 19th. The Guild service was conducted by the president (Canon J. Waring), and the address was given by the Rev. E. M. Kelly. An excellent tea followed.

The president presided at the business meeting, when reports, all of which were most satisfactory, were presented by the various officers. Mr. Dennis Holden was elected as Ringing Master in succession to Mr. T. Townsend and other officers were re-elected. The next quarterly meeting is to be held at Pensnett, subject to the necessary permission.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

Towards the end of the Michaelmas term a few ringers at the University who had been meeting previously for handbell ringing decided to form a society. All ringers and intending ringers were contacted and a meeting held. A constitution was drawn up, passed and forwarded to the general secretaries of the University Unions for approval.

The Guild has now obtained official recognition as a University Society, and the first general meeting was held a few weeks ago. The officers elected were: President, D. F. Ferguson; Ringing Master, R. D. Airey; secretary and treasurer, E. Nixon; auditor, B. Walshaw.

It was decided to practise both tower and handbell ringing. As yet this is restricted to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor on handbells, and Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor on tower bells, but with practice it is hoped to soon be ringing Triples and Major.

All ringers intending to come up next session are asked to contact the secretary.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEAL REPORTING

Dear Sir,—Mr. Hairs has taken exception to my last letter. It contained a perfectly reasonable suggestion to enable peal reports to be kept up to date *without* altering the type. The reason I suggested 25 peals a year was because this is just under two a month, which seems a moderate number. At this rate a keen ringer would ring 500 peals in 20 years, and as few ringers ever reach this total during their ringing career it does not look like a rationing system. It simply means a more gradual spread-over of their peals total, thereby causing less congestion in the peal columns.

Now regarding an isolated peal in a tower provoking complaints, this has, quite honestly, not been my experience, and I cannot recall even one such tower! In over 100 of the towers I've visited for a peal there have been fewer than 10 peals rung during the last 25 years. I am quite sure that if other peal organisers had cared to apply for the bells, they would have been readily granted.

Of course, I admit some of the towers have bells which require ringing, and these days many peal ringers expect their bells to 'go' like the proverbial tops.

Regarding my criticism of theoretical articles, I make no objection to those which can assist the ordinary ringer to raise his standard, but the recent ones on London Royal are too technical to be of much value. Whether such articles have assisted the Exercise to advance above calling Holt's Original is doubtful. The Original is still a good test piece, and those who have called it are still a select minority.

My suggestion that only peal ringers should vote before any proposed change is made in the style of peal reporting seems quite fair. After all, those who call the tune and provide the copy deserve a major share in any decision regarding their publication.

One last point—I have been attached to one tower for a year now, a situation which was impossible for me to achieve before the war.

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Betchworth.

HERTFORD LIBRARY'S LOSS

Dear Sir,—May I enquire whether there is any connection between the appearance of the copy of the 'Campanalogia,' which has been brought to the notice of Mr. C. F. Good, and the loss of a similar 1677 edition from the library of the Hertford County Association?

This loss was discovered during the war, when some of the more valuable books were removed for safety from the bookcase which is housed in the ringing chamber of St. Peter's, St. Albans.

I was librarian (although serving overseas) at the time of this removal, and I have never been able to throw any light on the disappearance of the book, so I am naturally interested in its recovery. The loss has been advertised several times in 'The Ringing World,' often as the 'Tintinnalogia,' but finally as a copy of Fabian Stedman's 'Campanalogia,' published in 1677 and identifiable by certain 'London Peals by F.S.' and certain 'Cambridge Peals by Mr. S. S.,' which are printed towards the end.

As the description of our missing copy tallies with that sent up by Mr. Good and now confirmed by Mr. Sharpe and the fact that there are said to be only three copies in existence, I have considered it worth while enquiring in case it is our missing copy.—Yours faithfully,

HAROLD V. FROST.

St. Albans.

GLOUCESTER.—At St. Mary de Lode on March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Bussey (first quarter) 1, L. Barry (cond.) 2, H. Worrall 3, J. Whiting 4, C. Hodges 5, C. Larner 6.

PEAL VALUES

Dear Sir,—

In my youth, said the sage, I took to the law,
And argued each case with my wife,
And the muscular strength which it gave to my jaw
Has lasted the rest of my life.'

Re the controversial peal of Bristol with two kinds of bobs.

The attitude of many seems to be that such a practice should be vetoed by the Central Council. If such a composition is to be disallowed, surely an examination of peal values as a whole is called for, and from such an examination we should undoubtedly find that many more inferior compositions than this are rung from time to time, e.g., Spliced Treble Bob, where even the nature of the rows is interfered with!

Are a multitude of rules and regulations to be made by the Council to see that all peals are of an accepted standard? Surely not, because the Council is not a dictatorial body, but the organ through which the Exercise expresses its opinion. If a composition is not popular, or frowned upon, then there is no need for the Council to make a resolution. It will not be needed, as such a composition will not be rung frequently. But should such compositions become popular, the Council cannot but allow them.

Unnecessary rules and restrictions have always barred progress. Many useless avenues may be explored, many compositions of doubtful merit may be rung, but once in a while something of real value may be discovered.

Think of the pleasure which would have been lost if the diehards of the Exercise had, when splicing was first experimented with, forced a resolution through the Council, barring more than one method in a peal! It would seem that a multiplicity of methods—yes, now; but that a multiplicity of bobs is to be answered by a multiplicity of rules!

KENNETH and MADELINE CROFT.

Nottingham.

EXPANDING TENORS

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Amos' observations on my expanding of tenors, owing to a report to me I looked into the measurements of Yaxley and Eynesbury tenors, 44in.—16 cwt., 43in.—15 cwt. Mr. Amos said when he rang Eynesbury tenor about two years ago it appeared about 9 cwt. Experience tells me that one must not come to any conclusion as to actual weight by ringing. I fail to see where Mr. Amos is an authority on weight by ringing. I have rung tenors from 4¼ cwt. up to 54 cwt. and it is easy to make errors by guessing weight of tenors.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK WARRINGTON.

St. Ives.

A POINT FOR CONDUCTORS

Dear Sir,—May I point out an error in your issue of March 18th.

On page 115 the peal at Sefton, Lancashire, is given as 'Spliced' Kent and Oxford T.B.M., Ilkeston Variation.

On page 116 a similar peal at Scunthorpe is given as Kent and Oxford T.B.M., Ilkeston Variation.

The peal at Scunthorpe is correctly recorded, that at Sefton incorrectly, because the Central Council decided about 1936-7 that the arrangements of Kent and Oxford, such as Ilkeston, Worcester, etc., are *not spliced* and are not to be recorded as such.

C. K. L.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On March 13th, at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Coles 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, R. W. Green 3, F. A. Barker 4, G. Charge (cond.) 5, R. Charge 6, R. H. Begrie 7, R. Newman 8. A 73rd birthday compliment to the conductor.

The Banister Family

Dear Sir,—Concerning the two Surprise peals rung at Woolwich in 1849 and recently commemorated after 100 years, your two contributors to 'The Ringing World' have made no mention of the most notable feature of these performances.

Included in this band was Mr. Henry Banister, four of his sons and his son-in-law.

Had they been content with peals of Minor these would have been purely family affairs, as yet unequalled by any other family. Even with the two Crimean soldiers making up the Major band they surely lose nothing in merit.

The Banisters themselves surpassed these performances in 1852, when they rang their famous peal of Grandsire Triples, also at Woolwich, when Mr. Banister and his six sons 'stood to' in order of seniority from the back end, and his son-in-law, Edward West, rang the tenor; and again in 1861 with a peal of Stedman Triples, when Henry Bright was the tenorman.

In reply to a letter published in the local Press, in which I commented on the Surprise peals, a lady, who claims to be the great-granddaughter of Henry Banister, honoured the local band by a visit to the tower, and was shown the peal boards and stayed as our guest for the whole of the practice.

She told us that she well remembers her great-grandmother, who died in Woolwich in 1929 at the great age of 97, but she was not aware of the achievements of her forbears, although she had heard that they were bell-ringers.

As the old lady was a girl of 17 when the Surprise peals were rung, presumably she married the young Henry, who rang the 3rd. So it may well be that the 'old ringer' mentioned by Mr. Pike and quoted by Mr. Barnett was indeed one of Mr. Banister's sons, and therefore the story of Sam Teasel and George Cleveland being Crimean soldiers is probably true.—Yours sincerely,

ALFRED GROVE.

Abbey Wood, S.E.2.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

MEETING AT HESSLE.

The meeting at Hessle, with its musical ring of six, on March 12th, proved to be quite a reunion, the last visit having been in October, 1946. Forty members from 17 towers attended.

A cordial welcome was extended by the Vicar (the Rev. C. R. J. Day), who conducted the Guild's service and gave an address. During the singing of Psalm 150 a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by Mr. Walker 1-2, L. Rodnell 3-4, G. Williams 5-6, R. Speck 7-8.

The business meeting followed an excellent tea, the president (Mr. G. Williams) presiding. In his opening remarks he referred to the death of Mr. William Middleton on March 5th, who was for many years captain and steeplekeeper at Beverley Minster and had been a member of the Yorkshire Association since 1901. The meeting stood in silence to his memory.

A collection amounting to £2 was taken for the Hutton Cranswick Bell Restoration Fund. The April meeting was fixed for April 9th at Patrington and the May meeting at Nunburnholme. Mr. T. Taffender (London) was elected an honorary member and Mr. J. Thompson an active member.

Appropriate votes of thanks were passed to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting. The evening's ringing included a touch of Cambridge.

BURBAGE, LEICS.—On March 5th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Lawrence 1, Miss E. Faulknall 2, C. Carr 3, E. Vallance 4, L. Rivers 5, W. Wood 6, A. Ballard 7, F. Measures (cond.) 8.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On March 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Ainger 1, G. Green 2, E. W. Furbank 3, P. Green 4, A. L. Simmonds 5, H. Carter 6, Dr. Spencer-Phillips (cond.) 7, F. Payne 8.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Mar. 10, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*ARTHUR GIBBS	*Treble*	*JOHN E. SKERRITT ...	4
*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ...	2	†HARRY RICHARDSON ...	5
†ERNEST E. WHITMORE...	3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by G. E. WATSON.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Minor. First peal of Cambridge as conductor.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

*STANLEY SUTTON	*Treble*	RONALD TRAVISS	4
EDWARD J. BOFFEY ...	2	JOHN E. BROUGH	5
HERBERT SUTTON	3	FREDERICK S. SUTTON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SUTTON.
* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Court, Double Court, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

MISS JEAN METHAM ...	*Treble*	CHARLES E. BROWN ...	4
JOHN W. MOORE	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS ...	3	FREDK. W. STOKES ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
The conductor's 300th peal.

CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*MRS. I. C. HASLEHURST	*Treble*	†EDWARD W. COLLEY ...	4
WILLIAM H. LLOYD ...	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
NOEL PHILLIPS	3	ERIC O. DAVIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

CORLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 5½ cwt.

ALBERT E. BRISTOW ...	*Treble*	*MARGARET F. DANIELS...	3
W. BRIAN ELLENDER ...	2	MARGARET D. REEVES ...	4
WILLIAM A. STOTE ...	*Tenor*		

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.
* First peal and 20th birthday.

HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four extents of Plain Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEY	*Treble*	JAMES BROOKS	4
ROGER POSNETT	2	A. JAMES GLASS	5
*ROYSTON PURCHASE ...	3	WILLIAM BUTLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Oxford, Canel, Sandal, Spliced London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston; and two extents of London Scholars' Pleasure. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

*S. W. J. PENNY (13) ...	*Treble*	ERIC SIMPSON	4
SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ...	2	†EDWARD HOLDSWORTH	5
ARTHUR HIBBERT	3	JAMES A. MILNER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.
* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob.

HANDBELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Thurs., Mar. 3, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,*
AT 34, PANTON STREET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 12 in G.

*P. G. L. COLE (Pem.) ...	1-2	G. ANDERSON-SMITH (Newn.)	3-4
*C. G. WOODHEAD (Pem.)	5-6		

Conducted by C. G. WOODHEAD.
* First peal. First as conductor. First handbell peal for all the band. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 3-4.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Mar. 3, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY...	3-4	ROY C. HURST	7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
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MAURICE J. THURMOTT ...	3-4	MARION GRAIN	7-8

Conducted by MAURICE J. THURMOTT.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Mar. 7, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,*
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 16 in B.

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

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.
* First peal of Triples 'in hand' with a working pair.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Wed., Mar. 9, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,*
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 16 in B.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN... ...	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	*GEORGE E. FEARN	7-8
WILLIAM ROGERS	9-10		

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal of Bob Royal.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Mar. 10, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,*
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 16 in B.

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

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

LAMPETER, CARDIGANSHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Mar. 10, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,*
AT ST. DAVID'S COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 18 in G.

*KENNETH H. WILLIAMS...	1-2	*REV. C. E. COX	5-6
WILFRID F. MORETON ...	3-4	*ROY HALLETT	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Major. The first peal on eight handbells for the Guild.

METHOD EXTENSION

A REPLY TO MR. YORK-BRAMBLE

By W. TAYLOR.

(Continued from page 134)

By the way, in one instalment Mr. York-Bramble told us that the penultimate place is never made when a bell other than the treble lies behind. Has he never made a Single in Double Norwich or Stedman, to mention only two cases?

Now to come to London Surprise in particular. Mr. York-Bramble omitted the most important and indeed essential characteristic of extension which demands that Maximus shall be produced from Royal, Royal from Major, and Major from Minor all in the same manner. At any rate, all the recognised extensions obey the rule. Plain Bob, Grandsire, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Stedman are classical and well established.

If we take Lincolnshire and Cambridge and contract from Maximus through Royal and Major to Minor we arrive at the same method, viz., Cambridge Surprise Minor. So will someone pass an opinion as to which is the best line of extension, as both to me appear equally good with perhaps a bias in favour of Lincolnshire mode. Again, if you contract Yorkshire from Maximus the limit is Major, there being no Minor. In a sense, Cambridge Minor is the parent of Yorkshire, for a Royal and a Maximus can be produced by continuing from Major as Major is from Minor (I hope that is clear). Personally, I think it is safe and desirable to conclude, although, so far as I know, incapable of proof: If a Royal cannot be produced from a Major as the Major is from Minor, then the Major is not an acceptable extension of the Minor, or expressed differently, the Major is not the same method as the Minor.

Here is the crux of the whole problem of London Surprise extension. Is the method known as London Surprise Major an extension of London Surprise Minor? Or, in other words, are London Surprise Minor and London Surprise Major the same method, in the same sense that Cambridge Minor and Cambridge Major undoubtedly are? In my opinion and also of some of the experts of the past, London Major is not the same method as London Minor, and consequently ought to be named differently. The late J. A. Trollope, who perhaps knew as much as any man about method construction, held the opinion that the two were not the same method. The principal reason being that it is not possible to produce a Royal from Major as Major is from Minor. There are other reasons which I dealt with partially in an attempt to explain the construction of London some time near the close of the ban on ringing.

I may here mention that there is a strong resemblance between Cambridge Minor and London Minor somewhat similar to the difference between Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. If you try to produce London Major from Minor in the same way that Cambridge Major is produced from Minor, i.e., obey Mr. York-Bramble's Grid laws, the result is on the left and is a complete failure.

If you make slight modifications when the treble is in each of the three positions: 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (after some trial and error if you are not very expert) you will arrive at the version on the right:—

12345678	12345678
21354768	21354768
12537486	12537486
21573846	21573846
25178364	25178364
52718634	52718634
52176843	52176843
25716483	25718634
52761438	52781643
57264183	57286134
75621438	75821643
76524183	75286134
67254813	57826314
62745831	58762341
26478513	85673214
24687531	58637241

from which neither 3rds nor 5ths nor 7ths produces coursing lead ends.

which with 7 as pivot in 5ths produces 85367421 as first row of second half lead.

If the half-lead end of the version on the right, 58637241, is compared with that of London Minor, 635241, you will agree that there is a resemblance or association which may be seen by writing 637241 and preceding with 58. When the half cone above the treble is compared with that of Minor, the resemblance is striking. Below the treble the result is not so striking, but there is a certain similarity. In Minor 5 and 6 make a place before crossing treble. In Major, 5, 7, 8, 6 each makes a corresponding place. The final pair dodging behind being 3 and 4 with 4 dodging with the treble and giving way to 2 in both cases. Both Royal and Maximus can be produced by proceeding in each as Major is produced from Minor. The figures can be given if desired. If this cannot be accepted as 'an' or 'the' extension of London Minor, it is certainly the nearest possible. It is preferable to arrange the four rows, treble in 3-4 as follows, i.e., 8 making a partial dodge before the whole pull instead of after.

25178364
52713846
52178364
25718634

(To be continued)

WEDDING

MR. JAMES SMITH—MISS JOAN BUTCHER

The wedding took place on March 19th at St. Botolph's, Northfleet, between Mr. James Smith, of Gravesend, and Miss Joan Butcher, of Northfleet, both Sunday service ringers at Northfleet. The choral service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. Johnson, in the presence of a large congregation.

Ringing by members of Gravesend and Northfleet bands greeted the bride on her arrival at the church. There was more ringing after the ceremony and in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by June Chesson 1, Mrs. Taylor 2, J. Constant 3, Robert Constant 4, Ron. Constant 5, Richard Constant 6, Ed. J. Beer (cond.) 7, Don. Stacey tenor. E. P.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

EAST NORFOLK BRANCH.

Thirty-one members attended the annual meeting of the East Norfolk Branch at Gorleston on March 5th, the service being conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. L. Corbell).

At the business meeting the Vicar presided, supported by Mr. G. W. Fletcher, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, the Rev. K. O. Morris, Messrs. J. Harwood (branch secretary) and H. Tooke (secretary of North Norfolk).

Mr. Fletcher was re-elected chairman and Mr. Harwood secretary. Mrs. E. K. Fletcher was appointed acting branch ringing master. Miss Daphne Cook (Lowestoft) was elected a member. The next meeting was fixed for Ludham on June 11th.

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MEETINGS

HALIFAX DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting and contest at New Mill, Saturday, April 2nd.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 4922

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Stanford-le-Hope, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Horndon. 4936

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Meeting, Aston, April 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Aston Tavern, 5 p.m. Notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 4941

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting, Goudhurst (8), April 2nd, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 4942

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Melksham (8), April 2nd, 3. Service 4.30.—F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 4952

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Netherseale (8), April 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30.—J. Cotton. 4984

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—March (6), Saturday, April 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 4964

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting at Naseby, April 2nd, cancelled.—E. Orland, Hon. Sec. 5019

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District. — Bushey Heath (8), Saturday, April 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 4951

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Hampton, Saturday, April 2nd. New ring of eight at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. 4950

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Fulbourn, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at Six Bells.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 4968

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Hilgay, April 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway, Wisbech. 4953

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Interim meeting, Great Bircham, Saturday, April 2nd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Early replies will help.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 4957

OXFORD GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting, Stanford-in-the-Vale, April 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 4978

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Stratford St. Mary, April 2nd. Bells 2.30 to 4.45, 6 to 7. Tea 4.45. Names to Edward Ellenger, Hon. Dis. Sec., 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. Tel. Ips 78926. 4986

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Practice meeting, Crawley (8), April 2nd, 3. 4991

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — On Monday, April 4th, 7.15 p.m., at St. Mary's, Lambeth, a practice meeting. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 4992

KENT ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. —Quarterly, St. Lawrence's, Ramsgate, Saturday, April 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s.) to those who notify Mr. S. J. Gee, 22, Nethercourt Hill, Ramsgate, by Tuesday, April 5th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4972

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Cobham (6) on Saturday, April 9th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 5th, to B. W. May, Keithstone, Keycol Hill, Sittingbourne. 4959

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Meeting at Bingley, Saturday, April 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Apply Mr. A. Hopewell, 15, Westleigh, Bingley. 4994

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Lincoln District.—Meeting, Saxilby (6), April 9th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—J. Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 4982

BUCKERELL, HONITON, DEVON.—Dedication of new treble and recast bells by Mears and Stainbank, Saturday, April 9th, at 3 p.m. Service by the Bishop of Crediton. Tea (2s.) by ticket only on application not later than April 4th to F. H. Parr, Butts, Buckerell, near Honiton.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — Staplehurst (8), April 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 4963

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Withyham (8), April 9th. Tea at Dorset Arms. Names to Mr. H. Vaughan, 3, Balls Green, Withyham.—C. A. Bassett. 4996

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — South and West District.—Meeting, Feltham, April 9th, 3 p.m. Bells 3 to 5 and 6 to 8. Tea nearby cafes. 5004

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District. — Peckleton, April 9th. Bells (6) 3. Cups of tea 5 o'clock. Bring own food.—F. K. Measures, Hon. Sec. 5007

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch. — Quarterly meeting, April 9th, Bathampton. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Notification for tea to S. S. Woodburn, Manor Lodge, Weston, Bath. 5008

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Albrighton (near Wolverhampton), April 9th, 3.—C. A. Barron. 5009

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting, Lymm, April 9th. For tea advise J. Thomason, 41, Barsbank Lane, Lymm, by April 6th.—John E. Ashcroft. 5010

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Hoghton, Saturday, April 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Bring own food, cups of tea provided. 5013

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District. — Sawley, Saturday, April 9th, 2.30. Names for tea to W. Simpson, Turnbury, Draycott Road, Old Sawley, by April 6th certain. 5016

OXFORD GUILD. — Reading Branch. — Monthly practice, Caversham, April 9th, 6 p.m. — T. N. Lanaghan, 31, Blenheim Road, Reading. 5017

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Monthly meeting, Eyam (6), Saturday, April 9th, 3 p.m. Bring own food.—Miss D. J. Dunn, District Sec., Darley Dale. 5018

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District) and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting at Clowne and Barlborough, April 9th. Tea available, details next week. 5023

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Shepshed, April 9th. Open ringing day after recasting and rehanging of bells. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in school. Notify Miss M. Smith, 39, Forest Street, Shepshed, by April 6th.—C. W. Hall. 5003

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting, Horbury, April 9th. Bells 2.30. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. E. Atkinson, Ivy Dene, Medlock Road, Horbury, near Wakefield, not later than April 6th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 5020

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. — Meeting at St. Luke's (6), Great Crosby, Saturday, April 9th. Bells open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30. Names for tea, which is being provided free of charge, must be sent before Wednesday, April 6th, to Mr. E. Porter, 1a, Endbutt Lane, Crosby, Liverpool 23. Ribble bus from Skelthorne Street passes church.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 5022

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Blunsdon (6), April 9th. Tea 5 p.m.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 4998

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. — Meeting at St. Luke's, Heywood, April 9th. Bells (8) at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30, cafe opposite church. — V. Wilson Sykes, Branch Sec. 5021

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Maulden on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 5025

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, April 18th, Norwich. Mancroft bells available 10 to 11.45 and 2.30 onwards, and the other city towers by arrangement. Standing Committee, Mancroft, 11.30. Service, Mancroft 12 noon; preacher, Rev. G. B. Chambers. Lunch 1, Samson and Hercules, followed by business meeting. Lunch 4s., plus 10 per cent. service. All names for lunch by Friday, April 8th, to General Secretary, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich. 4962

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 18th. St. Paul's (10) and St. Peter's (8) will be available during the day. 5014

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Ambrose's, Bristol, Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells: St. Stephen's, Bristol (10), 11 to 12 noon; All Saints', City (8), 11 to 12 noon; St. John's (6), 11 to 12 noon; St. Ambrose's (8), 12 to 12.30 p.m. Lunch in Church Hall 12.45 p.m. Business meeting 1.45 p.m. Divine service 4.30 p.m., address by the Lord Bishop of Bristol. Tea after service. Appication for lunch (3s.) and/or tea (2s.) to be made to me with remittance not later than April 11th. All the above bells available after tea, also St. Mary Redcliffe (12).—Cyril R. Harding, Gen. Sec., 77, Bromley Heath Road, Downend, near Bristol. Phone Fishponds 55110. 4995

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Maidstone, Easter Monday. Towers with ringing times next week. Service, All Saints', 12 noon. Lunch at Corn Exchange, 1 o'clock. Applications for luncheon tickets by April 6th latest to G. H. Spice, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne. 5015

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—A meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 18th, at Kingston-on-Thames (10 bells), 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6.30. Also St. Mary's, Walton, 11 a.m. to 12, and St. Nicholas', Thames Ditton, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. As tea is being arranged in the Church Hall, all notification to me by April 11th, please.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 5012

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Joint meeting with the Eastern Branch at Bicker, at the opening of the new trebles, on Easter Monday at 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Tea will be available to only those who obtain a ticket from Mr. G. Dawson, Bicker, Boston, before April 8th. 5002

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SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Preliminary announcement. Annual meeting at Nottingham, April 23rd. Details later. — J. W. Raithby, Gen. Sec. 5001

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Jubilee meeting, April 30th. Ringing at Cathedral 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 and 2.30 to 3.45 p.m., St. Giles' 2.30 to 3.30 p.m., St. Botolph's 10.30 a.m. to 12, St. Peter-at-Gowt's 2.30 to 3.30. All bells available after meeting. Cathedral Evensong 4 p.m. Luncheon (3s.) 1 p.m., tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. (followed by meeting) in Bailgate Chapel Schoolroom. Luncheon and tea by ticket only obtainable from Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln, Mr. J. Bray, Trentwood, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, or from the branch secretaries before April 21st.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 4999

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Ealing, Saturday, May 7th. Further details later.—E. C. S. Turner, Hon. Sec. 5005

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District outing, June 25th. A further coach available providing it is filled by April 4th. Please send deposit. Cost without meals approximately 16s., with meals 25s. — A. F. Udall, School House, St. Luke's Street, Chelsea, S.W.3. 4987

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A GUILD'S PROBLEMS

'WE are beginning to wake up!' writes Mr. Cecil W. Pipe, in his annual report of the Suffolk Guild for the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich for 1948. The aim of the Guild is to provide every church in the county which has ringable bells with a band of ringers to ring every Sunday. An enormous task but not an impossible one.

To reach this objective the Guild Committee is planning to work in a systematic manner. The co-operation of the diocesan authorities is being sought, but what is of equal importance is the co-operation of every single member. The procedure is to interest the public in the art of ringing by invitations to meetings with the ultimate aim of finding and training recruits on a greater scale than heretofore.

It is not merely ringing the bells but ringing them properly that Mr. Pipe has at heart, and he devotes space in his report to general observations that would improve striking and maintain open leads. He writes:—

'One ringer only who does not open and close his leads can upset the beat and good striking that may be set up by the others. On all numbers of bells, when leading, the sally must be allowed to rise at the hand stroke and not snatched away. This opens the lead nicely and the rope may then be smartly brought down from backstroke in order to close the lead. To lead properly, the ringer should endeavour to see the bell or bells that are led over, as a good lead is the forerunner of a good row, and if one row can be well struck then all subsequent rows should follow suit.

'A bad habit of not getting the arms high at both hand and back stroke is creeping in, resulting in poor bell control, and apart from the bad striking which follows, the reputation of the ringer suffers when he or she allows the arms to rise no higher than the face.'

Like most Guilds, the Suffolk is finding it difficult to make ends meet on a pre-war income. The cost of printing the report, for example, exceeds the income from members' subscriptions, the increase in the number of peals to 73 being a contributory factor. How is the additional income to be met? Mr. Pipe writes that he is loath to raise subscriptions and is not in favour of peal levies, as the peal ringers are the general force of the Guild and contribute greatly to training recruits and setting examples of good striking at meetings. The suggestion he puts forward is 'Belfry offerings' at meetings, and comments: 'If an afternoon and evening ringing and the social enjoyment that goes with it is worth a small piece of silver given voluntarily in the belfry to the secretary, there will be no need to increase subscriptions.'

The Exercise will follow with interest the suggested method of the Suffolk Guild to balance their accounts. Most Guilds have revised their annual subscriptions, others have imposed a small fee for recording peals, and in view of the money ringers spend in travelling and sustenance to ring peals, this small contribution is not a heavy imposition. The third method is steepleage. By compulsory methods a definite income is assured. We can well understand in an area where recruitment is extensive there is a hesitancy to raise Guild subscriptions. It is essential for the Exercise that all ringers should be paying members of their Guild. Where enthusiasm is lukewarm or is confined to Sunday ringing and a weekly practice and the sense of fraternity with the Exercise as a whole has not been developed, increases of subscription might be accompanied by lapse of membership. What is needed to-day, not only in ringing but in every other walk of life, is a mental adjustment to the new standard of values. Wages are higher and the cost of other forms of entertainment has correspondingly increased. And so should our contributions towards the cost of ringing, which in view of the heavy capital involved is one of the cheapest forms of pleasure.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Mar. 17, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

ELIZABETH FAULKNALL	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON	7
KATHLEEN TILLEY	2	SHIRLEY BURTON	8
*DOROTHY UDALE	3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	9
†MRS. J. H. POOLE	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	10
JILL POOLE	5	PETER J. STANIFORTH	11
HARRY G. WAYNE	6	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus. † 200th peal.

OXFORD
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Mar. 18, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt.

PHILIP WALKER	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. PORTER	7
WALTER F. JUDGE	2	*PHILIP M. J. GRAY	8
*MARGARET L. TUTT	3	*REGINALD W. REX	9
MARIE R. CROSS	4	*H. PETER RAYNOR	10
*NOEL J. DISERENS	5	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	11
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	6	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. A farewell peal for H. Peter Raynor.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	ALBERT D. COLLINS	7
RICHARD C. INGRAM	2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	8
ERIC E. SPEAKE	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	9
GEORGE E. OLIVER	4	BARNABAS G. KEY	10
MAURICE G. TURNER	5	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	11
GEORGE W. HUGHES	6	ALAN ELSMORE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*JOHN SCOTT	*Treble*	ARTHUR D. COOK	7
†MISS MARGARET BEAMISH	2	FRANK E. PERVIN	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	JOHN PINFOLD	9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	10
FRANK W. PERRENS	5	FRANK E. HAYNES	11
HENRY H. FEARN	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Maximus. † First peal on twelve tower bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Mar. 17, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

GEORGE H. CLIFT	*Treble*	*FREDERICK G. HOOPER	6
GEORGE E. PADGETT	2	FREDERICK A. SALTER	7
*†PATRICK PRESTON	3	FRANK W. BROWN	8
CLEMENT GLENN	4	WALTER NICHOLS	9
J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	5	†ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal in the method. † First peal on ten.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

*MISS SHEILA E. HARRIS	*Treble*	*‡ERIC DODDS	6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	2	HAROLD W. ROGERS	7
N. G. HOLLINGWORTH	3	*‡THOMAS E. DAVIES	8
†SQUIRE CROFT	4	DAVID J. CHARNLEY	9
MRS. KATHLEEN F. PARR	5	§EDWIN C. HYNARD	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Caters 'inside.'
‡ First peal on ten bells. § First peal. Tenor 16¼ cwt. in E.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

WILLIAM CARNWELL	*Treble*	ROBERT S. ANDERSON	6
*WILLIAM EDWARDS	2	ARTHUR PEAKE	7
*FREDERICK W. GROCOTT	3	*NEVILLE HOLLAND	8
FREDERICK J. WILSHAW	4	CHARLES H. PAGE	9
*ARNOLD G. MOORE	5	ARTHUR W. HALL	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by ARTHUR W. HALL.
* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. First peal as conductor on ten bells. Tenor 16 cwt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 20 cwt

MAURICE G. TURNER	*Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY	5
ERIC E. SPEAKE	2	HOWARD HOWELL	6
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
FREDERICK J. WILSHAW	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Mar. 10, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

THOMAS H. FRANCIS	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
LEONARD H. BOWLER	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
THOMAS E. DAVIES	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.
First peal of Duffield Major by all the band, and first in the method by all, except the tenorman. Tenor 10 cwt.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. Parker's Six-part. Tenor 15½ cwt.

FRED KINCHIN	*Treble*	KENNETH WHEELER	5
FRED LYNE	2	CLARENCE STEED	6
WM. COCKINGS	3	C. ARTHUR MANNING	7
ARTHUR T. SHOREY	4	LEONARD KINCHIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

ROBERT G. FREEMAN	*Treble*	IVOR GOULTER	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	EDWARD EVANS	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	FRANCIS MILES	7
FREDERICK G. NURDEN	4	EDWIN T. NEWBURY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

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ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *and* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFREDA,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

NESTA D. SMITH ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE...	5
*NELIA LEAHY	2	†ARCHIBALD L. MITCHELL	6
*OSCAR G. SMART	3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	7
RICHARD SMITH	4	NORMAN V. ANDREWS...	*Tenor*

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Major.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 13 cwt.

MISS M. E. RIDYARD...	*Treble*	‡ALBERT GREENHALGH ...	5
*MISS MURIEL REAY ...	2	‡JOHN ASHCROFT	6
†THOMAS BARKER	3	RONALD KENRICK	7
JAMES W. GROUNDS ...	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † 50th peal. ‡ First in the method.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Mar. 13, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.

HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ...	*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5
ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE ...	2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	6
HAROLD KILBY	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	7
JOHN F. CLARKE (80) ...	4	*GERALD ARMSTRONG ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal on eight bells. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Mar. 16, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

ALFRED H. PULLING ...	*Treble*	ERIC T. LEE	5
*SGMN. GORDON WALFORD	2	T. MARK WHITE	6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ...	3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY...	7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT...	4	WILLIAM H. INWOOD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Mar. 16, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Brook's Variation. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

F. HORACE E. STUBBS ...	*Treble*	*LEONARD G. HALL ...	5
JOHN R. SMITH	2	HAROLD J. POOLE ...	6
HARRY G. WAYNE	3	COLIN HARRISON	7
PAUL LEA TAYLOR	4	RONALD G. EDWARDS...	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.
* First peal of Stedman.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E.,
A PEAL OF HITCHIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

*DAVID BEVERIDGE ...	*Treble*	*ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...	5
*C. HENRY HARDING ...	2	*HAROLD P. BURTON ...	6
LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
*RONALD J. SHARP... ...	4	*PHILIP A. CORBY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the Association. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF CAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*LEONARD WEBB	*Treble*	*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ...	5
EDWARD DALINGWATER...	2	*CYRIL TOYNE	6
*LUCY MOTTISHAW ...	3	*HARRY ASHTON	7
*RAYMOND C. WESTNEY...	4	JAMES MCCLUSKEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

THORPE BAY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

*CYRIL H. GODFREY ...	*Treble*	DONALD COOMBES	5
WILLIAM S. MAY	2	RODERICK W. CROUCHER...	6
WILLIAM PERRY	3	ROY BROWN	7
PHILIP SADLER	4	FRANK B. LUFKIN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Plain Bob. First peal on the bells. Rung half-muffled in memory of Albert Mitchell, donor of the bells, who died on March 1st. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-port. Tenor 19 cwt.

*WILLIAM HARRISON (12)	*Treble*	ALFRED ROBERTS	5
ARTHUR TAYLOR	2	‡JOHN T. WALMSLEY ...	6
†JAMES B. ROBINSON (13)	3	†DEREK OGDEN	7
ROBERT H. WIMPENNY	4	RONALD EDWARDS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TAYLOR.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal 'inside.' A 16th birthday compliment to the 7th ringer.

DITCHLING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 7¼ cwt.

STELLA M. WICKENS ...	*Treble*	*PETER F. ROMNEY ...	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	FRANK HOWE	6
MAURICE O. THOMAS ...	3	BASIL W. WHITE	7
MICHAEL J. CAUSLEY ...	4	*REGINALD A. CRAGG ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by BASIL W. WHITE.
* First peal. First of Triples as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. H. Stalham.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

*ALFRED SMITH	*Treble*	EDWARD JENKINS	5
*WILLIAM BARTON ...	2	WALTER ALLMAN	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS...	3	CYRIL VALENTINE	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JAMES C. F. SIMPSON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by L. W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor, also first in the method on the bells. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 9, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CUTHBERT W. POWELL	*Treble*	HENRY G. KEELEY ...	5
*ROGER KEELEY (13) ...	2	STAFFORD H. GREEN ...	6
*REGINALD BEALE	3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ...	7
*JACK W. DREW	4	*JOHN T. LOCKE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by G. S. MORRIS.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 22 cwt.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* 50th peal together. First peal of Bristol on bells. Tenor 32 cwt.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

THOMAS GRIFFITHS ...	*Treble*	FRANK SADLER	5
*ROBERT G. FREEMAN ...	2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ...	6
MRS. J. THOMAS ...	3	*FRANCIS MILES	7
*FREDERICK G. NURDEN	4	JOHN THOMAS	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Bob Major. A birthday compliment to the Rector and ringer of the 6th. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Mar. 11, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

DEREK WHITFORD ...	...*Treble*	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	4
ROGER LEIGH	2	EDWARD IDDON	5
KENNETH HARTLEY ...	3	PETER CROOK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

*R. GEORGE MORRIS	...*Treble*	†ALLEN MORGAN	4
GEORGE E. LARGE ...	2	REGINALD WOODYATT ...	5
DENIS R. MORRIS ...	3	FRED HYDE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Doubles.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS JOAN HILLS...	...*Treble*	COLIN E. WRIGHT ...	4
†MISS C. CHINNERY ...	2	*FREDK. G. RICHARDSON	5
DAVID W. BEARD ...	3	FRANK V. GANT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

LITTLEBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*PETER NEWING (15)	...*Treble*	†WILFRED C. E. GOLDUP	4
*RONALD PEPPER (14½) ...	2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ...	5
†JOHN H. BAXTER (17) ...	3	EDWARD J. WELLS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 10 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS HILDA PRESCOTT	*Treble*	*GEORGE J. HAWKINS ...	4
LEONARD DERRICK ...	2	*WILLIAM A. BROWN ...	5
*MISS AUDREY TIBBOTTS	3	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT.
* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

HAROLD V. COOPER	...*Treble*	†CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	4
*MONICA A. DAVIS ...	2	*FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	5
*JOHN LLOYD	3	JOHN BASS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD V. COOPER.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † 400th peal. A birthday compliment to Mrs. C. Wallater.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one extent each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

STANLEY PROUD ...	...*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB ...	4
STEPHEN THOMPSON, JUN.	2	STEPHEN THOMPSON ...	5
GEORGE WALL	3	THOMAS W. DODD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN THOMPSON.
For the marriage of Mr. Ernest Roddam and Miss Jean Chapman.

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PETERBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*MISS M. L. LEESON	...*Treble*	DENIS D. WRIGHT... ...	4
HERBERT GOAKES ...	2	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN ...	5
GEORGE S. BUSH... ...	3	FRANK WARRINGTON	...*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

SLAIDBURN, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's.

JAMES LITTLEFAIR ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES CLEGG	4
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	2	VICTOR J. C. WOOD ...	5
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ...	3	ERNEST J. GOWER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
To celebrate the 819th anniversary of the church.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD	...*Treble*	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ...	4
GEORGE W. PIPE	2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ...	5
*GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	3	CECIL W. PIPE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor. In memoriam to Lord Woodbridge. Rung half-muffled.

STANDISH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 St. Dunstan's Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MISS M. PARSONS	...*Treble*	FREDERICK BROOKINGS...	4
HAROLD HOBBS	2	LESLIE BARRY	5
JOHN WHITING	3	*CHARLES SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal. A birthday compliment to Michael Barry.

STANDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt.

*KEITH SMITH (14)	...*Treble*	REG. STACEY	4
†JOHN SMITH	2	†SIDNEY SMITH	5
WALTER SMITH	3	†HAROLD GROOM ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD GROOM.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells since rehanging.

UPTON GREY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*JACK MARLOW ...	...*Treble*	*CYRIL HERRIDGE	4
†OLIVE J. OSTLER ...	2	†ALWYN E. A. SMITH ...	5
*CHRIS. URWIN	3	*FRANK GILBERT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK GILBERT.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First as conductor.

WOOD EATON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Mar. 14, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Columb, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, St. Nicholas', St. Giles', Winchendon Place, St. Miles', and two extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Eynsham, St. Leonard's, Cassington, St. Peter's, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, Norfolk, April Day, Grandsire, St. Blaise, Fortune, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Antelope.
Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).

LOTTIE R. PIMM ...	...*Treble*	*DOUGLAS O. WILKS ...	3
NORA HONEY	2	HARRY P. FLOYD	4
ALAN R. PINK	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in 25 methods. The first peal on the bells.

BARWELL, LEICS.—On March 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. R. Belton 1, H. Duncombe 2, W. P. Whitehead (cond.) 3, H. A. Knights 4, A. H. Hough 5, T. C. Belton 6, G. P. Garner 7, J. Hill 8. In memoriam Mr. H. Duncombe, father of the ringer of 2nd.

BARWELL, LEICS.—On March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hill (first on working bell) 1, T. C. Belton 2, R. Lord (first 'inside') 3, W. P. Whitehead 4, A. H. Hough 5, C. R. Belton (cond.) 6, G. P. Garner 7, G. Armstrong 8.

BENHILTON, SURREY. — On March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Clark 1, P. Leech 2, George W. Reed 3, R. Tomlin 4, E. Gosden (cond.) 5, J. Bridges 6. First quarter for all except 3 and 5. In memoriam J. C. Pettingell.

BROWNEDGE, STAFFS. — On March 23rd, at St. Mary's (R.C.), 1,440 Bob Major: B. Jackson 1, E. R. Martin 2, A. Dimmock 3, H. Hardacre 4, J. Jackson 5, J. Livesey 6, C. Hardacre 7, F. McCarthy (cond.) 8. First quarter 1 and 6. In memoriam Mr. T. Harrison, a ringer at Brownedge for many years, who was killed at work and was buried that day.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE. — On March 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. P. Wain 1, Miss J. Brown 2, N. A. Brown 3, R. Broom 4, F. Arrowsmith 5, C. K. Lewis (cond.) 6, A. R. Elkins 7, J. C. E. Simpson 8.

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, BERKS.—On March 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss Audrey Castell 1, D. Read 2, J. R. Pease (first in method 'inside') 3, F. O. Castell 4. C. J. Castell (cond.) 5, A. G. King 6. First in method 1 and 2.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX. — At St. Mary's Cathedral on March 12th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. O. Hume 1, H. Allen 2, E. J. Runter 3, P. Childs (first 'inside') 4, L. J. Clark (cond.) 5, A. Edwards 6, W. Barrett 7, A. H. Everett 8, R. C. Thrift 9, R. E. Dannatt 10. First in method 7 and 10. A tribute to Dr. J. Roland Middleton (organist) before leaving for Chester.

QUARTER PEALS

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Bowden 1, Mrs. F. Bowden 2, H. A. May 3, J. A. Etherington 4, A. E. Brown 5, E. T. Lee 6, C. E. Smith (cond.) 7, H. Mullard 8. First of Stedman by 2, 4 and 5.

EWELL, SURREY.—On March 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Babara Pottinger 1, H. E. Good 2, Josie Milborrow 3, R. Spittle 4, A. Williams 5, J. Hill 6, C. W. Munday (cond.) 7, J. E. Beams 8. First in the method for 1, 3, 4, 6 and 8.

EWHURST, SURREY. — On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Denyer 1, Miss R. Moore 2, R. Whittington 3, L. Warner 4, C. Stephens 5, C. Charman 6, H. Charman (cond.) 7, A. Tidy 8. An 81st birthday compliment to R. Whittington.

FAVERSHAM, KENT. — On March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Manuel 1, F. Pack 2, P. Jemmett 3, H. Chaplin 4, Miss E. Wyles 5, W. S. Palin (cond.) 6, E. Eades 7, F. C. Curling 8. For the christening of a daughter to the Rex. and Mrs. E. Stunton.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—On March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. S. Brown 1, G. W. Holliss 2, Miss E. Lonnen (first as cond.) 3, G. Lee 4, E. Treagus 5, W. J. Bristow 6.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—On March 20th, for Confirmation service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Fegg 1, H. L. Martin 2, C. W. Smith 3, T. R. Dennis 4, E. G. Hibbins 5, S. Brown 6, J. W. R. Quinney (cond.) 7, A. Rayner 8.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS. — On March 17th, 1,440 Minor (720 Plain Bob, 720 Oxford Bob): W. F. Todd 1, G. Cherry 2, L. Runnacles 3, E. W. Winters 4, F. W. Croft 5, W. J. Croft (cond.) 6.

HOOLE, CHESHIRE.—On March 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Beryl Hughes (first quarter) 1, Miss Daphne M. Lloyd (first 'inside') 2, J. E. Bonny (first 'inside') 3, B. Harris 4, R. G. Corby (first as cond.) 5, J. Payne 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON. — On March 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Salway 1, J. Arbury 2, Miss Q. Pring 3, Rev. E. V. Cox 4, W. Reeks 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, A. G. Betts 7, J. Glanville 8. First of Treble Bob by 3 and 6.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — On March 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. R. Blaby 1, D. Cox 2, Miss M. E. Davis 3, J. Kape 4, Miss A. Smith 5, R. P. Newton (first quarter of Stedman) 6, P. Newton (cond.) 7, N. Cornwall 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On March 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Rev. C. C. Cox 1, R. Keeley 2, C. W. Powell (cond.) 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, G. H. Whitemore 5, H. G. Keeley 6, S. H. Green 7, G. S. Morris 8. A compliment to C. W. Powell on his election as churchwarden; also a birthday compliment to C. W. Powell and his son Christopher.

OVERSEAL, DERBYS.—On March 20th, at the Church of St. Matthew, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Cotton 1, D. Sankey 2, H. Carter 3, W. Brooker 4, J. W. Cotton 5, P. W. Grice 6, G. W. Clayfield (cond.) 7, D. Yates 8.

PAISLEY, SCOTLAND.—At St. James' on March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Porteous 1, Ian Peacock 2, N. Sharpe, jun. 3, Mrs. W. Caldwell 4, R. J. G. Thom 5, R. W. M. Clouston (first as cond.) 6, N. Sharpe, sen. 7, R. J. Smith 8. A farewell to the tenor ringer, who is leaving for the U.S.A.

STEPNEY, LONDON.—On March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Cave (first of Triples) 1, G. J. Boomsma 2, E. J. Rowe 3, C. W. Ridgway 4, R. F. Deal 5, A. J. W. Appleton 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, T. G. Fox 8.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS. — At St. Paul's, Wood Green, on March 21st, 1,344 Norfolk Surprise Major: M. G. Turner 1, B. G. Key 2, A. V. Pearson 3, R. J. Warrilow 4, J. D. Holden 5, H. Howell 6, E. E. Speake (cond.) 7, G. E. Fearn 8. First in the method by all the band.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On March 20th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Ian Couch (first quarter of Minor) 1, L. W. Skinner 2. Wm. A. Hughes 3, R. Hartley 4, W. Hollamby 5, A. S. Richards (cond.) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Miss Margaret Beamish, who is not 14 until June, has rung a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Birmingham. Her claim to be the youngest person to ring a peal of Maximus on tower bells will not be disputed?

Mr. W. Eric Critchley has 'circled' Campsall tower.

Mr. Albert Relfe has conducted 125 of his 250 peals, which have been rung in 150 towers.

The Rev. W. H. Trickett, of Westerfield, clerical secretary to the Suffolk Guild, is leaving for Canada.

Eighty-year-old John E. Clarke, one of the Leicester Guild veterans, scored another peal at Gilmorton on March 13th.

Mrs. Harold J. Poole will, we are sure, receive many congratulations on her 200th peal. They have been rung in 17 different counties for 19 Associations.

Anxious moments were caused during the last 20 changes of the peal at Ditchling on March 19th, when the belfry light was momentarily extinguished.

The peal at Stowmarket on March 19th was a compliment to Mr. W. E. Tydeman, veteran captain of the Stowmarket company, in anticipation of his 83rd birthday on March 23rd.

The British Horological Institute invite ringers to the lecture on bells by Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, at the Hall of the Royal Society of Arts, John Adam Street, Adelphi, W.C., on Thursday, April 28th, at 7 p.m.

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd has been bereaved by the passing of his mother, Mrs. Mary Shepherd, at the age of 87. She was born at Solihull, the youngest of 12 children, and she lived to a greater age than any of the others. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung to her memory.

Ringers who have visited St. Giles', Wrexham, will happy memories of Mr. William Jones, who retired recently after over 50 years as sexton and bellringer. It is with great regret that we learn that he has had to have a leg amputated, the result of an old injury. He is now home from hospital and is going on as well as can be expected. Mr. Jones is one of the few surviving founder members of the North Wales Association in 1903.

Mr. Frank K. Measures has rung Plain Bob 'in hand' from Minor to Maximus.

Mr. H. Peter Raynor, of Oxford, is leaving for Southern Rhodesia. A farewell peal was rung on the Cathedral bells on March 18th.

Pressure on our space necessitates us holding over the final instalment of Mr. W. Taylor's article on Method Extension.

Condolences to Mr. Daniel T. Matkin's handbell band. In one week they rang two peals which both turned out to be false. One was Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major.

John L. Morris, who rang his 13th peal for his 13th birthday, called his first peal at Wrotham. He has made good progress in his first 18 months of ringing.

For sixty years a member of the Witham, Essex band, Mr. A. J. Evers had died, aged 75. His reliability at practice and Sunday service ringing was an example to all who knew him. A peal to his memory was rung on March 26th.

T. Richards, one of the younger enthusiastic ringers of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, has successfully passed the entrance examination to the Royal College of Art, London, where he will begin his studies in September, 1949. His friends wish him every success in his new sphere and trust that his ringing activities will continue.

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THE BELLS RING AGAIN IN THAXTED

By ETHELIND FEARON

FROM quite early in the morning it had been obvious that something special was afoot. 'Lovely day for it,' said the milkman to the postman. 'Lovely day for it,' said the roadsweeper to the newspaper boy. And they didn't mean for the Boat Race or the Grand National either; it was just that our bells had come home again, and to-day—this lovely 26th of March—people from all over the county and further afield were coming to ring them.

Bells mean a lot to a village community. They are at once a summons, a pride and a means of self-expression. But ours had been expressing us on every saint's and wedding day; every funeral and royal birth or coronation; every peace celebration (and that was quite a lot) and three times a day on Sundays since 1730 or so. And if one were quite honest about it, one had to admit that three of them were definitely cracked and the others so precariously hung that it was a wonder they hadn't come clattering down years ago. They must be recast and rehung, according to their needs, and, after certain high-speed begging and much in the way of sales, fetes, raffles and other such unscrupulous attacks on the pockets of sympathisers, we collected the whole £800 to pay the bill.

Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, were the chosen firm, not only because they have fine craftsmen and a grand reputation, but because Mr. Michael Howard, their designer, has been Morris dancing in these same ancient crooked streets. The bells came down, jackdaws' nests and all, chipped round the edges where the travelling founders had tuned their inscriptions half away in some forgotten age, and, wanly tolling, were rolled away on to a lorry and thence to Croydon, and from time to time we journeyed thither to see one cast.



A frieze of Morris Dancers on one of the new bells at Thaxted, Essex.
[Photo: Ian Campbell.

UNIQUE FRIEZES.

The moulds were made of sand and loam and goats' hair, and carefully pressed into them by a man inside the bells were unique friezes, designed by Michael Howard and carved by Mr. Todd. I say unique because neither I nor any one of the ringers here to-day have ever seen the like. Take the Morris bell, for instance, the donors of which were the Morris Ring and the Friends of Thaxted, with dozens of dancing figures hurrying round its shoulders, each fold in their handkerchiefs, every crease in their trousers, every little bell on their braided legs, distinct and clear, and in noble lettering, 'I ring for the General Dance,' and 'Praise Him in the cymbals and dances, Praise Him upon the strings and pipe,' running round its capacious waist.

The Justice bell and Peace bell are equally lovely, wreathed, the one in the River of Life and the other in a twisting vine, but all three are museum pieces and enduring examples of loving craftsmanship.

Everyone had taken a day off from work and was in holiday attire, it was the hottest day of the year, all the village sunblinds were out in a quite continental effect of stripes, and trains, buses, bicycles, cars and their own feet were bringing ringers from here, there and everywhere. There were the Master, the Deputy Master and the General Secretary of the Essex Association; the Master of the Herts County Association (Mr. W. Ayre), who had come the night before and arranged the ringing; members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, founded in 1637, and members of the Saffron Walden Society, who were founded in 1623. There were men (and women) ringers from Woodford, Hornchurch, Dunmow, Stanford-le-Hope, Finchingfield, Easton, Fulbourne, Ely, Dagenham and Barking. Men who have been change ringing for fifty years, men whose first season it is, and men from Croydon who had cast and tuned the bells.

There were also vicars from all the parishes around to assist in the dedication service which the Bishop of Colchester—a very popular and well-loved man—performed. The lovely church, as high and white and light as a cathedral, was filled with unaccustomed chairs and thronged with unfamiliar faces. Strong lusty voices carolled the well-known hymns; robes of cherry and peach, jade and scarlet and apple green came and went; cross and candles made flickering patterns in the smoky incensed air, and the sun threw dappled diamonds from the old windows on the high whitewashed walls. Everyone was ecstatically happy. The bells rang, the people sang in a full-throated roar with half the men singing 'seconds' as they called it and making a fine job of it. The choir took up the challenge and threw out their chests. 'Heaven and earth and all creation laud and magnify His name,' they cried, while the trumpet threw high excited notes like a starling up to the groined roof, drums rolled, and the organist pulled out every stop and let himself go.

A VOCIFEROUS BURST OF PRAISE.

It was a beautiful service, and after the Bishop had dedicated the new bells and re-dedicated the old to the Glory of God and the service of His Holy Church, they lifted up their tongues and sang again, bells, congregation, choir, orchestra and organ altogether in one grand vociferous burst of praise. And, even after the Bishop had retired, people hung back and talked and sang again, just as they do at Christmas time, because they were too happy to go home.

They rang all day, from ten in the morning until half-past eight at night. Rang Grandsire Doubles, Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich

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Grundisburgh's Great Day

The dedication of the new bells at Grundisburgh took place on March 26th in the presence of a very large congregation of parishioners and ringers from all parts of Suffolk and the adjoining counties.

The old bells, which had become badly dilapidated, had been taken out, retuned, two new trebles added and rehung on plain bearings in a cast iron frame. They now form a pleasing and musical ring of ten, with a tenor of 8¼ cwt. This part of the work was entrusted to Messrs. Taylors, of Loughborough, and has been carried out in their customary efficient manner.

The tower, which had developed a bad crack and been declared unsafe, has been strengthened by two bands of reinforced concrete, into which has been grouted six massive steel girders. This has been done in a very satisfactory way by Mr. Arthur Goodchild, builder, of Grundisburgh; the whole work has been under the surveillance of Mr. B. A. Thatcher, the Diocesan Surveyor.

A special form of service was used, the ceremony of dedication being performed by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, who was attended by his chaplain (Canon H. B. Graham), the Rector of the parish (the Rev. R. M. Verity), and several of the neighbouring clergy.

The Bishop, in his sermon, paid tribute to Mr. C. W. Pipe, hon. secretary of the Diocesan Guild, a resident in the parish, who by his devotion and energy had raised the sum of £1,175, which will defray the greater part of the cost of the work. The Bishop also made an appeal for young people of both sexes to come along and be trained to exercise this ancient, fascinating and most English of arts.

After tea, at which the whole assembly were entertained by ladies of the village, the many ringers present had the pleasure of ringing on the bells; all expressed their delight at the fine job made of them, the excellent 'go' being much commented on. The methods rung included Cambridge, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Stedman.

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Court Bob Major, a short touch of Stedman Triples, rounds for the beginners, Grandsire Triples, more Stedman and Cambridge all over again. And if you listened carefully and knew the pattern you could hear the bells dodging about, under and over in their places like a bit of tabby weaving, with the tenor steadily humming BONG-NG-NG-NG at the bottom of the line all the time. But every 'method' began with a plain round, like casting on knitting before the pattern begins.

The day was over, but people still stood about the wide streets under the eaves of Tudor houses in happy groups chatting and listening to the song of the bells high up in the slender tower. The sun blinds were put away, the lamps were lit, so that the weaver's cottage opposite the north porch looked like a stage set, with loom and spinning wheel, and about the time when the first owl flapped, hooting from the belfry, the visitors went away.

But to-morrow is another day. It is a Sunday, and, God willing, the bells will ring again.

Dedications

BREDFIELD, SUFFOLK.

The dedication of the augmented six bells at Bredfield, Suffolk, took place on March 20th. The tower contained four bells, of which three were cracked, and these have been recast and the old fifteenth-century Brayser bell retained with the addition of two new trebles.

Addressing the packed church of parishioners and visiting ringers, the Bishop of Dunwich congratulated Bredfield on this latest addition to the parish, and said he hoped many young people would come forward and learn to ring and so conserve a great art handed down from the centuries.

Six ladies of the Suffolk Guild of ringers were chosen to ring the opening touch, but one was prevented from attending, and her rope was taken by a male.

Touches were rung on the bells until a late hour, and congratulations were extended to Mr. Bert Newson, the representative of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have executed the work in their usual thorough manner. The bells are now a beautiful ring of six with a tenor of 11½ cwt. in G.

ST. PAUL'S, SALISBURY.

Another ring of eight has been provided for Salisbury by the dedication on March 26th of two new trebles, the work of Mears and Stainbank. The dedication was performed by the Bishop of Sherborne (the Rt. Rev. J. M. Key), the service being well attended. Some 60 ringers from all parts of Wiltshire were present and visitors from Southampton, Eastleigh, Swindon, Trowbridge, North Bradley, Cranbourne, Fordingbridge and Swanage. After the service the ringers and friends were entertained to tea by Mr. C. Harris (churchwarden). The ringing ranged from rounds to Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Cambridge Major.

The critical listeners outside heard the full beauty of the bells and passed favourable comments upon them. The new bells blend very nicely with the former six, and are a credit to the Whitechapel Foundry. F. E. M.

ST. CLEER.

The six bells in the fine 100ft. tower of St. Cleer Church, Cornwall, have been restored. The old frame has been retained, but new wheels, fittings, ball bearings and new clappers have been provided and the bells have been quarter-turned and tuned. The work has been dedicated by Canon F. Boreham, Canon Missioner of Truro Cathedral, and a large number of ringers from East Cornwall gave the bells good use afterwards. The tenor weighs 14 cwt.

ST. GLUVIAS.

St. Gluvias Church, near Falmouth, had a ring of six bells which were hung anti-clockwise in 1808. They were renovated in 1897, but the local ringers realised for a long time that a complete restoration would be necessary, and with the support of their Vicar, Canon J. A. Simcock, they opened a fund, Almost £1,000 was raised so that the bells could be completely rehung in a new frame, with new fittings, and for the retuning of the bells. The amount included the provision of two new trebles which have been given by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tripp, and the second is a memorial to Ernest and Ema Webber, and is the gift of their children, several of the family being ringers.

The Bishop of Truro (Dr. J. W. Hunkin) dedicated the bells on March 19th. About 100 ringers attended. The local band rang rounds during the service, and afterwards Mr. W. H. Southeard (Diocesan Ringing Master) saw that all had a pull. Mr. J. P. Fidler represented Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who have carried through the restorations with the usual good results.

Surrey Association

PROBLEM OF INCOME.

Due possibly to several other meetings the same day, the attendance at the annual meeting of the Surrey Association at Camberwell on March 18th was disappointing, some 40 members being present. The meeting was preceded by an excellent tea in St. Giles' Parish Hall.

In the absence of the treasurer, the statement of accounts was read by the secretary, Mr. C. Parks. The meeting's attention was drawn to the fact that, despite a grant of £10 to the Southern District, and also a substantial payment for reports, the balance carried forward was approximately the same as last year. The statement was adopted.

The committee's report for the year revealed that an old member, Mr. E. Bish, of Streatham, had died recently, and the meeting stood in silence to his memory.

The number of peals rung during the year was 20 (four on handbells). In these were included two peals each of London Surprise Royal and Cambridge Surprise Royal, as well as a peal of Spliced Surprise (four methods).

Mr. W. A. Theobald, of Salisbury, was elected a non-resident life member, and Mr. A. S. Watt, of Egham, a ringing member. The retiring officers were re-elected.

In accordance with a notice on the agenda the Master, Mr. D. Cooper, on behalf of the committee, recommended an increase in the annual subscription from 2s. to 3s. under Rule 8, and in addition under Rule 17 that the percentage of such subscription allocated to the district funds be increased to 50 per cent., the remainder going to the general fund.

RULES TO BE ALTERED.

Although the feeling of the meeting was that it would probably have been possible to carry through the recommendations, the operation of Rule 15, which called for at least one-sixth of the total members to be in favour of any alteration of the rules, prevented this. Mr. F. E. Collins then stated he would like to see this condition removed from the rule, but appreciated that to alter the rules there must be the required attendance.

After some discussion Mr. Razzell proposed, and Mr. Parry seconded, that a special meeting of the Association be called with a view to making the desired alteration of the rules, and on a vote being taken Croydon, St. Peter's, was selected as being the most convenient spot, the meeting to be held on the last Saturday in May or as near to it as possible.

Mr. Collins proposed and Mr. Crouch seconded that Reigate be the place of the next annual meeting.

Mr. E. G. Talbot here pointed out that when he attended the annual meeting of the Southern District he gained the impression that that district was making considerable effort to restore its pre-war position, and as a gesture to them of the Association's goodwill he suggested that a summer meeting be held annually in the Southern District on the lines of the Ranmore meeting held in August. The meeting gave its warm approval to the proposition, which was seconded by Mr. F. E. Collins. It was suggested that the first meeting be held in July, subject to confirmation.

A hearty vote of thanks was here accorded to Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Woolley for making the arrangements, including the excellent tea. After the meeting, members adjourned to the tower of St. Giles', where ringing of a varied nature, including a good course of Cambridge Royal, was enjoyed.

HEDDINGTON, WILTS.—On March 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss K. White (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Hacker 2, Miss R. Maundrell 3, F. Hacker 4, W. Hacker (cond.) 5.

OBITUARY

MR. F. S. W. BUTLER.

The death of Frederick S. W. Butler at the age of 77 will be read with regret, particularly by the older generation of ringers.

He spent his life in Gainsborough, and rang his first 720 at All Saints' Church in 1893. The following year he scored his peal —Grandsire Triples, also at Gainsborough.

He rang 33 peals, all of them before the First World War. They consist of Minor 1 method 1 (conducted 1), 2 methods 1 (1), 3 methods 1(1), Grandsire Triples 9 (2), Bob Triples 1, Bob Major 6 (1), Kent Treble Bob Major 7, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 2, Superlative Surprise Major 1, Grandsire Caters 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 2. Total 33, conducted 6. One peal of Grandsire Triples and one of Bob Major were rung 'in hand,' the latter rung in 1909, being the first handbell peal in the county.

This carefully kept record, not only of peals but quarter-peals and 720's, makes fascinating reading. What a wonderful story of sheer enthusiasm was behind many of these bare records. The first 720 on heavy bells in a remote village in the days when there were no buses shows this. An affliction of the legs prevented him cycling or walking far.

A member of the old North Lincs Association, he was a foundation member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, secretary of the Gainsborough District from 1899 to 1905, and from 1909 to 1923; he resigned to take over the secretaryship of the Northern Branch. On his relinquishing this office in 1937 he was presented with a wallet of notes in appreciation of his very great services.

A keen ringer but as keen a churchman, he was an example to all who knew him.

G. L. A. L.

MRS. GEORGE BAKER.

The sympathy of his many friends will be extended to Mr. George Baker, of Brighton, in the death of his wife, Mrs. Annie Baker.

With a friend she had attended a service at the Gloucester Road Baptist Chapel, and while walking through the grounds of a disused churchyard a man attempted to snatch her friend's handbag.

Both women fell to the ground and were taken to hospital suffering from shock. Mrs. Baker, who was 73, developed hæmorrhage, from which she died.

MR. JOSEPH HERBERT.

Readers will regret to hear of the passing on April 1st, after a long illness, of Mr. Joseph Herbert, of Twickenham, Middlesex.

His connection with ringing extended over 50 years. Never spectacular, he worked in a quiet way. For some years he was secretary of the London Diocesan Guild, and he was also actively connected with the Middlesex County Association. His main work, however, was in the local belfry, teaching and encouraging the young ringers. In this capacity he made many friends, who will mourn his loss with his family.

MR. WILLIAM S. SMITH.

We regret to announce the death of William S. Smith, of Mitcham, on March 28th, aged 81 years.

Mr. Smith was for many years a prominent member of the Surrey Association, and a first-class ringer. He had rung over 200 peals for the Association in a great variety of methods.

The funeral took place on March 31st, at St. Mary's, Merton, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by H. Langdon 1-2, R. Lathbury 3-4, W. H. Passmore 5-6, D. Cooper 7-8. Among other ringers present were Mrs. R. Lathbury, Mrs. F. E. Collins, Messrs. C. Dean and C. Parks.

NORTON-SUB-HAMDON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Mar. 13, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

JOHN T. LOCKE ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK WELCH ...	4
*DENNIS R. BEST	2	REGINALD BEALE	5
REGINALD WELCH ...	3	JACK W. DREW ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.
* First peal of Bob Minor 'inside.'

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AGATHA,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

*MISS AUDREY CASTELL	*Treble*	*SIDNEY TURLEY	4
*DENNIS READ	2	C. JOHN CASTELL	5
†J. RAYMOND PEASE ...	3	FRANK C. CASTELL ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. JOHN CASTELL.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

NORTH CAVE, EAST YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt

LEONARD RODMELL	...*Treble*	DAVID FEWSTER	4
G. RICHARD HESSEY ...	2	PHILIP H. SPECK	5
*GEORGE F. WILLIAMS...	3	FRANK C. LISTER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD RODMELL.
* 200th peal. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

PEBMARSH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three extents of Oxford Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

ALBERT L. DIXEY ...	...*Treble*	†FRANK J. BLOOMFIELD	4
*VICTOR BUTTLE	2	REGINALD A. RIPPINGALE	5
GEORGE A. TRENDELL...	3	RALPH BIRD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* First peal in more than one method. † First peal of Minor.

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of St. Clement's and Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JACK KEFFORD ...	...*Treble*	†JACK S. DEAR	4
RAY V. WEBB	2	EDWIN G. BUCK	5
†HORACE A. WERRETT ...	3	†WALTER D. POOLEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUCK.
* First peal. † First in three methods. First as conductor and 25th peal.

BENFIELDSIDE, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sun., Mar. 20, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 London Surprise, and two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*NEVILLE OLIVER ...	...*Treble*	RAYMOND OLIVER	4
JACK LISHMAN	2	STEPHEN THOMPSON, SEN.	5
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB...	3	THOMAS W. DODD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS W. DODD.
* First peal. Rung for the centenary patronal festival.

NORTH RAUCEBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Mar. 20, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 8 Morris' 240's Grandsire, 2 Pitman's 240's, 2 Price's 240's and 18 120's Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS IRIS KING	...*Treble*	HENRY P. COLLIN ...	3
RICHARD E. MANTON ...	2	†BERNARD H. DALTON ...	4
JAMES H. MUSSON	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal. † First peal in the method 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Miss Iris King.

HANDBELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., Mar. 11, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 16 in B.

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

Composed by C. MARTIN. Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., Mar. 11, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part Tenor size 16 in B.

*GEORGE E. FEARN ...	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	WILLIAM G. YOUNG	7-8

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal of Triples 'in hand' away from the tenors.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Mar. 11, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE AFRICAN OIL MILLS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JULIA M. PRESTON	1-2	JOHN E. SPICE	5-6
*FRANK VARTY	3-4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ...	7-8

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* First peal in the method on an 'inside' pair. Tenor size 11 in G.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Mar. 11, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE HOLYWELL STORES, LONDON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ALFRED JORDAN	1-2	ALFRED BALLARD	5-6
*EDGAR VALLANCE	3-4	HECTOR KNIGHTS	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.
* First peal of Major in the method with an 'inside' pair. First peal in the method as conductor.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Mar. 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT NEWSTEAD, STOKE ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ALFRED JORDAN	1-2	FRANK K. MEASURES ...	5-6
ALFRED BALLARD	3-4	EDGAR VALLANCE	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 16, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

A. ERNEST MCGRATH ...	1-2	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ...	3-4
FREDK. E. DUKES, (cond.)	5-6		

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Mar. 18, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3-4	FRED PRICE	7-8
*WILLIAM G. YOUNG ...	9-10		

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

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG	1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING... ...	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	DANIEL T. MATKIN	7-8

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Mar. 20, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT OSMINGTON SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents called differently. Tenor size 15 in C.

ROSEMARY SMITH	1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON	3-4
BRENDA FELLS	5-6		

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

LETTERS

KEEP THE STATUS QUO

Dear Sir,—May I comment on some inconsistencies in Mr. Woolley's last letter? First he tells us that 'The Ringing World' is a newspaper, and that 'surely peals are news.' Then he goes on to plead that a great part of this 'news' should not be reported!

Apart from this, there are other fallacies in his argument. He claims, quite rightly, that most peals in themselves are nothing very remarkable. However, the number of asterisks and other symbols used each week would indicate that to a great many people these ordinary peals represent significant and important events. Surely, too, we do not take 'The Ringing World' merely to gloat over our own names when they occur, nor simply to follow with awe the achievements of the great names of ringing, but rather to keep in touch with the ringing progress of those of our friends with whom we are not in close postal or geographical contact. Admittedly, a peal of Bob Major is less sensational than one in 22 Spliced Surprise methods, but if we see that one of the 'inside' ringers is someone whom we last saw struggling with the treble to Grandsire Doubles, we feel that 'The Ringing World' that brings this news to us is just as valuable as one containing half a dozen records by people we have never met.

In fact the best answer to the theoretical persuasiveness of Mr. Woolley's letter is simply the appeal to the general experience of the ringing fraternity. Let us keep the status quo, Mr. Editor.—Yours faithfully,

P. T. ROBBINS.

WESTCOTE'S OF BRISTOL

Dear Sir,—I wonder if any of your readers could tell me whether they know of any other ring of bells cast by Westcote, of Bristol, 1823, other than that of St. Leonards, Bretforton, a neighbouring parish to mine? It seems very strange that they cast only one such melodious ring as that of Bretforton. Any information on the matter I shall be very grateful for.—Yours truly,

F. C. CHAMPION (REV.).

The Rectory,
Hinton-on-the-Green, Evesham.

THE HARRISON FOUNDRY

Dear Sir,—Looking at the front cover of last week's 'Ringing World,' 'Barton Bells,' you state that the Harrison family were the bell founders from 1789 to 1833. Our bells at St. Michael's Church, Hawkshead, North Lancashire, were put in by James Harrison in 1765, a ring of six, tenor 11 cwt., at a cost of £228 4s. 6d.—Sincerely yours,

ROBIN SHUTTLEWORTH.

Ambleside, Westmorland.

MRS. H. J. POOLE'S 200 PEALS

Doubles, 1.

Bob Minor 3, St. Clement's Minor 1, Minor in 2 methods 2, 3 methods 5, 4 methods 2, 5 methods 4, 6 methods 1, 7 methods 12, 8 methods 2, 9 methods 1, 10 methods 1.

Grandsire Triples 9, Grandsire Caters 4.

Stedman Triples 15, Stedman Caters 6, Stedman Cinques 8.

Bob Major 5, Bob Royal 2, Kent Major 2, Double Norwich 5.

Lincolnshire Surprise Major 1, Bristol Surprise Major 3, London Surprise Major 8, Cambridge Surprise Minor 5, Major 25, Royal 17, Maximus 8, New Cambridge Surprise Major 1, Royal 1, Maximus 2, York Surprise Minor 1, Major 1, Royal 1, Maximus 1, Yorkshire Surprise Major 5, Royal 3, Maximus 8, Superlative Surprise Major 14, Maximus 3, Pudsey Surprise Maximus 1.

Total 200. Rung in 17 different counties for 19 Associations.

Leeds & District Society

The society's annual nomination meeting was held on March 26th at Armley. The bells were rung up at 3 p.m.; ringing continud until 8.30 except for the usual breaks for tea and the business meeting.

The president, Mr. T. Hill, presided. The secretary reported that he had been unable to obtain an estimate for dinner under 10s. 6d. (which he considered to be excessive), and so the proposed dinner would not be held. It is hoped to have a special tea at the annual general meeting.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by Mr. T. Hill and seconded by Mr. F. Hutchinson. Mr. Lofthouse replied for the local company.

A letter from the Selby and District Society suggesting a joint meeting was read, and after discussion it was agreed to hold a joint meeting at Kippax in June.

The following nominations for officers were received: President, Mr. T. Hill; three vice-presidents, Messrs. S. W. Barron, F. Hutchinson and T. W. Strangeway; Ringing Master, Mr. W. Dixon; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse; auditors (1948-49 accounts), Messrs. J. W. Benten and H. Lawn.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

WIRRAL BRANCH.

The Branch again proved its willingness to progress by holding a dinner, entertainment and dance at the Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, Wirral, on March 26th. This function was probably the first of its type to be held by a branch of the Guild.

Eighty-six persons sat down to dinner presided over by the branch chairman, Mr. J. Cooke, who was supported by Mr. A. J. Martin (hon. secretary and treasurer), Mr. T. Rogers (Ringing Master), Miss M. E. Webster, together with members from Bidston, Bromborough, Bebington, Birkenhead St. Mary, Eastham, Heswall, Oxton, Wallasey St. Hilary, and visitors from Liverpool and Frodsham.

As a full programme had been arranged, speeches were drastically curtailed and, having 'toasted,' members settled back and enjoyed the entertainment provided by Miss M. Kent Bannister (soprano), Mr. Melville Thompson (baritone), Sergt. L. W. Briscoe (comedian). Dancing followed, and at midnight special buses conveyed all to their respective homes. Many have since expressed a desire for a repeat performance next year.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

As a means of fostering fellowship, the annual supper of the South and West District at the Catholic Hall, Heston, on March 26th, proved most successful. Mr. Fred Goodfellow presided, supported by Messrs. A. W. and W. H. Coles (vice-presidents), E. C. S. Turner, W. G. Wilson, J. E. Lewis Cockey and F. A. Finch.

Speeches were of an informal character, but tho chairman, in welcoming the company, said that having restarted the suppers they hoped they would go on from year to year.

He asked those present to remember one or two old friends—Mrs. Charles Bird and Mr. Joe Herbert—who had not enjoyed very good health. In thanking the supper committee for their work, he specially mentioned Mr. Harry Chandler, who has been a ringer for 60 years, and has been at Heston for 57 years.

For the entertainment which followed, Mr. W. H. Coles was M.C. Mrs. Lock gave pianoforte solos, there were character studies by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Potter, the Hillingdon handbell ringers were much in evidence, and games amused youth and age. The Editor attended, and joined in the story-telling, a popular feature.

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

BAKER.—At 8, Queen Square, Brighton, on Apr. 1st, 1949, following a bag-snatching incident on Mar. 30th, Annie Eliza, the beloved and devoted wife of George Baker, aged 73 years. 5050

RETURN THANKS

Mr. Richard White and family of Appleton, wish to thank their many friends for the messages of sympathy and floral tributes sent to them in their recent sad bereavement. 5052

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

SCARBOROUGH. — 12, Highfield. Board residence or bed breakfast. Comfortable and reasonable. Personal attention of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sutton. No vacancies July 23rd to August 13th. 4997

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

For sale, set of 12 handbells; tenor in F; 18in. circumference; good condition; £12 or best offer.—Wood, 40, Guildford Road, West Worthing, Sussex. 5032

HANDBELLS WANTED

Set of thirteen handbells in 'F' diatonic scale.—Edgerton, 50, Ward End Park Road, Alum Rock, Birmingham 8. 5011

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. W. J. Root, Leicester Diocesan Guild, Leicester District secretary, is now 70, New Parks Boulevard, Leicester. 5039

MISCELLANEOUS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—National Union Teachers' Conference, Margate, 1949. To those delegates interested, special ringing for Conference Week. Tuesday, April 19th, St. John's, Margate (8), 7.30 p.m.; Wednesday, April 20th, Birchington (8), 1.30 p.m.; Thursday, April 21st, Ramsgate (10), 7.30 p.m.; Friday, April 22nd, Waterloo Tower, Quex Park (12), 7 p.m. Further particulars J. A. Russell, 40a, Station Road, Birchington, Kent. 5024

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

'THE CHURCH BELLS OF RADNORSHIRE.' Complete sets of parts, price 6s. 6d.; bound volumes, 10s., post free. To be obtained from the author, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. 5053

The reprint of 'THE COLLECTION OF DOUBLES AND MINOR METHODS" will be welcomed by many who have shown interest in the recently published four-way Table of Minor Methods. This table is for use with the collection, which can now be obtained from the Librarian (3s. 3d. post free), Osmington School, Tring, Herts.

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MEETINGS

KENT ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly, St. Lawrence's, Ramsgate, Saturday, April 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (2s.)—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 4972

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Meeting at Bingley, Saturday, April 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Apply Mr. A. Hopewell, 15, Westleigh, Bingley. 4994

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District) and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting at Clowne and Barlborough, April 9th. Tea available at Church Barn, Clowne, 5 o'clock. 5043

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — Staplehurst (8), April 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 4963

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Withyham (8), April 9th. Tea at Dorset Arms. Names to Mr. H. Vaughan, 3, Balls Green, Withyham.—C. A. Bassett. 4996

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — South and West District.—Meeting, Feltham, April 9th, 3 p.m. Bells 3 to 5 and 6 to 8. Tea nearby cafes. 5004

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry E.1, Saturday, April 16th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5030

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, April 18th, Norwich. Mancroft bells available 10 to 11.45 and 2.30 onwards, and the other city towers by arrangement. Standing Committee, Mancroft, 11.30. Service, Mancroft 12 noon; preacher, Rev. G. B. Chambers. Lunch 1, Samson and Hercules, followed by business meeting. Lunch 4s., plus 10 per cent. service. 4962

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Ambrose's, Bristol, Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells: St. Stephen's, Bristol (10), 11 to 12 noon; All Saints' City (8), 11 to 12 noon; St. John's (6), 11 to 12 noon; St. Ambrose's (8), 12 to 12.30 p.m. Lunch in Church Hall 12.45 p.m. Business meeting 1.45 p.m. Divine service 4.30 p.m., address by the Lord Bishop of Bristol. Tea after service. Appication for lunch (3s.) and/or tea (2s.) to be made to me with remittance not later than April 11th. All the above bells available after tea, also St. Mary Redcliffe (12).—Cyril R. Harding, Gen. Sec., 77, Bromley Heath Road, Downend, near Bristol. Phone Fishponds 55110. 4995

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Maidstone, Easter Monday. Towers with ringing times next week. Service, All Saints', 12 noon. Lunch at Corn Exchange, 1 o'clock. 5015

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—A meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 18th, at Kingston-on-Thames (10 bells), 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6.30. Also St. Mary's, Walton, 11 a.m. to 12, and St. Nicholas', Thames Ditton, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. As tea is being arranged in the Church Hall, all notification to me by April 11th, please.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 5012

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Joint meeting with the Eastern Branch at Bicker, at the opening of the new trebles, on Easter Monday at 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. 5002

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Ipswich. Bells (12, 8 and 6) available from 9.30 p.m. Committee meeting 11.15. Service, St. Lawrence's, 12 noon. Lunch (4s. each) 12.45. Apply to Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Suffolk, by April 13th. 5026

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EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Easter Monday, April 18th, annual meeting, Blackwell (6). Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Smithson, 10, Bamford Street, Newton, Derby. 5046

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Burton-on-Trent, Easter Monday. All Saints' 2.30 to 4; Parish Church, 2.30 onwards. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by April 16th J. W. Cotton, Overseal. 5045

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Easter Monday, Yeovil. Service 12 noon. Lunch to follow. A few seats left. Bells during the day—Yeovil, East and West Coker, Preston Plucknett. From 5.30 p.m., Sherborne Abbey. Business meeting 3 p.m. Tea will also be available.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 5042

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 18th. St. Paul's (10), St. Peter's (8) available from 10.30 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m., St. Paul's Hall, followed by business meeting. Names by 14th inst. to Mr. Foskett, 38, Miller Road, Bedford. 5036

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Maidstone, Easter Monday. Towers: Aylesford, 10 to 11.30 and 3 to 4; Leeds, Linton, Boxley, Bearsted, Barming, East Farleigh, 9.30 to 11.30 and after 3 p.m. Other particulars as previously advertised. 5034

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Haslingden on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells from 3. Bring own food.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec. 5027

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Shenington (5), Saturday, April 23rd. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Banbury (10) bells 7.15.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 5028

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting, Nutfield (6), Saturday, April 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names to Miss N. C. Kempsell, 1, Church Hill, Nutfield, by Wednesday, April 20th. 5041

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Hertford on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available: All Saints' (10) from 2 p.m.; St. Andrew's (8) from 2.30 p.m.; Bengeo (8) from 2 p.m. All towers available in the evening. Service at 4.30 p.m. at St. Andrew's. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at the Mayflower Hotel, North Road. Names for tea to Mr. A. S. Carter, 93, North Road, Hertford, by Wednesday, April 20th. Hertingfordbury bells (5) are available if desired. Information of any other bells which may be used will be given next week.—W. Ayre, Gen. Sec. 5031

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Lakenheath, Saturday, April 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Requests for tea by April 20th to Miss D. M. Reeve, Hockwold, Norfolk. 5047

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Babcary, April 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditcheat. 5040

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Annual meeting, April 23rd, at Nottingham. St. Mary's bells available 2 p.m. Committee meeting in St. Mary's vestry 11 a.m. Tea and business meeting, Milton Cafe, 5 p.m. For tea reservation send card to Walter Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford, by 19th.—J. W. Raithby, Gen. Sec. 5029

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Walton-on-Thames (8), Saturday, April 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notifications to Mrs. Smith, 5, Pantile Road, Oatlands Park, Surrey, by 20th.—F. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Arksey, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. I. Somerville, 13, Station Road, Arksey, near Doncaster. All ringers welcome.—E. D. Kelly. 5048

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Joint meeting with Selby and District Society at Carlton (6) on Saturday, April 23rd. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) for those notifying Mr. W. Graves, Chestnut Cottage, Carlton, near Goole, by April 19th. Snaith bells (6) available after tea.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5049

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Beaconsfield, Saturday, April 23rd, 2.30 p.m. Tea, White Hart, 4.45. Names by 18th. — Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 5037

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Jubilee meeting, April 30th. Ringing at Cathedral 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 and 2.30 to 3.45 p.m., St. Giles' 2.30 to 3.30 p.m., St. Botolph's 10.30 a.m. to 12, St. Peter-at-Gowt's 2.30 to 3.30. All bells available after meeting. Cathedral Evensong 4 p.m. Luncheon (3s.) 1 p.m., tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. (followed by meeting) in Bailgate Chapel Schoolroom. Luncheon and tea by ticket only obtainable from Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln, Mr. J. Bray, Trentwood, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, or from the branch secretaries before April 21st.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 4999

GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS. — The annual business meeting will be held in the Corfield Hall, Taunton, on Friday, April 30th, at 8 p.m.—Prebendary E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., West Hill, Ottery St. Mary, Devon. 5044

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Helens on Apr. 30th. Bells at Prescot, St. Helens Parish, St. Thomas', St. Helens, from 2. Service at 4. Tea and meeting at 5. Tea 2s. 6d. each; names to Mr. A. Wallace, 11, Whitefield Road, St. Helens, before April 20th.—W. H. Shuker and F. Dunkerley, Secs. 5051

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Wychbold, Saturday, Apr. 23rd. Bells (6) 3. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Numbers for tea essential by Tuesday, Apr. 19th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 5056

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EASTER

EASTER starts a new year in the Church's calendar, and however old we are it has about it a feeling of a new start in grace and also a fresh call to service. The first Easter brought a new vision to the small Christian community, and with each succeeding year we ringers should strive afresh to recapture that spirit of service we give to the Mother Church.

But this Easter is not only a spiritual renewal. To many of our towers, with the progress there has been with restorations and augmentations, the bells that have been silent for many an Easter will be ringing again. At others new recruits to our ranks will be ringing for their first Easter—a memorable experience. It is surprising what one ringer with enthusiasm and zest coming to a silent tower can achieve. Most Guild secretaries know of at least one of these apostles of ringing who, having found silent towers, have recruited and trained ringers and given to the Exercise a steady stream of young men and women who share their conductor's love of ringing.

We make no apology for the feature article in this week's 'Ringing World'—the story of Burnham ringers and how Mr. George Gilbert has faced the task of keeping the bells ringing. He has now another task—not the human one but a financial one. It is one in which many can help, and we suggest that no more appropriate way of expressing gratitude this Easter can be found for the ringer than in extending that helping hand.

Among those who will be sharing the joys of Easter is the new band at Mapledurham, Berks. This is the story that reached us this week from Mr. R. S. Hunt. When he came to the village recently he found that the six bells of St. Margaret's Church had not been rung regularly for service for some 12 or 14 years. He contacted the Vicar (the Rev. C. P. Sherwood), and an appeal was made for young people to come forward and learn. On February 14th eight people, including the Vicar, met in the belfry and, having discussed ringing and local conditions, it was decided to make a start.

Beginning the next evening and for the three following weeks (Saturdays and Sundays excepted), Mr. Hunt had two learners in the belfry each night undergoing instruction in bell handling with the clappers tied. Progress was very good, and at the end of three weeks they had six bells ringing open. Since then practices have been held weekly on Mondays and Fridays. They are now ringing call changes, and from Easter Day the bells will be rung regularly each Sunday. The next step planned is to master the Grandsire method and for the name Mapledurham, Berks, with its new band, to appear in our quarter-peal column.

Our new friends at Mapledurham, however, realise that ringing is not an isolated affair. During May the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild will be holding its quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Henley-on-Thames. It is then that the tower hopes to become affiliated to the Guild and the seven learners ringing members. We trust that Mr. Hunt and his new friends will find inspiration from the story of Burnham. A good start has been made; we await fruition.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb.

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HERBERT LANGDON ...	2	ANTHONY W. J. APPLETON	8
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JOHN E. CHILCOTT ...	5	WILLIAM HIBBERT	11
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NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

*DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	CHARLES W. ROBERTS...	7
JOHN THOMAS	2	WILFRID F. MORETON ...	8
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD...	3	*JOHN PHILLIPS	9
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM GORRINGE	*Treble*	*LAWRENCE T. POPE ...	6
*HELEN GORRINGE	2	*S. GEOFFREY WATERS ...	7
DORIS G. DOBBIE	3	*MALCOLM S. CLOKE ...	8
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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Treble*	GORDON C. BRIGGS ...	6
MRS. J. E. TURLEY ...	2	†DENNIS HOLLAND ...	7
G. GORDON GRAHAM ...	3	‡PETER NORTH	8
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A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;
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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
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ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	*Treble*	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	5
*MISS M. E. RIDYARD ...	2	THOMAS MARSHALL ...	6
JOHN LUNHAM	3	THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ...	7
†MISS VERA DRAPER ...	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

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WILLIAM H. CURSON ...	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ...	6
GEOFFREY W. HAIR ...	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ...	7
MISS RHODA HEMMINGS	4	WILLIAM MINOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH WM. COTTON.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*ROBERT E. LESTER	*Treble*	†SIDNEY J. PHILBRICK ...	5
LESLIE G. FORSTER ...	2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ...	6
HORACE J. MANSFIELD...	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	7
HARRY D. LISTER ...	4	OLIVER G. BARNARD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PAGETT. Conducted by OLIVER G. BARNARD.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method. First of Double Norwich as conductor.

DODDERHILL (DROITWICH), WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Comprising 1,600 Rutland, 1,280 London, 800 Cambridge, 800 Superlative and 640 Bristol, with 110 changes of method. Tenor 18½ cwt.

WM. B. CARTWRIGHT...	*Treble*	*GEORGE E. LARGE ...	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ...	2	THOMAS HEMMING ...	6
*NORMAN J. GOODMAN...	3	*REGINALD WOODYATT ...	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ...	4	*THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal of 'Spliced' in five methods.

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WROTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

EDNA M. SILLS	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	5
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	2	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	6
WILLIAM BOTTRILL	3	REGINALD L. SILLS	7
JOHN L. MORRIS	4	FRANK C. W. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS (13).
First peal as conductor, to whom this peal was rung as a birthday compliment. Tenor 20¼ cwt.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Mar. 20, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *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.

HECTOR A. KNIGHTS	*Treble*	JOHN J. MORRIS	5
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	2	ERNEST WHITMORE	6
*HARRY DUNCOMBE	3	ALAN CATTELL	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Surprise.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Mar. 21, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

PETER E. NORTH	*Treble*	NORMAN CHADDOCK	5
MRS. J. E. TURLEY	2	GORDON C. BRIGGS	6
*GEORGE R. HINER	3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	7
PHILIP COOTE	4	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JOHN E. TURLEY
* First peal of Major. Tenor 14 cwt.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Mar. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF REAL DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

VERNON SYKES	*Treble*	STEPHEN LL. PARRY	5
SELWYN H. DEARDEN	2	*IVAN KAY	6
JOAN HOULDSWORTH	3	*FRED DUNKERLEY	7
GERALD DARE	4	S.S.M. P. H. TOCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.
* 50th peal together. First peal in the method by all except ringers of 5 and 7. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Eileen Bastow.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 23, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, DEANE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH H. COOPER	*Treble*	MAJOR CROOK	5
JAMES HEWITSON	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
LESLIE PETERS	3	THOMAS BRATBY	7
THOMAS SMITH	4	JOHN W. HAMER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
In memoriam Harold Walmsley, a member of this tower.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Mar. 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*G. STANLEY BREWIN	*Treble*	†FRANK S. CHENEY	5
ALAN JACQUES	2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
SHIRLEY BURTON	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. B. Bowley.

GOUDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Mar. 24, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

THOMAS E. SONE	*Treble*	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	5
*BENJAMIN F. BAKER	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	6
ALFRED W. DURHAM	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Yorkshire. Tenor 27 cwt.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Mar. 25, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE	*Treble*	*MICHAEL M. H. BARROW	5
MISS NORA HONEY	2	*EDGAR J. SMITH	6
MISS KATHLEEN HIGGINS	3	JOHN S. MASON	7
*HARRY P. FLOYD	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal in the method.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Mar. 25, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CHARLES H. MOORE	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
GEORGE SAYER	2	WILLIAM CLOVER	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	HENRY TOOKE	7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	4	RAYMOND G. LOFTY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH J. PARKER. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
First peal of Triples in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Mar. 25, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

ALAN JACQUES	*Treble*	*DENIS R. CARLISLE	5
JOHN R. SMITH	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
ALFRED BALLARD	3	*EDWARD F. GOBEY	7
HERRICK B. BOWLEY	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP	5
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	6
PETER D. HUCKSTEPP	3	HARRY PARKES	7
WILFRED W. RING	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
The first peal in the method, which is Tipler's B. 12/3 (2nd place L.E.) in A. J. Corrigan's unnamed Surprise Major Collection.

BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ANDREW C. SINFIELD	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	5
*CLIFFORD W. IZZARD	2	C. HENRY HARDING	6
†KENNETH G. SPAVINS	3	BRYAN F. SIMS	7
HAROLD P. BURTON	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. The first peal in the method on the bells. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

CHOLSEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

EDWIN G. MOORE	*Treble*	WALTER F. JUDGE	5
JOHN S. MASON	2	*REGINALD W. REX	6
NOEL J. DISERENS	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
*PHILIP M. J. GRAY	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells. Tenor 10 cwt. approximately.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FRANK CRUTTENDEN	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. BEESON	5
OLIVER SIPPETTS	2	JOHN DEARLOVE	6
KENNETH SNELLING	3	HAROLD A. MAY	7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4	C. ERNEST SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
First peal of Bristol on the bells. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON	*Treble*	ALFRED G. HILL	5
*HARRY HOVERD	2	FREDERICK A. COLEY ...	6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY...	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM...	4	WALTER J. LEMON	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.
* 150th peal on the bells.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*MISS F. MARY LACEBY	*Treble*	*COLIN P. BRADFORD ...	5
HARRY MORGAN	2	G. LESLIE A. LUNN ...	6
*BERNARD O. MANN ...	3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ...	7
JOSEPH DIXON	4	NOEL B. THURLBY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. In memoriam Frederick S. W. Butler.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

S. FRANK TUFFLEY	*Treble*	*BRYAN C. STIRLAND ...	5
MRS. A. DISERENS ...	2	REGINALD F. CROOK ...	6
*AUDREY B. DISERENS ...	3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	7
*GEOFFREY W. DODD ...	4	JOHN H. HUNT	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN HOWES. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

*ERNEST H. SIMPSON	*Treble*	VERNON BOTTOMLEY ...	5
ALFRED SMITH	2	*GEORGE ROBINSON ...	6
*PATRICIA E. M. BARTON	3	FREDERICK SEAGER ...	7
*MOLLY AMBLER	4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS...	*Tenor*

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by L. W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY,
A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*FRANK C. W. PHILLIPS	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ...	2	ARTHUR G. BASON ...	6
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN...	4	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal on eight bells. First peal of Triples in the method by all, and in the county. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*STANLEY RYLES	*Treble*	FREDK. GROCOTT, JUN.	5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	2	*GEORGE A. PACKER ...	6
*MISS MARGARET RIGBY...	3	*RICHARD D. LANGFORD	7
ARTHUR PEAKE	4	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND...	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by N. R. HOLLAND.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 50 lb.

ERNEST WHITING ...	*Treble*	CHARLES CATCHPOLE ...	5
CECIL A. THOMPSON ...	2	FREDERICK J. ROOPE ...	6
WILLIAM J. FLATT	3	ERNEST C. STAFF	7
CYRIL J. BARBER	4	ARTHUR C. W. ROOPE...	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN H. LEWIS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
First of Little Bob by all the band and on the bells.

(More peals on page 169.)

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

GOOSTREY-CUM-BARNSHAW, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Mar. 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

DAVID SMITH	*Treble*	*HARRY W. HOWARD ...	4
MISS ELIZABETH MORTON	2	HARRY PARKER	5
ERIC HORNBY	3	*A. GORDON LAWRENCE	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. GORDON LAWRENCE.
* 25th peal together. A birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd, 4th and tenor. Tenor 6 cwt.

HARTFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of York Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and St. Clement's Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

ROBERT COLLINS ...	*Treble*	ERNEST J. LADD	4
DORIS E. COLGATE ...	2	†ALBERT RELFE	5
*CHARLES A. BASSETT ...	3	‡JOHN O. WELLER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT COLLINS.
* First peal 'inside' in seven methods. † 250th peal. ‡ 100th peal. First peal in seven methods for the Guild. For the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ladd, East Grinstead.

BREDONS NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Mar. 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

ROBERT G. FREEMAN	*Treble*	JAMES ATTWOOD	4
JOHN THOMAS	2	FRANCIS MILES	5
EDWIN T. NEWBURY ...	3	OLIVER ATTWOOD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

PYTCHLEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Mar. 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 4 six-scores Reverse Canterbury, 8 of St. Simon's, 10 of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

BERNARD H. E. BROWN	*Treble*	GEOFFREY E. WATSON ...	3
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ...	2	CECIL E. BROWN	4
BURLEY P. MORRIS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

F. BERNARD DITCHER	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ...	4
*LAURA MOTTISHAW ...	2	JOHN E. TURLEY	5
†ERNEST A. THORPE ...	3	J. EDWARD CAWSER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor and 50th peal. Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb. in B flat.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*COLIN D. MANN ...	*Treble*	B. FREDERICK SIMS ...	4
†MAURICE J. LOCKEY ...	2	CHARLES H. HARDING ...	5
‡R. JOHN SHARP	3	A. CHARLES SINFIELD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES H. HARDING.
* First peal. † First peal away from treble. ‡ First peal of Bob Minor.

ALBURY, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents, called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

MISS MARY DAVY	*Treble*	JOHN A. ETHERINGTON	4
*MISS W. A. OLIVER ...	2	†ARTHUR E. HUNTER ...	5
LESLIE C. W. HUNTER...	3	‡GEORGE L. GROVER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE L. GROVER.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ 100th peal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS. — On Mar. 26th, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Carter 1, A. Roberts 2, V. Turner 3, J. Prichard 4, D. Ogden (cond.) 5, L. Hill (first quarter) 6. In memoriam for Mr. A. Adams.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS. — On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob). S. C. Vessey (first quarter) 1, J. P. Vessey, jun. (first 'inside') 2, R. T. Vessey 3, S. G. Vessey 4, P. Holmes (cond.) 5, J. P. Vessey, sen., 6.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss W. Peake 1, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 2, Miss B. E. Ll. Roberts 3, Miss B. Strange 4, Miss B. J. Strange 5, Miss M. Skinner (first quarter) 6.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Mar. 20th, at St. Botolph's, 1,264 Bob Major: T. Freeston 1, S. Jessop 2, W. E. Clarke 3, D. White 4, A. Freeston 5, F. Dewey 6, R. Brown (first as cond.) 7, J. Vetch 8. A birthday compliment to conductor's wife.

CALNE, WILTS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Walker (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Maundrell 2, F. Walker 3, E. Dixon 4, R. Saye 5, H. Burry 6, R. Barry (cond.) 7, T. Freegard 8.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: G. A. Sutherland 1, J. Gibson 2, G. H. Wright 3, E. J. Thurlow 4, R. S. Payne (first as cond.) 5, J. B. Parling 6. First quarter for 1, 4 and 6.

DINDER, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Hull (cond.) 1, R. Thorne 2, E. Hill 3, P. Keevil 4, H. Hill 5, R. Smith 6. In memoriam Admiral of the Fleet Sir James F. Somerville.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Lintern 1, Miss B. Look 2, J. T. Dyke 3, Eric Raymond (first quarter) 4, H. C. Lintern 5, Reginald Tucker (first quarter Triples) 6, J. Lintern (cond.) 7, A. Lintern 8.

QUARTER PEALS

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On March 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Hopwood (first quarter) 1, E. Lindley (cond.) 2, *Miss D. Lloyd (first quarter of Triples 'inside') 3, W. Pugh 4, G. Pugh 5, J. W. Clarke 6, H. Thomas 7, J. E. Bonney 8. * 21st birthday compliment.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. F. Sutherland (first quarter) 1, J. L. Gray 2, C. C. Hulse (first quarter in the method) 3, N. H. Hewett (first 'inside') 4, K. Arthur (cond.) 5, T. W. Crowe 6, J. Roach 7, J. Heal 8.

GROBY, LEICS. — On March 22nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob): Enid Brown 1, W. Geary 2, T. Gardner 3, V. Geary 4, G. Spencer 5, Ernest Geary (first as cond.) 6.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Mar. 27th, 1,257 Grandsire Caters: A. J. Bartlett 1, E. T. Lee 2, F. Bowden 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, G. L. Grover 5, A. E. Brown 6, J. A. Etherington 7, H. A. May 8, C. E. Smith (cond.) 9, B. Grover 10. First quarter in the method by 5, 7 and 10.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Charman 1, T. Burrows (first 'inside') 2, G. Oliver 3, R. Andrews 4, D. Sleet (cond.) 5, W. Saunders 6. A 60th birthday compliment to W. Saunders.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX. — On Mar. 27th, 1,400 Kent Treble Bob Royal: Miss Sheila E. Harris 1, D. J. Charnley 2, Miss Eileen D. Farrell 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, Mrs. K. Parr 5, G. Croft 6, E. Dodds 7, F. Bishop 8, E. Hynard (first of Kent T.B. Royal) 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Mar. 30th, at the Vicarage, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. G. Keeley 1-2, C. W. Powell 3-4, Rev. C. C. Cox (cond.) 5-6, G. S. Morris 7-8, S. H. Green 9-10. First quarter of Caters on handbells by all except the conductor.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Mar. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. M. Hickman 1, S. J. Hughes 2, B. Madeley (first 'inside') 3, W. Lycett 4, T. Price 5, F. Simester (first quarter) 6, W. H. Tyler (cond.) 7, F. Price 8. For 12th birthday of Pat Hickman, the youngest ringer.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.—On Mar. 27th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Cotton 1, D. Sankey 2, H. Adams 3, W. Brooker 4, J. W. Cotton 5, Rev. D. P. Roberts (Liverpool) 6, P. W. Grice (cond.) 7, H. Shaw 8. Rung for the ringers' festival.

PEASEMORE, BERKS. — On March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Bolton 1, M. Roxin 2, G. Townsend 3, F. Tuffley 4, R. F. Crook 5, R. W. Rex (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Mr. Victor Rosin and Miss Pocock.

PURITON, SOMERSET. — On March 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Parkhouse (aged 79, first quarter of Minor) 1, M. Farthing 2, F. Sweet 3, R. Short 4, A. Turner 5, W. Kent (cond.) 6.

SALISBURY.—On Mar. 27th, at St. Thomas', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Roles 1, Miss J. Brown 2, L. A. Page 3, F. L. Harris (cond.) 4, W. A. Theobald 5, J. Mussell 6, L. Harris 7, E. J. Doel 8.

SOLIHULL, BIRMINGHAM. — On Mar. 29th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters, with the bells half muffled: W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, V. W. Rigg 3, T. Warner (first quarter as cond.) 4, H. Bragg 5, C. Bragg 6, J. Bragg 7, A. W. T. Cleaver 8, E. T. Lloyd 9, T. Abbotts 10. In memoriam Mrs. Mary Shepherd, mother of Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd.

WALKDEN, LANCS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Annie Potter 1, R. Scott 2, Ben Welsby 3, Joe Boyer 4, Roy W. Collier 5, Fred Grundy (cond.) 6, P. Derbyshire 7, A. Burton 8.

WOOLTON HILL, BERKS.—On March 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor: M. Dodd (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Stone 2, G. Dodd (first of Minor) 3, J. F. Scott 4, T. Blea 5, J. W. Berry (cond.) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Guild of Clerical Ringers will meet in Taunton on April 25th for five days' ringing in the district. Peals will be attempted at Curry Rivel, Drayton and Milverton. The party will include the Revs. J. F. Amies, J. H. B. Andrews, P. J. Boulsover, W. G. Bridge, C. Carew Cox, Preb. E. V. Cox, K. C. Davis, F. Ll. Edwards, R. P. Farrow, K. W. H. Felstead, N. E. Hope, J. Kingdon, R. H. Palmer, I. J. Richards, A. S. Roberts, D. P. Roberts, B. F. Sheppard, R. D. St. J. Smith, A. G. G. Thurlow, W. M. K. Warren, C. E. Wigg, Canon R. F. Wilkinson. Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. A. Roberts will accompany our party throughout, and Mrs. Powell is expected to join us for much of the time.

Messrs. James F. Clarke and John E. S. Moreton have 'circled' Chilvers Coton tower.

Mr. H. E. Good, of Ewell, enquires whether there is any ringing in the Isle of Man or if there are any bells hung for ringing.

The peal at Burgh, Suffolk, was a birthday peal to the conductor, Mrs. Sylvia R. E. Pipe, and also for the christening of William Pye, jun., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Pye.

The peal rung at Peterborough on March 3rd was at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist and not as printed. It was for the 25th anniversary of the Guild.

A correspondent suggests that the quarter of Cambridge Surprise Major stated to be rung at Westhoughton on March 13th was rung in a tower in or near Southport. It was not rung at Westhoughton.

In 'The Ringing World' of March 25th we published a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles at Ditcheat, Somerset, containing two first quarters. Further progress is reported by the same two ringers, who have scored their first in Triples. Now for the peal!

Mr. E. M. Atkins appeared on television last Sunday. Mr. Freddie Grisewood and Meg in 'their walk in the country' met him and two other ringers. It was Mr. Atkins' role to answer Meg's questions on ringing, including the familiar one, 'Why don't you ring tunes?' The interview concluded with a touch of Bob Minor 'in hand' (two Singles and a Bob), to introduce the path of bells. Reception at Guildford was clear.

Bromham, Bedfordshire, was Mr. A. Patrick Cannon's 200th tower for a peal.

Mr. John Worth and his Somerset tourists of last year are visiting East Anglia at the end of August for a peal tour. Famous Suffolk towers are included in the itinerary.

The sum of £250 is to be spent on the rehanging of the Blewbury bells (8). The work is to be carried out by R. White and Son, Appleton.

The Biddenden Youths' present band, who commenced ringing in September, 1949, have scored their first quarter-peal. This is claimed to be the first quarter-peal rung in this church for more than a century. The tower contains three peal boards recording past performances of Biddenden Youths, all of which are over 100 years old.

Cromer Parish Church bells are to be rehung on ball bearings, the work being the gift of the Rev. Arthur Buxton, whose family have been closely associated with the Church. Five of the present ring of six were presented by Sir T. Fowell Buxton, his grandfather, in 1774. These replaced four that were sold in 1767 to obtain funds for church repairs. Local tradition is that these four eventually became the famous Bow bells, but it is doubtful if this would be accepted by ringing antiquarians.

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BURNHAM'S FINE RECORD IN TRAINING YOUNG RINGERS

As a training ground for young ringers Burnham, Bucks, has an unparalleled position in the Exercise. Mr. George Gilbert tells the story of his 17 years' work in this special article.

UNTIL the year 1932 Burnham was a 'stoney' tower, with a paid band of ringers. Early in that year a band of choirboys was recruited into the tower, their ages ranging from nine years to twelve, and by April they were fairly capable round ringers. A meeting was called, and a voluntary band came into existence with the title of the St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers.

There were no change ringers in the band, so all had to start from scratch, hunting on three, four and five bells until the first 120 of Bob Doubles was rung. That was the first milestone. For every service from that date until now (except during the ban) the bells have sent out their message.

At the outbreak of war the following had been accomplished (age of ringer when ringing his first peal shown in brackets with total peals following): Ron Taylor (12) 5, John E. Taylor (13) 40, James D. Taylor (14) 16, W. Cyster (14) 4, Pat Cashman (14) 1, Bryan O'Neill (14) 22, Martin Blamey (15) 13, Peter Blamey (16) 15, C. A. Burgess (17) 47, Norman Bristow (17) 1, J. Jones (18) 4, George H. Limmer (18) 48, G. W. Limmer 48, B. T. Harrison 3, C. Stallwood 1, Miss S. M. S. Fleming 1, Mrs. Taylor 1.

Local band peals commenced in June, 1934, included in which was a peal of Doubles by a band of boys with an average age of 14 years 7 months, the conducting being shared by ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 5. This was on November 17th, 1934, and was rung for the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. Local Bob Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung and many peals of seven-method Minor. These boys made an exceptional name for themselves as real good strikers. Four of the band had conducted peals by 1938.

Then came the war, and as these boys were of service age, so their loyalty to their country took the place of their loyalty to their service ringing, and their ringing master was left with an empty tower once more. Four members made the supreme sacrifice.

However, the name of Burnham tower had to be upheld, and with conscription for men it seemed folly to teach boys only to lose them as soon as they were old enough to be called up.

GIRLS RECRUITED.

With an empty tower and the ban on the ringing of church bells, it was decided to remove the clappers of all bells except treble and tenor, and use the weekly practice night with a newly-formed band of girls, whose ages ranged from nine to twelve, with the satisfactory result of being equipped with a real good band of girls that has kept the bells going for all services from then till now. These girls also have gained for themselves a very good reputation for striking and method ringing, Tuesday 7.15 till 9 and Sunday 10.45 and 6 p.m., and there is not a more loyal band in the country.

Peal results to date are: Mary Jaycock (12) 30, Jean Broomfield (14) 31, Joyce Hearn (14) 16, Hilda Taylor (14) 10, Mary Pemberton (14) 19, Freda Murkitt (15) 15, Valerie Crouch (15) 1 (moved away), Gwen Murkitt (15) 16. Peals by the girls include 7 Minor methods, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major. They also ring many other Minor, Triples and Major methods. They are not altogether keen on peal ringing, but will always stand in if wanted. This is probably due to what the writer has taught them, i.e., service ringing first, peal ringing a pleasurable side-line.

For the Royal Wedding a peal of Bob Triples, practically perfect, with Jean Broomfield on the tenor (16 cwt.), and for the birth of Prince Charles a peal of Little Bob Major of a similarly high standard was rung. H.R.H. graciously accepted peal cards of both peals and also a photograph of the girls. These two Buckingham Palace letters occupy a place of honour in our tower. Both peals were rung by the local band, six girls taking part in each. On February 28th, 1948, no less than six of our girls were in three different counties, in three peals, all of which were successful. Our first girl member reached the age of 20 in November last.

More than one tower in this area is grateful for visits by some of our girls on practice nights, as they do not go out as passengers.

Ringers who visit Burnham tower know that when a peal is rung it is hard earned, with unmusical, odd struck and bad going bells on the light end (treble, 2nd and 3rd are in an independent(?) frame(?) ten feet above the back five). In spite of this, from 1932-39, 33 peals were rung, and post-war peals total (to date) 39. In these peals 31 have rung their first peal and 143 their first in the method. Burnham has always been an open door for those who care to use it, and more than one learner from other towers has been saved to the Exercise.

FAREWELL TO THE 'OLD POTS.'

But now the time has arrived when we are hoping to ring a farewell peal to these 'old pots,' as they are expected to leave for the Loughborough Foundry shortly after Easter, and we hope to have one of the best rings of bells in our tower by Christmas, 1949. In the meanwhile, a total sum of £2,000 has to be raised, and I am hoping that those who have read thus far will read on to the end of my story.

Burnham has (as a village) nearly had its back broken. First with the death-watch beetle in the roof. That was dealt with in the first stage at a cost of £735. Then the dire necessity of bell restoration came on and a provisional order was placed. During our wait for the founders to reach down to our order on their rota, the organ was found to be almost eaten by the furniture beetle, so poor old Burnham strained its purse and paid the bill, £2,000. We are off again on this big job, and I feel sure that my cry to those who are fortunate enough to be able to ring on a good going fine toned ring will call on those around them to add a little to this fund if only to keep these girls' faces still smiling as will be seen in the picture.

The Oxford Guild has made us a forty guinea grant and our own branch £10 10s., for which we are more than grateful. Quite a number of my ringing friends up and down the country have sent contributions. One or two meetings have collected at tea tables when they knew that we intend to get this amount. All of our band are working for it in addition to having to build an overflow church at Cippenham (within our parish). That is the general outline at Burnham, and my faith in the readers of 'The Ringing World' has never yet let me down, so may I pass on the name and address of the hon. secretary of our Tower and Bell Restoration Fund, Col. J. M. Wadmore, Woodlands, Linkswood Road, Burnham, Bucks. Cheques should be branded Burnham, Bucks, Bell Restoration Fund, and a receipt will be sent in every case in grateful acknowledgment.

Our bells are a mixed lot by various founders, the oldest bell bearing the date 1624, 'R.E.W.I. made me,' and although the tenor is only 16 cwt., it has, like the 7th, a wheel 7ft. 6in. in diameter. Front three are in plain bearings and back five in ball bearings, tenor in K blunt. The whole lot are being recast and rehung in new cast iron frame and will be all on one level. We are hoping to have an all day ringing 'opening day,' when everyone will be catered for.



ST. PETER'S SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.

Back Row: Joyce Hearn, Mary R. Jaycock, Gwen Murkitt, Mary Pemberton. Middle Row: Audrey Webb, Freda Murkitt, Geo. Gilbert, Patricia Stace, Jean M. Broomfield. Front Row: Ghida Downes, Millicent Weekes, Susan Maybanks.

Absent from Group: Hilda M. Taylor, Valerie Crouch, Jean Flat and Joan Bister.

[Photo by Greville's Studios, Maidenhead.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

The revival of the Cheltenham Branch annual dinner owes much of its success to the efforts of Mr. T. Boreham, branch chairman. The Rector of Leckhampton was in the chair on April 2nd, at the Fleece Hotel, and responded to 'The Church and State,' which toast was proposed by the secretary. Other toasts were 'The Cheltenham Branch,' by Mr. S. Thomas, with response by Mr. T. Boreham, and 'The Visitors,' by Mr. W. Dyer, response by Mr. W. Sidwell.

A very enjoyable evening was spent by the fifty members and their ladies who attended, an excellent programme of entertainment having been arranged by Mr. G. Simmons. Visitors were present from the Gloucester and Tewkesbury Branches.

C. R.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEAL REPORTING

Sir,—Mr. Woolley in his last letter asks whether we are to regard 'The Ringing World' as a newspaper or merely as a chronicle of past events, and asks if we would tolerate any other newspaper which got so far behind. Well, I am afraid that unless we can indulge in the luxury of a daily paper we must of necessity read ringing news that at the earliest must be a week old. This not only applies to peals but also to meetings, dedications or suchlike gatherings. To compare 'The Ringing World' with a daily paper is, saying the least, most unfair; in fact, to compare the two is ridiculous.

To return to the proposed alteration to the present-day method of publishing peals, who in the first place has asked for any? I have no recollection of the present owners or the Editor telling us that the time has come 'to cut our coat according to our cloth.' If the advocates have in mind saving space in order to make room for more ultra-technical articles by some of your method-construction correspondents, I am afraid I must register my disapproval. These articles are most excellent to those who are fortunate(?) enough to grasp their implications, but I very much doubt whether or not they interest one in ten of your readers. Anyhow, to save more valuable space they could be printed in leaflet form by the various prodigies(!) and circulated by advertisement to all who are interested.

My point about getting a thrill at doing something more than I had done before was seeing my first peal in print for the first time after the usual way of publishing touches and quarter-peals. Mr. Woolley apparently considers that an ordinary peal is not worthy of publishing in the usual way, but to those who take part in them the effort in many cases compares very bit as much as a more expert band scoring a multi-method peal.

Mr. Woolley raise another point which is quite irrelevant to the question of the form of publishing peals in 'The Ringing World,' that is, erecting peals boards in towers, and asks me if I want to go back to the fashion. Well, for one thing I don't think the fashion has ever gone out! People still erect boards or, if funds do not permit, framed cards to record what they consider is a unique peal of some particular interest, and why not? Please don't deny us pleasing ourselves if we wish to commemorate, or others wish to commemorate, a performance which may in fifty years' time be looked upon as local ringing history. I don't think people in these days erect peal boards for any 'common or garden peal.' F. W. ROGERS.

NOT THE MISSING 'CAMPANALOGIA'

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. H. V. Frost's enquiry concerning the copy of 'Campanalogia' in question, it cannot possibly be the one lost from Hertford's library, as this was in the possession of the late William Baker, of Great Chart, near Ashford, Kent, for many years, and he said that an uncle of his, William Baker, of High Oak Farm, Bethersden, near Ashford, gave it to him. From a recent conversation I had, it seems possible that many ringers in the Oxford district have seen this book, or at least heard of it, as the late William Baker was proud of his possession and often spoke of it.

A home will be found for the copy in question, where it is hoped it will be safe for all time.—Yours faithfully,

Charing, Kent. CHARLES F. GOOD.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Leonard's on Mar. 27th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. Barnes 1, G. W. Barnes 2, F. Oliver 3, E. J. Butler 4, H. Finch 5, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 6. First in method by 1, 2, 3 and 5.

'WANGLING' IN PEALS

CENTRAL COUNCIL ASKED TO CONDEMN IRREGULARITIES.

Dear Sir,—Mr. and Mrs. Croft suggest that if a peal of Bristol containing two kinds of bob is to be disallowed, 'surely an examination of peal values as a whole is called for.' Had they said 'allowed,' most ringers would agree.

A year ago I described a peal of Cambridge containing a single as mathematically clever, but for practical purposes merely a wangle, and much the same applies to Mr. Whitehead's peal of Bristol. It is not progress to overcome difficulties of composition by introducing expedients which have been condemned for centuries. Sir Arthur Heywood aptly says of Stedman (page 164 of the 1903 edition) that 'the degradation of using specially manufactured calls was freely admitted' before Thurstans rendered all irregular ones obsolete. If we allow two different bobs in one peal of Bristol or any other method, we may as well allow twenty and admit that composers up to now have, apparently, been wasting their time.

The point about 'Spliced' Treble Bob is largely answered by 'C.K.L.' In the letter to which I referred above I suggested it was time such arrangements as 'Ilkeston,' 'Worcester,' etc., were barred, and, though this drew a protest from Mr. E. C. Gobey, I am unrepentant because they introduce an assymetrical method which is neither Kent nor Oxford.

The Council could not be considered dictatorial to exclude such peals. The surest way to prevent the repetition of irregularities is to condemn them unequivocally without delay, as do the M.C.C. The Council resemble the M.C.C. in that the authority of both is moral only, but no cricketer disputes the M.C.C.'s rulings and no loyal ringer would dispute the Council's.—Your faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

BRISTOL RINGERS' PLACE OF HONOUR

Dear Sir,—Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret paid an official visit to Bristol on March 28th and was present at a civic luncheon attended by the Lord Mayor, the Sheriff, the Bishop of Bristol and many other public dignitaries and representatives of numerous youth organisations. The luncheon was held at the Red Lodge, the home of Bristol Savages, in a room known as the Wigwam.

Four Bristol ringers occupied a highly privileged but very conspicuous place in the room, being seated on a tiny balcony like a minstrels' gallery only a few feet above the heads of the guests. We were there at the request of the Lord Mayor, presumably as a sequel to our previous appearance when we rang in November last at the annual dinner of the 'Antient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers,' where handbell ringing is a traditional accompaniment to the festivities.

We rang for about a quarter of an hour before the arrival of Her Royal Highness, whilst the other guests were assembling. During the luncheon we obliged again with about ten minutes of assorted Rounds, Queens, Whittington's, plain courses of Grandsire Triples and some tunes, and again after the loyal toasts had been drunk until the departure of Princess Margaret.

The four of us, Messrs. A. E. Reeves, D. G. Clift, S. G. Riches and R. G. Bryant, feel very conscious of our great fortune at being able to play so honoured a part in the royal welcome, and we trust we upheld the reputation and dignity of ringers everywhere.—Yours faithfully.

R. G.B.

St. Martin's Guild

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Aston Parish Church on April 2nd. The graceful tower with spire contains a modern ring of twelve bells, which were enjoyed by some forty members and friends from various towers, including Worcester, Nuneaton and Stourbridge. The standard of ringing was higher than usually found at a meeting in a 12-bell tower.

The Guild's special form of service was held in the beautiful chancel, the congregation being seated in the choir stalls, and was conducted by the Vicar of Aston, the Rev. F. F. Guy Warman.

An excellent tea was enjoyed at the Aston Tavern, and was followed by a short business meeting, with the Master, Mr. Albert Walker, occupying the chair.

Before commencing the business the Master said that he would like to congratulate the new hon. secretary and treasurer upon the success of the Henry Johnson dinner. It was a record gathering, and few ringers knew the amount of work entailed.

Mr. E. A. Turner, of Stourbridge, was elected a life member of the Guild, and fourteen tower elections were ratified.

The Master said that it was very gratifying to hear of the introduction of so many new members. He mentioned in particular Miss Margaret Beamish, who rang her first twelve-bell peal on tower bells at the Cathedral recently. It was a very fine performance for a young lady to ring a peal of Cambridge Maximus at the age of thirteen years.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Northfield on July 2nd. No enthusiasm was shown for a bi-quarterly practice meeting, it being pointed out that recently they had been poorly attended, and that there were plenty of facilities for practice at the week-night practices held at the city towers. It was decided not to arrange a bi-quarterly meeting for the present quarter.

Under the item 'Any other business' the progress of the Tanworth-in-Arden Bells Fund was reported upon by Mr. John H. Jones, and it was decided to subscribe £10 from the funds of the Guild towards this object. The new ring at Tanworth is to be dedicated on July 9th at 3.30 p.m.

The Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address and to Messrs. A. Short and W. L. Whiston for the excellent arrangements made for tea.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS MEMORIAL

DEDICATED AT COALBROOKDALE.

On March 27th, in the presence of a congregation consisting of family representatives, ringers and friends, a bronze tablet was dedicated by the Vicar (the Rev. T. Eland) at Holy Trinity Church, Coalbrookdale, Salop, to the memory of Mr. William Saunders.

The tablet, which was unveiled by Mr. A. S. Bayley, head ringer, reads: 'This tablet was placed here by public subscription in memory of William Saunders, who loved the bells of this church, and after being head ringer for over 40 years died on May 8th, 1945, after ringing to celebrate victory in Europe.'

The tablet is fixed in the porch of the church at Coalbrookdale, and nearby, on the grave, has been erected a beautiful stone with a very striking 10-bell design (Mr. Saunders being mainly responsible for the augmentation of the bells to 10 in 1925). Truly a fitting tribute to a man who devoted so much of his life to furthering the art of change ringing.

For the dedication, the choir rendered the anthem, 'Thou shalt keep him in perfect peace.' Family representatives included Mrs. D. Salley (daughter), Miss A. Salley (granddaughter, Birmingham), Mr. and Mrs. T. Hancocks brother-in-law and sister), Mr. and Mrs. F. Hancocks (nephew and niece), Shrewsbury.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

Harry Commins ... ...*Treble*	Frank Branchflower ... 4
Reginald Stone 2	Claude Tarr 5
*Francis Morris 3	Raymond Winter ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Claude Tarr.
* First peal on six bells.

BARNSLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Leonard Wm. Carbutt *Treble*	*Wilmot Mann 4
Eric Stainrod 2	*Edwin Atkinson ... 5
Peter Carbutt 3	Daniel Smith ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Daniel Smith.
* First peal. First peal of Oxford T.B. Minor by all the band. A welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. A. P. Morley.

FARNINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*Chris. R. Packer (13) *Treble*	†G. W. Ashdown (17) 4
Edna M. Sills (15) ... 2	Frank C. W. Knight... 5
John L. Morris (13)... 3	Reginald L. Sills (17) *Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald L. Sills.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 20 six-scores of Grandsire and 22 six-scores of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

Thomas Griffin ... ...*Treble*	*Hedley Griffin 4
*John Holbrook 2	Edward Connock ... 5
*David Hoare 3	*Dennis Bishop ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by David Hoare.
* First peal. A birthday compliment to Hedley Griffin.

STANTON-ON-HINE-HEATH, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*Herbert Moore ...*Treble*	Frederick G. Beddow... 4
Miss Bessie A. Carter 2	Edward V. Rodenhurst 5
†Frederick Leech ... 3	Clifford A. Barron ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Mar. 27, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Botolph and Andrew,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Lewis J. Last ... ...*Treble*	George A. Fleming ... 4
Ronald W. Steward ... 2	Sylvia R. E. Pipe ... 5
*George W. Pipe 3	*William J. Button ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Sylvia R. E. Pipe.
* First peal of Plain Bob Minor.

MISTERTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Mar. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 13 lb. net.

E. Charles Turner ...*Treble*	Ernest W. Tipler ... 4
Gerald F. Ball 2	William A. Wood ... 5
Eileen M. Cheney ... 3	Frank K. Measures ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank K. Measures.

BERROW, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 8 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury, Clifford Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day, Grandsire and 2 of Stedman. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Stanley Boby ... ...*Treble*	†F. W. Sweet 4
†R. D. Short 2	George Prescott ... 5
Marjorie Legg 3	*Oliver Pole ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by George Prescott.
* First peal. † First in six methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Mar. 20, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

William G. Young 1-2	Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 5-6
Alfred H. Pulling ... 3-4	Daniel T. Matkin 7-8
*Roy C. Hurst 9-10	

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
* First peal of Royal.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Mar. 21, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 43 *Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 1-2	Daniel T. Matkin 3-4
*Roy C. Hurst 5-6	

Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
* First peal of Minor away from 1-2.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Mar. 22, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

Redvers F. Elkington... 1-2	Alfred Ballard 5-6
Harold J. Poole 3-4	Peter J. Staniforth ... 7-8
*Brian Warwick 9-10	

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
Witness: Jill Poole.
* First peal on ten bells.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Mar. 23, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At 41, Windsor Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Richard G. Crosland ... 1-2	Wilfrid G. Wilson ... 5-6
Ernest C. S. Turner ... 3-4	*Frederick A. Finch ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by Ernest C. S. Turner.
* First peal on handbells.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 23, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At 47, Hayward Road, Redfield,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor size 12 in F.

*Annie Brown 1-2	Tom Harris 5-6
*Edwin J. Brown 3-4	*Raymond C. Seager ... 7-8

Composed by John Buckley. Conducted by Edwin J. Brown.
* First peal in the method 'in hand.' The first peal of Treble Bob on handbells for the society.

HAMPSTEAD, LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Mar. 31, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 51 *Minutes,*
At 18, Westbere Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven differently-called extents. Tenor size 8 in C.

*Mary Davies 1-2	*Rodney B. Meadows ... 3-4
E. Maurice Atkins ... 5-6	

Conducted by E. Maurice Atkins.
* First handbell peal.

First of Maximus in S. Wales

Fired with a spirit of high adventure, a party of enthusiasts recently converged upon Newport (Mon.), for the purpose of attempting a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. The party consisted of five from London, one from Hereford, one from Cheltenham, two from Evesham, and three from Bristol.

They were met at the station by that great pioneer, 'Newport Jones,' and at once proceeded up the steep hill to the ancient Cathedral Church of St. Woolos, where the local ringers had the bells up and everything in readiness. The bells were soon set going, and after a very deliberate first course a fine peal was successfully accomplished.

Upon the completion, the party was entertained to tea. The Dean, the Very Rev. J. Gwyn Davies, welcomed the visitors, and referred in glowing terms to the great bond of friendship and brotherhood which exists amongst ringers, who, he said, seemed to know each other from whatever part of the country they came. Mr. C. W. Roberts expressed the thanks of the visitors for the hospitality extended to them, and also to the local captain, Mr. C. Greedy, for his painstaking efforts to ensure their comfort.

Is Newport in Wales? Well, geographically and spiritually yes, and certainly according to the application of the Sunday licensing regulations again emphatically yes. So the visitors feel justified in claiming the first peal of Maximus in Wales. Just one final point. The only casualty during the enterprise was that one member of the party was so vehement in his argument that Newport was in Wales that he shot out his dentures with most disastrous results to them! J. J. S.

OBITUARY

MR. W. B. FRITH.

Huddersfield Parish Church has lost a faithful servant by the death on April 1st of Mr. W. B. Frith, at the age of 74 years. For over 50 years he had rung at the church and had been captain for more than 30 years. A member of the Yorkshire Association, he was also secretary for a number of years of the Halifax and District Association. Mr. Frith had dedicated his life to the cause he loved so well.

The funeral service was on April 5th, the bells of the parish church being rung muffled before and after the service. In the evening ringers from Huddersfield and district assembled at the parish church to ring in his memory.—F. S. R.

MR. EDGAR SHARRATT.

The death is announced of Mr. Edgar Sharratt, of Leek, Staffs, after a six months' illness, at the age of 44.

His passing makes the fourth ringer to be lost to St. Edward's tower in five and a half years, the others being his father, the late Edgar Sharratt, sen., E. A. Ridgway and G. E. Plant. He was the third generation of a family connection with the belfry which began in 1860.

The choral service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. N. W. Watson), who also officiated at the interment. The tower bells were fully muffled, and a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by four of his brother ringers.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On Mar. 27th, 1,268 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Clark 1, Peter Leech 2, P. Richardson (first quarter) 3, R. Tomlin 4, E. Gosden (conductor) 5, J. Bridges 6.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Marshall (first quarter) 1, D. Rooke (first 'inside') 2, R. Tomlinson 3, R. T. Flint 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.

NOTICES

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CHANGES OF ADDRESS

The address of H. C. Farmer, secretary Witney and Woodstock Branch, Oxford Guild, is now 5, Heyford Close, Standlake, Witney, Oxon. 5092

From May 1st the address of Donald G. CLIFT will be 121, Sternhold Avenue, Streatham Hill, London, S.W.2. Steeplekeeper St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, now E. F. Hancock, 124, Coronation Road, Bristol, 3. 5095

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

SCARBOROUGH. — 12, Highfield. Board residence or bed breakfast. Comfortable and reasonable. Personal attention of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sutton. No vacancies July 23rd to August 13th. 4997

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

The reprint of 'THE COLLECTION OF DOUBLES AND MINOR METHODS" will be welcomed by many who have shown interest in the recently published four-way Table of Minor Methods. This table is for use with the collection, which can now be obtained from the Librarian (3s. 3d. post free), Osmington School, Tring, Herts.

'CHANGE RINGING ON HANDBELLS.'—The first official book on this subject. Price 2s. post free, from Hon. Librarian, Central Council, W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, Hertfordshire.

'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

No better pen picture of early ringing societies has been published than 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.

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry E.1, Saturday, April 16th, 3 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5030

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Ambrose's, Bristol, Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells: St. Stephen's, Bristol (10), 11 to 12 noon; All Saints', City (8), 11 to 12 noon; St. John's (6), 11 to 12 noon; St. Ambrose's (8), 12 to 12.30 p.m. Lunch in Church Hall 12.45 p.m. Business meeting 1.45 p.m. Divine service 4.30 p.m., address by the Lord Bishop of Bristol. Tea after service. 4995

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—A meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 18th, at Kingston-on-Thames (10 bells), 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6.30. Also St. Mary's, Walton, 11 a.m. to 12, and St. Nicholas', Thames Ditton, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 5012

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Ipswich. Bells (12, 8 and 6) available from 9.30 p.m. Committee meeting 11.15. Service, St. Lawrence's, 12 noon. Lunch (4s. each) 12.45. Apply to Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Suffolk, 5026

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at St. Neots on Easter Monday, April 18th. Bells: St. Neots (8) and Eynesbury (6) from 12 noon; Great Staughton (6) from 10.30 to 3.30. Service, St. Neots, 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting.—W. W. Cousins, Gen. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Burton-on-Trent, Easter Monday. All Saints' 2.30 to 4; Parish Church, 2.30 onwards. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by April 16th J. W. Cotton, Overseal. 5045

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Easter Monday, Yeovil. Service 12 noon. Lunch to follow. A few seats left. Bells during the day—Yeovil, East and West Coker, Preston Plucknett. From 5.30 p.m., Sherborne Abbey. Business meeting 3 p.m. Tea will also be available.—J. T. Dyke, Cnilcompton, Bath. 5042

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 18th. St. Paul's (10), St. Peter's (8) available from 10.30 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m., St. Paul's Hall, followed by business meeting. Names by 14th inst. to Mr. Foskett, 38, Miller Road, Bedford. 5036

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Maidstone, Easter Monday. Towers: Aylesford, 10 to 11.30 and 3 to 4; Leeds, Linton, Boxley, Bearsted, Barming, East Farleigh, 9.30 to 11.30 and after 3 p.m. Other particulars as previously advertised. 5034

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Haslingden on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells from 3. Bring own food.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec. 5027

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Shenington (5), Saturday, April 23rd. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Banbury (10) bells 7.15.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 5028

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting, Nutfield (6), Saturday, April 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names to Miss N. C. Kempsell, 1, Church Hill, Nutfield, by Wednesday, April 20th. 5041

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Hertford on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available: All Saints' (10) from 2 p.m.; Ware (8) 2-3 p.m.; Hertingfordbury (5) from 9 a.m. onwards; St. Andrew's (8) from 2.30 p.m.; Bengeo (8) from 2 p.m. All towers are available in the evening. Service at 4.30 p.m. at St. Andrew's. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at the Mayflower Hotel, North Road. Names for tea to Mr. A. S. Carter, 93, North Road, Hertford, by Wednesday, April 20th. Hertingfordbury bells (5) are available if desired. Information of any other bells which may be used will be given next week.—W. Ayre, Gen. Sec. 5031

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Lakenheath, Saturday, April 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Requests for tea by April 20th to Miss D. M. Reeve, Hockwold, Norfolk. 5047

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Babcary, April 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditcheat. 5040

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Annual meeting, April 23rd, at Nottingham. St. Mary's bells available 2 p.m. Committee meeting in St. Mary's vestry 11 a.m. Tea and business meeting, Milton Cafe, 5 p.m. For tea reservation send card to Walter Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford, by 19th.—J. W. Raithby, Gen. Sec. 5029

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Walton-on-Thames (8), Saturday, April 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notifications to Mrs. Smith, 5, Pantile Road, Oatlands Park, Surrey, by 20th.—F. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at Arksey, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. I. Somerville, 13, Station Road, Arksey, near Doncaster. All ringers welcome.—E. D. Kelly. 5048

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Joint meeting with Selby and District Society at Carlton (6) on Saturday, April 23rd. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) for those notifying Mr. W. Graves, Chestnut Cottage, Carlton, near Goole, by April 19th. Snaith bells (6) available after tea.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5049

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Beaconsfield, Saturday, April 23rd, 2.30 p.m. Tea, White Hart, 4.45. Names by 18th. — Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 5037

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Wychbold, Saturday, Apr. 23rd. Bells (6) 3. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Numbers for tea essential by Tuesday, Apr. 19th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 5056

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Houghton-le-Spring, Saturday, Apr. 23rd, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. J. Masters, 17, Burns Avenue South, Houghton-le-Spring, by Apr. 21st.—W. F. Sheraton, Hon. Sec. 5062

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Easebourne (8), Apr. 23rd, 3. Names for tea (by 20th) to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 5063

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUUTH.—Winchester District. — Tichborne (6), Apr. 23rd, 2.30. Also Cheriton (6). Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names by Apr. 20th.—L. A. Tremeer, 34, The Dean, Alresford. 5060

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Derby, Apr. 23rd. Bells during afternoon, St. Alkmund's and St. Peter's; after tea, Cathedral and St. Peter's. Committee, St. Peter's, 3.15. Service Cathedral, 4.15. Tea, Co-operative Cafe, 5. Meeting St. Peter's, 6. Names for tea by 20th to William Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby. 5058

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at All Hallows', Tottenham (8), on Saturday, Apr. 23rd, 3. Tea, Y.W.C.A., High Road, 5.15. Business meeting 6.15. Ringing after. Notification for tea to Mr. A. E. Hoare, 34, King Road, N.17. Wood Green (6) in the afternoon if possible. —R. H. Begrie. 5054

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery.—Meeting at Croscombe, Saturday, April 23rd, 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting. Notify by Tuesday, 19th, for tea.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 5069

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly, East Carlton (6), Saturday, April 23rd. Names for tea by Monday. 18th.—G. Watson, 81, Church Street, Burton Latimer. 5070

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting Caistor, April 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, April 19th, to H. Havercroft, Nettleton Road, Caistor, Lincoln.—G. W. Moody. 5072

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — Buckfastleigh (8), Saturday, April 23rd. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh (Phone 3121). 5073

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Meeting at Kingsclere, Saturday, Apr. 23rd. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Tuesday, Apr. 19th.—J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 5074

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly, Amport (6), April 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, only for those who notify J. A. Hill, Macstee, Anna Valley, Andover, by Apr. 21st. Abbott's Ann (5), Thruxton (5), after tea. 5075

Bournemouth Ringers' Rally

MAY 7th, 1949

DINNER (at Christchurch) Tickets **8/6**
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Plenty of ringing. Dinner 7 p.m.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Spring meeting at Pulford, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea by 20th.—G. E. Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 5076

OXFORD GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual meeting, Standlake, Saturday, Apr. 23rd, 3.30. Tea only for those who notify me by first post, Tuesday, Apr. 19th.—H. Farmer, 5, Heyford Close, Standlake, Witney, Oxon. 5093

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Mells, Apr. 23rd. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea to E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells. 5090

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch. —Monthly meeting, Newton Longville, Saturday, Apr. 23rd, at 5.—R. H. Howson. 5089

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting for Apr. 23rd cancelled. No tower available. Joint meeting with Loughborough District at Mountsorrel on Saturday, May 28th.—F. Key, Hon. Sec. 5088

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sandford Peverell, Apr. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 5.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea early.—C. G. Dymond, Sec., Silverton. 5086

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirrall Branch.—Monthly meeting, Upton, Saturday, Apr. 23rd. Tea provided free. Numbers by 19th please!—A. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5085

ELLAND, YORKS.—Bells available for meeting Saturday, Apr. 23rd, from 3. Tea Parochial Hall. Everybody welcome. Notification for tea not required.—F. Linfoot. 5083

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Burbage (Buxton), Apr. 23rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided. Peak District Society members cordially invited.—C. K. Lewis. 5080

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Holmes Chapel (6), Saturday, Apr. 23rd. Ringing from 2.30 p.m.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec. 5096

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Ringers' service at Axbridge, Saturday, Apr. 23rd. Bells 3.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea in Oak House Cafe, 5.30. Bells after tea to 9 p.m. Numbers for tea by Thursday, Apr. 21st. Practice meeting Badgworth, Saturday, Apr. 30th, 5 to 9. 5097

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — Staindrop (8), Apr. 23rd, 2.30. Names for tea by Apr. 20th.—J. T. Titt, 54, Newlands Road, Darlington. 5064

PETERBOROUGH AND ELY DIOCESAN GUILDS.—Joint meeting of Peterborough Branch and Hunts District at Yaxley, Saturday, Apr. 30th. Service 4. Tea 5. Please notify either S. Gilbert, 9, Newton's Court, Huntingdon, or W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough. 5067

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Helens on Apr. 30th. Bells at Prescot, St. Helens Parish, St. Thomas', St. Helens, from 2. Service at 4. Tea and meeting at 5. Tea 2s. 6d. each; names to Mr. A. Wallace, 11, Whitefield Road, St. Helens, before April 20th.—W. H. Shuker and F. Dunkerley, Secs. 5051

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Jubilee meeting, April 30th. Ringing at Cathedral 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 and 2.30 to 3.45 p.m., St. Giles' 2.30 to 3.30 p.m., St. Botolph's 10.30 a.m. to 12, St. Peter-at-Gowt's 2.30 to 3.30. All bells available after meeting. Cathedral Evensong 4 p.m. Luncheon (3s.) 1 p.m., tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. (followed by meeting) in Bailgate Chapel Schoolroom. Luncheon and tea by ticket only obtainable from Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln, Mr. J. Bray, Trentwood, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, or from the branch secretaries before April 21st.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 4999

LADIES' GUILD.—Wiltshire Branch.—Meeting Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Apr. 30th. Bells from 3. Names for tea by 23rd to R. Maundrell, 173, Quemerford, Calne, Wilts. 5059

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at All Hallows', Tottenham (Bruce Castle), on Saturday, Apr. 30th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 5061

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Rickmansworth, Saturday, Apr. 30th. Bells 3 to 5 and after meeting. Tea 5, for which please notify Mr. F. W. Elliott, 48, Talbot Road, Rickmansworth, Herts, by Monday, Apr. 25th.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 5077

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—St. Mary Cray, Saturday, Apr. 30th. Names for tea, arranged if possible, by Apr. 25th.—A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 5068

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting Hambledon, Apr. 30th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in the New Inn. Names by Apr. 26th.—John H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 5065

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY. — Meeting Alrewas, Saturday, Apr. 30th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30, 2s. 3d. Nomes for tea by Tuesday, 26th, to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 5078

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting Stratford-on-Avon, Apr. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 at the Royal Restaurant. Service 5.30, followed by business meeting in ringing room. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to C. R. Steed, 10, Avon Crescent, Stratford-on-Avon.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 5079

OXFORD GUILD.—South Oxon District.—Annual meeting Dorchester, Oxon, Saturday, Apr. 30th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea (accommodation limited) by Apr. 26th to H. Badger, 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame, Oxon. 5081

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stanwick, Apr. 30th. Service 4.30. Names early to A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 5082

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting Worcester on Saturday, Apr. 30th. Service in All Saints' Church at 12 noon. General business meeting at the Old Rectifying House, North Parade, at 2.30 p.m. prompt. A resolution will be moved to increase the annual subscriptions. All Saints' bells (10) available at 11 a.m. Other bells and times announced at meeting. Lunch at the Old Rectifying House at 1.30. Tickets, 4s. 6d. each, only for those who apply to me with remittance by first post on Wednesday, Apr. 27th.—J. D. Johnson. Hon. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 5084

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Stevenage, Saturday, Apr. 30th. Bells (6) 3. Tea 5. Names for tea by Apr. 27th to Mr. W. Lawrence, 97, Letchmore Road, Stevenage.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 5094

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-East Division.—Meeting at Tendring (6), Saturday, Apr. 30th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Notify me for tea by the 26th, please. —H. J. Millatt, 106, Hythe Hill, Colchester. 5091

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting Lifton, May 7th; usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 2nd, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 5055

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS (N.E. Branch) and BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION (Taunton Deanery).—Preliminary notice. Joint meeting at Cullompton, July 9th.—C. G. Dymond, Silverton. 5087

QUARTER PEALS

HUNTINGDON.—At St. Mary's on March 20th, 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. J. Young 1, Miss C. Dunnington 2, J. W. C. Blythe 3, R. F. Baker 4, G. H. Dunnington 5, S. Gilbert (first in two Minor methods as conductor) 6.

MARK, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Podger 1, C. Blackmore 2, J. Coleman 3, J. Peacock 4, I. J. Burrough 5, F. B. Comer (cond.) 6, H. W. Criddle 7, R. H. Creber 8. First of Triples by 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8. First quarter on bells since augmentation, all being members of tower band.

SEND, SURREY.—On Apr. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jill Andrews 1, H. A. May (cond.) 2, W. Loader 3, A. J. Walker 4, J. A. Etherington 5, M. I. G. Sex 6. First quarter for 1 and 6.

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ENTHUSIASM

THE people who really live are the enthusiastic; they are the salt of the earth. But be enthusiastic about a worth-while object. There is the mass enthusiasm of the football field; we have known ringers 'cut' a Saturday afternoon meeting and arrange for their peals at other times than when 'the City' is playing at home. And now at the end of the season, and relegation is in prospect, the futility of it all is apparent. Their enthusiasm did not win through, although they had their enjoyment; they cheered or groaned their team into the Third Division. Much of life's enthusiasms are individualistic in character or personal. Some might ridicule an enthusiasm for measuring tenor bells, or others who exert their mental faculties in endeavouring to present a proof that for its logic would have satisfied Euclid of old, as to the way a method should be extended. Do not belittle such efforts: they are great things to the individual concerned and deserve to be treated with respect.

When the qualities of enthusiasm and leadership are coupled together then is the keenness transmitted to others and something purposeful is accomplished. Our main news story this week deals with the restoration of Hawley bells. Critics might regard the Editor as lacking in a sense of proportion in giving so much space to a £450 job, when contracts exceeding four figures are at times summarily dismissed in 400 words. Why make a song about this village of 2,000 souls on the borders of Surrey, Hants and Berks?

Behind this village enterprise there was the unbounded enthusiasm of one man. He came to the village and found the bells in a deplorable condition; he was only an average ringer and would not write of his exasperation to the Editor if he was described as being among 'the lesser brethren.' As a Vicar, however, he realised the place of bells in the life of the Church, and as a ringer he loved bells, knew of the thrill of ringing in a strange belfry and the good fellowship of ringers.

To his parishioners he talked bells and talked the subject with enthusiasm, with the result that within a year of his induction he had the satisfaction of having a ring of bells fit for any country parish and more than twenty of his congregation in various stages of initiation into the art of change ringing.

Hawley people have made a fine start, and we trust that the name of this village will figure frequently in our performance columns. The next stage will be harder—the art of ringing the bells well. This is where the initial enthusiasm is tested; some of the leader's zeal will probably fall on stony ground, but it is to be hoped that the greater part has fallen on good earth and will yield its appropriate harvest. Good luck to the new band at Hawley!

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

*BRIAN WARWICK	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	SHIRLEY BURTON	8
†ELIZABETH FAULKNALL	3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	9
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	†HERRICK B. BOWLEY	10
HARRY G. WAYNE	5	LAURENCE GREENHOW	11
HAROLD G. JENNEY	6	JOHN GRANT	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Stedman Cinques. Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Charles Marshall. Tenor 25 cwt.

TEN BELL PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

FRANCIS D. BISHOP	*Treble*	CHARLES W. OTTLEY	6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	ERNEST W. FURBANK	7
*MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	3	JAMES BULLOCK	8
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	4	HAROLD W. ROGERS	9
N. G. HOLLINGWORTH	5	EDWARD D. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER.

*First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on an 'inside' bell.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5094 CHANGES;

Tenor 36½ cwt.

FRED BENNETT	*Treble*	*PETER WOODWARD	6
HARRY WALTERS	2	HARRY NEWTON	7
ERNEST BURNETT	3	*JAMES H. KIRBY	8
JOHN T. DUFFIN	4	*JOHN E. KIRBY	9
WILLIAM WALKER	5	*LESLIE FISHER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by P. WOODWARD.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. The first peal in the method on the new bells. Rung half-muffled in memoriam to Albert Scott, aged 81, a ringer at the Cathedral from 1884 to 1938.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	7
*ALAN JACQUES	3	J. FREDERICK MILNER	8
†KATHLEEN TILLEY	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	9
JOHN R. SMITH	5	ALFRED BALLARD	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Cambridge Surprise Royal on 'inside' bell. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Taylor on their wedding anniversary. Tenor 6½ cwt.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5081 CHANGES;

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	SIDNEY G. RICHES	6
*MARY P. HILLIAR	2	WILLIAM H. PARKER	7
FREDERICK G. LEAKER	3	WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT	8
ALBERT M. TYLER	4	NORMAN H. COOMBS	9
ALFRED E. REEVES	5	EMLYN F. HANCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. In memoriam Ralph T. Morgan, organist at this church for 43 years. Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5
JOHN J. MORRIS	2	ALAN CATTELL	6
*TERRY THORNBER	3	THOMAS C. BELTON	7
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE	4	JOHN B. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman.

GREAT HAMPTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.

*SIDNEY DAVIS	*Treble*	†EWART A. ANDREWS	5
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	2	CHARLES N. EDWIN	6
HERBERT JORDAN	3	WILFRED J. NEWMAN	7
REGINALD W. KYTE	4	*PHILLIP T. MILLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal 'inside' on eight. First peal on the recast and augmented bells.

THAME, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb.

HARRY BADGER	*Treble*	JESSE HARRISON	5
*DOREEN COKER	2	*ANTHONY E. COX	6
GEORGE MARTIN	3	F. DONALD BOREHAM	7
ROLAND BIGGS	4	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WALTER LEE.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First of Surprise Major as conductor. A farewell to Mr. Harris, member of the local band.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

WILLIAM RANFORD	*Treble*	*DENIS R. MORRIS	5
FRANK LAWRENCE	2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY	6
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES	7
*THOMAS W. LEWIS	4	CHARLES CAMM	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* 100th peal together. Tenor 16 cwt.

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*ALBERT J. COUSINS	*Treble*	RICHARD PORTWAY	5
WILLIAM BUTLER	2	STANLEY BONES	6
WILLIAM MELLIN	3	WILLIAM S. BUTLER	7
RONALD SUCKLING	4	ERNEST BRIGHT	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal. In memoriam Andrew J. Evers, aged 75 years, who was for 60 years a member of the St. Nicholas' company.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Mar. 27, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS HEMMING	*Treble*	GEORGE E. LARGE	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	2	SIDNEY T. HOLT	6
JOHN THOMAS	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 30, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

JOHN BOOTH	*Treble*	ALBERT GREENHALGH ...	5
MISS MURIEL REAY ...	2	PETER CROOK, SEN. ...	6
JAMES W. GROUNDS ...	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	7
JOHN ASHCROFT	4	JAMES L. WRIGHT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LEWIS. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
First in the method by all except 1 and 6. Rung in honour of the Royal visit to Lancashire.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, OLDSWINFORD,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

REGINALD CHANCE	*Treble*	THOMAS HEMMING ...	5
HENRY H. FEARN ...	2	ARTHUR D. COOK ...	6
*ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	3	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* 50th peal together. Tenor 11¾ cwt. in F sharp.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Apr. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

ALAN JACQUES	*Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH	5
HAROLD J. POOLE ...	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER...	6
HERRICK B. BOWLEY ...	3	†PHILIP L. PARROTT ...	7
*SHIRLEY BURTON	4	ALFRED BALLARD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 250th peal. † First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*FREDERICK A. CLUETT...	*Treble*	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	5
FREDERICK A. COLEY ...	2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	6
ALFRED G. HILL	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ...	4	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.
* First peal treble to Surprise. Tenor 15 cwt.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

J. DUNBAR	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	5
HARRY CORSER	2	CHARLES BLAKEY	6
WILLIAM PROCTER	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	7
CHARLES CLEGG	4	VICTOR J. C. WOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
To celebrate the competition of 50 years as Vicar of St. John's, Great Harwood, by the Rev. Canon Wilson.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*AUDREY A. TIMMS	*Treble*	†HUBERT E. ASHLEY ...	5
†JUNE M. GRIFFITHS ...	2	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ...	6
‡W. BRIAN ELLENDER ...	3	L. MICHAEL CALLOW ...	7
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	4	†LOUIS R. CALLOW	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR H. BEAMISH.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Triples. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

BISHOPS LYDEARD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 24 cwt.

FRANCIS MORRIS	*Treble*	STANLEY BRISTOW ...	5
HARRY PURCHASE	2	GEORGE SPARKES ...	6
*RAYMOND WINTER ...	3	CLAUDE TARR	7
FRANK BRANCHFLOWER	4	†REGINALD STONE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLAUDE TARR.
* First peal of Triples 'inside.' † First peal on eight.

ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN AND GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5052 CHANGES;
130 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

SAM SCATTERGOOD	*Treble*	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE ...	5
GORDON C. BRIGGS ...	2	FREDERICK A. ADAMS ...	6
CYRIL WRIGHT	3	STANLEY SLANEY	7
BESSIE MOSS	4	JOSEPH SAXTON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN E. SPICE. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.
First peal of Spliced Plain and Gainsborough Little Bob by all, for the Association and on the bells.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Six-part. Tenor 13 cwt.

*NORMAN MALLETT	*Treble*	JOSEPH L. BARRETT ...	5
†STAFFORD H. GREEN ...	2	HENRY G. KEELEY ...	6
†ROGER * KEELEY	3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ...	7
CUTHBERT W. POWELL	4	*MICHAEL POOLE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by CUTHBERT W. POWELL.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. L. Barrett.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,
A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¾ cwt.

ALBERT D. COLLINS	*Treble*	GEORGE E. OLIVER ...	5
*J. DENNIS HOLDEN ...	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	6
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	3	ERIC E. SPEAKE	7
HOWARD HOWELL ...	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.
* First Surprise peal 'inside.' First in the method by all the band. First of Surprise as conductor.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN T. LOCKE	*Treble*	FREDERICK WELCH ...	5
REGINALD BEALE	2	*HARRY J. GAYLARD ...	6
WALTER H. POOLE ...	3	THOMAS J. SETTER ...	7
*DENNIS R. BEST	4	JACK W. DREW ...	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by JACK W. DREW.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. To celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Turner, and the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gibbons.

CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*MISS RUBY J. LLOYD	*Treble*	*NOEL PHILLIPS	5
*MISS ETHEL M. DUPPA	2	*WILLIAM H. LLOYD ...	6
JAMES E. FOX	3	ERIC O. DAVIES	7
*PHILIP J. L. PURSLOW...	4	*CHARLES E. EDWARDS...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES E. FOX.
* First peal of Triples. In honour of the double wedding of Mr. Leslie Wiltshire to Miss Vera Davies and Mr. Geoffrey Evason to Miss Cathleen Davies.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

PHILIP WALKER	*Treble*	PHILIP M. J. GRAY ...	5
AUDREY B. DISERENS ...	2	NOEL J. DISERENS ...	6
JAMES HIGGINS	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
ALAN R. PINK	4	WALTER F. JUDGE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
The first peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the conductor. A 28th wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Judge.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Priory Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

Harold P. Burton	*Treble*	Andrew Sinfield ...	5
Edmund J. Hobbs ...	2	Alfred Rushton	6
Alick Cutler	3	Arthur E. Sharman ...	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Thomas H. Francis ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by A. E. Sharman.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Simon and Jude,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*Joseph W. Lawrence...	*Treble*	Leslie E. Rivers ...	5
Elizabeth Faulknall...	2	William A. Wood ...	6
Cecil E. Carr	3	Alfred Ballard	7
Edgar Vallance	4	Frank K. Measures ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Frank K. Measures.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Surprise Major by all Hinckley District band. Tenor 12 cwt.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Bertie A. Cornell ...	*Treble*	*Alfred J. Hatten ...	5
Leslie T. Hansell ...	2	Charles F. Sayer ...	6
Walter Ayre	3	Thomas J. Southam ...	7
Thomas J. Lock ...	4	William J. Arnold ...	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by William J. Arnold.
* First peal of Major. First in method by all the band except ringer of the 4th and on the bells. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George, Jesmond,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

John Anderson	*Treble*	John A. Brown	5
Ernest Wallace	2	William E. Robinson...	6
Margaret Fidell	3	W. Norman Park ...	7
Joyce P. Gaymer	4	Denis A. Bayles	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.
Rung for the 60th anniversary of the installation of the bells.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Arthur S. Richards...	*Treble*	Eric A. Dench	5
Maurice Hodgson ...	2	Geoffrey V. Murphy ...	6
Leonard H. Bowler...	3	Philip A. Corby	7
*Philip J. Coward ...	4	Charles W. Roberts ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A Knights (No. 109). Conducted by P. A. Corby.
* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. S. J. Woolmer and Miss B. J. Head (former member of local band). Tenor 17¼ cwt.

ROYSTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Edwin G. Buck	*Treble*	Jack S. Dear	5
William A. Collins ...	2	Walter D. Pooley ...	6
Edgar W. Winters ...	3	Roy V. Webb	7
John Church	4	R. Thomas Newman ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Roy V. Webb.
First peal as conductor, aged 16. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Harry Duncombe ...	*Treble*	Charles R. Belton ...	5
Walter P. Whitehead	2	Thomas C. Belton ...	6
*Alan H. Hough... ...	3	George P. Garner ...	7
Thomas K. Deacon ...	4	Roy Coleman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman Triples by an entire Barwell Society band. In memoriam Charles Marshall, of South Wigston, who was killed in a railway fatality during the week.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Comprising 2,944 London, 640 Bristol and 736 each Cambridge and Superlative with 112 changes of method. Tenor 25½ cwt.

Alfred T. Greenwood	*Treble*	Tower R. Taylor ...	5
C. Ernest Smith	2	*Harold A. May... ...	6
Frederick W. Burnett	3	Frederick W. Rogers	7
John H. Hunt	4	William T. Beeson ...	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. S. Turner. Conducted by Fredk. W. Rogers.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 4, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
On the 'Margaret' eight. Tenor 17 cwt.

Colin Kirk	*Treble*	Mavis A. Whitehead...	5
Walter P. Whitehead	2	Alan Cattell	6
Josiah Morris	3	John Bramley	7
John B. Bennett	4	Ernest Morris	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Ernest Morris.
Muffled in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hodgkinson, devoted churchworkers, and Mrs. Tanser, wife of Walter Tanser, a ringer of St. Margaret's; also Charles Marshall, of South Wigston.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven varied extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Miss D. Wisker...	*Treble*	John Fox	4
*R. Wisker	2	Ernest H. Mastin ...	5
Wallace Cousins ...	3	Claude Cousins	*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by Ernest H. Mastin.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Mar. 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Kent, Oxford, Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

Cyril Cousins	*Treble*	Ernest H. Mastin ...	4
Fred Wigmore	2	Claude Cousins	5
Wallace Cousins	3	Cecil V. Ebberson ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest H. Mastin.

ELMORE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*Miss Joan Bussey ...	*Treble*	Ivor Whiting	4
Leslie Barry	2	Frederick Blowen ...	5
John Whiting	3	Charles Larner	*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by Leslie Barry.

KIRBYMOORSIDE, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

*George Beach	*Treble*	*Harold Spencer ...	4
*Fred W. Bishop ...	2	*Geoffrey A. Dalton...	5
*Bert Sutton	3	†Edward Hudson ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Bert Sutton.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.' First peal on the bells. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the 2nd.

SILKSTONE, BARNSLEY.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Wilfred Broadhead ...	*Treble*	Noel F. Moxon ...	4
Willis Dyson	2	*Squire Fielding ...	5
Irvine Broadhead ...	3	†Harry Mann	*Tenor*

Conducted by Noel F. Moxon.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal.

(Peals continued on page 181.)

BARWELL, LEICS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Lord (first in method) 1, T. C. Belton 2, W. P. Whitehead (cond.) 3, T. K. Deacon 4, C. R. Belton 5, A. H. Hough 6, G. P. Garner 7, R. Coleman 8. A welcome to ringer of tenor on his return from the Forces.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Apr. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Deacon 1, F. Goodearle 2, H. Deacon 3, L. Payne 4, H. Payne 5, A. E. Beaney (cond.) 6, S. Deacon 8. First quarter 1, 2, 3 and 8. Rung on 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 (8 covering).

BOSTON, LINCS. — On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Thompson 1, A. Freeston 2, D. White 3, S. Jessop 4, W. E. Clarke 5, F. Dewey (cond.) 6, J. Petch 7, T. Freeston 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Doubles, being 1 extent each Plain Bob, Old Doubles, April Day, Canterbury, St. Dunstan's, 240 London Single, 420 Grandsire Doubles: D. Edmunds 1, G. F. Roome 2, M. Elliott 3, E. Smart (cond.) 4, J. J. Partridge 5.

BUGBROOKE, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,949 Doubles in 17 methods (St. Nicholas', Canterbury, Place Bob, Stedman Slow Course, Reading, New Grandsire, St. Simon's, Old Doubles, April Day, Plain Bob, Union, St. Dunstan's, Chase, Antelope, New Doubles, Grandsire and London): Miss E. M. Turland 1, W. H. Collins 2, Miss H. M. Smith 3, E. C. Garrett 4, K. Rogers (cond.) 5. Rung at the christening of the conductor's son.

CARDIFF.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: A. W. Heath 1, F. J. Hannington 2, T. Yeomans 3, L. W. Prosser 4, J. Davies 5, A. Parnell 6, F. Rowsell (cond.) 7, J. Evans (first on ten) 8, A. Rowley 9, S. R. Barker 10.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCS.—On April 1st, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Plain Bob and 180 St. Clement's): F. Taylor (cond.) 1, W. A. Smedley 2, R. Strickland 3, M. Brown 4, W. Duffy 5, A. A. Pepper 6. First quarter by 2, 3, 4 and 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On March 17th, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Upton 1, L. Baines 2, W. Ayre (cond.) 3, A. V. Good 4, W. J. Puddifoot 5, T. Morton 6, W. C. Hughes 7, B. C. Johnson 8. First quarter of Cambridge by 2, 5 and 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Butters (82) and J. Banfield.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Mar. 26th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: F. Hayes (cond.) 1, J. Kape (first quarter on 10) 2, Miss D. Coker 3, Miss S. Coker 4, E. Markham 5, W. H. Plumridge 6, A. Cox 7, W. Avery 8, C. A. Smith 9, M. Ward 10.

MUCH WENLOCK, SHROPSHIRE.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. E. Edwards 1, H. Edge 2, E. Fox (cond.) 3, L. Evans 4, L. Longlands 5, V. Hollinshead 6, H. G. Childs 7, G. H. Childs 8. A tribute to Ald. T. H. Thompson upon being made an hon. freeman of the borough.

OXFORD.—On March 20th, at St. Mary-the-Virgin, 1,260 Doubles (60 Erin and 120 each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew's, St. Simon's Bob, Kennington, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): K. Higgins 1, M. J. Brierley 2, C. M. Trist 3, M. E. H. Barrow 4, P. W. B. Semmens (cond.) 5, E. G. Moore 6. First of Doubles and first in 11 methods for all the band except 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Mar. 27th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. V. Frost 1, Miss J. Gansett (first 'inside') 2, C. F. Sayer 3, A. Dale 4, H. G. Mason 5, A. G. Oliver (first on ten) 6, W. J. Southam 7, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 8, F. J. Spicer 9, F. J. Bailey (first on ten) 10. For the 12th anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. A. M. Fergusson.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's on April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. E. Andrews 1, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 2, Miss M. E. Cornell 3, E. H. Durrant 4, R. J. Bedford 5, R. E. Last 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 6. In honour of the birth of a son to E. H. Durrant.

SHOREHAM, KENT.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. R. Packer 1, J. L. Morris 2, A. V. Kemp 3, Edna M. Sills 4, W. J. Rawlings 5, R. L. Sills (cond.) 6, F. C. W. Knight 7, G. W. Ashdown 8. First of Triples for 1 and 8.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—On March 27th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, 1,282 Stedman Caters: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, M. V. Chilcott 2, J. E. Chilcott (cond.) 3, H. Belcher 4, J. B. Sansom 5, J. F. Smallwood 6, A. J. W. Appleton 7, R. F. Deal 8, H. Langdon 9, J. H. Rumley 10.

STAPLEFORD, NOTTINGHAM.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Minor (one extent of Kent T. B. and 540 of Plain Bob): Wm. Thornley, juu. (cond.) 1, G. Thornley (first quarter) 2, W. Walker 3, B. Shaw 4, R. T. Milward 5, Wm. Hoult 6. First quarter in two methods 3, 4, 5 and 6.

TWYFORD, BERKS.—On Mar. 27th 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1-2 leading): Miss P. Holloway 1, Miss B. Jeffries 2, Miss E. Green 3, C. Eele 4, Mrs. H. Smith (first of Doubles) 5, J. Farthing 6, H. Smith (first of Doubles as cond.) 7, E. Burroughs 8. First quarter 1, 2 and 6.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On March 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. E. Richardson 1, E. J. Ladd 2, B. V. Collison 3, R. Collins 4, C. A. Bassett (first of Stedman Triples) 5, J. O. Weller 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, J. T. Medhurst 8. An 85th birthday compliment to W. Collison.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,344 Bob Major: D. K. G. D. Wright 1, F. Warrington 2, G. C. Bridger 3, J. Mountfield 4, J. C. Duddington 5, H. Naylor (first quarter) 6, J. H. Green 7, F. H. Newman (first quarter of Bob Major as cond.) 8.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: A. W. Cox 1, Miss N. Honey 2, E. J. Hill 3, L. Oliffe 4, B. J. Coggins 5, B. S. Nichols 6, G. H. Wright (cond.) 7, P. J. Powell (first quarter on eight bells) 8. First in method by all.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Bishop H. M. Hordern, who died at the age of 80, was a vice-president of the Sussex County Association. He was well known and esteemed among Sussex ringers in the earlier days of his ministry, first at St. Margaret's, Warnham, where he was curate from 1892-94, and later as Vicar of St. Nicholas', Brighton, from 1910-1924. An in memoriam quarter-peal was rung at Chichester Cathedral.

We have since heard that the quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on March 13th was rung at Christ Church, Southport.

Mr. Walter Ayre has 'circled' Hemel Hempstead tower, and Mr. C. R. Belton, Whitwick, Leics., tower.

Sympathy is expressed with Douglas Rooke, of Warsop. He broke his ankle two days previous to standing in for his 14th birthday peal at Warsop, Notts. A speedy recovery, Douglas!

The peal at Burgh, Suffolk, on April 6th, was a birthday compliment to George W. Pipe and William J. Button, of Stonham Aspal. It also commemorated the gift of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Parker, ringers of Stonham Aspal.

The peal of Stedman Caters at St. Mary Redcliffe on April 9th was to the memory of Mr. Ralph T. Morgan, the well-known broadcaster, who was organist at the church for 43 years.

Mr. Arthur R. Ward, who participated in the peal of Plain Bob Major at Brading, Isle of Wight, deserves a special word of congratulation. It was the 60th anniversary of his first peal.

Two well-known Kent ringers are on the sick list. Mr. Harry Hoverd has been ordered a rest by his doctor, and Mr. W. Bidwall, captain of the Hythe band, has entered hospital for an operation. At the annual meeting of the K.C.A. on Easter Monday the secretary was requested to write to them wishing them a speedy recovery.

We understand that the talent of the country is being assembled for a peal attempt of Cambridge Maximus at Exeter Cathedral on April 30th. Mr. Wilfred Williams is conducting from the tenor, with Mr. John Mason 'strapping.'

Mr. Albert Relfe has rung his 250 peals on 150 bells and not towers as published in our last issue. The peal at Hartfield on March 19th was the 25th for Mr. C. A. Bassett.

There was a misprint in the report of the peal at Wrotham in our last issue. Mr. Frank C. W. Knight was described as Wright. Our apologies, Frank.

Miss Margaret Beamish has now joined the 'select band' of those who have rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus, having rung one peal each of Minor and Maximus, two of Royal and ten of Major.

Mr. F. K. Measures, hon. secretary of the Hinckley District, has had an ambition since 1936 to ring a district Surprise peal. This was accomplished on April 2nd with Cambridge Surprise Major; the band hope next to go for Superlative.

Appreciations of the article on Thaxted bells dedication have been received from a number of readers. Mr. Oliver G. Barnard writes: 'A welcome breakaway from the stilted and somewhat hackneyed phraseology usually employed when accounts of such proceedings are prepared by we mere ringers as distinct from writers.'

Mr. T. R. Hampton, of Erdington, Birmingham, writes expressing his thanks to the ringers of St. Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry, for their kind acknowledgment of his services. There is now a change ringing band at the Cathedral and they would be grateful for assistance from anyone who might be in the vicinity.

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WHEN THE PARSON'S A RINGER: HAWLEY'S EXAMPLE

FOR many years the bells of Hawley Parish Church have been silent and, apart from the rooks and jackdaws, few people found their way into the belfry, except for the oldest inhabitant who occasionally plodded into the tower to grease everything in sight, in his efforts to persuade some to enter into the bearings. The Farnborough band rang there on Victory Day, and the Farnham District have tried practices, but the 'go' of the bells was sufficient to keep most people away, so that, for Farnham, the tower was the one black spot in the district, the only one where there was no Sunday ringing.

The bells are a ring of eight, six installed in 1881, and two trebles added ten years later.

In April, 1948, the Rev. Kenneth C. Davis was inducted into the living, so once again the 16¼ cwt. tenor and his seven sisters pealed out over the lovely countryside, just bursting with the first flush of spring. It seemed that this glorious spring day was to be the start of a fresh lease of life for Hawley, as it was known throughout the village that the Rev. Davis was an enthusiastic ringer, and that now he had at least achieved one of his ambitions, to be Vicar of a church with bells.

Mr. Davis set to work in his new living with enthusiasm. The church became full for all services. Young and old came to like this man, who was never still, but who always had a cheery word for all, and a special corner in his heart for anyone who might be a prospective bellringer. So there came back to his church three ringers of pre-war days and over twenty others who were fired by their Vicar's enthusiasm, to learn to ring the bells. With the help of a few others from surrounding towers, they learned to ring rounds and call changes despite the great difficulties of the 'go' of the bells, so that, once more, Hawley was in the ringing news.

Within a month of his induction the Rev. Davis had opened a fund for the restoration of his bells, and he had advice from the firms prepared to do the work. Eventually it was decided to entrust the job to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, at a cost of £450.

It was necessary to stop the top frame, holding the treble, second and third, from wandering around the tower; to arrange for the clappers to hit the bell in the correct place and not almost at right angles to it; ball bearings were needed throughout; it had been difficult for the treble and second to dodge in 6-7 because the swing of the tenor caused the second to drop. These troubles, to quote only a few, were to be cured.

Vicar and villagers, Church Council and choir, ringers and not forgetting the oldest inhabitant, all combined to raise the money. When it is realised that there are less than 2,000 people in Hawley, that the money had to be raised in addition to the normal church finances, and that there were no donations of more than £5, then one can realise the full extent of the effort.

In January, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston took possession of the belfry, to the disgust of the jackdaws, who found that their housing efforts were not appreciated; in fact, the tower captain took down twelve barrowloads of sticks and rubbish.

'When will they be ready?', everyone asked. 'March 19th,' said the Vicar, 'that must be the day.'

The great day approached. What would the bells be like now? Would they still be 'lumpy' and difficult? What about that dodging in 6-7? Would the fourth sally still defy all efforts of the ringer to catch it? We should soon know.

The rededication was made during evensong, conducted by the Rev. Davis, and attended by nearly 130 ringers and friends, and before a congregation of over 300, mostly from the village.

During the second hymn, Vicar and choir processed towards the belfry. The Vicar and the ringers of the choir, together with other members of the Hawley band, ascended to the ringing chamber, where the Ringing Master and secretary of the Farnham District were waiting to receive them.

The ropes were formally handed back to the Vicar by Mr. Newsom, for Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and Rev. Davis rededicated his bells. The Hawley band then rang a few rounds (the local paper described them as 'changes,' which cannot be truthfully denied!) to christen the bells.

In his address, the Vicar spoke of the spirit of co-operation which had enabled the repairs to be carried out. He likened bellringing to life, for in both all must pull their weight to achieve harmony. He was proud to say that every one of his ringers was also a keen churchgoer; some were in the choir, some on the Church Council.

After the service, the first touch—of Stedman—was rung by officers of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

About 120 sat down to an excellent tea served by the ringers' wives in the Village Hall, where the Vicar and Mrs. Davis together cut a large iced cake, inscribed 'Rededication of Hawley Church Bells, March 19th, 1949,' an inscription which was quickly consumed but not forgotten.

The Farnham District Ringing Master, Mr. C. W. Denyer, expressed his satisfaction at the excellent work carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Mr. Denyer proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Rev. Davis, to Mr. and Mrs. Maule (the captain and secretary of the Hawley band), and to all the Hawley ringers for the way in which they had worked for their tower.

'During the evening the bells were ringing merrily to a variety of methods, and the day concluded with a social evening in the Village Hall.

Hawley bells will now be ringing for Sunday services and for practice on Wednesdays, when the Rev. Davis will welcome anyone who cares to ring.

G. S. J.



Hawley ringers and Church officials (from left to right): G. Nobbs, A. Utting, S. Maynard, Miss E. Marshall, Miss J. Woodward, Mrs. J. Maull (tower secretary), S. Maull (tower captain), Mrs. B. Brand, Rev. K. C. Davis, G. S. Joyce (district secretary), S. Cranham (churchwarden), J. Allcock, Miss J. Brookes-Smith, A. Barker, L. Boyles, Miss E. Lewington, W. Mabbott (churchwarden) and T. Densham.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE FAMILY AND THE PARSON

Dear Sir, — Many of our members in the Chester Diocesan Guild have spoken to me in appreciation of your leading article of April 1st, headed 'The Family and the Parson.' In view of the fact that the desirability of close co-operation between the parson and his ringers formed a topic for discussion at the last annual meeting of the Guild, your leader was read with much interest.

Although the topic is by no means new, it is obviously one which must be continually kept in mind if the happy relationship you mention is to be maintained. We feel that we have opened wide the gate to such relationship by so adding to our rules as to make it possible for the incumbent of any tower in the diocese where bells exist to be elected a vice-president of that branch which operates in the area. And further, having in mind the fact that the parson is expected to place his name at the head of each and every subscription list which is opened in his parish and district, no subscription of any sort becomes due to the Guild on such an election being made.

It is our earnest hope that in taking this action we shall not only promote a more intimate relationship between the clergyman and a particular band of ringers, but also encourage him to take an active part in what is without doubt one of the most virile of the diocesan societies. J. W. CLARKE.

Chester.

HARRISON'S FOUNDRY

Dear Sir,—May I add a further note to the interesting letter by Mr. Shuttleworth which appeared in the issue of April 8th.

The period in question, 1789-1833, applies only to bells in Lincolnshire churches, which were founded at the Harrisons' Barton foundry.

The bells of St. Michael's, Hawkshead, were undoubtedly cast by the first James Harrison. He would be assisted by his son Henry, as he died in the following year (1766). The work would be done at Barrow-on-Humber, about three miles from Barton, for it was not until 1770 that Henry started his work at Barton.

May I take this opportunity of mentioning that 'Barton Bells' costs 3s. plus postage, and not 3s. 6d. as previously stated. Also I wish to thank the Editor and many readers for their kind interest in my book.—Yours faithfully, W. O. VARAH.

Barton-on-Humber.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARGARET

Dear Sir,—May I through the medium of your columns offer my heartiest congratulations to Margaret Beamish on her achievement in ringing a peal of Cambridge Maximus recently.

A note in Belfry Gossip raises the query as to whether she is the youngest to ring a peal of Maximus on tower bells. She is, but it is a question of days only. George Pipe rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on January 8th, 1949, when he needed 91 days to his 14th birthday. Margaret, I believe, when she rang hers needed 95 days. A great achievement for both these youngsters.—Yours faithfully,

Grundisburgh. SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.

A BARNSLEY DISTRICT VETERAN

The Barnsley and District Society held their monthly meeting on April 9th at Horbury to mark Mr. Herbert Rowley's 60 years' service as a ringer at St. Peter's Church. A company of 50 friends gathered for tea and the meeting, during which Mr. Rowley was presented with a clock, a token of the appreciation in which he is held by the Vicar, the churchwardens and his fellow-ringers. Mr. Rowley, who is 81, is still very active, and on April 5th participated in 2,520 Minor. He was a founder member of the Barnsley and District Society in 1909.

TENORS SIZE AND WEIGHT
LITTLE RELATIONSHIP.

Dear Sir,—It was with some amusement that I read Mr. Frank Warrington's letter. He would be well advised to reread it, and then ask if its contents do not befit himself in every degree? I refer in particular to his remark, 'It is easy to make errors by guessing the weights of tenors.' That is exactly what Mr. Warrington did in reference to Yaxley and St. Mary's, Peterborough—he guessed them! He could easily have found the exact weights had he taken the trouble, both are so well known.

If he looks up my previous letter as regards Eynesbury he will see the words, 'I put it nearer 9 cwt. than 14' are used, therefore in this case the actual weight is not guessed as he tries to assert.

Contrary to this, Mr. Warrington causes to be printed an actual weight, going on the assumption that because Yaxley tenor is 44in. it is bound to be 16cwt., and Eynesbury, 43in., 15 cwt., which incidentally has 'grown' yet another cwt. since the report of his peal, which he then gave as 14 cwt.

Whilst I agree with Mr. Warrington that one cannot come to a conclusion as to actual weight by ringing or the 'go' of a bell, experience tells me that neither must one come to a conclusion of actual weight (or even approximate weight) by diameter at the sound bow. I fail to see where Mr. Warrington is an authority on weight by measurement at the sound bow, which proves nothing, any more than his boasts of having rung tenors from 4¼ to 54 cwt. (a claim which I can make myself—Brockenhurst and Bow). It is a mistake also for one to think (as some do) that because one can ring a multiplication of Surprise methods they are impregnable on every other issue of bells. And the pitch of a bell is also no guide, as will be noticed by a few instances here given, which will no doubt set the infallible Mr. Warrington' a puzzler:—

All Saints', Northampton, 52in., 21cwt. 1qr. 10lb.; Kettering, 52in., 23cwt. 1qr. 4lb.; against which is Oakham, 49in., 24cwt. 2qr. 9lb., and Hanslope, 49in., 22cwt. 8lb.; Higham Ferrers, 50in., 22cwt. 3qr. 17lb., against which is Rothwell, 50¾in., 21cwt. 3lb., and Castle Abbey, 50½in., 19cwt. 2qr. 24lb.; Tichmarsh, 46in., 17cwt. 3qr. 22lb., against which is Claybrook, 46in., 13cwt. 3qr. 7lb., and Wootton, Northants, 46in., 13cwt. 2qr. 21lb.; Badby, 45½in., 17cwt., against which is Long Buckby, 45¾in., 15cwt. 1qr. 27lb., and Walgrave, 45in., 13cwt. 2qr. 8lb.; St. Peter's, Northampton, 43½in., 12cwt. 2qr., against which is Pattishall, 40¾in., 12cwt. 2qr. 12lb.; Weekley, 37in., 8cwt. 10lb., against which is Stoke Albany, 37in., 10cwt. 5lb.

And here is an even wider variation: Whiston, Northants, 42½in., 15cwt. 4lb.; Welford, 42in., 12cwt. 1qr. 26lb.; Naseby, 42½in., 12cwt. 3qr. 19lb.; Piddington, 42in., 11cwt. 1qr. 6lb.; Orlingbury, 42½in., 10cwt. 3qr. 8lb.

Now we come to pitch. Each of the following are in key E flat: St. Saviour's, Leicester, 25cwt. 3qr. 12lb.; All Saints', Northampton, 21cwt. 1qr. 10lb.; Castle Ashby, 19cwt. 2qr. 24lb.; Claybrook, 13cwt. 3qr. 7lb.; and Wootton, Northants, 13cwt. 2qr. 21lb. This last tower I would like Mr. Warrington to visit. He'd say, 'Not only does the tenor sound like a ton but rings like a ton.' Tenors in D: Birmingham Cathedral, 31cwt. 21lb.; Olney, 25cwt.; Coalbrookdale, 19cwt. Tenors in F sharp: Empingham, 15cwt. 2qr. 9lb.; Hazelbeech, 15cwt. 12lb.; St. Sepulchre's, Northampton. 14cwt. 3qr. 7lb.; Welford, 12cwt. 1qr. 26lb.; Burton Latimer, 10cwt. 3lb.; Sharnbrook, 9cwt. 3qr. Similar instances apply in other keys. If so, how does Mr. Warrington account for these variations, especially between Whiston and Orlingbury tenors on the question of measurement? P. AMOS.

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES MARSHALL.

The death by accident of Mr. Charles Marshall at the age of 45 will be read with profound regret by his many friends inside and outside of his own county. Charlie (among his friends) had just recovered from a severe illness, which had kept him indisposed for some 15 weeks, having recommenced his work on the Monday previous to his death.

He was, and had been for years, a stalwart of the St. Thomas', South Wigston, belfry. A grand personality and ringer and a very keen Guild member, rarely did he miss a district meeting.

As secretary of the St. Thomas' band he was responsible for the organising of many very enjoyable social and ringing tours. Ringing without doubt was his chief hobby, and his greatest pleasure was to take part in peal attempts both on tower bells and handbells. A 'solid' peal ringer, he had rung in the region of 150 peals, including 70 handbell peals during the past two years.

Without doubt Charles Marshall's greatest moment in the world of peal ringing was at hand when he called 'That's all' to a peal of Double Norwich that he conducted on the occasion of their Majesties' Silver Wedding anniversary. This peal was scored by an entirely local band, the first local in such a method to be rung on St. Thomas' bells, thanks to his conducting efforts.

The interment took place at Wigston on April 5th, and the service at St. Thomas' was attended by a large number of people. Among the ringers paying tribute, apart from the local band, were Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole, Miss Jill Poole, Mr. Ernest Morris, Mr. J. Carter, Mr. H. Wayne and Mr. S. Cheney. The bells were rung half-muffled prior to the cortege entering the church, and handbells were rung by members of the local company at the graveside. As a last tribute a really well-struck peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled in the late afternoon and evening.

The passing of such a ringer as Charles Marshall, in such a tragic way, leaves the belfry of St. Thomas', South Wigston, so very much poorer, and indeed the Exercise in general has lost an ever present Sunday service ringer. He leaves a widow and two sons, one of whom has taken to his father's hobby. May he attain the heights as a ringer and conductor. W. A. RIDDINGTON.

MR. JOSEPH POTTER.

News has been received of the death of Mr. Joseph Potter, of Parkersburg, U.S.A., at the age of 79 years. A former conductor of the Walkden (Lancs) band, he went to U.S.A. in 1906. He joined the Lancashire Association in 1888 and had rung 104 peals for the Lancashire Association. He died on March 30th and was buried at the Olivet Cemetery on April 1st. He leaves two sons and one daughter.

MR. R. L. PATTERSON.

Mr. Robert Leonard Patterson, captain of the St. Ignatius' Bellringers' Guild, Sunderland, died on April 13th, at the age of 68. He had been in failing health for some time and the last occasion on which he rang a bell was on Christmas morning, 1948.

Mr. Patterson was the only surviving founder member of the St. Ignatius' Guild, he having joined on May 3rd, 1898, when it was first formed. He succeeded the late Joseph W. Parker as captain on June 2nd, 1947, and they were life-long friends.

From 1945 to 1947 he was president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association and was a vice-president for many years before that. He had 101 peals to his credit, 14 of which he conducted.

The funeral took place on Easter Monday.

BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 22 lb.

*Stephen Penny ...	...*Treble*	Denis Mottershead ...	4
June Henshaw	2	†Harold C. Lonyon ...	5
Barry Corbishley ...	3	Joseph W. Whittaker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold C. Lonyon.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

ELLESBOROUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

Harry C. Jones ...	...*Treble*	*Anthony E. Cox ...	4
Walter Lee	2	Percy Newton	5
Doreen Coker	3	Roland Biggs ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Roland Biggs.
* First of Cambridge Minor

ENFORD, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

*Percival K. Waterman	*Treble*	Jack Mussell	4
William A. Theobald	2	Frank L. Harris... ...	5
Miss Jean M. Brown	3	Ronald N. Marlow	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank L. Harris.
* First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt.

*Hugh Reynolds ...	...*Treble*	Vernon Sykes	4
Richard Benson ...	2	Philip H. Tocock ...	5
Stephen Ll. Parry ...	3	Jack Clegg	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack Clegg.
* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Gwendoline,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

David H. Bennett ...	...*Treble*	David J. Griffiths ...	4
*William G. Smith ...	2	Bernard H. Davies...	5
Jones L. Gwynne ...	3	†Reginald J. Rees	...*Tenor*

Conducted by David H. Bennett.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Oxford, and Kent T.B.

*Roland Flint ...	...*Treble*	*Donald Chadwick ...	4
Miss G. Burchnall ...	2	Frederick Flint ...	5
Miss K. Burchnall ...	3	H. T. Rooke ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. T. Rooke.
* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells. Rung as a 14th birthday peal for Douglas Rooke.

WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Roland Beniston	*Treble*	C. William Hall	4
John A. Underwood...	2	Alan Jacques	5
*Stanley Brewin	3	G. Ronald Edwards	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. Ronald Edwards.
* First in seven methods.

YATESBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 240 Morris' Grandsire, 16 120's Grandsire, 16 120's Plain Bob and eight 120's April Day. Tenor 12 cwt.

*J. Goddard	...*Treble*	†J. Roberts	3
*Miss K. Preston ...	2	‡A. Rogers	4

Richard E. Manton ...*Tenor*
Conducted by Richard E. Manton.
* First peal. † First in three methods. ‡ First of Doubles. First as conductor. First peal on bells.

BREADSALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

*Charles W. Walklate	*Treble*	Francis R. Lowe ...	4
Alfred Mould	2	†Harold Taylor	5
†John F. Wilkinson ...	3	Denis R. Carlisle	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Minor.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Apr. 6, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Botolph and Andrew,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Boh. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Ronald W. Steward	*Treble*	George A. Fleming ...	4
*John E. T. Wiseman...	2	Sylvia R. E. Pipe ...	5
†George W. Pipe... ...	3	Cecil W. Pipe ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Sylvia R. E. Pipe.
* First peal. † First peal in seven methods.

GREAT DALBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Apr. 7, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Swithun,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four 120's Stedman, eight April Day, eight Plain Bob, eight Canterbury, and fourteen Grandsire.

Ernest Morris ...	...*Treble*	Charles E. Cooper ...	3
Harold T. Bonshor ...	2	*R. Cyril Tyler	4

J. Harry Cook ... ...*Tenor*
Conducted by Charles E. Cooper.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Apr. 3, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 17 in A.

Roy C. Hurst	1-2	William G. Young... ...	5-6
Daniel T. Matkin	3-4	William Rogers	7-8

Conducted by William Rogers.
First peal as conductor 'in hand.' A second birthday compliment to Yvonne, granddaughter of the conductor.

COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Apr. 6, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,*
At 68, Newfield Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*Margaret E. L. Beamish	1-2	Thomas W. Sheppard ...	5-6
Frank E. Pervin	3-4	Hubert Summers	7-8

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Frank E. Pervin.
* First peal of Bob Major on handbells.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Apr. 7, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,*
In the Cathedral Belfry,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

Brian Warwick	1-2	Harold J. Poole	5-6
Alfred Ballard	3-4	*Harry Poyner	7-8

Composed by Fredk. H. Dexter. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
*** First peal. A compliment to Mrs. Ballard, mother of Alfred Ballard, on her 72nd birthday.**

Dedications

BUCKERELL, DEVON.

The picturesque village of Buckerell, on the northern slope of the Otter Valley overlooking Ottery St. Mary, had its war memorial, a new treble bell, making a ring of six, dedicated on April 9th.

The existing bells had been removed to the Whitechapel Foundry, the mediæval tenors for retuning and the other three, dated 1872-3 and in poor condition, for recasting.

The Bishop of Crediton performed the dedication service in the presence of a large congregation. Over 50 visitors were entertained to tea by relatives and friends of the ringers.

A welcome to the visitors was extended by the Rector (the Rev. A. G. Chappell), who complimented Mr. F. H. Parr, the captain, for his work in raising the money. Mr. F. C. Smale (secretary of the Guild) added his congratulations and praised Mr. A. A. Hughes on the splendid tone of the bells, which was the general opinion of the company present.

Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Minor and Kent were rung. The fifth and tenor (weight 8 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.) are believed to be from Exeter Foundry of Roger or Robert Morton.

MEOPHAM, KENT.

Five months for an idea to be mooted and brought to a successful conclusion must surely be a record. Such a feat has been accomplished at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Meopham, Kent, by the Vicar, the Rev. V. S. Nicholls. This church possessed a ring of six bells which sadly needed rehanging, and on the call for assistance, Mrs. F. E. Worthington, wife of the churchwarden, kindly offered to bear the whole of the expense of the rehanging and in addition give two new trebles to complete the octave.

The work was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who quarter turned, tuned and rehung the old six and added the new bells in an iron frame.

The dedication service, which unfortunately clashed with a meeting of the Rochester District at Cobham, two miles away, was held on April 9th.

This grand old church, which had been renovated and redecorated throughout, was filled with parishioners and friends, and the service was conducted by the Vicar.

The Dean of Rochester, the Very Rev. T. Crick, Chaplain to the King, and patron of the living, gave the address and dedicated the bells. He paid tribute to the work of the Vicar and also spoke of the service that ringers were rendering the Church

As the local ringers were not sufficiently advanced, the ringing during the service was done by a band from Milton and Gravesend, arranged by Mr. F. M. Mitchell, hon. treasurer of the Kent Association.

After the service the ringing continued until 9.30, and Mr. Bert Newsom, the representative of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, was congratulated on the way the work had been carried out.

A PRESENTATION

Ringers from Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex assembled at Diss on April 2nd, when a presentation was made to Mr. and Mrs. Eric G. Bennett to mark the occasion of their marriage at Blo' Norton. The gift, an electric kettle, was presented to them by Miss Kathleen Harrison.

Mr. C. J. More, Ringing Master at Diss, presided and handed them an address and list of donors. He spoke of the valued service Mr. Bennett had given to the Norwich Diocesan Association. Mr. A. G. Harrison, branch secretary, South Norfolk, endorsed his remarks and referred to Mr. Bennett's long association with the Diss ringers and his popularity with the Suffolk Guild. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bennett suitably replied.

Wrexham Combined Meeting

Over forty ringers attended a combined meeting of the North Wales Association and the Chester Branch of the Chester Guild, held at Wrexham on March 26th. Among those present were Mr. A. J. Hughes, Bangor, and Mr. James Swindley, Chester, whom it was good to see are both recovering after a serious illness.

At the service which followed an hour's ringing the Vicar, Canon Robert Davies, gave a very interesting address about the parish church, which was much appreciated. He said that the present church was finished in 1472, and was the third structure to be built on the site. The first was blown down in a gale in 1331, and the second was destroyed by fire in 1457.

The tower, which is a fine example of perpendicular architecture, is 135ft. high, and the exterior is ornamented with sculptured life-size figures of thirty saints, among whom is St. Giles, to whom the church is dedicated. It is one of the seven wonders of Wales, which are rhymed as follows:—

Pistyll Rhaiader and Wrexham steeple,
Snowdon's mountain without its people;
Overton Yewtrees, St. Winifred Wells,
Llangollen Bridge and Gresford Bells.

The church has a close connection with Yale University, in Connecticut, U.S.A., as Elihu Yale, founder of the famous university, is buried in Wrexham parish churchyard, and became a mecca for American soldiers during the war. Many of them must have found the church tower very familiar, as Yale University is built as an exact replica of it, and incorporated at its base is a stone from the original Wrexham tower. The tercentenary of Elihu Yale's birth occurs on Tuesday, April 5th.

At the tea which followed the service, Mr. G. R. Griffiths, Chester, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address and for the use of the bells. Mr. A. J. Hughes, Bangor, seconded.

It was decided to hold the next combined meeting at Farndon some time in the summer. Gresford bells were also available for ringing after tea.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

SOUTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

The first quarterly meeting and service of the year was held at Stanford-le-Hope on April 2nd, when the 40 members attending included visitors from Gravesend and Northfleet.

Excellent arrangements had been made by Mr. G. Howell, Master of the local band. The impressive service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. P. G. H. Pearse.

At the meeting nine new members were elected, and the Rector consented to become an hon. member. The secretary reported two new towers in union—North Ockendon and South Benfleet. These were cordially welcomed.

It was very encouraging to see the numbers of young people at the meeting, and when it is remembered that some of them had cycled 16 miles and faced a wet journey home it is very evident that the right spirit is being shown in the district.

ASH, SOMERSET. — On April 1st, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): R. C. Beale 1, R. Beale 2, R. Welch 3, D. R. Best 4, J. W. Drew (cond.) 5, H. F. Gaylard 6. First quarter in three methods by all.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY. — On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Kingston 1, P. Underwood 2, R. Monk 3, R. J. Andrews 4, W. A. Goldstone 5, D. Sleet (cond.) 6.

SUNDRIDGE, KENT.—Os Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Whiteway 1, A. Wenban 2, Edna Sills (cond.) 3, E. Sills 4, S. King 5, G. Acott 6.

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.

MARRIAGE

WEBB—EDMOND. — On April 9th, 1949, at Wigan, James Stephen Webb, R.A.F., elder son of Mrs. Webb and the late Mr. W G. Webb, of Tunstall, Kent, to Barbara Maudson Edmond, elder daughter of Francis Edmond, C.B.E., and Mrs. Edmond, of Standish. 5100

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of John and Michael Chilcott is now 20, Crosslands Avenue, Southall, Middlesex. 5102

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.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY. — Weekly practices will be held during the summer term on the 3rd Monday of the month at St. Mary's, Lambeth, at 6.15, and every other Monday at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, at 6.30, starting on April 25th. 5112

PUBLICATIONS

The reprint of 'THE COLLECTION OF DOUBLES AND MINOR METHODS" will be welcomed by many who have shown interest in the recently published four-way Table of Minor Methods. This table is for use with the collection, which can now be obtained from the Librarian (3s. 3d. post free), Osmington School, Tring, Herts.

'CHANGE RINGING ON HANDBELLS.' —The first official book on this subject. Price 2s. post free, from Hon. Librarian, Central Council, W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, Hertfordshire.

'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

No better pen picture of early ringing societies has been published than 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.

MEETINGS

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting, Nutfield (6), Saturday, April 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names to Miss N. C. Kempsell, 1, Church Hill, Nutfield. 5041

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Beaconsfield, Saturday, April 23rd, 2.30 p.m. Tea, White Hart, 4.45. — Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 5037

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at All Hallows', Tottenham (8), on Saturday, Apr. 23rd, 3. Tea, Y.W.C.A., High Road, 5.15. Business meeting 6.15. Ringing after. Notification for tea to Mr. A. E. Hoare, 34, King Road, N.17. Wood Green (6) in the afternoon if possible. —R. H. Begrie. 5054

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUUTH.—Winchester District. — Tichborne (6), Apr. 23rd, 2.30. Also Cheriton (6). Service 4.15. Tea 5.—L. A. Tremeer, 34, The Dean, Alresford. 5060

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Walton-on-Thames (8), Saturday, April 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—F. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec. 5038

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Derby, Apr. 23rd. Bells during afternoon, St. Alkmund's and St. Peter's; after tea, Cathedral and St. Peter's. Committee, St. Peter's, 3.15. Service Cathedral, 4.15. Tea, Co-operative Cafe, 5. Meeting St. Peter's, 6. 5058

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glastonbury Deanery.—Meeting at Croscombe, Saturday, April 23rd, 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting.—William Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 5069

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Meeting at Kingsclere, Saturday, Apr. 23rd. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 5074

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly, Amport (6), April 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Abbott's Ann (5), Thruxton (5), after tea. 5075

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sandford Peverell, Apr. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 5.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea early.—C. G. Dymond, Sec., Silverton. 5086

ELLAND, YORKS.—Bells available for meeting Saturday, Apr. 23rd, from 3. Tea Parochial Hall. Everybody welcome. Notification for tea not required.—F. Linfoot. 5083

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Burbage (Buxton), Apr. 23rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided. Peak District Society members cordially invited.—C. K. Lewis. 5080

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — Meeting at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 5099

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Helens on Apr. 30th. Bells at Prescot, St. Helens Parish, St. Thomas', St. Helens, from 2. Service at 4. Tea and meeting at 5. Tea 2s. 6d. each.—W. H. Shuker and F. Dunkerley, Secs. 5051

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at All Hallows', Tottenham (Bruce Castle), on Saturday, Apr. 30th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 5061

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Rickmansworth, Saturday, Apr. 30th. Bells 3 to 5 and after meeting. Tea 5, for which please notify Mr. F. W. Elliott, 48, Talbot Road, Rickmansworth, Herts, by Monday, Apr. 25th.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 5077

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting Hambledon, Apr. 30th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in the New Inn. Names by Apr. 26th.—John H. Hunt, 44, Bellfield, Titchfield, Hants. 5065

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY. — Meeting Alrewas, Saturday, Apr. 30th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30, 2s. 3d. Nomes for tea by Tuesday, 26th, to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 5078

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting Stratford-on-Avon, Apr. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 at the Royal Restaurant. Service 5.30, followed by business meeting in ringing room. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to C. R. Steed, 10, Avon Crescent, Stratford-on-Avon.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 5079

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stanwick, Apr. 30th. Service 4.30. Names early to A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 5082

OXFORD GUILD.—South Oxon District.—Annual meeting Dorchester, Oxon, Saturday, Apr. 30th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea (accommodation limited) by Apr. 26th to H. Badger, 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame, Oxon. 5081

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting Worcester on Saturday, Apr. 30th. Service in All Saints' Church at 12 noon. General business meeting at the Old Rectifying House, North Parade, at 2.30 p.m. prompt. A resolution will be moved to increase the annual subscriptions. All Saints' bells (10) available at 11 a.m. Other bells and times announced at meeting. Lunch at the Old Rectifying House at 1.30. Tickets, 4s. 6d. each, only for those who apply to me with remittance by first post on Wednesday, Apr. 27th.—J. D. Johnson. Hon. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 5084

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Stevenage, Saturday, Apr. 30th. Bells (6) 3. Tea 5. Names for tea by Apr. 27th to Mr. W. Lawrence, 97, Letchmore Road, Stevenage.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 5094

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-East Division.—Meeting at Tendring (6), Saturday, Apr. 30th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Notify me for tea by the 26th, please. —H. J. Millatt, 106, Hythe Hill, Colchester. 5091

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Headcorn, April 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea Miss H. Gorringe, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 5104

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Almondsbury (8), April 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 5114

WINGHAM, KENT.—Open practice, Saturday, April 30th, 6 p.m., and last Saturday each month if sufficient support. Everyone, especially beginners, welcome.—W. Bottrill. 5111

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Downham Market, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea by 27th.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway, Wisbech. 5115

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Gloucester Branch. — Upton St. Leonard's (8), April 30th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, King's Head, 2s. Names by April 27th to W. Sidwell, 3, Honyatt Road, Gloucester. 5116

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — North Norfolk Branch. — Branch meeting at Wroxham, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 at the Horse Shoes Hotel for all who send names to Mr. G. Bailey, The Lawn, Norwich Road, Wroxham, by Tuesday, April 26th. — H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 5109

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hindon (6), April 30th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—F. L. Harris, Britford, near Salisbury. 5107

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Quarterly meeting, Liss, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) St. Mary's. Bells (6) St. Peter's, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business meeting follows. Please notify for tea by Monday, April 25th, C. E. Bassett, Sunnybrook, Brook Lane, Warsash, Hants. 5105

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, on Saturday, April 30th. Ringing commences 2 p.m.—C. Raine, Hon. Sec. 5127

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District. — Countesthorpe (6) and Willoughby Waterleys (5), Saturday, April 30th (changed from Thurcaston). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. R. Hubbard, 10, Peatling End, Countesthorpe, by Tuesday, April 26th.—W. Root, District Sec. 5120

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Chew Magna, April 30th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 5119

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Annual general meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m Tea (2s. 6d. per head) will be arranged for those who notify Mr. R. H. Dove, 26, Sycamore Avenue, Leeds 8, by Tuesday, April 26th. Business meeting in the tower 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 5123

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting, April 30th, at Sedlescombe (6). Bells 2.30. Teas for those who notify by 28th.—P. H. Rollison, Hon. Sec., 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 5121

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—St. Mary Cray, Saturday, April 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Names for tea (2s.) by April 25th.—A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 5118

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Duston (6), April 30th. Bells 3.30. Names for tea to Mr. E. Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 5124

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Meeting at Bredfield, April 30th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notify Rev. H. W. Cotton, Bredfield, Woodbridge. 5129

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting Lifton, May 7th; usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 2nd, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 5055

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting, Pinhoe, May 7th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh, by May 2nd. 5117

LINCOLN GUILD.—Joint meeting of Lincoln and Sleaford Districts at Sleaford on May 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mrs. D. Wray, Kesteven Street, Sleaford, by the Tuesday previous.—D. Wray and J. Freeman, Hon. Secs 5122

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Ealing, May 7th. Bells, Christ Church, 3 to 4.30 and evening; St. Mary's, 3 to 4 and evening; St. Stephen's, 2.30 to 4. Service, Christ Church, 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea by May 5th to E. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing. 5098

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—Meeting, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (13) 3 to 8. Tea 5. Meeting 6. Names to Mr. J. Carter, 6, Gosford Street, Ashton-under-Lyne. — E. Walker. 5161

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Selby Abbey, May 7th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (2s. 9d. p.h.), Hawdon Institute, 5, followed by general meeting. Names to J. Silk, 21, Leeds Road, Selby, by May 5th. Subs are due and reports available.—L. W. G. Morris, 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 5103

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Social, May 7th, Angel Hotel, 7 p.m. Names, not numbers, to Mr. W. Ashby, 19, Connaught Street, Northampton, not later than Wednesday, April 27th. 5125

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Brighton, May 7th. Service, St. Nicholas' (Archdeacon of Chichester) 4. Tea and business meeting, Union Church Hall, 4.40. Names for tea to Mrs. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill, by May 2nd. Ringing, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', afternoon and evening; the Good Shepherd, evening.—S. E. Armstrong, Gen. Sec. 5126

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Crusaders of S.W. Division. — Meeting at Great Wakering (6), Saturday, May 7th, 3 p.m. Frequent bus service from Victoria Circus, Southend. Essentially a meeting for beginners. Everybody welcome. Names for tea by May 5th to H. Milton, Amil, High Street, Great Wakering. 5106

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Guildford, Saturday, May 7th. Bells of Cathedral Church in afternoon. St. Nicolas' afternoon and evening. Service, Cathedral Church, 4.15. Tea and business meeting, Holy Trinity Hall, 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to me by May 1st.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, Surrey. 5108

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OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Farnborough (5), Saturday, May 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Rev. J. D. Steele, West Ilsley Rectory, Newbury, by Wednesday, May 4th. 5110

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Leicester, Saturday, May 7th. Bells, St. Margaret's (12), 1.30 to 4; All Saints' (6), 2 to 4; Cathedral (12), 2 to 4; St. John's, 2 to 4.30. Service, St. John's, 4.30. Tea and meeting, St. George's Hall, 5. Names by Tuesday, May 3rd, to W. Root, 70, New Parks Boulevard, Leicester.—W. Wood, Gen. Sec. 5113

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

The grand ring of eight at Netherseale (former home of the Guild's president, Mr. W. W. Worthington) was well tested by 35 ringers and friends on April 2nd.

Ringing was kept going at intervals from 2.30 to 8 p.m., and although no great variety of methods was rung, good practice was put in by the younger members as was seen when a pupil 11 years of age rang the treble to Grandsire Triples. Shortened evensong was conducted by the Rector (Dr. W. J. Beale).

Memories of Netherseale pre-war teas were revived in the Village Hall, when the Rector and Mrs. Beale kindly entertained the company to tea.

The Chairman (Mr. W. H. Curson) warmly thanked the Rector and Mrs. Beale for their generosity and announced that the annual meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Burton, on May 14th.

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EASTER MONDAY

FIRST reports to hand of Easter Monday annual general meetings of Guilds and Associations make encouraging reading. Progress is being well maintained, but it is patent that there is still plenty of spade work before Sunday service ringing throughout the country is on the highest level. Mr. G. H. Spice, secretary of the Kent County Association, placed in the forefront of his report the importance of church bells being rung on Sundays in these days of materialistic tendencies.

The outside public does not realise the strength of bellringing to-day, and even those inside the Church of England on the Church Assembly have only hazy notions of the general position. For example, the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association anticipated, when all details have been verified, that they have a membership of 1,500, and the Kent County Association was able to report a practising membership of 1,033. Numbers, however, are not the sole criteria. The testing point, to revert to Mr. Spice's observation, is the regularity and standard of Sunday ringing. And here let us interpolate, Sunday ringing is not practice ringing; it should be the best ringing the band is capable of and not an attempt to get home, say, a Surprise touch by an uncertain company. Practice and service ringing should not be confused.

On the business side of proceedings, Guild treasurers, even where Associations have substantial reserves, were concerned with the inflationary costs of to-day. Some think that the correct procedure is to cheesepare expenditure so as to keep members' subscriptions at the lowest possible level. Others feel that the new circumstances of to-day must be faced boldly and subscriptions must be raised. This was the policy adopted by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, which in 1948 increased the annual subscription from 1s. 6d. to 2s. and have now sanctioned a further advance of 6d. In addition a pealringing fee of 6d. per member taking part is also operative. The time is rapidly approaching when a pealringing fee will be a general practice, and we do not think Guild members as a body will favour increased subscriptions without resource to an extra contribution from peal ringers if peals are to be printed in the annual reports.

Members of the Central Council will learn with pleasure of the decision of the Gloucester and Bristol Association that their offer to the Council to visit Cheltenham in the near future still stands. The 1950 Council meeting is due to take place in the South of England, and it is likely that the offer to meet at Cheltenham will receive very favourable consideration. According to news reaching 'The Ringing World' the offer of this Association is the only one in the field at the moment.

Probably the point in these reports which would be most discussed was the suggestion of the Bath and Wells Association that there should be no peal attempts during the season of Lent. This year there was a general observance of no peal ringing during Holy Week. Only one peal was rung on Good Friday this year, and that was with the bells fully muffled, and two on church bells on the eve of Easter Day. This is a big subject. Relevant to the point is the large number of marriages on the Saturday before Easter Day, and in the writer's own parish gramophone records of church bells were amplified from the church tower to give a welcome to a married couple. It is a subject that could well be ventilated at York, but the broadness of the Church of England will, we think, prevent a measure of unanimity being reached.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

ALBERT W. COLES	*Treble*	DAVID E. PARSONS	7
*MISS JILL BRITTAIN	2	LEONARD H. BOWLER	8
MRS. R. F. DEAL	3	FREDK. W. HOUSDEN	9
LEONARD E. PITSTOW	4	ALFRED L. SIMMONDS	10
HAROLD N. PITSTOW	5	RICHARD F. DEAL	11
*DENIS N. LAYTON	6	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.
* First peal on 12 bells. First on 12 as conductor. Tenor 24 cwt.

TEN BELL PEALS

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

FRANK BLONDELL	*Treble*	CHARLES H. CHAPMAN	6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER	2	ALBERT R. G. TWINN	7
FREDK. G. BALDWIN	3	FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW	8
*ARTHUR D. BARKER	4	WILLIAM H. COLES	9
HERBERT W. IMPEY	5	†FRANK CORKE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.
* First peal in the method. † 200th peal. Rung in memory of Joseph J. Pratt, who died April 5th, 1948. Tenor 21 cwt. 50 lb.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL AND PARISH CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, ST. GEORGE AND ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*MRS. C. W. LAWTON	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	6
WILFRED STEVENSON	2	PETER LAFLIN	7
C. KENNETH LEWIS	3	JOSEPH WHITTAKER	8
ALAN A. POTTS	4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	9
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Arranged and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
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EIGHT BELL PEALS

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

EDWARD JENKINS	*Treble*	HARRY WILDE	5
*ERNEST H. SIMPSON	2	ALFRED SMITH	6
VERNON BOTTOMLEY	3	DONALD R. MARSHALL	7
*RONALD SQUIRES	4	*SAM LONGBOTTOM	*Tenor*

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SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Apr. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*W. REGINALD PERRY	*Treble*	ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE	5
*ARTHUR PATRICK	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
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Composed by the late REV. CANON G. H. RIDOUT, of Johannesburg.
Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Charles Marshall, who accidentally met his death on April 1st.

PUTNEY, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Wed., Apr. 6, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	*Treble*	RICHARD F. DEAL	5
REUBEN CHARGE	2	REUBEN SANDERS	6
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HORACE BELCHER	4	FREDERICK W. WICKS	*Tenor*

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HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

RAYMOND G. LOFTY	*Treble*	†ARTHUR G. SMALLS	5
*GORDON ELVIN	2	CHARLES H. MOORE	6
GEORGE H. MOORE	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., Apr. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,
A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

J. DENNIS HOLDEN	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
ALBERT D. COLLINS	2	*THOMAS HEMMING	6
*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	HOWARD HOWELL	7
ERIC E. SPEAKE	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal in the method.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

WILLIAM UPTON	*Treble*	PATRICK PAGE	5
*LESTER BAILEY	2	FRANK S. TAYLOR	6
†NELIA M. LEAHY	3	A. RICHARD WARD	7
C. ARTHUR DRAKE	4	JOHN H. HUNT	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. Rung for the induction of the new incumbent. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Treble*	*J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	5
*PATRICK PRESTON	2	*WALTER NICHOLS	6
ALBERT H. WARD	3	*THOMAS W. WHEAT	7
CLEMENT GLENN	4	FREDERICK A. SALTER	*Tenor*

Composed by E. BARNETT. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal in the method. First peal in method by the Guild.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

J. DENNIS HOLDEN	*Treble*	*FRANCIS BROTHERTON	5
GEORGE E. OLIVER	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
BARNABAS G. KEY	3	HOWARD HOWELL	7
ERIC E. SPEAKE	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal in the method.

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BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
At the Deanery Church,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*Deryck Talbot ...	...*Treble*	Ronald Suckling	5
†Ronald F. Boykett ...	2	John Warner	6
Henry Pratt	3	Ernest Bright	7
Richard Portway ...	4	Harry Millatt	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Ronald Suckling.
* First peal of Major. † First peal. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21 cwt.

William D. Ashdown...	*Treble*	George Skinner	5
Frank Wills	2	Horace J. Butt	6
William A. Wills ...	3	Frederick Wreford ...	7
Henry J. Corry	4	William H. Howe ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick Wreford
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ashdown on the 17th anniversary of their wedding.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Boniface,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Percy Swindley	...*Treble*	George F. Sperring ...	5
John W. Griffiths ...	2	*Frederick H. Birks ...	6
*Nancy P. Birks	3	*Dennis H. B. Millward	7
John W. Best	4	Harry Pye	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by John W. Best.
* First peal of Bob Major. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's Composition. Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E.

Albert E. Whiting	...*Treble*	Charles E. Fisher ...	5
Willoughby E. Maulden	2	Frank L. Fisher	6
Leslie G. Brett	3	Leslie C. Wightman ...	7
Sylvia R. E. Pipe ...	4	William J. Button ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Sylvia R. E. Pipe.
A welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. C. T. M. Musgrave Brown.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 17 lb. in C sharp.

F. Bernard Ditcher ...	*Treble*	William Barton	5
Milton C. Fowler ...	2	W. Eric Critchley	6
J. Edward Cawser ...	3	J. Frederick Milner ...	7
Leslie W. G. Morris ...	4	James C. E. Simpson ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
First peal in the method on the bells. In memoriam William Woodhead, a member of the Association for 60 years.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, 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 7½ cwt.

Herbert Langdon	...*Treble*	Michael V. Chilcott ...	5
Horace Belcher	2	John B. Sansom	6
John Phillips	3	Reuben Sanders	7
Anthony W. J. Appleton	4	J. Frank Smallwood ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert Langdon.

SHERE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E.

*Herbert G. Arthur ...	*Treble*	Eric T. Lee	5
†Miss B. I. Moore ...	2	H. William Barrett ...	6
Alfred H. Pulling ...	3	T. Mark White	7
William G. Denyer ...	4	Wm. H. Inwood ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.
* First peal. † First on an 'inside' bell.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Latimer Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

*Thomas C. Belton ...	*Treble*	Walter P. Whitehead	5
*Alan H. Hough	2	*Charles R. Belton ...	6
*Margaret Beamish ...	3	Alan Cattell	7
*Harry Duncombe ...	4	*George P. Garner ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

WINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Containing 2,592 Cambridge and 2,496 Superlative, with 71 changes of method. Tenor 19½ cwt.

Mark W. Marshall ...	*Treble*	Frederick G. Huckstepp	5
William A. Oldfield ...	2	Mark S. Lancefield ...	6
Wilfred W. Ring... ...	3	Thomas Cullingworth...	7
Peter D. Huckstepp ...	4	Harry Parkes	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.
First peal of Spliced Surprise by all the band.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1949, in 4 Hours,
At the Town Hall,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Peter Laflin	...*Treble*	Walter Allman	5
Alan A. Potts	2	James C. E. Simpson ...	6
C. Kenneth Lewis ...	3	Joseph W. Whittaker...	7
John E. Bibby	4	John Worth	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by John Worth.
First peal on the heavy eight. Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Vincent,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Six-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

Sidney Proctor ...	...*Treble*	Henry Squires	5
Caleb Simcock	2	Leslie Squires	6
*Sidney Whaley	3	Arthur Mackears ...	7
George W. Creasey ...	4	John Cragg	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur Mackears.
* First peal on eight bells.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Jack Bailey	...*Treble*	†Harold Taylor	5
*C. John Gibbs	2	†John F. Wilkinson ...	6
Francis R. Lowe ...	3	William A. Parsons ...	7
William Lancaster ...	4	Walter Shaw	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Parsons.
* First peal on eight. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

John A. Etherington...	*Treble*	Herbert G. Andrews...	5
Peggy G. Kitchen ...	2	Eric T. Lee	6
*Alfred H. Pulling ...	3	Harold A. May	7
Chas. W. R. Grimwood	4	*T. Mark White	*Tenor*

Composed by York Green. Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.
* 50th peal together. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wystan,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*John F. Wilkinson ...	*Treble*	Jack Bailey	5
*Sidney H. Jones	2	Alfred Mould	6
William Lancaster ...	3	Francis R. Lowe	7
Harold Taylor	4	William A. Parsons ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by W. A. Parsons.
* First in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 15 cwt.

*ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY	*Treble*	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	5
†FRED C. LYNE	2	CHARLES J. CAMM	6
VIVIAN B. HUNT	3	C. ARTHUR MANNING	7
REGINALD C. CHAPMAN	4	LEONARD KINCHIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.
* First of Stedman Triples. † First in the method.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

ROY FAITHFULL	*Treble*	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	5
*NELIA LEAHY	2	REGINALD A. REED	6
E. JOAN SALMONS	3	ERNEST F. SALMONS	7
JESSIE M. KIPPIN	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

SIX BELL PEALS

GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE LODE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's.

MISS JOAN BUSSEY	*Treble*	LESLIE BARRY	4
JOHN WHITING	2	WILLIAM RICKINGS	5
HARRY WORRALL	3	CHARLES LARNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's St. Clement's Bob, two 720's Oxford Single and three 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*JOHN H. WALKER	*Treble*	GEORGE LEDSHAM	4
LESTER L. GRAY	2	HARRY ROGERS	5
HORACE MYATT	3	TOMMY ROGERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by TOMMY ROGERS.
* First peal.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents.

FREDERICK MANSER	*Treble*	ALBERT KELVIE	4
WILLIAM MANSER	2	TOM SAUNDERS	5
LEWIS NEWMAN	3	LUTHER J. HONESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LUTHER J. HONESS.
A compliment to two nieces of the ringer of the 5th, who have each given birth to a daughter.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALBERT W. BEARD	*Treble*	GEORGE W. FAULKNER	4
DAVID W. BEARD	2	COLIN E. WRIGHT	5
HENRY T. WILSON	3	FRANK V. GANT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.

SEEND, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 2,160 (C.C.C. 152) and four 720's. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

FRANK A. PENN	*Treble*	DONALD E. LEE	4
MRS. F. A. PENN	2	LAWRENCE E. HITCHINS	5
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	3	FREDK. S. SLATFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.
First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Guild.

BADBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Tenor 17 cwt.

ERNEST G. ORLAND	*Treble*	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE	4
PHILLIP JONES	2	RONALD C. NOON	5
WILLIAM R. HAMMONDS	3	GEORGE CARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
First peal in seven methods by all except the conductor. First peal in seven methods as conductor. A wedding compliment to Mr. Stanley M. Ruddlesden and Miss Hilda M. Bird. Also a 21st birthday compliment to William R. Hammonds.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

EDMUND J. WHITING	*Treble*	FRANK W. LACK	4
*JOHN W. C. BLYTHE	2	*STANLEY GILBERT	5
*R. FRANK BAKER	3	FRANK WARRINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First Surprise peal on working bell. Rung fully muffled.

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 1,440 Cambridge Surprise, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob and 2,160 Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*LEONARD JONES	*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	4
BENJAMIN WILLIAMS	2	GWYN I. LEWIS	5
TREVOR M. RODERICK	3	G. WILLIAM MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.
* First peal in three methods. Birthday compliment to the conductor's wife.

HAWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT HELLIWELL	*Treble*	*LESLIE HELLIWELL	4
VERNEY BAIRSTOW	2	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW	5
WILFRED WHITAKER	3	PHILIP WHITAKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR BAIRSTOW.
* First peal in three methods.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Apr. 17, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three extents of Oxford Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

GORDON CHAMBERS	*Treble*	*JACK S. WILLIAMSON	4
*ALBERT W. BARBER	2	GEORGE T. BUNNING	5
ROBERT C. BUNNING	3	SIDNEY MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY MARSHALL.
* First in more than one method away from treble. First in more than one method as conductor. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

LITTLE HORSTED, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F

*CLAIRE D. CAUSLEY	*Treble*	FRANK H. HICKS	4
*JEAN S. S. DURRANT	2	EDWARD EADE	5
E. GAVAN D. TONKIN	3	MICHAEL A. CAUSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL A. CAUSLEY.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, CROSS STONE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Being 2,160 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 3,024 Plain Bob.

CLARENCE HUXLEY	*Treble*	STUART SMITH	4
KENNETH HARTLEY	2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	5
DEREK SANDERSON	3	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

HANDBELL PEALS

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 30, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 34 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of four extents each of St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor size 11 in G.
FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 1-2 | JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 3-4
A. ERNEST MCGRATH ... 5-6
Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.
First as conductor in four Doubles methods.

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Apr. 6, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 58 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,
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 11 in G.
A. ERNEST MCGRATH ... 1-2 | JOHN T. DUNWOODY... ... 3-4
FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 5-6
Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.
Rung with change of method at each 720.

HORSHAM ST. FAITH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT 26, BRABAZON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW... 1-2 | NOLAN GOLDEN 3-4
*CHRISTOPHER MOOR ... 5-6
Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal on handbells. Tenor size 14 in E flat.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT 35, MARKET STREET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 extents April Day (3 callings), 12 extents Plain Bob (four callings), and 18 extents Grandsire (nine callings).
PETER BERESFORD ... ... 1-2 | DENNIS BERESFORD 3-4
*JOHN A. NEWELL 5-6
Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD. Umpire: JOAN BERESFORD.
* First peal on handbells. First peal in 3 methods by all the band.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Apr. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT 11, EXTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Being 3,424 of Plain Bob and 1,584 of Little Bob with 214 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.
WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | ROY C. HURST 7-8
Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
First peal in Spliced methods by all, and may be the first for the Guild 'in hand.'

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Apr. 13, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor size 18 in G.
*FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ... 1-2 | †DAVID GALLOP 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4 | T. MARK WHITE 7-8
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* 50th peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Apr. 14, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.
PETER J. STANIFORTH ... 1-2 | HAROLD J. POOLE 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD ... ... 3-4 | *HARRY POYNER 7-8
†BRIAN WARWICK 9-10
Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal.

ELY, ISLE OF ELY.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Apr. 17, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT 39A, HIGH STREET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.
RONALD H. BULLEN ... ... 1-2 | JOHN A. ACRES 5-6
MAURICE J. THURMOTT ... 3-4 | OWEN A. NEEDHAM 7-8
Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

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LATE NEWS

Mr. W. P. Whitehead, of Hinckley, Leic., informs us that it is hoped to attempt a peal of 17,152 Bristol Surprise Major, at St. Nicholas Parish Church, Nuneaton, on May 7th, starting at 9 a.m.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. W. A. Parsons, of Derby, conducted two peals on Easter Monday, at St. Peter's, Derby, and Repton. Both had identical times of 2 hours and 57 minutes, and were both accurately checked. Has any other conductor had the same experience in a day's ringing?

With his 100th peal, Mr. Arthur G. Smalls completed the 'circle' of Hethersett, Norfolk, tower.

Three fathers and three sons rang a peal at Haworth, Yorks, on April 16th. The fathers were on the light end.

The quarter-peal at Astbury, Cheshire, marks a new era locally. It was the first for 25 years and the first by all the band.

More progress continues to be made at St. Andrew's Church, Derby, when, on April 21st, a touch of London Surprise Major was rung by Miss E. Foulk 1, S. Walklate 2, G. Freebrey (conductor) 3, F. Lowe 4, A. Thompson 5, H. Taylor 6, J. Wilkinson 7, W. Parsons 8. Credit is due to them all, especially to the two younger men, A. Thompson and J. Wilkinson.

The 60th anniversary of Mr. H. Rowley's association as a ringer with Horbury, Yorks, was commemorated by a half-peal of Minor (Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob): M. J. Axford 1, E. Atkinson 2, H. Rowley (cond.) 3, J. W. Milner 4, G. Cutts 5, G. W. Pickles 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

A quarter-peal of Bob Major at Woburn on April 23rd commemorated the attainment of 60 years' membership of the Bedfordshire Association by Mr. Ernest Herbert, which occurred on that date. Mr. Herbert is the well-known younger son of the late Charles Herbert (the founder and first secretary of the Association), of which he is a vice-president and hon. auditor.

The ring of eight (tenor 12 cwt.) at St. Mary's, Twyford, Hants, is to be rehung with new gudgeons and ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd. The Vicar (the Rev. J. R. Beyron) states that the B.B.C. are to broadcast the Christmas service from this church, which will include the ringing of the bells.

By the peal of Minor at Milnrow, Lancs., on April 2nd, Messrs. R. Benson, V. Sykes and Jack Clegg have completed Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

The annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Ipswich on Easter Monday and followed the usual form. Mr. Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, was re-elected hon. general secretary and treasurer.

The copy of 'Campanalogia' which 'was identified through letters in 'The Ringing World' has been presented by the owner, Mr. Robins, of Charing, to the Kent Association and will rest in the library of Canterbury Cathedral.

Witney, Oxon, ringers had their outing on Easter Monday visiting Gloucestershire and Worcestershire. Ringing took place at Bourton-on-the-Water, Stour-on-the-Wold, Broadway, Prestbury, Cheltenham Parish Church, Charlton Kings and Northleach. Conducting was shared by Messrs. G. H. Wright, B. J. Coggins, A. R. Pink, W. J. Dixon and B. S. Nichols.

Mr. Harry Colley, of Tarring, Sussex, sailed on April 26th, the day of his 71st birthday, for Canada. For 60 years he has been an enthusiastic ringer at Tarring. He is going to the Ontario farm of his daughter, Mrs. J. O. Camden. Asked if there was any particular thing he intended to do on arriving in Canada, Mr. Colley told a local press man with a chuckle, 'Oh, yes. Look for some more bells.'

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

One Thousand Membership Mark Passed ..... Leading County for Peal Ringing ..... No Change in Subscription Rate

MEETING at Maidstone on Easter Monday, the Kent County Association was in the happy position of recording an active membership of over 1,000 ringers. The meeting was most successful. The service at All Saints' Church was followed by an excellent luncheon at the Corn Exchange attended by a company of 170. Mr. E. H. Lewis was voted to the chair for the business meeting. He was supported by Mr. G. H. Spice (hon. secretary) and Mr. F. M. Mitchell (hon. treasurer).

Following the luncheon, Mr. F. White proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon C. B. Sampson for his address and use of the bells. He hoped that at some future time they would get better bells at All Saints', Maidstone, in place of the heavy, lumpy ring. Perhaps they would get a new ring of 10 or 12 bells and a nice iron frame (hear, hear).

'I feel that bellringers are among the "matiest" part of the Church of England,' said the Canon in reply. They wanted to do what they could for the bells of All Saints' and they were looking forward to the time when it would be possible to have something up to date. The difficulty was one of finance.

The secretary prefaced his report with a note of warning, despite the increase in membership. 'Unfortunately,' he said, 'there are a good number of our towers in union in which the bells are not being regularly rung for Sunday services, and other towers which come within the category of "oncers," i.e., that ring for either morning or evening service, but not for both. Local conditions must, of course, be the guiding factor, but it is sincerely hoped that ringers one and all will not be satisfied until the bells of their respective towers are rung every Sunday and at both services if at all possible.

'The sound of the bells has always played an important part in reminding our people of the Church and what it stands for, and in these days of materialistic tendencies let us all regard it as a Christian duty

To call, from tower and steeple,
Upon the Day of Days,
All faithful Christian people
To worship, prayer and praise.

MEMBERSHIP.

'It is with much pleasure that we record that the hope expressed in last year's report has been fulfilled in that our practising membership now stands at over four figures.

'The total for 1947 was 903; our total for 1948 stands at 1,033 paying members, in addition to which we have about 60 non-paying over-age members. Honorary membership totals 55. Subscriptions have been received from 124 towers. New practising members enrolled during the year were: Ashford district, 28 adults; Canterbury, 36 and 3 juveniles; Lewisham, 14, 14; Maidstone, 20, 7; Rochester, 16, 3; Tonbridge, 39, 5.

'To our list of life members has been added Mrs. Mabel Poole (Northfleet), Mr. G. McCarthy (Ash-by-Wrotham), Mr. and Mrs. A. Richardson (Southborough).'

DEATHS.

The meeting stood in respect while the list of losses by death was read out as follows: Leslie A. Porritt (St. Lawrence's, Ramsgate), Percy J. Paine (Canterbury Cathedral), James E. Bailey (Dartford), Thomas Groombridge, jun. (late of Crayford), Charles Belsey (Rainham), William Easter (Rochester) and — Mitchell (Northfleet).

Mr. James Bailey had served on the General Committee since 1943 and he was also a member of the Benevolent Fund Committee. For many years he had proved himself an energetic and progressive member, combined with excellent ringing qualifications, and his untimely passing came as a severe shock among his ringing friends.

COMMITTEE WORK.

Among the decisions of the committee were that the annual general meeting be held at Maidstone, the cost of the lunch to be borne by the members; the purchase from Association funds of a suitable instruction book for sale at the nominal price of 1s. per copy to members of the Association be not adopted; the sum of £10 be granted to Eltham Parish Church towards belfry repairs; to bring to the notice of those in charge of the ringing throughout the county the desirability of commencing service ringing with prayer, the Association's prayer being recommended; in the light of unsettled conditions prevailing at the present time, the great amount of work involved in compiling the record, and the possibility of a loss being incurred to the Association, that the proposed war record project be dropped. It was considered too big a job for the Association to undertake.

At a later committee meeting the following recommendations were approved: That the practising membership subscription remain as at present on the understanding that (a) members and others (except invited guests) pay for their lunch at the annual general meeting: (b) no half rail fares; (c) no free teas and no contributions towards the same be paid from Association funds; (d) church collections at ringers' services shall, until further notice, be paid into the general fund and from this fund allocated to the Benevolent Fund and Belfry Repair Fund at the discretion of the committee; that each tower in union be supplied with a copy of the annual report free.

Members would be pleased to know that the following in memoriam was being cut over the entrance to Bell Harry Tower, Canterbury Cathedral: 'In memory of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 1851-1938. He served this Cathedral for 59 years. Minor Canon 1878-1937. Precentor 1883-1926. He was honorary secretary Kent County Association of Change Ringers from 1891-1929.'

Hearty congratulations were extended to Mr. George Edwards, of Penshurst, who celebrated his 80th birthday the following day. In acknowledging the greetings Mr. Edwards said his father carried on until he was 92 so he had still a long way to go.

The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, sen.

PEAL REPORT.

Mr. P. A. Corby presented the peal secretary's report, which stated that 156 peals were recorded for the Association during 1948, an increase of 20 on 1947 and two less than the Association's record. They were once again at the head of the Central Council's list, but only by a small margin and probably as a result of a peal tour in the county. Six peals were rung in celebration of the birth of Prince Charles. Peals included the first of Ospringe Surprise Major.

There were 37 first peals, four less than the previous year. This was still well above the 1938 total, but there was room for improvement. There were 50 conductors in 1948, an improvement of 10 on the previous year, but this again was largely due to the peal ringing tour. Mr. A. J. Lancefield, who had left for three years in New Zealand, headed the list with 14 peals.

Of the 219 towers with five or more bells peals were rung in 82. One peal was rung in Surrey and five in London. Seven peals were rung 'in hand,' including one in Central London. In addition to peals rung by the Association, the following were rung in the county by other associations: Royal Society of Cumberland Youths 7, Hawkhurst and District Guild 3, Ancient Society of College Youths 2.

Dr. Hatcher proposed the adoption of the report.

FINANCIAL POSITION.

A satisfactory financial report was presented by Mr. F. M. Mitchell. The balance sheet started the year with £81 19s. 2d. and ended with £54 7s. 2d. Printing of reports (two years in one) amounted to £68 2s. 8d.

The Benevolent Fund was still very strong with £469 2s. 2d. in hand. Three grants amounting to £17 2s. had been made. He wondered whether the fund was made use of to the fullest extent. He did not want to see people down and out before making an application to the fund.

The Belfry Repair Fund started the year with £226 17s. 1d. and ended with £239 6s. 11d. Grants had been made of £5 to Headcorn and £10 to Sevenoaks. Totals assets of the Association were £1,225 7s. 5d.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Election of officers resulted as follows: Trustees, Messrs. F S. Macey, F. White and G. H. Spice; committee, Messrs. E. Barnett, R. A. Constant, G. H. Cross, T. Groombridge, J. Wheadon and J. Willis; hon treasurer, Mr. F. M. Mitchell (for the 20th year); hon. auditor, Mr. George Cross; general secretary, Mr. G. H. Spice; peal secretary, Mr. P. A. Corby. Votes of thanks were passed to the officers for their work.

In honour of their golden wedding, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Kite, of Bromley, sent a donation of £1 to the Benevolent Fund, the announcement being received with acclamation.

Mr. F. White proposed an omnibus vote of thanks, which included the chairman and Dr. Hatcher and Mr. Cantrell for making arrangements for the meal. He extended a welcome to the visitors, mentioning Mr. T. W. White, Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. White reported that there had been 100 new subscribers to the journal since the Henry Johnson dinner. He thought that it would be possible to produce a 16 page from next June, but it could not be done at less than 4d. a copy. It would be for readers to decide whether they required a larger paper.

OBITUARY

MR. F. TRUMP.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Frank Trump, captain of the Payhembury ringers, who was accidentally killed while at work.

The funeral took place at Payhembury on April 11th and there was a large congregation, including many ringers. The service was choral, and was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Ayer), assisted by the Rev. A. G. Chappell (Rector of Fineton, chairman of the East Devon Branch). Local ringers acted as bearers. There were many floral tributes, including one from the East Devon Branch, which was represented by the hon. secretary.

RINGING IN THE ISLE OF MAN

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. H. E. Good's query there is no ringing or bells hung for ringing. While on holiday there in 1938 I made inquiries and found that there were bells at St. Thomas' Church, Douglas, but that owing to a fire these are now hung dead and are played from a manual.

There are tubular bells at Lezarve, near Ramsey.—Yours truly, W. J. ARNOLD.

St. Albans.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

1,500 MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCED.

Some 120 members and visitors assembled at Yeovil on Easter Monday, and at 12 noon they attended the Guild service in the Parish Church. Prebendary H. Mortlock Treen, the Vicar of Yeovil, conducted the service and gave an appropriate address.

Lunch in the Sunday School then was taken and was a fine example of co-operate effort. It had been found impossible to get a caterer to provide a meal, so that the foodstuffs were transported some fifty miles across the county. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Knight, Mrs. Norton and Mr. Leslie Pullin were responsible for this, and Mr. Billy Kingcott safely drove the provisions to the meeting place. Messrs. Tom Setter and Trevor Marks provided the crockery, cutlery and glassware, as well as finding some local ladies to assist with the waiting. Everything went swimmingly, and when it is said that the meal reached the usual Wrington standard, those who have experienced it will know what is meant.

The general business meeting followed. The Master, Prebendary A. J. Hook, in his report, began by referring to his inability to attend all the meetings he would like to do, and would rather see a younger man in the position. However, it had been made quite clear to to him that the Association did not wish him to resign. He next mentioned the numerical strength of the Association. It was anticipated that when the outstanding details had been sent in, the membership would be found to be in the neighbourhood of 1,500. Many restorations and augmentations had been carried out, and at the moment he knew of twelve towers which intended or were carrying out restoration schemes.

LENTEN RINGING.

Continuing, the Master said that he felt sure the Association should let its feelings regarding the matter be known. Ringing in Lent should be confined to Sunday ringing (Sundays, being feast days, are not part of Lent) and to necessary practice. It was suggested that peal attempts should not be made in the season, and that quarterly meetings normally held in April should, when Easter falls late, be transferred to the four Saturdays after Easter.

The two branches which had inaugurated corporate communions had now been joined by a third. He thought it was an excellent thing.

The report was adopted nem. con.

In his report, the General Secretary paid tribute to the ungrudging work of the local secretaries. He was also able to state that the finances of the Association were satisfactory, and that the cost of the report and of the war memorial could be paid from the general fund, without disturbing the investments.

Mr. H. J. Sanger gave a very detailed report of the proceedings at the C.C. meeting in London, and he was duly thanked.

Mr. W. A. Osborn, the diocesan adviser on belfries, gave an interesting account of some of the work he had done in the county. At the same time he gave some very useful advice to steeplekeepers.

Mr. Sealey Woodburn, reporting on the progress of the war memorial, said after many difficulties had been overcome, the scheme was in a fair way to completion. The Rev. W. Beaumont Russell had been chiefly responsible for getting the matter through, and the Association's grateful thanks were due to him.

WELLOW BELLS.

One announcement of general interest was made regarding Wellow bells, which after 40 years' silence will be declared open by the Bishop of the diocese at a service at 6.30 p.m. on June 25th. Ringers of the Frome Branch will ring a 720 after the service and then the tower will be open to all. It is hoped that the B.B.C. will record some of the proceedings. In the words of the Vicar of Wellow, there will be plenty going on—fete, beer, skittles, dancing, sideshows all day and half through the night.

The officers of the Association were re-elected en bloc, and the meeting closed with votes of thanks, proposed by Mr. W. A. Osborn and Miss Williams. The former dealt with those who had contributed to make the meals (tea was provided as well) the outstanding success they undoubtedly were, while the latter thanked the incumbents of the churches where bells had been placed at the disposal of the members, and particularly the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, which allowed the use of Sherborne Abbey bells. This was a mark of the friendly relations which exist between the two associations.

51 Years as Captain



As a token of their appreciation and esteem, the ringers of St. Dunstan's, Mayfield, Sussex, presented, on April 3rd, a pipe, tobacco pouch and tobacco to Mr. Arthur R. Miles, who has completed 51 years as captain of the band.

The presentation was made by the secretary (Mr. W. A. Kitchenside), who expressed the hope that the gift when used would bring back happy memories and that Mr. Miles would be spared to the tower for many years to come.

Thanking those present for their kindness, Mr. Miles expressed the hope that he would be spared to ring with them for many years. What pleased him most was to see in the tower such a promising young band of ringers.

Mr. Miles has given 65 years of service to the church as a ringer and chorister and 51 years as sexton and verger, and has no thought of retiring.

REDEDICATION

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.

The six bells of St. George's Church, Wembdon, have recently been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. They were rededicated by the Vicar, the Rev. B. Roberts, on Easter Sunday in the presence of a large congregation.

Previously the bells were on plain bearings, those of the 5th being badly worn, and although the general 'go' was fair, it was decided to raise money for their rehanging, this being accomplished by aid of subscriptions, whist drives and a jumble sale held during the winter by the ringers and lady helpers.

The report now is a job well done and worth while.

LETTERS

BRISTOL AND TWO KINDS OF BOBS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal of Bristol rung at Melton Mowbray for the Lincoln Guild. Under the present rules of the Central Council, as I have read them, the peal in question is permissible. So until the rules are altered or revised the Council should accept this peal. On page 19 of the Central Council's 'Rules and Decisions' in Section 3 there is a paragraph on artificial alterations, which states that the employment of alternative calls . . . by which the general result is not affected, but only the form of the composition . . . are to be considered as 'Variations.'

I am not defending the right of anyone to use two kinds of bobs in a peal such as Bristol, because there is plenty of scope with using only one kind, seeing that Bristol has a 'Clean Proof Scale,' but I am pointing out that under the rules as they stand the peal is permissible. No doubt the committee who are revising the rules will have noted the above paragraph. When this rule was first drawn up I expect it was meant to cover such peals as those of Grandsire Triples, in which Holt's Bob Singles were used, etc.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE E. FEIRN.

Kirton Lindsey, Lincs.

Dear Sir,—The peal of Bristol, with the first two Bobs 4ths place and the rest 6ths place, rung on those noble bells in that glorious church at Melton Mowbray last September seems to have caused a stir this last week or two. Living as I do in an agricultural district with many call-change bands, a fair number of my peals have been Grandsire Triples, in which method I have taken part in eleven different compositions or variations of compositions.

In my early days I rang in Hollis' Irregular Five-part, conducted by the late Mr. C. R. Lilley, several times. In this composition, as we all know, there are two kinds of Singles, the Bob Single and the Plain Lead Single, but no one ever said a word against it and it was at one time a favourite composition with the old conductors.

Now if Mr. Whitehead's peal of Bristol is a 'wangle,' so is Hollis' peal of Grandsire. I may say that whether the Council decide to discount it or not, I shall not strike it out of my own humble records because, firstly, the composition is perfectly true and contains 5,024 true changes of Bristol, and, secondly, because it was faultless striking from start to finish, with the very minimum of trips in spite of the weight of the bells at the back end.

If the members of the Council do not like it I would suggest they move 'That this Council disparages the use of more than one kind of bob,' or words to that effect, and not condemn a fine performance out of hand that would ensure the composition, musical though it is, not being rung again.—Yours faithfully,

'THE TREBLE MAN.'

ENGLAND CLAIMS MONMOUTH

Dear Sir,—If we are to accept the statement in this week's 'Ringing World' that Newport is 'geographically in Wales,' we shall have to revise all our maps, gazeteers, etc., to say nothing of thausands like myself, born in the county of Monmouth, having to change our nationality.

No, sir! To say it is anything else than an English county is wishful thinking, and the peals of Cinques and Maximus at Newport are no more the first in Wales than if they had been rung at Shrewsbury, about the same distance from the Welsh border.—Yours faithfully,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX. — At All Saints' on April 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): K. Mitchell 1, G. F. Piper 2, C. A. Levett (cond.) 3, J. Piper 4, A. A. Easton 5, G. S. Piper 6, R. Weeks 7. Rung with treble in front. Longest length by 1 and 7.

METHOD EXTENSION

A REPLY TO MR. YORK-BRAMBLE

By W. TAYLOR.

(Continued from page 146)

Let us now try to contract London Surprise Major to Minor. The nearest result is perhaps:

123456
213546
125364
215634

251364
523146
521364
253146

523416
524361
254316
245361

425631

Which is, of course, illegitimate and incapable of running to an extent of 720 changes.

Note the apparently associated half lead end 24367581 of Major and the Minor 245631. Notice that 3 and 6 of Minor are the two course bells of the 5th, as 5 and 8 are the two course bells of the 7th, in each case of the largest odd number.

Yes, I am of the firm opinion that London Major is neither 'the' nor even 'an' extension of London Minor and that the Major has no minor.

If this view is correct then the extension of London Surprise Major is simplified, but not easy. If what I have said about the association of the half lead ends 245361 and 24367581 is correct, it follows that the Royal half lead end should be 2436589701 where 7 and 0 are the course bells of 9 and 243658 are in proper coursing order and come to lead in the order 532468 under the 9th. But it does not necessarily follow that any half lead resulting in a half lead end 2436589701 is an extension of London Surprise Major, but it greatly reduces the number of competitors.

The corresponding Maximus half lead end is 24365870E9T1. If the Royal I published in 'The Ringing World,' September 16th, 1921, is examined, you will find this condition complied with, but not in the Maximus. Obviously the Maximus of that date is faulty.

I have since produced Maximus to comply with the condition and at the same time produced from Royal as Royal is from Major. It, therefore, follows that we have at any rate 'a' genuine extension of London even if it cannot be accepted as 'the' extension. It can be continued to 14 and 16.

Like Superlative, 10 and 14 of London are not at best because on those numbers the 3rd has to dodge with the treble on crossing. The method is at best where the 3rd crosses the treble without dodging with it, i.e., on 8, 12, 16, etc. The late J. A. Trollope has regular extensions of London Major to Royal and Maximus, but they are not satisfactory because of prolonging dodging in certain positions.

In my opinion, Mr. York-Bramble's Maximus is not produced from Royal as the Royal is from Major. Above the treble they may claim to be in same way, but below the treble most certainly not as even a cursory examination, say, of the work of the 2nd will show. Whilst they may truly be classed as London group, they are certainly not London. Why not call the Royal University Royal (London group) and the Maximus, say, after one of the other universities (Leeds or Liverpool, etc., with the bracketed London group)? In fact, since London is a university the whole group could very suitably bear university names, thus making the group distinct and classic.

I will now give what I consider to be the most perfect extensions of London Surprise Major to Royal and Maximus it is possible to produce. But, until the relationship or otherwise of Minor and Major is settled beyond dispute I make no definite claim.

The designation of different versions of London Royal as No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, etc., is to be deprecated. It may probably be an improvement to adopt the suggestion just made.

ROYAL AND MAXIMUS FROM LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

1234567890	1234567890ET
2135476980	213547698E0T
1253749608	12537496E8T0
2157394068	2157394E6T80
2517930486	251793E4T608
5271903846	52719E3T4068
5217093846	5217E9T30486
2571903846	25719E3T4068
5279130486	52791ET30486
5729314068	5729E13T4068
7592130486	75921ET30486
7952314068	7529E13T4068
9753241608	5792E314T608
9573426180	759E23416T80
5937241608	75E93214T608
5392746180	57E392416T80
3529476810	753E294618T0
3254967801	75E39264810T
2345698710	573E294618T0
2436589701	5372E496810T
4263859071	35274E69801T
	325476E890T1
	2345678E091T
	24365870E9T1
	42638507ET91

In Maximus the 5ths and partial dodge by the 9th with treble in 3-4 may with advantage be changed to partial dodge and 5ths. It will be noticed that only the odd bells make a place before crossing the treble, the 3rd making its place first and being the last of the odd bells to cross exactly as in Major. Below the treble it is more difficult to arrange the work; the main point is that the odd course bell 7 in Royal, 9 in Maximus, 5 in Major courses up before the highest odd number. In Maximus the 5th and 7th have to work in 1-2 until the Eth commences to hunt up behind and so that the bells can come to the lead in the order 7532468, i.e., in direct order in spite of the fact that these bells are leading back and hand!

The very best Maximus is an Alliance method omitting the dodging of the treble in 5-6 and again 9-0.

WEDDING OF MR. P. SMALL

A member of the Canterbury Cathedral company, Mr. Peter Small was married at St. Mary's, Sellindge, Kent, on April 16th, to Miss Jean Price, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Price, of Sellindge. The Rev. C. Magraw, Rector of St. Alphege's, Canterbury, officiated, and Mr. Vernon Benning, of Belvedere, was the best man.

After the ceremony the bells were rung and fired by ringers from the Canterbury Cathedral company. Last year Mr. Small was attached to the All Saints', Fulham, band.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest were held at New Mill, Yorks, on April 2nd. The contest resulted as follows: Silkstone, 130 faults; Cawthorne, 99; Meltham, 80; Friezland, 65; Shelley, 48; Thornhill, 126 (abandoned). The judges declared Shelley to be the winners of the Association's silver cup.

An interesting and well-attended meeting followed the competition ringing. Afterwards mixed bands again ascended the tower for further touches.

Norwich Diocesan Association

PEAL BOOKING FEE INTRODUCED.

The annual general meeting was held in Norwich on Easter Monday and was very well attended. Ringing took place at Mancroft from 10 a.m. onwards, and St. Miles', St. Giles' and St. John de Sepulchre were also open. Methods up to Cambridge Royal and Kent Maximus were rung.

The service was at Mancroft at 12 and the preacher was the Rev. G. B. Chambers, Vicar of Carbrooke. A company of 81 sat down to lunch at Samson and Hercules, and attended the business meeting in St. Clement's Parish Hall, and many others attended at other times during the day.

At the meeting the Rev. W. G. Bridge, chairman of the West Norfolk Branch, was in the chair in the regretted absence through indisposition of the president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard.

Correspondence included letters from Mr. Nolan Golden and Mr. Ben Thompson, whose absence (the latter through indisposition) was much regretted. Mr. George Mayers, formerly for many years steeplekeeper at Mancroft, was warmly congratulated on attaining his 80th birthday the same day.

The following officers were re-elected: President, Rev. A. St. J. Heard; general secretary and treasurer, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow; vice-presidents en bloc with the addition of Rev. K. O. Morris, Vicar of Norton Subcourse; Ringing Master, Mr. Nolan Golden; auditor, Mr. George Fletcher.

Mr. Fletcher presented the accounts for 1948 and was most warmly thanked both for his masterly rearrangement of the accounts in modern style and for his lucid presentation of them. New members elected included Peter Bond (St. Martin-in-the-Fields), non-resident life member; Sidney G. Brett (Wymondham) and Ralph Setch and Richard Wagg (Mancroft).

SUBSCRIPTIONS THROUGH TOWER CAPTAINS.

The new method of collecting subscriptions was explained; all ringing members' subscriptions are in future to be paid through the tower captain to the branch secretaries, their names being noted on a form for each tower; this makes collection easier and provides a clearer record for all to see.

In accordance with notice given at the previous general meeting on November 6th, Mr. Fletcher proposed that a peal booking fee of 6d. be levied on every member taking part in a peal for the Association. He said this was the best thing to do to avoid a deficit, as most of the expenses are accounted for by printing the report, in which peals are a large feature. Mr. Arthur Smalls seconded and the proposal was carried by an overwhelming majority.

Mr. Fletcher gave notice of a motion to be proposed at the next general meeting to incorporate into the rules provision for a Branch Ringing Master in each branch, such to be members of the Standing Committee.

It was resolved to send £3 from the Belfry Repair Fund for Ketteringham bells restoration.

Votes of thanks were passed to the incumbents for the use of their bells, the Vicar for the service at Mancroft, the preacher, and association officers.

Ringing continued at the city churches until the evening. A.G.G.T.

C.C. PEAL COLLECTION

Dear Sir,—I have a number of surplus copies of the Corrigenda sheet for Section 1 of the C.C. peal collection (Grandsire), now out of print.

I shall be glad to dispose of these to anyone sending 1d. for postage (up to 12 copies) or to include a copy or copies free in any order for publications.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. J. HOOTON, Hon. Librarian, Central Council.

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QUARTER PEALS

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE. — On March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Cartlidge 1, W. S. Davenport (cond.) 2, V. Stonier 3, R. Worrall 4, J. G. Cartlidge 5, J. B. Bowker 6. First quarter by all the band.

BACKFORD, CHESHIRE. — On April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Payne (first away from treble) 1, C. Williamson (first 'inside') 2, Miss B. Hughes (first 'inside') 3, B. Harris 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, J. Heyes, jun. 6.

BAMPTON, DEVON.—On Good Friday for divine service, with bells half-muffled, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. L. Kingdon 1, F. Baker 2, E. H. Oxenham 3, A. C. Banbury 4, J. F. A. Waite (first as cond.) 5, R. W. Grabham 6. First quarter by 1, 2 and 6.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. C. Vessey 1, J. P. Vessey, jun. 2, R. T. Vessey 3, S. G. Vessey 4, J. C. Vessey 5, P. Holmes (cond.) 6. First in method 1 and 2.

BARWELL, LEICS. — On April 8th, 1,616 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: T. K. Deacon 1, A. H. Hough 2, W. P. Whitehead 3, H. Duncombe 4, T. C. Belton 5, C. R. Belton 6, A. Cattell (cond.) 7, G. P. Garner 8. First quarter in method by all except 3 and 7.

BICKER, LINCS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. H. Bennett 1, W. B. Dawson 2, R. Howard 3, W. G. Short 4, N. B. Fovargue 5, G. R. Dawson 6, J. P. Morriss 7, C. Wander (cond.) 8. First of Major by 3, 4, 5, 7. First on the bells since being augmented to eight.

BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD.—On April 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (half-muffled): T. Goodchild 1, G. Martin 2, J. Eldridge 3, E. Sutton (first in method) 4, W. E. Judd 5, W. Walker 6, E. Gosling (cond.) 7, H. Baldwin 8. In memoriam to T. Lovegrove.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On April 3rd, 1,264 Bob Major: G. F. Kite 1, P. Spice 2, Hilda Oakshett 3, G. F. James 4, J. E. Lyddiard 5, E. C. Bishop 6, C. Cullen 7, M. F. Oakshett (cond.) 8.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Bower 1, J. Edwards (first as cond.) 2, E. Leggett 3, W. Chalk 4, L. Mills (first in method) 5, R. Downing (first quarter) 6.

BUXTED, SUSSEX. — On April 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss C. Causley (first quarter) 1, J. Leeves (first 'inside') 2, E. Eade (first in two methods) 3, P. Ostley (first in two methods) 4, M. Causley (first as cond.) 5, M. Stevens (first quarter) 6. First quarter by local band.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.—On April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Causley 1, J. Leeves 2, Miss J. S. S. Durrant 3, E. Eade 4, P. Ostley 5, M. A. Causley (cond.) 6. First quarter by all.

CANTERBURY.—At the Cathedral on April 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: D. Chatfield 1, Miss B. Philpott 2, C. E. Buesden 3, J. Walter 4, F. R. Weller 5, B. J. Luck (cond.) 6, S. Walter 7, T. H. Holmes 8, R. G. French 9, H. R. French 10.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Adams 1, J. D. Niblett (first quarter) 2, Miss J. M. Withey (cond.) 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts 4, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 5, J. Nutt 6.

CHICHESTER. — On March 30th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: John Finey (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 2, W. R. Falconer 3, W. G. Challen 4, R. G. Blackman 5, B. D. Price 6, E. Treagus (cond.) 7, H. F. Dunford 8. In memoriam Bishop H. M. Hordern.

CHISELDON, WILTS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Gosling 1, B. H. Thompson 2, B. Thompson, sen. 3, R. J. Court (first quarter 'inside') 4, W. E. Court (cond.) 5, S. M. Court 6.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On April 3rd, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: W. Prockson (first in method) 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, F. A. Barker 3, R. W. Green 4, R. Charge 5, G. W. Morris 6, A. W. Coles 7, T. Price (cond.) 8. A 63rd birthday compliment to R. W. Green.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist on April 3rd, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: J. Phillips 1, F. J. Smallwood 2, M. Chilcot 3, R. Davies 4, C. Parks 5, E. Razzell 6, F. E. Mitchell 7, W. Oatway 8, F. E. Collins 9, G. H. Humphries 10, D. Cooper (cond.) 11, J. Chilcot 12. First of Stedman Cinques by 5 and 6.

DEERHURST, GLOS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Bartlett 1, W. Bartlett 2, C. Townley 3, L. Healey 4, Group Capt. T. V. Lister (cond.) 5, A. Halling 6. Rung muffled for evening service.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On April 4th, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Doubles (120 April Day, 480 Bob Doubles and 660 Grandsire): M. Hunt 1, R. Swift 2, A. T. Weeks 3, J. S. Weeks 4, W. Mortimer 5, J. Potter 6. A compliment to Mr. F. J. Dight (verger of St. James') on his golden wedding.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCS. — On April 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss Jean Marshall (age 11) 1, Miss Margaret E. Ridyard 2, W. Rimmer 3, R. Leach 4, P. Croxall 5, T. Marshall 6, A. Rigby (first in method 'inside') 7, J. Ridyard (cond.) 8. First quarter by 1, 4 and 5.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At S. Nicolas' on April 3rd, 1,296 Bob Major: T. Theobald 1, W. R. Morey 2, Mrs. F. Munday 3, A. Brookes 4, R. Renward 5, F. Radford 6, S. Breeze 7, E. V. Blake (cond.) 8.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.—On April 3rd, at St. Michael's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. O. Talbot 1, P. J. Johnson (cond.) 2, Miss Jean Southerst 3, A. Smith 4, C. Hetherington 5, A. Hartley 6, A. W. Lloyd 7. In honour of the 70th birthday of Mr. W. O. Talbot, after meeting short for Double Norwich.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On April 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Sylvia M. White (first quarter) 1, E. Morey 2, F. Cruttenden 3, Catherine A. Lish 4, F. Parsons 5, E. Rapley 6, C. Longhurst 7, B. White (cond.) 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS. — On April 3rd, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: W. Todd (first in method) 1, C. V. Hare 2, A. Symonds 3, W. Croft 4, D. C. Mears 5, E. Winter 6, L. Fidler 7, F. Croft (cond.) 8. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples, in which G. Cherry and W. Todd rang their first in the method.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Avery 1, N. Carr (14, first quarter) 2, W. Woodward 3, J. Meakes 4, R. Wright 5, K. Seymour (cond.) 6.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On April 3rd, 1,286 Minor (326 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob, 240 Kent Treble Bob): P. Allen 1, Miss B. Harris 2, H. Allen 3, A. Miller 4, T. G. Miller 5, H. W. Barrett (cond.) 6. First in three methods by 1, 2 and 3.

MONMOUTH.—At St. Mary's on April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: K. Goodwin (leading throughout) 1, R. S. Johnson (first quarter) 2, A. Goodwin 3, L. H. Jones 4, S. Goodwin 5, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 6, T. Castree 7.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sharpe 1, G. Hair 2, J. Quimby 3, W. Brooker 4, W. H. Curson 5, J. W. Cotton 6, P. W. Grice (cond.) 7, S. Scattergood 8.

PINCHBECK, LINCS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss Joyce Chenery (20) 1, D. R. Whitton (16) 2, Miss Dulcie Robinson (17) 3, C. Wand (first quarter, 20) 4, M. Bennett (15) 5, C. H. Whitton (first as cond., 19) 6.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.—On April 3rd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Bellamy 1, F. Kirk 2, H. Chambers 3, W. J. Whitmore 4, E. E. Whitmore (cond.) 5, W. Copperwheat 6.

SANDHURST, GLOS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Worral 1, I. Whiting 2, W. Richings 3, J. Whiting 4, W. Jones 5, L. Barry 6, C. Rouse (first of Triples as cond.) 7, C. Larner 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church on April 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Holloway (first quarter) 1, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 2, W. W. Daniell 3, I. H. Trueman 4, Miss B. E. Ll. Roberts 5, E. Vincent 6.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—At All Saints' on April 10th, 1,260 Bob Triples: J. P. Stocker 1, G. Nickolls 2, H. W. Pratt 3, D. Sanderson 4, L. W. Fisher 5, J. W. C. Blythe 6, F. Warrington (cond.) 7, S. Clements 8. First quarter of Bob Triples by all.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY. — On April 10th, 1,260 Minor (180 Oxford Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob): R. Wallis 1, Miss W. Oliver 2, J. Etherington 3, B. Grover 4, Pte. J. Glanville 5, G. Grover (cond.) 6. Longest length in more than one method by all except conductor.

WIMBORNE, DORSET.—At the Minster on March 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. M. Quarmby 1, R. F. Price 2, C. E. Bishop 3, L. J. Lockyer 4, A. D. Fripp 5, E. A. Bishop 6, W. C. Shute (cond.) 7, J. Redgwell 8. First quarter 1, 3 and 5. A compliment to the Vicar (Rev. T. W. Page Phillips) on his installation as a Canon of Salisbury Cathedral.

Kent County Association

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Canterbury District was held at St. Lawrence's, Thanet, on April 9th. Ringing was delayed at the start, due to a wedding; the couple were, however, greeted with a peal to start their married life. Ringing was continued until 4.30, when those present attended service, this being conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Roundhill.

Five new members were elected, and St. Peter's, Thanet, was chosen as the place of the next quarterly meeting, and Walmer for a by-meeting previous.

A motion that the meetings for the year should be selected by a small committee and presented to members at the annual district meeting was defeated. It was, however, agreed that after a meeting at a tower there should be a time lag of three years before another meeting be held there, except for a special reason.

Sixty-five members out of a total of 75 who had advised they were coming to the meeting attended, and this brought forth a few remarks from the chairman, who appealed to members to make every effort to attend after having sent their names in. His point started a long discussion, during which it transpired that at one meeting last year the deficiency was £1 2s. 6d. through this cause. A resolution was passed that at ensuing meetings those who sent their names in as attending would also have to send the money for tea at the same time.

ARTHUR SYMONDS MEMORIAL

On April 2nd, in the presence of many ringers and friends, an oak tablet was unveiled and dedicated by the Rector (the Rev. Preb. Fountain Page) in the tower of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Lavenham, to the memory of Arthur Symonds, for many years towerkeeper and instructor of the Lavenham ringers.

The inscription reads: 'To the memory of Arthur Symonds, who devoted his life to the church and its bells, travelling over a large area, mostly on foot, to foster and teach the art of change ringing to 66 pupils, most of whom subscribed to this memorial.'

After a short service, the bells were rung to various methods. The memorial is the handiwork of Mr. Leslie Mills, a ringer of Bures, Suffolk.

LATE NOTICES

LINCOLN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting, Great Hale, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me before Monday, May 8th.—Mrs. D. Wray, Hon. Sec., Kesteven Street, Sleaford. 5158

PEAL TOUR, SUSSEX, SEPT. 10th to 17th inclusive. Interested ringers (Surprise preferred) communicate H. Parkes, Pattison Farm, Mersham, Ashford, Kent. 5159

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DEATH

CAPLE.—On April 21st, 1949, Mildred Caple, of Bedwyn, Clevedon, widow of Ernest Caple, of Nailsea, and dearly loved mother of May, Ted and Ernest. R.I.P. 5133

PUBLICATIONS

The reprint of 'THE COLLECTION OF DOUBLES AND MINOR METHODS" will be welcomed by many who have shown interest in the recently published four-way Table of Minor Methods. This table is for use with the collection, which can now be obtained from the Librarian (3s. 3d. post free), Osmington School, Tring, Herts.

'CHANGE RINGING ON HANDBELLS.' —The first official book on this subject. Price 2s. post free, from Hon. Librarian, Central Council, W. H. J. Hooton, Osmington School, Tring, Hertfordshire.

'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

No better pen picture of early ringing societies has been published than J. Armiger Trollope's 'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' illustrated, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

MEETINGS

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at All Hallows', Tottenham (Bruce Castle), on Saturday, Apr. 30th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 5061

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Rickmansworth, Saturday, Apr. 30th. Bells 3 to 5 and after meeting. Tea 5, for which please notify Mr. F. W. Elliott, 48, Talbot Road, Rickmansworth, Herts.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 5077

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting Worcester on Saturday, Apr. 30th. Service in All Saints' Church at 12 noon. General business meeting at the Old Rectifying House, North Parade, at 2.30 p.m. prompt. A resolution will be moved to increase the annual subscriptions. All Saints' bells (10) available at 11 a.m. Other bells and times announced at meeting. Lunch at the Old Rectifying House at 1.30. Tickets, 4s. 6d. each.—J. D. Johnson, Hon. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 5084

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-East Division.—Meeting at Tendring (6), Saturday, Apr. 30th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—H. J. Millatt, 106, Hythe Hill, Colchester. 5091

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Headcorn, April 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea Miss H. Gorringe, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 5104

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hindon (6), April 30th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—F. L. Harris, Britford, near Salisbury. 5107

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Meeting at Bredfield, April 30th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notify Rev. H. W. Cotton, Bredfield, Woodbridge. 5129

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Downham Market, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway, Wisbech. 5115

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch. — Meeting at Cannington for April 30th cancelled. It is hoped to arrange this in July.—R. Short, Local Sec. 5135

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting, Hambledon, April 30th. Usual times. — John H. Hunt. 5066

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Adwick-le-Street, April 30th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 5130

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District. — Meeting at Totternhoe (six bells), Saturday, April 30th, 3 o'clock. Cups of tea, bring own food. — F. Plummer, Leighton Buzzard. 5151

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting Lifton, May 7th; usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 2nd, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 5055

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting, Pinhoe, May 7th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh, by May 2nd. 5117

LINCOLN GUILD.—Joint meeting of Lincoln and Sleaford Districts at Sleaford on May 7th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mrs. D. Wray, Kesteven Street, Sleaford, by the Tuesday previous.—D. Wray and J. Freeman, Hon. Secs 5122

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Ealing, May 7th. Bells, Christ Church, 3 to 4.30 and evening; St. Mary's, 3 to 4 and evening; St. Stephen's, 2.30 to 4. Service, Christ Church, 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea by May 5th to E. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing. 5098

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—Meeting, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (13) 3 to 8. Tea 5. Meeting 6. Names to Mr. J. Carter, 6, Gosford Street, Ashton-under-Lyne. — E. Walker. 5101

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Selby Abbey, May 7th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (2s. 9d. p.h.), Hawdon Institute, 5, followed by general meeting. Names to J. Silk, 21, Leeds Road, Selby, by May 5th. Subs are due and reports available.—L. W. G. Morris, 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 5103

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Brighton, May 7th. Service, St. Nicholas' (Archdeacon of Chichester) 4. Tea and business meeting, Union Church Hall, 4.40. Names for tea to Mrs. Hairs, The Oaks, Theobalds Road, Burgess Hill, by May 2nd. Ringing, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', afternoon and evening: the Good Shepherd, evening.—S. E. Armstrong, Gen. Sec. 5126

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Crusaders of S.W. Division. — Meeting at Great Wakering (6), Saturday, May 7th, 3 p.m. Frequent bus service from Victoria Circus, Southend. Essentially a meeting for beginners. Everybody welcome. Names for tea by May 5th to H. Milton, Amil, High Street, Great Wakering. 5106

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Guildford, Saturday, May 7th. Bells of Cathedral Church in afternoon. St. Nicolas' afternoon and evening. Service, Cathedral Church, 4.15. Tea and business meeting, Holy Trinity Hall, 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to me by May 1st.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, Surrey. 5108

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —Meeting at Dunmow (8), Saturday, May 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to H. W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Great Dunmow. 5128

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Cople (6), May 7th, 3 p.m. Tea at Five Bells 5 p.m.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5136

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Farnborough (5), Saturday, May 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Rev. J. D. Steele, West Ilsley Rectory, Newbury, by Wednesday, May 4th. 5110

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Leicester, Saturday, May 7th. Bells, St. Margaret's (12), 1.30 to 4; All Saints' (6), 2 to 4; Cathedral (12), 2 to 4; St. John's, 2 to 4.30. Service, St. George's, 4.30. Tea and meeting, St. George's Hall, 5. Names by Tuesday, May 3rd, to W. Root, 70, New Parks Boulevard, Leicester.—W. Wood, Gen. Sec. 5113

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Seavington, Saturday, May 7th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify early for tea.—J. T. Locke, Sec. 5134

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Sandhurst (6) on Saturday, May 7th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 5131

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Meeting at Whiston, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. Chaddock, 33, Brecklands, Wickersley Road, Rotherham. —J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 5137

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Colwall, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by May 4th.—H. K. Hill, The Village, Bosbury. 5138

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, May 7th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by May 4th. — R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 5154

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's (R.C.) and St. John's, Lytham, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 5156

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting, Cockerham, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Bring own food, cups of tea provided.—J. Skeats, Branch Sec. 5157

OXFORD GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Emberton, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) at 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson. 5140

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Over (8), Saturday, May 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 5141

BOURNEMOUTH RINGERS' RALLY. — No more tickets are available for the annual dinner to be held at Wick Ferry Restaurant, Christchurch, on Saturday, May 7th, at 7 p.m. Coach tour will leave Christchurch Priory at 11.30 a.m. (sharp) for ringing at Wimborne Minster (10) at 12.15, Ringwood (8) at 2 p.m. and Milford (8) at 3.30 p.m. Ringing also at Christchurch Priory (12) from 3 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.; Bournemouth St. Peter's (8), 12 noon to 1.30 p.m.; St. John's, Surrey Road (8), 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Guided tours of the Priory Church. —A. V. Davis, Hon. Sec., 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 5145

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, May 7th, Christ Church, Aughton. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided free to those who notify Mr. J. Marsh, 27, Knowlsley Road, Aughton, by Wednesday, May 4th.—J. Burns, Branch Sec. 5148

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District. — Monthly meeting, East Bridgford, Saturday, May 7th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names to Mrs. J. Wilkinson, the Masons Arms, East Bridgford, Notts, by Tuesday, May 2nd latest. —W. Thornley. 5149

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Meeting, May 7th, St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, 3 p.m. Tea 5 at Parish Hall. Book teas by 5th inst. 5150

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Mytton, near Whalley, May 7th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 5152

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Meeting at Grundisburgh, May 7th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Bring food.—C. W. Pipe. 5147

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Hunton (6), May 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 5146

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division. — Meeting, Burnham-on-Crouch (6), Saturday, May 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bradwell-on-Sea (6) available 7 to 9 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 5071

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION and UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY. — A joint meeting will be held at Apsley on Saturday, May 14th Bells (6) from 2.30. Hemel Hempstead bells (8) from 11 to 12 noon. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 11th, to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead.—Miss J. Mattison and Mr. L. S. Baines, Secs. 5144

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Meeting at Hunsdon on Saturday, May 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Miss Chitty, Hunsdon, near Ware, by Wednesday, May 11th. All ringers welcome — A. S. Carter, Sec. 5139

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Lower Heyford, Saturday, May 14th. Names for tea to Mr. W. Collins, The Green, Lower Heyford, Northants, by Saturday, May 7th.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 5142

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery. — Meeting at Kingsbury Episcopi, Saturday, May 14th. Service 4.30. Names for tea early, please. — F. Farrant, North Street, Martock. 5143

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Edenbridge (8), May 14th. Names for tea to E. C. Leigh, Spital Cross, Edenbridge. Names for summer outing (July 16th) by this meeting.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 5153

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Burton, May 14th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.15 (Archdeacon of Derby). Tea 5, St. Paul's Institute, followed by general meeting. Names for tea by 12th to J. W. Cotton, Overseal. 5155

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

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ON Whit-Tuesday the Central Council will meet in the ancient city of York. The meeting itself is, in a sense, a summing-up of the work of the past year, when the various committees, whose work, it must be remembered, goes on throughout the year, make their reports to the Council. Too many ringers regard these gatherings as a pleasant holiday for those fortunate enough to attend, but otherwise of little value. Pleasant they are indeed, but it must not be forgotten that very many of the members attend in their own time and at their own expense, for the number of Associations which can subsidise three or four representatives is comparatively small.

There is also a tendency in some quarters to regard the Council as controlled largely by a handful of leading members. If this is so, the fault lies with the delegates themselves. Unfortunately, campanological ability does not necessarily mean administrative ability, so that there are a number of members, excellent ringers though they may be, to whom W. S. Gilbert's line, 'They never would be missed,' might well be applied, for all that they contribute either in debate or in committee. This is not peculiar to the Council of, of course—did not one Member of Parliament sit for fifty years without making a speech?—but it could be remedied if Associations were more discriminating in their choice of representatives. Until then, it is inevitable that the more enthusiastic members will secure most of the limelight.

This year there are a number of matters on which it is to be hoped that a clear lead will be given to the Exercise. One is the use of Singles in Treble Bob methods, on which no decision was reached list year. It was then argued that no pronouncement against such singles had been made, which was perfectly true, simply because the question had never previously arisen. Had it not been for the powerful advocacy of Mr. Harold Cashmore, there is little doubt that the Standing Committee's recommendation against their use would have been accepted.

Secondly, there is the question of Doubles nomenclature. It is said by some that Doubles should be brought into line with methods on other numbers, where the use of an alternative call is regarded as insufficient to justify two different names for what is basically the same method. Against this is the view that it is now too late to interfere with a practice which has been condoned since ringing began. There would be the further difficulty of deciding what to do about existing Doubles records if it were agreed to take the seemingly logical view that there is no reason why Doubles should be specially favoured. Those set up in Oxfordshire in recent years, for example, would need considerable amendment.

Again, it is to be hoped that the committee appointed some years ago to revise the Council's Rules and Decisions will by now have something to report. Certain rules definitely need amendment as soon as possible. For instance, notices of motion must at present be in the hands of the secretary two calendar months before each meeting. Few Associations hold their annual meetings before Easter Monday at the earliest, so that it is impossible for matters brought up at these meetings to go forward to the Council in the same year. Nor, when a new Council is in process of election, can the two signatories often guarantee that they will still be members when it comes up for discussion. Further, some rules are indecisive. It is not right, for example, that certain peals should be excluded from the analysis because they are 'deprecated' or 'deplored.' If such peals are not to be recognised, the rules should say so.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	*HENRY H. FEARN ...	7
MRS. RICHARD F. DEAL	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	8
WALTER F. JUDGE	3	ARTHUR D. COOK... ...	9
MISS MARGARET L. TUTT	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	10
GEORGE E. FEARN	5	RICHARD F. DEAL ...	11
JOHN PINFOLD	6	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. F. JUDGE.
* 300th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

*MISS K. BURCHNALL	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. HOOPER...	6
*MISS G. BURCHNALL ...	2	*JAMES W. RAITHBY ...	7
SIDNEY BRIGGS	3	FREDK. A. SALTER ...	8
CLEMENT GLENN	4	*ARTHUR E. CHILTON ...	9
*†PETER N. WHITE ...	5	WALTER NICHOLS	*Tenor*

Composed by W. T. ELSON. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*TERRY R. HAMPTON	*Treble*	HENRY H. FEARN	6
FRANK E. HAYNES ...	2	ARTHUR D. COOK	7
ALBERT WALKER	3	JOHN PINFOLD	8
JOHN S. MASON	4	LEONARD TREVOR	9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. BARTON. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Royal. First of Lincolnshire Royal by all and for the Guild.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Apr. 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr.

*BERNARD J. SADDINGTON	*Treble*	‡PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ...	6
†MRS. G. E. WATSON ...	2	JOHN KING	7
†RAYMOND H. IDLE ...	3	CHARLES W. BIRD ...	8
†SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ...	4	*GEOFFREY E. WATSON...	9
PHILIP JONES	5	§RONALD C. NOON...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
* 25th peal together. † First peal on 10 bells. ‡ First of Royal. § First of Plain Bob Royal. First on 10 bells as conductor.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

*JOAN E. WITHEY ...	*Treble*	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	6
ALBERT WALKER	2	EDWARD T. LLOYD ...	7
MURIEL REAY	3	JOHN BRAGG	8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	4	JOHN N. LINDON	9
WILLIAM C. DOWDING...	5	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.
* First peal on 10 bells. A compliment to Hubert Shepherd, who has completed 42 years as a service ringer and 50 years as a chorister at Solihull. Tenor 21 cwt.

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On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, ROKER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5008 CHANGES;
Granta Variation. Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in E.

JOHN A. BROWN ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ...	6
JOHN ANDERSON	2	WILLIAM H. BARBER ...	7
ADAM DEAS	3	W. NORMAN PARK	8
MARGARET FIDELL	4	ERNEST WALLACE	9
RICHARD A. GOFTON ...	5	DENIS A. BAYLES ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
First peal in the Granta Variation on ten by all except the ringer of 7. First peal of Royal as conductor. First peal on the bells since their installation by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

*ROY COLLIER	*Treble*	PETER CROOK, SEN. ...	6
RICHARD BENSON	2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	7
ALBERT GREENHALGH ...	3	FRED GRUNDY	8
ROBERT ALLRED	4	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ...	9
JAMES L. WRIGHT ...	5	EDWARD IDDON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. HUDSON. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal of Caters. To celebrate the marriage of Miss Margaret Dorothy Renshaw, daughter of Canon and Mrs. Renshaw, of St. Peter's, South Croydon (a former Vicar), to Wing Comdr. H. D. Clark.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Comprising 1,408 each Cambridge and Superlative, 1,152 London, and 1,120 Bristol, and 117 changes of method. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

FREDERICK A. COLEY	*Treble*	MAURICE HODGSON ...	5
ALFRED J. HOUSE	2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	7
LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	4	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
A birthday peal for the ringer of the 6th.

DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

*DOUGLAS CLARKE ...	*Treble*	ARTHUR ROLFE	5
†CLAUDIA A. HARDING ...	2	ERNEST H. MASTIN ...	6
WALLACE W. COUSINS ...	3	CLAUDE COUSINS	7
STANLEY G. ELSEY ...	4	†FREDK. J. ELSEY	*Tenor*

Composed by E. TAYLOR. Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Comprising 1,440 each London and Rutland, 768 Bristol and 480 each Yorkshire, Cambridge and Superlative, with 113 changes of method. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

*PHILIP J. COWARD	*Treble*	*ERIC A. DENCH	5
LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY...	6
ALFRED J. HOUSE ...	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS...	7
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY ...	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of six Spliced. Rung for the festival of Easter.

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SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*Miss Audrey A. Timms	*Treble*	Arthur D. Cook	5
John S. Mason	2	John N. Lindon	6
Miss Muriel Reay ...	3	Edward T. Lloyd ...	7
Miss Joan E. Withey...	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by George E. Fearn.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 6¼ cwt. in A.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 59 minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*Walter Taylor	*Treble*	*Austin T. Wingate ...	5
John D. Rock	2	*E. Peter Rock	6
*Michael P. Moreton ...	3	*Leslie Evans	7
*Frederick R. Harris...	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton...	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by W. F. Moreton.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method for the Guild. Tenor 12 cwt.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, *in 3 Hours,*
At the Church of St. Edmund,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

George Howlett	*Treble*	George Gower	5
Mrs. Olive L. Rogers	2	*John W. C. Blythe ...	6
Richard S. Payne ...	3	William J. Flatt ...	7
C. Jack Gibson	4	Harold W. Rogers ...	*Tenor*

Composed by T. Day. Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.
* First peal of Kent T.B. Major. A birthday compliment to G. Howlett and R. S. Payne. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*Hazel Close	*Treble*	Percy Swindley	5
*Arthur B. Close ...	2	John W. Griffiths ...	6
John W. Best	3	Henry O. Baker	7
*Frederick H. Birks ...	4	Harry Pye	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Henry O. Baker.
* First peal in the method. First of Surprise as conductor.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Francis Xavier,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Arthur Tomlinson ...	*Treble*	Ronald Kenrick	5
Thomas Horridge ...	2	William Deacon	6
Thomas Hammond ...	3	Arthur Mawdsley ...	7
*John Ashcroft	4	Joseph Ridyard	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung for the centenary of the church. Tenor 16 cwt.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

*Robert B. Blond	*Treble*	*Edward R. Robey ...	5
*Henry K. White ...	2	*George W. Bishop ...	6
*Bertram L. J. Brown	3	*Henry L. Bishop ...	7
*James Gordon	4	Alfred H. Webb ...	*Tenor*

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by Alfred H. Webb.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Treble Bob by a local band. Tenor 22 cwt.

SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, *in 3 Hours,*
At the R.C. Church of St. Marie,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Herbert O. Chaddock	*Treble*	W. Eric Critchley ...	5
Jack G. Brothwell ...	2	John J. L. Gilbert ...	6
Norman Chaddock ...	3	G. Gordon Graham ...	7
Gordon C. Briggs ...	4	John E. Turley ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lewis. Conducted by John J. L. Gilbert.
Fastest peal on the bells. A tribute to James H. Haywood, of Treeton, who died on Saturday, April 9th. Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

NORTON, MALTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

Leonard Robmell	*Treble*	George Dowling	5
George F. Williams ...	2	John W. Hobson	6
Albert E. Sellers ...	3	Fred Osgerby	7
Philip H. Speck	4	Charles Barker	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by George F. Williams.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Apr. 19, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 24 cwt.

Walter Higgins ...	*Treble*	Herbert C. Lintern ...	5
Vera Look	2	William Higdon	6
Audrey Look	3	Jack A. Lintern	7
Beryl Look	4	Albert Lintern	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack A. Lintern.
First peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Apr. 19, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,*
At the Priory Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

Sidney Fossey ...	*Treble*	*Claud Randall, jun. ...	5
John Robinson	2	*Frederick Adcock ...	6
*Miss Eveline Peet ...	3	Charles Carr	7
Harold Pailing	4	Claud Randall, sen. ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles Carr.
* First peal. First peal on bells after recasting and rehanging by Messrs. Taylor's, Loughborough.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Apr. 19, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paulinus,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

John Wheadon	*Treble*	*Frederick A. Coley ...	5
Frederick J. Cullum ...	2	Herbert E. Audsley ...	6
Arthur S. Richards ...	3	Edwin Barnett	7
Alfred G. Hill	4	Walter J. Lemon ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert E. Audsley.
* 50th peal on the bells and 100th with the conductor.

HAWLEY, HANTS.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Apr. 19, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Edna P. Denyer	*Treble*	William H. Viggers ...	5
Rev. Kenneth C. Davis	2	Edward J. Bragg ...	6
*G. Sydney Joyce ...	3	Percival L. Eldridge...	7
*Ernest Gardner	4	Charles W. Denyer ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Chas. W. Denyer.
* First peal of Bob Major. First peal on the bells after rededication. To commemorate the first anniversary of the induction of Rev. Davis as Vicar. Tenor 16½ cwt.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., Apr. 20, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*Leonard Chamberlain	*Treble*	Barnabas G. Key... ...	5
William J. Leach ...	2	*Sydney H. Jones ...	6
†Harold E. Harrison...	3	Gordon Harrison ...	7
Alan Foster	4	Edward J. White ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. Parker (No. 13). Conducted by B. G. Key.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method for the Guild. Tenor 28½ cwt.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Apr. 21, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*Arthur R. Fowkes ...	*Treble*	John E. Turley	5
F. Bernard Ditcher ...	2	Ernest A. Thorpe ...	6
J. Edward Cawser ...	3	J. Frederick Milner...	7
*Milton C. Fowler ...	4	*W. Eric Critchley ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal of New Cambridge. First peal in the method on the bells. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Apr. 22, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

WALTER ALLMAN ...	...*Treble*	CYRIL VALENTINE	5
*HENRY O. BAKER	2	ERIC J. GILBERT	6
*JAMES S. WEBB	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	7
RALPH G. EDWARDS ...	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (26). Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal in the method. A wedding compliment to the ringer of the third. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

ROGER LEIGH ...	...*Treble*	ERIC BRUNTON	5
*DEREK WHITFORD ...	2	CHARLES CLEGG	6
WILLIAM PROCTOR ...	3	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ...	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	4	ERNEST GOWER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by CHARLES W. BLAKEY.
* First peal in the method. A compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. J. Dodd, on his appointment as Canon of Blackburn Cathedral.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 22, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Carter's. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

*STANLEY ANDERTON ...	...*Treble*	JAMES METCALFE	5
ALBERT E. SANDIFORD ...	2	EDWARD IDDON	6
THOMAS BRATBY	3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ...	7
ALBERT HEYWOOD ...	4	*GEORGE OLIVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD IDDON.
* First peal To celebrate Princess Elizabeth's birthday.

WEST MALLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*MARGARET H. BAKER ...	*Treble*	LEWIS NEWMAN	5
ROBERT PALMER	2	REGINALD L. SILLS... ...	6
EDNA M. SILLS	3	E. ST. JOHN HATCHER ...	7
LUTHER HONESS	4	PETER C. WRIGHT... ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.
* First peal of Major. To celebrate the conductor's brother's 21st birthday and their parents' silver wedding. Tenor 12 cwt.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 22, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*ROLAND KENDALL ...	...*Treble*	HARRY WILD	5
EDWARD JENKINS	2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY ...	6
GORDON BENFIELD ...	3	WILLIAM AMBLER	7
DONALD R. MARSHALL...	4	†SAM LONGBOTTOM ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method away from the treble. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
No. 25 C.C. Collection. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

GEORGE ORMAN ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE BERRY	5
GEORGE PIPE	2	GEORGE SHEMMING ...	6
GEORGE MOSS	3	GEORGE WATERMAN ...	7
GEORGE FLEMING	4	GEORGE SYMONDS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE BEEVOR. Conducted by GEORGE SYMONDS.
Rung on St. George's Day.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HARRY PRATT ...	...*Treble*	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	5
ERNEST BRIGHT	2	RONALD SUCKLING	6
FRANK CLAYDEN	3	WALTER ARNOLD	7
*JOHN WARNER	4	HARRY J. MILLATT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.
* First in the method. Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E.

BLAENAVON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Six-part. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

JOHN W. JONES ...	...*Treble*	LESLIE F. G. BAINHAM...	5
REV. R. A. SLUMAN ...	2	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS	6
ALFRED W. HEATH ...	3	ROBERT E. R. SMITH ...	7
GEORGE E. LARGE ...	4	DONALD G. CLARKE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.
First peal on the bells, which were dedicated and opened in January last after being recast and augmented from six to eight.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

ELIZABETH FAULKNALL ...	*Treble*	ERNEST W. TIPLER ...	5
E. CHARLES TURNER ...	2	CECIL E. CARR	6
A. JOHN TIMSON	3	FRANK. K. MEASURES ...	7
RICHARD J. JACKSON ...	4	HORACE G. GOOSEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.
A birthday compliment to the mother of the conductor on her 82nd birthday and the father of the ringer of the third upon reaching the age of 85.

SIX BELL PEALS

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Apr. 17, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four 720's of Norwich Surprise and three 720's of Cambridge Surprise.

*REGINALD TOMLINSON ...	*Treble*	*FREDERICK FLINT	4
†ROLAND T. FLINT... ...	2	†ARNOLD HILL	5
*DONALD CHADWICK ...	3	*HERBERT T. ROOKE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise Minor. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

GOATHURST, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALBERT KNIGHT ...	...*Treble*	*CLIFFORD THOMAS ...	4
FRANCIS MORRIS	2	CLAUDE TARR	5
HARRY COMMINS	3	*FREDK. PHILLIPS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLAUDE TARR.
* First peal.

CUCKNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being (1) Killamarsh, (2) Oswald Double, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Norwich Surprise, (5) College Exercise, (6) Kingston, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Spliced, (7) Kent.

*GEORGE E. FOSTER ...	*Treble*	HAROLD DENMAN	4
*ARNOLD HILL	2	FREDERICK FLINT	5
*DONALD CHADWICK ...	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal in 10 methods. First peal in 10 methods on the bells.

SEAL CHART, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Apr. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Double Court and Kent T.B., and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM R. MANSER ...	*Treble*	REGINALD L. SILLS ...	4
*JOHN L. MORRIS	2	*FRANK C. W. KNIGHT	5
*EDNA M. SILLS	3	PETER C. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.
* First of Minor in three methods.

More peals on page 205.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1-2 leading): F. Cuss 1, C. Wood (first quarter) 2, G. Barnes (first away from tenor) 3, F. Read 4, G. Newman 5, T. A. Palmer (cond.) 6, P. Newman 7, W. Liddiard 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joyce A. Gibbons (first quarter) 1, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 2, Gwen H. Kippin 3, J. S. Pink 4, A. J. W. Hughes 5, F. D. Jennings 6, J. W. Euston 7, E. G. Talbot 8.

BRIGHTON.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Church 1, J. Whitehead 2, A. Humphrey 3, M. Thomas 4, A. Diserens 5, H. Stalham 6, F. Bennett (cond.) 7, R. Wood 8, F. I. Hairs 9, F. Pullman 10. First of Grandsire Caters 1 and 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Spice 1, G. Kite 2, G. Waterman 3, P. Carter (first in the method) 4, C. Cullen 5, I. Emery 6, J. Lyddiard (cond.) 7, M. F. Oakshett 8.

CHARING, KENT. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Monica Fowle (first quarter) 1, Fred Shoobridge 2, W. Henniker 3, Gladys Smith 4, F. Good (cond.) 5, Margaret Smith 6. First quarter by a local band for 14¼ years.

CREWE, CHESHIRE. — 1,297 Stedman Caters: W. T. Holding 1, H. F. Holding 2, R. D. Langford 3, H. Edge 4, R. T. Holding 5, W. Kerr 6, G. A. Packer (cond.) 7, W. Edge 8, T. Lamb 9, E. J. Holloway 10. First of Stedman Caters for 4, 6 and 9.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. C. Stacey 1, W. E. Critchley 2, H. Ashton 3, R. C. Westney 4, C. Toyne 5, L. G Webb 6, H. Wagstaff 7, J. McCluskey 8. First quarter in the method by a local band.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Brett 1, S. Carnall 2, Miss A. J. Salt 3, P. G. Stockdale 4, M. Denman 5, E. Preston (first as cond.) 6. First quarter by 4 and 6.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX. — 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, Miss F. Clayton 2, H. D. Butler 3, P. D. Beedie 4, C. Wenban (first in the method) 5, H. G. Hart 6, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 7, J. R. Mayne 8.

Easter Day Quarter Peals

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET. — 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and April Day): Mrs. E. Ford 1, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 2, Mrs. J. Naish 3, J. Naish 4, W. J. Gait (cond.) 5, J. Brooks 6. Also for evening service, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Naish 1, J. Naish 2, Mrs. E. Ford 3, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 4, J. Brooks 5, W. J. Gait (cond.) 6. First quarter-peal of Minor by all the band.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Savage 1, J. T. Dunwoody (cond.) 2, N. Savage 3, B. Armstrong (first quarter, 14) 4, H. Brown 5, R. A. Clouston 6, J. Edgar 7, J. Lewis (first quarter, 14) 8.

HORLEY, SURREY. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Taylor 1, L. Penfold 2, N. Elliott 3, E. Razzell 4, F. Sadler 5, W. Slaughter 6, A. J. Bull (cond.) 7, W. Hunt 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ian Biggs 1, Ann Smith (first as cond.) 2, R. Biggs 3, J. Kape 4, R. Blaby 5, E. Timpson 6, P. Newton 7, N. Cornwall 8.

HUNTINGDON. — At All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Peacock (first quarter) 1, C. J. Young 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, H. S. Peacock 4, S. Gilbert (cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6.

IGHTHAM, KENT. — 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): J. Collins 1, S. Whiteway 2, Edna M. Sills (cond.) 3, R. L. Sills 4, S. King 5, G. Knowles 6.

LLANTRISANT, GLAM. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Collins 1, W. Huish 2, J. Westcott 3, F. Rowsell (cond.) 4, R. Westcott 5, R. Davies 6, J. Evans 7, R. Rees 8. Also in honour of W. Jeffries (local ringer), who was married the previous day.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Stevenson 1, June Henshaw 2, H. Wood (first in method) 3, A. A. Potts 4, W. Gaves 5, H Farrer 6, G. Farrer 7, J. Worth (cond.) 8.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT. — 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Kennington, Canterbury, April Day, 420 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): C. Shilling 1, G. Rooke 2, P. Neal 3, S. Evans 4, J. Watson (cond.) 5, J. Exeter 6.

MITCHAM, SURREY. — 1,392 Minor (240 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 432 Plain Bob): P. Allen 1, Miss B. Harris 2, W. G. Morris 3, S. Howard 4, T. G. Miller 5, H. W. Barrett (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of fourth.

OLDHAM, LANCS. — At St. Mark's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Seville 1, A. F. Taylor (cond.) 2, L. Eyre 3, Miss M. Fielding 4, P. A. Wells 5, Miss A. Sevilie 6, F. Pritchard 7, E. Casterton 8.

OLD HILL, STAFFS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: O. Pearson 1, Miss F. Raybould 2, H. Wyre 3, A. Grice 4, R. Dunn 5, L. Hall 6, G. Swallow (cond.) 7, E. Fletcher 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.—Before early Holy Communion at 7 a.m., 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. A. Naylor (cond.) 1, T. G. Dennis 2, F. J. Cheal 3, E. Naylor 4, W. J. Walker 5, T. A. Cross 6, Miss P. Duggan tenor cover (first quarter).

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: A. Paul 1, W. R. Paul 2, L. B. Baillon 3, E. G. Bennett 4, A. Botterill (cond.) 5.

SPRATTON, NORTHANTS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Wykes (first quarter) 1, P. Amos (cond.) 2, Miss G. Ashby 3, C. W. Brown 4, C. E. Gilby (first quarter 'inside') 5.

STROUD, GLOS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Shepperd 1, G. Latham 2, B. Latham 3, T. Pritchard 4, T. Price 5, R. Thain 6, T. Witts (cond.) 7, R. Sharpe 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—1,275 Grandsire Caters: W. W. Daniell 1, Miss B. E. Ll. Roberts 2, Miss M. E. Richards 3, G. Townsend 4, H. Bishop (cond.) 5, G. Wells 6, R. Townsend 7, J. Berry 8, T. Townsend 9, W. Bullock 10. Also for Mr. C. J. Gardiner's 77th birthday.

TOWCESTER, NORTHANTS. — 1,260 Bob Doubles: K. Alton 1, T. Tyrell 2, J. Garlick (cond.) 3, S. J. Burt 4, V. Burt 5, W. Gardner 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 4.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET. — 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): B. Flower 1, G. Corner 2, G. M. Hasell (cond.) 3, F. S. Short 4, R. S. Holbrok 5, E. Cottle (first quarter) 6.

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LATE NEWS

Success attended the College Youths band that rang in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Exeter Cathedral on April 30th. The time was 4 hours 23 minutes. Congratulations to all concerned.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Instr.-Lieut.-Commander R. G. Cross, R.N., is likely to miss his ringing for a period. He is on leave before proceeding overseas.

Mr. Edward Jenkins has rung 150 peals of Cambridge ranging from Minor to Maximus.

The bells of Yateley, Hants, are to be rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The first peal on the bells of St. Andrew's, Roker, was a composition of a Sunderland man, the late Mr. J. W. Parker.

The bells of Great Bromley, Essex, will be heard at the beginning of the Rogation Sunday service to be broadcast in the Home Service at 7.45 p.m. on May 22nd.

Mr. J. Worth informs us that the arrangements for the Suffolk tour are being made by Mr. E. Cawser, of Rotherham, with Mr. J. E. C. Simpson as the 'mainstay' of the ringing. Mr. Worth is just one of the party.

History was made for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association on April 23rd, when two resident Vicars of the Diocese (the Rev. R. A. Sluman and Rev. Ivor J. Richards) took part in the first peal on the bells. After the peal the Vicar of Blaenavon kindly entertained the band to tea. 'The bells are a lovely ring of Taylors,' writes Mr. J. W. Jones.

A copy of Snowdon's original edition of 'Standard Methods' (1881) has come into the possession of Mr. Harold Spencer, of Scarborough, who enquires if this is a 'find.' The book is bound in green and brown leather and contains among its advertisements one of 'The Bell News and Ringers Record'—a monthly journal and medium of communication for the Ringing Exercise.

Mr. F. Horsfield is leaving Macclesfield to the regret of local ringers. When he came to the town he attended St. Peter's regularly, and, being a ringer of no mean ability, he was sorry to see that the church had no bells. By dint of much persuasion and hard work, he managed to interest the people of the parish in church bells and a light ring of eight was provided.

A farewell quarter of Stedman Triples was rung on April 24th at St. Peter's by W. Stevenson 1, J. Henshaw 2, Mrs. C. W. Lawton 3, F. Horsfield 4, C. W. Lawton 5, J. W. Whittaker 6, J. Worth (cond.) 7, H. Brough 8.

Most of the peals rung on April 23rd were to commemorate St. George's Day.

The peal at Southwold, Suffolk, on Easter Monday, was the first on the bells for 9 years and 11 months.

The peal of Plain Bob Royal at Kettering on April 19th was the 40th peal on the bells by Mr. Charles W. Bird.

Mr. A. R. Pargeter writes to us registering his protest at the proposed introduction of 'synthetic bells' at Milton (Hants) Parish Church.

Mr. Percy J. Dawe, who rang the 30¼ cwt. tenor of St. George's, Doncaster, on April 23rd, has not rung a peal for 20 years.

Mr. Geoff. W. Seaman, who for the past three years has been a member of the Watford band, has been called up for service in the R.A.F. It had been arranged to ring a farewell quarter of Bob Royal with him as conductor, but the untimely breaking of the clapper joint of the eighth prevented this. A 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung by A. Wise 1, C. L. Leman 2, R. G. Bell 3, H. G. Timms 4, W. G. Paul 5, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 6.

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GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

AN INVITATION TO CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting was held at St. Ambrose's, Bristol, on Easter Monday, about 120 members being present, representing practically every branch, presided over by Mr. W. B. Kynaston (Master).

The Master in his report said he had attended branch meetings throughout the year in every branch where meetings had been held, and was pleased to see the enthusiasm which existed especially amongst the branch officials, which was a good sign for future activities. He wished especially to thank two branch secretaries, viz., Miss Mary Hilliar (Bristol Rural) and Miss Mary Drew (Wotton-under-Edge), for their excellent returns, which, he pointed out, shows what can be done where everyone co-operates He also thanked Mr. Cyril Harding (general hon. secretary) and Mr. P. C. Williams (hon. treasurer) for their very loyal support to him, and willing assistance in all matters which were dealt with during the past year.

The Hon. Secretary, in his report, said he regretted to report a fall in performing membership, due to the fact that two branches, viz., Stow-on-the-Wold and Chippenham, had not sent in any returns for 1948; also there was a falling off in the South Forest Branch, due to the branch secretary having to give up owing to poor health; but he felt confident that this state of affairs was only temporary, and that with some new officials who were prepared to put their backs into the work there was little doubt that the position would soon reverse itself. The other branches with enthusiastic officials all had shown an increase in membership.

FINANCIAL POSITION.

The treasurer's report was not so bright, as with decreased membership and the increased cost of printing reports, purchasing a new peal book, etc., there was a big drop in the credit balance of the Association funds, and undoubtedly they had to find some means of correcting that position. The balance sheet was adopted.

Some discussion arose as to what could be done to rectify the financial position, and after various suggestions it was decided to continue the issuing of the annual report as hitherto, with some modifications to condense the printed matter into less pages, thereby reducing the cost of producing the report.

Some views were expressed as to the advisability or otherwise of increasing the annual subscription (which had already been raised in 1948 from 1s. 6d. to 8s.), and it was ultimately decided by a resolution which was passed by a large majority to increase the performing members' subscription to 2s. 6d. for adults and 1s. 6d. for juniors up to 18 years of age, and the associate member's fee, which has been 2s. 6d., to be increased to 3s. 6d., both alterations to take effect from 1950. Peal ringing fees to be increased to 6d. per member taking part in a peal, and the hon. peal secretary to receive in future 1s. 6d. per peal for writing up same into the peal book.

The election of officers was a short business, there being no change in the chief officials, viz.: Mr. W. B. Kynaston (Swindon), Master; Mr. Cyril Harding (Bristol), hon. secretary; Mr. P. C. Williams (Portishead), hon. treasurer. All the vice-presidents (with the exception of the Rev. N. E. Hope, who has left the diocese) were re-elected, with the addition of the Rev. Allen, Cromhall, and Mr. F. Skidmore, Bristol.

It was decided to inform the hon. secretary of the Central Council that the Gloucester and Bristol Association's offer to the Council 'That the Council visits Cheltenham in the near future,' still stands.

LOSS TO ST. MARY REDCLIFFE.

Mr. Hancock, Bristol, wished put on record the excellent work done in Bristol by Mr. Donald Clift (who is leaving Bristol to take up an appointment in London) in that through his efforts St. Mary Redcliffe (12) become a tower which was now open for Sunday service ringing, ringing taking place alternately with St. Stephen's (10) on Sunday evenings, also that the tower was now available for practice every week. Mr. F. Skidmore supported this, and said that good progress had been made by local ringers in twelve-bell ringing, as could be seen from the number of local ringers who had scored their first peal of Cinques at Redcliffe.

This concluded the business, when a move was made to church for the annual service, conducted by the Rev. J. H. Williams, vice-president, and the address was given by the Lord Bishop of Bristol. The feature of the service was a surpliced choir of bellringers from Cheltenham, Swindon and Bristol.

After the service the company gathered on the Vicarage lawn for Press photographs, after which they met for tea in the Parish Hall. The meeting was preceded by lunch, and at the tea table the usual speeches were made, and the secretary offered a special welcome to Mr. Harold Poole and family, from Leicester, also visitors from the Salisbury Guild.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of St. Ambrose's for the welcome he had given the Association, also to Mr. A. E. Clarke, organist, who ably led the choir, and to Mrs. Skidmore and her committee of ladies who had carried everything off so well, also to Mr. Baker for having everything ready in the tower, and to Mr. Skidmore for assisting the hon secretary in making the arrangements, which brought to a close one of the most successful meetings the Gloucester and Bristol has held.

The company were fortunate to be favoured with some excellent change ringing on handbells by Mr. Harold Poole and company, assisted by Wilfrid Williams (Cheltenham) and Miss A. Brown (Bristol), comprising Stedman Triples and Caters, and Cambridge Major; also tune ringing and change ringing by the boys from Swindon, which was greatly appreciated.

DEDICATION

MARKFIELD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

As a thanksgiving for victory in the last war, a tenor weighing 10¼ cwt. has been provided and the other five bells hung on ball bearings at St. Michael and All Angels', Markfield. The belfry has also been panelled and redecorated and a sound-proof floor under the bells erected. Towards the estimated cost of £500 the sum of £430 has been raised. The contract for the bells was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and the new tenor is acknowledged to be a splendid splice.

The dedication was performed by the Rt. Rev. J. J. Willis, Assistant Bishop of Leicester, on April 16th, in the presence of a congregation of some 250 parishioners and ringers. Other clergy present included the Archdeacon of Loughborough, the Rev. A. C. Holden, of Oaks-in-Charnwood, and the Rev. C. I. H. Siviter (Rector). After the dedicatory prayers local ringers chimed the bells. The Bishop gave an interesting address.

Ladies of the church entertained the ringers to tea in the Schoolroom. The six bells were raised in peal by local ringers under Mr. Redvers Elkington, of Anstey, who took charge of the ringing.

The Groby ringers rang the first touch of Oxford Treble Bob and other methods rung included, Chester, Beverley, Cambridge, Grandsire and London.

Irish Association

WATERFORD REVISITED.

The annual meeting of the Irish Association was held in Waterford on Easter Monday and was attended by 70 members, who travelled by various means, rail, bus and car. There was even a Rolls-Royce which brought the Bray ringers.

The striking competition for the Murphy Cup was competed for on the Cathedral bells by the winners of the Southern District Cup, St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, and Christ Church, Bray, respectively. The judges—the Rev. G. H. McKinley, M.A., Messrs. W. Pratt and H. T. McKiernan—awarded the cup to the Limerick team, who recorded only twelve faults as against 24 for Bray.

The members sat down to lunch in the Bishop Fry's School, which was presided over by the Dean of Waterford.

The president, Mr. William Pratt, was in the chair for the business meeting, when those present stood as a mark of respect to the memory of those members who passed away during 1948, viz., H. Chapman (N.R.L.M.), T. Glenn (Coleraine) and W. J. McCarthy (Holywood).

The annual report, presented by Mr. F. E. Dukes, stated that the bells of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, St. Thomas', Belfast, and Carrickfergus were broadcast during the year. Twenty-nine peals were rung and the number of ringers who scored peals was 22 and those who rang their first peal six.

Mr. Dukes drew the attention of the members to the reference to the safety and attention to bells. He said that in his researches on Irish bells he had come across some bells which were in a dangerous condition and had drawn the attention of the authorities to same. He was supported by the chairman, who said it was the duty of ringers to draw the attention of those in charge to any cases of defective bells and fittings.

The Attendance Challenge Shield was presented to Mr. R. Corson for Christ Church, Bray, who had 100 per cent. attendances in 1948. The chairman commented on the Ballymodan, Co. Cork, team's achievement in again coming second with a record of 99.52 per cent.

The Murphy Cup was presented to Miss Dorothy McCormick, for the Limerick team, amidst an enthusiastic reception.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. William Pratt (Holywood); vice-presidents, the Rev. F. J. Mitchell (Ballymena), G. E. Jones (Kilkenny), S. J. Evans (Arklow); Ringing Master, Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, P.C. (Dublin); librarian, Mr. T. McMorran (Dublin); general hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. Fred E. Dukes, Jenkinstown, Dundalk.

This is the last annual general meeting of the Association. In future an annual ringers' festival is to be held in Dublin, being the most central meeting place. The business meeting will be confined to the Executive Committee. On this day the Murphy Cup competition final is to be held, and perhaps something of a social nature will be arranged also.

Under the present arrangement each district holds an annual meeting.

Good use was made of the Cathedral bells from an early hour until very late in the evening, when Plain Bob and Grandsire methods were rung by members of the various societies.

It is interesting to record that the first peal ever rung in Ireland was rung on the Waterford Cathedral bells by the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1872, being Holt's one-part peal of Grandsire Triples. One of this band, C. Lee, remained in Waterford to teach the new local team, and in the following year called Holt's Ten-part peal with seven Irishmen in the band. All were members of the 'Youths,' there being no Irish Association until 1898.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NOT AN ENGLISH COUNTY

Dear Sir,—If Monmouthshire is an English county, can Mr. Barnett explain why such names as Llanfrechfa, Pontnewynydd, Llanfiangel Ystern Llewern or Ynysddu occur, to mention but a few of many dozens? Or why its churches are dedicated to such saints as St. Teilo, St. Hierom and St. Cadoc? Monmouthshire is part of the Church in Wales, and when the Welsh Church was disestablished and disendowed it suffered the same fate.

In nearly all parliamentary legislation it is included with Wales. It has the same licensing laws regarding Sunday closing, comes under the Welsh Board of Education. In rugby football it is affiliated to the Welsh Rugby Union, in soccer it is affiliated to the Welsh F.A. It is Welsh in character. It may be considered by some to belong to England, but it is certainly not an English county.—Yours faithfully,

Cardiff. F. J. HANNINGTON.

POSITION OF NEWPORT

Dear Sir,—Mr. Barnett's remarks on the recent peals of Cinques and Maximus at Newport, that 'England claims Monmouth,' are such that will evoke protest from any patriotic Welshman.

Mr. Barnett has raised a point which is very debatable and on which I do not propose to waste any time. However, I would point out that the county of Monmouth, or, as I prefer to call it, 'Gwent,' is, for purposes ecclesiastical, part of the Church in Wales.

Therefore, the two performances in question were performed in a place which is legally accepted as a part of Wales, and it is on this that the claims are based.—Yours sincerely,

D. G. CLIFT.

Usk, Mon.

WEIGHT OF TENORS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Amos' epistle on weight of tenors, when I ring a peal in a tower my question is, what is weight of tenor (not always correct)? On looking through the reports of the Peterborough Guild it is noticed that St. Mary's, Peterborough, is given several times as 10 cwt., Yaxley 20 cwt.—1 ton. When I quoted 44in.—16 cwt., 43in.—15 cwt., it was from a table of weights of tenors. Perhaps Mr. Amos has a formula of measurements better than our famous bell founders.

When I was admitted a member of the (Ely) Bishop's Advisory Committee some 20 years ago it was for my knowledge of designs, specifications and the care of church bells. It is from this experience that I gained some authority regarding bells. Mr. Amos states he has rung these heavy bells. Does he mean he has pulled the ropes attached to these tenors? Once at a meeting the district ringing master called Mr. Amos off the box to allow someone to ring the tenor, and, strange as it may now be, I was asked to ring the bell. A good touch of London Surprise Major was then rung. Now, Mr. Amos, put your thinking cap on. It is among the group you mention. Yes, I have rung in nearly all of them; they are among my 999.—Yours faithfully, FRANK WARRINGTON.

P.S.—I have visited over 1,000 towers, but have not rung in all of them.—F. W.

2nd AS DOMINATING BELL

Dear Sir,—Are there any rules and regulations with regard to the use of the second as the dominating bell in Plain Bob Minor? It provides a greater variety when the band are only able to ring one method and also enables a learner to master plain hunting on a bell he or she can ring easily.—Yours sincerely,

H. T. ROOKE.

Warsop, Notts.

P.S.—The following was rung at Warsop on April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Chadwick 1, Miss J. Haynes (first quarter, hunt bell) 2, R. Tomlinson 3, R. T. Flint 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.

HOLY SATURDAY

Dear Sir,—In the concluding paragraph of your leading article this week, referring to the ringing of bells in Lent and Holy Week, you suggest that the question is complicated by the fact that a large number of marriages take place on the Saturday before Easter. This unfortunate custom, which grew out of war conditions, and which is forbidden by the Canons, certainly ought not to be encouraged by ringers, who are supposed to be upholders of the customs and discipline of the Church. If people have to get married on Holy Saturday, which, by the way is not 'Easter Saturday' as the B.B.C. seems to think, they should do so in the quietest possible way, and certainly the bells should not be rung.

Bells, as you so often point out, do not exist primarily for brightening social functions or for our private enjoyment, but for the glory of God. It is for the glory of God and in reverence to our Lord's Passion that the crosses and pictures in our churches are veiled during Passiontide, and similarly Christian feeling demands that the bells should be silent during that sacred season. The ringing of a peal on Good Friday, even if the bells are muffled, seems to indicate a total misunderstanding of the Christian approach to the Cross.—Yours,

A. J. HOOK (Rev.), Master,
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

ANOTHER FOR MARGARET

Dear Sir,—May I add my tribute of praise and congratulation to Margaret Beamish in being the youngest person to ring a peal of Cambridge Maximus? More so, as she stood in this peal at the last moment, having had no previous experience of ringing any Maximus, and proved a most efficient substitute and struck her bell perfectly throughout the peal.

This promising young lady has already rung a peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells before her 13th birthday, and I am proud to have taken part in both these twelve-bell peals with such a talented young ringer.

Birmingham. ALBERT WALKER.

LONDON SURPRISE MINOR & MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Round Blocks prove that London Surprise Major is a perfect extension of London Surprise Minor, and those who keep their 'Ringing Worlds' have only to turn up the issue of July 16th, 1926, to find mathematical proof of this assertion.—Yours faithfully,

Brighton. GEORGE BAKER.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

For their April meeting the Society met at Patrington, the 43 members attending including Mr. G. Dobbs, of South Killingholme, who took four hours to reach the village, although he could see the spire from his home.

Patrington bells had recently been increased to eight and some good ringing was accomplished. The Rector conducted the service and handbells were introduced during the singing of Psalm 150.

An excellent tea was provided, and Mr. G. F. Williams was in the chair at the business meeting. The May meeting will be at Nunburnholme and the June meeting at Sutton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The spring meeting of the Eastern District was held at Carlton on April 23rd, and was attended by 35 ringers from various towers. After service, conducted by the Rev. S. A. Taylor, curate, in the absence of the Vicar, Canon Pascoe, owing to illness, an excellent tea was provided, followed by the business meeting, presided over by the vice-president, Mr. A. H. Fox. Escrick was selected as the place of the annual meeting in June. The usual votes of thanks were passed and a collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised 11s. 3d. Carlton and Snaith bells were kept going until 9 o'clock.

Ely Diocesan Association

PEAL BOOKING FEE INTRODUCED.

A large company of ringers assembled at St. Neots on Easter Monday for the annual general meeting.

The bells of Eynesbury and Great Staughton were available, in addition to those of St. Neots, and a variety of methods up to London Surprise were rung during the day.

A party of ringers from the Wisbech district, travelling to St. Neots by bus, made good use of the bells of All Saints' and St. Mary's, Huntingdon, during the morning.

The service was held in St. Neots Church at 4.15, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. Galley), whose son, a ringer, presided at the organ. Tea was provided at Pratt's Restaurant for a total of 72.

At the business meeting, which was held in the Church Hall, the Vicar presided. The secretary spoke of the large increase in the number of peals rung during the past year, with special emphasis on the cost of printing the annual report. To meet this cost the committee had recommended that a peal booking fee of 6d. should be levied on each ringer taking part in Association peals. A resolution to this effect was carried by a large majority, an amendment that subscriptions should be increased being defeated. It was agreed that the rules should be redrafted to bring them in line with modern conditions and practices.

Officers re-elected were: General secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. W. Cousins; auditor, Mr. T. R. Dennis; peal secretary, Mr. M. J. Thurmott. The Diocesan Committee was re-elected, with Mr. A. Rolfe in place of the Rev. J. P. Pelloe.

It was decided to transfer the two eight-bell towers of Whittlesey from the Ely to the Hunts District, and that the next annual general meeting should be held there.

The Vicar was thanked for taking the service, for the use of the bells and presiding at the meeting.

Thanks were also expressed to the incumbents of Eynesbury and Great Staughton for their co-operation.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

BOWDON, STOCKPORT AND MOTTRAM BRANCH.

The spring meeting was held at Burbage, Buxton, on April 23rd, when some 40 members and friends enjoyed a beautiful spring day in the fine setting of this Derbyshire spa. Ringing was enjoyed on the six bells from early in the afternoon until the service in church, conducted by the Vicar.

In his address the Vicar referred to the psychological effect of bells on the hearer and asked those present to consider how many crimes had been prevented by the sound of bells. He said it was strange but true that many people who have never been inside a church for years and who deny having any religious feeling, nevertheless do not find the bells a nuisance but rather a good influence. He said he felt that the half empty churches of to-day were better than the full churches of the Edwardian era when people went to church because it was fashionable and failure to attend would have an effect on their social position or employment. Then they had quantity without quality, to-day there is quality but not quantity.

At the business meeting after tea the news of the death of Mr. G. E. Shaw, of Staley, was received with regret. A discussion took place on various items which are to be raised at the Guild annual festival. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and wardens, the organist and the choir, the local ringers and the ladies who had so carefully attended to wants of the ringers.

Further ringing took place after the meeting until a late hour, the ringing ranging from rounds for the learners to Spliced Treble Bob Minor for the experts.

LUPPIT, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three extents each of Cambridge and Kent and one of Oxford.
Tenor 14 cwt.

MICHAEL BOARD ...	...*Treble*	CYRIL DEEM	4
JOHN CARTER	2	BRIAN PIDGEON	5
SIDNEY SKINNER	3	JOHN QUICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN PIDGEON.

WADENHOE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Apr. 19, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

ERNEST E. WHITMORE...	*Treble*	*GEORGE E. MOISEY	4
HARRY RICHARDSON ...	2	*EDWARD BRIGGS	5
*LESLIE WITTEN	3	ARTHUR GIBBS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST E. WHITMORE.
* First peal.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Apr. 20, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. in B.

WALTER SPARROW	*Treble*	G. WILLIAM MORRIS ...	4
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ...	2	RICHARD E. PRICE	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

FRANT, SUSSEX.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Thurs., Apr. 21, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALBERT RELFE	*Treble*	LEONARD W. GILES ...	4
*CHRISTOPHER PILBEAM...	2	ARTHUR F. LEWRY... ...	5
MRS. EDITH BASSETT ...	3	CHARLES A. BASSETT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES A. BASSETT.
* First peal. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Relfe on their wedding anniversary.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Apr. 22, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Court, Oxford, Cambridge Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

RONALD W. STEWARD ...	*Treble*	SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ...	4
RONALD G. BUGG	2	URBAN W. WILDNEY ...	5
GEORGE W. PIPE	3	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

KINGSTON SEYMOUR, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 22, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 36 six-scores, 10 callings, and three 240's, Morris' arrangement.
Tenor 19 cwt.

E. R. NORTON	*Treble*	GEORGE PRESCOTT ...	4
*R. H. BRICE	2	*G. K. WESTLAKE	5
MARJORIE LEGG	3	H. A. PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
* First peal.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Fri., Apr. 22, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*WALTER G. SOAR	*Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY	4
*SIDNEY H. JONES	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
HAROLD TAYLOR	3	DENIS R. CARLISLE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Cambridge Minor on the bells and for the Guild.

ST. IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 1,440 each Cambridge Surprise and Oxford T.B. with 2,160 of Kent T.B. Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

DEREK SANDERSON	*Treble*	FRANK WARRINGTON ...	4
JOHN W. C. BLYTHE ...	2	FRANK W. LACK	5
STANLEY GILBERT	3	HERBERT FIELDS	6

R. FRANK BAKER ... ... *Tenor*
Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
In memoriam to John Perkins, 83 years, interred this day.

BANHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, *in 3 Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN R. SMITH	*Treble*	†FRANK C. ARNOLD ...	4
CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO	2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN...	5
*JAMES ROUT	3	WILFRID G. SAUNDERS...	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. CHARLES GOODMAN.
* First peal. † First 'inside' Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Apr. 6, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,*
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

MRS. J. THOMAS	1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ...	5-6
JOHN THOMAS	3-4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ...	7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
First in the method 'in hand' for the Association.

DUBLIN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Apr. 10, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes.*
IN THE VESTRY OF ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 extents, four callings. Tenor size 15 in C.

*MISS A. C. DUKES	1-2	FREDERICK E. DUKES ...	3-4
*MISS JOAN M. ROWE ...	5-6		

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.
* First in method. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mrs. Olive Bell, a member of local team.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Mon., Apr. 11, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.*
AT 9, WINDSOR STREET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON...	1-2	FRANK K. MEASURES ...	5-6
ALFRED BALLARD	3-4	*HECTOR KNIGHTS	7-8

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.
* First peal of Triples 'in hand.'

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Apr. 14, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,*
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

MRS. J. THOMAS	1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ...	5-6
JOHN THOMAS	3-4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ...	7-8

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Apr. 19, 1949, *in 1 Hour and 34 Minutes.*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	1-2	DANIEL L. T. MATKIN ...	3-4
WILLIAM G. YOUNG		5-6	

The first extent was non-conducted, and then each ringer conducted two extents.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD
On Thurs., Apr. 21, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.*
AT 37, WARKWORTH STREET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

MISS A. STOCKDALE (Girt.)	1-2	G. DODDS (Emmanuel) ...	5-6
F. J. LINDLEY (Trin.) ...	3-4	P. M. FREEMAN (Jesus) ...	7-8
B. D. THRELFALL (Trin.)...	9-10		

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers

RECORD MEETING OF EAST DEVON BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Sidbury on Easter Monday, attended by just on 100 ringers, friends and visitors, including that old veteran, Mr. J. Morris, of Leicester, and the Rev. C. C. Cox.

The Rev. H. Taylor (Sidbury), who was elected chairman of the branch, said he hoped something would be done to increase the interchange of visits between the various towers. The meeting resolved to arrange some visits during the year. Election of several new members took place, including Allan Mingo, aged 13, of Sidmouth.

In his report the hon. secretary said the branch had paid its way during the year, and now had a slightly increased balance of £30 16s. 3d. Certificates were presented by the president, Preb. E. V. Cox, to seven members. Officers elected included Mr. J. C. Woodley, vice-chairman; Mr. J. Arbury, Ottery St. Mary, hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. C. Turner, Ottery St. Mary, Ringing Master.

It was decided (subject to consent) that meetings be held at Buckerell in September, Upottery next January, and Ottery St. Mary next Easter. Ringers will find peals of reconditioned bells at each of these towers. J. A.

MEETING AT BUCKFASTLEIGH.

The Mid-Devon Branch held a quarterly meeting at Buckfastleigh on April 23rd, which was attended by members and friends from Salisbury, Exmouth, Newton Abbot, Paignton, Dartmouth, Ashburton and Buckfastleigh.

The bells were kept going to Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples during the afternoon, this being followed by a service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Timms).

After tea at Hunt's Cafe the usual business meeting followed, with Mr. J. E. Lilley (branch chairman) presiding. Correspondence was also read on the recent question of broadcasting of church bells. Five non-resident members and one associate member were elected.

The secretary announced the following meetings (subject to the necessary permission): Joint meeting with the South-West Branch, Buckfast Abbey, June 25th; quarterly meeting, Brixham, July 23rd. Votes of thanks to the Vicar and the organist concluded the business.

BOLSOVER BELLS

After a period of approximately fifty years of very regular ringing with few major difficulties, it has become increasingly obvious that our well-loved ring of bells is in urgent need of attention, and following a very careful examination by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, we have been advised that the bells should be rehung on modern ball bearings and the fittings completely overhauled.

An order has been placed for the work to be put in hand as soon as possible, and as it is estimated that the total cost will be something over £300, it is felt that many friends who have at various times enjoyed ringing the bells may wish to contribute towards the cost of the renovation.

It is intended to dedicate the whole scheme to the memory of four former members of the Bolsover company who gave valuable service to the tower over a long number of years, and a plate will be placed in the belfry to record their names, viz., John Flint, Charles Mason, Jesse T. Moss, Remalial Coupe.

It is hoped that there will be a generous response to our appeal for subscriptions, which should be sent to A. B. Cooper, Secretary to the Fund, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM WOODHEAD.

The death of 'Bill' Woodhead severs the last link with the old Leeds Parish Church company. He had been a member of the Yorkshire Association since 1889 and had rung 82 peals for the Association.

Learning to handle a bell at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, he subsequently became attached to the Parish Church and took part in all in 14 peals in the tower. His last peal—Grandsire Caters—was at Bradford Cathedral in 1945, and it is believed that he had rung about 150 peals altogether.

By a coincidence the 'local' peal of Grandsire Triples at Leeds Parish Church on Nov. 18th, rung in honour of the birth of Prince Charles, took place on his 80th birthday.

Early this year he had a stroke, from which he never recovered, and he passed away peacefully on April 10th.

MR. W. JONES.

The many friends of Mr. W. Jones, late verger, bellringer and tower master at Wrexham Parish Church, will regret to hear of his death, which occurred on April 25th, at the age of 83. Mr. Jones was verger and bellringer at Wrexham for over 50 years and was greatly respected by all. A member of the North Wales Association, he had rung at all the towers in North Wales. He will be greatly missed by his brother ringers at Wrexham.

The funeral service took place on April 29th at the Wrexham Parish Church, the Vicar of Wrexham conducting. The bearers were the Wrexham ringers, who rang the handbells at the graveside and also the tower bells muffled afterwards, assisted by Mr. T. R. Griffith, Gresford. A. L.

QUARTER PEALS

LYME REGIS, DORSET. — On April 10th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. H. Green 1, R. Keeley 2, Rev. C. C. Cox (cond.) 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, H. G. Keeley 5, C. W. Powell 6, G. H. Whitemore 7, G. S. Morris 8.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, the 27th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. A. Mitchell 1, F. A. Cluett 2, Mrs. F. M. Mitchell 3, J. Burles 4, R. A. Munn 5, H. Argent 6, F. M. Mitchell (cond.) 7, W. Gorringe 8.

PINCHBECK, LINCS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Bob Minor: E. Woodcock (first quarter) 1, Dulcie Robinson 2, C. Wand 3, M. Bennett 4, D. R. Whitton 5, C. H. Whitton (cond.) 6.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Hodge 1, W. J. Parker (cond.) 2, C. Fennell 3, L. Paice 4, R. Elliott 5, W. Collins 6. In memoriam to Mr. G. Payne.

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WHITBY, YORKS. — On April 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Short 1, A. Hunter 2, J. Waller 3, A. V. Coates 4, G. White 5, H. Waters (first 'inside') 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, C. Tindale 8.

LATE NOTICES

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District. — Meeting at Whittlesford, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 5200

LINCOLN GUILD. — Northern Branch. — Annual meeting, Gainsborough, Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at Sun Hotel, but only for those who notify Mr. G. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, by Tuesday, May 24th. — F. Lord, Hon. Branch Sec. 5201

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LOUGHTON, ESSEX, ST. JOHN'S.—Until further notice the practice night will be Tuesday at 8 p.m. Ringing on Sunday for service first and third Sundays at 6 p.m. Ringers welcome.—E. A. Bacon. 5199

PUBLICATIONS

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MEETINGS

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting, Pinhoe, May 7th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 5117

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—Meeting, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (13) 3 to 8. Tea 5. Meeting 6. Names to Mr. J. Carter, 6, Gosford Street, Ashton-under-Lyne. — E. Walker. 5101

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Ealing, May 7th. Bells, Christ Church, 3 to 4.30 and evening; St. Mary's, 3 to 4 and evening; St. Stephen's, 3 to 4. Service, Christ Church, 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—E. Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing. 5098

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Crusaders of S.W. Division. — Meeting at Great Wakering (6), Saturday, May 7th, 3 p.m. Frequent bus service from Victoria Circus, Southend. Essentially a meeting for beginners. Everybody welcome. 5106

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Guildford, Saturday, May 7th. Bells of Cathedral Church in afternoon. St. Nicolas' afternoon and evening. Service, Cathedral Church, 4.15. Tea and business meeting, Holy Trinity Hall, 5 p.m. — G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, Surrey. 5108

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —Meeting at Dunmow (8), Saturday, May 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to H. W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Great Dunmow. 5128

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Seavington, Saturday, May 7th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify early for tea.—J. T. Locke, Sec. 5134

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, May 7th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 5154

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Meeting at Grundisburgh, May 7th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Bring food.—C. W. Pipe. 5147

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 7th, at Barrow. Bells 3 p.m. Free tea. —W. Pye, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5162

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Over (8), Saturday, May 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 5141

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Lower Heyford, Saturday, May 14th. Names for tea to Mr. W. Collins, The Green, Lower Heyford, Northants, by Saturday, May 7th.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 5142

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division. — Meeting, Burnham-on-Crouch (6), Saturday, May 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p m. Bradwell-on-Sea (6) available 7 to 9 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 5071

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION and UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY. — A joint meeting will be held at Apsley on Saturday, May 14th Bells (6) from 2.30. Hemel Hempstead bells (8) from 11 to 12 noon. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 11th, to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead.—Miss J. Mattison and Mr. L. S. Baines, Secs.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Meeting at Hunsdon on Saturday, May 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p m Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Miss Chitty, Hunsdon, near Ware, by Wednesday, May 11th. All ringers welcome — A. S. Carter, Sec. 5139

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery. — Meeting at Kingsbury Episcopi, Saturday, May 14th. Service 4.30. Names for tea early, please. — F. Farrant, North Street, Martock. 5143

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch. — Castle Eaton (6), May 14th. Bring own food.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 5166

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Edenbridge (8), May 14th. Names for tea to E. C. Leigh, Spital Cross, Edenbridge. Names for summer outing (July 16th) by this meeting.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 5153

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Burton, May 14th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.15 (Archdeacon of Derby). Tea 5, St. Paul's Institute, followed by general meeting. Names for tea by 12th to J. W. Cotton, Overseal. 5155

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Godmanchester, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 5165

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Samlesbury, Saturday, May 14th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided. 5170

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District. — Monthly meeting, Dronfield, May 14th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—G. C. Briggs, Hon. Sec. 5168

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Leek, Saturday, May 4th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Sharratt, 13, Lowther Place, Leek, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 5172

LEICESTER GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—King's Norton (8), May 14th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Illston (6) afterwards. Notify by May 10th L. W. Allen, Gt. Glenn.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Monthly meeting, Tideswell (8), Saturday, May 14th, 3 p.m. Cafes nearby.—Miss D. J. Dunn, District Sec., Darley Dale. 5175

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Redenhall (8), Saturday, May 14th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Yew Tree for those who notify Wm. Flatt, 11, Mendham Lane, Harleston, Norfolk, by May 10th.—A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 5192

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Oldham St. Mary's, May 14th. Bells (12) at 3. Unveiling peal board by Rev. St. John Smith at 6. Meeting after. All ringers invited. Names for tea to undersigned at 4, Eric Street, Oldham.—V. Wilson Sykes, Hon. Sec. 5193

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Broughton-in-Furness on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Langtree, Laurel Bank, Broughton-in-Furness, by Wednesday, May 11th.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 5194

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Hoylandswaine, Saturday, May 14th, 2.30. Those requiring teas must notify Mr. E. Brookes, Hall Lane, Hoylandswaine, Penistone, near Sheffield, not later than May 11th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 5195

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. — Meeting at Brotherton's (R.C.) Chapel, Rainhill, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) at 6 p.m. Owing to catering difficulties names for tea must be sent before Wednesday, May 11th, to Mr. H. Ashton, 367, Walkers Lane, Rainhill Crosville bus (Service 119) to Rainhill, Stoops and Warrington passes the chapel. — P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 5196

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Nunburnholme, Saturday, May 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (2s. 6d.) in school. Bus from Market Weighton 2.30 (2s. 6d.). Notify F. W. Kneeshaw, Hillcroft, Market Weighton, by Wednesday morning. Bus leaves Hull for Market Weighton 1.30.—A. E. Sellers, Hon. Sec. 5160

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —I.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, Godshill, May 14th.—(Mrs.) A. M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 5179

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Hunton (6), May 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 5146

LINCOLN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting, Great Hale, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me before Monday, May 8th.—Mrs. D. Wray, Hon. Sec., Kesteven Street, Sleaford. 5158

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch. — Goostrey (6 bells), Saturday, May 14th, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Sec. 5197

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, May 14th, at 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards St. Dunstan's, Stepney.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5181

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Westhoughton on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30. Cups of tea provided. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 5183

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Henley, May 14th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Service 6.—T. N. Lanaghan. 5184

OXFORD GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch. — Half-yearly meeting, Wolvercote, Oxford, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, by May 11th. 5185

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Special meeting, May 14th, Newton St. Loe, near Bath. Address by Lord Bishop of Diocese. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please notify Rector for tea by 12th. 5186

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Morton, May 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Monday previous.—Bernard H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 5187

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, East Farndon, Saturday, May 14th. Special bus will call at Long Buckby 2.30, East Haddon 2.35 p.m., Spratton 2.45. Names for tea and bus seats to E Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, before May 10th. 5188

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 5189

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — East Devon Branch.—Seaton, May 14th, practice 3 p.m., and Shute at 6.30 p.m.—J. Arbury, Hon. Sec. 5190

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch. — Meeting at Everton (6), Saturday, May 14th. Tea only for those who notify Mr. J. Stevenson, Eastville, Everton, near Doncaster, by May 10th.—H. Denman. 5191

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH. — Andover District.—Practice meeting, Andover (8), May 14th, 6 to 9 p.m. Visitors welcomed. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.—J. A. Hill. 5203

OXFORD GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting at Cholsey, Saturday, May 21st. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Please notify by Tuesday, 17th, A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 5171

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GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Cobham, Saturday, May 21st. Usual arrangements. Numbers for tea to W. E. Matthews, 48, Freelands Road, Cobham, early please. 5177

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Alderton (6), May 21st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names required by May 16th. Bus times on request. All ringers welcome.—Charles Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Glos. 5164

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Elston (6), May 21st, 2.30. Bring own food and sugar. Splendid bus service—short walk from Newark-Nottingham main road. Also local buses. — J. W. Raithby, District Sec. 5182

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Special general meeting at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. H. Blow, 1, Edgar Road, Sanderstead, by Wednesday, May 25th. It is particularly hoped that every effort will be made to attend this meeting in view of the importance of the business on the agenda.—C. de Ste C. Parks, Hon. Sec. 5178

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LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bristol on Saturday, June 25th. Further particulars later. — H. G. Snowden. 5167

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A RINGERS' GUIDE

A VALUED correspondent has written to us suggesting the publication of a ringer's guide which would give details in an abbreviated form of the towers in the country with ringable bells. The information required he suggests should consist of the place, number of bells, weight of tenor, whether the bells are rung regularly for service, practice night and name and address of tower secretary. This would be condensed by the use of code letters so that each tower would only occupy a line, as follows:—

Xbury (8), 5.45, Th., A.N. Other, 16, High Street.

Dedications, he suggests, should be omitted unless there is more than one tower in a town, and the guide could be arranged in alphabetical order.

For practical purposes a book of this description should be published at as low a figure as possible, and it should be practicable to produce it at under 5s. a copy. If every tower in the country purchased a copy for reference, the cost should be below this figure, and if the type was kept standing a revised edition could be published at appropriate intervals. An alternative would be the publication of an amendment sheet annually.

Most of the Guild annual reports give a complete coverage of the necessary information. The Lancashire Association, for example, have the data of their 189 towers in a particularly concise form, giving also in abbreviated form information as to the condition of the bells, such as VG, very good; G, good; M, moderate; and U, unringable. They also state the methods rung on practice nights, which enables the stranger to assess the standard reached and know what to expect. Some years before the war the Gloucester and Bristol Association published a comprehensive ringers' directory. Cost of printing to-day would make its re-issue an expensive publication.

Another interesting publication is the little booklet issued by the Guild of Devonshire Ringers for the benefit of visitors. This is confined to a list of towers and the number of bells. The Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee of the Central Council have, we understand, already been informed of the proposition and the name of a ringer who has the time at his disposal to arrange for such a compilation. It is possible that at the Central Council meeting at York the question will be ventilated, and it might be possible to ascertain the degree of co-operation that would be forthcoming. With most Guild secretaries this is a relatively easy matter, as they have the information already printed.

Last week we published an advertisement from a ringer requiring details of facilities for ringing in the Isle of Wight, and recently a request for information in the Isle of Man, to which replies are given in this issue. There are to-day a number of organised ringing tours; in fact, there is a Society of Roving Ringers who have spent two summer holidays on cycling tours in different parts of the country, and have practically completed their plans for this year. We have also heard that a number of young ringers from Tewkesbury Abbey are making arrangements for a cycling holiday to Devon and Cornwall this summer. A guide of this description would be invaluable to them, and also to the hundreds of ringers who take their holidays in different parts of the country.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Apr. 21, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,
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Tenor 25 cwt.

Mrs. H. J. Poole	*Treble*	John R. Smith	7
Kathleen Tilley	2	Harry G. Wayne	8
Dorothy Udale	3	Sidney O. Cheney	9
Jill Poole	4	Herrick B. Bowley	10
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EXETER, DEVON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
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At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

Frank E. Haynes	*Treble*	Paul K. Williamson	7
Charles W. Roberts	2	Charles H. Kippin	8
G. Stedman Morris	3	George E. Fearn	9
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Leslie W. G. Morris	5	Edward P. Duffield	11
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Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

TEN BELL PEALS

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*Geoffrey W. Beech	*Treble*	†Fredk. W. Grocott	6
†Arnold G. Moore	2	†Neville R. Holland	7
†Charles S. Ryles	3	George W. Biddulph	8
†Arthur Peake	4	Charles H. Page	9
Fredk. E. Wilshaw	5	†Arthur W. Hall	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Chas. H. Page.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

Howard Howell	*Treble*	Arthur T. Dutton	6
J. Dennis Holden	2	Alan Elsmore	7
Albert D. Collins	3	P. George Golder	8
Richard C. Ingram	4	Francis Brotherton	9
Maurice G. Turner	5	*H. Lewis Aston	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Howard Howell.
* First peal. A compliment to Mr. C. F. Proud and Miss N. H. Keeling on the occasion of their wedding at this church.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

*Derek Knowles	*Treble*	George W. Hughes	6
Miss Joan Beresford	2	John Goodman	7
†Peter Beresford	3	Christopher Wallater	8
†Alfred A. Rackman	4	George E. Oliver	9
†Derek J. Tranter	5	John Luck	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Pigott. Conducted by John Goodman.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. A birthday peal to the Vicar's wife, Mrs. Ashby, and Mrs. J. Goodman.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wulfrum,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in C.

*Sydney A. Chambers	*Treble*	*John A. Freeman	6
†Charles McGuiness	2	†Walter Tomlinson	7
John Freeman	3	*‡Kenneth W. Mayer	8
*Frederick W. Stokes	4	*John Walden	9
†Archer T. Lowman	5	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Royal in the method. ‡ 100th peal. First peal of Royal in the method in the county and for the Guild. First peal on the bells since recasting and rehanging.

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

*Mrs. E. Voules	*Treble*	*Peter S. Davis	6
†Ernest W. Razzell	2	William F. Oatway	7
William J. Rawlings	3	George H. Humphries	8
‡Philip M. J. Gray	4	Daniel D. Cooper	9
Thomas A. Blow	5	*William G. Brownett	*Tenor*

Composed by W. T. Elson. Conducted by Daniel D. Cooper.
* First peal. † First peal of Caters. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss M. D. Renshaw, daughter of Canon I. Renshaw, to Wing Commander H. Desmond. Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 25, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

Shirley Burton	*Treble*	Jill Poole	6
Harold J. Poole	2	Harry G. Wayne	7
Dorothy Udale	3	Herrick B. Bowley	8
Kathleen Tilley	4	William J. Root	9
Ernest W. Rawson	5	Peter J. Staniforth	*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. Newton. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
First peal of Rochester Surprise Royal by all and for the Guild. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Udale, parents of ringer of the 3rd, on the occasion of their silver wedding.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Apr. 28, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

Frederick A. Salter	*Treble*	Albert H. Ward	6
Clement Glenn	2	Frederick G. Hooper	7
George E. Padgett	3	*William Thornley, jun.	8
Patrick Preston	4	Walter Nichols	9
Harold Pailing	5	Arthur E. Hoodless	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Clement Glenn.
* First peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

TURVEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt.

*Clifford Izzard	*Treble*	Andrew C. Sinfield	5
C. Henry Harding	2	*Harold Burton	6
*Alfred Rushton	3	*Lewis H. Bywaters	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	C. Edward Jeffries	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Ashtead by the Association. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Reg Houghton.

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BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Apr. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, OXTON,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E.

JOHN COOKE	*Treble*	ERNEST T. CARVELL ...	5
*WILLIAM O. WHARTON...	2	JOHN W. EVANS	6
CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	3	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ...	7
†ALFRED W. CUSICK ...	4	ERNEST F. BENNETT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALEX. J. MARTIN.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. A farewell to the Vicar, Rev. N. J. Blow, M.A., on preferment as Dean of Newcastle, N.S.W.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Apr. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HENRY TOOKE	*Treble*	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ...	5
*LESLIE W. HOUGHTON...	2	CHARLES H. MOORE ...	6
*GEORGE ADAMS	3	WILLIAM CLOVER	7
GEORGE SAYER	4	*BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. A farewell to L. W. Houghton, who is leaving for Northampton. Also to celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. G. Mayers, of Norwich.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Apr. 9, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40½ *minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN E. S. MORETON	*Treble*	*ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ...	5
*MRS. A. H. BEAMISH...	2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	ALAN CATTELL	7
†MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Yorkshire Major. † First in the method. In honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Frank Trotman.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Apr. 21, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¾ cwt

HORACE H. SMITH	*Treble*	†ANDREW C. SINFIELD...	5
*C. HENRY HARDING ...	2	†HAROLD BURTON	6
EDMUND J. HOBBS ...	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ...	7
RONALD J. SHARP ...	4	*ALFRED RUSHTON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by FRED DEXTER. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal of London as conductor.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (2nd observation). Tenor 30½ cwt.

FRED HAYES	*Treble*	ANTHONY E. COX	5
MISS DOREEN COKER ...	2	PERCY NEWTON	6
*MISS SYLVIA COKER ...	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
RALPH COLES	4	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by MISS DOREEN COKER.
* First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' First peal as conductor. A 19th birthday compliment to the twin sisters. 100th peal in the tower.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Apr. 23, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Teor 7¼ cwt.

*HAROLD C. LONYON ...	*Treble*	ALAN A. POTTS	5
*JUNE HENSHAW	2	CHARLES W. LAWTON ...	6
WILFRED STEVENSON ...	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER...	7
†MRS. C. W. LAWTON ...	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise away from treble. To mark the completion of two years' service as Vicar's warden of Mr. F. Horsfield, leader of the above tower.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	*Treble*	HAROLD V. COOPER ...	5
SYDNEY G. THOMPSON ...	2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ...	6
JOHN BASS	3	THOMAS HEMMING	7
NORMAN GOODMAN ...	4	JOHN LLOYD	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Lloyd.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 30½ cwt.

MRS. NORA WALL ...	*Treble*	CYRIL TOYNE	5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ...	2	*LEONARD WEBB	6
F. ARTHUR STAVELEY ...	3	JAMES MCCLUSKEY ...	7
*RAYMOND C. WESTNEY...	4	PERCY J. DAWE	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the recast bells.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDK. A. FINCH ...	*Treble*	*WILLIAM J. ELLIS ...	5
WILFRED G. WILSON ...	2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER...	6
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ...	3	G. WILLIAM MORRIS ...	7
ARTHUR JONES	4	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. A. FINCH.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

OLD WOKING, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ERNEST J. MUNDAY ...	*Treble*	ERIC T. LEE	5
C. ERNEST SMITH... ...	2	HAROLD A. MAY	6
WILLIAM T. BEESON ...	3	*FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
*FREDERICK W. BURNETT	4	*ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

WESTBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 35 cwt. 14 lb. in C.

PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	*Treble*	FRANK A. PENN	5
W. BERTRAM KYNASTON...	2	RONALD N. MARLOW ...	6
PETER ANGER	3	GILBERT H. HARDING ...	7
FRANK L. HARRIS	4	A. PATRICK CANNON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
The first peal of Kent Treble Bob on the bells.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

EDWIN T. NEWBURY	*Treble*	MICHAEL P. MORETON ...	5
BETTY SPICE	2	DONALD G. CLIFT	6
JOHN THOMAS	3	WILFRID F. MORETON ...	7
JOHN D. ROCK	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.
The first peal in the method on the bells. Tenor 24¾ cwt.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb.

JOHN A. TURLEY ...	*Treble*	FRANK H. HICKS	5
*MISS JOAN HILLS ...	2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	6
E. GAVAN D. TONKIN...	3	WILLIAM ROGERS	7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ...	4	STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR F. LEWRY.
* First peal on eight bells. First peal of Triples as conductor. A birthday compliment to Miss Joan Hills.

REDHILL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*BARBARA M. HARRIS	*Treble*	GEORGE C. GOODMAN	5
*PEGGY G. KITCHEN	2	HERBERT G. ANDREWS	6
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD	3	†H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	T. MARK WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Major in the method 'inside.'

PENSHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

ERNEST J. LADD	*Treble*	ERNEST H. EVEREST	5
TOM SAUNDERS	2	ALFRED H. JANES	6
BERNARD W. PANKHURST	3	JOHN O. WELLER	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	ROBERT COLLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
A compliment to Mr. George Edwards, of Penshurst, for his 80th birthday, and to Mr. R. W. Whitehead (district secretary) and Miss Jean E. Pankhurst on their marriage.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Apr. 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Grove's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

SIDNEY A. WHITE	*Treble*	BERNARD V. COLLISON	5
HENRY N. VAUGHAN	2	ERNEST J. LADD	6
JOHN T. MEDHURST	3	WALTER H. DOBBIE	7
*ROY E. WOOD	4	ALEC E. RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by WALTER H. DOBBIE.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 25, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SPALDING COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS	*Treble*	*WILLIAM THOMPSETT	5
BETTY SPICE	2	REV. E. G. BENSON	6
MICHAEL P. MORETON	3	LESLIE EVANS	7
JOHN D. ROCK	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Major. The first peal in the method on tower bells and by all the band except Miss Betty Spice. Tenor 12 cwt.

EBBW VALE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Apr. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25 cwt.

BETTY SPICE	*Treble*	*MICHAEL P. MORETON	5
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS	2	LESLIE EVANS	6
WILLIAM THOMPSETT	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	7
JOHN D. ROCK	4	ROY HALLETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* 50th tower-bell peal.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Apr. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

MRS. E. F. SALMONS	*Treble*	JOHN H. HUNT	5
MISS HAZEL DALE	2	ERNEST F. SALMONS	6
*MISS NELIA LEAHY	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
JOSIAH D. HARRIS	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.
* First peal in the method. The conductor's 550th peal.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., Apr. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK S. CHENEY	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON	5
DOROTHY UDALE	2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	6
HERRICK B. BOWLEY	3	ALFRED BALLARD	7
SHIRLEY BURTON	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal of Rochester Surprise Major by all and for the Guild.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.
THE GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.
On Thurs., Apr. 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 20 cwt.

REV. A. S. ROBERTS	*Treble*	CANON R. F. WILKINSON	5
REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH	2	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	6
REV. C. CAREW COX	3	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	7
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD	4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	*Tenor*

Conducted by the REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.
First of Cambridge as conductor. The first clerical peal of Cambridge.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Apr. 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 105 lb. in F.

*ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS	*Treble*	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	5
*BERT CHILVERS	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
JOHN R. SMITH	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	4	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Apr. 28, 1949, 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 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

EDGAR W. LUFF	*Treble*	*REUBEN S. CLENCH	5
*FRANCIS A. HOBBS	2	*SPENCER G. A. KEAR	6
GEORGE KNIGHT	3	DONALD G. CLIFT	7
LIONEL JONES	4	*IVOR E. MATTHEWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.
* First peal.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Fri., Apr. 29, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*PETER FOSTER	*Treble*	GORDON HARRISON	5
ALAN FOSTER	2	†BARNABAS G. KEY	6
NOREEN BRAIN	3	GEORGE L. RODEN	7
†SIDNEY H. JONES	4	EDWARD J. WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by BENJAMIN G. KEY.
* First peal of Triples. † 25th peal together. A birthday compliment to Mr. G. L. Roden and Miss N. Brain.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS BARKER	*Treble*	JAMES BLACKBURN	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
MISS MURIEL REAY	3	JAMES W. GROUNDS	7
ALBERT GREENHALGH	4	JAMES L. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.
THE GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.
On Fri., Apr. 29, 1949, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHARINE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

REV. C. CAREW COX	*Treble*	*REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS	5
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD	2	REV. A. S. ROBERTS	6
CANON R. F. WILKINSON	3	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	7
REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	*Tenor*

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Kent on the bells and for the Guild. Fiftieth peal as conductor. Tenor 19 cwt.

AYLESFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	ERNEST J. LADD	5
*REGINALD L. SILLS	2	JOHN O. WELLER	6
DORIS E. COLGATE	3	BENJAMIN J. BAKER	7
ROBERT COLLINS	4	THOMAS E. SONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal of Surprise.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

JOHN W. MEADE	*Treble*	†BRYAN C. STIRLAND ...	5
WILLIAM ROGERS	2	ARTHUR F. LEWRY ...	6
*MICHAEL A. CAUSLEY ...	3	‡JOHN H. HUNT	7
STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'
‡ 100th peal. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

PERCY SWINDLEY	*Treble*	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ...	5
JOHN HAYES	2	EDWIN J. LINDLEY	6
JOHN W. BEST	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ...	7
*FREDERICK H. BIRKS...	4	HARRY PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 20 cwt.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *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.

THOMAS C. BELTON ...	*Treble*	ALAN CATTELL	5
JOSEPH A. FENTON ...	2	JOHN J. MORRIS	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	7
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ...	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
In memoriam Charles Hy. Belton, May 1st, 1947.

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Davies' Transposition. Tenor 19 cwt. 21 lb. in E flat.

CLEMENT GLENN	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. SALTER...	5
PATRICK PRESTON	2	FREDERICK G. HOOPER...	6
HAROLD PAILING	3	WALTER NICHOLS	7
JOHN E. HOBBS	4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
First peal on the bells by the Guild.

EWHURST, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BIDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*GEORGE L. GROVER ...	*Treble*	*ERIC T. LEE	5
C. ERNEST SMITH ...	2	*T. MARK WHITE	6
WILLIAM T. BEESON ...	3	*FREDK. A. MUNDAY ...	7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ...	4	*HAROLD A. MAY	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor and on the bells. Tenor 11 cwt.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¼ cwt.

FREDERICK LEECH ...	*Treble*	THOMAS PRICE	5
*MISS BESSIE A. CARTER	2	†FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	6
FREDERICK PRICE ...	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON ...	7
EDWARD V. RODENHURST	4	JOSEPH CAPPER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' First peal of Bob Triples by all the band and on the bells.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13½ *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb.

SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ...	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS ...	5
JAMES A. MILNER	2	JOHN WORTH	6
ALAN A. POTTS	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER...	7
WILFRED STEVENSON ...	4	PETER LAFLIN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
Birthday compliment to Mr. J. A. Milner.

TIVERTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

STAFFORD H. GREEN ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. GIGG	5
WILLIAM HIBBERT	2	HARRY J. SANGER	6
THOMAS G. MYERS ...	3	RONALD G. BECK	7
ERNEST J. TAYLOR	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

WALTON-LE-DALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	*Treble*	*ERIC BRUNTON	5
*CHARLES W. BLAKEY ...	2	ERNEST J. GOWER ...	6
THOMAS BARKER	3	‡VICTOR J. G. WOOD ...	7
†CHARLES CLEGG	4	LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.
* First Surprise peal. † First in method on 'inside' bell. ‡ First in method. First peal of Cambridge on the bells. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Cyril Crossthwaite. Tenor 16 cwt.

SIX BELL PEALS

HEYTESBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF HEREWARD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 20 cwt.

JACK MUSSELL	*Treble*	DAVID R. REED	4
JEAN M. BROWN	2	RONALD N. MARLOW ...	5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ...	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.
First peal in the method for the Guild, on the bells and by all the band.

BURSLEM, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. (approximately).

MARGARET RIGBY	*Treble*	ARTHUR PEAKE	4
MARGARET FLACKETT ...	2	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ...	5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	FREDK. W. GROCOTT, JUN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. GROCOTT, JUN.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

BALLYLESSON, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY, DRUMBO,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*FREDK. G. BURROWS	*Treble*	†HAROLD J. MCGRATH...	5
*WILLIAM WEBB	2	‡A. ERNEST MCGRATH ...	5
†WILLIAM A. PATTERSON	3	†SAMUEL MCCLELLAND ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. ERNEST MCGRATH.
* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor. ‡ First tower-bell peal of Minor and as conductor. A compliment to the instructor, S. McClelland.

STAPLEFORD, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Oxford T.B. and three extents each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*KENNETH J. EDGE ...	*Treble*	†BERNAL SHAW	4
WM. THORNLEY, JUN. ...	2	†ROY T. MILLWARD ...	5
WM. THORNLEY, SEN. ...	3	†WILFRED WALKER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.
* First peal. † First in three methods A farewell tribute to the Vicar, Rev. R. C. Baggs.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Apr. 20, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Singles and C.C.C. Adaptations. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

WALTER PAPWORTH ...	*Treble*	JOHN W. C. BLYTHE ...	4
DEREK SANDERSON ...	2	FRANK H. NEWMAN ...	5
STANLEY GILBERT	3	FRANK WARRINGTON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
A birthday compliment to Princess Elizabeth.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Apr. 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS ... ...*Treble*	MISS M. E. BEAMISH ... 4
*COLIN A. KIRK 2	ALAN CATTELL 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 3	JOHN B. BENNETT ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.
* First peal of Minor. A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Apr. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 17 extents of Grandsire, 9 St. Simon's and 16 Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*GORDON F. PICKTHALL *Treble*	CHARLES B. PEMBERTON 4
*A. LEONARD SHEPHERD... 2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN... 5
JOHN COOKE 3	†THOMAS W. WOOD ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.
* First peal in three methods. † First peal. First peal of Doubles by all the band. A first birthday compliment to Michael Shepherd.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM MARTIN ... ...*Treble*	*MISS M. LAMBERT ... 4
*MISS D. TOMLINSON ... 2	SAMUEL A. MARTIN ... 5
HARRY HILL 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.
* First peal.

HUTTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 7 cwt.

*ERIC M. BAKER ... ...*Treble*	†CHARLES E. HILL ... 3
*MAURICE BAKER 2	†WILLIAM T. HILL ... 4
HARRY TURNER ... ... *Tenor*	

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5076 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's and a 36. Tenor 9 cwt.

SIDNEY ANSELL ... ...*Treble*	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... 4
FREDERICK MEETENS ... 2	HENRY WEAVER 5
EDGAR RAPLEY 3	BRIAN PRICE ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN PRICE.
A farewell peal to Mr. Henry Colley, who is emigrating to Canada.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob and one each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse College and Oxford Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

STANLEY V. RAYFIELD ...*Treble*	FRANCIS J. CHEAL 4
ERIC NAYLOR 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 5
BERT W. MAY 3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
First peal in five methods by treble and second ringers.

HUYTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being eight different Morris' 240's, eight different Pitman 240's, and ten different six-scores. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM BIRCHALL ... ...*Treble*	T. ERIC GORE 4
SIDNEY T. SMITH 2	FRANK W. MARS 5
DOREEN M. JONES... ... 3	WILLIAM R. BIRCHALL ... *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM R. BIRCHALL.
First peal by all except conductor. First by local service ringers. First as conductor. An 80th birthday compliment to the treble ringer after nearly 50 years' service.

HOLLINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores Plain Bob and 30 six-scores Grandsire. Tenor 21 cwt.

*MARGARET ROSS ... ...*Treble*	†JOHN H. R. BETTS ... 4
MURIEL V. TASSELL ... 2	ALFRED W. BODIEM ... 5
GEORGE F. CANTRILL ... 3	MAURICE G. WHITE ... *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. CANTRILL.
* First peal. † First peal away from treble.

MIDDLEZOY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*ERNEST BAWDEN ... ...*Treble*	RONALD WHITE 4
GILBERT W. RENDELL ... 2	†CHARLES DAVIS 5
ALBERT S. ATYEO ... 3	*WILLIAM KEIRL ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by GILBERT W. RENDELL.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. For the 21st wedding anniversary of the ringer of the treble

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Apr. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

OLIVE TRANTER ... ...*Treble*	JOHN WHITING 4
CHARLES ROUSE 2	WILLIAM RICHINGS ... 5
LESLIE BARRY 3	*FREDERICK TRANTER ... *Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES ROUSE.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. Mr. and Mrs. Tranter's first peal together.

STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Apr. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of College Exercise, Norbury, Kingston, London Scholars, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR SHEPHERD ...*Treble*	DENNIS CARLISLE 4
GIRLING RIGBY 2	EDWARD C. GOBEY... ... 5
*WILLIAM H. T. KING ... 3	EDWARD F. GOBEY ... *Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.
* First peal in seven methods.

BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Apr. 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents: (1) Norwich, (2) Ipswich, (3) York, (4) Durham, (5) Beverley, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge.

PAT GILBERT ... ...*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 4
C. HENRY HARDING ... 2	*RONALD C. NOON... ... 5
RONALD J. SHARP 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... *Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

ASH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*REGINALD C. BEALE *Treble*	DENNIS R. BEST 4
REGINALD WELCH ... 2	REGINALD BEALE 5
HARRY J. BAYLARD ... 3	JACK W. DREW ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.
* First peal of Minor.

HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Apr. 29, 1949, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
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 20 cwt. in E flat.

RONALD C. NOON ...*Treble*	†ERNEST G. ORLAND ... 4
MRS. G. E. WATSON ... 2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON... 5
*KILBY R. HOLTOM ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... *Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* * First peal of Minor in three methods. † First peal of Minor in three methods 'inside.' First peal on these fine bells since rehanging in 1938 by Mears and Stainbank.

(More peals on page 221.)

ALDERSHOT, HANTS. — On April 10th, 1,260 Little Bob Major: R. Corke 1, C. J. Williamson 2, R. Philpott 3, G. K. Williamson 4, E. J. Smith 5, R. O. Fry 6, E. J. Bragg 7, W. H. Viggers (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method by all the band.

APPLEDORE, KENT.—On April 23rd, 1,280 Pudsey Surprise Major: W. Marshall 1, M. S Marshall 2, P. Page 3, P. D. Huckstepp 4, W. A. Oldfield 5, T. Cullingworth 6, F. G. Huckstepp (cond.) 7, H. Parkes 8. First in method by all the band.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKS. — On April 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Claxton 1, H. Parker 2, W. Tyson 3, J. Porter 4, J. A. Parker 5, G. Dowling 6, S. King 7, J. Welburn 8. Rung on the light six with 7 and 8 covering. First quarter by all except No. 6.

BURNHAM, BUCKS. — On April 18th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob and 528 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Hartley 1, W. Birmingham 2, W. F. Butler 3, A.C.2 D. Pearce, R.A.F. 4, S.S M. P. Tocock 5, G. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET. — On April 12th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Alnwick, Carlisle, London and Cambridge): E. Parker 1, S. Wyburn 2, R. Young 3, A. J. Chubb 4, I. Farmer (cond.) 5, H. W. Lloyd 6. First of Surprise in four methods by all the band and by a Dunster deanery band.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. R. Stevens 1, Miss J. Crocker 2, Miss N. Stevens 3, Mrs. L. Crocker 4, W. A. Goldstone 5, E. Armstrong 6, J. B. Hessey (composer and cond.) 7, T. Warden 8. A birthday compliment to the Vicar (Rev. C. L. Holthouse) and Messrs. O. Warnes and H. R. Stevens.

DAMERSHAM, HANTS. — On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Mackenzie (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Gray (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. M. Brown 3, G. Baverstock 4, P. K. Waterman (cond.) 5, H. Gray 6.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET. — On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. T. Locke 1, R. Beale 2, F. Welch 3, D. Best 4, E. Dabinett 5, R. Welch 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, A. Bailey 8.

QUARTER PEALS

EDENHAM, LINCS. — On April 23rd, 1,288 Kent Major: N. B. Fovarque 1, W. A. Holmes 2, W. B. Dawson 3, F. Harwood 4, J. P. Morris 5, F. French 6, A. J. Holmes (cond.) 7, A. H. Bennett 8. First quarter 1 and 5.

FORDINGTON ST. GEORGE, DORCHESTER. — On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Jean Day (first quarter) 1, J. B. Whalley 2, E. E. Coombs (first quarter 'inside') 3, C. A. E. Treasure 4, H. R. Pink (cond.) 5, K. W. Hewitt 6.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS. — On April 10th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. B. Blond 1, J. Gordon 2, G. Bishop 3, H. K. White 4, E. R. Robey 5, B. L. J. Brown 6, H. L. Bishop 7 A. H. Webb (cond.) 8. To celebrate the birth of a son (Philip James) for treble ringer.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. E. Cornnell (first of Triples) 1, R. A. Cochrane 2, D. J. Hiscock (first quarter) 3, W. T. Holmes 4, S. Huckle 5, A. F. Cull (first as cond.) 6, A. R. Lawrence 7, L. F. Cull 8. A farewell compliment to the conductor.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX. — On April 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. C. Chandler 1, W. T. Godfrey 2, B. A. Rose 3, K. Gristwood (first quarter) 4, J. Cobb 5, E. R. Gladman (birthday compliment) 6, W. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, W. J. Winter 8.

KERESLEY, WARWICKS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Harrison (first of Doubles) 1, W. B. Ellender 2, C. Wharton 3, M. N. Reeves (first as cond.) 4, A. Bristow 5.

LAMBERHURST, KENT. — On April 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. Geoffrey Water 1, Miss F. Wood 2, J. Owen Souter 3, P. Carter 4, A H. Kemp 5, Malcolm S. Cloke (cond.) 6. First 'inside' 2 and 4.

LONDON. — At St. Giles-in-the-Fields on April 10th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: C. J. Matthews 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, Mrs. C. J. Matthews (first in the method) 3, W. H. Hewett 4, L. H. Bowler 5, A. Cutler 6, T. H. Francis 7, T. J. Lock (first in the method as cond.) 8.

LYE, WORCS.—On April 10th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. A. Layland 1, G. Westwood 2, J. Warr 3, D. Wolldridge 4, E. A. Turner 5, P. C. Richards 6, Miss Mollie Tromands 7, C. T. Richards (cond.) 8. First quarter in method 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7.

MYTHOLMROYD, YORKS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Greenwood 1, A. Robinson 2, J. Ingham 3, A. Bottomely 4, J. Ingham (cond.) 5, D. Sanderson 6, F. Greenwood 7, R. Grave 8.

NORTON, MALTON.—At St. Peter's on Apr. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Beach 1, H. Rowsby 2, H. Robson 3, H. Spencer 4, A. G. Dalton 5, E. Hudson 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, O. H. Smith (first quarter) 8. First quarter on the bells.

SANDHURST, BERKS. — On April 23rd, 1,440 Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: L. Paice 1, R. Elliott 2, W. J. Parker (cond.) 3, W. J. Paice 4, C. Fennell 5, B. C. Castle 6.

TAUNTON.—On April 16th at St. James' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Morris 1, H. Floyd 2, E. Wadman (first in method) 3, F. Matravers (first 'inside') 4, W. Priddle 5, H. Mockridge 6, C. Williams (first as cond.) 7, E. Simons 8. Rung for the wedding of the captain of St. James'.

TICKNALL, DERBYS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): Miss K. Tivey (rst quarter) 1, P. Marriott 2, W. G. Soar (cond.) 3, J. Hulse 4, T. J. Marriott 5, A. J. Marriott 6. A 14th birthday compliment to P. Marriott.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On April 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss S. Coles 1, A. J. N. Boyack 2, H. Rumens 3, J. Goodall 4, C. Finch 5, E. E. Holman 6, H. Smith 7, F. C. Maynard (cond.) 8, C. T. W. Coles 9, F. Taylor 10. First of Caters by 1 and 5.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—At St. Cuthbert's on April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Webb 1, R. Gardener 2, B Webb 3, E. Cook 4, D. Roberts 5, G. Radford 6, W. Dunkerton 7, D. Webb 8. First quarter 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8. Covering bells 4, 6, 8. F. D. Rickards (cond.)

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LATE NEWS

The Bradford Cathedral Bells will be on the air the next two Sundays (May 15th and 22nd) at 8.45 p.m.

Mr. William Henry Young, former instructor to Hereford Guild, died at Allensmore, Hereford, on April 23rd, aged 81.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Our phrase about 'the talent of the country' being assembled at Exeter Cathedral for the peal of Cambridge Maximus has caused a little heartburning. To set all minds at rest, we would say emphatically that other bands in the country could be collected capable of such a fine performance. Nevertheless, it was a company of first-class calibre that the organiser assembled.

The Coker twins of High Wycombe celebrated their 19th birthday by Doreen calling her first peal.

Congratulations to Mr. Frederick W. Rogers, secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, on his 500th peal.

Mr. John W. Evans, who participated in the peal at Oxton, Cheshire, rang his last peal 22 years ago. He had been a service ringer there since the bells were installed in 1895. The occasion was a farewell to the Vicar.

The peal at Ballylesson on Easter Monday made history for the Irish Association. It was the first to be rung by a service band from St. Thomas', Belfast; the first on the bells (which have just been rehung by Messrs. Taylor's); first Minor peal to be rung in Ireland in a six-bell tower, and the first tower-bell Minor peal in the Northern District.

In connection with the Mission to London and in accordance with the Bishop of London's request, nearly every ring of bells in the diocese will be rung on Saturday (to-morrow). The majority of bands have arranged peals or quarter-peals at their churches, but at the following any visitor to London will be assured of a ring: Acton, St. Mary's, 6 to 7 p.m.; Ealing, Christ Church, 5 to 5.45; Ealing, St. Stephen's, 4 to 4.45; Heston, St. Leonard's, from 4 p.m.; Isleworth, All Saints', 2 to 3; Stepney, St. Dunstan's, 5 to 6 (College Youths meeting); Tottenham, All Hallows', 6 to 7.30; Upper Clapton, St. Matthew's, 3 to 5.

Mr. C. J. Ball, who has been a ringer at Sandy, Beds, for 35 years, and for over 28 years secretary of the Biggleswade District, has had peal honours accorded him in his own tower upon his election as a vice-president of the Bedfordshire Association. The band was afterwards entertained to tea by Mr. Ball.

The peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Christ Church, Epsom, on February 19th, conducted by Philip M. J. Gray, consisted of 5,152 changes, not 5,040 as published.

Mr. James Higgins, of St. Giles', Oxford, has won the Domus Scholarship in Mathematics at Balliol College. He attends the City of Oxford School.

Heartiest congratulations to Mrs. Spice, widow of Mr. William Spice, sen., late of Tunstall, Sittingbourne, who celebrates her 87th birthday to-morrow.

Messrs. W. H. Curson and J. W. Cotton, chairman and secretary respectively of the Midland Counties Guild, have now 'circled' Lullington tower, this being the fifth tower in the area that Mr. J. W. Cotton has 'circled.'

The ring of ten bells at Stroud Parish Church, Glos., has been overhauled and new bearings fitted by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the work being supervised by Mr. J. Thomas. On May 15th, evensong will take the form of a service of thanksgiving, and the Bishop of Tewkesbury will be present to re-dedicate the bells.

Mr. T. H. Wood is the fifth Eastham (Cheshire) ringer to score a peal since the war. Prior to the war the only change ringing performed at Eastham was a plain course of Grandsire Doubles. The war broke up the band, Mr. Wood being the only remaining member. Solely through his efforts a new company of ten has been established, four of whom had rung peals of Minor.

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CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS AT EXETER

THE STORY OF A FINE PEAL.

On April 30th, twelve ringers met in the Cathedral Close at Exeter to attempt a peal of Cambridge Maximus, an achievement that had been only once before accomplished. Many of us had been there also in April, 1947, and had taken part in a peal of Stedman Cinques, at the conclusion of which one tenorman said to the other, 'Do you know, I think we could turn her in to Cambridge.'

Several others expressed a willingness to 'have a go,' and in due course a suitable band was arranged, permission to make the attempt obtained, and the date fixed.

As we stood chatting in the spring sunshine the 'quiet of the Cathedral Close,' advertised as one of its attractions by the hotel where most of us were to spend the night, was prematurely shattered by the roar of a Vampire jet-plane flying round at terrific speed and low altitude as part of a recruiting campaign for the R.A.F.!

Somewhat deafened by this experience, we made our way to the ringing chamber, accompanied by a number of the Cathedral ringers, who, as they always do on these occasions, made the visitors feel really at home by the warmth of their welcome, and then proceeded to do most of the preliminary work of raising the bells and adjusting the ropes for us.

'Grandison,' of course, no matter how many assist, always goes up with the clapper the wrong side; knowing this, one of the Londoners was surprised to see the local men set the bell at almost the first attempt and was heard to say, 'You wouldn't do that at St. Paul's.' He did not know that someone else standing on the frame above caught hold of the wheel as the bell was reaching the top of its swing and with a hearty heave pulled it over the balance against the stay!

By this time the missing member arrived. A message of good wishes from the Dean was conveyed to the ringers, and at about 4.15 a start was made. Almost immediately after going into changes, doubtless to the satisfaction of all the band and to the relief of one or two who had perhaps been feeling somewhat dubious, the bells settled down to a steady beat of roughly twenty changes to the minute. The first time the eleventh and tenor dodged together they did it beautifully and continued to do so, while the 'smaller fry' soon discovered exactly how long they had to wait when working with the big bells.

The composition selected did not disturb the bells until the 'home' lead, and the way in which the plain course was rung gave the band encouraging confidence. As was to be expected there were a few small trips and occasionally one or other would look the wrong way, but if the mistake were not immediately corrected by the 'sinner' he was very quickly called to order and convinced of the error of his ways.

The second and third courses went by smoothly with the rhythm gradually becoming more and more regular, and then for over an hour with the 6th in 5ths place and the 5th in 6ths we had some really splendid ringing. Critics agree that Cambridge is not a particularly musical method, but on these bells this deficiency was not noticeable and these three courses will long be remembered, at any rate by the writer.

In the seventh course an attempt to change course was observed and very promptly frustrated by the conductor, while near its end and in the opening leads of the next the ringing did become a little ragged. Listeners, outside and inside, may well have thought that the weight was beginning to tell and that someone was tiring, but, like a runner getting his 'second wind,' recovery was not long delayed and the last two courses furnished a very pleasing conclusion to a fine peal. The time of four hours and twenty-three minutes differed only by two minutes from that of the previous Maximus, and represents a rate of striking almost exactly equivalent to that of the Cinques in 1947, which occupied four hours and eleven minutes.

When 'stand' was called all the bells, including the tenor, obliged at the first time of asking, and the back-enders were at once surrounded by the rest and heartily congratulated. 'Ted' Duffield will, I hope, forgive a 'special mention' for the magnificent manner in which he rang the eleventh, with hardly a blister of respectable size to show as the result of his efforts. Stan Mason and Wilfred Williams, also, earned the admiration of all by their skilful collaboration on the tenor, which they really did ring as one man.

Our Exeter friends were now back in the tower and assisted in dropping the bells in readiness for the service chiming on Sunday morning. Incidentally, there are at least two places from which it is very pleasant to listen to this chiming—first, the gardens of the Bishop's Palace, and, secondly, a comfortable bed in the Royal Clarence.

The band was drawn from all over the country, containing ringers from most of the recognised centres of twelve-bell ringing who travelled an aggregate distance to Exeter of about two thousand miles. It was very fitting, therefore, that the peal should be rung for the Ancient Society of College Youths. On Sunday morning many of us enjoyed more excellent ringing on the lovely Taylor eight at Heavitree, where once again the resident ringers proved perfect hosts and appeared to derive as much pleasure from our visit as we ourselves. Many thanks from us all to Exeter for a memorable week-end! F.E.H.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Dear Sir,—Please allow me to express my appreciation and admiration of the splendid peal of Cambridge Maximus rung on the Cathedral bells on April 30th. It was indeed, in my humble opinion, an exhibition of our art of an historic order, not only as a demonstration of perfect ringing, but as a supreme test of endurance. As we (my old friend, Mr. T. Laver, who, everyone will be pleased to know, is looking much more his old self, and I) walked round the Cathedral, we were impressed not only with the perfect striking and rhythm, but by the way the ninth, tenth, eleventh and tenor (Grandison) played at tittums. It was music to perfection and I think the composer is to be congratulated even as the band who rolled off the composition. In the words of one of our own members of high repute, 'it was a peal worthy of the bells and the Society for which the peal was rung.'

FREDK. C. SMALE, Hon. Sec.,
Guild of Devon Ringers.
Oakfield, Station Road, Okehampton.

PRESENTATION TO MR. H. SHEPHERD

Upon completing 50 years in the choir at Solihull Parish Church, Mr. Hubert Shepherd was entertained to dinner on April 29th by his fellow members. The function was attended by the Rector, churchwardens and old friends from many parts of England.

In presenting Mr. Shepherd with an illuminated address and a cheque for 50 gns., the Rector (the Rev. A. E. Fraser) stressed the wonderful persistence and devotion that had enabled Mr. Shepherd to give such service to God and to the Parish Church.

Mr. Shepherd, in reply, paid tribute to his old and well-beloved choirmaster, Mr. Courtenay Woods, and recalled incidents connected with boyhood friends, many of whom gave their lives in the 1914 war.

A peal in honour of Mr. Hubert Shepherd was conducted at St. Alphege's, Solihull, on April 23rd, by his brother, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd.

GLOUCESTER.—On April 24th at St. Mary-de-Lode's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hodges 1, H. Worrall 2, Miss M. Winter (first quarter) 3, J. Whiting 4, L. Barry (cond.) 5, C. Larner 6.

Leeds & District Society

60th ANNUAL MEETING.

The Society's jubilee meeting was held at Leeds Parish Church on April 30th. The bells were raised at 2.30 p.m. and ringing was enjoyed on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells. Before the tea interval the Vicar of Leeds came to the belfry and was invited to dedicate a new peal board, which had been erected to commemorate a peal of Grandsire Triples rung by a local band on the occasion of the birth of H.R.H. Prince Charles. This was the first peal of Triples by a local band for almost 40 years.

A splendid tea was arranged and about 40 ringers and friends sat down to enjoy this, which was served in the Church Rooms.

The business meeting was held in the tower. Mr. T. Hill presided and members were present from Armley, Bradford Cathedral, Drighlington, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Huddersfield, Idle, Leeds, Liversedge, Pudsey, Rothwell, Sherburn, Tadcaster, Woodlesford, Handsworth, Sheffield and Kippax.

Four new members were elected, viz., Mrs. E D. Kelly, Messrs. H. Grimwood, W. Thirkell and J. E. Turley.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was proposed by Mr. J. W. Benten and seconded by Mr. A. Johnson. Mr. L. Drake acknowledged the thanks.

Mr. I. Slack and Mr. F. Gibbard moved and seconded that the nominations for next year's officers be confirmed, so the following were declared elected: President, Mr. T. Hill; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. W. Strangeway, F. Hutchinson and S. H. Barron; Ringing Master, Mr. W. Dixon; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse.

The secretary's report was then read. The main details were 11 meetings held during the year; membership 220 includes 11 members in the Armed Forces and 14 honorary and 21 new members. The report asked all members to support the meetings and when peals were being arranged to try and fix them for Saturdays not meeting dates.

The balance sheet was read, and as this had been circulated, members were able to see that the Society's income was from subscriptions and bank interest. Satisfaction was expressed that the Society had no need to raise subscriptions as many other societies were doing. The report and balance sheet were accepted.

The proposed list of visits to towers was read out and the alterations from previous lists explained.

It was proposed that Mr. W. H. Senior should be elected a life vice-president as a reward for his many years' service whilst attached to the Society. This was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the auditors and to the chairman for presiding at the meetings.

The next meeting is due to be held at Birstall on May 28th.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

NORTH-EAST DIVISION.

The district's first meeting at Tendring since the early months of the war was very successful. About 40 ringers attended and an encouraging sign was the number of young ringers of both sexes present.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. G. Hodge), and was followed by tea in the schoolroom.

At the business meeting three new members from St. Osyth were elected, and Kirby was chosen for the next meeting. It was decided to hold practice meetings at various towers where there were beginners in need of help. The ringing during the afternoon and evening catered for all tastes, from rounds to Surprise Minor.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Minutes of London Meeting

Minutes of the first session of the twentieth Council (51st Annual Meeting), held at the Skinners Hall, Dowgate Hill, Cannon Street, London, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 18th, 1949.

The Master of the Skinners Company, Canon Adam Fox, and Dean Matthews, of St. Paul's Cathedral, extended a welcome to the members, which was acknowledged by the President.

A letter from the Private Secretary to the Princess Elizabeth, expressing regret that neither the Princess nor the Duke of Edinburgh could be present, was read by the President.

Prayers were offered by Dean Matthews.

PRESENT:—

Ancient Society of College Youths. — Mr. G. W. Cecil, Mr. E. G. Fenn, Mr. H. R. Newton, Mr. A. B. Peck.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. H. J. Sanger, Miss N. G. Williams.

Bedfordshire Association.—Mr. H. Harding, Mr. A. C. Sinfield.

Cambridge University Guild. — Mr. E. M. Atkins, Rev. B. F. Sheppard.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. E. Bibby, Mr. J. W. Clarke, Mr. C. W. Lawton, Mr. C. K. Lewis.

Coventry Diocesan Guild. — Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Derby and District Association.—Mr. G. C. Briggs.

Devon Guild —Mr. A. L. Bennett, Mr. F. C. Smale.

Dudley and District Guild.—Mr. F. Colclough.

Durham and Newcastle Association. — Mr. W. H. Barber, Mr. W. N. Park.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Mr. C. W. Cook, Mr. E. H. Mastin.

Essex Association.—Mr. F. V. Gant, Mr. F. B. Lufkin, Mr. H. J. Mansfield.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. —Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. S. T. Price, Mr. F. Skidmore, Mr. W. Williams.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. L. Grover, Mr. A. Harman, Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. E. Oliver, Mr. G. J. Lewis, Mr. W. F. Moreton.

Hertford County Association.—Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. R. G. Bell, Mr. H. G. Cashmore, Mr. C. W. Woolley.

Irish Association — Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County Association. — Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, Mr. T. E. Sone, Mr. G. H. Snice.

Ladies' Guild.—Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. A. Richardson, Miss E. Steel.

Lancashire Association.—Mr. P. Crook, Mr. W. H. Shuker, Mr. A. Tomlinson.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. Ballard, Mr. J. P. Fidler, Mr. H. J. Poole, Mr. A. E. Rowley.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. Bray, Mr. G. E. Feirn, Mr. J. Freeman, 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. F. L. Cockey, Mr. A. W. Coles, Mr. T. J. Lock, Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton, Mr. B. G. Key.

North Staffordshire Association.—Mr. R. S. Anderson.

North Wales Association.—Mr. A. J. Hughes.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. W. C. Duffield, Mr. F. N. Golden, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. D. Barker, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. F. D. Boreham, Mr. A. E. Lock.

Oxford University Society.—Miss B. Spice

Peterborough Diocesan Guild. — Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. W. Rose, Mr. G. S. Valentine, Mr. E. E. Whitmore.

St. David's Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. Hoare.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. — Mr. A. Paddon Smith.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild. — Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. G. H. Harding, Mr. W. C. West.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. G. H. Cross, Mr. T. H. Francis, Mr. F. C. W. Knight, Mr. G. Steere.

Society for Archdeaconry of Stafford.—Mr. H. Knight, Mr. C. Wallater.

Suffolk Guild.—Mr. C. W. Pipe, Mr. C. J. Sedgley, Mr. G. E. Symonds.

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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.—Mr. H. Miles, Rev. A. S. Roberts, Mrs. A. S. Roberts, Mr. F. D. Teague.

Universities Association.—Miss M. 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.

Yorkshire Association.—Rev. C. O. Ellison, Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. S. F. Palmer.

Honorary Members.—Mr. C. Dean, Mr. G. E. Debenham, Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. C. H. Kippin, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. W. A. Osborn, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. J. F. Smallwood, Mr. E. C. S. Turner, Mr. A. Walker, Mr. G. W. Fletcher.

SUMMARY.

	Associations.	Members Present.	Absent.
Wholly represented ...	36	99	
Partially represented	11	26	13
Not represented ...	6		8
	53	125	21
Hon. Members		13	
		138	21

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP.

The Hon. Secretary reported a membership of 53 Associations, represented by 146 members as shown by 24 Associations entitled to four members, 4 to three, 13 to two, and 12 to one. Honorary members numbered seventeen.

The North Wales Association had reaffiliated and representation had increased in the Truro Diocesan Guild, Barnsley and District Association, Derby and Districts Association, and Midland Counties Guild.

The names of representatives had not been furnished by the Hereford Diocesan Guild, the Oxford Society, and the Scottish Association. The latter had failed to pay affiliation fees.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Mr. W. C. Wakley, Devon Guild; Mr. F. Ainsley, Durham and Newcastle Association; Miss H. G. Snowden, Essex; Mr. G. R. Newton, Lancashire; Mrs. O. Rogers, London County; Rev. C. E. Wigg, Oxford University; Mr. F. Precey, Salisbury Diocesan Guild; Mr. J. D. Johnson, Worcestershire and Districts; and Honorary Members, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, and Messrs. C. F. Johnston and E. A. Young.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT.

New members presented were: Mr. G. W. Cecil, Ancient Society of College Youths; Messrs. J. E. Bibby, C. W. Lawton and C. K. Lewis, Chester; Mr. G. C. Briggs, Derby; Mr. W. N. Park, Durham and Newcastle; Mr. E. H. Mastin, Ely; Mr. F. V. Gant, Essex; Messrs. S. T. Price, F. Skidmore and W. Williams, Gloucester and Bristol; Mr. G. E. Oliver, Hereford; Messrs. R. G. Bell and C. W. Woolley, Hertford; Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, Irish; Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kent; Mr. A. W. Coles, Middlesex; Mr. B. G. Key, Midland Counties; Mr. R. S. Anderson, North Staffs; Mr. A. J. Hughes, North Wales; Mrs. A. D. Barker and Mr. F. D. Boreham, Oxford Diocesan Guild; Miss B. Spice, Oxford University; Mr. E. E. Whitmore, Peterborough; Messrs. T. H. Francis and F. C. W. Knight, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths; Mr. G. E. Symonds, Suffolk; Mrs. A. S. Roberts and Messrs. H. Miles and F. D. Teague, Truro; Rev. C. O. Ellison, Yorkshire; and Mr. W. A. Osborn, Honorary Member.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

President.—It was proposed by Mr. A. Paddon Smith and seconded by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards that Mr. E. H. Lewis be re-elected President. This resolution was carried.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.—Owing to Mr. G. W. Fletcher's non-election as a representative member and there being some doubt as to whether an officer of the Council could serve during the meeting if elected as an honorary member, it was resolved on the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. A. Walker, that Mr. Fletcher act as Secretary for the period of the meeting. It was further resolved on the proposal of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. H. Miles, that subject to his election as an honorary member, Mr. G. W. Fletcher be re-elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Honorary Librarian.—On the proposal of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton was re-elected.

Election of Honorary Members.—It was proposed by Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. C. J. Sedgley, that the fourteen members retiring be re-elected, and it was further proposed by Mr. A. Paddon Smith, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, that the following names be added: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. H. Viggers and Mr. E. A. Barnett. The ballot for the seventeen places resulted in the following being elected: The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury, the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, and Messrs. E. A. Barnett, C. Dean, G. E. Debenham, G. W. Fletcher, T. Groombridge, sen., W. H. J. Hooton, A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, F. Sharpe, J. F. Smallwood, H. Viggers, A. Walker and E. Alex. Young.

Election of Hon. Auditors. — The following were elected: Mr. C. Dean on the proposal of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, and Mr. A. A. Hughes on the proposal of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. W. H. J. Hooton.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH.

A silent tribute was paid to the memory of the following members and past members: G. Chester, Rev. H. Drake, Keith Hart, J. J. Jutson, E. H. Lindup, R. Matthews, Rev. E. S. Powell, E. Denison Taylor, F. B. Tompkins and J. A. Trollope.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

On the President's motion, seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, the minutes as published and circulated were taken as read and approved, subject to the insertion of a reference to the royal telegrams to the Princess Elizabeth and Queen Mary.

REPORTS

The various reports and accounts presented to the Council have been published as indicated and are preserved in the Council's records.

REPORT OF HON. LIBRARIAN.

('Ringing World,' No. 1,938, page 220.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, seconded by Mr. G. H. Cross. Approval was given to print a Broadsheet devoted to classification of Minor Methods.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS.

('Ringing World,' No. 1,938, page 220.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1,938, page 220.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, and it was also agreed to appoint Mr. A. Walker a trustee in place of Mr. E. A. Young, resigned.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1,938, page 220.)

Adopted on the President's motion. The following were elected to this committee. The election was by ballot, thirteen members being proposed for twelve places. Elected: Messrs. G. E. Debenham, J. T. Dyke, J. W. L. Clarke, F. I. Hairs, P. J. Johnson, F. W. Perrens, H. J. Poole, A. H. Pulling, J. F. Smallwood, A. Paddon Smith, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow and Mr. A. Walker.

REPORT OF PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1,938, pages 220-221.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. H. G. Cashmore, seconded by Mr. C. W. Woolley. The following committee was re-elected on the proposal of Mr. H. J. Poole, seconded by Mr. A. Walker: Messrs. H. G. Cashmore, G. R. Newton, C. W. Woolley and E. A. Barnett, with Mr. Cashmore as convener, proposed by Mr. F. W. Rogers, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

REPORT OF METHODS COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1,938, page 221.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. E. C. S. Turner, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead. The following were elected to the committee: Mr. E. A. Barnett, proposed by Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. F. W. Rogers; Mr. H. G. Cashmore, proposed by Mr. W. D. Barber, seconded by Mr. W. N. Park; Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, proposed by Mr. G. Pullinger, seconded by Mr. G. Williams; Mr. Nolan Golden, proposed by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. C. J. Sedgley; and Mr. C. K. Lewis, proposed by Mr. C. W. Lawton, seconded by Mr. J. P. Fidler, with Rev. K. W. H. Felstead as convener, proposed by Mr. J. P. Fidler, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

REPORT OF THE PEAL ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1,939, page 231.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. C. Dean, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre. Arising out of the report, it was agreed on the proposal of Mr. H. J. Poole, seconded by Mr. J. P. Fidler, to refer to the appropriate committee the question of the use of Singles in Treble Bob Compositions. The committee, consisting of Mr. C. Dean, convener, Mr. G. L. Grover and Mr. W. Ayre, was re-elected on the proposal of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

REPORT OF THE RECORDS COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1,938, page 221.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, and it was also resolved that the handbell peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major of 13,664 changes rung at Bushey on February 29th, 1948, be admitted as a record peal, proposed by Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs. On the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson, the committee, Mrs. L. K. Marshall and Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, was re-elected, with Mrs. Fletcher as convener, proposed by the President.

REPORT OF TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1,939, page 231.)

Adopted on the President's motion. On the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. A. Walker, the following committee was re-elected, with Mr. Lewis as convener: Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. E. A. Young, Mr. F. Sharpe and Mr. W. Osborn.

REPORT OF THE LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World, No. 1,939, pages 231-232.)

Adopted on the proposal of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, seconded by Mr. A. Paddon Smith. The committee, consisting of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (convener), Mr. A. Paddon Smith and Mr. A. Walker, was re-elected on the proposal of Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. H. Poole.

REPORT OF THE PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1,939, page 232.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. W. G. Wilson, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre, and on the proposal of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. S. F. Palmer, the committee was re-elected as follows: Mr. W. G. Wilson (convener), Rev. C. E. Wigg and Mr. W. Ayre.

REPORT OF THE BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1,939, page 232.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. A. C. Hazelden, seconded by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher. The following committee was appointed on the proposal of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker: Mr. A. C. Hazelden (convener) and Mr. W. Viggers.

REPORT OF 'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1,939, page 232.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. A. Paddon Smith, seconded by Mr. A. C. Hazelden, and on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. A. Walker, the accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1947, were also adopted, and it was also agreed on the recommendation of the Standing Committee to pay to the auditor a fee of £21, being £5 5s. for each year.

On the proposal of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, seconded by Mr. A. Walker, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Editor and the following committee elected: Mr. E. H. Lewis (convener), Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. G. W. Fletcher.

ALTERATIONS TO RULE 13.

On the motion of Mr. F. E. Dukes, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, it was resolved that the words 'The Ringing World' be substituted for the words 'the ringing papers.'

BOOK ON HANDBELL RINGING.

On the proposal of Mr. F. E. Dukes, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, it was resolved that the book on handbell ringing be completed and printed at the earliest opportunity.

STEDMAN CATERS AND CINQUES.

On the proposal of Mr. G. E. Symonds, seconded by Mr. A. Walker, it was agreed to reprint the late John Carter's Broadsheet of peals and place these on sale.

MR. LINDOFF'S MANUSCRIPTS.

On the proposal of the President, seconded by Mr. H. J. Poole, it was agreed to ask the Peal Collection Committee to examine these manuscripts and report thereon.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

On the invitation of Mr. P. J. Johnson, supported by the Rev. C. O. Ellison, it was decided to hold the next meeting at York. Proposed by Mr. J. W. Jones, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

MEMORIALS.

The following sums were voted:—

To the Rupert Richardson Memorial, £3 3s., on the proposal of Mr. H. J. Poole, seconded by Mr. J. Bray.

To the J. W. Parker Memorial, £3 3s., on the proposal of Mr. A. Walker, seconded by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher.

VOTES OF THANKS.

On the President's motion, thanks were accorded to the Master and Wardens of the Skinners Company for the use of the hall; to Mr. A. A. Hughes, who was responsible for the arrangements; to the Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral; to the incumbents of the various towers for use of bells and to the steeplekeepers.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith expressed the members' thanks to Mr. Lewis and Mr. Hughes for the tea which was provided during the afternoon session.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the President, proposed by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Benton 1, Joan Beresford 2, M. G. Turner 3, P. Beresford 4, J. B. Webb 5, G. W. Hughes 6, D. Beresford (first of Triples as cond.) 7, P. G. Golder 8.

OBITUARY

MR. F. W. MIDDLETON.

The death occurred with tragic suddenness on April 30th of Mr. Frederick William Middleton, of Mulbarton, in his 79th year. Attending the Norwich Association North Norfolk Branch meeting that afternoon at Wroxham, he accepted an offer to take part in a touch, but soon after its completion he passed away without any previous indication that he was unwell.

Mr. Middleton will be much missed throughout the whole of the Association, for he was a regular supporter of its meetings in all its four branches; he was a true friend and a charming, hospitable host to all who visited his home. He joined the Norwich Association on April 28th, 1891, and had been keenly interested in bells and ringing all his life. He and his wife gave the treble bell at Mulbarton in memory of his only son, killed at Dunkirk.

Mr. Middleton was a farrier by trade and held the office of sub-postmaster for 50 years, a service which was recognised by the award of the B.E.M. in the New Year Honours List. For a like period he was a member of the church choir and local correspondent to the 'Eastern Daily Press.'

The funeral took place at Mulbarton on the following Tuesday, when a crowded church paid tribute to the high esteem in which Mr. Middleton was held. Ringers were present from Buxton, Caston, Forncett, Hethersett, Norwich, Wroxham, Wymondham and Yaxham, in addition to the local band. In an address, the Rector, the Rev. A. St. John Heard, president of the Norwich-Diocesan Association, spoke of the deceased's long life of service to the community and the sterling qualities for which Mr. Middleton was respected and admired. At the interment, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave, and afterwards the tower bells were rung muffled by a band representative of the Association. Later in the afternoon a peal of 5,040 changes of Plain Bob Minor was rung as a last tribute, four of the local band taking part. Among the wreaths was one from the local band and another from the Norwich Diocesan Association.

Mr. Middleton is survived by his wife and two daughters. N. G.

SUCCESSFUL WEEK FOR LEICESTER CATHEDRAL BAND

By ringing Rochester Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus, the Leicester Cathedral band has added another Surprise method to those which have been accomplished on all numbers of bells within the space of a week. The older methods which have been completed in a week are Cambridge, 6, 8, 10 and 12; York, 6, 8, 10 and 12; Pudsey, 8, 10 and 12; Yorkshire, 8, 10 and 12.

The band are indebted to Mr. John R. Smith, who travelled from Norfolk at short notice to complete the band for Maximus. Unfortunately, Mr. Shirley Burton was unable to ring and the local first reserve, Mr. H. G. Jenney, was not available. John learned his ringing with the Cathedral band and has been ringing frequently with them during his studies at Loughborough.

Upon the Maximus being successfully accomplished on the Thursday, some of the mad-hatters chirped. 'What about the three in a week?' The ball started rolling and soon gathered impetus. Royal was rung on the light ten at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, and Major at Ratby on the following Monday and Wednesday respectively. In the Major, Herrick B. Bowley was able to complete the circle in Ratby tower.

In between these three peals Mr Harold J. Poole also conducted a peal of Grandsire Caters on handbells, which was the first by the other four members of the band. The Rochester Surprise was the first by all the band in each case, which brought the total number of firsts for the week to 34. Not bad going—say the mad-hatters

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OCCASIONS FOR RINGING & PEAL TAX

Dear Sir,—The leading article in 'The Ringing World' of April 29th deals, in the admirable manner to which we have become accustomed, with a number of subjects of considerable interest. On two of these, namely, 'occasions for ringing' and 'peal tax,' I would welcome an opportunity of expressing my views.

In the Kent County Association we have a rule which demands that 'the bells must be rung or chimed for service to the satisfaction of the incumbent and churchwardens.' I regard this as an admirable precept. It serves as an adequate reminder that the occasions for the ringing of the bells are not a matter for the ringers at all, but for the legally constituted officials of the Church. That being so, ringers have not the right as a corporate body either through their local association or guild, or through the Central Council, to say when or when not the bells shall be rung. Moreover, in view of the diversity of theological opinion within the Church of England, they should on no account attempt to do so, as whatever decision is made it is almost certain to give offence to one section or another.

Many of your readers will remember the action which was taken by the Oxford Diocesan Guild at their last annual meeting with regard to ringing during Holy Week. The practice of ringing on Holy Saturday, although not universal, is encouraged and asked for by a number of clergy, and yet the Oxford Guild passed a resolution condemning the practice. It was ironical that such a resolution should be passed in Oxford of all places, as this great city is the spiritual home of the Catholic movement within the Church of England. However, it is not my present purpose to discuss whether the practice is right or wrong, but merely to emphasise that within the Church of England one group of clergy and devout churchpeople would strongly condemn this practice and another group would heartily applaud it. It may reasonably be assumed that some ringers belong to one group and some to the other. The large majority, however, knowing little of church matters and caring less, would belong to neither and would be quite happy to pass whatever resolution might be submitted.

Some years ago I was asked to take part in ringing for morning service on Good Friday, where the Vicar had specially asked for the bells to be rung, and rung open. I refused to take part and, incidentally, would still have refused to do so had the bells been muffled. However, as strongly as I felt and feel about this myself, I am sure it would be wrong for such ringing to be officially condemned by the local association or the Central Council. Ringers, as individuals, are as entitled to their views on ecclesiastical or theological matters as any other members of the Church, and opinions sincerely held on such matters should certainly be expressed at the right time and in the right place, but ringing meetings are, generally speaking, neither the right time nor the right place.

Now, if I may, I would like to turn to the more domestic question of the 'peal tax.' As far as I can see, no adequate reason has yet been given for demanding an additional annual subscription of, say, 10s. per year from an enthusiast who rings 20 peals in the year for his association, whereas the indifferent performer who is quite incapable of ringing a peal himself, and frequently intends to do his best to prevent someone else from doing so, gets away scot free. If the budget cannot be balanced the burden should be equally shared. It is the peal ringers who keep the art alive, and it is illogical that they should have to pay more for the privilege of belonging to their association than other members. If peal ringers are to pay for the cost of publication of peals in their annual reports, why not in 'The Ringing World' as well?—Yours faithfully,

P. A. CORBY.

83, Hursthourne Road, Forest Hill, S.E.23.

RINGING IN THE ISLE OF MAN

Dear Sir,—It is not quite correct to say that there are no bells hung for ringing on the island. The eight bells at Peel are hung for ringing, in fact a peal has been rung on them. Unfortunately, however, outside hammers—two to each bell—of a carillon machine prevent the bells from swinging, even if permission could be obtained. I endeavoured to obtain permission to take over a band in 1938 and offered to take off and subsequently refix the hammers, but found considerable hostility to ringing, largely, it seemed, on account of the peal rung there many years ago, and of exaggerated reports of the time it is alleged to have taken.

The only ringable bell on the island at present is the large single bell at St. Ninian's, Douglas, the tenor of an intended ring. There are also tubular bells at Bride in the extreme north of the island.—Yours truly,

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

Dear Sir,—The late Mr. Charles Hattersley, of Sheffield, on July 4th, 1888, conducted two peals at Peel on the island. They were Kent Major and Stedman Triples. These bells were in existence in 1940. At St. Thomas' Church, Douglas—now reduced to six—a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on December 7th, 1852, by the St. Peter's company of Liverpool, on their visit to open the bells. I am not certain, but am under the impression another peal has been rung at Peel since those of Mr. Hattersley's.

CHARLES E. BORRETT.

Sheringham, Norfolk.

MONMOUTHSHIRE

Dear Sir,—I did not intend to write again on this matter, but I would like to refer Messrs. Hannington and Clift to the 'Encyclopedia Britannica,' wherein Monmouthshire is described as 'a western border county of *England*.' It further states that Monmouthshire gradually came to be regarded as an English county after an Act of 1536, being included in the Oxford circuit for the first time in the reign of Charles II. Gwent ranked as Welsh territory at the time of the Domesday, but certain parts of what is now Monmouthshire, including the town of Monmouth itself (my birthplace), were assessed under Herefordshire and Gloucestershire. The ecclesiastical position has, to my mind, no bearing on the matter. Croydon is in the Diocese of Canterbury, but that does not make it part of Kent.—Yours faithfully,

F. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

Dear Sir,—The alphabet as taught in school to-day is exactly the same as I was taught just 80 years ago. I was also taught that England comprised forty counties and Wales comprised twelve, otherwise the teaching in our schools must be incorrect. Nothing has happened in Westminster to alter the status of England or Wales. To quote Welsh Sunday closing is beside the point and is the result of persistent Nonconformity. Churchmen of Wales fought dead against it, the late Archdeacon Griffiths, Vicar of St. Woolos' (a Welshman), to name only one. No, it was the result of chapel jealousy rampant in Wales. Monmouthshire was afterwards included as a war measure brought about by that wily Welsh Prime Minister, not honest enough to restore it when war finished.

Newport is the most populous town in the county and one won't hear a word of Welsh from one end of the year to the other. Monmouthshire is not legally accepted as Wales, but is in the Oxford circuit, and when the judges finish their work at Gloucester they come to Newport and then go to Hereford, and do no trespassing into Wales. I certainly agree with what Mr. Barnett stated.

J. W. JONES.

Newport, Mon., England.

A Transposition

Dear Sir,—I beg to refer to the remarks contained in 'Belfry Gossip' in your issue dated March 11th, 1949, regarding spliced ringing, and in which it is claimed that Mr. H. G. Cashmore produced a peal in four methods in which the work of the complete course in each method was performed by each bell, and that this peal was the first to be composed with these qualities.

This is the same peal composition referred to in 'The Ringing World' dated January 18th, 1946, and as a result of this publication I wrote to Mr. Cashmore enclosing a copy of a peal composition by the late Joseph W. Parker, which comprised London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major and in which every bell does all the work of all four methods.

Mr. Cashmore, in his reply, agreed that this composition of Mr. Parker's had been published in 'The Ringing World' dated August 7th, 1942, and that his (Mr. Cashmore's) was a transposition.—I am, Yours sincerely,

Sunderland. FRANK AINSLEY.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

SUBSCRIPTION KEPT AT 1s. 6d.

The annual general meeting of the above Association was held at Derby on April 23rd, when the bells of St. Alkmund's and St. Peter's were available during the afternoon until 4.15, when a ringers' service was held in the Cathedral, kindly arranged by the Provost, the Rt. Rev. R. S. M. O'Ferrall.

In his short address he emphasised the importance of the ringers' office and said he would like to see a representative of the ringers on all church councils. He also urged ringers to come forward and take their share as churchmen in other spheres of activities.

Tea was held in the Co-operative Cafe and afterwards the general meeting in St. Peter's Parochial Hall, the Rev. C. A. Shaw presiding in the unavoidable absence of the president. All the retiring officers were re-elected.

The report stated that from a ringing point of view, 1948 had been very successful. Forty peals had been rung and some of these called for special mention. The first for the Association of Cambridge Major at Sawley was the first for all the band except one. The peal of Cambridge Royal at Derby Cathedral was another first for the Association, the visitors including that talented young ringer, Miss Margaret Beamish.

Membership increased by forty, the present figures being hon. members 30, ringing members, including non-resident who have rung peals for the Association, 303.

The report recorded with regret the deaths of Mr. W. Holmes (Youlgreave), Mr. A. Sherwood (St. Peter's, Derby), Mr. Richardson Drage (Sandiacre) and Mr. Thomas Groombridge (Nottingham).

Commenting on the accounts, which showed a balance of £74 5s. 5d. on the general fund and £16 1s. 1d. on the Bell Repair Fund, the hon. secretary (Mr. W. Lancaster) said the cost of printing one report was more than a member paid in his annual subscription. The report and accounts were adopted.

It was decided to keep the annual subscription at 1s. 6d., but it was realised that something would have to be done in the near future to meet the increased cost of printing, other associations' remedies, such as peal booking fees and increased annual subscriptions, being mentioned.

Mr. P. L. Parrott (Sandiacre) was elected an additional representative to the Central Council, and grants of £5 each were made to Bolsover and St. Luke's, Derby, restoration schemes. The Rev. R. J. Morris, of Melbourne, was elected a ringing member.

Votes of thanks for the use of the Parochial Hall for the meeting and to the secretary for tea arrangements were carried unanimously. Mr. Cooper (Bolsover) and Mr. W. Parsons (St. Luke's) thanked the Association for the assistance to their respective restoration schemes.

BREDON'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford and Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

Robert G. Freeman	*Treble*	James Attwood	4
John Thomas	2	Francis Miles	5
Mrs. J. Thomas	3	Edwin T. Newbury	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Thomas.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicolas,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

*W. Harold Toms	*Treble*	Joseph H. Hayne ...	4
*Mrs. M. M. Godley ...	2	†Richard H. Duke ...	5
Frederick Precey ...	3	*Henry J. Ford	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick Precey.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' First of Minor as conductor. First of Minor on the bells.

COBHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
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 14 cwt. in F.

Edward A. G. Allen	*Treble*	Victor A. Jarrett ...	4
Francis J. Cheal	2	Charles E. J. Norris...	5
Trevor A. Cross	3	William A. J. Knight...	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. J. Knight.
First peal on the bells since rehanging.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

William H. Curson	*Treble*	Jack Bailey	4
*Sidney H. Jones ...	2	Arthur E. Rowley ...	5
Alfred Mould	3	*Joseph Wm. Cotton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur E. Rowley.
* 25th peal together.

WINWICK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

*William Harrison	*Treble*	†Derek Ogden	4
Derek Whitford ...	2	†Ronald Edwards ...	5
Kenneth Hartley ...	3	Roger Leigh ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger Leigh.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Minor.

SANDY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Swithun,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.

Charles Blain ...	*Treble*	Ronald J. Sharp	4
*Derek Munns (14) ...	2	C. Henry Harding ...	5
Joan Ashton	3	Andrew C. Sinfield	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Henry Harding.
* First peal. A compliment to Mr. C. J. Ball upon being elected a vice-president of the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Wed., Apr. 20, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the African Oil Mills,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor size 16 in B.

*Roger C. Preston... ...	1-2	John E. Spice...	5-6
*Julia M. Preston	3-4	†Frank Varty	7-8

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by John E. Spice.
* First peal in the method. † First handbell peal in the method. First in the method for the Association.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Apr. 21, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 59 *Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 17 in A.

Roy C. Hurst	1-2	Daniel T. Matkin	5-6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3-4	William G. Young	7-8

Conducted by William G. Young.
First peal as conductor. Rung for the 30th anniversary of D. T. Matkin's first peal.

CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Apr. 21, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Residence of G. Wightman,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original.

*Frank L. Fisher	1-2	*William Wightman ...	5-6
Willoughby E. Maulden	3-4	*George Wightman ...	7-8

Conducted by Frank L. Fisher.
* First peal in the method 'in hand.' First as conductor 'in hand.'

EWELL, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Apr. 22, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 19 in F.

Jill Brittain	1-2	Albert J. Adams	5-6
Edwin J. Lindley	3-4	Denis N. Layton	7-8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Denis N. Layton.
First handbell peal as conductor.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 22, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At 8, Hermiston, Monkseaton,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*Joyce P. Gaymer	1-2	Richard A. Gofton ...	5-6
†Margaret Fidell	3-4	R. Alder Gofton	7-8

Composed by E. Dains. Conducted by Richard A. Gofton.
* First peal on handbells and first in the method. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor on handbells and in the method.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Apr. 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Variation. Tenor size 13 in E.

*Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	1-2	*Daniel T. Matkin ...	5-6
Alfred H. Pulling ...	3-4	†William G. Young ...	7-8

Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.
* First peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand.' † First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman Triples in Bournemouth 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Apr. 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road.
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

William G. Young	1-2	Daniel T. Matkin	5-6
Alfred H. Pulling ...	3-4	Roy C. Hurst	7-8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
Witness: Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 25, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
At 29, Hinton-on-the-Green,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*Robert G. Freeman (15)	1-2	Joseph D. Johnson ...	5-6
John Thomas	3-4	Mrs. J. Thomas	7-8

Composed by Sir A. Heywood. Conducted by John Thomas.
* First peal 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues, Apr. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
In the Cathedral Belfry,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS 5111 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Peter J. Staniforth ...	1-2	Harold J. Poole	5-6
†Alfred Ballard	3-4	‡Harry Poyner	7-8
		*Brian Warwick	9-10

Composed by Fredk. H. Dexter. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
Witness: Gordon M. Maclure.
* First of Grandsire Caters. † First of Grandsire Caters on handbells. ‡ First peal of Caters.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING AT HERTFORD.

A large number of members and friends visited Hertford on April 23rd for the first 'away from St. Albans' meeting since the war.

The bells of Hertingfordbury and Bengeo were available all way, Ware in the afternoon and St. Andrew's and All Saints' during the afternoon and evening. These were well patronised by visitors from as far afield as Newcastle, Birmingham and Cambridge in a variety of methods.

The service at St. Andrew's, with a very inspiring address, was taken by the Vicar of Hertingfordbury, the Rev. Woosnam-Jones. Tea, when 104 sat down, followed at the Mayflower Hotel.

The president, Mr. A. S. Carter, was in the chair at the meeting, supported by the Rector of Bengeo, the hon. treasurer and the general secretary. Mr. Carter welcomed the Association to Hertford in a few well-chosen words.

Members stood for a short time in memory of members lost by death—A. Lawrence, A. G. Crane and F. A. Smith. The minutes were adopted as read. One new ringing member was elected.

When the treasurer read his financial statement, he informed the members that they had to face increasing costs and had to arrange for an annual expenditure of £50. He asked for suggestions on how to meet this increase, failure of which would mean an increase in the annual subscription. Notice was given that a motion would probably be brought forward for the latter to be approved at the next annual meeting. The reports on the Benvolent Fund and Voluntary Bell Fund were adopted, no applications for grants having been received.

The secretary's report stressed the need for very young recruits to meet the call-up for National Service, giving them a love for our art which would survive this unnatural upheaval. He thanked the 'old guard' for their unstinting sacrifice of time and patience in the never-ending job of teaching beginners, but emphasised the necessity of correct teaching.

With regard to peal ringing, 38 had been rung on tower bells, with 13 on handbells. A pleasing feature of the former was that there had been 19 conductors. Peals worthy of note were: Cambridge Maximus at St. Albans Abbey; Grandsire Doubles at Standon, first by the local band; Yorkshire Surprise Major, first in the method by seven of the band; seven Surprise Minor (Wymondley), first by all; Shenley Surprise at Aldenham, first in the method; Grandsire Triples at Norton, first peal on the bells. On handbells there was the record length of Double Norwich Major.

It gave great pleasure to see new cells of activity appearing, e.g., Baldock area and the St. Albans revival. He stressed the fact that very often co-operation between adjoining towers led to the mutual advantage of those and also of the Association.

The district secretaries' reports were read, and these hard-working servants were thanked for all their labours, trials and worries.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Mr. A. V. Good (Apsley) was elected president for the year, and was suitably installed by the retiring president. The new president, in thanking the members for his election, said that the older members should always be ready to pass on information and knowledge to the younger and try and leave the art a little better than when they started, while, to the younger, he gave them the advice to listen carefully, practise earnestly and be ready to accept responsibilities in the district and Association.

The hon. treasurer and general secretary were re-elected and thanked for their services. As Mrs. Fergusson had resigned the office of librarian, Mr. C. F. Sayer (St. Peter's) was elected in her stead, with many thanks to Mrs. Fergusson. A recommendation from the committee that 'any borrower of valuable books from the library be required to pay the appropriate premium for the insurance of the same' was carried.

An omnibus vote of thanks to the incumbents of the various churches for the use of the bells, etc., Mr. A. S. Carter for the arrangements and all who had helped to make the meeting a success was unanimously adopted. Mr. F. E. Haynes expressed the thanks of the visitors for the cordial reception they had received, and members then adjourned for further ringing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

HEAVY DEFICIT ON PAST YEAR.

After an absence of 19 years, the Lancashire Association held its annual meeting on April 30th in the Liverpool District, St. Helens being the venue. The bells at Prescott were available in the morning and there were also peal attempts. After lunch there was ringing at St. Helens Parish Church and also St. Thomas'.

There was a very representative gathering at the Parish Church for the service, members and friends being present from Barrow to Bury. The Vicar (the Rev. R. G. B. Bailey) officiated and gave an interesting address.

The Vicar, churchwardens and Rural Dean joined the members at tea, the company numbering about 200.

At the business meeting the committee's report, the ringing report and balance sheet were presented. The hon. treasurer (Mr. A. E. Sandiford) reported an overspending of £54. The heaviest expenses were printing annual reports £83 9s. and diagrams £107 6s. Income from members' subscriptions was £67 8s. and non-resident members £2 12s. 6d.

The Rev. F. F. Rigby was re-elected president for two years, and Mr. S. H. Dearden auditor for a similar period.

Two amendments of rules were submitted. The first, to raise the subscription from 1s. 6d. to 2s., was passed after discussion, and this will come into operation on January 1st, 1950. The other had a poor reception. This was that all members of the committee, with the exception of the general and branch secretaries, should retire at the end of two years. It was referred back for redrafting.

The next annual meeting will be held at Lancaster on April 29th, 1950. After the usual votes of thanks, the bells were set going again until trains and buses called the members home.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

WIMBORNE BRANCH.

In a setting worthy of the day, the Wimborne Branch held a meeting at Cranborne on St. George's Day. Over forty members and visitors attended and were welcomed by the Rector, the Rev. Bond, who also gave the address at the service.

Members were delighted to have their president, the Earl of Shaftesbury, with them, who in spite of approaching four score years, read the lesson, presided at the meeting, and when ringing took place at Wimborne St. Giles' after tea, joined in a touch of Grandsire Triples. It is noteworthy that the Earl attends regularly for Sunday ringing at St. Giles'.

A much appreciated tea was provided by Mr. Day and helpers in spite of the numbers being in excess of those expected.

At the business meeting the Cranborne ringers — captain, Mr. Haskell, and Mr. W. Day, secretary—were all elected members and the Rev. Bond an honorary member.

Cranborne bells, one of which dates from about 1400 A.D., are shortly to be restored by Messrs. Taylor and, funds permitting, it is hoped that they will be made more worthy of the church and enable an active band of change ringers to be formed. A.R.M.

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Any correspondence for Mr. Ernest J. ROWE should in future be addressed to Church House, 6, Church Street, Broseley, Salop. 5228

The address of Miss B. SPICE will be 57, Goldington Avenue, Bedford, from May 17th. 5226

The address of Mr. and Mrs. M. HODGSON is now 184, Kingshill Drive, Kenton, Harrow, Middlesex. 2505

The address of William THORNLEY, jun., Nottingham District, secretary of the Southwell Guild, is now 101, Rycroft Street, Stapleford, Nottingham. 5204

MISCELLANEOUS

YARDLEY PARISH CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM.—Will all friends kindly note that all ringing has been discontinued for the time being. 5212

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MEETINGS

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Burton, May 14th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.15 (Archdeacon of Derby). Tea 5, St. Paul's Institute, followed by general meeting. 5155

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Godmanchester, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 5165

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division. — Meeting, Burnham-on-Crouch (6). Saturday, May 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bradwell-on-Sea (6) available 7 to 9 p.m. 5071

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Edenbridge (8), May 14th. Names for tea to E. C. Leigh, Spital Cross, Edenbridge. Names for summer outing (July 16th) by this meeting.—O. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 5153

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District. — Monthly meeting, Dronfield, May 14th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—G. C. Briggs, Hon. Sec. 5168

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Redenhall (8), Saturday, May 14th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30.—A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 5192

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District. — Meeting at Whittlesford, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —I.W District.—Quarterly meeting, Godshill, May 14th.—(Mrs.) A. M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 5179

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Hunton (6), May 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. 5146

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, May 14th, at 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards St. Dunstan's, Stepney.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5181

OXFORD GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch. — Half-yearly meeting, Wolvercote, Oxford, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. 5185

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Morton, May 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Bernard H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 5187

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH. — Andover District.—Practice meeting, Andover (8), May 14th, 6 to 9 p.m. Visitors welcomed. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.—J. A. Hill. 5203

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Practice, Southwark Cathedral, May 17th, 6.30 p.m. Ringing for service, Southwark Cathedral, Sunday, May 22nd, 5.30 p.m. 5244

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. — Meeting at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (10) from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. Names to Fred Plummer, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard. 5215

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—The monthly practice for May 21st is cancelled.—P. Newton. 5229

OXFORD GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting at Cholsey, Saturday, May 21st. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Please notify by Tuesday, 17th, A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 5171

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Cobham, Saturday, May 21st. Usual arrangements Numbers for tea to W. E. Matthews, 48, Freelands Road, Cobham, early please. 5177

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Alderton (6), May 21st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names required by May 16th. Bus times on request. All ringers welcome.—Charles Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Glos. 5164

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Elston (6), May 21st, 2.30. Bring own food and sugar. Splendid bus service—short walk from Newark-Nottingham main road. Also local buses. — J. W. Raithby, District Sec. 5182

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Tortworth. May 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Notify for tea by May 17th to Miss Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall, Glos. 5216

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District. — Groby (6), Saturday, May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m Names by Tuesday, May 17th, to Mr. V. Geary, 30, Ratby Road, Groby.—W. J. Root, Dis. Sec. 5217

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting due for May 21st at High Halden is cancelled owing to illness near the church.—T. Cullingworth. 5223

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival at Dorchester on Saturday, May 21st. Annual meeting in Old Shire Hall 2 p.m. Service in St. Peter's Church 3.45. Tea 4.45. Names for tea to Hon. Sec., the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 5239

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Earl Shilton, May 21st. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton, by Wednesday, May 18th. 5218

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Dundry, May 21st. Bells available 4.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton 5219

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—Meeting at Bagshot (8) on Saturday, May 21st, at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. H. Hunt, St. Brelades, London Road, Bagshot, before previous Wednesday.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 5231

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Hayfield, May 21st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea advise Mr. J. Whitehead, Kinder Road, Hayfield, by May 17th. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis, Sec. 5234

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—A meeting will be held at Broughton (near Brigg) on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 623. 5233

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Howden, May 21st. Bells 2. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5. Notify J. W. Thompson, 16, Northolmby Street, Howden, by May 18th. Good attendance, please. 5235

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held jointly with the Rossendale Branch at St. Mary's, Radcliffe, on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 5236

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting will be held jointly with Manchester Branch at Radcliffe on Saturday, May 21st. Bells from 3.30. Cups of tea provided. Rossendale members enquire at Bury bus station for Stopes No. 16 bus *via Dumers Lane*, which passes Radcliffe Parish Church.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 5238

CHESTER GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, West Kirby (8), May 21st. Tea provided for those notifying by 16th Alexander J. Martin 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5211

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch. — Practice meeting at Wembdon, May 21st, from 6.30 p.m. to 9 pm. —R. Short. 5209

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ludlow District. — Quarterly meeting, Cleobury Mortimer, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Teas to G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 5208

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —Practice, Slinfold (6), May 21st, 3. Billingshurst bells available 7 to 8. Names for tea by 18th to Hon. Div. Sec. 5207

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Basingstoke District), OXFORD GUILD (Newbury District).—Combined meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, May 21st. Bells from 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea to G. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, by May 16th. 5206

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Sandhurst, May 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. Gorringe, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst, Kent. 5242

WINGHAM, KENT.—Monthly open practice Saturday, May 21st, 6 p.m., in lieu of 28th, district meeting being latter date. Everyone, especially beginners, welcome. 5241

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion, Yatton, May 22nd, 8 a.m. Bells from 7 a.m. Breakfast reserved for those notifying by May 18th.—Mr L. Pullin, Newton House, Hill Road, Clevedon. 5220

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, May 28th, monthly meeting, Wingerworth (5). Bells 3 p.m. Bring own food, cups of tea provided. 5240

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District:—Meeting at Newmarket, May 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Requests for tea by May 25th.—Miss D. Reeve, Hockwold, Norfolk. 5237

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Special general meeting at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. H. Blow, 1, Edgar Road, Sanderstead, by Wednesday, May 25th. It is particularly hoped that every effort will be made to attend this meeting in view of the importance of the business on the agenda.—C. de Ste C. Parks, Hon. Sec. 5178

LINCOLN GUILD. — Northern Branch. — Annual meeting, Gainsborough, Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at Sun Hotel, but only for those who notify Mr. G. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, by Tuesday, May 24th. — F. Lord, Hon. Branch Sec. 5201

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Invitation meeting at Thorley on Saturday, May 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Names for tea not later than the 23rd to G. Newman, 156, London Road, Bishop's Stortford. All ringers welcome.—A. S. Carter, Sec. 5214

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Eastchurch (6) on Saturday, May 28th. Usual arrangements. Names to B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Sittingbourne, by Tuesday, May 24th. 5221

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Walmer, Saturday, May 28th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 6d. Names for tea, with cost for same, to reach me not later than Tuesday, May 24th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 5222

MIDDLESEX (N.E.) and HERTFORD (St. Albans) COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS. — Joint meeting, Saturday, May 28th, Monken Hadley (8) 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service and tea following. Barnet (8) from 6.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock and T. J. Southam, Dis. Secs. 5224

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Horsell on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, 24th. — F. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 5225

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Annual meeting at Basford, Saturday, May 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Pinder, 61. Church Street, Old Basford, Nottingham, not later than Wednesday, May 25th. Buses start from Council Square, Nottingham. All ringers welcome.—Jill Poole. 5232

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Visit to grave of J. S. Goldsmith at Pyrford, May 28th, in conjunction with Guildford District meeting. Coach (fare 2s. 6d.) leaving Godalming 2 p.m. via Guildford, Merrow and West Clandon (ringing and tea) to Pyrford (service 5.15). Then to Send (ringing) and return to Godalming via Clandon and Guildford. Applications for coach tickets (stating joining place) and numbers for tea to be sent to G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, by May 23rd. 5210

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting of the Association will be held at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, on Saturday, May 28th. The bells will be available at 3 p.m. The committee meeting will be held at 3 p.m. in the Church Hall. A service at 4.15 p.m. will be followed by tea at 5 p.m. Will members requiring tea please advise Mr. R. A. Gofton, 8, Hermiston, Monkseaton, Northumberland, not later than May 26th.—John A. Brown, Hon. Sec. 5213

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting, London, Saturday, May 28th. St. James', Clerkenwell, bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. St. Giles-in-the-Fields bells from 7 p.m. Names for tea by May 23rd to Miss D. E. Lidbetter, 22. Mervyn Road, Ealing, W.13. 5198

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting, Whit Monday, Peterborough. Committee meet St. John's Vestry 2.30. Service 3.30 in Cathedral, with address by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough. Tea 4.30, fol-

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lowed by business meeting and election of officers. Names for tea must reach the Guild Sec. by May 28th. Will all those attending please meet outside the Cathedral at 3 p.m. for a group photograph. Bells available Oundle 11 to 12; St. John's and St. Mary's, Peterborough, Woodston, and St. Mary's, Whittlesey, all from 11 a.m.—Robert G. Black, 2, Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering. 5227

DEDICATION AT GREAT BRINGTON, NORTHAMPTON. — The ring of six (tenor recast, 18 cwt.), which has recently been rehung with new frame and fittings by John Taylor, will be rededicated on Saturday, June 11th, at 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards. All ringers invited. A summer fair in aid of the Bell Fund will be held the same afternoon near the church; teas, sideshows, stalls, etc. Numbers for tea, please, by June 6th to the Rector. 5163

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

On April 30th, members of the Society met at Alrewas for the quarterly meeting, and the fine ring of eight bells was soon going to a variety of methods. Ringers from Shropshire, North Stafford and Derby (Cathedral) were welcome visitors, and a coach transported about 30 ringers and friends from the Wolverhampton district (one coach having been left over after the Wolverhampton 'Wembley needs' had been catered for!). A short service, conducted by the Rev. C. H. Barker (hon. clerical secretary), was followed by tea and handbell ringing.

At the business meeting notice of forming a northern section of the Society was discussed and a sub-committee formed to present the position at the annual meeting to be held at Lichfield on July 2nd. Ringing included Cambridge, Superlative and a course of Ashtead Surprise Major, being the first in the method by all the band at the first attempt.

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GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS

LAST week we recorded two peals rung by the Guild of Clerical Ringers during their annual week from April 25th to April 29th, centred on Taunton, headquarters being within a few yards of the great tower of St. Mary Magdalene. The party of 23 resident members and two wives of members was the largest yet assembled. Three members joined for one day only, and Mrs. Powell accompanied the party for three of the days. As to ages, the oldest was ordained 52 years ago and another only last year.

Tuesday began with a corporate Communion at St. Mary's. A peal band set out for Kent T.B. Major and modestly ascribed the failure to inability to ring the method. Meanwhile the remainder began at West Monkton their acquaintance with bell towers and 'ton' tenors, which was a feature of the week. Next came Weston Zoyland, where the defeated peal band had already arrived, and Bridgwater, where a crowd of sighseers were astonished at the spectacle of such clever and muscular clergy! Enmore, set among its trees and beside its castle, and Kingston, another tall and ornate tower, were visited.

Wednesday was occupied with an excursion into Devonshire, calling first at Bradford-on-Towe, a remarkable ring of six, with two mediæval 'Jesus' bells, and Rockwell Green. Ringing at Cullompton, an excellent ten, was followed by welcome hospitality from Mr. and Mrs. Sellwood. At Uffculme, the first touch of London for the Guild was rung, and Culmstock's noisy bells inside the tower required a shouter to amplify the conductor's orders. Here the Rev. W. M. K. Warren most liberally entertained his fellow-members to tea. At Hemyock, the last Devonshire tower to be visited, St. Clement's was among the methods rung on the heavy six.

On the Thursday, ringing at Norton Fitzwarren and a peal of Cambridge at Milverton started simultaneously, the non-pealers going on through tortuous lanes to Hill Farrance, a massive tower, and then to Halse, a fascinating church which contained treasures of every age. Even narrower lanes led on to Fitzhead where, in the intervals of ringing, Scouts brought the glad news that Milverton bells were still ringing. The peal, brought round in one minute under three hours, was the first of Cambridge by a band of clergy and the first Surprise peal by them since 1912.

After lunch the party moved to Wiveliscombe, where the Guild apparently made history by pulling up the tenor in peal single-handed. The narrowest of all lanes led to Ash Priors, where Roger Semson cast his glorious bells 400 years ago. After tea came ringing at Bishop's Lydeard, and in the evening a recording was made for the B.B.C. on the bells of St. James', Taunton. At the annual meeting the Rev. C. C. Cox and Preb. E. V. Cox were re-elected president and secretary respectively and Chester chosen as the centre for the next tour.

Drayton was the first tower on Friday, the party waiting for a peal band to start for Kent T.B. Major. One of the band who was missing came in with a story of a lamb with two heads and a turkey with four legs, which no one believed. He was shown an apt notice in the tower which read, 'Someone is bound to be last, but he need not be late.' The peal was the Rev. C. C. Cox's 50th as conductor, and the first for the Guild by a clergyman of the Church of Wales (the Rev. S. J. Richards). Lunch was taken at the Rectory of Shepton Beauchamp, and after Ilminster, with its glorious eight, the party hurried back to Taunton to hear themselves in the 'Week in the West' feature, but alas, the repairing of the Whiteball tunnel and the return to Devoport of a frigate proved for the time being to have more news value than clerical ringers. A visit to Trull, the 31st and last tower of the week, was followed by farewell to Mr. W. G. Gigg, who had given invaluable help in arranging the tour. Here also the Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Trevelyan provided generous hospitality to clerical and local ringers. All who took part in this tour would wish to express their gratitude.

J. H. B. A.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., May 3, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF LINDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

ARTHUR V. PEARSON	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	7
ALBERT WALKER	2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	3	JOHN S. MASON	9
FRANK E. PERVIN... ...	4	HENRY H. FEARN ...	10
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY...	5	LEONARD TREVOR	11
ARTHUR D. COOK ...	6	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
The first peal in the method. Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

LONDON.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 7, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt.

MRS. R. F. DEAL	*Treble*	‡T. MARK WHITE	7
*MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS...	2	KENNETH W. MAYER ...	8
MISS BETTY SPICE ...	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	9
CHARLES MCGUINESS ...	4	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ...	10
GEORGE H. CROSS ...	5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	11
†FREDK. J. CULLUM ...	6	§THOMAS H. FRANCIS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE E. SYMONDS. Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.
* First peal of Maximus. † First of Surprise Maximus. ‡ First peal on 12 bells. § First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

*EDWIN HOPKINSON	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. ADAMS ...	6
†JOSEPH SAXTON	2	†GORDON C. BRIGGS ...	7
†SAM SCATTERGOOD ...	3	†CYRIL WRIGHT	8
†ARTHUR B. COOPER ...	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ...	9
†STANLEY SLANEY	5	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.
* First peal on 10 bells. † First of Little Bob Royal.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*WILLIAM CLOVER ...	*Treble*	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ...	6
GEORGE SAYER	2	HERBERT C. READ	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	ARTHUR G. BASON ...	8
†F. CHARLES GOODMAN	4	HENRY TOOKE	9
N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY	5	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* 300th peal for the Association. † First peal of Treble Ten. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. N. J. A. Pumphrey, of Aylsham.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
Tenor 37 cwt. in C sharp.

ROGER O. FRY ...	*Treble*	*DAVID G. YEO	6
*HILDA M. PRESCOTT ...	2	†EDWARD J. CHIVERS ...	7
HERBERT W. KNIGHT ...	3	†C. HENRY VOWLES ...	8
LEONARD DERRICK ...	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	9
†NOEL J. DISERENS ...	5	†WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.
* First on ten bells. † First of Caters in the method. The composition is now rung for the first time.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*WILFRED KERR ...	*Treble*	THOMAS PRICE	6
HARRY F. HOLDING ...	2	†THOMAS W. LAMB ...	7
*JOHN E. BROUGH	3	RICHARD D. LANGFORD...	8
*EDWARD J. BOFFEY ...	4	HOWARD HOWELL	9
RICHARD T. HOLDING ...	5	GEORGE A. PACKER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE A. PACKER.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Bob Royal. First of Royal as conductor. Tenor 20 cwt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

ALICK CUTLER	*Treble*	†E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	5
LEONARD H. BOWLER...	2	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW...	6
*C. EDWARD LANKESTER	3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ...	7
†THOMAS E. DAVIES ...	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
* First in the method 'inside.' † First in the method.

HURST, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM J. PARKER ...	*Treble*	*MRS. JOAN A. RANCE...	5
BERNARD C. CASTLE ...	2	†ALBERT FLEET	6
MISS MARY R. JAYCOCK	3	*HAROLD SMITH	7
*MRS. VIOLET N. CASTLE	4	GEORGE GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † 75th peal. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Harold Smith. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

HOUNSLOW, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ALICK CUTLER	*Treble*	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ...	5
FREDERICK A. FINCH ...	2	*JOHN B. SANSOM	6
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ...	3	RICHARD E. PRICE ...	7
DEREK R. JUDD	4	WILLIAM H. COLES ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a welcome to Rev. H. R. Holloway, the new Vicar. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

GEORGE A. COOKE ...	*Treble*	†EDWARD BARKER	5
STANLEY G. ELSEY ...	2	ERNEST H. MASTIN ...	6
GORDON DYE	3	VINCENT R. OVENS ...	7
*GEORGE ADAMS	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by E. H. MASTIN.
* First peal of Bob Major. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Bert Gogle. Tenor 19½ cwt.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

SYDNEY FLINT	*Treble*	DENIS BOOTH	5
MARGARET RIDYARD ...	2	JOHN MCKEE	6
GEORGE SKELLAND	3	WILLIAM H. DEACON ...	7
PHYLLIS BOOTH	4	THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by T. S. HORRIDGE.

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ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ALAN JACQUES ...	...*Treble*	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	5
HAROLD J. POOLE ...	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ...	6
*JILL POOLE	3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	7
†REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	4	ALFRED BALLARD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First of Major in the method. † First in the method.Tenor 11¾ cwt.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 3, 1949, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5026 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*WILLIAM H. BARRETT ...*Treble*		CHAS. W. H. GRIMWOOD	5
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	2	†FREDERICK A. MUNDAY...	6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ...	3	*T. MARK WHITE	7
*ERIC T. LEE	4	HAROLD A. MAY	*Tenor*

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'
A birthday compliment to the Lord Bishop of Guildford.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 3, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

MRS. F. METHAM ...*Treble*		CHARLES MCGUINESS ...	5
*MISS JOYCE GIBBONS ...	2	†CHARLES E. BROWN ...	6
†MISS M. A. SWANN ...	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	7
MISS JEAN METHAM ...	4	HAROLD MARCON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 6, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Morris' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST C. PEARSON ...*Treble*		JOHN S. WALTON	5
*CYRIL H. KINCH	2	EDGAR J. SMITH	6
WILLIAM J. CROSS ...	3	EDMUND E. PEARSON ...	7
HARRY J. HATFIELD ...	4	LESLIE G. WARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDMUND E. PEARSON.
* First peal of Triples 'inside.' First as conductor. Rung for the Bicester Deanery Branch as a tribute to the work of the resigning secretary, Mr. Frederick Sharpe.

WATLINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb.

MISS D. R. FLETCHER ...*Treble*		ROLAND BIGGS	5
MISS D. COKER	2	WALTER AVERY	6
JESSE HARRISON	3	F. DONALD BOREHAM ...	7
ANTHONY E. COX ...	4	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER LEE.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD.
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN N. LINDON ...*Treble*		ARTHUR D. COOK	5
JOHN S. MASON	2	HENRY H. FEARN	6
*TERRY R. HAMPTON ...	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Yorkshire. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ...*Treble*		JAMES DRAYCOTT	5
JOHN E. S. MORETON ...	2	*GEORGE GARDNER	6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ...	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON...	7
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ...	4	LEONARD TREVOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'

LENTON, NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat, May 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*L. BERRY ... ...*Treble*		T. WHEAT	5
G. E. PADGETT	2	R. NARBOROUGH	6
W. L. PADGETT	3	E. ELSON	7
†H. ROGERS	4	P. NIX	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PARKER. Conducted by R. NARBOROUGH.
* First peal on tower bells. † First in method. In honour of the installation of Lord Trent as the first Chancellor of Nottingham University, which is situated in Lenton Parish. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK RICHARDSON *Treble*		TREVOR A. CROSS	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ...	2	VICTOR A. JARRETT	6
*MISS GLADYS K. JARRETT	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ...	7
CYRIL S. JARRETT	4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by BENJAMIN ANNABLE. Conducted by V. A. JARRETT.
* First peal. Birthday peal for the ringers of 5 and 6. Congratulatory peal to Mr. R. E. Norris and Mrs. Norris on the gift of a son.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. LEACH ...*Treble*		*BARNABAS G. KEY	5
NOREEN BRAIN	2	SIDNEY H. JONES	6
HAROLD E. HARRISON ...	3	GORDON HARRISON ...	7
ALAN FOSTER	4	*GEORGE L. RODEN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* 25th peal together. A birthday compliment to Mr. S. D. Ainger.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING ... ...*Treble*		CHARLES CATCHPOLE... ...	5
CECIL A. THOMPSON ...	2	FREDERICK J. ROOPE ...	6
*FREDK. A. ELLIOT ...	3	ERNEST C. STAFF	7
CYRIL J. BARBER	4	CHARLES W. LOOME ...	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY WORRALL ... ...*Treble*		WILLIAM JONES	5
GEORGE CASE	2	LESLIE BARRY	6
IVOR WHITING	3	*CHARLES ROUSE	7
HARRY BARNETT	4	CHARLES LARNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES ROUSE.
* First peal of Triples.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

HORACE H. SMITH ...*Treble*		C. HENRY HARDING ...	5
HAROLD P. BURTON	2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...	6
EDMUND HOBBS	3	ALFRED E. RUSTON ...	7
RONALD C. SHARP	4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.
In honour of 90th birthday of mother of H. P. Burton.

BRAUGHING, HERTFORSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

BRUCE MCKIE ... ...*Treble*		*STANLEY HUCKLE ...	5
*ERIC EDMONDSON	2	STANLEY A. CARTER ...	6
REGINALD DORE	3	†JOHN WELCH	7
*J. MARTIN PAGE	4	†SYDNEY F. CARTER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by SYDNEY F. CARTER.
* First peal Kent T.B. Major. † 50th peal together. Tenor 19 cwt.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

*Peter Bennett ...	...*Treble*	Charles Haylings ...	4
†Kathleen Preston ...	2	Jack Roberts	5
‡Kenneth Spiers	3	‡Reginald Hill ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles Haylings.
* First peal away from tenor. † First peal on six bells. ‡ First peal. Farewell peal to D. Spiers, who is leaving for Australia.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Apr. 27, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent T.B. and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

Roland T. Flint	...*Treble*	Richard Reece	4
Miss Bessie Moss ...	2	Frederick Flint	5
*George Challons ...	3	Herbert T. Rooke	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.
* First peal. 70th birthday compliment to R. T. Flint.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Apr. 28, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents: (1) Double and Single Court; (2) Double Bob and Plain Bob; (3) Oxford Bob; (4) Double Oxford and Thelwall; (5) St. Clement's and Childwall; (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

*John Cooke	...*Treble*	Cecil V. Ebberson ...	4
†Stanley G. Elsey ...	2	Ernest H. Mastin ...	5
Wallace W. Cousins ...	3	Claude Cousins ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest H. Mastin.
* First peal in 11 methods. † First peal in 11 methods 'inside.'

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Being seven extents in 32 methods: (1) Munden, Chester, Newcastle, Alnwick, Morpeth and Canterbury; (2) Westminster, Allendale; (3) Northumberland, Carlisle and Sandiacre; (4) London Wells and Cunecastre; (5) Beverley, Surfleet, Hexham, Berwick, York and Durham; (6) Wearmouth, Lightfoot, Stamford, Rossendale, Netherseale and Annable's London; (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne. Tenor 13 cwt.

Thomas Cummins	...*Treble*	Albert E. Flatters ...	4
John R. Kemp	2	Edwin Fisher	5
Arthur Young	3	John R. Young ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Young.
First peal in 32 Surprise methods by all the band. 104 changes of methods. First peal in 32 Surprise methods for the Eastern Branch.

LODERS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 10 six-scores of Stedman, 12 of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire.

Cuthbert W. Powell...	...*Treble*	J. Leonard Glyde ...	4
Roger Keeley	2	Joseph T. Barrett ...	5
*Michael Poole	3	†Harry G. Crabb	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Cuthbert W. Powell.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. In honour of the birth of a son and heir to the Rev. O. L. and Mrs. Wilmott. Tenor 19 cwt.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 2, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents in 11 methods with 37 changes of method, viz.: Thelwall and Childwall Bob, Double Oxford and St. Clement's Bob, Plain and Single Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Bob, Fulbeck Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*Nora Honey	...*Treble*	R. Gordon Cross ...	4
*Kathleen Higgins ...	2	*Walter F. Judge ...	5
Marie R. Cross	3	Alan R. Pink ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in 11 Minor methods. The conductor's 200th peal as such.

DINGLEY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 3, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being nine 120's each of April Day and Plain Bob (four callings each), and four spliced 240's of Grandsire and Morris's, four of Pitman's, and four of Price's Arrangement. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Charles E. Gilby ...	...*Treble*	Percy Amos	3
Ernest Morris	2	Edward G. Bennett ...	4
Arthur Millward...	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by Ernest Morris.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 3, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Nancy Hall	...*Treble*	F. Chas. Goodman ...	4
Harry J. Hall	2	Nolan Golden	5
Mrs. F. Chas. Goodman	3	Henry Tooke	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Nolan Golden.
In memoriam Frederick William Middleton, donor of the treble bell and a ringer for 64 years.

GREAT WAKERING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 4, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

Mrs. C. G. Woodgate...*Treble*		William Perry	4
Thomas E. Loxton ...	2	Gerald Frost	5
Jack Belcham	3	Frank B. Lufkin ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
To celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Woodgate.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 5, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb.

Mrs. G. E. Watson ...*Treble*		John E. Skerritt	4
*Arthur Gibbs	2	Ernest E. Whitmore ...	5
Geoffrey E. Watson...	3	Patrick I. Chapman	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey E. Watson.
* First peal in seven methods.

BEKESBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

John Baxter	...*Treble*	†Peter Newing	4
Jabez Walter	2	William Bottrill ...	5
*Thomas F. Young ...	3	Sidney Walter ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by William Bottrill.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung for 16th birthday of Peter Newing.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of Oxford Bob, 720 Kent T.B. and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Sydney Carnall ...	...*Treble*	†Walter Coates	4
*Ernest Preston	2	John Newbert	5
Miss Josephine Salt ...	3	Harold Denman ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold Denman.
* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising one 720 St. Clements' three 720's of Oxford Single Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, rung alternately. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*Kenneth Gray ...	...*Treble*	Lester L. Gray	4
†Hugh Roberts	2	Eric J. Gilbert	5
Alex. J. Webster... ...	3	George Ledsham ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Eric J. Gilbert.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

WM. H. A. COMPTON	*Treble*	REGINALD WOODYATT	4
GEORGE E. LARGE	2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY	5
THOMAS W. LEWIS	3	CHARLES J. CAMM	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
The conductor's 200th peal for the Association.

PUCKINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 120 Stedman, 600 April Day, 1,920 Plain Bob, 2,400 Grandsire (21 callings in all). Tenor 12 cwt.

REGINALD WELCH	*Treble*	FREDERICK WELCH	4
*REGINALD BEALE	2	JACK W. DREW	5
HARRY J. GAYLARD	3	THOMAS J. HILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.
* 40th peal. First peal in four methods by all the band. A birthday compliment to Mr. Donald L. Preston, Weston-super-Mare.

HANDBELL PEALS

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Wed., Apr. 20, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT 46, BATH PARADE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*RUTH M. K. HOW	1-2	BETTY SPICE	5-6
†DAVID GALLOP	3-4	WILFRID F. MORETON	7-8
		*PETER W. B. SEMMENS	9-10

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal on an 'inside' pair.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Apr. 28, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Comprising 1,248 Little Bob, 2,496 Plain Bob and 1,344 Double Bob, with 300 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	ROY C. HURST	7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
First peal in three spliced methods by all, and may be the first for the Guild 'in hand.'

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Fri., Apr. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT 26, ST. MARGARET'S ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

KATHLEEN HIGGINS	1-2	JOHN E. SPICE	5-6
MARGARET L. TUTT	3-4	*RODNEY B. MEADOWS	7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* First peal on eight handbells.

BARDNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 1, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT ELSEY VILLA, SILVER STREET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor size 16 in B.

OWEN A. NEEDHAM	1-2	MAURICE J. THURMOTT	3-4
		*KENNETH L. BROWN	5-6

Conducted by MAURICE J. THURMOTT.
* First peal on 'handbells.' Rung in honour of the jubilee of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

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LATE NEWS

Mr. Frederick J. Pitstow passed away at Saffron Walden on Sunday. He had been treasurer of the Saffron Walden Society for 25 years and was secretary of the Essex Association, 1921-34. The funeral was yesterday at Saffron Walden Parish Church.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal of Lindsey Surprise Maximus was rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Mr. Albert Walker's 73rd birthday. It was originally attempted on April 19th, but was lost due to the breaking of the clapper of the 9th at the end of the fourth course. The method was produced by Nolan Golden.

Mr. George A. Cooke has completed 'the circle' of Fakenham, Norfolk, tower.

The Sunday service band of St. Mary's, Frampton, have rung a peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in 32 methods. Has this been equalled?

Mr. Ernest Morris believes that the peal at Dingley, Northants, was the second on these bells, which were rehung in 1890. It was his 1,109th peal.

Rainham, Kent, bells will be silent for a few weeks, as the clappers have been removed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. for much needed attention.

Mr. Herbert C. Spencer's 200th peal was rung at Wendron, Cornwall, a tower which has expressed its indebtedness to him for his valued instruction.

The conductor of the peal of London Surprise Major at Husborne Crawley, Beds, writes that he has since discovered that the composer of the peal was Mr. Frederick Dench and not Mr. F. Dexter.

Thirty-seven towers in Devon and Cornwall are included in the tour Sussex ringers are arranging from July 3rd to July 10th. Ringing Masters on different days are Messrs. O. Sippetts, G. Cecil, R. Overy, L. Stilwell, E. Stitch, A. E. Laker, F. Hairs and E. Rapley.

Mr. E. Barnett writes in regard to ringing in the Isle of Man that the other rung after Mr. Hattersley's peal mentioned in Mr. C. E. Borrett's letter was one of Stedman Triples, which either John Carter or Frank Dawe called in the early 1890's.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths have produced 'their talent of the country' for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, rung at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, thus following in the wake of the Ancient Society. They do not in any sense wish to belittle the fine effort of the College Youths at Exeter.

Mr. Cecil J. Matthews rang his 50th twelve-bell peal at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on May 7th.

Mr. Albert Relfe has 'circled' Frant (Sussex) tower.

The bells of St. Mary's Church, Axminster, Devon, are being rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston at a cost of £285. The work commenced on May 6th and it is hoped to have the bells ready by June.

Last Saturday was the 25th anniversary of the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major. This landmark was recalled by the ringing of the late Mr. J. W. Parker's spliced peal of Cambridge and Superlative in one minute longer than the original peal. The conductor was Mr. Denis A. Bayles.

East Ilsley ringers had a very enjoyable outing on Easter Monday around Worcester. Ringing took place at Hinton-on-the-Green, Great Hampton, St. John's, Worcester, Malvern Links, Malvern Priory and Upton-on-Severn. The day was memorable for Mr. Bob Warwick, who has been ringing at Ilsley for 60 years. Everywhere the company stopped he found a relative.

The resolution submitted to the Lancashire Association that all members of the committee with the exception of the general and branch secretaries should retire at the end of two years was carried by a majority of two to one and not referred back for redrafting, writes a correspondent. He also points out that it did not receive a poor reception. The matter was discussed at length at the meeting of the Liverpool Branch at Rainhill.

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The Central Council Agenda

The second session of the twentieth Council (52nd annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, June 7th, 1949, in St. William's College, College Street, York, at 11 o'clock.

The morning session will be adjourned at 1 o'clock, and the afternoon session will commence at 2.15 or as may be decided.

AGENDA.

Report of the Hon. Secretary as to representation of societies and as to subscriptions.

Apologies for absence.

Presentation of new members to the President (Rule 11).

1. Election of Honorary Members. The following retire and are eligible for re-election: Mr. C. H. Kippin and Mr. W. Rowe.
2. Loss of members through death.
3. Minutes of the last meeting.
4. Report of the Honorary Librarian.
5. Statement of the general accounts.
6. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine. Trustees, Messrs. A. A Hughes and A. Walker.
7. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees:

   To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.

   (a) Standing Committee,
   (1) Report of sub-committee appointed to consider the rules of the Council.
   (2) Report of sub-committee appointed to consider the decisions of the Council.
   (b) Peal Collection.
   (c) Methods.
   (d) Peal Analysis.
   (e) Records.
   (f) Towers and Belfries.
   (g) Literature, Press and Broadcasting.
   (h) Peal Boards.
   (j) Biographies.
   (k) 'Ringing World.'

MOTIONS.

8. That in the opinion of this Council too much of the available space in 'The Ringing World' is devoted to peal recording.
   Proposed by Mr. G. L. Grover.
   Seconded by Mr. A. C. Hazelden.
9. That we of the Essex Association deprecate the editorial policy of 'The Ringing World,' sponsored, apparently, by the Editorial Committee of the Central Council, particularly in the matter of items included and omitted.
   Proposed by Mr. F. V. Gant.
   Seconded by Mr. F. B. Lufkin.
10. That this Council undertakes to review the principles of method structure with the purpose of adopting criteria for the recognition of the extended form of a basic method.
    Proposed by Miss M. R. Cross.
    Seconded by Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher.
11. To fix the place of the next meeting.
12. Other business (if any).

GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Hon. Sec.

The White House, Caister-on-Sea,
Great Yarmouth.

EASTER DAY QUARTER PEALS

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. R. White (first in method) 1, J. P. Blond (first quarter) 2, A. H. Webb 3, J. Gordon 4, E. R. Robey 5, G. W. Bishop (first 'inside' in method) 6, R. B. Blond 7, B. L. J. Brown (first in method as cond.) 8.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS. — 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 360 St. Clement's, 180 Plain Bob): Alan Boyd (first quarter) 1, Joan Newman 2, R. J. Scott 3, F. Cook 4, W. Twidell 5, J. G. Newman (cond.) 6.

OBITUARY

MR. E. B. HARTLEY.

By the tragic death of Eric Hartley, of 43, Grendon Gardens, Wembley Park, at the early age of 35 years the Exercise has lost a ringer of outstanding merit. Those of us who knew him best found beneath his reserve qualities of a sterling character, and in him I have had a close and staunch friend for many years. As a ringer he had reached a high standard, both in methods and striking, and in 1947 rang his 100th peal. He had rung in over 800 different towers and with the writer he was one of the foundation members of the N.U.T.S., who had many happy cycle tours before the war.

Whilst on his way to Aldenham for a peal last November he sustained a compound fracture of the leg when his motor-cycle collided with a stationary car in the fog. Since then he had been confined to bed and was apparently progressing well, but last Sunday morning he died suddenly without any warning.

At the inquest, held on Thursday last, it was learnt that his death was due to a clot of blood formed as result of the accident. His interest in ringing never waned, and during his illness he was engaged in compiling a complete list of the rings of bells in the British Isles.

The first part of his funeral service was conducted by the writer at St. Augustine's Church, Wembley Park, where he was a server and church worker, and the interment took place on Saturday at Southport in the family grave.

To his father and fiancee we extend our deep sympathy and thoughts. Although he is parted from our sight, his influence will live on in many towers and in the lives of those who knew him. May he rest in peace. K. C. D.

MR. W. H. YOUNG.

Readers will regret to hear of the passing on April 23rd, after a long illness patiently borne, of Mr. William Henry (Harry) Young, of Thruxton, Allensmore, Hereford, aged 81 years. His connection with ringing extended over 65 years. Never spectacular, he worked in a quiet way and kept no records of peals rung.

He was with the Worcestershire Association during the first part of his ringing years and joined the Hereford Diocesan Guild in the days when change ringing in the county was considered quite a feat. For many years he acted as instructor to the Hereford Guild, attending belfries (in those days travelling by bicycle) teaching the art of change ringing. His main work, however, was regular ringing for Sunday services, teaching and encouraging young ringers. For several years a ringer at Hereford Cathedral, he held office as conductor and foreman at Allensmore Church for 40 years. The last time he rang was in two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles at Kingstone Church on the occasion of the birth of Prince Charles.

The funeral took place at Thruxton Church on April 26th. During the evening the bells were rung half-muffled by the local band at Kingstone Church. The band also rang a half-muffled quarter-peal on the Sunday.

STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET

Work has already begun on the restoration of the bells in this ancient tower, which contains a ring of five with a tenor of approximately 18 cwt. They have been unringable for some months owing to the state of the old oak frame, which is riddled with death-watch beetle. Now they are to be rehung in an entirely new iron frame, with new fittings throughout, including ball bearings, and the old treble, which is very sharp, will be retuned, as also will the other four to a lesser extent.

A new treble to form a ring of six is being given by his widow in memory of the Rev. Everard S. Powell, who is buried in this churchyard. The work is entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor, of Loughborough, and the dedication fixed for October 1st.

Guildford Diocesan Guild

DISCUSSION ON 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

The amount of space devoted to peals in 'The Ringing World' was heatedly discussed at the annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at Guildford on May 7th.

Mr. George L. Grover, the secretary, reported that the executive committee were of the opinion that too much space was devoted to the recording of peals, and, anticipating the support of the Guild, had forwarded the following motion to the Central Council: 'That in the opinion of this Guild too much of the available space in "The Ringing World" is devoted to peal ringing.'

Since the beginning of the year, said Mr. Grover, there had been 220 pages of 'The Ringing World.' Of these 74 had been for the recording of peals, 12 for quarter-peals, 43 for news, letters and articles of general interest, 10 pages for technical articles, 81 for advertisements, notices and the leader. That meant that one-third of the paper was devoted to the interests of about a tenth of the Exercise.

Mr. H. V. Young said that at least annual meetings and other meetings concerning business of importance should be reported in 'The Ringing World,' so that people who had not attended could read what had been said. He considered that more rested on the ordinary matters of the Exercise throughout the country than on peals. He did not want to do away with some record of peals in the paper, but he thought the peal ringers were having more than their fair share.

The amount of space given to peals in 'The Ringing World,' said Mr. A. C. Hazelden, was giving a false picture of the Exercise as a whole, because the bulk of the ringers were those whose names never appeared in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne reminded the meeting that they became bellringers for the purpose of ringing for Sunday services, and that every association in its rules and regulations had the clause that the prime duty of the association was to foster bellringing for Sunday services. He suggested that peals in 'The Ringing World' were not omitted, but that they were printed smaller and in three columns.

The Chairman, the Rev. K. C. Davis, of Hawley, also stressed this side of ringing, that it was primarily for the glory of God, and that ringers were church workers. Mr. J. Euston said that in his experience it was the peal ringers who were at church on Sundays.

Mr. Hawthorne proposed that the Guild's representatives on the Central Council be asked to do the best they could to see whether a change could be made with regard to the printing of peals in 'The Ringing World,' and the meeting expressed agreement.

GODALMING'S BELLS.

The annual report of the executive committee drew attention to bells in the Guild's area in need of restoration and repair. At Godalming it was suggested that it was high time a ring worthy of the borough was installed. Seven only out of the eight were ringable, and these had not good musical qualities. The light six at Puttenham when in action 'make a row suggestive of the tower roof bouncing up and down,' and those at Ockley, Ranmore, Crondall, East Molesey and Frensham were in need of attention.

During the year 47 peals were rung by the Guild, 40 of them on tower bells. Twenty members scored their first peal. The accounts, presented by Mr. L. C. W. Hunter in the absence of the treasurer, Mr. J. Corbett, showed a balance of £73 18s., compared with £59 2s. 11d. the previous year.

A report on the Guild library was given by Mr. A. C. Hazelden, and the Library Committee were re-elected. The Guild officers were also re-elected.

Prior to the meeting a service was held at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, at which the Provost of Guildford, the Rev. R. S. B. Sinclair, preached.

GEORGE WILLIAMS COMMEMORATION DINNER

Decision of Bournemouth Ringers' Rally

A decision that the Bournemouth ringers' rally shall in future be known as 'The George Williams Commemoration Dinner' was agreed to at the third annual dinner, held at Christchurch on May 7th. The gathering, which took place on the late George Williams' birthday, was highly successful.

The Rev. R. P. Price, Vicar of Christchurch, presided and the guests of honour included the Mayors and Mayoresses of Bournemouth and Christchurch and the Bishop-designate of Peterborough (Canon Spencer Leeson, Vicar of Southampton and the Rural Dean of Bournemouth).

The Chairman read apologies from the Bishop of Winchester, who was in the Channel Islands, the Bishop of Southampton, Mr. Phillips, Mr. J. York-Bramble and a telegram from Miss Mary Davies wishing the rally every success.

He spoke of the debt of the clergy to bell-ringers and regarded them as partners. 'We clergy raise our rather ineffectual voices in the Church, but the bells carry the music of the gospel far and wide.'

In his welcome, the chairman had a special word for Mr. Albert Walker, Master of the St. Martin's Guild, and they had guests with them from Oxford, Stourbridge, Dunstable, Birmingham, Shepton Mallet, Alford (Lincs), Guildford and Sutton Valence.

The toast of 'The Church and State' was proposed by Mr. W. B. Cartwright (Birmingham). He said if the individual's relationship with the Church was all right, then his relationship with the State would be good. He deplored that ringers went to church on a Sunday, but did not stop to the services they rang for. If ringers did the right thing they would stay to the service. Ringers owed everything to the Church—they used the Church's instruments. If the bells belonged to the State could they imagine permission being given to ring a peal? Ringers should look more closely into these things and endeavour to improve their relationship.

Canon Spencer Leeson, who replied, said: 'I am certain that the devil was asleep when church bells were made. We scored a point on him, and we did the same when Christmas carols were invented.

'Occasionally you hear it said that the Church is down and out. All of us know it is not the case. We know this country is waiting for the message that only the Church can give, and it is our task, if we have the care of bells, to proclaim that Gospel by word and example and leave the rest to the Almighty Father we are all proud to serve.'

The toast of 'The Borough of Christchurch' was an occasion for domestic politics in view of the prospect of Christchurch's incorporation with Bournemouth. The Mayor and Rural Dean of Bournemouth proposed the toast and the Mayor of Christchurch replied.

QUALITIES OF CITIZENSHIP.

'The Bells and Bellringers' was submitted by Mr. H. C. Galton (churchwarden of Christchurch) and replied to by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Vicar of St. Michael's, Southampton. As a ringing parson, he would like to say on behalf of the ringers in general and of his own Guild (the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild) that the relationship between ringers and clergy was a very good one indeed, and also to his knowledge the great majority of churches had loyal ringers, not only in the ringing of the bells, but as churchmen and churchwomen.

Ringing was something that needed a sense of rhythm and those qualities desired in a good citizen. He was sure the way in which ringers had to concentrate and work together as a team was of benefit in their relationship with the Church and the State.

The Chairman announced that last year they had with them their old friend Mr. George Williams, who had since passed to his rest. It was proposed that the ringers' rally and dinner should be known as the George Williams Commemoration Dinner, and he asked Mr. George Pullinger to make the proposition.

Mr. George Pullinger described Mr. George Williams as a friend of all ringers, and said he was probably more closely associated with him in recent years than any other ringer. He first met Mr. Williams at Wickham in 1908, but there were others present who had known him longer—Mr. Preston, Mr. Martin Stewart and Mr. Albert Walker.

Mr. George Williams was ringing before the Winchester Diocesan Guild was formed. He had told him many stories of those early days of how he cycled on a 'penny farthing' from Droxford to Southampton to ring the bells of Holy Rood half-muffled when Livingstone's body was brought ashore on its journey to its last resting place in Westminster Abbey.

'THE OLD REV.'

Mr. Williams could tell many stories of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, the ringer who first rang 1,000 people. Mr. Williams always referred to him as the 'Old Rev.' They were ringing a peal at Romsey Abbey and the tenor did not go too well, and the 'Old Rev.' who was ringing the tenor, let Mr. Williams, who was on the seventh, know that he could not go on, so they decided to change over at back stroke. They both stepped off their boxes together and missed the back strokes and another peal was lost!

Coming to that dinner last year, Mr. Williams met the Bishop of Salisbury, and, to the great amusement of the people in the carriage, started talking of old times. The story was told of a Bishop of Exeter (Lord Cecil), who was a very forgetful man. He was travelling in Hampshire with a young curate, and the curate in conversation said, 'I lived in your diocese at one time, my lord,' and added, 'It was in the parish of Beer and, strange to relate, my name is also Beer.' They chatted on and as the curate left the train the Bishop said, 'Good afternoon, Mr. Guinness!'

Mr. Williams was a great ringer. He not only rang a great many peals, but rang them at a time when peals were worth getting; as he said at one of these dinners, he had to scour the diocese to get a band of ringers. His long list was, therefore, all the more creditable. He did his full share of teaching and instruction and most of the ringers in the diocese owed what they knew to him. In addition, he was a great Sunday service ringer; he never neglected Sunday service ringing.

He understood the local committee had decided to call the function in future the 'George Williams Commemoration Dinner' on the same lines as the Henry Johnson dinner at Birmingham. In the words of Mr. Davies, in some ways Mr. Williams did more for ringing than Henry Johnson. In addition, he was known to a far greater circle of ringers than Henry Johnson. Mr. Pullinger then submitted the proposition, which was accepted by those present saying 'Aye.'

MEMORIAL SUGGESTED.

The concluding toast, 'The Ringing World,' was given by Mr. Albert Walker. Commenting on the proposition to commemorate George Williams with the dinner in future, he described it as an excellent idea. He had known George Williams for about 40 years. 'I used to call him "Dad" and he called me "Pop." We rang many peals together and you are doing well to commemorate the name of George Williams in your annual function.' George Williams was one of the early pioneers and, of course, his greatest work was in Hampshire. 'I do not know if it is wise to make a comparison between Henry Johnson and George Williams. I hope as the ringers of England put up a headstone in Aston Churchyard to Henry Johnson that this Guild will do something to mark the resting place of George Williams.'

He congratulated the committee and Mr. Arthur Davis on the excellent arrangements made for the visitors and on the splendid coach outing.

In a reference to 'The Ringing World,' he said he was in favour of a 4d. paper of 16 pages.

The Editor replied and mentioned that in 13 weeks' time the 2,000th issue would be published.

The entertainment programme was of a high standard. There were songs by Mr. Alan Gray, some Spliced Major on handbells by Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, R. Hurst, W. G. Young and D. T. Matkin, and tune ringing on handbells by the St. John's (Surrey Road) band (a very fine effort).

Mr. Arthur V. Davis writes, as hon. secretary of the organising committee, expressing thanks to the Vicar of Christchurch for his sustained interest and magnificent leadership as chairman; to Mr. W. E. Cheater, District Ringing Master, who so ably conducted the coach tour, and to Mr. F. Hart (Wimborne Minster) and Mr. George Preston (Christchurch Priory). He also expresses thanks to Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart for the beautiful flowers which adorned the tables, and to those who contributed to the programme. Next year's 'George Williams Commemoration Dinner' will be at Bournemouth on May 6th.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

JUBILEE MEETING.

The jubilee meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Lincoln on April 30th, when a large gathering of members and friends from far and near enjoyed the full day's ringing on the bells of the Cathedral and other city churches. The Bishop of Lincoln gave an inspiring address to the large congregation at the Cathedral evensong.

Over 100 were present at the luncheon and more than 200 at tea, including the Bishop of Lincoln, the Bishop of Grimsby and the Sub-Dean of Lincoln.

Before leaving for another engagement the Bishop of Lincoln thanked the members for making him their patron. He said that he enjoyed the friendship of many ringers, but had not himself been bitten by the ringing bug.

At the business meeting the Sub-Dean took the chair. All the officers were re-elected, with Mr. G. E. Feirn to the new office of hon. peal secretary.

It was unanimously decided to invite the Central Council to visit Lincoln in the near future.

The meeting ended with Mr. W. Ayre, Hertford County Association, wishing the Lincoln Diocesan Guild continued success. This was seconded by Mr. A. W. Coles, Middlesex County Association.

OUTING

Ringers of Christ Church, Macclesfield, held their annual outing on Easter Monday. The first stop was at Chester, where the party of 36 boarded a river steamer and sailed up to Eccleston Church. There they were met by Mr. S. Jones, sen., and the towerkeeper, Mr. F. Jones. This very fine ring was soon going to Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Plain Bob. Unfortunately, the time here was all too short. The return journey to Chester was by steamer, where a first-class lunch was soon brought home!

The next call was at Bromborough, where the heavy eight were put to good use. Methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major were rung. New Brighton was the next on the list, where a pleasant two hours was spent before once again taking to the road to Prenton Park with late dinner as the attraction. From here we made our last call at St. Saviour's, Oxton, where we arrived behind schedule—the first slip of the day. Stedman, Plain Bob and Treble Bob were rung on this very good eight before the journey home was undertaken via the Mersey Tunnel.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TWO DEBATABLE POINTS

Dear Sir,—The question of 4ths and 6ths place Bobs seems to be exercising the minds of some of our leading ringers. One fails to understand why, when as one correspondent states—6ths place is all right—no objection—4ths place is the recognised one. Both are right, but together they are wrong! That's the first time I ever knew two rights to be wrong.

If the Council decide to debar such peals, then they must also debar Spliced London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol, where if in the latter method 4ths place Bobs are used, for in such peals you have Bobs altering the work of three bells, also others altering the work of five bells. If it is all right for one type of peal, then it must be right for the other.

So much for that—now another matter. 'Libra' in last week's issue suggests that our '5 bell friends' should amend method names. Why?

In the Council's own publication of Minor methods, which they named themselves, scores of the methods are identical. Places may be made in lieu of a dodge or vice versa to make a different method and given a different name. Also whole leads of many methods are identical and at the lead head or end a different place is made and it becomes a new method with a new name.

In Major, particularly the 'Surprise' class, we have identical methods with, in one say, 7th place made, in another 2nd, in another maybe both, yet they are given different names. Similarly lots of these 'Surprises' are one method above the treble and another below, but we do not say it is 'Spliced So-and-so'; it becomes another method and given a different name.

Therefore, our five bell friends should have the same facility, remembering always that before ever there were sight or eight bells in 90 per cent. of towers there were five bells. It is definitely harder *physically* to ring a peal on five bells even if not mentally. They are limited in numbers, why limit them in methods? Each variation should be given a different name as in the case of higher numbers. ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

AUSTRALIAN GIFT PARCELS

Dear Sir,—I recently received a further gift parcel from the New South Wales Change Ringers' Association, and I appreciate very much the kind thought of Mr. Will Rowe, the Editor of the 'Ringing Towers,' and those who supported him in his efforts to send parcels to England.

It shows a remarkable enthusiasm not only for the church bells, but friendship of those who ring the bells. The Association has only been established about three years and it has built up a record to be proud of. The monthly journal has become a popular link with its activities. To encourage the best striking an annual ringing competition is held, followed by a dinner and social and presentation of the shield. Tours by motor launch and even a tour by aeroplane, which must be unique, is recorded. I shall not be surprised if some time a ringing party from Australia touches down in England to carry out a ringing enterprise.

Dover. CHARLES TURNER.

'TRUMPET BLOWING'

Dear Sir,—Ringers in the Ely Diocese are well acquainted with Mr. Warrington's skill as an exponent of the art of 'Trumpet Blowing,' of which his letter in this week's 'Ringing World' is a fine example.

It seems a great pity that valuable printing space in our weekly paper should be used for this purpose. Finally, may I remind Mr. Warrington of the old saying, 'Self praise is no recommendation.'—Yours sincerely,

Cambridge. H. L. MARTIN.

AUSTRALIAN RINGERS & IMITATION BELLS

Dear Sir,—We, ringers of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, read with great interest your leading article, 'Imitation, but . . . .' in your issue of December 31st, 1948. We also deplore the use of any imitation gadgets and I can assure you that we shall discourage their use whenever possible. I did not hear the imitation myself, but from what I gathered from people who did hear it, they were not favourably impressed, and it is not likely to be very popular. Even Professor Bernard Heinzi told me himself that he preferred the charm of the Cathedral bells.

I would also mention the fact that the Lord Mayor of Melbourne instructed that the Cathedral bells should be given priority in ringing to proclaim the royal birth. As far as I know, electronic carillons have not been installed in any churches in Victoria, although I believe a few use amplified recordings of English bells.

Through your grand old journal I would like to send greetings to all our friends in the homeland, and to assure you and everyone that we in Melbourne are striving to uphold the traditions of our fine old art. — Yours faithfully, J. W. SPENCER, Captain,
St. Paul's, Melbourne.

A RINGER'S BLAZER

Dear Sir,—Now that clothes rationing at home has been dispensed with, I should like a proposal to be submitted to the Central Council that a campanologist's blazer be designed. We already have a very appropriate badge, but it may be thought fit to alter this to accommodate the occasion.

A blazer, of course, could be worn by ladies as well as men, perhaps with a minor change of design. No doubt this will arouse a considerable divergence of opinion, but, by the time the C.C. meet in 1950, someone may be sufficiently interested to put this matter before them for me for discussion and decision.

I think it may have advertising advantages and might attract many more recruits. It will mean a lot of thought as to what stage a beginner should be allowed to wear one and so on. If it is decided in favour of the suggestion it may be thought fit to protect the same by registration with 'Arms and Heraldry.'—Yours faithfully,

FRANCIS THOS. WAITE.

Durban, S.A.

PEAL REPORTS

Dear Sir,—I should like to try and correct certain wrong impressions which Mr. Robbins seems to have had from my last letter, and would ask him to read my first letter on the subject ('Ringing World,' February 18th). In this I suggested that:—

(1) All (note, all) peal reports sent to you on the Monday of each week should be printed in the following Friday's issue; not weeks, or even months, late as at present.

(2) That all footnotes should be printed *in full*. (I am even now engaged in a private argument with a well-known ringer on this subject!)

To make this possible, I advocated the use of much smaller type and a condensed style of reporting; but I did *not* suggest the omission of any reports, nor of any relevant matter from such reports.

My last letter, on which Mr. Robbins comments, was a reply to further letters ('Ringing World,' March 4th), and I would request Mr. Robbins to read these also.

I, too, like to see when a ringer with whom I have seen struggling with Grandsire Doubles has rung his first peal of Bob Major 'inside'; but, as things are at present, he may well be ringing London Surprise before ever his peal of Bob Major is published! C. W. WOOLLEY.

Bushey.

Cambridge Maximus at Exeter

Dear Sir,—Please allow me to add my tribute to the band that rang the peal of Cambridge Maximus at Exeter on April 30th.

With others of my Plymouth St. Andrew's ringers I journeyed up especially to hear as much of the peal as possible, and reached Exeter at 5.30 p.m. to hear this 'grandest of all grand rings' swinging majestically to Maximus. 'Grandison' was doing treble work in front and we listened with admiration as he dodged and lay with the 'chirping treble.' I turned a critical ear to the 11th, and heard at once that an expert had been entrusted with the task of piloting this bell through. Having rung that same bell to 5,003 Grandsire Caters on January 14th, 1905, the first peal on the bells by a band of resident members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, I can modestly claim to know the qualifications required.

Then each bell in turn received my attention and was given full marks for the manner in which it was being 'put in its place,' thus ensuring that regular and rhythmical striking which is the delight of all good ringers. So it went on, hour after hour, each bell doing the bidding of its master. Peals at Exeter are few and far between, for the obvious reason that good heavy-bell ringers are equally scarce.

It was a treat to hear these bells 'turned in,' and those of us who were fortunate to be able to listen offer our hearty congratulations to this band—'the talent of the country'—on their magnificent achievement.—I am, Yours truly, G. H. MYERS.

Plymouth.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

41st ANNUAL MEETING.

The 41st annual meeting of the Guild was held at Stratford-on-Avon on April 30th. There was a record attendance of 110 members and friends. The recast and augmented ring of ten bells was in great demand. The Guild's form of service was incorporated in evensong, which was conducted by the Vicar (Canon Prentice), who gave a short address.

The business meeting followed the service and was presided over by the Guild's president, the Rev. R. T. Murray.

The balance sheet showed a balance of £5 5s. 3d., the low state of the finances being due to the high cost of printing the reports. The Bell Repair Fund stood at £14 8s. 8d., the donation of £5 to Bulkington balancing the income for the year.

The general hon. secretary's report showed that 61 peals had been rung during 1948, three of them being firsts for the Guild—Double Norwich Caters, Yorkshire Surprise Royal and Bob Maximus. Eleven rang their first peal and 94 their first in the method. Eight junior members (ages from 12-18) rang peals ranging in number from one to sixteen. The deaths of W. Tayler and W. Malins, both of Rugby, were noted with regret.

The reports of the district secretaries showed progress in all areas.

The officers were re-elected en bloc with the exception of the Coventry district secretary. Mr. T. W. Sheppard did not seek re-election, so Mr. F. E. Pervin offered his services in that capacity.

The next meeting in July was fixed for Southam. The president will then be Rector of Southam, having left Chilvers Coton a month previous.

New members elected totalled 21, being made up of 13 hon. members and eight resident members. Six ratifications of non-resident members were also made.

A proposition was made by the Master to charge the junior members 1s. per year instead of them being admitted free. This was discussed and finally it was decided to charge 1s. up to age 15, 2s. from 15-18, and after that age the 2s. 6d. adult fee would be charged.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHTON - UNDER - LYNE, LANCS.—On April 18th at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Taylor 1, W. Harrison 2, R. H. Wimpenny 3, J. T. Walmsley 4, D. Ogden (cond.) 5, R. Edwards 6. A 70th birthday compliment to H. Wolstencroft.

BARNET, HERTS. — On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dennis Bowen 1, S. Casley 2, E. Marshall 3, J. Lewis 4, W. Vince 5, B. McKie 6, C. Ward (cond.) 7, G. Herbert 8. First quarter 1 and 4. A wedding compliment to F. Smerdon, a local ringer.

CHELTENHAM, GLOS. — On Easter Day, at St. Mary's Church, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: E. Evans 1, J. Southerst 2, K. Higgins 3, C. M. Trist 4, H. Miles 5, G. Waters 6, P. T. Robbins 7, M. E. H. Barrow 8, D. Gallop 9, T. Newbury 10, P. W. B. Semmens (cond.) 11, W. Newman 12. First of Cinques for 4, 7, 8, 9 and 11.

CLUTTON, SOMERSET. — On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Holbrook 1, H. Griffin 2, C. Bennet 3, J. Light (first 'inside') 4, D. Hoare (cond.) 5, T. Connock 6.

DONINGTON, LINCS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Minor (360 Kent, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob): J. E. Allen 1, E. Staples 2, G. Pearson 3, S. V. Woods 4, C. Wander (cond.) 5, H. R. Woods 6. In memoriam Rev. H. P. Cole, Vicar.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. H. Hawker 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, R. H. Duke (first 'inside') 3, Hy. Steed 4, Hy. Pink 5, J. W. Smith 6, P. H. Tocock (cond.) 7, H. W. Gale 8. First quarter 1 and 8.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX. — On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Melhams 1, J. F. Smallwood 2, P. Bettridge 3, W. T. Godfrey 4, M. V. Chilcott (cond.) 5, J. B. Sansom 6, J. E. Chilcott 7, J. Hammett (first quarter) 8.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. Blake 1, F. Whilby 2, L. Cordell 3, B. Burton 4, V. Tipton 5, S. Clark 6, W. Aley 7, W. Wheeler (cond.) 8. First in method 1 and 4.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX. — On April 24th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, P. D. Beedie (first in method) 3, H. G. Hart 4, J. R. Mayne 5, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 6.

HIGHGATE, LONDON. — On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rachael Yeld (first quarter) 1, G. F. Carter 2, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 3, J. S. Hawkins 4, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 5, D. Harman 6, T. Bevan 7, J. T. O'Dell 8. In memoriam Prebendary G. Wallace Johnston.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On April 24th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Nicholls 1, J. W. C. Blythe 2, L. W. Fisher 3, S. Gilbert 4, D. Sanderson 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6. First quarter of Surprise 3 and 5.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX. — On April 24th, 1,350 Erin Caters: Miss R. J. Pett 1, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 2, N. G. Hollingworth 3, Miss E. Farrell 4, S. Croft 5, E. Dodds 6, H. W. Rogers (con.) 7, F. D. Bishop 8, D. J. Charnley 9, F. Hongood 10. First in the method by all and on the bells.

LLANSTEPHAN, CARMS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Mayhook 1, Wilfred L. Williams 2, T. Owen 3, D. Haydn Davies 4, D. J. Curtis (cond.) 5, L. T. Curtis 6.

LYME REGIS, DORSET. — On April 23rd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: C. W. Powell 1, R. Keeley 2, G. S. Morris 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, G. H. Whitemore 5, Rev. C. C. Cox (cond.) 6, H. G. Keeley 7, S. H. Green 8. First of Superlative by 2, 4 and 5.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Trinles: B. Madeley 1, F. Price 2, S. Hughes 3, W. Lycett 4, T. Price 5, A. M. Hickman 6, E. V. Rodenhurst (Hodnet, cond.) 7, F. Simester 8. First of Trinles 1 and 8.

NORTHAMPTON. — On April 24th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. B. Valentine (first quarter of Stedman) 1, W. J. Dove 2, E. Nobles 3, F. Burgess 4, W. R. Parker 5, T. Tebbutt (cond.) 6, G. S. Valentine 7, W. H. Austin 8.

PENHURST, KENT. — On April 18th, at St. John the Baptist's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Ladd 1, Doris E. Colgate 2, B. Pankhurst 3, H. Markwell 4, A. H. Janes 5, B. V. Collison 6, T. E. Sone (cond.) 7, R. Collins 8. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. G. Edwards, formerly captain for 56 years.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On May 1st, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Royal: Peter King 1, T. E. Loxton 2, W. S. May 3, P. Sadler 4, R. Brown 5, J. Belcham 6, F. C. May 7, F. Souter 8, G. Frost 9, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 10.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Carter 1, J. Holbrook 2, D. Hoare 3, H. Griffin 4, E. Connock (cond.) 5, T. Griffin 6. A wedding compliment to Christine Ashman and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

REPTON, DERBYS. — On April 24th, 1,440 Bob Minor: P. Hole 1, Mrs. S. H. Jones 2, Miss R. Hemmings 3, H. Minion 4, J. B. Stennitt 5, S. H. Jones (cond.) 6. First of Minor by 1, 2, 4, 5. A farewell to J. B. Stennitt.

SANDHURST, GLOS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Price (first quarter) 1, W. Richings 2, I. Whiting 3, E. Price (first quarter) 4, H. Daniels 5, J. Whiting (first quarter as cond.) 6, L. Barry 7, C. Larner 8.

SCOTHERN, LINCS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Bob Minor: C. H. Jeffery 1, G. Parker 2, W. S. Hill 3, M. Ward 4, E. Russell 5, G. A. Dixon (cond.) 6. First quarter 2, 4, 5. A compliment to Mr. C. V. Cade (Upton) on the christening of his son.

SPELDHURST, KENT.—On April 23rd, 1,264 Bob Major: A. R. Turley (first quarter) 1, W. R. Manser (first on eight) 2, J. L. Morris 3, R. L. Sills 4, Miss E. Sills 5, M. A. Causley 6, P. C. Wright 7, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's on April 17th, 1,260 Bob Triples: Mrs. Fergusson 1, H. V. Frost 2, Miss A. Bailey 3, H. G. Mason 4, A. Dale 5, F. J. Spicer 6, R. W. Darvill (cond.) 7, F. J. Bailey 8. First by all except conductor.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS. — On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Woodward 1, Miss M. Clarke 2, C. L. Catlin 3, C. Hall 4, K. R. Holtom (cond.) 5, R. Fennell 6. Rung for the engagement of Miss P. Jackson, tower secretary.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On April 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Charge 1, E. A. Reeve 2, R. Sanders 3, C. D. Nichols 4, S. Howard 5, J. W. Chapman 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, T. W. Welbourne 8.

SUTTON BENGER, WILTS.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Bridgeman 1, G. Eyles 2, T. Davison (cond.) 3, H. Heath 4, H. Marsh 5. First quarter by 1 and 2 and first on the bells.

TWYFORD, BERKS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1-2 leading): Mrs. W. Hunt (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Jeffries 2, Miss M. Young (first quarter) 3, Miss J. Cudby (first quarter) 4, Miss P. Holloway (first quarter 'inside') 5, Mrs. H. Smith 6, H. Smith (cond.) 7, G. Farthing 8.

WALPOLE ST. PETER, NORFOLK. — On April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Harpley 1, Miss D. Wiskin (first 'inside') 2, W. J. Hammond (first quarter) 3, J. E. Fox (cond.) 4, R. Wiskin 5, R. Reed 6.

WANSTROW, SOMERSET.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. S. Mounty 1, F. Warren 2, W. Colwell (cond.) 3, W. Pearce 4, F. Mounty 5, F. Newport 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. F. G. Colwell, ringing captain for over 30 years.

WHISTON, YORKS.—On April 19th, 1,344 New Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Holland 1, G. Briggs 2, J. E. Turley 3, G. Graham 4, W. E. Critchley 5, P. E. North 6, H. O. Chaddock 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. First in method 1 and 6.

WOODBURY, DEVON. — On April 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Arbury 1, S. Skinner 2, B. Pidgeon 3, C. Deem (first of Major) 4, J. Quick 5, G. Retter (cond.) 6, C. Turner 7, J. Glanvill 8.

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DEATH

HARTLEY. — Eric Bretherton Hartley, 43, Grendon Gardens, Wembley Park, beloved son of Fred Hartley, who died on May 8th, 1949, aged 35 years. May he rest in peace. 5263

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. Stafford H GREEN is Sunnybank, Turnpike Road Sampford Peverell, near Tiverton, Devon. 5247

HANDBELLS WANTED

Wanted, set of 12 handbells A.17. Reply, giving price and condition, R. Emmons, Mansfield Road, Farnsfield, Notts. 5250

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

LLANDUDNO.—Board residence, moderate terms, good cuisine, close to sea, bowls, tennis, trams and buses, beautiful view.—Mrs. L. S. Griffiths, Maesteg Guest House, Clarence Road, Craig-y-don. Telephone Llandudno 7271. 5246

SITUATION VACANT

GARDENER-HANDYMAN for Fountains Park, near Southampton, with occupancy of The Lodge. State experience and gross value of required wages to S/Ldr. A. York-Bramble (Netley Abbey). Good ringing (10) locally. 5273

MISCELLANEOUS

YARDLEY PARISH CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM.—Will all friends kindly note that all ringing has been discontinued for the time being. 5212

RAINHAM PARISH CHURCH, KENT.—Will all friends kindly note that all ringing has been discontinued for the time being. 5272

EXTRA COPIES. — It is an advantage if those requiring extra copies should send their orders at the time copy of peals or quarter-peals are submitted.

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.

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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.

SURPRISE ROYAL AND MAXIMUS COLLECTION.—Publication postponed pending discussion on Surprise Royal proposition at C.C. meeting. 370 Surprise Major Methods (2nd impression), 2s. post free. — A. J. Corrigan, Bitton, near Bristol. 5174

No better pen picture of early ringing societies has been published than J. Armiger Trollope's 'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' illustrated. 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

The reprint of 'THE COLLECTION OF DOUBLES AND MINOR METHODS" will be welcomed by many who have shown interest in the recently published four-way Table of Minor Methods. This table is for use with the collection, which can now be obtained from the Librarian (3s. 3d. post free), Osmington School, Tring, Herts.

MEETINGS

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Howden, May 21st. Bells 2. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5. Good attendance, please. 5235

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Cobham, Saturday, May 21st. Usual arrangements. Numbers for tea to W. E. Matthews, 48, Freelands Road, Cobham, early please. 5177

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting due for May 21st at High Halden is cancelled owing to illness near the church.—T. Cullingworth. 5223

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—Meeting at Bagshot (8) on Saturday, May 21st, at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. —G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 5231

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Hayfield, May 21st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 515. All welcome. — C. K. Lewis, Sec. 5234

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—A meeting will be held at Broughton (near Brigg) on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel 623. 5233

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Basingstoke District), OXFORD GUILD (Newbury District).—Combined meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, May 21st. Bells from 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea 5. 5206

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guild festival at Dorchester on Saturday, May 21st. Annual meeting, Old Shire Hall, 2 p.m. Guild service, St. Peter's Church, 3.45 p.m.; preacher, the Ven. L. F. Addison, Archdeacon of Dorset. Tea in Shire Hall 4.45 p.m. (1s.). Towers available: 8 bells, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Blandford, Wyke Regis; 6 bells, Fordington, Abbotsbury, Martinstown, Puddletown, Upwey; 5 bells, Bradford Peverell, Stratton. (A peal attempt is contemplated at Wyke in the morning.)—F. Ll. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 5254

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion, Yatton, May 22nd, 8 a.m. Bells from 7 a.m.—Mr. L. Pullin, Newton House, Hill Road, Clevedon. 5220

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Newmarket, May 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Requests for tea by May 25th.—Miss D. Reeve, Hockwold, Norfolk. 5237

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Special general meeting at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. H. Blow, 1, Edgar Road, Sanderstead, by Wednesday, May 25th. It is particularly hoped that every effort will be made to attend this meeting in view of the importance of the business on the agenda.—C. de Ste C. Parks, Hon. Sec. 5178

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Invitation meeting at Thorley on Saturday, May 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Names for tea not later than the 23rd to G. Newman, 156, London Road, Bishop's Stortford. All ringers welcome.—A. S. Carter, Sec. 5214

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Walmer, Saturday, May 28th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 6d. Names for tea, with cost for same, to reach me not later than Tuesday, May 24th.—B. J. Lusk, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 5222

MIDDLESEX (N.E.) and HERTFORD (St. Albans) COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS. — Joint meeting, Saturday, May 28th, Monken Hadley (8) 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service and tea following. Barnet (8) from 6.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock and T. J. Southam, Dis. Secs. 5224

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Horsell on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, 24th. — F. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 5225

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting, London, Saturday, May 28th. St. James', Clerkenwell, bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. St. Giles-in-the-Fields bells from 7 p.m. Names for tea by May 23rd to Miss D. E. Lidbetter, 22, Mervyn Road, Ealing, W.13. 5198

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Eastchurch (6) on Saturday, May 28th. Usual arrangements. Names to B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Sittingbourne, by Tuesday, May 24th. 5221

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Visit to grave of J. S. Goldsmith at Pyrford, May 28th, in conjunction with Guildford District meeting. Coach (fare 2s. 6d.) leaving Godalming 2 p.m. via Guildford, Merrow and West Clandon (ringing and tea) to Pyrford (service 5.15). Then to Send (ringing) and return to Godalming via Clandon and Guildford. Applications for coach tickets (stating joining place) and numbers for tea to be sent to G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, by May 23rd. 5210

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting of the Association will be held at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, on Saturday, May 28th. The bells will be available at 3 p.m. The committee meeting will be held at 3 p.m. in the Church Hall. A service at 4.15 p.m. will be followed by tea at 5 p.m. Will members requiring tea please advise Mr. R. A. Gofton, 8, Hermiston, Monkseaton, Northumberland, not later than May 26th.—John A. Brown, Hon. Sec. 5213

LADIES' GUILD and COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD (Coventry and Rugby District).—Joint meeting, Church Lawford, May 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea (Coventry Guild) by May 25th to Pervin, 62, Newfield Road, Coventry. 5253

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Branch.—Annual, Brill (6), May 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by 21st.—C. Kinch, 3, Causeway, Bicester. 5252

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Marshfield (3), May 28th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss M. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 5248

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Frodsham, May 28th. Please advise Mr. J. E. Bibby, Beyher, London Road, Frodsham, if requiring tea, by the 25th. 5257

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Loughborough and Syston Districts.—Joint meeting, Mountsorrel, May 28th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Vicarage Room. Please notify by May 24th C. W. Hall, The Terrace, Copt Oak, near Markfield. 5258

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION and CHESTER GUILD (Crewe Branch). — Joint meeting at Market Drayton, May 28th, 2.30 p.m. Local cafes available for tea. 5259

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Meeting, Elmham, Saturday, May 28th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please reply promptly to W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 5260

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Thorverton (8), May 28th. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15. Names by May 25th.—E. J. Ryall, Alphidex, Dunsford Hill, Exeter. 5262

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Twyford, Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in School 5 o'clock. Names to Mr. Roger Spencer, Twyford, by the 25th. 5267

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Broughton, May 28th, 2.30. Names for tea by May 24th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, Hants. 5266

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District. — Meeting, Ashbourne, May 28th, 3 o'clock. Tea 2s. 9d. Names to me by 25th latest.—J. Wilkinson, 1, Cromford Road, Chaddesden, Derby. 5264

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—Practice meeting, Congresbury, Saturday, May 28th, 5 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Sec. 5265

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District. —First annual meeting will be held at Church Lawford, May 28th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Monday previous to secretary, J. M. Griffiths, 16, Watery Lane, Keresley, near Coventry. 5275

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Annual meeting at Basford, Saturday, May 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Pinder, 61, Church Street, Old Basford, Nottingham, not later than Wednesday, May 25th. Buses start from Council Square, Nottingham. All ringers welcome.—Jill Poole. 5232

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Bexhill, Saturday, May 28th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Names for tea Rev. P. J. Boulsover, Chantry Croft, Barrack Road, Bexhill. 5277

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Birstall, May 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d. per head) arranged for all who notify Mr. S. Britton, 22, Kings Drive, Birstall, by May 24th. Business meeting in tower 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Clewer, Saturday, May 28th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by May 23rd.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 5270

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Thorne (8), May 28th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 5268

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Tewkesbury Branch. — Meeting at Beckford, Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by 31st to Mr. E. T. Newbury, 2, Western Hill Road, Beckford, near Tewkesbury. 5261

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Hever (6), June 4th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, not later than May 31st. 5245

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Thaxted (8) on Saturday, June 4th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea by June 2nd, please, to G. Blake, District Sec., 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 5271

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Newport Pagnell, Saturday, June 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by May 30th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 5269

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting, Whit Monday, Peterborough. Committee meet St. John's Vestry 2.30. Service 3.30 in Cathedral, with address by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough. Tea 4.30, followed by business meeting and election of officers. Names for tea must reach the Guild Sec. by May 28th. Will all those attending please meet outside the Cathedral at 3 p.m. for a group photograph. Bells available Oundle 11 to 12; St. John's and St. Mary's, Peterborough, Woodston, and St. Mary's, Whittlesey, all from 11 a.m.—Robert G. Black, 2, Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering. 5227

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, Clun, Whit Monday, June 6th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. Annual meeting 5 p.m. Bells (8) 11.30 and Clunbury (6). Notify tea before June 3rd.—Rev. E. G. Benson, Burghill Vicarage, Hereford. 5244

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 6th. Service in the Cathedral at 11 a.m., conducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. C. K. Waller, M.A.; preacher, the Right Rev. Hugh Gough, M.A., O.B.E., Bishop of Barking. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the County Hotel at 1.30 p.m. Applications for lunch tickets to the hon. general secretary not later than June 1st. Members 2s.; non-resident members and non-members 4s., to be prepaid, enclosing stamped, addressed envelope for the return of the tickets. 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 p.m. 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. Gen. Sec., 19, Brook Road, Tillingham, Essex. 5255

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NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, St. Matthew's, Buckley, Whit Monday, June 6th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 3.30, followed by business meeting. Tea 5. Numbers for tea must reach me by May 29th. —W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 5278

DEDICATION AT GREAT BRINGTON, NORTHAMPTON. — The ring of six (tenor recast, 18 cwt.), which has recently been rehung with new frame and fittings by John Taylor, will be rededicated on Saturday, June 11th, at 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards. All ringers invited. A summer fair in aid of the Bell Fund will be held the same afternoon near the church; teas, sideshows, stalls, etc. Numbers for tea, please, by June 6th to the Rector. 5163

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Owing to unavoidable circumstances, the Society's next meeting, planned for July 23rd, has had to be brought forward to June 18th. Further details later.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 5256

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Preliminary notice.—The annual dinner will be held at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, on Saturday, October 8th. Accommodation is limited, so please book early! Tickets (12s. 6d. each inclusive) are now available from the undersigned.—Peter N. Bond, Asst. Hon. Sec., 56, Stanhope Gardens, S.W.7. 5251

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On May 1st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Packham 1, Catherine A. Lish 2, F. Cruttenden 3, E. Lish 4, F. Parsons 5, E. Morey 6, E. Packham 7, B. White (cond.) 8. First in the method by all.

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A RINGERS' GUIDE

OUR editorial of a fortnight ago concerning the publication, if possible, of a Ringers' Guide has evoked a widespread interest judging from the letters that have reached the Editor.

Mr. R. H. Dove, of Leeds, writes:—

'If the Central Council should favour the publication of a ringers' guide, I would gladly supply an alphabetical list of about six thousand towers with rings of five or more bells. I commenced the compilation of this list over twenty years ago, following an incident when acting upon information gleaned from Kelly's Directory I sent a band of ringers on their outing to an alleged six-bell tower, and when they arrived they found a set of tubular bells!

'In 1934 a well-known ringer author urged me to publish my list, which was, as far as could be ascertained, both complete and accurate, and arrangements were being made with a London publisher but were suspended on account of a last-minute "technical hitch"—either I could not or would not guarantee the required sales—and being about to take up an appointment in Leeds I abandoned the project until a later date, but kept the list up to date. I had, in point of fact, only recently been exploring the possibility of publishing, but if the Central Council should decide to embark on the project, which I know from experience is no small task, the results of the literally hundreds of hours I have expended on the task are at the Council's disposal. While I do not enjoy the privilege of Council membership, I would like to feel that my efforts may have served some useful purpose.

'That there is a real need for such a work may be illustrated by the following instance. I am at present arranging the programme for a "ringing week," when, in addition to the more serious business of peal ringing, it is intended to visit as many as possible of the fives and sixes in the remoter parts of the Yorkshire moors and wolds where there is but little or no change ringing and contact with organised ringing is of the slightest.

'Out of thirty-five towers which it is hoped to visit, thirteen do not appear in the Yorkshire Association Report and to the uninformed do not exist. This led me to make a rough check of the one up-to-date Association Report to hand, namely, the Yorkshire, and I found that my list contains one hundred towers not contained in the report, due, no doubt, to there being no membership at these towers. No doubt a comparison with other county Association reports would reveal a similar divergence.

'Certain Associations, notably the Durham and Newcastle, Lancashire, Leicester and Kent, do publish comprehensive lists of the towers in their territories, but the majority do not, and the total number of rings has always been a matter of conjecture—I think it will prove to be over six thousand, which should satisfy the ambitions of most "tower grabbers"!'

Mr. Thomas C. Belton, of Barwell, Leicester, comments: 'It would be a boon to tower secretaries in the arranging of summer outings. Much time and writing would be saved if the names and addresses of the proper authorities were to hand, particularly when new ground is covered.'

A Southend-on-Sea ringer, in agreeing wholeheartedly with the suggestion, states it would prove invaluable to ringers in all parts of the country. It is most difficult, when visiting a strange town, to find out which of the towers has a ring of bells, and then, having discovered one, it is even more difficult to find out whether the bells are rung for Sunday service or the day for practice.

The Rev. F. C. Champion, The Rectory, Hinton-on-the-Green, in promising particulars concerning the county of Worcestershire, writes: 'It is still my hope that a general book on bells and their founders, with up-to-date information, will some day be produced.'

TEN BELL PEAL

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*MISS D. C. OSBORN	*Treble*	*DAVID SMITH	6
FRANK BARRACLOUGH	2	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE	7
†WILLIAM PYE	3	†HARRY PARKER	8
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Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN H. LOTT	*Treble*	CHARLES W. OTTLEY	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	ERNEST W. FURBANK	6
MISS AUDREY M. CASTLE	3	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER	7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	4	ERIC T. BEAUCHAMP	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5156 CHANGES;

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	*THOMAS C. BELTON	5
ALAN H. HOUGH	2	ALAN CATTELL	6
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE	3	JOHN J. MORRIS	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OSWALD DELICHT MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MRS. J. E. TURLEY	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
JACK G. BROTHWELL	2	GORDON C. BRIGGS	6
ARNOLD HILL	3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	7
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WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BENINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

THOMAS E. DAVIES	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
LEONARD H. BOWLER	2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	6
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
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WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.
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A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

SAM SCATTERGOOD	*Treble*	HAROLD JACKSON	5
CYRIL WRIGHT	2	DENNIS PARSONS	6
BENJAMIN GREATOREX	3	JOSEPH SAXTON	7
FREDERICK A. ADAMS	4	GORDON C. BRIGGS	*Tenor*

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STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AD VINCULA,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20¼ cwt. in E flat.

*CHARLES H. PAGE	*Treble*	ARTHUR PEAKE	5
WILLIAM H. CARNWELL	2	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	6
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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Consisting of Plain Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob and Little Bob.
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MISS F. MARY LACEBY	*Treble*	GEORGE W. MOODY	5
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G. LESLIE A. LUNN	3	BERNARD O. MANN	7
FRANK LORD	4	GEORGE DOBBS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
First peal in three Major methods by all except the ringers of 4 and 6. Methods arranged by G. E. Feirn. To celebrate the golden jubilee of the Lincoln Guild.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NORWICH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

FRANK PHILLIPPO	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	4	HENRY TOOKE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
The first peal of Little Bob Major to be rung with the treble hunting up to fifths place.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

*DEREK OGDEN	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
HAROLD WALKER	2	ALAN J. BROWN	6
MISS MARY WALSHAW	3	DAVID VINCENT	7
MISS R. M. ELKINGTON	4	†RICHARD BENSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal of Treble Bob. †First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., May 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Consisting of 2,880 London, 768 Bristol, 960 Cambridge, 480 Superlative, with 111 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt.

*HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	*JOHN PINFOLD	5
*FRANK E. PERVIN	2	LEONARD TREVOR	6
FRANK W. PERRENS	3	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	7
*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	*GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by P. K. WILLIAMSON.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced Surprise as conductor.

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THROWLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 11, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 11 cwt.

Hildred S. Wickens	*Treble*	Peter D. Huckstepp	5
*Mark W. Marshall	2	Thomas Cullingworth	6
William A. Oldfield	3	Fredk. G. Huckstepp	7
Percy Page	4	Harry Parkes	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick G. Huckstepp.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 11, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Herbert J. Eldred	*Treble*	Bert Gogle	5
Thomas H. Taffender	2	Thomas E. Davies	6
Squire Croft	3	David J. Charnley	7
*Edwin C. Hynard	4	Harold W. Rogers	*Tenor*

Composed by O. Lang. Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.
* First peal away from a cover bell. Tenor 18½ cwt.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 12, 1949, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF BEDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Laurence Greenhow	*Treble*	*Herrick B. Bowley	5
Alan Jacques	2	Frank K. Measures	6
John R. Smith	3	Alfred Ballard	7
Shirley Burton	4	Harold J. Poole	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* 50th Surprise peal. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild. Tenor 14 cwt.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Vicar's. Tenor 26 cwt.

Herbert Goakes	*Treble*	William H. Waldron	5
Alfred H. Pulling	2	William Rose	6
John Bluff	3	Frank Warrington	7
*James Mounfield	4	Ernest Warner	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Rose.
* First peal in the method.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

William Ranford	*Treble*	Reginald Woodyatt	5
Thomas W. Lewis	2	Charles Camm	6
William H. A. Compton	3	George E. Large	7
Sidney T. Holt	4	Denis R. Morris	*Tenor*

Composed by George Lewis. Conducted by Sidney T. Holt.
A compliment to William Ranford on his 80th birthday.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., May 12, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Walter P. Whitehead	*Treble*	Arthur Pattrick	5
*Harold Kilby	2	Ernest Morris	6
John J. Morris	3	Ernest J. Jelly	7
Arthur E. Bodycote	4	W. Arthur Riddington	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.
* First in the method. Rung half muffled to the respected memory of J. Leslie Willars, head ringer and towerkeeper at the above church. Tenor 14½ cwt.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 11 lb. in F sharp.

E. Harry Stoneley	*Treble*	James Draycott	5
Alan Cattell	2	J. W. Frank Trotman	6
Paul K. Williamson	3	Walter P. Whitehead	7
Margaret Beamish	4	John A. L. Thompson	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. F. Trotman. Conducted by W. P. Whitehead.
First peal in the method on the bells.

CODSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

Howard Howell	*Treble*	Herbert Knight	5
Maurice G. Turner	2	†Samuel Birch	6
Eric E. Speake	3	†Harry Griffiths	7
*Trevor Reynolds	4	J. Dennis Holden	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Eric E. Speake.
* First of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Treble Bob.

CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Charles W. Blakey	*Treble*	Charles Clegg	5
Arthur Tomlinson	2	Victor J. C. Wood	6
Ernest J. Gower	3	Jack Clegg	7
*Eric Brunton	4	Laurence J. Williams	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by L. J. Williams.
* 25th peal. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

CUDHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.

James W. Eden	*Treble*	Frank Bennett	5
Maxwell F. Oakshett	2	John E. Lyddiard	6
William J. Rawlings	3	William Bottrill	7
John L. Morris	4	Frank C. W. Knight	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Frank Bennett.
Rung on the back eight.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 3 Hours,
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

Thomas Marshall	*Treble*	*Peter Coxall	5
Miss M. E. Ridyard	2	†Sidney Clough	6
*Raymond Leach	3	Arthur Mawdsley	7
†James Burns	4	Joseph Ridyard	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights (281). Conducted by J. Ridyard.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. In memoriam Eric B. Hartley.

DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edmund,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

Stanley G. Elsey	*Treble*	†M. R. Reed	5
*Douglas Clarke	2	Ernest H. Mastin	6
Walter Jarvis	3	Edward Barker	7
John E. Fox	4	William Rose	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Ernest H. Mastin.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' † First peal on eight bells.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR. 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F.

Charles E. Brown	*Treble*	Sydney A. Chambers	5
Charles McGuiness	2	John A. Freeman	6
*Stanley E. Bennett	3	*John G. Ames	7
John Walden	4	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by J. L. Millhouse.
* First peal of London.

LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Peggy G. Kitchen	*Treble*	Frederick A. Finch	5
George A. Parsons	2	William J. Ellis	6
David Beveridge	3	John H. Hunt	7
Allan White	4	Thomas Hemming	*Tenor*

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by John H. Hunt.
Rung for the Mission to London and as a welcome to the benefice of the Rev. G. C. Taylor. Tenor 18 cwt.

SIX BELL PEALS

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, viz.: Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and two Plain Bob.

Cyril Cousins ...	...*Treble*	Claude Cousins	4
Stanley G. Elsey ...	2	Wallace W. Cousins ...	5
Ernest H. Mastin ...	3	Edward Barker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Edward Barker.

First as conductor in more than one method. A 65th birthday compliment to the conductor. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

*Cyril H. W. Speed ...	*Treble*	†Kenneth Brummit ...	4
*Louis Willders	2	*Gerald Speed	5
Amos Ingall	3	Moses Billings ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Moses Billings.

* First in seven methods. † First peal. First in seven by the local band. A welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. W. R. Dewey.

WENDRON, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wendron,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, all different. Tenor 8 cwt. 20 lb. in A flat.

Rev. Arthur S. Roberts	*Treble*	Geoffrey Taysom ...	4
Miss Joan E. Withey ...	2	*Herbert C. Spencer ...	5
Mrs. Arthur S. Roberts	3	†E. Vivyan Williams ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by E Vivyan Williams.

* 200th peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells and in the county by a resident band.

COMBE FLOREY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Harry Commins	*Treble*	Frank Morris	4
†Albert Cavill	2	*Claude Tarr	5
‡Ben Holt	3	Reginald Stone ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Claude Tarr.

* 25th peal together. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Doubles. A silver wedding compliment to the treble ringer.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Werburgh,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

Denis R. Carlisle ...	*Treble*	Francis R. Lowe ...	4
*Mrs. D. R. Carlisle ...	2	†Harold Taylor	5
Alfred Mould	3	†John Wilkinson ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.

* First peal away from the treble. † First peal in three methods.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.
THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10¾ cwt. in G.

Mrs. Edith Bassett ...	*Treble*	Leonard W. Giles ...	4
*Archibald G. Grimwood	2	†‡F. J. Lambert, jun....	5
Charles A. Bassett ...	3	‡Wm. A. Kitchenside...	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Kitchenside.

* First peal. †175th peal. ‡25th peal together.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Ernest Morris	*Treble*	Colin A. Kirk	4
Miss Jean M. Ward ...	2	John B. Bennett	5
Arthur Cattell	3	Alan Cattell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan Cattell.

In memoriam William Gutteridge, for many years churchwarden at this church. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

FRANT, SUSSEX.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Thurs., May 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Alban,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

12 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Christopher Pilbeam...	*Treble*	*Mrs. Edith Bassett ...	4
*Miss Joan Hills ...	2	*Leonard W. Giles ...	5
Charles A. Bassett ...	3	William A. Kitchenside	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leonard W. Giles.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

DAMERHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Jack Mussell ...	...*Treble*	Brian R. Tiller	4
Leslie A. Page	2	Frank L. Harris	5
Jean M. Brown	3	Ronald N. Marlow ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

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

BARMING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 13, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Frederick Manser ...	*Treble*	William Manser, jun....	4
Tom Saunders	2	Luther J. Honess ...	5
William Manser, sen....	3	Henry J. Manser ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Manser, jun.

First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the wife of the second ringer.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 13, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Cambridge, two extents of Oxford, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

W. Brian Ellender ...	*Treble*	Alfred J. Hinde... ...	4
Margaret E. L. Beamish	2	*Hubert E. Ashley ...	5
John A. L. Thompson...	3	Leonard Trevor ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leonard Trevor.

* First in four methods. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Rosemary Ashley.

BARMING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

Luther J. Honess ...	*Treble*	William R. Manser ...	4
Frederick E. Manser ...	2	Reginald L. Sills ...	5
Edna M. Sills (15) ...	3	Henry J. Manser ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Edna M. Sills.

First peal as conductor.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas a Becket,
A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 25 methods spliced into seven extents, with 51 changes of method: (1) Combermere and Vale Royal Delight; (2) Crowland, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (3) Willesden, Newdigate and Old Oxford Delight; (4) Marple and College Bob IV. Delight; (5) Braintree, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (6) Morning Star, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob; (7) Oxford, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

James A. Milner	*Treble*	Eric Simpson	4
Alexander Richardson...	2	Arthur Hibbert	5
Sydney Hough, jun. ...	3	C. Kenneth Lewis ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

First peal in 25 methods by all except the treble and tenor ringers.

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*Edward J. Blight ...	*Treble*	*Raymond W. Skinner...	4
Cyril S. Jarrett	2	Charles E. J. Norris...	5
Victor A. Jarrett ...	3	William A. J. Knight	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. J. Knight.

* First peal

GRIMSTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob.

C. F. TOVELL	*Treble*	WALLACE W. COUSINS ...	4
CECIL EBBERSON	2	CLAUDE COUSINS	5
EDWARD GREENACRE ...	3	NORMAN V. HARDING ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING. Tenor 9 cwt.

HENDON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's C.C.C. Nos. 50, 48, 37, 49, 55, 28, 29.)

*ROBERT J. PITMAN	*Treble*	ERNEST E. PRATCHETT ...	4
*DAVID R. CORNING ...	2	BERNARD J. WILLIS ...	5
*JOHN F. GOODALL ...	3	FREDERICK A. BARKER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK A. BARKER.
* First peal. Rung for Bishop of London's Mission. Tenor 16½ cwt.

HANDBELL PEALS

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 6, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT 39, TITIAN AVENUE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

*THOMAS J. LOCK	1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ...	5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW...	7-8

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY.
* 200th peal, and first peal in the method on handbells.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 9, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	ROY C. HURST	7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Cond. by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 10, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT 9, FISHERMAN'S AVENUE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD	1-2	*FRED PRICE	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	DANIEL T. MATKIN... ...	7-8

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples inside 'in hand.'

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 10, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT 9, WINDSOR STREET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

EDGAR VALLANCE	1-2	FRANK K. MEASURES ...	5-6
*ALFRED BALLARD	3-4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.
* 350th peal.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 11, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

ALFRED JORDAN	1-2	ALFRED BALLARD	5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3-4	*DEREK G. GOODMAN ...	7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 15, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	3-4
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	5-6		

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

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LATE NEWS

Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, of Stoke Poges, is undergoing an operation and will not be able to ring for some time. His address is Ward 6, Canadian Red Cross Memorial Hospital, Taplow, Bucks.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Robert G. Black, hon. secretary of the Peterborough Guild, is not seeking re-election at the jubilee meeting of the Guild on Whit Monday.

With the peal at Cudham, Mr. Frank Bennett, now 81, has rung peals in all of the 8, 10 and 12 bell towers in Kent except two. It is his ambition to complete the county.

Since the ring of eight was installed at Heydour, Lincs, in 1945, over 40,000 changes of London have been rung on the bells in peal attempts. The peal of 5,152 on May 14th was the shortest touch of London yet rung on these bells.

Work has commenced on the six bells of St. Paul's, Honiton, Devon, which are to be restored and augmented to eight. These bells have never been rung in living memory. The order has been placed with Messrs. Taylor's.

Whitby Parish Church bells (10) are to be recast and rehung with new fittings in a new cast-iron frame on steel supporting girders at an estimated cost of £2,000. A provisional order has been placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

It is proposed to add two new trebles and recast Yardley, Birmingham, bells into a ring of eight and also provide a new steel frame. The Vicar, the Rev. C. Crowson, The Vicarage, Yardley, appeals for contributions. The rehanging of the bells is part of a £10,000 appeal the parish has issued.

At Newbury Grammar School Founder's Day service at St. Nicolas' Church, boys rang for the first time for the service. They were J. W. Wilson (conductor, East Ilsley), R. C. Christopher (Thatcham), D. J. Farthing (Kingsclere), K. J. F. Mitchell (Bradfield), L. J. Nicholls (Beenham), D. A. Vince (Peasemore), D. V. Stearn (Thatcham), D. Wilson (East Ilsley), A. B. Brooks (Highclere), C. R. Humphris (Bradfield) and E. Dodd (age 11, Highclere).

An engraved walking stick and a cheque were presented by members of the Tonbridge District to Mr. George Edwards on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Miss D. Colgate and Mr. Edwards honoured the occasion by calling a touch of Stedman Triples.

Mr. Ernest E. Pratchett rang his first peal in his own tower, Hendon, Middlesex, after over 50 years' service.

Miss Sheila E. Harris and Mrs. Olive L. Rogers are the first ladies to ring a peal at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row. It is over 25 years since a peal was rung at this church.

With reference to the peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in 32 methods rung by the Sunday service band of St. Mary's, Frampton, Mr. A. Rolfe reminds us of a similar performance by the Sunday service band at Lamberhurst, Kent, on March 2nd, 1935, which was his 100th peal of Minor.

The peal at Terrington St. John, Norfolk, was a 65th birthday compliment to the conductor, Mr. Edward Barker. His first peal was rung over 40 years ago, and he has since rung nearly 100 peals. This was his first attempt to conduct a peal in more than one method. For several years he was secretary of the Wisbech Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association, being a branch founder member.

The ringers of London gave an admirable response to the request of the Bishop to ring the bells during the Mission to London. Chiming bells were mounted on a lorry which toured London every day. There were a number of peals. At Kilburn, for example, a peal was rung while the missioners were being commissioned at St. Paul's, and rang at Kilburn each evening during the week before the ringers went to the mission services held in another church without bells. We hope that those who organised ringing will give us a comprehensive summary of the ringers' part.

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Beverley St. Mary's (10): Sunday 9.30 a.m., 5.30 p.m.; Monday 3 p.m.

Hawden (8): Monday 11 a.m.

There is a good bus service between York and the various other towns above mentioned, but owing to catering difficulties at Beverley, will those requiring lunch write early to Mr. L. W. G. Morris, 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

The headquarters of the Council will be at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, Yorks. Members will be welcome there any evening during the week-end and there will be a social evening there on Tuesday.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

NEW CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES.

More than one hundred members and friends attended the 52nd annual general meeting, held at Ealing on May 7th. The bells of Christ Church, St. Mary's and St. Stephen's were rung during the afternoon and evening to a variety of methods. The service, which was held at Christ Church, was conducted by the curate, the Rev. R. W. F. Cowdry, with an address by the Rev. P. Gough, the Rector of Acton, in which he drew attention to the uses and abuses of publicity by the Church and drew conclusions applicable to the coming Mission to London.

The secretary, in the report for 1948, referred to those members who had died during the year. These included the president, Preb. W. P. Cole Sheane, the Rev. E. R. Moore, the Rector of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, J. E. Miller and J. Armstrong, members of the Southgate band for over 50 years. Fifty-eight peals were rung and included the first peals of Bayswater Surprise and Spliced Bristol and Peterborough Surprise. Both of these were composed by Mr. M. Hodgson and conducted by Mr. C. W. Roberts. There were 20 conductors. There was a satisfactory increase in the number of quarter-peals rung. Of the 162 which have been reported and rung in 31 towers, 30 were rung by the Holloway band. Twenty meetings had been held with an average attendance of 40.

The treasurer's report revealed that receipts had exceeded payments by £5 2s. 7d., and the full benefit of peal booking fees and the increase in subscription were now being felt.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, the Rev. P. Gough (in proposing him, Mr. J. E. L. Cockey paid tribute to his many qualities as a priest, scholar and sportsman); active vice-presidents, Messrs. A. W. Coles and W. H. Coles; secretary, Mr. E. C. S. Turner; assistant secretary, Mr. L. H. Bowler; Ringing Master, Mr. C. W. Roberts; treasurer, Mr. W. H. Oram.

A letter handed to the secretary at the commencement of the meeting and signed by the four representatives on the Central Council, offering their resignation, was read. Seven members were proposed for the vacancies, and after a ballot Messrs. E. C. S. Turner, A. W. Coles, T. J. Lock and J. E. L. Cockey were declared elected.

It was agreed to rehouse the Association's peal books and library in the ringing room at St. Giles-in-the-Fields.

The secretary announced that the C. T. Coles Memorial Fund now exceeded £100 and a further £50 was required. A collection realised £4 8s. 6d.

St. James', Clerkenwell, was selected for the next annual meeting.

OBITUARY

CANON C. C. MARSHALL.

We regret to announce the death on May 6th at Broadclyst, Devon, of Canon Charles Cecil Marshall, M.A., aged 77 years. He had been an invalid for the past 12 months.

Canon Marshall was born at Hartford, Cheshire, and after graduating at Oxford, was ordained a deacon in 1898. He held curacies



at Birstall, Leeds and Chapel Allerton, and in 1907 became Vicar of Far Headingley, Leeds, where he served with great faithfulness for 40 years. He was appointed an hon. canon of Ripon in 1933.

In 1910 Canon Marshall was appointed president of the Yorkshire Association, and he held office until 1947. His friendliness and understanding of ringers won for him the esteem of the Association. He was an active president and his worth was appreciated on the Central Council.

Canon Marshall began ringing in 1900 at Birstall and his first peal was rung at Shipley in 1902. He had rung 13 peals.

The funeral was at Broadclyst on May 9th, and among those who attended the service was Preb. E. V. Cox. The sympathy of the Central Council is extended to his widow, who is also a member of the Council.

MR. J. LESLIE WILLARS.

The passing of Mr. Leslie Willars, of Wigston, on May 9th, at the age of 54 years, after a comparatively short illness, was most deeply regretted, but came as little surprise to his local ringing friends. His illness started during the indisposition of the late Charles Marshall, prior to the latter's sudden death by accident.

Taken ill during January with what was thought to be congestion of the lungs, he never found his way to St. Thomas' belfry again. Only a matter of ten days before he died he would remind his ringing visitors how much better he would feel if only he could get along to the belfry. His hopes in this direction never diminished, he loved his ringing and the company of ringers in general. Above all, he loved the pleasure ringing gave him in his own tower.

Born at Wigston, he commenced his ringing career at St. Thomas', South Wigston, at the age of 12 and rang his first peal of Bob Major in his much loved tower at the age of 13. For many years he had been head ringer and tower keeper. A most pleasing personality in the belfry, he was always most eager to teach the art to any youngster. Leslie Willars was himself a splendid ringer, and his passing has left a second big space in the band at South Wigston.

The funeral took place on May 12th, the bells being rung half-muffled prior to the service in St. Thomas'. Members of the local band, assisted by Mr. Ernest Morris, rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells at the conclusion of the service and prior to the cortege leaving the church.

Among the floral tributes was one from his own tower in the shape of a bell. During the evening a peal of Double Norwich (his favourite method) was rung half-muffled by members of the local company. Mr. Willars is survived by his wife and daughter. W. A. P.

MR. FREDERICK J. PITSTOW.

A distinguished career in local affairs has been brought to a close by the death on May 15th of Mr. Frederick J. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, at the age of 69.

Mr. Pitstow was the son of the late Frederick Pitstow, sen., and had lived in Saffron Walden all his life. He commenced work with a firm of estate agents, but later took over the agency of the Essex and Suffolk Insurance Society. At the time of his retirement he was a district inspector.

In World War I. he joined the R.A.O.C. in 1915 and was posted to Salonica, where he was promoted to sergeant. While there he was appointed bandmaster of a band, the members being drawn from 30 different units. He was demobilised in 1919.

As a musician he played the clarinet in the Town Band and was a member of the local orchestra, in which he played the bassoon. He was also for some years in the Amateur Operatic Society and had taken leading parts in Gilbert and Sullivan operas.

In the world of campanology he was well known and was one of the Pitstow family who rang the Surprise peals in the latter part of the 19th century. He was secretary of the Essex Association from 1921-34, being the first layman to hold that office, and was treasurer of the Saffron Walden Society up to the time of his death, an office he had held for over 30 years.

He was also a leading member of the Saffron Bloom Lodge of Oddfellows and had been secretary for many years. Among the offices he had held was Provincial Grand Master of the Cambridge District.

Mr. Pitstow was an ardent Freemason and had been a member of Walden Lodge 1280 for 25 years and was P.M. P.P.A.G.D.C. of Essex and also a Companion of the Walden Chapter 1280.

The funeral took place in the Parish Church on May 19th, at which a large congregation attended. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. M. Sinker, assisted by the curate, the Rev. R Humphries. Among those present were Mr. A. E. Pitstow (brother), Messrs. H. N. and L. E. Pitstow (cousins), A. W. Coles (vice-president, Middlesex Association), R. C. Heazel (secretary, Essex Association), E. J. Butler, F. W. Housden and W. Prior (Essex Association), J. W. Ward, T. R. Dennis and P. Webb (Ely Association), and R. A. Strong, W. Parish, Mr. and Mrs. Mumford, L. Turner and T. J. Godfrey, of the local society.

As the cortege left the church a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the back eight (half-muffled): L. E. Pitstow 1, E. J. Butler 2, R. C. Heazel 3, J. W. Ward 4, H. N. Pitstow (conductor) 5, T. R. Dennis 6, A. W. Coles 7, F. W. Housden 8. Among the many floral tributes were wreaths from the Essex Association and Saffron Walden Society.

CHATHAM, KENT. — On May 1st, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: R. Skinner (first of Major) 1, E. A. G. Allen 2, F. Richardson 3, C. S. Jarrett 4, T. A. Cross 5, V. A. Jarrett 6, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 7, C. E. J. Norris 8. First quarter of Double Norwich 4 and 5.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On May 1st, 720 Canterbury Pleasure and 540 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. B. P. Walker (first quarter) 1, F. J. Cheal 2, Miss G. Jarrett 3, J. Hale 4, W. J. Walker 5, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 6, W. Holland tenor cover.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEAL TAX

MR. CORBY TAKEN TO TASK.

Dear Sir,—I really cannot resist the opportunity of sticking out my neck and leading with my chin after reading the final paragraph of Mr. Corby's letter anent peal ringing.

In my humble opinion, the 'peal tax' is quite a fair and reasonable thing. After all, a lot of the peals rung are obviously rung with the object of getting together, for the individuals concerned, an impressive peal record and many are peals for the sake of peals, and peals at any price. I do agree that peal ringing serves a useful purpose in helping to improve the striking, which is the most important thing in ringing, but to say that the peal ringer is the one who keeps ringing alive is all wrong.

I myself have been to many meetings and seen the wild enthusiasm with which some of the prolific peal ringers have grabbed ropes when some humble method like Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor or even rounds and call changes has been asked for for learners, and also I have noticed how struggling bands have been helped by them.

No, Mr. Corby, the real people who keep ringing alive are the people who are happiest helping the weaker brethren with just an occasional peal to keep in touch with things and to bring learners along. These people would not begrudge the threepence or sixpence per peal I am sure, and, after all, the peal ringers do take up most of the space in the associations' reports and the peal columns of 'The Ringing World.'

This is not a 'dog in the manger' attitude about peal ringing, as everyone has his or her own forms of pleasure, and I would be the last to put difficulties in anyone's way, but there are ringers, and quite good ones, both as regards methods and striking, who are just not interested in a lot of peal ringing, but who give up hours per week teaching and get more pleasure from that.

I am one of those indifferent performers mentioned, but am quite as capable of ringing peals as our friend and have an ear for striking, but I would not object to the tax. Another point is that the bells were put in the towers as a call to worship, not for a secular pleasure, and the fact that we ringers are given a more or less free hand with ringing the bells should be something else to lessen objections of that kind.

This 'tax' may never be imposed, but if it were, to keep the organisations solvent, but not to keep piling money in the banks, well, I don't suppose any thinking person would raise any serious objections.

Ah, well! more power to the peal ringers. May their lists wax fat.—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST COOPER.

Arksey, Doncaster.

Dear Sir,—If peal ringers wish to see their peals recorded in an annual report, the reports must be paid for, also the money must be in the treasurer's hands before the secretary can give the order for the reports to be printed, as the number of peals rung determines the size and cost of the report.

For the Ely Association in 1948 a record number of peals (106) was rung. To enable us to print a report without going bankrupt we omitted the rules and names of non-resident members. If the peal tax had been in operation during 1948 this would have produced about £15, which is much less than half the cost of the report. Surely peal ringers do not consider this is paying more than their share.

The net income of the Ely Association from 200 resident members is £15, against a cost of £33 to print a report. E. H. MASTIN.

Downham Market.

P.S.—Do peal ringers expect any other pastime or amusement all found and free?—E. H. M.

NOT A TRANSPOSITION

Dear Sir,—Either Mr. Ainsley has a faulty memory or else he cannot understand plain English.

He sent me a composition of Four-Spliced which he had found among the papers of the late Mr. J. W. Parker, and he asked my advice as to whether it ought to be published.

I replied that that composition (not mine) was a simple transposition of one already published by Mr. Parker in 'The Ringing World' of August 7th, 1942, and that there was no point in publishing it again.

No reference was made to my own composition, which at that time had not been published.

The respective plans used by Mr. Parker and myself are about as dissimilar as they could possibly be, he using a foundation of three-lead and I one of five-lead courses. Mr. Ainsley would have been well advised to have studied these before crediting me with the absurd submission that the one was a transposition of the other.

Mr. Parker's peal was, of course, the first to be produced with the whole of the work of the four methods, but to do this he parted the tenors for 29 leads, which was not what he and I (and several others) were seeking to achieve.

My composition was the first to contain all the work of the four methods with the tenors together throughout and was an original composition.—Yours sincerely,

H. G. CASHMORE.

Watford.

NEWPORT - CLAIM MODIFIED

Dear Sir,—When I asked my innocent question, 'Is Newport in Wales?' it was not my intention to start another major war, neither had I any desire to change Teddy Barnett's nationality. So I hope the protagonists for and against will not get 'het up' over the matter. Would it satisfy the contestants if we modified our claim to the peal of Cambridge Maximus at Newport being the first in that part of the country, whichever it is? There is so little glory to be obtained these days that perhaps we shall be pardoned for snatching a little too eagerly for this prize.—Yours, etc., J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

West Ealing, London.

HOLY WEEK RINGING

Dear Sir,—Mr. P. A. Corby questions the right of a Guild to pass a resolution condemning the practice of ringing in Holy Week. It is, of course, true that times and occasions of ringing are ultimately at the discretion of the incumbent, but if it be true that 'the large majority of ringers know little of church matters and care less,' it is also probably true that the large majority of clergy know little of ringing matters and care less. It is, therefore, up to thinking ringers to give a lead, while allowing all ringers freedom of conscience.

A second proposition before the same annual meeting of the Oxford Guild to alter the rule requiring members to belong to the Church of England was possibly the province of the incumbent also, but the meeting expressed its feelings in no uncertain terms, and rightly so.

As regards a peal ringing fee, surely 6d. is not a large sum to pay for three hours' enjoyment. In most cases the extra sum raised would be devoted by the Guild towards the cost of printing peal pages in the annual report, and peal ringing is only one side of our art. When Mr. Corby says, 'If peal ringers are to pay for the cost of publication of peals in their annual report, why not in "The Ringing World" also'—well, that's an idea. With a possible increase in cost of 'The Ringing World,' Mr. Corby's suggestion might enable the Editorial Committee to hold the price steady!—Yours sincerely,

L. J. MALINGS.

Rhoose, Glam.

Lancashire Association

LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

The R.C. Church of St. Bartholomew, Rainhill, locally known as Bretherton's Chapel, is delightfully situated on the main Liverpool-Warrington Road and contains a really fine ring of six (tenor 14 cwt.). For one reason and another it is 21 years since a branch meeting was held there, and members showed their keen appreciation of the opportunity to visit what to the majority was a 'new' tower by turning up in quite considerable numbers at the meeting on May 14th. Actually there were 50 members and visitors present. The congestion at times made ringing very difficult, and a 'relay' system to avoid overcrowding was adopted.

At the tea, which local lady helpers had kindly prepared in the Schoolroom, the Rector of Rainhill, Father Marsh, welcomed the ringers in a very happy speech, to which the Rev. D. P. Roberts responded.

Mr. H. Ashton, of Rainhill, who had presided over the previous meeting 21 years ago on Saturday, March 10th, 1928, was voted to the chair, and he recalled those days. The secretary read the minutes of the proceedings on that occasion.

One item on the agenda which caused considerable discussion related to the annual general meeting of the Association at St. Helens. The report in 'The Ringing World' was described as a 'very poor account containing two gross misstatements.' It was pointed out that the resolution regarding future committee membership was not referred back and did not receive a poor reception. In fact, it was passed with a substantial majority on a show of hands.

After the secretary had read 'The Ringing World' account a resolution was proposed by Mr. G. R. Newton, seconded by Mr. T. Hesketh and carried unanimously instructing the secretary to write and correct the misstatements.

Things settled down somewhat peaceably after this matter was finally disposed of and the remainder of the meeting was routine except for one pleasing interlude.

The book of signatures of subscribers to the G. R. Newton Testimonial of October, 1948, had been handsomely bound in leather and inscribed in gold lettering, and the secretary had brought it to the meeting, where the Rev. D. P. Roberts presented it to Mr. Newton in a brief speech. Mr. Newton responded and thanked all concerned.

Everyone expressed their delight at a very pleasant and successful meeting and resolved to revisit Rainhill within 21 months instead of 21 years. Next meeting, June 11th, Sefton.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

THE SECOND COMPETITION.

The second competition of the St. David's Diocese was held at St. Mary's, Tenby, on May 7th, the award to the winners being a shield provided by the president, the Archbishop of Wales. The judge was Mr. F. Sharpe, of Oxfordshire, an able ringer and ardent bell historian. His placings were: 1 Tenby (39 faults, add 5 handicap), 43 faults; 2 Carmarthen, 47; 3 Llanelly, 49; 4 Haverfordwest, 136. The shield was accepted on behalf of Tenby by Mr. Harry Jenkins, and certificate for second place by Mr. D. Curtis for St. Peter's, Carmarthen.

Tea was provided by the Tenby ringers, and competitors were welcomed by the Rev. Griffiths as the Vicar. In the evening ringers combined forces to practise more advanced methods. The annual meeting of the Guild is to be held at St. David's Cathedral on June 11th.

HASLINGDEN, LANCS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Tomlinson 1, F. Wilson 2, T. Wilson 3, E. Ford 4, J. Taylor 5, F. Iddon 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, T. F. Hilton 8.

Sussex County Association

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO MR. KEITH HART.

The annual general meeting of the Sussex County Association was held in Brighton on May 7th. Ringing took place on the two rings of ten at St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' during the afternoon and evening, while the eight bells of the Church of the Good Shepherd were available in the evening.

As the living of St. Nicholas' is at present vacant, the Archdeacon of Chichester gave the address, and the Vicar of Brighton conducted the service.

The business meeting took place at Union Church Hall after tea, and was attended by more than 100 ringers and friends. The Master's report and balance sheet were accepted as satisfactory, and members expressed their approval of the grants for bell restoration given to Southover, Bolney and Aldrington. The peal secretary reported the ringing of 85 peals, a decline from last year, but with the same number of conductors, namely, 30.

The divisional secretaries' reports were accepted as satisfactory and the treasurer announced the annual divisional levies as being 57½ per cent. of income — Northern Division £13 9s. 6d., Southern £11 16s., Eastern £8 1s., Western £13 11s.

New members elected were Brian Turnbull, of Aldrington, Mary MacIntyre and William Manning, of Felpham, and Christopher Gadstone, of Bexhill.

Two honorary life members were elected—Mr. G. P. Elphick, of Lewes, in recognition of services in historical work on bell frames in Sussex, and Mr. S. E. Armstrong for 14 years' service as general secretary.

The president, the Bishop of Chichester, was re-elected, and to the vice-presidents was added the name of the Dean of Chichester.

The chief officers were re-elected (after a short discussion on the eligibility of Mr. F. I. Hairs to stand again as Master, being temporarily absent from the county) as follows: Master, Mr. F. I. Hairs; hon. treasurer, Mr. O. Sippetts; hon. general secretary, Mr. S. E. Armstrong; peal secretary, Mr. J. Dearlove; hon. auditors, Messrs. R. Overy and A. W. Bond.

It was decided not to elect a sub-committee to revise and condense the rules, but to proceed immediately with printing 500 copies as they now stand after minor errors had been corrected.

The question of a memorial to Mr. K. Hart came up for discussion, and it was agreed to erect a bell metal plaque in the belfry of St. Peter's, Brighton, by general subscription. The probable cost was estimated to be in the neighbourhood of £25. and the general secretary was instructed to accept donations, and after consulting the relatives regarding the form of wording, to proceed with the work as soon as possible.

Mr. R. G. Blackman proposed a vote of thanks to all those who had helped to make the meeting a success, and especially to the chairman, and to Mrs. E. L. Hairs for the excellent tea arrangements.

A BRISTOL PEAL BOARD

Dear Sir, — In the belfry of All Saints', Bristol, where the University of Bristol Society ring, is an old peal board. It is in a lamentable state, lying on the floor and very rotten, but the lettering can just be read.

It records a peal of 'Grandfire Treebles,' rung on February 14th, 1791, by the 'Bristol Youths,' and conducted by William Hands.

Although I have not examined Bristol peal boards carefully, I do not remember having seen one of an earlier date.

I would be interested if any of your readers could inform me if this is one of the earliest peals, if not the first, in the city of Bristol.—Yours sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER T. BROWN.

Clifton, Bristol.

METHOD STRUCTURE UNDER GRID ANALYSIS

(Mr. York-Bramble Replies Briefly to Criticisms.)

Criticism that is informed and constructive has, of course, its welcome function; but otherwise it may be mischievously misleading. Recently Mr. W. Taylor, with recurrent misquotation and misstatement, has taken up, to little purpose, almost as many columns of 'The Ringing World' on the incidental aspect of extension as those of all the original articles which covered also the main issue of method structure in general, the system of Grid Analysis, and its application in producing London Royal and London Maximus. His disappointing results, with no less than double the U.A.' digressions, are 'placed' below.

Backed by authority quoted largely from C.C. publications, a carefully prepared and detailed refutation of the unfortunately misguided criticisms that have appeared, together with answers to queries (most of which would never have been raised had the full text of the original work been presented), had already been forwarded to the Editor in all good faith. While that may serve for record, instead, due to space restriction, the present very brief reply is published. The fallacies in Mr. Baker's statement and figures are obvious; but three examples from Mr. Taylor's unfounded statements—there are over thirty of them—will suffice to justify what is said of them above:—

(a) Using the 'glamorous name London SURPRISE Royal.' This is quite untrue. I carefully avoided the word 'surprise' re London. Mr. Taylor should know that the Central Council had 'removed the London method from the category of Surprise' by 1904 and given their reasons. (See 'Glossary,' page 77.)

(b) 'Stats cause dodging.' This I did NOT say; even if only because stats *are* dodging, plus places. Mr. T.'s example *does* contain a stat, after all—in row 5. Thereafter his example divides into sub-grids, as in Kent. Sub-grid adjacent places, of course, are not stats.

(c) Mr. T.'s idea of column nomenclature of a Minor Grid is amusing, but futile. Minor has *odd* pairs, and, therefore, a merged or 'M' twin-column.

Very briefly, the crux of the whole matter is simply this: The *science* of ringing, though man-made, embraces principles, subject to mathematical laws; as shown by Thompson as far back as 1886, particularly as to his 'Q-sets' and 'Round Blocks'; and more recently by Dr. R. A. Rankin, of Cambridge, in his application of that branch of mathematics known as Group Theory. For method structure a simple form of mathematical exposition is now available in what I have called 'Grid Analysis.' This system shows clearly that for each stage of a given method there is one true form, *and one only*, of extension or contraction from the basic — the mathematical. If this form exhibits those ringers' requirements of 'natural lead-ends' for a full plain course, it is known as 'Ideal.' Examples of well-known ideal methods are: Single hunt—Plain Bob; Twin hunt—Grandsire; Treble Bob hunt—Cambridge; etc. If not 'ideal' when extended, then by making modifications in the method's Grid Pattern (called 'Correlating Stats), a version can be found to contain those named requirements. Now, obviously, every stat thus introduced is one further digression from the mathematical or true form of extension. The acceptable version is, therefore, that with the fewest number of digressions, and is known as the 'PROXIMATE,' since it is nearest to the true. There is thus no need or even scope for argument about this or that version of extension. It is either the ideal or the proximate, or nothing. (Those who would not tolerate proximates may be surprised to know that some methods that appear ideal suddenly become proximate, at any rate *for a number of stages*. London is an example of this.)

It must be noted that only extensions or contractions which are mathematical, i.e., method stages which are 'ideal,' imply reversible processes. Proximates do not: they imply one-way processes only. But in an ideal method, like Cambridge, any stage, taken as the basic, will extend or contract mathematically and produce the stages above or below. In proximate stages of a method, as in London Royal and Maximus, the process of reversion is impracticable. This is where Mr. Baker went wrong in his figures contracted from London Royal U.A. He is reforming, however, and at last agrees with me—on one point! His letter in the issue of May 6th recognises the ideal' relationship of London Minor and Major—a fact not yet grasped by Mr. Taylor.

But I note with satisfaction that Mr. Taylor is reforming, too! His third version of London Royal now avoids structural deformations*. (These are modifications introduced into the two x-sections each at the treble's lead and lie; and, as explained in my articles, are to be regarded as non-admissible if the structure of the named parent method is to be retained.) Incidentally, with structural deformations, 'versions'(?) of extension may be produced with only one correlating stat in the half-lead in some instances, but, clearly, they are 'out of court.' But I note, further, that Mr. Taylor's London Maximus contains *eight* correlating stats against U.A. Maximus' *four* only.

By such comparison the Exercise may judge the conclusion of the matter of London Royal. The following comparative facts are extracted from a carefully prepared analytical table of places in all hitherto published Royal versions of the method. The Standard, of course, is the true or mathematical Royal version, produced immediately by Grid Analysis; but conventionally unacceptable, due to its plain course of 7 instead of 9 leads. This form is identical with Law James' 'Theoretical' London Royal of 1908. The rows of its half-lead by places are: 12:30:—:30:14—:12—::30:14:—:14::50:16:—:16::70:18:—:18::70, etc. (Note the rhythmic coursing order of place-positions.) The other versions below are in ascending order of merit towards the Proximate, shown by the number of digressions from the above given. In group (a) * the figures in brackets show the included number of structural deformations those versions employ. Group (b) has none: (a) Trollope, Aug., 1921—13 (9); Baker, 'A,' Sept., 1921—9(4); Catchpole, Jan., 1908—7(5); Law James, 'A,' Dec., 1907—4(4); Baker, 'Brighton.' Feb., 1926—4(3); Baker, 'No. 3,' Feb., 1938—3(3); Bankes James, 'B,' Aug., 1915—4(1); Taylor, 'A.' Sept., 1921—3(1). (b) Taylor, 'B.' Sept., 1921—8; Bankes James, 'A,' Dec., 1907—5; Taylor, 'C,' April, 1949—4; Weatherby, 'Drayton.' March, 1949—3; Lindoff, 'Stepney,' Nov., 1907—3; Dains, March, 1908—3; Y-B., 'U.A.,' Feb., 1949—2. So the Proximate remains as 'U.A.' with two digressions only.

Our thanks are due to readers far and wide who have expressed appreciation of these articles. Without theoretic discussion and decision, progress in practical ringing *on standardised lines* would hardly be possible.

DEDICATION

MANSFIELD WOODHOUSE, NOTTS.

The bells of Mansfield Woodhouse were dedicated at morning service on May 15th by Canon Hales in memory of an old ringer and churchwarden, Mr. Alfred Munks. A tablet was also unveiled in the church.

The work, which was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., was the rehanging on ball bearings of the front five bells; the tenor was rehung some years previously. Mansfield Woodhouse has now a good ring of six, with tenor 19¾ cwt. The whole of the cost was the gift of the beneficiaries of the will of Mr. A. Munks.

Oxford University Society

Oxford University Society's recipe for their delicious Easter tour in the Cheltenham area: Throw 20 ringers into a clean shallow basin. Mix the sexes well and stir up some old members to give it a flavour. Add tons of spice, but an excess of peel should be avoided. Give the mixture plenty of dough and do not allow the ingredients to grow stale. Bake for five days in the sunshine, feeding continually. Run it under the cold tap to toughen it, starve it for an afternoon and serve it back from where it came from.

Twenty-two towers were visited, including the impressive eight at Gloucester Cathedral and 12's at Cheltenham, Tewkesbury and Painswick.

We shall remember the packed Parish Church at matins and the pleasure of starting our ringing on the morning of Easter. We shall remember, too, the arboured walk up to Leckhampton Church with its fine tall steeple, the yews at Painswick, the superb view from Churchdown Hill, not to mention the ever red traffic lights in Gloucester.

We shall remember the touch of Grandsire Triples which defied the striking of the 3½-ton hour bell at noon in Gloucester Cathedral, and the picture of desolation as fragments of a frayed rope rained down upon Wilf at Tredington. Not many ringers can have rung Grandsire Doubles with a ghost bell, as we did at Tredington, when Wilf went up to ring his bell from the floor above. D. G.

25th ANNIVERSARY OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

On the 25th anniversary of the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major at Whitley Bay scored for the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, a peal of Spliced Cambridge and Superlative was rung in the same tower by the same Association.

An account of the first peal is given in 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' pages 393-4. The late Mr. Joseph W. Parker, of Sunderland, had produced the composition and the local company at Whitley Bay provided the ringers. The two conductors of the talented Gofton family have since passed on and they are buried at the foot of the tower. Two of the original band were to ring in this anniversary peal, but R. Alder Gofton did not feel quite up to the mark. His son provided the one link with the original peal.

Whitley Bay provided four of the ringers and the others came from Chester-le-Street, Darlington and Newcastle. There was only one recent practice by some of the band, but in spite of this the peal was accomplished at the first attempt. The 'stars' in the peal column tell their own story. It is rather interesting to note that the time was only one minute longer than the original peal.

It is hoped, however, that this peal will not merely commemorate an achievement of the past, but will be a step to further advances in the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association by the present-day members. D. A. B.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
LANCASTER BRANCH.

Two things were impressive at the successful meeting at Cockerham—youth and age. There were several schoolboys who are making good progress and one member who had been ringing for 68 years.

The difference between the Association's annual meeting at St. Helens the previous Saturday was most marked. The towers at St. Helens are in the heart of the town; at Cockerham there is tranquillity, the church standing in the middle of fields.

The bells are a grand ring of six, cast by Rudhall in 1748, and the go is all that is desired. It was generally thought in the village that the bells came from Cockersand Abbey, but this Abbey was 'sold up' in 1550. If they came from the Abbey, Rudhall recast them; but there is no indication of such in the old records of the church. P. C.

QUARTER PEALS

ASH, SOMERSET. — On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Atyeo (first quarter) 1, G. Rendell 2, C. Davis 3, E. Bawden (first 'inside') 4, A. Atyeo (first as cond.) 5, W. Keirl 6.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Woodhouse (first in method) 1, F. Bush 2, Miss E. Cropley 3, R. Ling 4, R. Stallibrass 5 S. Hart 6, R. Hart (cond.) 7, G. Barber 8.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's on April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Gould 1, G. Evenden (cond.) 2, M. Best 3, Dr. Cunningham 4, A. Butler 5, Mr. Coote 6, H. Mitchell 7, P. Hunt 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. H. A. Mitchell.

CRANHAM, GLOS. — On May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Lamort 1, B. V. Meadows 2, S. G. Goulding (cond.) 3, K. Lewis 4, R. T. Watts 5, C. D. Launder 6. First quarter 1 and 4. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss C. Griffiths.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. J. Gait (cond.) 1, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 2, J. Naish 3, J. Brooks 4, Mrs. J. Naish 5, H. Chick 6.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—At St. Mary's on May 1st, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: G. Cherry (first in method) 1, C. Hare 2, A. E. Symonds 3, W. Croft 4, D. C. Mears 5, E. Winters (first in method) 6, L. Fidler 7, F. Croft (cond.) 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On May 1st, 1,287 Grandsire Caters: N. Hollingworth 1, F. D. Bishop 2, Mrs. K. Parr 3, S. Croft 4, Miss J. Pett 5, E. Hynard 6, E. Dodds 7, F. Hopgood 8, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 9, A. Tomblin 10.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On May 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. M. Castle 1, T. H. Taffender 2, W. A. Theobald 3, T. W. Taffender (cond.) 4, A. B. Wiffen 5, R. H. Begrie 6, W. D. Grainger 7, P. Hutchings 8.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. — At Christ Church on May 1st, quarter-peal of Plain Bob Royal: Miss A. Worth (first quarter) 1, A. Challinor 2, A. A. Potts 3, Miss J. Henshaw 4, H. Wood 5, J. Worth 6, W. Stevenson 7, H. Farrer 8, G. Farrer (first quarter as cond.) 9, E. Seed 10.

NORTON, HERTS. — On May 1st, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: W. Collins 1, S. Bonnett 2, R. V. Webb 3, H. Werrett 4, E. Buck 5, J. Dear 6, W. D. Pooley 7, R. T. Newman (cond.) 8. First Double Norwich 1, 4 and 7.

PONTYPOOL, MON.—At Trevethin Church on May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. T. Evans (13) 1, H. Jones 2, W. Temple 3, C. Morgan 4, T. Lade (cond.) 5, W. Warburton 6. First quarter by 1 and 6.

READING. — At St. Laurence's Church on April 23rd, a quarter of Stedman Caters: R. Burton 1, Mrs. Catherall 2, Mrs. C. Watts 3, A. D. Cullum 4, Miss P. Hart 5, T. N. Lanaghan 6, E. Humfrey (cond.) 7, A. Wiggins 8, C. Watts 9, V. Cherrill 10. Rung for the induction of the new Vicar, Rev. G. E. Jenkins.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On May 4th at All Saints', 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Myhill 1, H. Devenish 2, R. Thrift (first in method) 3, A. Edwards (first in method) 4, E. J. Runter (cond.) 5, H. W. Shadrack 6. Birthday compliment to the conductor.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.—On April 30th, a date touch, consisting of 1,919 Bob Doubles and 30 Grandsire Doubles: R. Stephens (15) 1, M. Stephens (19, cond.) 2, B. Hulatt (15) 3, J. Long (15) 4, C. Izzard (17) 5, W. Welch (17) 6. Longest touch by 1, 3, 4 and 6.

THORNE, YORKS. — On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. D. Leask 1, D. Thorley (12) 2, T. C. Leask (13, first of Grandsire) 3, E. Thorley 4, E. J. Padget 5, F. A. Stavely 6, C. Thorley (cond.) 7, J. Thorley 8.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYS.—1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Bailey 1, F. Lowe 2, E. F. Gobey (cond.) 3, E. C. Gobey 4, H. Taylor 5, W. Parsons 6, D. R. Carlisle (first quarter) 7, F. Brown 8.

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ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced between Ralph, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Gardiner, of Butterrow, Stroud, and 'Dods,' third daughter of the late Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, and Mrs. Richardson, of 7, Belle Vue Road, Parkstone, Dorset (formerly Sundridge, Kent). 5303

RETURN THANKS

PATTERSON. — The family of the late Robert Leonard Patterson wish to thank members of the Durham and Newcastle Association and friends for expressions of sympathy and floral tributes. 5292

SITUATION VACANT

GARDENER-HANDYMAN for Fountains Park, near Southampton, with occupancy of The Lodge. State experience and gross value of required wages to S/Ldr. A. York-Bramble (Netley Abbey). Good ringing (10) locally. 5273

FOR SALE

Copies of 'Ringing World' from February 22nd, 1946-August 27th, 1948. Also a copy of 'The Ringer's Handbook' (8-bell edition) as new. — G. Manning Williams, 106, Melrose Avenue, Mitcham, Surrey. 5291

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

For sale, 13 handbells, making possible two rings of eight, one in F, dia. 4in., and one in G, dia. 3⅜in. (11 bells), plus two odd bells. Offers to the Dean, Deanery, Durham. 5284

MISCELLANEOUS

YARDLEY PARISH CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM.—Will all friends kindly note that all ringing has been discontinued for the time being. 5212

EXTRA COPIES. — It is an advantage if those requiring extra copies should send their orders at the time copy of peals or quarter-peals are submitted.

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

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.

SURPRISE ROYAL AND MAXIMUS COLLECTION.—Publication postponed pending discussion on Surprise Royal proposition at C.C. meeting. 370 Surprise Major Methods (2nd impression), 2s. post free. — A. J. Corrigan, Bitton, near Bristol. 5174

No better pen picture of early ringing societies has been published than J. Armiger Trollope's 'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' illustrated, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

The reprint of 'THE COLLECTION OF DOUBLES AND MINOR METHODS" will be welcomed by many who have shown interest in the recently published four-way Table of Minor Methods. This table is for use with the collection, which can now be obtained from the Librarian (3s. 3d. post free), Osmington School, Tring, Herts.

MEETINGS

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Special general meeting at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. It is particularly hoped that every effort will be made to attend this meeting in view of the importance of the business on the agenda.—C. de Ste C. Parks, Hon. Sec. 5178

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Walmer, Saturday, May 28th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 6d. —B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 5222

MIDDLESEX (N.E.) and HERTFORD (St. Albans) COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS. — Joint meeting, Saturday, May 28th, Monken Hadley (8) 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service and tea following. Barnet (8) from 6.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock and T. J. Southam, Dis. Secs. 5224

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Horsell on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. — F. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 5225

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Visit to grave of J. S. Goldsmith at Pyrford, May 28th, in conjunction with Guildford District meeting. Coach (fare 2s. 6d.) leaving Godalming 2 p.m. via Guildford, Merrow and West Clandon (ringing and tea) to Pyrford (service 5.15). Then to Send (ringing) and return to Godalming via Clandon and Guildford. 5210

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Branch.—Annual, Brill (6), May 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30.—C. Kinch, 3, Causeway, Bicester. 5252

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Meeting, Elmham, Saturday, May 28th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please reply promptly to W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 5260

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District. — Meeting, Ashbourne, May 28th, 3 o'clock. Tea 2s. 9d.—J. Wilkinson, 1, Cromford Road, Chaddesden, Derby. 5264

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District. —First annual meeting will be held at Church Lawford, May 28th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 5275

OXFORD GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Clewer, Saturday, May 28th, 3 p.m.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 5270

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Tewkesbury Branch. — Meeting at Beckford, Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by 31st to Mr. E. T. Newbury, 2, Western Hill Road, Beckford, near Tewkesbury. 5261

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Hever (6), June 4th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, not later than May 31st. 5245

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Thaxted (8) on Saturday, June 4th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea by June 2nd, please, to G. Blake, District Sec., 86, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 5271

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Newport Pagnell, Saturday, June 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by May 30th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 5269

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Summer meeting at Wargrave (8) on Saturday, June 4th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for tea by May 31st. —B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 5280

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Kingsley, Saturday, June 4th. Names for tea to W. Carnwell, 33, Hayles Cross Road, Kingsley, Stoke-on-Trent. 5282

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY. — Meeting at Penistone (8 bells), June 4th, at 3 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. A. Champion, 24, Church Street, Penistone, by June 2nd.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 5287

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury-Clare District. —Meeting at Long Melford (8), Saturday, June 4th, 3 p.m. Tea at Scutchers Arms 5 p.m. Bring own food. Business follows. Those favouring outing please discuss and report.—A. A. Fitch, Dis. Sec., 7, Croft Road, Sudbury. 5281

CUMBERLAND AND N.W. ASSOCIATION. —West Branch. — Business meeting, St. Bees Priory Church (8), June 4th. Bells available 2.30. Tea 4.30. Meeting 5.30. Names to Mr. T. McKay, Greystones, St. Bees, before May 31st. 5306

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Thurleigh (6) on June 4th, 3 p.m. Tea at The Jackal 5 p.m.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5300

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Welford (8), Saturday, June 4th. Names for tea by May 31st to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 5299

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, June 4th, St. Cuthbert's, Halsall. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea at a small charge to those who notify Mr. A. Mawdsley, Post Office, Halsall, near Ormskirk, by June 1st. — J. Burns. 5298

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Over, June 4th. Bells 2.30. Tea 1s. each. Names by May 30th to Mr. Sadler, Bungalow, Over Hall, Winsford. 5297

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern.—Quarterly meeting, Horsham (8), Saturday, June 4th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 5293

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Next meeting at Walkden on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Business 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 5304

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol City Branch. — Meeting, St. Mary's, Stoke Bishop, June 4th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Clifton Theological College. Names by June 2nd to E. H. Wood, 1, Brunswick Street, Bristol 2. 5289

ROYAL AIR FORCE SOCIETY.—The first meeting of the society will be held on June 4th at All Saints', Edmonton, London. Trolley bus 659, 679 or 627 from Manor House tube station, or 649 from Liverpool Street. Bells (8) from 3. Tea and meeting. All welcome. 5309

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-East Division.—Practice meeting at Langham (6) on Saturday, June 4th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. All welcome. Anything from rounds upwards. Own tea arrangements.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec. 5308

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting, Whit Monday, Peterborough. Committee meet St. John's Vestry 2.30. Service 3.30 in Cathedral, with address by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough. Tea 4.30, followed by business meeting and election of officers. Names for tea must reach the Guild Sec. by May 28th. Will all those attending please meet outside the Cathedral at 3 p.m. for a group photograph. Bells available Oundle 11 to 12; St. John's and St. Mary's, Peterborough, Woodston, and St. Mary's, Whittlesey, all from 11 a.m.—Robert G. Black, 2, Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering. 5227

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, Clun, Whit Monday, June 6th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. Annual meeting 5 p.m. Bells (8) 11.30 and Clunbury (6). Notify tea before June 3rd.—Rev. E. G. Benson, Burghill Vicarage, Hereford. 5244

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, St. Matthew's, Buckley, Whit Monday, June 6th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 3.30, followed by business meeting. Tea 5. Numbers for tea must reach me by May 29th. — W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 5278

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch — Meeting, Walnole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, June 6th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by June 3rd.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 5296

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 6th. Service in the Cathedral at 11 a.m., conducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. C. K. Waller, M.A.; preacher, the Right Rev. Hugh Gough, M.A., O.B.E., Bishop of Barking. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the County Hotel at 1.30 p.m. Applications for lunch tickets to the hon. general secretary not later than June 1st. Members 2s.; non-resident members and non-members 4s., to be prepaid, enclosing stamped, addressed envelope for the return of the tickets. 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 p.m. 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. Gen. Sec., 19, Brook Road, Tillingham, Essex. 5255

DEVON GUILD.—Annual meeting, Tiverton, Whit Monday, June 6th. Service 12.15 p.m. Luncheon at 1 p.m. Tickets 3s. 6d. (by June 1st). Visitors welcomed. Ringing at Tiverton (8) from 10 a.m. Silverton (8), Thorverton (8) and other towers available.—Fredk. C. Smale, Oakfield, Station Road, Okehampton. 5285

DEDICATION AT GREAT BRINGTON, NORTHAMPTON. — The ring of six (tenor recast, 18 cwt.), which has recently been rehung with new frame and fittings by John Taylor, will be rededicated on Saturday, June 11th, at 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards. All ringers invited. A summer fair in aid of the Bell Fund will be held the same afternoon near the church; teas, sideshows, stalls, etc. Numbers for tea, please, by June 6th to the Rector. 5163

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Gloucester Cathedral (8), June 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. (Dean of Gloucester). Tea 4.45, Berni's Cafe, 2s. 9d. Names by June 9th to W. Sidwell, 3, Honyatt Road, Gloucester. 5279

NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Ludham, Saturday, June 11th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at King's Arms Hotel. Please send names or number by Wednesday, June 8th. Numbers very particular.—J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 5283

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Alderton on Saturday, June 11th. Names for tea to W. J. Norton, Alderton, Towcester, by Tuesday, June 7th. 5286

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting, Crewe, Saturday, June 11th. Ringing: Acton (6), 1.30 to 3 p.m.; Wistaston (6), 1.30 to 3; Crewe (10), 2 to 3.30; Nantwich (8), 7 to 9. All towers open after meeting. Service, Christ Church, Crewe, 3.30. Tea 4.45. Tickets (2s. 6d.) obtainable up to June 7th from branch secretaries or Rev. J. D. Pearson, Tarvin Vicarage, Tarvin, Chester. Meeting after tea. 5305

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery.—Dulverton, June 11th, 3. Service 4. Tea at Hollam 5. Notify early. — Geo. Stacey, 6, Park Street, Minehead. 5288

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Blaenavon, Saturday, June 11th. Bells available 2 o'clock. Service 4 o'clock. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington. 5294

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Crusaders of S.W. Division.—Meeting, June 11th, at Havering (6). Ringing from 3 till 4.30 p.m. Romford (8) from 6 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea arranged at Havering. Buses 123 or 165 to Havering from Romford Station. Essentially a meeting for learners. Everybody welcome. Names for tea to H. Roome, 47, Heather Glen, Heather Avenue, Romford. 5271

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Granborough (5), June 11th. Bells 2.45. Service 4. North Marston (6) in evening. Names by June 8th.—E. F. Gibbard, Horn Street, Winslow. 5301

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at St. Ippolyts on Saturday, June 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 8th, to A. Harris, 104, Waterdell Lane, St. Ippolyts.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 5290

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623). —The 326th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th.—L. E. Pitstow. 5303

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Preliminary notice.—The annual dinner will be held at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, on Saturday, October 8th. Accommodation is limited, so please book early! Tickets (12s. 6d. each inclusive) are now available from the undersigned.—Peter N. Bond, Asst. Hon. Sec., 56, Stanhope Gardens, S.W.7. 5251

QUARTER PEALS

BRATTON, WILTSHIRE. — On May 5th, 1,440 Bob Minor: L. Cave 1, Mrs. J. Francis 2, R. Pearce 3, Miss E. Bennett 4, T. Holloway (cond.) 5, G. Moore 6. First in method 2, 3, 4 and 6.

FAIRFORD, GLOS. — On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sandle 1, Miss D. Boulton 2, Miss J. Morse 3, Miss F. Hope 4, Miss E. Morse 5, P. Pitts 6, H. Acock (cond.) 7, W. Godwin 8. First of Grandsire Triples 'inside' by 2, 3, 5 and 7.

WESTMINSTER.—At St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, on May 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss S. Harris 1, Mrs. H. W. Rogers 2, N. G. Hollingworth 3, E. Hynard 4, S. Croft 5, D. Charnley 6, C. M. Meyer 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8.

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YORKSHIRE'S MESSAGE

THIS week-end the leaders of the Exercise will assemble at York for the meeting of the Central Council. Yorkshire ringers are sparing no pains to make the occasion worthy of their guests, and Mr. L. W. G. Morris, the hon. secretary of the host Association, has had a particularly onerous time in answering the many queries of the visitors.

Yorkshire has a new president in the Rev. C. O. Ellison, who was introduced to the Council at their last meeting in London within a few days of accepting office. The familiar face of Canon C. C. Marshall will be missed. His long tenure of office has been followed by his recent death. He left Yorkshire in the hope that in the warmth of Devonshire he would be restored to health after his accident, but it was not to be.

As the largest county in England, Yorkshire takes its appropriate place in the annals of English ringing with 1,520 members. Its ringing is also of a high standard, and it is interesting to note that more than one-third of the 1948 peals rung for the Association was of Surprise methods. There was a time when Kent Treble Bob was the 'backbone' method of the Association, so much so that it came to be dubbed 'Yorkshire Glory.' A great change has undoubtedly taken place, comments Mr. W. Barton, the hon. peal secretary, 'for it will be noticed, perhaps with wonder, that only two peals of Kent appear in this year's list; this is a break in tradition that none of us will deplore so long as the accurate striking which was a feature of the old Treble Bob ringing, is maintained.'

The Association makes a strong point in not belittling peals rung in standard methods, especially where a young band is struggling in the elementary stages or where there is little or no opportunity to practise the more advanced methods. 'To our members who are so placed our message is: Keep on trying, and when you attend an Association meeting go with the fixed determination that you will ring something you cannot get at home. In the meantime your peals of Grandsire and Plain Bob are just as welcome to us as the Surprise peals rung by your more experienced brethren.'

This sentiment, we feel sure, will receive general endorsement. Contrary to what has been expressed in certain quarters, the yard stick of English ringing is the peal and not the 10-minute touch. The peal demonstrates the mastery of the method as a ringer and later as a conductor. Peal ringing is not, as some of our readers indicate, confined to a few. Among the resident members of the Yorkshire Association no fewer than 202 rang peals last year and 564 have peals recorded to their credit in the last report of the Association. In addition there is a very long list of out-of-county members who are peal ringers. It cannot be overemphasised that where ringers have peal experience the standard of Sunday service ringing is at its highest.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

FRANK I. HAIRS	*Treble*	†ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	7
BETTY SPICE	2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	8
LEONARD H. BOWLER	3	A. W. J. APPLETON	9
EDWARD J. BEER	4	‡ALFRED J. HOUSE	10
DAVID E. PARSONS	5	*PHILIP A. CORBY	11
*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	6	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First peal on twelve bells. ‡ 200th peal. Rung for the inauguration of the London Diocesan Mission. Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

GEORGE E. FEIRN	*Treble*	*RAYMOND F. SMITH	7
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	JOHN A. FREEMAN	8
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	3	*H. LESLIE PASK	9
ARCHER T. LEWMAN	4	KENNETH W. MAYER	10
FREDERICK W. STOKES	5	JOHN WALDEN	11
WALTER TOMLINSON	6	JOHN FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal in method. First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus by all the band, in the county and for the Guild. For the golden jubilee of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

TEN BELL PEALS

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 18, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

ERNEST WILSON	*Treble*	REGINALD WOODYATT	6
WM. H. A. COMPTON	2	ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES	7
ALLEN MORGAN	3	RALPH W. SAYERS	8
GEORGE E. LARGE	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	9
RAYMOND C. SAYERS	5	GEORGE AMBLER	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM KENT. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
A 76th birthday compliment to Mr. E. Percy Thomas, donor of five new bells and clock in this tower. Tenor 14 cwt.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 21, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

ALBERT E. WHITING	*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING	6
*RUSSELL PARKER	2	*CHARLES E. FISHER	7
SYLVIA R. E. PIPE	3	LESLIE G. BRETT	8
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	4	CECIL W. PIPE	9
FRANK L. FISHER	5	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.
* First peal of Royal. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY, GEORGE AND DENYS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

RONALD KENRICK	*Treble*	*BURLEY WALSHAW	6
HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH	2	*RICHARD LONGDEN	7
*HAROLD LONGDEN	3	SELWYN DEARDEN	8
WILLIAM PYE	4	RICHARD BENSON	9
THOMAS HORRIDGE	5	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (7). Conducted by J. RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method. For the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. Longden and Mr. and Mrs. W. Riley.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN BOB AND KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5100 CHANGES;

JOYCE ENGLAND	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	6
DENIS N. LAYTON	2	*A. W. J. APPLETON	7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	3	DAVID E. PARSONS	8
HAROLD N. PITSTOW	4	JOHN E. CHILCOTT	9
ALBERT J. ADAMS	5	FRANK E. DARBY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.
* First peal on ten bells. First peal on the bells as conductor. First peal of Spliced Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Royal ever rung. Peal contains 2,700 changes Plain Bob and 2,400 Kent Treble Bob, with 70 changes of method. Tenor 18½ cwt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 6, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

VERNON J. BENNING	*Treble*	*FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	6
ALFRED G. HILL	3	PHILIP A. CORBY	7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*JAMES W. EDEN	*Treble*	*ANTHONY W. J. APPLETON	5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	2	ALFRED G. HILL	6
FREDERICK W. BUDGEN	3	JOHN O. WELLER	7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal in the method.

RAINHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*STANLEY V. RAYFIELD	*Treble*	†ERIC NAYLOR	5
GEORGE A. NAYLOR	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD	6
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	3	TREVOR A. CROSS	7
BERT W. MAY	4	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEO. A. NAYLOR.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Treble Bob Major. In honour of the twelfth anniversary of the Coronation of their Majesties.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Comprising 2,528 Cambridge and 2,528 Superlative with 45 changes of method. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

*JOYCE P. GAYMER	*Treble*	*ERNEST WALLACE	5
*JOHN ANDERSON	2	*GORDON JOHNSON	6
*MARGARET FIDELL	3	W. NORMAN PARK	7
RICHARD A. GOFTON	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by JOS. W. PARKER. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. First peal of Spliced Surprise as conductor and 50th peal for the Association. Rung on the 25th anniversary of the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major, which was rung in this tower.

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IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

ERNEST GRIMES	*Treble*	JOHN CRAPNELL	5
DENNIS CRAPNELL (14)...	2	HARRY LISTER	6
ERNEST BLOMFIELD ...	3	CHARLES WOODCOCK ...	7
LESLIE FORSTER	4	SIDNEY ARBON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by HARRY LISTER.
In memoriam Lt. Peter Batterby, son of Canon Batterby, Vicar.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

PERCY PAGE	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	5
WILFRED W. RING... ...	2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	6
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ...	3	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP...	7
PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ...	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by F. G. HUCKSTEPP.
First peal in the method by all the band. Tenor 16 cwt.

LONDON.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, ROCHESTER ROW, WESTMINSTER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

MISS SHEILA E. HARRIS	*Treble*	SQUIRE CROFT	5
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS...	2	DAVID J. CHARNLEY ...	6
CHARLES W. OTTLEY ...	3	*G. MONTAGU MEYER ...	7
FRANCIS D. BISHOP ...	4	HAROLD W. ROGERS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS
* First peal. First peal on the bells for over 25 years. For the Mission to London. Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

WIMBORNE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*JACK MUSSELL	*Treble*	*GEORGE E. EVENDEN ...	5
FRANK L. HARRIS ...	2	HERBERT A. MITCHELL...	6
*JEAN M. BROWN	3	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ...	7
*JAMES E. DANIELS ...	4	RONALD N. MARLOW ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

*HENRY N. VAUGHAN ...	*Treble*	JOHN O. WELLER ...	5
DORIS E. COLGATE ...	2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ...	6
ROBERT COLLINS	3	†BENJAMIN F. BAKER ...	7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT...	4	†THOMAS E. SONE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal in the method. †25th peal together.

KILBURN, LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*AUDREY BARKER	*Treble*	R. MARY DAVIES	5
†DOROTHY M. WATTS ...	2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	6
‡MAUD LANE	3	ALFRED BONE	7
ELSIE LANKESTER ...	4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
* First peal on eight bells. †First peal 'inside:' ‡First peal of Major 'inside.' A prelude to the Mission to London.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in F.

JAMES THORLEY	*Treble*	HARRY MORGAN	5
F. BERNARD DITCHER ...	2	ARTHUR FIRTH	6
MILTON C. FOWLER ...	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ...	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER ...	4	ERNEST A. THORPE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
First peal in the method on the bells. In memoriam Canon C. C. Marshall, former president of the Association.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., May 14, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in A.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	FRANK W. PERRENS ...	5
ARTHUR D. COOK	2	*ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	4	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Lincolnshire.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*CHARLES WENBAN ...	*Treble*	§FREDERICK BULLOCK ...	5
†EDWARD J. LEVERSUCH	2	RALPH BIRD	6
FREDK. A. H. CATTELL	3	WILLIAM WENBAN ...	7
‡ALBERT C. WENBAN ...	4	JOHN E. ROOTES... ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM WENBAN.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major away from treble. ‡ First peal. § First peal in method. Rung for the Mission to London.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 16, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SANDRINCHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES THORLEY	*Treble*	*†ARTHUR FIRTH	5
MILTON C. FOWLER ...	2	†J. EDWARD CAWSER...	6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ...	3	ERNEST A. THORPE ...	7
F. BERNARD DITCHER ...	4	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. E. CAWSER.
* 100th peal for the Association. †50th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 16, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 20 cwt.

MRS. E. E. DAVIS ...	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	5
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ...	2	RICHARD W. STANNARD...	6
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE...	3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ...	7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ...	4	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.
Rung in connection with the Mission to London.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., May 17, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

*DEREK KNOWLES ...	*Treble*	DAVID HINGLEY	5
*P. GEORGE GOLDER ...	2	*DEREK J. TRANTER ...	6
MAURICE G. TURNER ...	3	HOWARD HOWELL ...	7
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	4	GEORGE W. HUGHES ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. W. HUGHES.
* First peal of Bob Major. First of Major as conductor.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.
On Wed., May 18, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 16¾ cwt.

BRO. NORMAN HEAPS, Lodge of Unity (613)	*Treble*
BRO. ALBERT FORD, Affability Lodge (317)	2
BRO. JOHN ROTHWELL, Ormskirk Priory Lodge (4007) ...	3
BRO. DAVID VINCENT, De Sala Lodge (5657)	4
*BRO. EDWARD ASHCROFT, Lathom Abbey Lodge (6286) ...	5
BRO. JOHN WORTH, Unity Lodge (267)	6
W.BRO. THOMAS R. BUTLER, Minerva Lodge (4002) ...	7
BRO. PETER CROOK, SEN., Lodge of Antiquity (146) ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by W.BRO. THOMAS R. BUTLER.
* First peal. In memoriam Bro. Eric Hartley, Temple Fortune Lodge.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 18, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*Eileen M. Cheney	*Treble*	Harold J. Poole	5
†Gerald F. Ball	2	John R. Smith	6
Alan Jacques	3	Herrick B. Bowley	7
William A. Wood	4	Alfred Ballard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal of Major. †First of Cambridge Major on working bell.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 19, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF BEDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Paul L. Taylor	*Treble*	*Sidney O. Cheney	5
Harold J. Poole	2	John R. Smith	6
*Harry G. Wayne	3	Alan Jacques	7
*Ernest W. Rawson	4	Herrick B. Bowley	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 6½ cwt.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 19, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt.

Arthur Mawdesley	*Treble*	Thomas Horridge	5
John Lunham	2	Ronald Kenrick	6
Miss M. E. Ridyard	3	Norman Heaps	7
Miss Vera Draper	4	Joseph Ridyard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
In memoriam to Eric B. Hartley, of Wembley.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 19, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

George S. Bush	*Treble*	Charles O. Wood	5
Herbert Goakes	2	Stanley Gilbert	6
William H. Waldron	3	*Francis H. Newman	7
James K. Mounfield	4	Frank Warrington	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Frank Warrington.
* First Treble Bob Major. A peal of welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. G. E. Quinion.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

E. Roger Martin	*Treble*	G. Alec Dimmock	5
John Jackson	2	Ernest J. Gower	6
Miss Joan Houldsworth	3	*James Blackburn	7
Thomas Barker	4	Arthur Hatch	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights (140). Conducted by E. R. Martin.
* First peal in the method and first in the method on the bells.

ASH (SANDWICH), KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt 1 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

John Willis	*Treble*	Mark S. Lancefield	5
William A. Oldfield	2	Frederick G. Huckstepp	6
Wilfred W. Ring	3	Harry Parkes	7
Peter D. Huckstepp	4	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by T. Cullingworth.
First peal in the method by all except H. Parkes.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Rev. H. Earle Bulwer's No. 7. Tenor 19 cwt.

Miss Mary Walshaw	*Treble*	Percival W. Cave	5
Peter G. Parrott	2	Edwin C. Birkett	6
Miss Julia M. Preston	3	William Robinson	7
Thomas W. Hesketh	4	John Robinson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Percival W. Cave.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

*Alex Richardson	*Treble*	*Doris E. Colgate	5
Reginald E. Lambert	2	*John O. Weller	6
*Arthur F. Lewry	3	Robert T. Lambert	7
*Robert Collins	4	Thomas E. Sone	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. A compliment to Angelia, daughter of Mr. R. T. Lambert, in the gift of a daughter (Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jenkins).

EYE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 21, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

Edward H. Todd	*Treble*	Cyril J. Barber	5
Charles Catchpole	2	Albert G. Harrison	6
Ernest A. Head	3	Ernest Whiting	7
Cecil A. Thompson	4	W. Archie Lock	*Tenor*

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Ernest Whiting.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 21, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. in A.

Noel E. Chambers	*Treble*	John Walden	5
Walter Tomlinson	2	†H. Leslie Pask	6
Charles McGuiness	3	Frederick W. Stokes	7
*Archer T. Lowman	4	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of London. †50th peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Dennis W. Townhill, Mus.Bac., F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M., and Mabel I. Ellingworth, both of whom are Lincoln ringers.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 21, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Transposition. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

Sidney Briggs	*Treble*	George W. Creasey	5
Patrick Preston	2	Frederick A. Salter	6
Frederick G. Hooper	3	Walter Nichols	7
Clement Glenn	4	Arthur E. Hoodless	*Tenor*

Conducted by Clement Glenn.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Apr. 29, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Plain Bob, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. Tenor 15 cwt.

*Joseph Booth	*Treble*	Eric Hornby	4
Harry W. Howard	2	A. Gordon Lawrence	5
Miss Elizabeth Morton	3	David Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Gordon Lawrence.
* First peal. A birthday compliment to the daughter of the conductor and a welcome to the Rev. F. G. Gentry as curate at Davenham.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of St. Clements', Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

*Miss Barbara Harris	*Treble*	Cyril A. Burgess	4
William Birmingham	2	Reginald W. Rex	5
H. William Barrett	3	George Gilbert	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Gilbert.
* First peal of Minor. Arranged and rung as an eve-of-christening peal for Evelyn Joyce Webb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Webb, of 9, Northumberland Avenue, Slough. Rung on the back six.

(Further peals on page 257.)

ANCASTER, LINCS. — On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Towns (first quarter) 1, M. Simpson 2, E. Towns 3, I. Towns (first 'inside') 4, J. Musson (cond.) 5. A farewell to the Rev. P. J. F. Simpson, Vicar.

ASHFORD, KENT. — On May 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. T. Cullingworth 1, H. Parkes 2, W. Ring 3, F. G. Huckstepp 4, T. Cullingworth 5, H. S. Wickens 6, C. W. Everett (cond.) 7, D. Godden 8.

BALDOCK, HERTS. — On May 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Bonnett 1, B. Scoot (first 'inside') 2, R. V. Webb 3, H. Werrett 4, I. Werrett 5, W. D. Pooley 6, J. S. Dear (first as cond.) 7, W. Collins 8.

CHELTENHAM, GLOS.—At St. Mary's on May 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Martin 1, P. Baker 2, I. Goulter 3, F. Nurden 4, T. Boreham 5, G. Kilminster 6, E. T. Newbury (cond.) 7, L. Tibbits 8.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On May 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. E. Lidbetter (cond.) 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, R. Charge 4, W. Prockson 5, G. A. Parsons 6, A. W. Coles 7, Miss M. Lidbetter 8.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE. — On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Maclean 1, D. Maclean 2, A. Maclean (first 'inside') 3, G. Bagley 4, W. Lago 5, J. Hanley 6, A. S. Bayley (cond.) 7, F. Hill 8. In memoriam William Saunders.

CROYDON, SURREY. — At the Church of St. John the Baptist on May 8th, 1,301 Stedman Caters: Miss P. Steere (first of Stedman Caters) 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, C. Parks 3, E. Razzell 4, R. Davies 5, D. D Cooper 6, G. Steere 7, G. H. Humphries 8, F. E. Collins (cond.) 9, W. Oatway 10.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Miller 1, E. E. Pearson 2, G. F. Burton 3, H. G. Lawn 4, E. C. Pearson 5, J. W. Barber 6, W. J. Cross (cond.) 7, D. A. Franklin (first quarter) 8.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS. — On May 8th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. H. Mills (first of Minor) 1, Mrs. J. L. Joyce (first 'inside' Minor) 2, G. S. Joyce (cond.) 3, A. G. Gasson 4, R. C. Turner 5, P. L. Eldridge 6.

QUARTER PEALS

FORDINGTON ST. GEORGE, DORSET. — On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Cottrell (first quarter) 1, J. B. Whalley 2, Miss J. Day (first 'inside') 3, H. R. Pink (cond.) 4, C. A. E. Treasure 5, K. W. Hewitt 6. For the wedding of Mr. T. Falkner and Miss K. Vidler, a ringer at Fordington.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.—On May 7th, 1,344 Ashtead Surprise Major: H. Baker 1, E. J. Ladd 2, R. Collins 3, Miss D. E. Colgate 4, R. E. Lambert 5, R. T. Lambert 6, B. F. Baker 7, T. E. Sone (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 2 and 7.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS. — On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan C. Copeman 1, W. C. Hughes 2, H. Gates 3, P. A. Martin 4, O. E. Latchford 5, L. S. Baines 6, W. Ayre (cond.) 7, T. G. Morton 8. First of Grandsire 1, 5, 6 and 8. In memoriam Mr. E. G. T. Horn, churchwarden.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Jemmett 1, T. Appleby 2, A. Street (first of Triples) 3, P. Aldridge 4, T. Hatto 5, J. Eymour 6, E. Nash (cond.) 7, J. Smith 8. Birthday compliments to Mrs. A. Jemmett and the conductor.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On May 1st, 1,306 Stedman Cinques: F. Hayes (cond.) 1, J. Kape 2, R. Coles 3, G. R. Goodship 4, Miss D. Coker 5, Miss S. Coker 6, E. Markham 7, W. H. Plumridge 8, A. E. Cox 9, W. Avery 10, C. A. Smith 11, M. Ward 12. First quarter on 12 by 2, 9, 10, 12. For the 80th birthday of Mr. S. T. Goodchild.

HITCHIN, HERTS. — On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Todd (first in method) 1, G. Cherry 2, E. Winters 3, P. Jones 4, F. Croft 5, D. C. Mears 6, L. Fidler (cond.) 7, A. J. Barker (first quarter) 8.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON. — On May 1st, at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,260 Bob Major: R. F. H. Harman (first in method) 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, W. D. Prockson 3, E. F. Pryor 4, R. Newman 5, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 6, D. F. Harman 7, J. G. Nash 8.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On May 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob: A. G. Cook 1, L. S. Baines 2, L. Hicks 3, T. Morton 4, E. Upton 5, W. C. Hughes (cond.) 6. First in method 1 and 3.

LONDON. — On May 8th, at Southwark Cathedral, 1,231 Grandsire Cinques: J. B. Sansom 1, H. Belcher 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, D. G. Clift 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, R. W. Green 6, D. Parsons 7, H. Langdon 8, R. F. Deal 9, A. W. J. Appleton 10, J. Phillips (cond.) 11, J. E. Chilcott 12.

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

NORTHAMPTON.—At All Saints' on May 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Atterbury 1, W. H. Austin 2, B. O. Soden 3, W. Robinson (first quarter in method) 4, W. R. Parker 5, G. S. Valentine 6, W. J. Dove (cond.) 7, W. G. Farey 8.

OVERTON, HANTS. — On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Taylor 1, A. G. Taylor 2, Miss Esme Taylor 3, Mrs. A. Taylor 4, J. Weaver 5, C. Taylor 6, B. Garrett (first of Triples as cond.) 7, S. Smith 8. In memoriam Lord Portal, Lord Lieutenant of the county.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Dowdeswell (first of Triples) 1, W. Dyer (cond.) 2, W. Newman 3, H. Hodson 4, G. Walters 5, C. Rouse 6, T. Boreham 7, F. Pendry 8. In memoriam Canon J. Baghot-De La Bere, some time chairman of Cheltenham Branch.

SLOUGH, BUCKS. — On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. D. Rivers 1, F. V. Sinkins 2, G. Martin 3, W. E. Judd 4, E. L. A. Hudson 5, E. E. Gosling 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, E. H. Preston 8. In memoriam Canon A. G. P. Baines.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Gill (first quarter) 1, F. Andrews 2, J. Chilcott 3, R. Humphries 4, W. Tiley (cond.) 5, G. Carey (first quarter) 6, R. Higgins 7, H. Doel 8. Rung with 4.6.8 covering.

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LATE NEWS

Mr. Isaac T. Rushton, for 58 years a local ringer, has been elected Mayor of Clitheroe, Lancs. On the day of his election local ringers rang a peal in his honour.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A broken rope caused the peal at Stoke, Coventry, on May 25th, in honour of the 60th anniversary of the first peal by Mr. Adolphus Roberts, to come to grief. Mr. Roberts was participating. Afterwards 1,344 Little Bob Major was successfully brought round.

Mr. Walter Tomlinson has circled Harmston, Lincs, tower.

Mr. D. R. Morris has circled the tower of St. John-the-Baptist's, Worcester.

The Surrey Association at their meeting at Kingston collected £2 3s. 9d. for Benhilton Bell Fund. Over 70 ringers were present.

Mr. F. C. Goodman has been elected acting ringing master of the North Norfolk Branch. At the recent meeting at Wroxham ringing was cancelled because of the passing of Mr. F. W. Middleton.

Thurstans' four-part was first called by H. Johnson on May 18th, 1846. The in memoriam peal to Mr. Eric Hartley was in this method and rung on May 18th at Aughton, near Southport, where he spent his boyhood.

At Holsworthy, Devon, the ring of eight is being recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston and the weight of the tenor increased from 12¼ to 15¼ cwt. A new modern framework and fittings are to be provided. The firm's electro-pneumatic tune-playing mechanism is also to be fitted. This is designed not to interfere with the normal ringing of the bells.

Forwarding details of a peal at Ticehurst, Mr. A. P. Cannon writes: I certainly congratulate the Exeter peal band, but would like to watch the efforts of the six strongest men in the band ringing a peal at Ticehurst. This is the place for the cream to come to if they think they can ring 'bad going' bells as opposed to heavy bells.

The Leicester Diocesan Guild have introduced to the Exercise Bedford Surprise Maximus, a peal of which was rung on May 23rd.

Castle Cary, Somerset, ring of eight is being rehung in ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor.

Peals for the Bishop of London's Mission were rung at Hendon and St. Stephen's, Rochester Row.

By ringing the 5th at Burnham, Bucks, to a peal on May 14th, Mr. H. W. Barrett has now circled the tower twice.

We regret to learn that Major Alfred H. Janes, of Penshurst, Kent, met with a fatal accident on May 25th. He was greatly interested in ringing and ringing machines and had contributed to our columns.

The five bells at Lilbourne, Northants, where a peal was rung on May 17th, was the last to be cast by the Kettering foundry of Eayre, circa 1762. The bells were last rehung by Day, of Eye, Suffolk, in 1905 in wood fittings on the old wood frame. The recent peal revealed that the attention of a bellhanger is again necessary.

Finchley ringers and friends had a very enjoyable outing on May 21st around Bedford. Ringing took place at Redbourn, Clifton, Henlow, Southill and Kempston, various methods being rung, including a special touch of Bob Major for the birthday of Miss Mabel Prockson, who took part.

Leeds Parish Church ringers, on the occasion of their first annual outing, rang at Norton, near Malton, on the recently augmented eight (a joy to hear), had a bounteous luncheon at Driffield and found the music of the bells of Bridlington with their long draught compensated for the work entailed. In the evening they were joined by local ringers at Pocklington. Who was the member who found himself 'cartwheeling' with the treble?

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Tribute to Canon Marshall

The annual meeting of the Association took place in glorious weather at Selby Abbey on May 7th, and was attended by upwards of 130 members and friends, representative of all the districts. The fine ring of ten was going early to Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal, and at 4.15 a brief service was held, conducted by the Vicar. An excellent tea was afterwards partaken of in the Hawdon Institute, followed by the general meeting.

The chair was taken by the president, the Rev. C. O. Ellison, who said the meeting was being held under the cloud of the passing of Canon C. C. Marshall, their former president, and the meeting stood in silence as a tribute. Canon Marshall had been the unfortunate victim of a road accident early in 1947, and tendered his resignation to the annual general meeting at St. Chad's, Headingley, in May of that year.

His untimely resignation was received with unanimous regret, and it was hoped a restful retirement would restore him to health. Most unfortunately this did not prove to be the case, and in his passing the Association has lost one of its staunchest supporters.

Unanimous votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, churchwardens, organist and local company in their combined efforts to make the meeting the great success it was.

In presenting the 73rd annual report, the President said it was most gratifying to note that 149 new members had been enrolled during the year, which, after deducting those who had lapsed and passed away, represented a net increase of all but 100 on last year's total. Reports from the districts showed that the work of the Association had steadily progressed, and that a lively interest was being maintained.

The peal secretary's report showed that 111 peals had been rung during the year, 106 on tower bells and five on handbells, at 59 churches and two handbell centres and was an increase of nine on last year's total. Of this total there was one peal of Surprise Maximus, five of Surprise Royal and 33 of Surprise Major, including one Spliced in four methods. The 111 peals rung had been shared between 38 different conductors, headed by the general secretary, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, who had called 23 peals, three of Surprise Royal and 20 of Surprise Major, and now had the double distinction of having rung 200 peals for the Association, 100 of which he had conducted.

RISING COSTS: A WARNING.

The balance sheet showed a loss on the year's working of £23, and the committee had felt the need to add a word of warning that this situation could not be tolerated indefinitely, but in the hope that the cost of printing the annual report, which was easily the largest single item of expense, had reached its peak, had deferred recommending an increase in subscriptions for the ensuing year.

A unanimous vote of thanks to the treasurer and hon. auditors was accorded on the motion of Mr. B. Sutton, seconded by Mr. S. Steel.

Mr. S. F. Palmer was re-elected treasurer for the next three years on the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. W. Barton. Mr. Palmer, in acknowledging his re-election, said that he was getting on in years, but his interest was as great as ever, and he would be pleased to continue to serve as long as he was able to do so. Mr. W. Barton was unanimously re-elected peal secretary, and in acknowledgment thanked the members for their renewed confidence and paid tribute to the assistance he had received from Miss Molly Ambler, who had very kindly helped with checking the proofs and matter in connection with the annual report.

There being no specific invitation, it was decided to leave arrangements for the next general meeting in the hands of the general secretary. Messrs. M. D. Smith, of Carlton, H. Guy, of Selby, and P. Ascough, of Horbury, were elected members of the Association. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the president, when an adjournment was made to the tower and further ringing enjoyed up to 9 p.m.



MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—A happy picture on the occasion of the Guild's annual meeting on May 14th at St. Paul's, Burton. Seated, left to right, Mr. W. H. Curson (chairman), Mr. S. S. Dunkley, aged 81, of Tamworth, oldest ringer present, Archdeacon of Derby (the Ven. H. E. FitzHerbert), Norman Cotton, aged eight, of Overseal, youngest ringer in the Guild, and Mr. J. W. Cotton (secretary). [Photo: Burton 'Daily Mail.'

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD

A blacksmith ringer who attended the meeting of the East Grinstead and District Guild at Edenbridge on May 14th, when the tenor went over and tolled the party out to tea, detected the fault — one of the screws holding the bar of the Hastings slider had come out, allowing the bar to drop. His temporary repairs enabled the meeting to finish with some really good ringing. It was a most successful meeting, and a warm welcome was extended to the Master of the Cumberlands and Mrs. G. Cross.

Midland Counties Guild

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING AT BURTON.

King Edward Square, Burton-on-Trent, with its monument, municipal buildings, gardens and the stately Church of St. Paul in the background, formed a picturesque scene to the ringers who were present at the annual meeting of the Guild, held at this church on May 4th.

The grand ring of ten, under the supervision of the Ringing Master (Mr. B. G. Key), was well patronised in various methods by those who attended. The company included the oldest and youngest ringers in the area, Mr. Dunkley, of Tamworth (81 years), and Norman Cotton, of Overseal (8 years).

A service was conducted by the Ven. H. E. FitzHerbert (Archdeacon of Derby), who in the course of an inspiring address, spoke of the ancient and skilful art of ringing of which our country is so proud.

After tea Mr. W. H. Curson presided for the business meeting.

The secretary (Mr. J. W. Cotton), in his report, gave the Guild membership as 28 honorary and 146 ringing members; 26 peals had been rung during 1948, which included the first surprise peal for the Guild. Only two members rang their first peal, while quite a number rang peals in more advanced methods.

There were nine conductors—two less than in 1947. The secretary stressed the need for younger members to aspire to the art of conducting.

The treasurer (Mr. J. H. Brittan) presented a favourable balance sheet, pointing out that the £13 deficit balance of 1947 had almost been cleared. Both reports were adopted.

Election of officers for 1949 resulted in the president (Mr. W. W. Worthington), chairman, Ringing Master, treasurer, secretary and auditor being unanimously re-elected and thanked for their services. Four committee members were elected: Messrs. E. W. Beadsmoore, W. J. Leach, S. H. Jones and W. F. Woodward.

Written notice had been given by Mr. E. W. Beadsmoore, supported by Mr. J. H. Brittan, that Rule 7 be amended to read, 'The annual meeting be held the second Saturday in January each year,' and was passed after discussion.

Following inspection of the new Guild Certificate, it was decided by 25 votes to 9 that they be issued gratis to all members later.

An omnibus vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. B. G. Key, to the Archdeacon of Derby, Vicar of St. Paul's for use of bells, and to the local ladies who had so ably prepared the tea, brought the meeting to a close.

SOUTHGATE, LONDON. — On May 8th, 1,264 Bob Major: S. Wade 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, W. J. Bowden 3, J. H. Goodall (first in method) 4, S. G. Peck 5, H. Miller 6, M. Fensom 7, J. G. Nash (cond.) 8.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

1948 A YEAR OF PROGRESS.

Full use was made of the Leicester bells during the afternoon of May 7th, the occasion being the annual meeting. Members and friends from a wide area were present at the service, held in the Church of St. George. The Vicar, the Rev. Adams, in his address, spoke of the history of St. George's Church and bells. The company of over 150 enjoyed an excellent tea in the Church Hall.

The president, Mr. H. J. Poole, was supported by the Guild officers at the meeting, also by Mr. H. W. Perkins. The president welcomed the visitors, among whom were Messrs. E. J. White, G. Freebrey, J. F. Wilkinson, H. C. Edwards, P. K. Williamson and Mrs. and Miss Beamish, the last named being complimented on her achievements.

The President remarked on the very successful year and expressed the Guild's thanks to the general officers and to the district officers, especially the district secretaries, who seldom saw their work in print, but carried out their very essential work behind the scenes. In particular, the Lubenham people had expressed their grateful thanks for the help they had received from the Market Harborough District.

He mentioned the recent repairs and additions to the bells at Humberstone, Aylestone, Birstall, Shepshed, Markfield and Somerby, and said they should be grateful to the local clergy and local ringers. Often augmentations were due to the local ringers urging their parsons on.

The young ringers were to be congratulated on their progress; he was glad to see so many coming along, as the future belonged to them. First pealers were congratulated. All stood in silence in memory of the ringers lost during the year; among these were Mr. J. Garrett, the Rev. Beresford. Messrs. C. Marshall, Jackson, Singleton, J. Dean and H. Stubbs.

The Hon. General Secretary, in his report, said that all districts had reported a busy and successful year. In particular, Syston District had visited every tower and had held two joint meetings. Market Harborough had collected over £6 for the Bell Repair Fund, a very good effort. Hinckley had held 15 meetings, all well attended. They also had found time for their annual dinner, socials and a few dances. The district also arranged special practices in, to most members, new methods, resulting in raising the general standard of ringing.

118 NEW MEMBERS.

The second festival, held on October 16th, was supported by members and friends numbering about 150. In 1947 the number of towers in the Guild was 91; there are now 95. The book membership now stood at 941 ringing members. During the year 118 new ringing and 28 non-resident members were enrolled. To date, 410 Guild Certificates had been sold The peal secretary's report was, in the absence of Mr. E. Morris, read. It showed that in 1948 the Guild came third in the list of societies for peal ringing; 114 tower and 27 handbell peals had been rung, a total of 141. The peals rung included the first peals for the Guild of Erin Caters, Lincolnshire and Stanton Surprise and also Edinburgh Delight. Cambridge had been rung from Minor to Maximus, and Yorkshire from Major to Maximus. The first pealers numbered 29; 184 rang their first in a new method. Three new conductors appeared.

The hon. treasurer, Mr. A. E. Rowley, in his report, said the funds of the Guild were in a very healthy state. The Bell Repair Fund, having had no calls during the year, had reached £188 17s. 3d. The general funds amounted to £74 6s. 11d.

Mr. H. J. Poole was re-elected president. Four vice-presidents had been nominated. Of these, Messrs. A. Ballard and J. Carter asked for their names to be withdrawn, leaving Mr. E. C. Turner and Mr. P. L. Taylor, who were elected. The hon. general secretary, Mr. W. A. Wood, and the hon. treasurer, Mr. A. E. Rowley, were both re-elected and thanked for their services. Mr. S. Burton was elected as peal secretary.

PEALS ON MEETING DAYS.

In supporting a motion deprecating the increase in the number of peals attempted at the same time as a general meeting is being held, frequently in the same locality, Mr. E. C. Turner recalled passing the tower at Claybrooke when on the way to the last quarterly meeting at Lutterworth. A peal was then in progress. Mr. Turner said the officers of the Guild, chosen freely by members, should be treated with respect, not as individuals, but as representatives of the Guild. The arrangement of peals on general meeting days, often in nearby towers, was not showing this respect. He had no wish to discourage peal ringing, but members had rung peals on the general meeting days.

Mr. K. Roe supported and other speakers spoke of district meetings having to be cancelled because some towers were not available by reason of peals having been recently rung.

The meeting was practically unanimous in favour of the motion, no one voting against.

The President announced that grants had that week been made to two tower repair funds, one of 10 guineas and one of 20 guineas. This brought the total granted this year to 50 guineas.

It was decided to hold the festival and dinner later in the year. A social followed, which was enjoyed by many until a late hour.

A WORCESTERSHIRE BENEFACTION

The birthday peal of Grandsire Caters at Claines, near Worcester, was a gesture to Mr. Percy Thomas, whose gifts to his Parish Church include five new bells and a clock.

Originally a ring of five Claines bells were made eight in 1927 by the addition of three trebles, in memory of Mr. Thomas' father, Emanuel Thomas, J.P. In 1940 Mr. Thomas gave two trebles to make the present ring of ten, in memory of his mother. His most recent gift has been the installation of an electric clock, with two faces on the tower and Westminster chimes. This was given to the memory of his wife, Mrs. Florence Elizabeth Thomas.

He is well known to Worcestershire and Birmingham ringers for his love of bells and clocks, and visitors to his home are always intrigued by his remarkable collection of clocks with their varied chimes.

When Worcester Cathedral bells were recast in 1928 Mr. Thomas gave of his services freely and was instrumental in raising a large sum of money from subscribers who had connections with his business. He has also been generous with other restorations in the Worcester area.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

Seventy members and friends from 19 parishes, which is believed to be a record for the district, attended the meeting at Dunmow on May 7th.

At the Association's service, the Vicar, the Rev. Callum, gave the address, and the Master, Dr. Spencer-Phillips, read the lesson. An excellent tea was supplied and prepared by the Dunmow ringers and their wives.

Miss H. G. Snowden, the District Master, presided at the business meeting, when 12 new members were elected. It was decided to hold a practice at Great Easton on June 11th.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

Regret was expressed at the Cheltenham Branch meeting at Alderton that the local captain, Mr. G. Banner, was in hospital for an operation. The meeting also stood in silence to remember Mr. G. Agg, recently buried at Alderton, who joined the branch in 1923. Ringing ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge.

OBITUARY

MR. ALEXANDER SHARP.

By the death of Mr. Alexander Sharp, of Freiston, near Boston, at the age of 75, the Eastern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild loses its oldest member.

'Zan,' as he was familiarly known to all his friends, commenced ringing at the early age of seven, and had therefore been ringing for a period of 68 years. Of a quiet and kindly disposition, he was endeared to all with whom he came in contact and will be much missed in ringing circles. He was not a great peal ringer, having rung only four peals, one of Bob Major and three of Minor.

He was laid to rest in the village churchyard near to the bells he loved so well on May 22nd, four of his fellow-ringers—Messrs. H. Harper, E. Barnes, A. Burchnall and G. Dawson—acting as bearers. In the evening, with the bells half-muffled, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung, this being his favourite method. F. D.

MR. WILLIAM BIDNELL, HYTHE.

It is an honour to pay a tribute to the late Mr. William Bidnell, who for many years was captain of the Hythe ringers. His quiet manner was not misleading; he was a lover of the church bells and an admirer of the bells of Hythe and their ringers. He was always willing to be of service, and on one of the occasions he visited Dover was for the installation of Lord Reading as Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports. The beautiful floral tributes and the presence at the graveside of some of the pioneers of Kent ringing show that his faithful service to the bells had been appreciated, and the example he has set will remain in 'golden memory' as the years roll on.

CHARLES TURNER.

MISSION TO LONDON

Among the ringing for the Mission to London were four courses of Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's prior to the blessing of the Commissioners and five courses afterwards (conductor, H. Langdon).

At All Saints', Fulham, 1,287 Stedman Caters (conductor, J. E. Chilcott); Ruislip, 1,344 Plain Bob (conductor, T. Collins); St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major (conductor, N. G. Hollingworth), first in method D. F. Harman; also 1,344 Little Bob Major (conductor, J. G. Nash), first in method by entire band.

At St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 1,311 Stedman Cinques (first on 12 by Miss F. A. Edgar and D. H. C. Satow); St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, quarter Bob Major (conductor, F. Corke), also 1,260 Stedman Triples (conductor, H. Impey); St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, 1,080 Bob Minor (conductor, F. Corke), also 1,260 Grandsire Triples (first quarter Miss P. Herni); St. John's, Hillingdon, two courses Cambridge Surprise Royal (conductor, C. C. Mayne) and quarter Grandsire Caters (conductor, H. Impey).

At Cranford, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (non-conducted) and 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor (conductor, F. Corke); St. Mary's, Lewisham, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (conductor, J. Dafters); St. Andrew's, Enfield, quarter-peal Double Norwich C.B. Major (conductor, A. J. House), first in method Miss C. Church and J. Roberts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The famous Abbey at Dorchester was the venue for the annual meeting of the South Oxon Branch on April 30th, when nearly 60 ringers were present. The Rev. N. E. Hope, former Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, gave the address at the service, which was conducted by the branch chairman, the Vicar of Holton.

At the business meeting £4 4s. was voted towards the new bell at Lewknor.

BREDFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Court, Cambridge, Oxford, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, and 1,440 Kent. Tenor 11½ cwt.

Lewis J. Last ... ...*Treble*	William A. Woods ... 4
George W. Pipe 2	William J. Button ... 5
Sylvia R. E. Pipe ... 3	Cecil W. Pipe ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.
The first peal on the bells.

TRYSULL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*Fred Bennett ... ...*Treble*	Ernest Drew ... 4
†W. Francis, jun. ... 2	‡Fred Hinton 5
Joe Marsh 3	James Davies ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Drew.
* First peal away from tenor. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Doubles. In memoriam Mr. J. T. Salmon, former organist, choirmaster and churchwarden of Trysull Church. Tenor 11 cwt. 17 lb.

LILBOURNE, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising 2 six-scores of Stedman, 4 six-scores each of St. Simon's, Canterbury Pleasure, April Day and Plain Bob, and 12 spliced 240's of Grandsire, four each of Morris's, Price's and Pitman's.

*Kilby R. Holtom ...*Treble*	*Percy Amos 3
Ernest Morris 2	Stanley M. Ruddesden 4
*Arthur Millward *Tenor*	

Conducted by Ernest Morris.
* First of Doubles in six methods. First peal on the bells since 1912. Farewell peal to the Bishop of Peterborough. Tenor 10 cwt. (ap.).

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Phillip Jones ... ...*Treble*	*Geoffrey E. Watson... 4
Ronald C. Noon 2	*Patrick I. Chapman ... 5
Mrs. G. E. Watson ... 3	George Care ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by George Care.
* 25th peal together. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, five different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

*Douglas H. Rooke ...*Treble*	Donald Chadwick ... 4
Roland T. Flint ... 2	Frederick Flint 5
Arnold Hill 3	Herbert T. Rooke ...*Tenor*

Conducted Herbert T. Rooke.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor by all the band and on the bells. In honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Rooke.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
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.

*Claudia A. Harding ...*Treble*	George E. Large ... 4
Reginald Woodyatt ... 2	Denis R. Morris ... 5
Allen Morgan 3	Thomas W. Lewis ...*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Large.
* First peal of Minor. Date of tenor 1482. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*Ian Taylor ... ...*Treble*	J. Alwyn Taylor... ... 4
Ivan Kay 2	Allan Smith 5
†Marjorie Leach 3	James Taylor ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Allan Smith.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Marjorie Leach. Tenor 14½ cwt.

TICEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and five 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

*Leonard W. Giles ...*Treble*	Fredk. J. Lambert, jun. 4
Ernest J. Ladd 2	Frank H. Hicks 5
Wm. A. Kitchenside... 3	A. Patrick Cannon ...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal in three methods. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

Frank Warrington ...*Treble*	John W. C. Blythe ... 4
*Derek Sanderson ... 2	R. Frank Baker 5
Frank W. Lack 3	Stanley Gilbert ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Stanley Gilbert.
* First peal of Surprise and 25th for Ely Association. First peal of Surprise as conductor. A compliment to Rev. T. Havard Jones, Vicar of the parish for 30 years.

HANDBELL PEALS

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 11, 1949, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,
In the Belfry of St. Thomas' Church,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

A. Ernest McGrath ... 1-2	John T. Dunwoody ... 3-4
Frederick E. Dukes ... 5-6	

Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.
Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 14 in D.

Albert H. Ward 1-2	Daniel T. Matkin 5-6
William G. Young ... 3-4	Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 7-8

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Cond. by Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay.

WOODMANSTERNE, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
At 87, Laker's Rise,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Albert J. Adams 1-2	Edwin J. Lindley 5-6
*Norman Hobden 3-4	Frank E. Darby 7-8

Composed by E. Maurice Atkins. Conducted by E. J. Lindley.
* First peal on handbells. Tenor size 15 in C.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
At Osmington School,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Rosemary Smith 1-2	Wilfrid H. J. Hooton... 5-6
†Brenda Fells 3-4	Christopher W. Woolley 7-8

Composed by A. F. Lewry. Conducted by Chris. W. Woolley.
* First peal of Major. † First peal on an 'inside' pair.

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LETTERS

KEEPING THE ART ALIVE

Dear Sir, — There is one sentence in Mr. Corby's letter published in 'The Ringing World' of May 13th with which I feel I must join issue. It is the final paragraph which states, inter alia, 'It is the peal ringers who keep the art alive. . . .' I could not disagree with him more.

Casting one's mind over the ringers one knows, I fail to see how it can possibly be disagreed that the percentage who are the slightest degree interested in ringing peals is very small—unless, of course, one moves in a peal ringing circle only. The backbone of the Exercise are not the few who specialise in peal ringing, but the majority who go on, Sunday after Sunday, just ringing for service and practising what they preach by attending the service also.

I feel that we are passing through an era where such a fetish is being made of peal ringing that we are in danger of beginning to mistake the shadow for the substance; the means for the end. Church bells exist to be rung on Sunday to call people to church, not for a band of experts to amuse themselves with on a week-day. Happily, the majority of ringers are regular service ringers, and for that reason the art would pursue the even tenor of its way even if there was no peal ringing.

Moreover, there is one thing that can very definitely be held against peal ringers. They are the culprits who cause those wrothful letters which one reads from time to time in the papers, written by bell haters who complain of the 'excessive din' or suchlike phrase. Most bell haters I have spoken to will admit —albeit reluctantly—that a practice night in the week may be necessary, but they immediately follow it up by asking why is it necessary to ring the bells for three hours on end without a pause? Why indeed?

Do not think, sir, that I am against peal ringing—far from it; but let us get things in their true perspective. In the structure which is the brotherhood of ringers it is the regular Sunday ringers who are the main foundations and walls; peal ringers are the adornments, the pinnacles, the gargoyles, what you will. They may make the structure more ornate, but as a structure it would get on just as well, and be just as useful, without them. If a band has put in a year's regular Sunday ringing and feel like celebrating with a peal, good luck to them. Such an occasion as the birth of Prince Charles is a justifiable reason for a peal. Again, a young band of ringers not long able to ring (say) Grandsire Triples would be much encouraged by the successful achievement of a peal. But an occasional peal of that sort would hardly qualify the band for being considered peal addicts and are not, therefore, I take it, the 'peal ringers' who Mr. Corby has in mind. He states catagorically that it is the peal ringers who keep the art alive. I am prepared to state, equally emphatically, that in my view peal ringing, per se, does little or nothing for the good of the Exercise.

One feels that habitual peal ringing is something in the nature of a psychological disease, which, like other things taken to excess, is liable to strike deeply at the moral fibre of the unfortunate sufferer. It is time habitual peal ringing was recognised for what it is—the selfish pastime of a few.—Yours faithfully,

T. V. LISTER.

Apperley, Glos.

ISLE OF MAN PEAL

Dear Sir,—The other peal rung in the Isle of Man at Peel Cathedral was Grandsire Triples, Holt's Ten-part, rung on Whit Monday, May 26th, 1890, conducted by F. E. Dawe, in 2 hours 51 minutes. The tenorman is still living.—Yours truly, J. H. SHEPHERD.

Swindon, Wilts.

VARIATIONS IN DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—In Mr. E. Morris' last paragraph he asks that each variation should be given a different name. What constitutes a variation? Am I right in assuming that a method with, say four working bells, should have a plain course of four leads?

If so, what is the plain course of several of the methods frequently rung, viz., St. Dunstan's, London Single, Oxford Bob and Antelope? In Antelope there are three working bells and one in the hunt. But the plain course is incomplete, as two leads bring up rounds. April Day is Plain Bob with a Grandsire Single. Its plain course is identical with Bob Doubles.

How many methods does Mr. Morris' band think they rang at Dingley on May 3rd? In my opinion there are two, as the spliced arrangements are all Grandsire.

I would be interested to see the figures of the *four* different callings of April Day, which I am awaiting from the conductor, as required by our Guild rules, under which title the peal was rung. ROBERT G. BLACK,

Hon. Sec., Peterborough Guild.

SPLICED MINOR IN 32 METHODS

Dear Sir,—Has this been equalled? Yes, and congratulations, Frampton. At Folkingham, Lincs, for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Southern Branch), 32 of Spliced Surprise methods in 1936 by a mixed band. Prior to this record Bourne service ringers rang a peal of 28 Spliced Surprise which was a record short lived in those days of friendly rivalry. The tenor in each peal was rung by the late Mr. T. L. Bainbridge. The conductor of the Folkingham peal was Mr. H. M. Day, the Bourne peal conducted by Mr. J. W. Lake. Now, Frampton, go to it. There are Whitley and Wooler, Cheddleton and Horton. Good luck. — Yours fraternally, F. W. FRENCH.

Bourne, Lincs.

TWO TYPES OF PEALS ?

Sir,—Could not the question of normal v. condensed peal reports be solved by having both types? There are still many ringers, who only ring one or two peals a year, to whom the ringing of a peal is sufficiently noteworthy to justify the printing of peal cards, and I suggest that those who order peal cards should have the type set as at present, the proposed condensed setting being reserved for the remainder.

This should enable more space to be available for other matters, especially if the paper ration will run to a 16-page issue, which I think the committee should have no hesitation in producing as a 4d. paper, especially if it could be made more attractive. One's mind goes back to the period during the war-time ban when no peals were reported. There must be many new ringers who have not had the opportunity of seeing the wonderful historical articles which appeared during that period, and it is a matter for consideration whether some of these should not be reprinted, and further matter from the same source used, if such is available. Such a reminder of the way things were kept going during that difficult time should be a stimulus to those who have joined the ringing fraternity since then.—I am, sir, yours, etc., E. M. ATKINS.

18, Westbere Road, N.W.2.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT.

Some useful work was done among local learners at a well-attended meeting at Whittlesford on May 14th.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. R. H. Glover, R.D., and Mr. J. Hall, one of the local learners, was the organist. An excellent tea was served in the Spicer Hall by lady helpers from the church.

Stapleford was chosen as the place for the next meeting. Mr. John Lewis was elected a non-resident life member.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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WALTON-ON-THAMES. — Ringing at St. Mary's suspended until further notice. — R. Lathbury. 5313

KEITH HART MEMORIAL.—Subscriptions from ringing friends will be gratefully acknowledged towards the erection of a bronze plaque in the belfry of St. Peter's, Brighton.—S. E. Armstrong, 21, Kenmure Avenue, Brighton 6. 5328

Visitors to Bournemouth will be welcomed at the following towers: St. Peter's (8), Sundays 9.30, 11 and 5.50, practice, Thursday, 7.30; St. John's (Surrey Road) (8), Sundays 10, 5.30, practice, Tuesdays, 7.30. Enquiries 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 3336

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MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Hever (6), June 4th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 5245

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Thaxted (8) on Saturday, June 4th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. All welcome.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 5271

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury-Clare District.—Meeting at Long Melford (8), Saturday, June 4th, 3 p.m. Tea at Scutchers Arms 5 p.m. Bring own food. Business follows. Those favouring outing please discuss and report.—A. A. Fitch, Dis. Sec., 7, Croft Road, Sudbury. 5281

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern.—Quarterly meeting, Horsham (8), Saturday, June 4th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 5293

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-East Division.—Practice meeting at Langham (6) on Saturday, June 4th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. All welcome. Anything from rounds upwards. Own tea arrangements.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec. 5308

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Warboys, Saturday, June 4th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 5323

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival, Clun, Whit Monday, June 6th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. Annual meeting 5 p.m. Bells (8) 11.30 and Clunbury (6).—Rev. E. G. Benson, Burghill Vicarage, Hereford. 5244

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, June 6th Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 5296

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 6th. Service in the Cathedral at 11 a.m., conducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. C. K. Waller, M.A.; preacher, the Right Rev. Hugh Gough, M.A., O.B.E., Bishop of Barking. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the County Hotel at 1.30: Members 2s.; non-resident members and non-members 4s., to be prepaid, enclosing stamped, addressed envelope for the return of the tickets. 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 p.m. 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. Gen. Sec., 19, Brook Road, Tillingham, Essex. 5255

DEVON GUILD.—Annual meeting, Tiverton, Whit Monday, June 6th. Service 12.15 p.m. Luncheon at 1 p.m. Tickets 3s. 6d. Visitors welcomed. Ringing at Tiverton (8) from 10 a.m. Silverton (8), Thorverton (8) and other towers available.—Fredk. C. Smale, Oakfield, Station Road, Okehampton. 5285

DEDICATION AT GREAT BRINGTON, NORTHAMPTON. — The ring of six (tenor recast, 18 cwt.), which has recently been rehung with new frame and fittings by John Taylor, will be rededicated on Saturday, June 11th, at 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards. All ringers invited. A summer fair in aid of the Bell Fund will be held the same afternoon near the church; teas, sideshows, stalls, etc. Numbers for tea, please, by June 6th to the Rector. 5163

NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Ludham, Saturday, June 11th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at King's Arms Hotel. Please send names or number by Wednesday, June 8th. Numbers very particular.—J. Harwood, Sec., 189 Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 5283

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Crusaders of S.W. Division.—Meeting, June 11th, at Havering (6). Ringing from 3 till 4.30 p.m. Romford (8) from 6 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea arranged at Havering. Buses 123 or 165 to Havering from Romford Station. Essentially a meeting for learners. Everybody welcome. Names for tea to H. Roome, 47, Heather Glen, Heather Avenue, Romford. 5271

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery.—Dulverton, June 11th, 3. Service 4. Tea at Hollam 5. Notify early. — Geo. Stacey, 6, Park Street, Minehead. 5288

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Blaenavon, Saturday, June 11th. Bells available 2 o'clock. Service 4 o'clock. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington. 5294

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Gloucester Cathedral (8), June 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. (Dean of Gloucester). Tea 4.45, Berni's Cafe, 2s. 9d. Names by June 9th to W. Sidwell, 3, Honyatt Road, Gloucester. 5279

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Granborough (5), June 11th. Bells 2.45. Service 4. North Marston (6) in evening. Names by June 8th.—E. F. Gibbard, Horn Street, Winslow. 5301

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at St. Ippolyts on Saturday, June 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 8th, to A. Harris, 104, Waterdell Lane, St. Ippolyts.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 5290

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Gloucester Branch. — Special notice. Owing to Mr. Sidwell leaving Gloucester, re Cathedral meeting, June 11th, please address all correspondence to L. Barry, 47, Massey Road, Gloucester. 5320

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Henley (8), June 11th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Bring own food and dry tea.—Edward Ellenger, Hon. Dis. Sec., 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 5311

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, North Wingfield, June 11th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea available, bring own food.—G. C. Briggs, Hon. Sec. 5310

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Bishopstone (8), June 11th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 5321

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Bishopswearmouth, Saturday, June 11th, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. R. Bell, 1, Kensington Terrace South, Sunderland, by June 9th.—W. F. Sheraton, Hon. Sec. 5322

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting, Sutton, Hull, Saturday, June 11th. Bells 2. Service 4.30. Tea (3s.) Church Hall. Notify Mr. C. Robinson, Limetree Avenue, Sutton, Hull, first post Thursday, June 9th. Buses leave Hull 12 minute intervals.—Albert Sellers, Hon. Sec. 5317

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK — Ringing anniversary, Saturday, June 11th. Holy Trinity bells (8) available 2 p.m. Ringers of both sexes welcome.—V. Ambrose. 5316

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Annual meeting at St. David's, Saturday, June 11th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carm. 5315

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Meeting, Saturday, June 11th, St. Mary's, Lewisham, 3 to 5. Tea 5 to 5.55 (own arrangement). Business, St. Margaret's, Lee, Crypt, 6 to 6.20. Service and ringing at St. Margaret's, Lee, to 8. (Blackheath S.R. Bus No. 54, 108, 89.) Further information ring Batt. 3946.—A. F. Udall. 5314

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Helen's (8), Sefton, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Tea is provided free and no names are required in advance. Ribble bus (service 303) leaves Skelhorne Street 1.48 and 3.48, also Liverpool Corporation bus (service 70) every 15 minutes from Spellow Lane, Walton. — P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 5340

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Uckfield (8), Saturday, June 11th, 2.30 p.m. Tea to those who notify Miss Durrant, The Mount, Coopers Green, Uckfield, by June 8th.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Sec. 5339

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.—Special ringers' service, June 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea essential.—W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. 5312

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District. — Monthly meeting, Edensor (6), Saturday, June 11th, 3 p.m. Bring own food.—Miss D. J. Dunn, Dis. Sec., Darley Dale. 5338

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Ringwood, Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) available 2.30 Business meeting, belfry, 5. Tea 5.30. Ringing at Fordingbridge (8) in evening. Names for tea by June 8th, please.—A. V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 5337

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Campton, Meppershall and Shillington on Saturday, June 11th. Bells: Campton 3 to 4.30, Meppershall 4.30 to 7, Shillington finish. Tea at Meppershall at 5 p.m.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 5335

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Arnsby, June 11th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Outing fares 15s., under 14 10s., by June 11th.—L. Allen. 5333

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting at Tring on June 11th Bells (8) from 3 o'clock. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 8th, to Mr. D. Cartwright, 56, Longfield Road, Tring, Herts. — H. S. Baines. 5332

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely Distrilt.—Sutton (6), Saturday, June 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring own food, cups of tea provided.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 5331

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch.—Crawford Cup contest at Warsop (6), Saturday, June 11th, 3 p.m. Please notify Mr. F. Flint, 42, Burns Lane, Warsop, Mansfield, for tea by June 7th. Bells open to all after contest.—H. Denman. 5329

OXFORD GUILD. — Newbury Branch. — Midgham (6), Saturday, June 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Miss Davis, Bucklebury Village, Reading, by June 8th. 5327

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, June 11th, at 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, afterwards.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5341

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Mayfield (8), June 11th. Tea 4.30 at the Old Brew House. Names to Mr. W. Kitchenside, South Street, Mayfield.—C. A. Bassett. 5342

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Colne, June 11th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 5345

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Mary's, Lambeth, practice meeting at 7.15 p.m., Monday, June 13th. Everyone welcome. No practice Whit Monday. — H. Rogers, Hou. 3921. 5274

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —The 70th anniversary meeting to be held at Basingstoke will be on Saturday, June 18th, and not on the 25th as provisionally arranged. Further particulars later.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5318

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District. — Meeting at Great Carlton (near Louth) on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Holmes, Great Carlton, near Louth, by June 10th.—G. W. Moody, Dis. Sec. 5319

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch. — Annual, Chipping Norton (8), June 18th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by June 14th.—J. Keyte, Charlbury, Oxon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Escrick (8) on Saturday, June 18th. Service in church 4.15. Tea, 3s. each, in Institute at 5 o'clock for all notifying me by Wednesday, June 15th. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., when subscriptions are due and reports available.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 5343

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Quarterly meeting, Hythe, June 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 5334

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Northern and Western Districts, Saturday, June 25th, St. Oswin's, Wylam-on-Tyne. Names for tea by June 18th to Mr. F. M. Gordon, Ochil, Woodcroft Road. 5346

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623). —The 326th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th.—L. E. Pitstow. 5303

WELLOW, SOMERSET. — Fete, Vicarage Gardens, June 25th, 3 p.m. Thanksgiving service and rehallowing of bells 6.30 p.m. Bells open to all from 8 p.m. 5344

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—The summer ringing week will be held at Exeter from August 13th-20th. Those hoping to attend are invited to write to me as soon as possible.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone, Kent. 5324

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Preliminary notice.—The annual dinner will be held at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, on Saturday, October 8th. Accommodation is limited, so please book early! Tickets (12s. 6d. each inclusive) are now available from the undersigned.—Peter N. Bond, Asst. Hon. Sec., 56, Stanhope Gardens, S.W.7.

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THE GENERAL Q-SET LAW AND ITS PROOF

BY B. D. PRICE.

THE term 'Q-set' was given to us by W. H. Thompson in his pamphlet (1886) on Grandsire Triples. In this pamphlet (reproduced in Snowdon's 'Grandsire,' 1905, p. 197) he proves the Law for Q-sets of order 5. Dr. Rankin, in his paper on Group Theory (Proc. Camb. Phil. Soc., Vol. 44, Pt. 1, p. 17), proves the Law, but the method of his proof is beyond the reach of most of us.

In order to clarify ideas, we may define a Q-set as follows. A, A′, B, B′, C, C′, etc., as far as N, N′, are points in order on a circle. The number of points may be considered as 2n, there being n points A, B, C, etc., separated by the n points A′, B′, C′, etc. Any letters may be supplied between C′ and N, and there are not necessarily 28 points in all.

Routes lead to points A, B, C, etc., and away from points A′, B′, C′, etc. The problem of composing a peal is reduced to that of finding one continuous circuit around a number of interlaced Q-sets, where routes lead from the dashed letters A′, B′, etc., on each Q-set to plain letters A, B, etc., on the same or on different Q-sets.

When a Q-set is in the state 'plain' each letter is linked to its partner—A to A′, B to B′, etc. When in state 'bob' each is linked to its other partner—N′ to A, A′ to B, etc. The 'order' of a Q-set is the number of such links (equal to n).

Each Q-set in the extent may be 'plain' or 'bob' at will. If the state of each is fixed, then the aggregate of routes will form a number of 'circuits' (round blocks). The Q-set Law concerns the oddness or evenness (parity) of this number of circuits, as follows:—

'If a single Q-set of odd (even) order is altered in state, the others being fixed in state, the parity of the total number of circuits is not (is) changed.'

There are two complementary parts to the Law—either miss out, or substitute, the words in parentheses. Two important conditions are, firstly, every point must be used (this cuts out arguments about Stedman Triples where all six-ends are not used), and, secondly, every route must have one-way traffic (this disqualifies Treble Bob Minor, where a lead may be used backwards).

The Law may be proved by induction. We assume the Law to be true for all Q-sets up to order n, and then show it to be true for the next order (n+1). Since the Law is obviously true for n=1 or n=2, it must therefore be true for all values of n.

Suppose, therefore, that the Law is true for the Q-set of order n:—
A, A′, B, B′, C, C′ . . . . . N, N′.
Consider the Q-set of order n+1:—
A—A′, B—B′, C—C′ . . . . N—N′, X—X′.
It is in the state 'plain.' We proceed to 'bob' it by several steps. First, connect up the letters as follows:—
A′—B, B′—C . . . . M′—N, N′—A, X—X′.
The pair X—X′ has been left alone. The change otherwise is the same as bobbing a Q-set of order n. Now consider the four letters in order: A, N′, X, X′. For the purpose of proof they may be considered as forming a Q-set of order 2. At present they are in the state N′—A, X′—X. Alter the state of this Q-set to X—N′, A—X′. The whole situation is now:—
A′—B, B′—C . . . . M′—N, N′—X, X′—A,
which is the Q-set of order n+1 in state 'bob.' The bobbing of this Q-set has been carried out in two steps, equivalent to bobbing Q-sets of order n and 2. Since bobbing a Q-set of order 2 changes the parity of the total number of circuits, it will be seen that the Law then follows for Q-sets of order n+1. For example, if n is even, then bobbing the Q-set of order n changes the parity of the number of circuits, but so does altering the Q-set of order 2. Therefore the effect of bobbing the Q-set of order n+1 is not to change the parity. A similar argument holds if n is odd. By application of this argument, starting from n=2 (a case which must be proved by inspection), the Law is proved for any value of n.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

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BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
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On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5200 CHANGES;

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†PATRICIA E. M. BARTON	3	‡ALFRED ASHTON	8
‡MOLLY AMBLER	4	†SAM LONGBOTTOM	9
*HARRY DAVISON	5	*ALFRED SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (114). Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal of Treble Bob Royal. In memoriam Canon C. C. Marshall, president, Yorkshire Association, 1912-47. Tenor 25¼ cwt.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF BEDFORD SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON	6
SHIRLEY BURTON	2	ALFRED BALLARD	7
DOROTHY UDALE	3	HARRY G. WAYNE	8
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	ALAN JACQUES	9
JOHN R. SMITH	5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal of Royal in the method by all the band and for the Guild. Rung with fourths place (extending lead) bob.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK A. SALTER	*Treble*	FRANK BRADLEY	6
GEORGE E. PADGETT	2	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	7
PATRICK PRESTON	3	*HENRY ROGERS	8
CLEMENT GLENN	4	WALTER NICHOLS	9
J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	5	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE HOLLIS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First of Caters in the method. In memoriam Thomas Groombridge, jun.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 8¼ cwt. in G.

CHARLES E. FISHER	*Treble*	†SYLVIA R. E. PIPE	6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	2	*FRANK L. FISHER	7
*GEORGE W. PIPE	3	*WILLIAM J. BUTTON	8
LESLIE G. BRETT	4	CECIL W. PIPE	9
†GEORGE A. FLEMING	5	ERNEST W. PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. PYE. Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First of Surprise as conductor. First peal on the bells since their augmentation to 10. † 175th peal together.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES W. BLAKEY	*Treble*	*STEPHEN LL. PARRY	6
*ERNEST J. GOWER	2	‡CHARLES CLEGG	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE	8
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	4	*VERNON SYKES	9
†ERIC BRUNTON	5	JACK CLEGG	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by JACK CLEGG.
* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal on 10 bells. ‡ First peal of Royal. First peal on 10 as conductor. In memoriam to Mr. Herbert Ludkin.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*DAVID W. BEARD	*Treble*	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
ROBERT C. HEAZEL	2	†DONALD COOMBES	7
†JACK BELCHAM	3	†FREDERICK SOUTER	8
*HARRY TURNER	4	*HORACE J. MANSFIELD	9
†RODERICK W. CROUCHER	5	*GERALD FROST	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

MRS. J. THOMAS ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK G. NURDEN...	5
ROBERT G. FREEMAN ...	2	EDWIN T. NEWBURY ...	6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMINGS	3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ...	7
JOHN THOMAS	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

On the occasion of the marriage of Miss Daphne J. Johnson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Johnson, to Mr. F. W. D. Martin, of Woodleys, Sale, Cheshire.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Fri., May 20, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 25 lb. in E flat.

*WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN	*Treble*	PERCY NEWTON	5
*WALTER AVERY	2	*HENRY J. CORRY ...	6
ARTHUR NEWTON ...	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
FREDERICK WREFORD ...	4	RONALD P. NEWTON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

* First peal of Stedman.

KEGWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., May 21, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

G. RONALD EDWARDS...	*Treble*	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ...	5
*ROLAND BENISTON ...	2	*C. WILLIAM HALL ...	6
JOHN P. FIDLER	3	LESLIE W. STEVENS ...	7
*PAUL LEA TAYLOR ...	4	COLIN HARRISON	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

* First peal in the method. As a mark of appreciation to Mr. Felix Sutton for 60 years' as a ringer at this Church. Tenor 17 cwt.

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., May 21, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE	*Treble*	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ...	5
*MISS RHODA HEMMINGS	2	SIDNEY H. JONES	6
JOHN F. WILKINSON ...	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
FRANCIS R. LOWE ...	4	PERCIVAL W. GRICE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Dexter's Variation of Brook's. * First peal in the method.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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

*JAMES THORLEY ...	...*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ...	5
*J. MARTIN THORLEY ...	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	6
F. BERNARD DITCHER...	3	J. EDWARD CAWSER ...	7
*MILTON C. FOWLER ...	4	JOHN E. TURLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by WM. BARTON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

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

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 21, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

HENRY G. KEELEY	...*Treble*	FREDERICK PRECEY ...	5
*ROGER KEELEY	2	GEORGE A. WHITEMORE	6
†CUTHBERT W. POWELL...	3	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ...	7
WILLIAM YATES	4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ...	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by CUTHBERT W. POWELL.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. Tenor 17 cwt.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., May 21, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

ROLAND BIGGS	...*Treble*	GEORGE E. RETTER ...	5
JOHN SALWAY	2	ARTHUR HOLWAY	6
*WALTER AVERY	3	PERCY NEWTON	7
ARTHUR NEWTON	4	RONALD P. NEWTON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by PERCY NEWTON

* First peal of Grandsire.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10¼ cwt.

JAMES SKEATS	*Treble*	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY ...	5
*BETTY SCHOFIELD ...	2	JOHN BAGNALL	6
ELIZABETH SUART ...	3	†HERBERT PALMER ...	7
WILFRED BOLTON ...	4	JAMES E. BURLES ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. In memoriam Ernest Swain, late captain of this tower.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

G. GORDON BRIGGS ...	*Treble*	JOSEPH SAXTON	5
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK...	2	CYRIL WRIGHT	6
DENNIS HOLLAND	3	STANLEY SLANEY	7
GEORGE S. LEE	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. NICHOL. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

In memoriam J. Henry Bower, a ringer at Sheffield Cathedral for 54 years, who died on May 20th.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 21, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

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

SIDNEY A. PHILBRICK...	*Treble*	HARRY D. LISTER ...	5
*MISS JEAN M. FREER...	2	OLIVER G. BARNARD ...	6
†ROBERT E. LESTER ...	3	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ...	7
HORACE J. MANSFIELD	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	*Tenor*

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal of Double Norwich C.B. Major. † First in the method 'inside.'

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 22, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 107 lb. in E.

EDWARD BARKER	*Treble*	GEORGE P. ADAMS ...	5
ERNEST H. MASTIN ...	2	WILLIAM GLOVER	6
CECIL V. EBBERSON ...	3	BERT GOGLE	7
NORMAN V. HARDING ...	4	HENRY TOOKE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

A farewell peal to L. W. Houghton, a ringer at this church.

ALPHINGTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Mon., May 23, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

EDWARD W. BIFFIN ...	*Treble*	HORACE W. BUTT	5
ARTHUR NEWTON	2	FREDERICK WREFORD ...	6
WALTER AVERY	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
PERCY NEWTON	4	RONALD P. NEWTON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

HITCHIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 23, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

RICHARD KENDALL ...	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD...	5
RONALD J. SHARP	2	ALFRED RUSHTON ...	6
BETTY SPICE	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES...	7
HAROLD BURTON	4	*LEWIS H. BYWATERS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 24, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANCES;

JEFFERY C. BIRT ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. ELLIS ...	5
WILFRED G. WILSON ...	2	DEREK R. JUDD	6
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ...	3	FREDK. A. FINCH	7
ARTHUR JONES	4	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. G. WILSON.

For the Mission to London. Tenor 13½ cwt.

CLITHEROE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 24, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	CHARLES CLEGG	5
*WALTER E. WILKINSON	2	†J. PHILLIP NORMAN	6
ERNEST J. GOWER	3	HARRY ANDERTON	7
CHARLES W. BLAKEY	4	VICTOR J. C. WOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by V. J. C. WOOD.
* First peal (age 14). † First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of Isaac T. Rushton (for 58 years a ringer at this church), who this day was elected Mayor of the Borough of Clitheroe. Tenor 18 cwt.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*SIDNEY MARSHALL	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
HERBERT LASKEY	2	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS	6
GEORGE P. ADAMS	3	WALTER J. EORD	7
VINCENT R. OVENS	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Major. First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association Rung in honour of Queen Mary's birthday. Tenor 19 cwt. 82 lb. in E.

WALLSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., May 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

ARTHUR T. DUTTON	*Treble*	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	5
JAMES S. EASTWOOD	2	RICHARD C. INGRAM	6
ARTHUR BOTTERELL	3	MAURICE G. TURNER	7
GEORGE W. HUGHES	4	ALAN ELSMORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
In honour of Queen Mary's birthday.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HARRY BROUGHTON	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
*BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	ALAN JACQUES	7
PAUL L. TAYLOR	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method on 'inside' bell. Tenor 6½ cwt.

ALTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

S. FRANK TUFFLEY	*Treble*	JOHN W. MEADE	5
GEOFFREY K. DODD	2	STANLEY E. COOK	6
ALWYN E. SMITH	3	JOHN H. HUNT	7
BRYAN C. STIRLAND	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

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

OLDSWINFOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN LLOYD	*Treble*	SYDNEY T. HOLT	5
GEORGE E. LARGE	2	THOMAS HEMMING	6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	3	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	7
REGINALD CHANCE	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
First peal of Bristol as conductor. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

*REGINALD C. BEALE	*Treble*	HARRY J. GAYLARD	5
MRS. E. S. POWELL	2	JOHN T. LOCKE	6
FREDERICK WELCH	3	JACK W. DREW	7
DENNIS R. BEST	4	*THOMAS J. HILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.
* First peal on eight bells. The conductor's 25th peal.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND THE BOY SCOUTS' ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*S.M. (S.) STANLEY W. BROWN (3rd Hove)	*Treble*
A.S.M. RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD (1st Willesborough)	2
S.M. HARRY W. BROWN (3rd Hove)	3
†‡S.M. MICHAEL A. FREWER (25th Brighton)	4
S.M. ROBERT PALMER (1st Wrotham)	5
*S. SCOUT JOHN HILL (2nd Ewell)	6
†BASIL W. WHITE (1st Henfield)	7
A.S.M. PETER N. BOND (2nd Westminster)	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by PETER N. BOND.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E.

ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*HERBERT FORDEN	*Treble*	*JOHN BOYES	5
JOHN SILK	2	FRED TERRY	6
HORACE S. MORLEY	3	EDWARD RICKETT	7
STEDMAN H. STEEL	4	HAROLD WALKER	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.
* First peal. A welcome to the new Rector, Rev. A. L. R. East.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

LEONARD H. BOWLER	*Treble*	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	5
*WM. H. KINGCOTT	2	*A. W. J. APPLETON	6
T. MARK WHITE	3	PHILIP A. CORBY	7
†DAVID BEVERIDGE	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-HILL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARBARA,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford and Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

MRS. J. THOMAS	*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS	4
*ROBERT G. FREEMAN	2	FRANCIS MILES	5
FREDERICK G. NURDEN	3	EDWIN T. NEWBURY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First of Minor 'inside.' Tenor 7 cwt.

MEREWORTH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Oxford Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*WILLIAM R. MANSER	*Treble*	*TOM SAUNDERS	4
†EDNA M. SILLS	2	*LUTHER HONESS	5
*LEWIS NEWMAN	3	REGINALD L. SILLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.
* First in five methods. † First in five methods 'inside.' First in five methods as conductor. Conductor's 25th peal.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 3 six-scores St. Martin's, 6 each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, April Day and 15 of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

PETER K. ALDRIDGE	*Treble*	FRANK C. ARNOLD	4
BASIL H. HYATT	2	T. CHARLES BROWNE	5
CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO	3	ERNEST G. ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.
A welcome to Mr. R. Arnold on his return from Egypt.

(Further peals on page 269.)

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Bates (first quarter, age 12) 1, W. Harrison (age 13) 2, G. Taylor (first 'inside,' age 12) 3, R. Wimpenny 4, D. Ogden (cond.) 5, P. Harrison (first quarter, age 13) 6. A birthday compliment to 1 and 2.

BARNET, HERTS. — On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Ann Plank (first quarter) 1, H. S. Arbin (cond.) 2, A. W. Coles 3, W. Vince 4, C. King 5, G. Herbert 6, C. Ward 7, W. Langley 8.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. P. Cannon (first quarter) 1, W. B. Judd 2, Rev. R. G. Hoare 3, C. J. Champion (first as cond.) 4, A. P. Cannon 5, A. Stovell 6.

BRISTOL.—On May 18th at All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joanna Chase (first quarter) 1, Mary Bliss (first of Triples) 2, Mary Kennelly 3, Dorothy Richardson 4, Pamela Woolley (first of Grandsire Triples) 5, Norman Purnell 6, Christopher Brown (first as conductor) 7, Ivor Trueman 8. Rung by the University of Bristol Society to celebrate the birth of a son for the conductor.

BUCKERELL, DEVON.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Broadhurst 1, R. Collins 2, R. Bakke 3, J. Summers 4, J. J. Wheaton (cond.) 5, F. H. Parr 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3, 4. First quarter on the bells since restoration.

BUSHEY, HERTS. — On May 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. N. Bond 1, A. Cutler 2, S. Hoare 3, T. J. Clark 4, F. W. Brinklow 5, T. H. Francis (cond.) 6, H. G. Cashmore 7, J. E. Rootes 8. In memoriam Eric B. Hartley.

CROWLAND, LINCS.—On May 14th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor, 720 Oxford T.B., and 720 Kent T.B.: R. Strickland 1, W. A. Smedley 2, W. Duffy 3, M. Brown 4, A. A. Pepper 5, F. Taylor (cond.) 6.

CROWCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. T. Richards 1, R. Colman 2, J. Henson 3, E. Webber 4, C. W. J. Lock (cond.) 5, E. Colman 6. A wedding compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

QUARTER PEALS

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Stacey 1, Mrs. N. Wall 2, D. Chapman (first quarter) 3, F. A. Staveley 4, H. Wagstaffe 5, H. Ashton 6, E. Dalinwater (cond.) 7, P. J. Dawe 8.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Bore 1, T. Beaumont 2, E. A. G. Allen 3, E. J. Blight 4, C. E. J. Norris 5, R. Skinner 6, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 7, O. Davis 8. First quarter 1, 4 and 8.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. A. Warwick (first quarter) 1, Miss E. K. Fulton (cond.) 2, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 3, P. D. Beedie 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. D. Butler 6, C. C. Mayne 7, J. R. Mayne 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—At St. Mary's on May 8th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. Fidler 1, G. Cherry (first in method) 2, A. E. Symonds 3, W. Croft 4, C. Hare 5, E. Winters 6, D. C. Mears 7, F. Croft (cond.) 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Meadows 1, A. W. Beard 2, J. Carrott 3, D. W. Beard 4, C. E. Wright 5, T. East 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, S. Penfold 8.

HUNTINGDON.—On May 11th at St. Mary's, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. J. Whiting (first of Major) 1, Miss C. Dunnington 2, G. Nichols 3, J. W. C. Blythe 4, F. Warrington 5, R. F. Baker (first of Major) 6, G. H. Dunnington 7, S. Gilbert (first of Major as conductor) 8.

LONDON.—On May 8th, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Wenban 1, G. Parsons 2, A. Bone 3, A. E. Hoare 4, C. Wenban (first Treble Bob) 5, A. C. Wenban (first of Major) 6, R. E. W. Wenban (cond.) 7, J. E. Rootes 8.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Warner 1, A. H. Pulling 2, H. Goakes 3, C. Woods 4, W. H. Waldron 5, W. Rowe (cond.) 6, G. Bush 7, W. Barker 8.

ST. ALBANS.—On May 1st at St. Peter's, 1,320 Kent T.B. Royal: H. J. Frost 1, Miss O. Martin (first in method on ten) 2, B. C. Johnson 3, R. W. Darvill 4, Miss A. Bailey (first of Royal in method) 5, H. G. Mason 6, P. J. Spicer 7, W. J. Southam 8, T. J. Southam 9, C. F. Sayer (cond.) 10.

SHREWSBURY. — On May 15th, at St. Chad's, 1,331 Grandsire Caters: Miss B. A. Carter 1, A. E. Reeves 2, W. C. Brookes 3, J. H. Evans 4, R. R. Pole 5, W. A. Farmer 6, W. R. Stockdale 7, W. G. Jones 8, C. A. Barron (cond.) 9, F. G. Beddow 10. First of Caters 1, 9 and 10.

TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT'S, NORFOLK.—On May 21st, 1,260 Bob Triples: J. Cook 1, J. Fox 2, R. Reed 3, S. Elsey 4, C. Cousins 5, E. Barker 6, E. Mastin (cond.) 7, W. Rose 6. First in the method by all except 4 and 7.

WALKDEN, LANCS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Thornley 1, Annie Potter 2, R. Scott 3, B. Welsby 4, R. Collier 5, F. Grundy 6, J. Boyer 7, A. Burton 8. In memoriam Joseph Potter, a former ringer.

WARSOP, NOTTS. — On May 8th, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor (552 Oxford, 720 Kent): Miss D. Marshall (first of Treble Bob) 1, R. T. Flint 2, R. Tomlinson 3, D. Chadwick 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: G. Duffield 1, Miss M. Longbottom 2, Miss M. Whitlock 3, S. Haw 4, W. Jarvis 5, H. Piggins 6, F. Moyes 7, W. Storey 8, H. Means (cond.) 9, W. Freeman 10. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Royal.

YARNTON, OXON.—On May 4th, 1,260 Doubles in 11 methods (Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Old Doubles, Union, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, St Blaise, Antelope), Grandsire: L. Poulton 1, W. Durham 2, Miss Jean Charlott 3, H. P. Floyd (cond.) 4, J. Green 5, G. Brown 6. First quarter-peal in 11 methods by all the band except the conductor.

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LATE NEWS

Mr. Frank Bennett has achieved his ambition. He has rung a peal in all the 8, 10 and 12 bell towers in Kent—but Meopham, Kent, has just been augmented from 6 to 8.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Stepney bells may not be rung until further notice. The tower is badly cracked and the diocesan surveyor is seeking further opinion.

The peal at Seavington, Somerset, on May 29th, was rung for the reopening of the church after redecoration.

The Misses K. and G. Burchnall and Mr. Harold Denman rang their 80th peal together at Rampton, Notts, on May 28th.

Mr. Albert H. Ward rang his previous peal of Grandsire Caters 'in hand' to that recorded this week in 1916.

The peal of Stedman at Alphington, Devon, was the first on the bells since their restoration in 1939.

Congratulations to George Pipe, who has rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus. His peal of Royal was the first on the augmented ring at Grundisburgh.

Mr. A. C. Hazelden, of Guildford, has unfortunately been suffering from an attack of jaundice, but Mrs. Hazelden reports that he is now a little better.

Lancashire's ringing Mayor, Mr. Isaac T. Rushton, of Clitheroe, has in past years been largely responsible for keeping the bells of his church going. Although not a very proficient ringer, he is held in high esteem by the local band, who are proud of the honour conferred on him.

Regarding the peal of Lindsey Surprise Maximus, Mr. Nolan Golden writes: My association with the method merely consists of naming it. Mr. Shirley Burton produced the method as an extension of Lincolnshire without knowledge of the Rev. H. L. James's publication of the (possibly) true extension in 1922.

Contact has been made with Mr. Lancefield, who recently arrived in New Zealand, writes G. N. Sloan, of Christchurch, New Zealand. Although Mr. Lancefield is in the North Island at present, says Mr. Sloan, he hopes to visit and ring at Christchurch Cathedral in the South Island some time in August. Mr. Sloan also gives news of Miss Ruth Donnelly, of St. Jude's, Sydney, Australia, who is staying in New Zealand for 12 months. She was the first lady ringer to conduct change ringing for the Christchurch Cathedral Society of Bellringers. On behalf of the society, Mr. Sloan sends greeting to all ringers in this country.

Captain of Winchester Cathedral ringers, Mr. Andrews has completed 50 years in that office. It would be fitting, write Mr. T. R. West, of Crabwood, Sparsholt, Winchester, if a tablet was fixed in the tower to commemorate such an achievement, and he asks whether any readers have suggestions to make as to what is usual on such occasions.

The ring of six (tenor about 14 cwt.) of Dittisham Church, Devon, has found its way to the Croydon foundry. Nos. 3, 4 and 5, which are cracked, are to be recast. The ring is to be rehung in a new frame and fittings.

Picturesque churches in Hants and Berks were visited by St. Mary's, Ealing, for their annual outing. These included Thatcham, Andover, Whitchurch, Highclere, Newbury and Hagbourne. Mr. A. Mark Stacey made the arrangements for a perfect day's outing.

St. Margaret's, Leicester, went to Norwich for their outing and received a kind welcome from Mr. Nolan Golden and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow. The youngsters acquitted themselves well at St. Peter Mancroft, a boy of 16 ringing the tenor to Cinques. Ringing also took place at King's Lynn and Wisbech.

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Salisbury Guild Festival

'A LEAD TO THE COUNTRY,' SAYS the MASTER.

The Rev. C. Carew Cox, Lyme Regis, Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, told the 220 ringers from all parts of the diocese who gathered at Dorchester on May 21st, for their annual festival, that the Guild was giving a lead to the country in maintaining the ringing for Sunday services. 'It is the chief object of our Guild,' he said, 'and I am sure that individual ringers will uphold that tradition.'

During the day touches were rung at all the towers in the district by visiting ringers—on the bells of St. Mary's at Piddletown—the bells that were broadcast on 'V.E.' day—on Martinstown's new memorial ring, at the two Dorchester towers, Wyke Regis, Abbotsbury, Upwey, Bradford Peverell, Stratton, Charminster and Blandford.

The annual meeting was held at the Old Shirehall, Dorchester, when the Master congratulated St. Paul's, Salisbury, on having completed the restoration of their bells and augmenting their ring to eight. He also commended St. George's, Fordington, on the progress made with their restoration fund.

During the year the Guild had suffered a great loss by the death of their Bishop, who in the short time he had been in the diocese had made himself known to many ringers. A message of welcome was sent from the meeting to the Bishop-designate, the Right Rev. W. L. Anderson, Bishop of Portsmouth.

Reviewing the year's ringing the Master said, 'I congratulate so many bands of ringers, young and old, in the diocese for the success they have had and the progress they have made. There is every sign of this Diocesan Guild becoming stronger, and giving a lead to the country in the matter of change ringing.'

RESTORATION GRANTS.

Mr. E. Macdonald (Poole) said Cranborne had already raised £570 towards the total needed of £1,400 for the restoration of that tower. 'It is a big job for a small village,' he said.

The Guild voted five guineas towards this and three guineas to North Bradley's fund for providing two new trebles. A similar sum was also voted to two other restoration schemes—Donhead St. Mary and Wool, where £1,000 had to be spent on the tower.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, of Kington Magna, was re-elected secretary and all other officials were reappointed. Mr. W. Chalk, of the Salisbury Branch, was elected an hon. life member in recognition of long and meritorious service to the Guild.

The Guild office was sung at St. Peter's Church, being conducted by the Master and Canon A. Wilkinson Markby (chairman of Dorchester Branch). A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by ringers from Lyme Regis.

The address was given by the Archdeacon of Dorset (the Ven. L. Addison), himself a ringer, who appealed to all clergy to take an active interest in their bells. 'I often tell my clergy it is one of their jobs,' he said. 'They know all about their church organisation but sometimes know little about their belfries, but the belfry is the place where the message goes out to the world.'

CALNE, WILTS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss R. Maundrell 1, Miss B. Hacker 2, H. Parsons 3, W. Hacker 4, R. Saye 5, F. Walker 6, R. Barry (cond.) 7, H. Burry 8.

STOKE BRUERNE, NORTHANTS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): W. Sturgess (first quarter) 1, L. B. Baillon 2, E. Nobles (cond.) 3, W. R. Hammons 4, E. G. Bennett 5.

LEICESTER RINGERS VISIT SOMERSET

Some Heavy Bell Experience

In beautiful weather and in defiance of superstition a party set off from Leicester on May 13th for Somerset. The week-end trip had been arranged by Cecil Knight, the Leicester Cathedral steeplekeeper, in conjunction with the Somerset 'man on the spot,' Joe Dyke. A special bus had been chartered for the occasion.

The party was incomplete upon leaving Leicester, but included C. Knight, H. Wayne, H. J. Poole and F. H. Dexter (Leicester Cathedral), K. Roe and the Carter brothers, with 'uncle' and 'young Dick' (Wigston Magna), P. L. Taylor, L. Stevens and J. R. Smith (Loughborough), J. F. Milner (Southwell), A. Jacques (Woodhouse Eaves), E. C. Turner (Burbage), W. A. Wood (Croft), A. Rowley (Ibstock), E. Beardsmore (Ashby-de-la-Zouch) and A. H. Pulling (Guildford). At Rugby they were joined by W. Vann, A. Barlow, R. W. Gibbons, and also W. Stote (Coventry); at Banbury by G. Care and R. Noon (Northants), F. Case and W. Yates (Wicken), whilst Mark White was picked up at Bath.

We arrived at Glastonbury about half-past eleven, and there we found Bert Perkins, the Somerset farmer and former secretary of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. We were accommodated at three adjacent hotels, The Crown, The George and The Lamb.

On Saturday morning the Leicester-cum-Somerset farmer, bursting with geographical knowledge of the district, acted as guide. Although he missed a dodge which put about three miles on the journey, we eventually landed at Evercreech and there found Joe Dyke awaiting us. The ringing included Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise Royal on this fine new ring of ten and was a gentle breaking-in for the heavier bells to come.

The next call was at Ditcheat, a grand ring of eight, where the four standard Surprise methods and Stedman Triples were rung. We were received by Albert Linton, who was afterwards congratulated on his enthusiastic maintenance and pride in the belfry and bells. A grand luncheon was served at the local Manor House Inn. These Somerset folk sure know how to keep a man quiet about mid-day.

TRUNCHEON PAPER KNIFE

After lunch the opportunity was taken of expressing personally to brother Joe very grateful thanks for arranging things on the spot, and as a memento Harold Poole presented him with a wooden paper knife, inscribed on the ebony handle 'Joe T. Dyke, May, 1949.' This was made personally by Cecil Knight, and some of the wood used was part of a policeman's broken truncheon.

Cecil Knight, for his part in the show, was presented with a fountain pen.

Our resident guide now piloted us, and the Somerset countryside was indeed seen at its best. The ringing at Sherborne Abbey included Cambridge Surprise Major, Double Norwich and Stedman. Everyone 'had a go, Joe,' on the heavy eight and were delighted with the experience. We were pleased to meet the local ringers, Messrs. W. H. Pope, Arthur Reed (Taunton) and Tom Setter (Yeovil). Although a little late arriving at Yeovil, everyone enjoyed a short ring there.

After tea, our next thrill was to hear Queen Camel six raised in peal by Fred Reeves and his band of merry men. It was a grand effort, for which—we learned afterwards—the band had had a special briefing from Fred. One or two took the opportunity of turning in the tenor, and after ringing we adjourned to nearby licensed premises for a social hour or so.

Upon our return to Glastonbury we found jubilation at great height. The locals were celebrating a cup triumph at football. Hush! a consolation prize for the Leicester chaps. A grand supper awaited us and, although Charlie was not in the chair this time, he kept the party well amused.

TRAPEZE ACT.

Sunday morning found us on our way to Wells Cathedral, where Mr. D. Loxton met us. We really started off here out of step, for when the treble man started, after due and sufficient warning, the front nine rolled round only to see the tenor man 'Mark' time and do a flying trapeze act on the rope with the balance in favour of the bell. The ringing here was limited to rounds, Stedman Caters and three leads of treble-ten.

After great activity on the part of our camera men, we boarded the bus for Cheddar, and in the brilliant sunshine had a glorious view of the famous gorge. A visit to the caves proved of great interest, and then on we went to Wrington for lunch. We dined at the Bell at Wrington, and what a delightful meal. The eagerness of one youngster to get to the tower was such that he left half his lunch—a sure qualification for the peal madmen or tower snatchers' brigade.

Tea had been arranged at the Grosvenor Hotel, Bristol, but as we arrived half an hour before schedule the manager very kindly placed the lounge at our disposal. After tea we said good-bye to Bert Perkins. It is reported that the cows were holding their week-end milk pending his return.

For the evening service at St. Stephen's Church the ringing included Stedman Caters, Bob Royal, Cambridge Royal and a course of Bristol Surprise Major, and after this some went to the service at St. Mary Redcliffe. Following the service the congregation left to the accompaniment of a fine touch on the twelve.

By Monday morning, one of the superstitious clan had realised that our programme named 13 towers, and by a bit of early morning 'ferreting' he had obtained permission to ring on the six at St. Cuthbert's, Glastonbury, to make it fourteen.

Our next tower was Wedmore, where Ernest Morgan was waiting for us. The Vicar also came into the belfry to extend a personal welcome, which was fully appreciated. After the usual brief period of ringing on the beautiful ring of eight, we journeyed through delightful countryside to Burnham-on-Sea, where we met and were grateful to Mr. Mitchell, who had snatched a few minutes from duty to admit us to the belfry.

Congresbury was our next stop, and we were welcomed by Mr. Fisher. We were rather surprised to learn that this ring of eight had not been lowered since the lifting of the ringing ban. 'I don't blame 'em,' commented someone upon appreciating the weight of them. After a warning of 'Steady, boys,' a good course of Bristol Surprise was rung, and the bells did sound really grand.

Our last call was at Long Ashton, and here the visitors showed great interest in the handbell attachment for silent ringing. George Yeo—the grand old local ringer, whose enthusiasm increases with his age—was there to meet us.

We arrived at Leicester about half-past ten after a wonderful week-end. Our thanks are due to the incumbents, the local ringers, the caterers and everyone else who assisted in any way to make the visit such a success, and we duly tender them.

H. J. P.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SURPRISE MINOR METHODS PEALS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Relfe's mention of the peal in 32 Surprise Minor methods, which the Lamberhurst band rang many years ago, thus setting the record for the greatest number of Surprise Minor methods to be rung in seven 'true' extents, has recalled to mind the speed and ease with which this band mastered one of the extents which alone kept us from ringing the peal at Leytonstone. Had we known of the first extent, rung in the peal at Frampton, on April 30th, conducted by John R. Young, we should have been after a 34-method peal. I thought that 32 methods was the limit.

I wonder if Mr. Young will share the 720 mentioned, i.e., methods 1, 6, 5, 3, 4, 2 of the collection, with us, by publishing the figures of the extent? I am sure Mr. Relfe would reciprocate by publishing the extent which splices methods 44 and 46 with Allendale and Westminster, thus making possible the 34-method peal. It is a shame that Frampton did not ring the 34. This extent (Chester, Munden, Newcastle, Alnwick, Morpeth and Canterbury) is the fourth one of six methods (Surprise) of which I have heard, and was missed by the late A. G. Driver in his researches.—Yours faithfully,

G. L. JOYCE.

Hornchurch.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE TOWERS IN THE COUNTY

Dear Sir,—Your leader in this week's issue of 'The Ringing World' makes certain reference to the annual report of the Yorkshire Association which should not be allowed to pass without comment if a misunderstanding is to be avoided.

Pre-war reports of the Yorkshire Association contained a full list (so far as could be ascertained) of towers in the county possessing six or more bells, and several of those with five bells, whether the towers concerned were affiliated to the Association or not. The paper shortage was responsible for many of the regular features of the report having to be suspended during the war, amongst them the list of unaffiliated towers.

At the last meeting of the General Committee the possibility of restoring the report to its former comprehensive form was considered and, in the hope that the extra cost entailed would not be prohibitive, the items concerned are being brought up to date and prepared for publication.

If your correspondent has information which the officials of the Yorkshire Association do not possess I am sure the General Committee will be pleased to have it.—Yours,

WM. BARTON,
Hon. Peal Sec., Yorkshire Assn.

IN DEFENCE OF J. J. PARKER

Dear Sir,—My letter in your issue of May 13th was not intended to cause annoyance to Mr. Cashmore nor to discredit his achievements in regard to Spliced Surprise compositions.

The point I wished to make was that the late Joseph W. Parker was the first person to compose a peal of Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major in which all the bells did the whole of the work of each method. Mr. Cashmore concurs with this claim in the penultimate paragraph of his letter in your issue dated May 27th.

Finally, may I assure Mr. Cashmore that neither my memory nor ability to understand English in any form is defective.—Yours sincerely,

F. AINSLEY.

Grangetown, Sunderland.

UPKEEP OF BELLS

Dear Sir,—I have decided to venture an opinion in favour of the unpopular side of the recent correspondence on the subject of the desirability of payment of some small fee towards the expense of upkeep of bells, ropes and fittings by bands of visiting peal ringers.

It is doubtful whether, if the hat were passed round among the audience — willing or unwilling—any large donations would be dropped in it, but in the end it is just those people who are expected to contribute to schemes of rehanging or augmenting or even buying new ropes for their church. In small country parishes this may mean putting off the evil day and perhaps allowing the bells to become unringable. We do not any of us mind paying a few shillings for our pet amusements, pictures, dances, dogs, whist drives or what you will. Why, then, this parsimony about a fee of 6d. or even 1s. per head for the pleasure we get out of a peal on some fresh ring of bells?

In the good (or bad) old days, when many of our fraternity earned only small wages and salaries, there was some excuse, but it is hardly fair to carry on to the present day what is really no more than a sort of party prejudice against fees for peals.

Undoubtedly well-struck peals by expert bands do set a standard for the local band to emulate, but that is not the primary or secondary or any other kind of reason why we go out for peals, is it? Anyway, it is not my reason. I go because I enjoy the ringing, hearing a fresh ring, meeting other ringers and the little friendly inquest over a pint at the end, and just one more entry in the peal book.

Will some other bell bangers come out and join me in my attempt to be fair to all?—Yours sincerely, 'ANOTHER SNATCHER.'

'BICKERING'

From malice and uncharitableness, good Lord deliver us.

Dear Sir,—We as ringers are usually churchmen and occasionally hear the above words, but it seems they fall on deaf ears in a lot of instances.

I like to think of all us ringers as brothers and sisters in the art, but am very often pained when I hear harsh words spoken of a friend ringer and to a greater extent when those words are transcribed into print.

When I lived in London I found much jealousy, spite and backbiting to such a degree that it was damaging to the cause of ringing.

Certainly we have our likes and dislikes and our opinions of each other, but for the sake of ringing and good friendship I would like to see a few tongues curbed. Every ringer, whatever his standard of method or striking, is of great value these days.

Let us speak only of the good points of our brothers and sisters and say nothing, or as little as we can, of their failings. — Yours sincerely, CECIL W. PIPE.

Grundisburgh.

A LEICESTER GUILD WORTHY

To mark the service of Mr. Felix Sutton, who has been a bellringer at Kegworth, Leicestershire, for 60 years, eight members of the Loughborough Branch of the Leicester Diocesan Guild visited the church on May 21st and rang a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. The ringing was quite worthy of the occasion, and both Mr. and Mrs. Sutton expressed their great delight that the attempt had proved successful.

After the peal the ringers adjourned to the Schoolroom, where the Rector, on behalf of local parishioners, presented Mr. Sutton with a silver inkstand, in the shape of a bell, as a token of their appreciation of his long service for the church. The party then sat down to an excellent tea, which was provided through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Sutton.

OBITUARY

MR. W. THOMAS.

By the passing of Mr. Walter Thomas on May 23rd, the Chester Diocesan Guild has lost one of its oldest members, for he enrolled almost 60 years ago and had been in continuous membership ever since. Mr. Thomas spent his early ringing days at Pulford, where there was a light ring of six—later augmented to eight—and a band of change ringers much more advanced than the average village bands of those days.

In 1908 he moved to Saighton in the parish of Bruera, where the church possessed but one bell. Undaunted, he attached himself to the tower at Christleton, four miles away, and here he was able to follow the art which held for him a lifelong interest. As a ringer he was reliable, steady and an excellent striker, and had taken part in some 120 peals in a variety of methods, while on many occasions he had joined in ringing tours in various parts of the country.

Many of his fellow-ringers were among the large company present when he was laid to rest in the shadow of the ancient church of Bruera. The Rector spoke of his sterling qualities as a churchman and ringer, of his happy disposition and of the high esteem in which he was held by all who knew him. In the brilliant spring sunshine four members of the Guild bore him to the grave, and while the last prayers were said the whole congregation stood in the green churchyard in silent homage to a great gentleman.

On the following Sunday evening a quarter-peal with bells half muffled was rung to his memory at Christleton Church. J. W. C.

MEMORIAL TO LATE MR. W. BIBBY

A meeting of the Grappenhall Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Frodsham on Saturday, May 28th, at which a memorial was dedicated to the memory of the late William Bibby, for many years the leading ringer and sometime churchwarden at the church. The memorial takes the form of an alteration to the oak screen at the west end of the church and the provision of two churchwarden's seats in oak, the cost of which has not yet been defrayed. A number of ringing friends of the late Mr. William Bibby, when the matter was first proposed, expressed their desire to assist. I shall be pleased to receive any donations they wish to make.—John E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall, Cheshire.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.

PRESIDENT'S GIFT.

A large number of ringers and friends assembled at Whitley Bay on Saturday, May 28th, for the half-yearly meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. Favoured with beautiful weather, several ringers combined business with pleasure by bringing with them their wives and families to this popular holiday resort.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Whitley Bay, Rev. F. R. Hedley, assisted by Rev. T. Christy.

At the business meeting which followed tea, the president, Mr. W. N. Park, referred to the passing to higher service of the immediate past president, Mr. R. L. Patterson, who had been a member of the Association for 50 years. The company stood as a mark of respect.

Mr. J. Anderson proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to which the Vicar suitably replied. Mr. W. E. Robinson thanked the ladies and local helpers for preparing such an excellent tea. Miss Fidell replied.

The president kindly presented to the Association a gavel and case, and the secretary (Mr. J. A. Brown) acknowledged this gift on behalf of the members.

ILSTON-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 2,520 Oxford Bob and 2,520 Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWARD COX	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
GEOFFREY GEARY	2	PERCY D. BALDOCK ...	5
GEORGE SLAUGHTER ...	3	JOHN H. BLUFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

LOCKERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*NORMAN SMITH	*Treble*	JACK MUSSELL	4
JEAN M. BROWN ...	2	FRANK L. HARRIS ...	5
RONALD N. MARLOW ...	3	LESLIE A. PAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal.

BREDON-WITH-NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 25, 1949, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 4 extents of Kent and 3 of Oxford, rung alternately.

JOHN THOMAS	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. NURDEN...	4
ROBERT G. FREEMAN ...	2	FRANCIS MILES	5
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	EDWIN T. NEWBURY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

HARPFORD, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Wed., May 25, 1949, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Bob Minor, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt.

MICHAEL BOARD	*Treble*	JOHN CARTER	4
BRIAN PIDGEON	2	CYRIL DEEM	5
SIDNEY SKINNER	3	JOHN QUICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.
First peal in 7 Minor methods by all and for Aylesbeare Deanery.

FLITTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Rev. H. Law James' Arrangement. Tenor 6½ cwt.

C. HENRY HARDING...*Treble*		*ALFRED E. RUSHTON ...	4
*RONALD J. SHARP ...	2	*ANDREW C. SINFIELD...	5
*LEWIS H. BYWATERS ...	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal of London Minor.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Fri., May 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER R. PACKER	*Treble*	GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN	4
EDNA M. SILLS	2	REGINALD L. SILLS ...	5
JOHN L. MORRIS ...	3	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT...	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.
A 16th birthday compliment to Edna M. Sills.

RAMPTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent T.B. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM BRETT	*Treble*	*ERNEST PRESTON ...	4
MISS K. BURCHNALL ...	2	*FRANK LAMB	5
MISS G. BURCHNALL ...	3	HAROLD DENMAN ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.
* First peal in five methods. A birthday peal for Mr. W. Brett and Mr. A. Crawford.

CREATON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*L. GEORGE WYKES ...	*Treble*	C. WILLIAM BROWN ...	3
PERCY AMOS	2	ARTHUR MILLWARD ...	4
ERNEST G. ORLAND ...	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since 1926.

HIGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and six of Plain Bob, six different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

*PETER F. BORES ...	*Treble*	†CYRIL S. JARRETT ...	4
†ERIC NAYLOR	2	†CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	5
VICTOR A. JARRETT ...	3	†WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
* First peal. † First peal in two methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	WILLIAM G. YOUNG	7-8
ROY C. HURST	9-10		

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

A. ERNEST MCGRATH ...	1-2	FREDERICK E. DUKES ...	5-6
JOHN T. DUNWOODY ...	3-4	WILLIAM H. PATTERSON ...	7-8

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.
First peal in method on handbells by all the band, for Association and in Ireland. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ALBERT H. WARD	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	ROY C. HURST	7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by ROY C. HURST.
First peal as conductor. Tenor size 17 in A.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 17 in A.

ARTHUR V. DAVIS	1-2	ALBERT H. WARD	5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN ...	3-4	MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	7-8

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Comprising 1,248 Little Bob, 1,536 Plain Bob, 1,344 Double Bob and 960 Reverse Bob, with 300 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	ROY C. HURST	7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
First peal of Spliced Major in four methods by all and first for the Guild 'in hand.'

PORTSLADE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT MEROK, 3, CARLTON TERRACE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ALBERT W. BOND	1-2	R. GORDON CROSS	5-6
FREDERICK PAGE	3-4	MRS. R. G. CROSS	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.
A farewell peal to the conductor. Tenor size 13 in E.

All Saints', High Wycombe

AN INTERESTING CENTURY.

Often one hears of an individual ringer having scored 100 peals; this time it is a tower.

In 1711 the first octave of bells was installed (tenor 29 cwt.), cast from a previous six by the Whitechapel Foundry. The only peal on this eight was of Bob Triples by the Union Scholars in 1751, conducted by the celebrated John Holt.

The bells were increased to ten in 1788 by the addition of two bells by Briant, of Hertford, and on Easter Monday, April 8th, 1792, a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung by the College Youths, the only performance on this ten.

In 1802 the tenor disappeared with the recasting of several other bells and the pitch of the bells raised with a tenor bell 23 cwt. in E flat. The two 1788 bells became 2 and 3 with a new treble. The reconstructed ring of ten was hung on the old 1711 frame. The year 1909 brought a great work of restoration and augmentation with a larger tenor and an additional treble. With some recasting came the present ring of 12 and the pitch of the bells was restored to its original 1711 status. From All Saints' Day, 1909, to the present, 1949, some 39½ years, 85 peals have been rung, bringing the score to 100. The analysis of the 100 peals rung is as follows:—

Stedman Cinques 39, Stedman Caters 30, Stedman Triples 3, Grandsire Cinques 1, Grandsire Caters 4, Grandsire Triples 10; Cambridge Maximus 2, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 3, Plain Bob Maximus 2, Plain Bob Royal 2, Plain Bob Major 1, Plain Bob Triples 1, Double Norwich C.B. Major 1, Erin Caters 1.

Conductors.—*F. Hayes 49, *G. F. Williams 9, C. T. Coles 8, W. Pye 6, *E. R. Coles 5, J. Evans 3, G. Cross 2, J. C. Truss 2, F. Bennett, *R. Coles, H. N. Davis, J. E. Davis, J. S. Goldsmith, J. Holt (1751), W. F. Judge, J. Povey (1792), H. Passmore, G. R. Pye, Rev. F. E. Robinson, *A. W. Tubb, J. W. Washbrook, A. Walker, *J. W. Wilkins, *Miss Doreen Coker one each. * Local conductor.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

At the annual meeting of the Eastern District at St. George's Church, Dublin, on May 21st, the following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. Dan Kennedy (Dublin); treasurer, Mr. J. F. Fennell (Bray); secretary, Mr. F. E. Dukes (Jenkinstown).

A cup, to be named 'Gabriel Lindoff Cup,' is to be purchased for competition amongst the towers of the District in the preliminary round of the Murphy Cup competition. The winners will challenge the winners of Northern and Southern Districts for the right to hold the Murphy Cup.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Nunburnholme, one of Yorkshire's most beautiful villages, with its lovely Norman church containing a splendid ring of six by Taylor's, was visited by the society in May.

The Rector (the Rev. E. W. French) conducted the Guild's service, and during the singing of Psalm 150 handbells were rung by Messrs. G. Williams, L. Rodmell, G. Speak and C. Baker. A first-rate tea was provided.

Mr. G. F. Williams presided at the business meeting, when the members stood in silence as a tribute to the late president of the Yorkshire Association (Canon C. C. Marshall).

The next meeting was fixed for Sutton-on-Hull on June 11th, and the annual at Beverley Minster on July 9th.

Acknowledging the vote of thanks, the Rector said the meeting had been a happy reunion with a number of former members of his church at Cottingham and also of Market Weighton.

Mr. E. Dove and Mr. J. J. Tune were elected members. Eighteen towers were represented, and ringing concluded with 240 Cambridge Surprise Minor.

OUTINGS

ODIHAM RINGERS IN YORKSHIRE.

On May 21st, favoured with glorious sunshine, the ringers of Oldham Parish Church paid a visit to Yorkshire, calling at Huddersfield, and enjoyed a ring on the fine twelve. From thence to Birstall, a church in a very pretty setting with equally good bells. Lunch was at Leeds and followed by ringing there. Fortunately we had a few 'heavy' enthusiasts.

After leaving Leeds, we had a run through some very pretty countryside to Guiseley, where quite a thrill awaited us. A visiting choir had come to be recorded in this lovely old church, and we had the offer also to have recordings made. Needless to say, the opportunity was seized and a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung for the one side and a plain course of Stedman Triples for the other side. We had tea at Bradford and heard the peal at the Cathedral being rung. Marsden was our last call for the day, and once more we toiled up what must now be adding up to many hundreds of steps to a very fine ring of eight. J. D. F.

WESTHOUGHTON VISIT THE LAKES.

The Westhoughton ringers were fortunate in having a day of brilliant sunshine for their outing to Kendal and Bowness on May 7th. Leaving Westhoughton at 7 a.m., they were joined on the way by friends from Horwich, Adlington, Standish, Leyland and Whittle-le-Woods. The first stop for ringing was at Clitheroe, an old town with a castle at the foot of Pendle Hill. The road there led through that lovely rural part of Lancashire so little known outside the county, and there were extensive views of Pendle Hill, the home of the Lancashire Witches. Clitheroe possesses a fine ring of eight bells, and no time was lost in putting them to use.

The road now climbed steeply to the hills. The bright greens of the trees and pastures in the valley were changed for the more subdued hues of the bare moors, on which sheep roamed with their lambs. The party entered the Trough of Bowland—another beauty spot. From the fells above Lancaster there was a fine view of the Fylde, Morecambe Bay and the hills behind Barrow.

The next stop was at Kendal, where Stedman Caters and Bob Royal were rung. There was also plenty for all to see and do at Bowness on Lake Windermere. Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge were rung there. Everyone thought that this was the end of the day's ringing, but on the way back Milnthorpe bells were heard. It was practice night. The visitors were made welcome and rang various methods.

5,056 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

By GEORGE H. CROSS.

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2753468					—	
3572468	—					—
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64235	—					
43265	—					3
23564	—				—	
52364						2
26354	—					3
53426	—			S		—
43256	—					2
35246	—					3
54236	—					
32456	—					—

Repeat once.

Contains Queens. Whittington, Tittums and all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6. (4 leads in 1st course, 4 leads in 4th course of each part.)

First rung at Crayford on March 12th, 1949.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. L. Stilwell will be Knaith, Spencer's Place, Horsham, Sussex, from June 11th. 5357

MISCELLANEOUS

CHISLEHURST (St. Nicholas').—The secretary is now Mr. R. W. Dent in place of Mr. C. P. Suddards. Mr. Dent's address is 173, Green Lane, Chislehurst, Kent. 5353

NORTON-IN-HALES, SHROPSHIRE (8).—Ringers on outings welcomed. Bells go well; new ropes. Call at Rectory or on Archie Harrison (captain), 58, Pear Tree Cottage, Norton-in-Hales, near Market Drayton. 5347

WANTED, for new band just getting under way, two second-hand BELL ROPES, 60ft. long, for 5-7 cwt. bells. Could any tower make gift of same? Expenses paid.—Hunt, New Lodge, Mapledurham, Reading, Berks. 5378

EXTRA COPIES. — It is an advantage if those requiring extra copies should send their orders at the time copy of peals or quarter-peals are submitted.

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.

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.

No better pen picture of early ringing societies has been published than J. Armiger Trollope's 'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' illustrated. 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

The reprint of 'THE COLLECTION OF DOUBLES AND MINOR METHODS" will be welcomed by many who have shown interest in the recently published four-way Table of Minor Methods. This table is for use with the collection, which can now be obtained from the Librarian (3s. 3d. post free), Osmington School, Tring, Herts.

MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Crusaders of S.W. Division.—Meeting, June 11th, at Havering (6). Ringing from 3 till 4.30 p.m. Romford (8) from 6 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea arranged at Havering. Buses 123 or 165 to Havering from Romford Station. Essentially a meeting for learners. Everybody welcome. Names for tea to H. Roome, 47, Heather Glen, Heather Avenue, Romford. 5271

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Henley (8), June 11th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Bring own food and dry tea.—Edward Ellenger, Hon. Dis. Sec., 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 5311

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, North Wingfield, June 11th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea available, bring own food.—G. C. Briggs, Hon. Sec. 5310

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK. — Ringing anniversary, Saturday, June 11th. Holy Trinity bells (8) available 2 p.m. Ringers of both sexes welcome.—V. Ambrose. 5316

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Uckfield (8), Saturday, June 11th, 2.30 p.m. Tea to those who notify Miss Durrant, The Mount, Coopers Green, Uckfield.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Sec. 5339

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Meeting, Saturday, June 11th, St. Mary's, Lewisham, 3 to 5. Tea 5 to 5.55 (own arrangement). Business, St. Margaret's, Lee, Crypt, 6 to 6.20. Service and ringing at St. Margaret's, Lee, to 8. (Blackheath S.R. Bus No. 54, 108, 89.) Further information ring Batt. 3946.—A. F. Udall. 5314

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.—Special ringers' service, June 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea essential.—W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. 5312

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Tring on June 11th. Bells (8) from 3 o'clock.—H. S. Baines. 5332

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely Distrilt.—Sutton (6), Saturday, June 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring own food, cups of tea provided.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 5331

OXFORD GUILD. — Newbury Branch. — Midgham (6), Saturday, June 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 5327

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, June 11th, at 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, afterwards.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5341

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Mayfield (8), June 11th. Tea 4.30 at the Old Brew House. Names to Mr. W. Kitchenside, South Street, Mayfield.—C. A. Bassett. 5342

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Monthly practise Checkendon (6), June 11th, 6 p.m.—T. N. Lanaghan. 5375

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District. — Meeting at Great Carlton (near Louth) on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—G. W. Moody, Dis. Sec. 5319

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch. — Annual, Chipping Norton (8), June 18th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by June 14th.—J. Keyte, Charlbury, Oxon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Escrick (8) on Saturday, June 18th. Service in church 4.15. Tea, 3s. each, in Institute at 5 o'clock for all notifying me by Wednesday, June 15th. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., when subscriptions are due and reports available.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 5343

DUDLEY GUILD.—Meeting Pensnett, Sat., June 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Numbers for tea June 14th to F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 5350

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting arranged for Frensham on June 18th is now transferred to Farnborough. Bells (6) from 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 5351

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bisley (8), June 18th, 3. Names for tea (small charge) by June 14th.—S. T. Price, Bridge Cottage, High Street, Stonehouse. 5348

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Sat., June 18th. Bells 3. Tea at 5; bring own food. Meeting in tower at 6. All ringers are welcome.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 5349

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Tarleton, Saturday, June 18th. Tea will be provided by the Rector for those who send names to me not later than Wednesday, June 15th.—L. Walmsley, 5, School Lane, Leyland. 5359

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Oxhey (8), near Bushey Station, L.M.S., Sat., June 18th, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 5370

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western.—Meeting at Queensbury (8), June 18th. Tea, apply C. Ellison, 9, Hazeldene Avenue, Queensbury, before June 15th.—Wm. Ambler, Dis. Sec. 5356

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Higham-on-the-Hill, June 18th. Bells (6) 3. Tea 5; bring own food.—F. K. Measures, Hon. Sec. 5354

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Bidston (6), June 18th. Tea provided for those notifying by 14th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5367

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Meeting, Dartford, June 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. R. G. Rayfield, 86, Hedge Place Road, Hornscross, Greenhithe, Kent, by June 15th.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 5326

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Quarterly meeting, Hythe, June 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 5334

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Thurcaston (8), Sat., June 18th. Bells 3. Tea (2s.) 4.30, at King William IV. Names must be received by Tuesday, June 14th.—W. Root, 70, New Parks Boulevard, Leicester. 5369

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—70th anniversary meeting, Basingstoke, Sat., June 18th. Bells available from 12 o'clock (noon): Basingstoke, St. Michael's (8), All Saints' (9), Overton (8), Deane (6), Oakley (6), and Sherborne St. John (6). Service in St. Michael's Church at 4 p.m. Tea in Church Cottage at 5 p.m., only for those who inform Mr. J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, by Tuesday, June 14th.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5360

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting Milton Abbey, June 18th. Bells (8) .30. Service 4, tea and meeting to follow. Please notify by June 13th at the latest.—J. Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 5363

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry and Rugby District.—Meeting Berkswell, Sat., June 18th. Names for tea to L. R. Callow, 4, Whichcote Avenue, Meriden, near Coventry.—F. Pervin, Dis. Sec. 5366

LAVENHAM.—Ringing anniversary, Saturday, June 18th, 2 p.m. Old and new friends all welcome. Tea shop near church.—S. H. Symonds. 5374

NORTH BRADLEY, TROWBRIDGE, WILTS, are holding a fete on Saturday, June 18th, commencing 3 p.m., to provide funds for two trebles. Bells (6) available at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. 5379

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch. — Practice meeting at Westonzoyland, Sat., June 18th, 6.30-9 p.m.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 5376

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Easton-in-Gordano June 18th, 4 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 5380

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting at Bredenbury on Sat., June 18th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.45. Tea provided for those who notify me by June 15th.—A. S. Tomkins, Harp Cottage, Bredenbury, Hereford. 5381

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting Bosham (6), June 18th, 3. Names for tea by 15th to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 5382

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting Appleby Magna, June 18th. Bells (6) 3. Names for tea W. Miller, St. Michael's Terrace, Appleby Magna, Burton-on-Trent, by June 16th. 5731

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Cogenhoe (6), June 18th. Names for tea to Mr. Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 5377

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Sat., June 18th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Business.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 5384

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District and Lancaster Branches.—Combined practice meeting at Kendal Parish Church on Sat., June 18th. Bells (10) available at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to L. Townley, 3, Charles Street, Kendal, Westmorland, by Wednesday, June 15th.—N. M. Newby and J. Skeats, Branch Secs. 5385

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting Kinver, Sat., June 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Woden Cafe 5.15, followed by business meeting. Tea only for those who advise Mr. J. A. Jones, 53, Enville Road, Kinver, by Thursday, June 16th.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec. 5383

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Sat., June 25th, Essenden (6), 3. Tea 4.45, at Peartree Tea Rooms. Bus service No. 341, between St. Albans and Hertford, or No. 342 between Hertford and Barnet (leaves Hertford P.O. 27 minutes past each hour, and New Barnet Station 31 minutes past each hour).—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 5355

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—A meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Dorking, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells 3.30. Tea and meeting in the Church Room, 5. Names for tea to Mr. G. H. Coldman, 60, Nower Road, Dorking, by June 22nd.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5358

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District. — Meeting Timberland (6), June 25th. Bells available 2. Service 4.15. Names for tea to reach me by the Tuesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 5365

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Branch. — Annual, Goring (8), June 25th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea 5. Names for tea by 20th.—L. G. Haines, Elvendon Road, Goring, Reading. 5362

STOKE PRIOR (BROMSGROVE, WORCS.—Rededication of 8 bells (6 recast) on Sat., June 25th, 3 p.m., by Bishop of Worcester. Ringing afterwards. Tea provided for those notifying me by June 20th.—H. Nicklin, Greenbank, Hanbury Road, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove. (Phone, Bromsgrove 2512.) 5361

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Northern and Western Districts, Saturday, June 25th, St. Oswin's, Wylam-on-Tyne. Names for tea by June 18th to Mr. F. M. Gordon, Ochil, Woodcroft Road. 5346

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623).—The 326th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th.—L. E. Pitstow. 5303

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Albury on June 25th. Arrangements as usual. Tea 2s. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. T. Ansell, Water Lane, Albury, by June 20th. Shere bells available after tea. 5372

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and prize contest, Longwood, Sat., July 2nd. Entrance fee 7s. 6d., to be received by secretary by Sat., June 25th. For tea, notify A. Rotheray, 132, Quarmby Road, Longwood, Huddersfield, by Sat., June 25th.—A. Farrand, Sec., 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughtown, Mossley, Manchester, Lancashire. 5364

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Annual meeting Lichfield, Sat., July 2nd. Cathedral bells 2.30 to 3.15 and 6.15 to 7; St. Mary's (8), St. Michael's (6) from 3. Service in Cathedral 3.30. Tea at Guildhall 4.30; 2s. to paid-up members, to others 2s. 6d. Names by June 28th to the Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 5368

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UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—The summer ringing week will be held at Exeter from August 13th-20th. Those hoping to attend are invited to write to me as soon as possible.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone, Kent. 5324

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Preliminary notice.—The annual dinner will be held at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, on Saturday, October 8th. Accommodation is limited, so please book early! Tickets (12s. 6d. each inclusive) are now available from the undersigned.—Peter N. Bond, Asst. Hon. Sec., 56, Stanhope Gardens, S.W.7.

QUARTER PEALS

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's on May 22nd, 1,264 Bob Major: W. Baxter 1, Betty Spice 2, H. Parker 3, C. Reed 4, S. Foskett 5, L. Keep (first 'inside') 6, N. Inskip 7, F. Warrington 8.

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, BERKS.—On May 22nd, 660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob: Miss A. Castell 1, D. Read 2, J. R. Pease 3, S. J. Turley 4, John Castell (first as conductor) 5, F. C. Castell 6.

EWELL, SURREY.—On May 14th, 1,936 Plain Bob Major: Josie Milborrow 1, E. J. Lindley (cond.) 2, Patricia Smee 3, J. E. Beams (first of Major inside') 4, R. Spittle 5, J. Hill 6, F. Oakshott 7, C. W. Munday 8. First in method 1, 5, 6.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 22nd, 1,256 Little Bob Major: P. Williams 1, K. Haslam 2, Ed. Large 3, H. J. Turner 4, H. W. Haslam 5, John Pinfold 6, N. J. Goodman 7, Wm. B. Cartwright (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method by all the band.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL, YORK, 1949

NEARLY 50 years have elapsed since the Central Council last visited York. Very little change has taken place in this ancient city, with its narrow streets, half-timbered buildings, its walls, and the glorious Minster which mothers it. But an enormous change has taken place with the Council, for whereas in its early years the discussions were between a few experts, who were listened to with considerable awe, this Council was a much more democratic affair, with many representatives putting forward their viewpoints.

This year saw a very representative gathering, and a real, warm-hearted Yorkshire welcome awaited the visitors. One brave youngster from Devonshire, after attending the annual meeting of his Guild on Whit Monday, actually travelled through the night and was in his place in the Council on Tuesday morning. Plenty of bells, to suit all tastes, were available, and peals were rung at Wakefield, Leeds and Ripon. Some members having travelled so far north decided to travel still further to Newcastle, where an excellent peal of Stedman Cinques was rung under the auspices of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Monday saw a large number of visitors at Beverley, where the two glorious rings of ten were much admired and well used. In the evening the Standing Committee were hard at it for nearly four hours.

Tuesday's session was held in the ancient half-timbered St. William's College, and the Council received a warm welcome from the Very Rev. the Dean of York, who opened the proceedings with prayers. The president gracefully replied and presented the Dean with a copy of 'The History of the Ancient Society of College Youths.' He also referred to the facilities provided for the Council to attend the Communion service at the Minster that morning. The Dean, in reply, said that after he had read the book it should be placed in the Minster Library.

By 11.15 a.m. the Council settled down to a heavy agenda, and it soon became obvious that all the skill of the president would be required to get through it. The report and suggestions of the sub-committee appointed to revise the rules provided some knotty points for discussion, which resolved itself mainly around the representation of territorial and non-territorial societies. Many suggestions were made which were noted by the sub-committee, and their amended draft will be submitted next year. A suggestion made by the sub-committee to create a new type of life membership of the Council was well received. This life membership is designed to honour those who have well served the Council in the past, and would remove them from the list of hon. members.

Another thing that became very evident during the discussions was the determination of the Council to cut out all loosely-worded rules capable of more than one interpretation.

Mr. Grover's 'harangue' was received with considerable amusement, and the effective way in which the hon. secretary disposed of the criticisms regarding the use of space in 'The Ringing World' by the statement of simple yet incontrovertible facts impressed all present. It was a healthy, good-humoured discussion, and much good should result from the free ventilation of opinion which characterised this meeting.

Impressions left on the mind were the varying styles of the different speakers. First the Dean, a very portly and impressive gentleman, whose kindly voice, rather high pitched, was out of all proportion to his size, the careful English of the North Staffordshire member; the racy humour of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow; the stentorian tones of a certain Yorkshireman (born in Bethnal Green), who was keenly on the look-out for red herrings; the r's which the hon. secretary

cannot pronounce; the dulcet tones of F. E. Dukes and his colleague; and the academic style of Dr. Hatcher (who might have 'started something' had it not been so late in the day).

Business over, the members were entertained to a real Yorkshire tea by the Yorkshire Association, whose president, the Rev. C. O. Ellison, and his officers saw that their guests were well looked after. A social evening at the Windmill Hotel wound up the week-end. Thank you, Yorkshire, for a very happy time. J. F. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., May 28, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt.

Wilfred Williams	*Treble*	Arthur D. Cook	7
G. William Critchley	2	Henry H. Fearn	8
Albert Walker	3	Charles W. Roberts	9
J. Frank Smallwood	4	John Pinfold	10
John E. Chilcott	5	George E. Fearn	11
Frank E. Haynes	6	John Phillips	*Tenor*

Composed by John E. Chilcott. Conducted by J. F. Smallwood.
A 15th birthday compliment to Michael V. Chilcott.

TEN BELL PEALS

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 33 cwt.

John W. Griffiths	*Treble*	†George H. Randles	6
*Nancy P. Birks	2	*‡Henry O. Baker	7
Norah M. Bibby	3	†Harry Pye	8
†John W. Best	4	Percy Swindley	9
*Frederick H. Birks	5	*D. H. B. Millward	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by J. W. Griffiths.
* First peal on 10 bells. † First peal of Stedman Caters. ‡ 50th peal. In memoriam William Bibby and Walter Thomas.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 30, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 28¼ cwt. in D.

*Henry J. Parker	*Treble*	Norman Inskip	6
Betty Spice	2	Sidney Foskett	7
*Ronald J. Sharp	3	*Alfred E. Rushton	8
†C. Henry Harding	4	Lewis H. Bywaters	9
*John Davy	5	*C. Edward Jeffries	*Tenor*

Arranged by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.
* First peal on 10 bells. † First peal of Royal.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

*Derek Davies	*Treble*	William A. Parsons	6
Miss E. Foulk	2	†John F. Wilkinson	7
*Albert E. Thompson	3	Harold Taylor	8
*Herbert E. Taylor	4	Francis R. Lowe	9
Wilfred H. Buxton	5	*Walter Shaw	*Tenor*

Composed by George Freebrey. Conducted by Wm. A. Parsons.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters away from treble.

RIPON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 6, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.

James C. E. Simpson	*Treble*	Walter Allman	6
*Margaret Fidell	2	Arthur D. Cook	7
C. Kenneth Lewis	3	Leslie W. G. Morris	8
John E. Bibby	4	Thomas H. Francis	9
Thomas J. Lock	5	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by L. W. G. Morris.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 17, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas.
A PEAL OF REAL DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

Vernon Sykes	*Treble*	Ivan Kay	5
Stephen Ll. Parry	2	Gerald Dare	6
*William A. Theobald	3	Fred W. Dunkerley	7
Joan Houldsworth	4	Selwyn H. Dearden	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Fred W. Dunkerley.
* First peal in the method. In memoriam Eric B. Hartley.

EXETER, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Fri., May 27, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

William A. Wills	*Treble*	Reginald Truman	5
Charles P. Yates	2	George Skinner	6
Horace W. Butt	3	Edward W. Biffin	7
William A. Ashdown	4	Frederick Wreford	*Tenor*

Conducted by Edward W. Biffin.
Rung for the enthronement of the Bishop of Exeter.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 27, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Chad,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Vernon Sykes	*Treble*	James Fearnley	5
Selwyn H. Dearden	2	John Worth	6
*Stephen Ll. Parry	3	Wilfred Stevenson	7
Arthur Tomlinson	4	Fred W. Dunkerley	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Fred W. Dunkerley.
* First in the method away from the treble. Tenor 12 cwt.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*Eddie T. Avery	*Treble*	‡Arthur F. Lewry	5
†Edith Bassett	2	Malcolm S. Cloke	6
William H. Hoad	3	Charles A. Bassett	7
Albert Relfe	4	Ernest J. Ladd	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.
* First peal away from tenor. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ 25th peal of Bob Major. Tenor 16½ cwt.

KIRKBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Ronald G. Bugg	*Treble*	Edward B. Smith	5
*Horace A. Wright	2	Urban W. Wildney	6
George Waterman	3	Ronald W. Steward	7
†Miss Jean Constance	4	Walter Felgate	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Urban W. Wildney.
* 50th peal. † First peal. Tenor 9 cwt.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (Grove's Variation). Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr.

*PETER L. DODDS (15)	*Treble*	RAYMOND STALLIBRASS	5
†ERIC T. BEAUCHAMP	2	*ALBERT WILLIAMS	6
*EILEEN CROPLEY (16)	3	†STEPHEN J. HART	7
*ERNEST E. DODDS	4	*EDWARD HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN J. HART.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. First as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging in 1938, and first by an all-local band since 1884.

LONDON.
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 17 cwt.

M. JANET MATTINSON	*Treble*	*DAVID MARTIN	5
PHILIP M. J. GRAY	2	DAVID E. PARSONS	6
NOEL J. DISERENS	3	†DENIS N. LAYTON	7
*OLIVE M. MARTIN	4	VERNON J. BENNING	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung for the Mission to London.

NORTHWOLD, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 1,680 changes of Little Bob Major and 3,360 changes of Plain Bob Major. Adapted from Annable's. Tenor 19 cwt.

*DOUGLAS CLARKE	*Treble*	*WALTER F. JARVIS	5
*JOHN E. FOX	2	*EDWARD BARKER	6
*STANLEY G. ELSEY	3	ERNEST H. MASTIN	7
*ROLAND REED	4	*WILLIAM ROSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.
* First peal of Major in two methods. First peal in two plain methods as conductor.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

*DENNIS BURLING	*Treble*	ELIJAH PAMMENTER	5
WILLIAM HOLLAND	2	DENNIS HOLLAND	6
†HORACE BAILEY	3	GEORGE R. HINER	7
FRANK PICKERING	4	HARRY MORTEMORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY MORTEMORE.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. In memoriam Mr. F. C. Wilson, tower secretary, who died on May 21st.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

RODERICK W. CROUCHER	*Treble*	HORACE J. MANSFIELD	5
FRANK B. LUFKIN	2	PETER J. EVES	6
*BERNARD BOVER	3	GERALD FROST	7
FREDERICK SOUTER	4	ERNEST W. FURBANK	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal 'inside.'

WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 2, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

ROBERT C. HEAZEL (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer)	*Treble*
HILDA G. SNOWDEN (Master, Northern Division)	2
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Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW (Saffron Walden).
Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
Rung to mark the 70th birthday of the Essex Association, which was founded on June 2nd, 1879, at Writtle, by the Rev. J. B. Seaman.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JAMES W. GROUNDS	*Treble*	*PETER COXALL	5
RONALD KENRICK	2	THOMAS HORRIDGE	6
MARGARET RIDYARD	3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	7
MISS MURIAL REAY	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 10 cwt.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Fri., June 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

*BRIAN AUSTIN	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
ALFRED BALLARD	3	†ALAN JACQUES	7
WILLIAM J. ROOT	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First Surprise peal. † First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Frederick H. Dexter. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

ALFRED B. BEADSMOORE	*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE	2	JOHN BRAMLEY	6
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	3	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	7
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	4	JOHN E. LLOYD	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Carter's No. 35. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN BASS	*Treble*	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	5
*MONICA DAVIS	2	JOHN LLOYD	6
JOHN PAGETT	3	THOMAS HEMMING	7
FREDERICK HANDLEY	4	REGINALD ALLPORT	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS HEMMING.
* First peal on eight bells. A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Masters, parents of W. Masters, a local ringer, also a birthday peal for J. Bass.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING	*Treble*	ERNEST C. STAFF	5
CECIL A. THOMPSON	2	*CHARLES W. LOOME	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.
* First of Little Bob. First of Little Bob on the bells.

ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WALTER AYRE	*Treble*	JOHN A. FREEMAN	5
*PETER N. BOND	2	JOHN FREEMAN	6
CHARLES MCGUINESS	3	HAROLD WALKER	7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of London. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*ANNE WORTH	*Treble*	BARRY CORBISHLEY	5
JAMES A. MILNER	2	JOHN WORTH	6
*DENNIS HEAPY	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	7
WILFRED STEVENSON	4	†STANLEY NADEN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal. † First peal away from treble.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
N. J. Pilstow's, arranged by E. E. Speake. Tenor 17¾ cwt. in E.

JOHN N. LINDON	*Treble*	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	5
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	HOWARD HOWELL	6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
TERRY R. HAMPTON	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* 250th peal. First peal in the method for the society and by all the band except E. C. Shepherd.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOSEPH WM. COTTON	*Treble*	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	5
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE	2	ALAN CATTELL	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3	JOHN J. MORRIS	7
ALFRED MOULD	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
'Barrabool' peal. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

*MRS. S. H. JONES	*Treble*	KEITH HUDSTON	5
WILLIAM H. CURSON	2	JACK BAILEY	6
†MISS R. HEMMINGS	3	GEORGE L. RODEN	7
*WALTER G. SOAR	4	SIDNEY H. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal of Major. † First peal 'inside.'

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 4 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6400 CHANGES;

MAURICE J. BUTLER	*Treble*	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5
NELIA LEAHY	2	*REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	6
E. JOAN SALMONS	3	ERNEST F. SALMONS	7
JESSIE M. KIPPIN	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by BRIAN D. PRICE. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* 25th peal. Longest length of Cambridge Major with the tenors together and rung with 6th place bobs. Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

JAMES THORLEY	*Treble*	HARRY MORGAN	5
MILTON C. FOWLER	2	ERNEST A. THORPE	6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	3	J. FREDERICK MILNER	7
ARTHUR FIRTH	4	J. EDWARD CAWSER	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. EDW. CAWSER.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

WALMER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN L. MORRIS	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. RYE	5
MARK W. MARSHALL	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	6
FRANK BENNETT	3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL	7
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	4	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

DORCHESTER, OXON.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

CATHARINE M. TRIST	*Treble*	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	5
*SHIRLEY V. RYMER	2	MICHAEL E. H. BARROW	6
*ANN M. DICKINSON	3	DAVID GALLOP	7
JULIA M. PRESTON	4	PETER W. B. SEMMENS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Cond. by P. W. B. SEMMENS.
* First peal. Tenor 17¼ cwt.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*MISS JEAN H. BARHAM	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER G. JAGGARD	5
*MISS KATHLEEN KNIGHT	2	PETER J. CHILDS	6
ARTHUR H. EVERETT	3	WALTER FELGATE	7
PETER J. EVES	4	ARTHUR H. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. H. EDWARDS.
* First peal. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MRS. ELSIE CHADDOCK	*Treble*	GEORGE PRESTON	5
*D. ELAINE WRIGHT	2	‡JACK CURWEN	6
†ROBIN RHODES	3	TOM CUTTS	7
PHILIP COOTE	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal. ‡ First peal on eight. First peal by a local band on the eight bells, which were installed in 1915. All are pupils of the conductor. Tenor 14½ cwt.

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

VERNON SYKES	*Treble*	FREDERICK PRECEY	5
VERNON BOTTOMLEY	2	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	6
STEPHEN LL. PARRY	3	FRED W. DUNKERLEY	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by FRED W. DUNKERLEY.
Birthday compliment to treble ringer. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	†BASIL W. WHITE	5
RAYMOND OVERY	2	*HENRY C. WEAVER	6
*ERNEST TREAGUS	3	*CECIL H. WOOD	7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN.	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 29 cwt.

RONALD KENRICK	*Treble*	JACK CLEGG	5
MISS MARGARET RIDYARD	2	THOMAS HESKETH	6
MISS MURIAL REAY	3	SELWYN DEARDEN	7
THOMAS HORRIDGE	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
In memoriam John Potter, of Walkden, who died on June 4th.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

PRISTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS GRIFFIN	*Treble*	*DAVID HOARE	4
*JOHN HOLBROOK	2	EDWARD F. CONNOCK	5
*JOHN FOWLER	3	JACK N. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK N. BROWN.
* First peal of Minor.

TOPSHAM, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN PYM	*Treble*	*WILLIAM WILLS	4
EDWIN TUCKER	2	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL	5
*WALTER GIBBONS	3	*JOHN H. GLANVILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN L. S. GLANVILL.
* First peal. For the enthronement of the Right Rev. Robert Cecil Mortimer, D.D., as Bishop of Exeter.

MUNFORD, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven varied 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

STANLEY G. ELSEY	*Treble*	*GEORGE MILLER	4
*EDNA M. PECKETT ...	2	ERNEST H. MASTIN ...	5
*DORA REEVE	3	EDWARD BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.
* First peal.

CORFE MULLEN, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HUBERT,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 lb. in G.

*BRIAN GOULD	*Treble*	ALAN J. BUTLER	4
†MICHAEL J. BEST ...	2	HERBERT A. MITCHELL ...	5
JAMES E. DANIELS ...	3	GEORGE E. EVENDEN ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. EVENDEN.
* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. The fastest peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the 82ind birthday of H.M. Queen Mary.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Double Oxford and Plain Bob and one extent of Cambride Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B. Tenor 9 cwt.

MRS. D. R. CARLISLE...	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE ...	4
*HAROLD TAYLOR	2	*JOHN WILKINSON ...	5
JACK BAILEY	3	DENIS R. CARLISLE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal in five methods. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

PEWSEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

RONALD N. MARLOW	*Treble*	JACK MUSSELL	4
ENID LLOYD-ROBERTS ...	2	FRANK L. HARRIS	5
JEAN M. BROWN	3	PETER ANGER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

TICHBORNE, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge and London Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7¼ cwt. in A.

ALAN L. TREMEER	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ...	4
NELIA LEAHY	2	RICHARD SMITH	5
*NESTA D. SMITH	3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal in seven methods. First peal on the restored bells.

SEAVINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

REGINALD BEALE ...	*Treble*	DENNIS R. BEST	4
REGINALD WELCH	2	FREDERICK WELCH ...	5
HARRY J. GAYLARD ...	3	JACK W. DREW	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.
Rung for the reopening of the church.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

KITTY WILLERS	*Treble*	†JOHN LEWIS	4
*CHRIS. G. WOODHEAD...	2	†EUSTACE W. BULLMAN...	5
DAVID MANN	3	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents of 720, with treble leading and 7 and 8 covering.
Tenor 26¾ cwt.

STANLEY KING ...	*Treble*	JOHN PORTER	5
RICHARD CLAXTON	2	JAMES A. PARKER	6
HAROLD PARKER	3	THOMAS HUDDLESTONE ...	7
WALTER TYSON	4	JOHN BOWER	*Tenor*
		JOHN WELBURN ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD PARKER.
First peal by all the band except No. 6. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local band. Rung, at the request of the Mayor of Bridlington, to celebrate the jubilee of incorporation of the borough of Bridlington, 1899-1949.

SEAL CHART, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 10 extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and April Day and 12 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

ANTHONY V. KEMP	*Treble*	ARTHUR WENBAN	4
EDNA M. SILLS	2	PETER C. WRIGHT ...	5
REGINALD L. SILLS ...	3	*GEORGE T. ACOTT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.
* First peal. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd and to the tenor ringer's younger son. Also to celebrate the confirmation of the tenor ringer's eldest son.

ISHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

MARY GARLEY	*Treble*	ARTHUR GARLEY	4
PATRICK T. CHAPMAN ...	2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	5
GEOFFREY E. WATSON ...	3	THOMAS GARLEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
A compliment to T. Garley on his retirement.

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise. St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM RANFORD	*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS	4
ROBERT G. FREEMAN ...	2	ALLEN MORGAN	5
GEORGE E. LARGE	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
First peal on the bells since they were rehung.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*F. S. WHITE	*Treble*	W. HART	4
MARJORIE LEGG	2	†REV. H. F. WARREN ...	5
GEORGE PRESCOTT ...	3	F. MILLIER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' A 21st birthday compliment to Rosemary Hutchings, ringer in the above tower.

MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

*HAROLD MOUNTFORD ...	*Treble*	E. PETER ROCK	4
JOHN MINTON	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
FREDRICK R. HARRIS ...	3	JOHN H. MOUNTFORD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.
* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the reopening of the church after restoration from damage by the gale of March, 1947.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten callings.

*Sidney V. Hall ...	...*Treble*	*George F. Webb... ...	3
William J. Norton ...	2	George A. Atkins ...	4
E. C. Lambert ...	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by E. C. Lambert.
* First peal. First peal on the bells.

EMBERTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising one 720 of Single Oxford and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Arthur A. Armstrong	*Treble*	Harry Wooding	4
Percy Amos	2	Philip Jones	5
*Victor Adams	3	Ronald C. Noon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.
* First peal of Minor in more than one method.

BERRINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*Philip J. L. Purslow	*Treble*	Frederick G. Beddow...	4
†Miss Bessie A. Carter	2	Edward V. Rodenhurst	5
William A. Farmer ...	3	Clifford A. Barron ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, viz., Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

A. Trevor Sutton ...	*Treble*	Charles B. Pemberton	4
*A. Lennard Shepherd	2	Alexander J. Martin...	5
John Cooke	3	George L. Grover ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.
* First peal in seven methods. A 71st birthday compliment to the Vicar, Rev. J. Wright Davies, and also for the birthday of Mrs. E. Shepherd.

HOLLINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 21 cwt.

*Margaret H. Baker ...	*Treble*	Tom Saunders	4
Edna M. Sills	2	Peter C. Wright ...	5
Lewis Newman	3	Reginald L. Sills ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald L. Sills.
* First peal of Minor.

GRENDON, WARWICKSHIRE.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*J. W. Hovey ...	...*Treble*	*G. H. Lane	4
*K. T. Taylor	2	W. C. Rhodes	5
*D. L. Hooper	3	*J. A. Rogers	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. C. Rhodes.
* First peal.

HALSE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

Albert Knight	*Treble*	Francis Morris	4
Harry Commins	2	*William G. Hancock...	5
Claude Tarr	3	†Albert Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by Claude Tarr.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

ROWDE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Herbert J. Hunt ...	...*Treble*	Harry Prout	4
Fredk. S. Slatford ...	2	Lawrence E. Hitchins...	5
Stanley S. Cockell ...	3	Percival W. J. Harding	*Tenor*

Conducted by Percival W. J. Harding.

WHISSENDINE, RUTLAND.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

Fred Watson ...	...*Treble*	*Cyril Tyler	4
J. Harry Cook	2	Ernest Morris	5
Frank T. Long	3	Harry Clayton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Morris.
* First peal of Minor. The bells were augmented to six in 1906, and rehung by Day, of Ely, in 1919.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Paul,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

*Audrey M. M. Ruddock	*Treble*	Ernest T. Carvell ...	4
*John H. Lawrence ...	2	†Charles B. Pemberton	5
George L. Grover ...	3	Alexander J. Martin...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles B. Pemberton.
* First peal. †25th peal. First peal in method as conductor.

BOXLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of Double Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob and one of Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Walter C. Gosling ...	*Treble*	Luther Honess	4
Edna M. Sills	2	Peter C. Wright	5
Lewis Newman	3	Reginald L. Sills ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald L. Sills.
* First peal in more than one method.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*Mrs. Thos. W. Kimber	*Treble*	†George Prescott ...	4
A. George Clare ...	2	Ronald G. Beck	5
†David Hoare	3	Edward J. Chivers ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ronald G. Beck.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods of Minor.

FITZHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, four callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Harry Commins ...	...*Treble*	Francis Morris	4
Reginald Stone	2	Claude Tarr	5
Frank Branchflower ...	3	Tom Hancock	*Tenor*

Conducted by Claude Tarr.
First peal of Bob Doubles by all the band.

WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. John and Peter,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 1,440 April Day, 1,200 Plain Bob and 2,400 of Grandsire, 17 callings in all. Tenor 7 cwt.

*John E. Tingley	...*Treble*	Stella M. Wickens ...	3
†Peter F. Romney ...	2	Cecil R. Longhurst ...	4
Charles H. Wickens ...	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Charles H. Wickens.
* First peal. † First in three methods and first of Doubles. First in three methods as conductor.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb. in B flat.

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	J. EDWARD CAWSER	4
*LUCY MOTTISHAW	2	ARTHUR FIRTH	5
†MILTON C. FOWLER	3	*ALAN ROGERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal of Surprise away from the treble. † First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., May 27, 1949, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
AT THE HOLYWELL STORES, LONDON ROAD,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents.

*ALFRED JORDAN	1-2	ALFRED BALLARD	3-4
*EDGAR VALLANCE	5-6		

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.
* First peal of Minor in the method. First peal of Minor in the method as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	*WILLIAM ROGERS	7-8
ROY C. HURST	9-10		

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters 'in hand.'

ELY, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT 39A, HIGH STREET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 11 in G.

*RONALD H. BULLEN	1-2	JOHN A. ACRES	5-6
†MAURICE J. THURMOTT	3-4	MARION GRAIN	7-8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.
* 200th peal. † 25th peal.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1-2	ALFRED BALLARD	5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3-4	HARRY POYNER	7-8
*JOHN R. SMITH	9-10		

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal on handbells.

YORK.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 5, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT HOLGATE ROAD CANTEEN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

CHARLES MCGUINESS	1-2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	7-8
JOHN FREEMAN	3-4	JOHN A. FREEMAN	9-10
ALBERT WALKER	5-6	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sun., June 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT 5, NEW COLLEGE LANE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANCES M. MARTIN	1-2	*RUTH M. K. HOW	5-6
JULIA M. PRESTON	3-4	DAVID GALLOP	7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DAVID GALLOP.
* First handbell peal on an 'inside' pair. First handbell peal as conductor.

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LATE NEWS.

Miss Margaret Fidell will remember June 6th, 1949. She rang two first peals on that day—Spliced Surprise Major in four methods and Cambridge Surprise Royal. She is the first lady to ring two Surprise peals in a day.

First instalment of the Central Council meeting at York appears in this issue. 'The Ringing World' debate will be published in a later issue. In a nutshell the decision was 16 pages weekly from January 1st, 1950. Price 4d.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Among local band achievements is the peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Ealing on May 24th, reported in last issue.

The first peal has been rung at Grafton Regis, Northants, a new tenor having been added, making a ring of five, in 1948.

Six boys of Collyer's School, Horsham, helped by local ringers, rang for the school's Founder's Day service at the Parish Church. The boys were B. Moore, J. Cherriman (Cowfold), P. Hall, J. Reed (Slinfold), A. Skinner (Wisborough Green) and C. Hone (conductor, Thakeham).

The bells of St. Andrew's, Limpsfield Chart, Surrey, have been overhauled and rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The work was commenced on April 20th and finished on May 27th and were rung at the special thanksgiving service held on Whit Sunday.

Towards the £850 needed for rehanging the bells at St. Peter's, Duxford, Cambs., with a population of 760, the village by various ways and means has subscribed about £600. Mr. J. Halls, hon. treasurer of the Parochial Church Council, Kentbury, Duxford, Cambs, appeals to all bell lovers to help.

Embarrassment was caused at the annual meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild on Whit Monday, when the secretary's case containing the minute books, etc., was missing from the Cathedral. It was discovered just in time by a Central Council representative on his way to York. His relative at Peterborough where he was staying the night took the wrong case to her home by mistake.

The all local band that rang the peal of Grandsire Triples at Battersea on May 28th included a churchwarden, a sidesman, the secretary of the Parochial Church Council, two choristers and a Sunday School teacher. The last local band peal here was in 1884.

Mr. Jack Bailey has now 'circled' Ockbrook, Derbyshire, tower.

The bells of St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, will be broadcast on Sunday, June 19th, at 7.45 p.m. in the Home Service programme before the usual evening service.

Having rung 38 peals in three eight-bell towers, D. C. Vincent has at last completed a circle by ringing the seventh at Miles Platting, Manchester.

In connection with the proposed Keith Hart memorial at St. Peter's, Brighton, we gladly give, at the request of enquirers, the address of Mr. O. Sippetts, the hon. treasurer, 10, Three Bridges Road, Crawley, Sussex.

Twenty-five years have elapsed since Mr W. P. Whitehead and Mr. E. W. Beadsmoore rang their last peal together, until they renewed acquaintance at Measham with a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, which is believed to be the first in the method on the bells.

The peal at Wivelsfield, Sussex, created local interest. Parishioners stood and listened and clapped the ringers when they finished. The bells had not had professional attention since 1894 and had to receive the use of a spanner, etc., before a start could be made.

June 4th was a red-letter day for Whiston, Yorks. The eight bells here were installed in 1915 and at last a local band has scored a first peal on the bells. All the ringers were punils of the conductor, Mr. Norman Chaddock.

Burnham, Bucks, bells were dismantled on June 13th by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

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BENEATH the shadow of York Minster in the historic St. William's College, the second session of the twentieth Central Council (52nd annual meeting) was held on Whitsun Tuesday. Mr. E. H. Lewis, the president of the Council, was in the chair, supported by Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Council), Mr. W. H. J. Hooton (hon. librarian) and Mrs. Fletcher.

THE DEAN'S WELCOME.

In a welcome to the Council the Dean (the Very Rev. E. Milner-White) said he simply came there to bring to them the hearty and heartfelt welcome from the Minster and the Chapter. They had enjoyed, these last two days, the ringing of their bells.

Never would he forget one electric moment when the bells of these islands rang to express the feeling of the nation when they heard the news of the Battle of Alamein.

'Let me say something of your art day by day and Sunday by Sunday. It is one of the things which no government of any type is going to deprive us. Speaking as an Englishman, of course, there is nothing like our bells or bellringing to be found anywhere else in the world. It is only a thing that people are adequately conscious of when they travel abroad. It is a popular ministry, using the word popular as meaning of the people.'

There is something in the particular sound bells make; it is an essentially clean sound. It fits in with God's creation and our landscape in an extraordinary way. It is a beautiful sound; it is a music of its own. It is pure, passionless and jubilant. It comes with a strong breath as if it was meeting one, but it comes also with the breath of Heaven. It is in these secular days a tremendous witness of the other world—that God would save us despite our unfaithfulness. I suppose your first reaction is that it is a good recreation, but when we feel that pure recreation has a real value of high importance and unique beauty, then it is a good enjoyment to have.

The President, in thanking the Dean for his welcome, said it was 45 years ago since the Central Council met in the ancient city of York and he was told that there was one member present who was at that meeting.

The Dean had spoken of the music of the bells and their unique quality. He wondered if he came across the expression used in 'The Morning Post' some years ago of 'weaving patterns of sound.' He thought that was one of the best expressions of bellringing.

In thanking the Dean for the opportunity of ringing on his glorious ring of bells, Mr. Lewis said they would enjoy them more if they were boxed up a little more so that the sound did not come down on the street. He presented the Dean with a copy of 'The History of the College Youths' as a memento of the visit.

Accepting the gift, the Dean promised to read it with care and leave a label on it bequeathing it with his other books to the Minster Library.

The Dean, at the request of the President, opened the Council with prayer.

ROLL OF THE COUNCIL.

The Secretary reported that the Council consisted of 148 representatives from 53 associations, 20 honorary members making a total of 168. The membership of the St. Martin's Guild had been increased from one to two and the Southwell Diocesan Guild from two to three.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

It was reported by the letter of the general secretary of the Middlesex Association that the four members of the Middlesex Association had resigned as representatives on the present Council. It was further reported that they had immediately sought re-election. The Standing Committee, in considering this position, found that they did not conform to the rules relating to representative members except the election of Mr. Turner, who had been elected in place of one of the resigning members. The Standing Committee were compelled reluctantly to recommend to the Council that the re-



The President, Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, M.A.

election for the remainder of the triennial period of the Council did not comply with the rules and consequently their re-election could not be recognised.

When Mr. Fletcher announced that the three members would not be permitted to take their seats, a member protested and asked for them to be reinstated and allowed to take their seats forthwith.

The Chairman: I am sorry, but it is against the rule.

Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey: Does that mean that we are not entitled to vote and speak?

The Chairman: Yes.

Mr. Lewis Cockey: Then I protest. I call it unchristian and vindictive and I propose to leave the meeting.

He then left the Council Chamber.

ATTENDANCE ROLL.

Ancient Society of College Youths. — Mr. G. W. Cecil.

Barnsley and District.—Mr. H. Chant.

Bath and Wells Diocesan.—Mr. J. T. Dyke, Miss N. G. Williams.

Bedfordshire Association.—Mr. H. Harding, Mr. A. C. Sinfield.

Chester Diocesan. — Mr. J. E. Bibby, Mr. J. W. Clarke, Mr. C. K. Lewis.

Coventry Diocesan.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Derbyshire Association.—Mr. G. C. Briggs.

Devon Guild.—Mr. A. L. Bennett, Mr. E. W. Biffin, Mr. T. G. Myers, Mr. F. C. Smale.

Durham and Newcastle.—Mr. F. Ainsley, Mr. W. H. Barber, Mr. W. N. Park.

Ely Diocesan.—Mr. E. H. Mastin.

Essex Association. — Mr. F. V. Gant, Mr. F. B. Lufkin, Mr. H. J. Mansfield.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan.—Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. S. T. Price, Mr. F. Skidmore, Mr. W. Williams.

Guildford Diocesan.—Mr. G. L. Grover, Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Hereford Diocesan.—Mr. G. E. Oliver.

Hertford County.—Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. R. G. Bell, Mr. C. W. Woolley.

Irish Association.—Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County.—Dr. E. E. J. Hatcher, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, Mr. T. E. Sone.

Ladies' Guild.—Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. A. Richardson, Miss E. Steel.

Lancashire Association. — Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. W. H. Shuker, Mr. A. Tomlinson.

Leicester Diocesan.—Mr. A. Ballard, Mr. J. P. Fidler, Mr. H. J. Poole, Mr. A. E. Rowley.

Lincoln Diocesan. — Mr. J. Bray, Mr. G. E. Feirn, Mr. J. Freeman, Mr. J. A. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan.—Mr. J. W. Jones, Mr. E. Stitch.

London County Association.—Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. O. L. Rogers.

Middlesex County.—Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

Midland Counties Guild. — Mr. J. W. Cotton, Mr. B. G. Key.

North Wales Association. — Mr. A. J. Hughes.

North Staffordshire.—Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Norwich Diocesan.—Mr. W. Duffield, Mr. F. N. Golden, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan. — Mr. A. D. Barker, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. F. D. Boreham, Mr. A. E. Lock.

Oxford University.—Rev. C. E. Wigg.

Peterborough Diocesan. — Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. W. Rose, Mr. G. S. Valentine, Mr. E. E. Whitmore.

Salisbury Diocesan.—Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. G. Harding, Mr. F. Precey, Mr. W. C. West.

Shropshire Association.—Mr. G. L. Hewitt.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. T. H. Francis.

Southwell Diocesan.—Miss J. Southerst.

Stafford Archdeaconry.—Mr. H. Knight, Mr. G. Wallater.

Suffolk Guild.—Mr. C. W. Pipe, Mr. C. J. Sedgley, Mr. G. E. Symonds.

Surrey Association.—Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr. D. Cooper.

Sussex County.—Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. F. H. Dallaway, Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. O. Sippetts.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan.—Mr. D. H. Bennett.

Truro Diocesan.—Mr. H. Miles.

Universities Association.—Miss M. Cross.

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts. — Mr. B. C. Ashford.

Yorkshire Association.—Rev. C. O. Ellison, Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. S. F. Palmer.

Honorary members.—Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. C. Dean, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. C. F. Johnston, Mr. C. H. Kipnin, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. F. Sharpe. Mr. J. F. Smallwood, Mr. A. Walker.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

These were received from Messrs. H. J. Sanger (Bath and Wells), C. W. Cook (Ely), Miss H. G. Snowden (Essex), Messrs. A. C. Hazelden and A. Harman (Guildford), W. F. Moreton, G. J. Lewis and W. T. Poston (Hereford), A. Paddon Smith (St. Martin's Guild), G. H. Cross, F. C. W. Knight and G. W. Steere (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), Canon G. F. Coleridge, Messrs. G. E. Debenham, T. Groombridge, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. W. A. Osborn, E. A. Young and W. H. Viggers (hon. members), Miss B. Spice (Oxford University), Messrs. J. D. Johnson and S. T. Holt (Worcester and Districts), Rev. B. F. Sheppard (Cambridge University), Messrs. H Denman (Southwell Diocesan), H. G. Cashmore (Hertford County), T. W. Taffender and T. H. Taffender (London County), E. M. Atkins (Cambridge University), Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts, Mr. F. J. Teague (Truro Diocesan), Messrs. S. G. Coles (Bath and Wells), C. H. Hawkins (St. David's Diocesan Guild), E. G. Fenn and A. B. Peck (College Youths), and V. Colclough (Dudley and District).

NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members were presented to the President: Messrs. C. W. Biffin (Devon), E. C. S. Turner (Middlesex), E. A. Barnett (hon. member), H. Chant (Barnsley and District), Miss J. Southerst (Southwell), Messrs. F. Ainsley (Durham and Newcastle), F. Precey (Salisbury) and T. G. Myers (Devon).

HON. MEMBERS.

The Hon. Secretary reported that two honorary members were due to retire—Mr. C. H. Kippin and Mr. W. Rowe. Mr. Kippin did not seek re-election. The Standing Committee recommended that Mr. Rowe (New South Wales Association) be re-elected and they submitted the name of Mr. C. W. Roberts for the vacancy.

Mr. F. Smallwood seconded.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner proposed that Mr. W. Wilson be elected an honorary member and mentioned his services as convener of the Peal Board Committee.

Mr. Kippin asked if Mr. Wilson did not resign as a member of the Council.

The Chairman replied in the affirmative, and added, 'I don't see how he could be re-elected. I am afraid on those conditions that I cannot accept the nomination.'

Mr. Rowe and Mr. Roberts were elected to the vacancies.

LOSSES THROUGH DEATH.

The President read a list of past and present members of the Council who had died since the last meeting. The Council stood in respectful memory. They were: T. Groombridge, jun., Southwell Diocesan Guild, 1946-1948; H. Chapman, Lancashire Association 1906-1915, honorary member 1924-1929; G. P. Burton, Norwich Diocesan Association, 1909-1929; R. H. Brundle, Norwich Diocesan Association, 1894-1896; G. Williams, Winchester Diocesan Guild 1891-1896, Sussex County Association 1897-1905, honorary member 1906-1917, Winchester and Portsmouth Guild 1918-1949; Rev. C. C. Marshall, Yorkshire Association, 1912-1947.

Mr. G. Pullinger, in a tribute to Mr. George Williams, said members would be interested to learn that his books and papers were to be handed to the Winchester Guild. His Association would consider a memorial to his memory at their meeting on the first Saturday in July. The committee responsible for the Bournemouth Festival had decided that it should be known as the George Williams dinner. Mr. Williams was not only a good ringer and conductor; he was a good churchman and a great friend to all.

Mr. P. J. Johnson, in a tribute to Canon Marshall, said he perhaps knew him longer than any other ringer; he knew him before he was ordained when he (Mr. Johnson) was a small boy in the East End of London and the Canon was working for the Oxford Mission. He was not a great peal ringer, but he was enthusiastic for the work, and the Yorkshire Association was a lasting tribute to the work he was so intensely interested in. No trouble was too great during his 35 years' presidency of the Association. Those who were present at the Council meeting at Leeds would remember the Canon's address. He was a man of great personality and Vicar of an important parish in Leeds.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The Secretary reported that the minutes had been published in 'The Ringing World.' There was one alteration to be made, the name of Mr. A. Relfe, of East Grinstead Guild, had been omitted from those present. That had been corrected in the official minute book.

He moved that the minutes be taken as read.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded and this course was agreed to.

REPORTS

HON. LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Sales during the year amounted to £135 18s. 4½d. Copies sold of various publications were: Triples Methods 67; Variation and Transposition 67; Collection of Peals, Section 2 51, Section 3 39; Hints to Beginners 347; Method Sheets, Bristol 53, Stedman and Grandsire 119, Double Norwich 50, Cambridge 62; Card of Instruction 53; Report of Conference S.P.A.B. 24; Mysteries Unveiled 98; D.N.C.B. Caters 52; Preservation of Bells 443; Four Way Table 242; Handbells 593; Doubles and Minor 142.

During the year books have been lent for research purposes, and in two or three cases general information has been required for lectures on the history of bells and bellringing.

The following gifts to the library are gratefully acknowledged: Group Theory, by R. A. Rankin, from the author; Bellringing Mechanism, by B. D. Price, being the description of a machine made by Mr. L. E. A. Boum, from the author; Surprise Major Methods (A. J. Corrigan), from the author; and a number of bound volumes of 'The Ringing World,' presented by Mr. E. R. Goate. Also papers of the late Mr. J. W. Parker, from Miss M. Parker.

The stocks of Triples Methods, Cards of Instruction and Mysteries Unveiled have been exhausted, and the card is now being revised for reissue. New publication have become available during the last six months. The four-way table of Minor Methods, of which 1,000 copies were printed, is often required with the reprint of Doubles and Minor Methods. The Handbell Book has had outstanding success and more than half of the edition has gone. But though new publications account for the abnormally large sales total there has been an increase in sales of those already available, notably in sales of Hints and Method Sheets. There has been an extra source, too, in Mr. Shepherd's D.N.C.B.C., of which the Council purchased the remaining stock.

The reprinting of Carter's broadsheets is proceeding. Requests for the book of Major and Cater methods still arrive, and there have been enquiries for Royal methods.

Mr. W. H. J. Hooton proposed the adoption of the report, and Mr. F. J. Smallwood seconded. The report was adopted.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS.

The year started with a balance in hand of £286 12s. 2d. and concluded with £187 9s. 9d. Receipts were affiliation fees £39, sale of publications £124 12s. 3d., and subscriptions of hon. members 15s.

On the expenses side the main items were Library and Publications £231 13s. 9d., Biographies Committee £7 15s. 6d., Rupert Richardson Memorial Fund £3 3s., J. W. Parker Memorial Fund £3 3s.

The Secretary, in moving the adoption of the report, urged associations to send their subscriptions earlier—certainly earlier than four days before Whitsun. Calling attention to the reduced balance, he said as the Council knew it was always their intention as soon as possible to restock the library. They had still quite a lot of books they wanted to print.

Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded and the accounts were approved.

Mr. F. Rogers suggested that Guild subscriptions should be paid before Easter, otherwise the Association would not be entitled to vote.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards: I think it is already in the rules.

Mr. E. H. Mastin suggested that the stock in hand in productions should be shown in the accounts.

The Secretary replied that with the new set of accounts a uniform data would be introduced, and with the change the accounts would be set in another form.

JOHN CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

The machine has been thoroughly tested by Mr. Brian Price and Mr. Douglas Hughes and some minor and temporary adjustments were made, after which a course of Bristol Surprise Royal and of Stedman Cinques were rung. These were recorded on the paper roll. Various faults were mentioned in the report. The motor was very temperamental and very noisy and the committee suggested the fitting of a new motor and reduction gear, both to be as silent as possible, and also to replace the first main driven wheel of the machine. The mechanism should be completely cleaned and re-oiled, as it was very dirty. The trustees recorded their deep appreciation of the work so far carried out by Mr. Price and Mr. Hughes.

Mr. A. A. Hughes moved the adoption of the report.

Mr. Kippin asked, to the amusement of the Council, what was the Bristol Royal rung by the machine.

Mr. A. A. Walker, in seconding, said the reason for moving the machine from the Museum was that they had not facilities for repairs. He paid tribute to the work of Mr. Brian Price and Mr. Douglas Hughes. Whether the Bristol Royal was true or untrue, whatever the machine was set to do it would do. Before the machine was returned to the Museum it would be in working order and it would be able to ring any method.

Mr. Harold Poole asked if the machine would be available for the next meeting in London.

Mr. C. J. Sedgley said there was a demonstrator at the Museum.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow: Can we have a more efficient demonstrator? I understand that the last time the demonstrator set it it rang Grandsire Triples backwards on the back eight.

REVISION OF RULES.

The Secretary said the draft revision of rules had been supplied with the agenda. The Standing Committee recommended that the Council discuss the draft and in the light of the discussion the sub-committee would prepare their report for the Standing Committee.

Mr. F. W. Perrens seconded.

Mr. W. H. J. Hooton proposed that the report of the sub-committee be received.

On the question of representation, the suggestion was that for a territorial society 75 over and not exceeding 150 one representative member; 150 to 300, two members; 300 to 450, three representatives; over 450, four representatives. The basis of calculation of membership for territorial societies shall be honorary and ringing members and resident life members. The representation of non-territorial affiliated societies shall be one member per society or more in the discretion of the Council. Any recognised society numbering not less than 75 members shall, upon application and subject to election by a majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting, be affiliated to the Council.

Mr. F. E. Dukes asked for the reason of the two-thirds majority. He suggested as an alternative a clear majority.

Mr. P. J. Johnson maintained that it would be a big mistake if election was not by a big majority.

Mr. E. A. Barnett suggested that membership of non-territorial bodies should be not more than one member.

Mr. H. W. Rogers asked for a firm definition of a non-territorial association and the names of existing non-territorial associations.

The Secretary: I think it is generally recognised that the non-territorial associations are the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, the Ladies' Guild. the Oxford University Society, the Cambridge University Society and the Universities Association.

Mr. Harold J. Poole pointed out that the Police Guild proposed to make application as they now had a membership of 117.

Mr. P. J. Johnson reminded the Council that all non-territorial representation led to duplication of representation. He remembered seeing a peal rung by a body called the Guild of Servers. He did not know whether that peal was rung to add dignity to that body. They would have seriously to consider peals by such bodies. They might have a Guild of Butchers. He felt they must take care that they did not lend themselves to duplication.

Mr. R. G. Blackman said the Guild of Servers was not a bellringing service. The Guild of Servers was primarily a body of young lads, servants of the Church at the altar, and there was no disgrace, but it was great credit to them and to 'The Ringing World' that these servers of the Church were mentioned in the journal. Sunday by Sunday at Chichester Cathedral three or four of them went direct from their ringing to serve at the altar.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said he wanted to make it clear that he did not want to be misconstrued as belittling the work of the Guild of Servers to the Church. His point was that the peal was rung for a non-ringing society.

Mr. E. A. Barnett said the question of future non-territorial societies could safely be left to future Councils. At the present time these non-territorial societies were represented on a basis of membership. Take the University Associations, whose membership comprised a good many people who continued their ringing after leaving the university, but far more did not.

Miss Marie Cross: As the representative of one of these associations, I assure you that we do apply the axe.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin said they must take care that societies with a lot of 'dead wood' should not have undue representation, whereas there might be a lot of 'live wood' not represented.

The Rev. C. O. Ellison suggested that it might be that the qualifications for membership might be from 75 to 250, from 250 to 500 and so on.

Mr. A. D. Barker thought that the representation of future non-territorial associations should be one member per society.

Mr. Kippin considered that the Council could not afford to stand on sentiment.

The Secretary reminded the Council of the overlapping of certain territorial associations, quoting the case of the East Grinstead and District Guild. They would have to see there was no overlapping with new societies.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead supported the elimination of non-territorial associations representation to one.

A vote was taken and the majority of the members voted for a single member.

The suggested rule regarding honorary members was that retirement and election took effect as from the end of the annual meeting. Mr. E. C. S. Turner suggested that election took effect immediately and retirement at the end of the meeting.

LIFE MEMBERS.

A new rule suggested was the creation of life members consisting of (a) past and present holders of the office of president, hon. secretary or hon. librarian of the Council, and (b) those who in the opinion of the Council by reason of their services to the art of ringing merit the conferment on them of the honour of life membership. Life membership shall cease only on death or resignation.

Mr. John Freeman thought that the honour of life membership would be greater if there was a restriction on the number of the holders of the office. The holders of the office of secretary and librarian should not be qualified for life membership.

Mr. J. P. Fidler said honorary members should be elected for the work they could do for the Council. Inactive honorary members should not be retained.

Mr. P. J. Johnson spoke in support of the new rule as being a means of giving some recognition of work done.

Mr. Hooton explained that one of the reasons for the rule was that if an officer who was a representative was not re-elected he could still hold office.

COPYRIGHT.

Mr. R. S. Anderson wanted a rule that the copyright of any work done for the Council be vested in the Council. There was a mention in the report of the Methods Committee of a copyright being claimed by members of the committee.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner said he was the only surviving member of the old committee and the word copyright had never been mentioned by him.

MEETING PLACES.

Mr. Harold Rogers asked why it was proposed to amend the existing rule of one in three meetings being held in London.

The Secretary: The reason is the difficulty of a suitable room. To-day we have to cater for about 200 people, and we thought that there was more accommodation in the provinces.—The report was then carried.

PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

The collection of Major Methods compositions was ready for the printer. The committee expressed their thanks to Mr. Stephen Hoare, of Watford, for his assistance in typing the bulk of the peals.

The late Gabriel Lindoff's collection of peals of London Surprise Major had been examined with the possibility of its publication as a broadsheet. This contained 279,796 compositions, and on account of its size it was unsuitable for publication as a broadsheet. The committee recommended that the collection be not published in any form for the following reasons:—

(1) That such a large number of compositions in any one method was not required by the Exercise, in view of the number already available.

(2) That since Mr. Lindoff had (apparently) exhausted all the In and Fifths compositions having the 6th twelve courses home and two other bells only in 6ths, he had inevitably included all the compositions with these qualities which had been previously produced by other composers. It would be quite unfair to publish all these as Mr. Lindoff's compositions, and so rob other composers of the credit for their work.

The committee proposed to produce a collection of peals of Royal and Maximus, subject to the approval of the Council.

This report was proposed by Mr. G. R. Newton and seconded by Mr. C. W. Woolley.

The Secretary said the Standing Committee recommended that the views be accepted on the Lindoff Broadsheet.

Mr. Turner: I understand that there are some 20 misprints in the Lindoff broadsheet. Are the committee aware of them?

Mr. Woolley: I was not aware of that.

THE METHODS COMMITTEE.

Being a completely new committee of the Central Council, we have been 'finding our feet' during the past year.

We have decided to tackle three pieces of work which seem to be in general demand, and on two of these the advice of the Council is sought.

The uncontroversial task is the revision of the Plain Major and Cater book which is taking shape and, we hope, will be ready for publication next year.

The other two are the questions of the Surprise Major Book and Doubles Methods—both of which were mentioned at last year's meeting of the Council.

In the case of the former, two facts have to be taken into account: (a) the publication by Mr. Corrigan of a large collection of Surprise Methods: (b) that the committee has been unable to obtain the MSS. of the book prepared by the last committee because its copyright is, apparently, claimed by the members of that committee. Thus it seems that a completely new book will have to be produced, and, in the light of (a), we feel we should ask the Council if this is now thought to be necessary before commencing on this task.

The preliminary discussions on the third subject have shown different opinions as to how far the general rules of the Council may be relaxed when considering the question of Doubles Methods. At the moment chaos rules in the manner of ringing and naming these methods and we must first try to produce some semblance of order. Thus methods with identical plain courses, but using different kinds of Bobs and Singles, are named differently. At the moment the committee has not arrived at any definite conclusions except that Plain Bob lead heads will have to be deemed non-essential if any variety of methods is to be produced. To ensure this variety, other rules will probably have to be relaxed also. Which of these and how far to go is what we are thinking about at the moment. The one point we are trying to bear in mind all the time is that relaxations shall be the absolute minimum to produce a sufficient variety of Doubles Methods for all whose interest lies in that direction. Next year we hope to put before the Council our recommendations and ask for general approval so that a Doubles Methods book can be produced.

Moving the report, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said as to the MSS. of the old Surprise book, the word copyright had been mentioned. He supposed that technically the committee had not gone into that matter, but the position was that this committee had not been able to obtain the MSS., which seemed to suggest that the last committee claimed it as their own. If that was the case, it did not seem any different from claiming the copyright. There was no mention of that word in any communication with the last committee, but he felt fully justified in using it to explain the circumstances.

In regard to Doubles Methods, the committee were up against a very big problem. They had not been able to come to any conclusion or to put a definite recommendation before the Council.

Mr. F. Rogers seconded.

Mr. Turner said as he had been mentioned indirectly in the Methods Committee's report, he would like to place on record his attitude. He assisted the late Mr. Trollope with the book and it was finished in 1935 and presented to the Council. The Council then had not enough money to print the book, as it would cost £400. It more or less followed the pattern of the Jasper Snowdon series. If the Council was prepared to print the book as it stood, he was prepared to hand it to the committee.

The Secretary said the Standing Committee recommended that the copyright was claimed by the Council and requested Mr. Turner to hand the work over to the committee.

Mr. Anderson, in seconding, said any committee who prepared a publication for the Council must always understand that any copyright was vested in the Central Council.

Mr. Harold J. Poole said he wanted to say that no one recognised Mr. Turner's ability more than he did, and it was such a pity that this had occurred. No matter how clever a man was, if he was not going to pull with the Council as a team they were better without him. He hoped that Mr. Turner would be prepared to accede to the request that had been made and hand over the book.

Mr. Turner: I am always willing to accept the view of the majority of the Council. On the one hand this book is finished. What can the new Methods Committee do with it? If

they alter it and make an entirely new book then they might start from the beginning; if, on the other hand, they are not going to, there is no need for the copy. I can deal with the officers of the Council and see the book through publication, as I am the only living member of the committee.

Mr. Poole: We are more concerned with the principle than the book, and we ought to support the Standing Committee that the book be handed over.

The Chairman: I will put the motion and ask Mr. Turner to hand the book to the hon. secretary as recommended by the Standing Committee.—The report was carried.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

The summary of peals rung during 1948 showed a total of 2,364 on tower bells and 274 in hand, making a grand total of 2,638.

Mr. C. Dean, in moving the report, stated that a further analysis would be published in 'The Ringing World' later. He would like to point out that one of the peals rung last year was a peal of Grandsire Minor. Would the Council wish to have that erased from the report?

Mr. Walter Ayre, seconding, said regarding the record length peal of Double Norwich, it did not comply with the regulations governing record lengths. Secondly, as regards the peal of Bristol with two kinds of bobs, as long as they admitted a single in Cambridge Major they must accept that (hear, hear).

Mr. Leslie Morris said he noticed that the Yorkshire Association was credited with 110 peals. They had 111 peals published in their report. Was there any reason for the omission of a peal?

Mr. C. Dean: One peal was rung for the St. Martin's Guild. I will look into the matter.

Mr. P. J. Johnson raised the question of the peal of Cambridge with a single in it. In view of the Decisions of the Council, could they legitimately call that a peal of Cambridge?

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead: That was rung last year.

Mr. E. A. Barnett: Members may recall last year a peal of Cambridge containing a single came up for discussion on this identical report and the Standing Committee recommended that the peal be not accepted. That recommendation might have gone through but for a speech by Mr. Harold Cashmore, and the matter was allowed to lie on the table for 12 months and the question of singles in Cambridge and other Treble Bob methods should now come before the Council.

The Rev. Felstead: On the other hand, Mr. Cashmore suggested that it should be thoroughly investigated. That has not been done.

Mr. P. J. Johnson: You are wasting your time discussing it until you remove that Decision of the Council. Let us put our foot down and maintain the Decision of the Council.

Mr. C. K. Lewis: Let us think, is this good for the Exercise? Are two kinds of bobs in a peal going to be any good? If so, shall we ring Stedman Cinques with 5, 7 or 9 place bobs? When you have got two kinds of bobs in a peal, what is to prevent 22? If you want a peculiar quality you can justify it by this peal of Bristol with two kinds of bobs. I have nothing against six place bobs in Bristol. I have done as much experimenting as anybody, but I have burnt the results or put them away. What are we going to ring in future years? When once you open the door you can't shut it.

Mr. Johnson, in reply to further discussion, said the Council as such had no executive authority to prevent a peal of any kind being rung, but to say that any kind of peal was a standard of the Exercise was a different matter altogether. Most of these things were looked upon as ingenious, but the time arrived when they had to codify their calls where they could get certain effects without altering the bob and single.

The Chairman: The position is that the report of the Peal Analysis Committee has been proposed for adoption, and so far there is no other motion before the Council.

Mr. Harold Rogers: I should like to propose that any peal that is rung and does not conform to the Rules and the Decisions of the Council be ruled out.

Mr. Harold Poole: I second that.

Mr. John Freeman said he could see nothing in the Decision that would prevent peals with 4th place and 6th place bobs.

Mr. Vincent maintained that they could not have two kinds of bobs to one composition.

Mr. George Feirn: I think using two bobs in Bristol is only a variation.

The resolution proposed by Mr. Rogers was carried with three dissentients (the Rev. Felstead, Messrs. Woolley and Kippin).

Mr. Woolley: Does that mean that you cannot ring Double Norwich with a fourth place bob?

The Chairman: I cannot tell you that.

Mr. J. Freeman: Will Mr. Dean tell us whether the peal of Bristol will be ruled out?

No answer was given.

(To be continued)

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS

INCREASED SUBSCRIPTION PASSED.

Despite very definite resolutions from all the branches in favour of holding the annual meeting on a Saturday instead of Easter Monday as in past years, the experiment at Worcester on April 30th could not be described as successful.

A mere handful of 22 was present at the service arranged in All Saints' Church at noon and a very poor attendance of less than 50 at the general business meeting held in College Hall.

The president, the Very Rev. Arthur Davies, Dean of Worcester, having left the city on his retirement the day previously, the chair was taken by the chaplain, the Rev. H. Hartley, and in his opening remarks he paid warm tributes to the work done for the Association by the late Dean. It was decided to send a message of gratitude to him with best wishes in his retirement.

Arising from the minutes, the secretary reported on considerable correspondence with the Lord Bishop, the Archdeacons and the Advisory Committee on the disposal of the now redundant ring of eight bells at St. Helen's. It was hoped that a tower could be found in the diocese where these bells could be hung for ringing.

INCREASED SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Due to the increasing costs of printing the annual reports, the general fund showed a loss on the year of £7 14s. 1d., this following a similar loss in 1947 of £10 3s. 7d. A resolution as recommended by the Central Committee—a copy of which had been circulated to all towers—was before the meeting to increase the annual subscription for performing members from 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d. A rider to this, proposed by Mr. G. E. Large and seconded by Mr. T. Hemming, that juniors up to their 17th birthday should pay 1s. 6d., came in for discussion, and eventually it was resolved that the annual subscription be 2s. 6d. and 1s. 6d. for juniors with effect from January 1st, 1950.

Grants from the Belfry Repairs Fund, totalling £35, had been made to four towers during the year, and the balance in this fund stood at £155, with only £57 in the General Fund.

It was unanimously decided to invite the new Dean of Worcester, when appointed, to accept the office of president, and all other officers were re-elected. The arrangements for the annual peal were left to the Master, Mr. C. Skidmore, and for the next annual meeting, both Evesham and Worcester were proposed, Worcester again being selected.

Eight performing members from the new band at Elmley Lavett were elected, and the meeting closed with the usual comprehensive votes of thanks.

Bells at the Cathedral, All Saints', Claines, Hallow and St. John's were available during the afternoon and evening.

Burford (Oxford) Bells Appeal

The well-known bells of Burford Parish Church, one of the best known churches in Oxfordshire, have to be rehung as the ancient wooden frame has rotted and is endangering the structure of the tower.

The cost of rehanging in a new frame will be approximately £1,500, and of this the small Cotswold town of less than 1,000 people has contributed no less than £900 by a house-to-house collection.

Many visitors go to Burford every year, and the large church, with its superb architecture and lofty tower containing a fine ring of eight bells, forms the centre of their pilgrimage.

Burford possesses an enthusiastic team of ringers, and until the enforced break the bells were rung regularly twice each Sunday and for practice ringing in the week. The tower has also been the centre for combined practices with ringers from neighbouring towers.

It is to the many who know and love Burford and have taken part in ringing on this fine eight with its pre-Reformation tenor that this appeal for one of the greatest treasures of the Church is made.

Donations, payable to the Burford Bells Restoration Fund, will be gratefully accepted and acknowledged, and may be sent to me or direct to the Rev. R. F. Scott-Tucker, St. John's House, Burford, Oxford.—B. S. Nichols (Tower Secretary), High Street, Milton-under-Wychwood, Oxford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

BOWDON, STOCKPORT AND MOTTRAM BRANCH.

On May 21st a meeting of this branch was held at the pleasant village of Hayfield on the edge of the well-known Kinder Scout. Good use of the recently augmented peal continued until the service in church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. — Holehouse, who gave the branch a very warm welcome to his church.

Tea was served to 70 members and friends in the nearby cafe.

Mr. Elkins, who presided at the business, expressed the pleasure of the members at being able to visit Hayfield again, and cordially thanked the Vicar for his excellent address and his interest in the work of the Guild. The Vicar, in reply, said he had been struck by the 'family' spirit of the gathering since not only did the ringers come, but also brought their wives and families along.

The election of Denis Bolton (Burbage), W. Hardy, W. Barlow and J. Oliver, of Stockport (St. Mary's), and Donald Whitehead, of Hayfield, as members of the Guild, was carried.

A discussion as to the attitude the branch should adopt at the annual Guild festival resulted in a resolution recommending a quota system on a per capita basis for each branch with no restriction as to how it was to be raised.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

MEETING AT BIRSTALL.

Memories of the late Canon C. C. Marshall were recalled by the meeting at Birstall on May 28th. The president (Mr. T. Hill) referred to the Canon's passing and said in his early days he was a ringer at Birstall and invariably attended the society's meetings there. The members stood in silence as a tribute to his memory.

A vote of thanks to the churchwardens and local company (especially naming Mr. Britton for arranging the splendid tea) was proposed by Mr. F. Hodgson and seconded by Mr. T. Hill. Mr. Britton acknowledged the thanks, and said the society was welcome at any time that arrangements could be made, and if they had enjoyed themselves he was amply repaid for his work.

The next meeting is to be a joint meeting with the Selby and District Society at Kippax on June 25th.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GREAT BOURDON OF NOTRE DAME

Dear Sir,—The scene is Notre Dame de Paris on Whit Sunday. In front of this magnificent cathedral, bathed in the brilliant morning sunshine, stands a group of ten or twelve men, amongst whom are four soldiers. They are volunteers all, gathered for the ringing of the Great Bourdon of Notre Dame, No. 2 bell of France.

About 9.25 a.m. the ascent to the tower—a rather breath-taking one for the writer, who is out of practice—was begun. At a height of about 150ft. the party emerged from the north-west tower, and after pausing for a rest, entered the south-west tower where hung the object of our climb.

Coats off and a little organising by the leader and soon eight of the group are in position. There are no ropes for ringing. At right angles to and at each end of the headstock is a thick plank a foot wide. Two men stand at each end of each plank.

Preliminaries consist of three groups of three blows with the clapper on the side of the bell. Then the ringing commences. First the men on one side press down with their feet on the plank, then those on the other. A see-saw action takes place, thus swinging the bell.

Higher and higher it rises until it begins to ring with a deep melodious note. Now there is something to work for, and more effort is expended until the bell is clappering both sides and swinging through an angle of about 120 degrees. The 'spare hands' can be seen moving from one group to another giving a rest to those who require it.

The ringing continues for about 5 to 10 minutes, after which the bell is allowed to ring itself down. By this time those who have stayed the full course (yours truly included) are bathed in sweat, as it is strenuous work. For my personal satisfaction I was pleased to notice, on descending, that the bell, still ringing down, was clappering the right way.

The Bourdon now weighs 13¼ tons and has existed in its present state since the beginning of the 15th century. There were originally two bells cast in the early 14th century and they were melted down to make the present one. It was called Emanuel Louis Marie-Therese after the reigning King and Queen of France. The clapper weighs approximately 10 cwt.

When nearly all the bells in France were taken from the churches during the Revolution to make cannons and money, the Bourdon was threatened with the fate. It was taken from its frame and some 50 years elapsed before it was rehung. The old frame being in a bad state of repair, a new one was made, and I think this is the one which is still in use. The system of ringing has not changed in any case, as may be ascertained from reading Victor Hugo's description of it in his novel, 'Notre Dame de Paris.'

Whether the participation in the ringing of this bell enables me to lay claim to the name of a Quasimodo I don't know, but I feel I must be one of very few Englishmen ever to take part.—Yours faithfully,

JACK R. WORRALL.

Gagny, Seine et Oise, France.

STANGROUND BELLS

Dear Sir,—Our thirteenth century church was bombed in 1942. In December last it was rehallowed by the Bishop, and the four new windows replacing the ones which had been bombed were also dedicated by the Bishop, as was also our new bell, which had been hung a few days before.

Now we have to find £700 for repairing the tower, and our six bells are dumb until the work is completed.

If any should see this, who would wish to help, will they kindly send gifts to the Treasurer, The Restoration Fund, Stanground Vicarage, Peterborough.—Yours truly,

MORLEY WELLS, Vicar.

KEEPING THE ART ALIVE

Dear Sir,—Group Captain Lister is rather sweeping and not quite accurate in his remarks about peal ringers. As my yearly average of peals over a period of 28 years is only about 1½, perhaps I may be permitted to say a word on behalf of peal ringers.

Group Captain Lister's letter seems to suggest that peal ringers and service ringers are two different sets of people, while the fact is that while all service ringers are not peal ringers, all peal ringers are service ringers (at least this is my experience) and are also regular in church attendance. We find among their numbers churchwardens, church councillors, secretaries of church councils, sidesmen, choristers, as well as ringing association secretaries, district secretaries, Central Council representatives, etc.

As for being selfish, I know quite a number of these men who spend a lot of their time in visiting other towers to help beginners. If Group Capt. Lister takes the trouble to read the peal reports in 'The Ringing World' regularly he will perhaps be surprised at the number of times that well-known peal ringers' names appear in someone's first peal of Bob Minor or even Doubles. Surely this is helping to keep the art alive?—Yours faithfully,

Huntingdon. FRANK W. LACK.

THE IMAGINARY LINE

Dear Sir,—Mr. T. V. Lister's assertions are too sweeping. It is impossible to draw a straight line between peal ringers and non-peal ringers, as he tried to do in his letter of June 3rd. There are peal ringers who attend regularly on Sundays for service ringing and moreover attend the service afterwards.

In the same way there are some who do not do these things. There are also non-peal ringers who attend regularly for service ringing and service, and some who do not, and some are irregular in attendance from both sides of this imaginary line. It is the best we can expect in this uncertain world, where the four freedoms are being so manfully striven for. It is illuminating to read of peal ringers described as adornments and pinnacles, etc., nothing like breaking up the skyline, is there?—Yours faithfully, P. LAFLIN.

Stockport.

ALL SAINTS', BRISTOL, PEAL BOARDS

Dear Sir,—Among the records of the Peal Boards Committee of the Central Council are the details of the board recording the 'Grandsire Treebles' rung in 1791 at All Saints', Bristol, but I was unaware of its condition.

Its restoration and future care depend, of course, upon the local church authorities, but there would appear to be a chance for the Bristol University Society ringers to draw official attention to the matter.

Mr. C. T. Brown may like to know that according to the committee's information there was a board at St. Mary-le-Port, Bristol, recording a peal of Union Treble Bob rung in 1782.—Yours faithfully, WILFRID G. WILSON.

Wembley.

THE LADIES' GUILD

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Central District was held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on May 28th, a large number of members and friends attending from a wide area.

At the business meeting which followed the service and tea, officers elected were: Vice-president, Mrs. R. F. Deal; secretary and treasurer, Miss D. E. Lidbetter; assistant secretary, Mrs. C. Matthews; committee, Mrs. T. Lock, Mrs. F. Housden, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Mitchell. After votes of thanks to the various people who had helped to make the meeting a success, the ringers adjourned to St. Giles-in-the-Fields, where further ringing was enjoyed.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild

NORTHERN BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Gainsborough on May 28th, attended by about 58 members and friends with visitors from Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Birmingham.

The Vicar of Gainsborough took the service and also presided at the business meeting which followed, the president, the Ven. Archdeacon E. L. Marsden, of Grimsby, being unable to attend owing to illness.

Members stood as a mark of respect to Mr. F. S. W. Butler, of Gainsborough, who was for some time the secretary of the branch.

The following officers were elected: President, the Ven. Archdeacon E. L. Marsden; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Bramwell; hon. secretary, Mr. F. Lord; Ringing Master, Mr. J. A. Freeman; representatives on the Guild Committee, Mr. J. Walden, Mr. G. E. Feirn; hon. auditors, Mr. G Dobbs, Mr. M. Walker.

It was agreed that the sum still required, approximately £22, to complete the Rupert Richardson Memorial Fund be subscribed out of branch funds.

A resolution from the Gainsborough District, 'That members be asked to subscribe to a simple form of stone, suitably inscribed, to be erected at the head of Mr. Butler's grave,' was approved.

Subscriptions can be sent to Mr. G. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. A collection made at this meeting to start this fund realised £3 1s. 3d.

Owing to the increased cost of reports, etc., it was decided to raise the Northern Branch subscription to 2s. 6d. per year, starting from January 1st, 1950.

The usual votes of thanks brought a very successful meeting to a close.

DEDICATION

STROUD ST. LAWRENCE.

The Bishop of Tewkesbury rededicated the bells of Stroud St. Lawrence on May 15th following recent rehanging on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Following the dedication the Bishop placed the ropes in the hands of the ringers, who rang Queens.

The ceremony took place during evensong, and previous to the dedication the Vicar (the Rev. K. E. Williams) gave a short history of the bells and their inscriptions, that of the treble being: 'In sweetest sound let each its note reveal—mine shall be first to lead the dulcet peal.'

The foundry was represented by Mr. John Thomas, who had supervised the work on the bells.

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QUARTER PEALS

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On May 29th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Townsend 1, E. C. Ayres 2, L. Haddon 3, C. J. Chalwin 4, W. Edwards 5, W. E. Redrup (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Jean, daughter of the 2nd ringer.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On May 29th at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Trevor Taylor (first quarter, age 11) 1, J. Robinson 2, W. Harrison 3, R. Wimpenny 4, D. Ogden (cond.) 5. G. Taylor 6. To commemorate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Ogden.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY. — On May 29th, 1,515 Stedman Caters: M. V. Chilcott 1, Miss J. A. England 2, E. G. Talbot 3, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 4, A. J. Clayton 5, A. J. W. Hughes 6, J. F Galyer 7, F. D. Jennings 8. J. W. Euston 9, J. E. Chilcott 10. For the 15th birthday of the treble ringer.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's on May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. D. M. Bennett 1, N. Denson 2, F. Skidmore 3, E. J. Ridler 4, R. G. Hooper 5, V. L. Lucas 6, A. C. Baker (cond.) 7, J. Cox 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth and the conductor's wife.

CANTERBURY. — On May 26th, at St. Stephen's, 1,264 Bob Major: R. G. Port 1, Miss B. Philpott 2, A. C. Philpott 3, D. Chatfield 4, Miss J. Yearsley 5, A. Butler 6, C. E. Buesden 7, B. J. Luck (cond.) 8.

CHISLEHURST, KENT. — At St. Nicholas' on May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Kotting (first quarter) 1, Miss C. M. Kotting 2, R. A. E. Dunn 3, R. Streek 4, R. W. Dent (first as cond.) 5, B. Best 6.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE. — On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Sperring 1, W. Astle 2, W. Hopwood 3, P. Swindley 4, A. Newall 5, J. W. Clarke 6. W. Griffiths (cond.) 7, R. Gregory 8. In memoriam Walter Thomas.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Carter 1, R. E. Coles 2, T. Yeomans 3, T. M. Roderick 4, A. Hannington 5, H. G. Blick 6, E. Stitch (cond.) 7, W. J. Blick 8. First of Triples by 1, 6, 8.

EDENSOR, DERBYS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss J. D. Dunn 1, Miss C. Broome 2, H. E. Taylor (cond.) 3, G. H. Paulson 4, D. Scott 5, N. Hotchin 6. First quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles by all.

EGHAM, SURREY.—1,280 Bob Major: J. Harling 1, Joan Smith 2, Nora Shorter 3, Mrs. V. Lathbury 4, M. W. Harbot 5, R. J. Shepherd 6, W. Peck 7, R. Lathbury (cond.) 8. First quarter by 1 and 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Joan Smith.

HELMSLEY, YORKS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. W. Bishop (first as cond.) 1, G. Finch 2, J. Leete 3, F. S. Ricketts 4, A. Rutter 5, S. Baldwin (first quarter) 6. First quarter-peal by a local band.

HUYTON, LANCS. — On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Audrey Adshead 1, S. T. Smith 2, Doreen M. Jones (cond., aged 16) 3, E. T. Gore 4, W. Birchall 5, W. R. Birchall 6.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On May 22nd, 1,248 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Y. Tyler 1, J. Chambers (first 'inside') 2, J. King 3, J. Le Marquand (first quarter) 4, G. F. Le Marquand 5, J. J. Mawby 6, B. J. Lewis 7, J. E. Skerritt (first as cond.) 8. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Newman.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX. — At All Saints' on May 22nd, 1,440 changes of Cambridge Surprise Royal: E. Dodds 1, Sheila E. Harris 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Eileen D. Farrell 4, Mrs. K. Parr 5, N. Hollingworth 6, S. Croft 7, T. Davis 8, D. J. Charnley 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. First of Cambridge Royal for all except 3, 6, 9, 10.

KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Grisdale 1, R. F. Grisdale 2, T. Wilson 3, F. Barnes 4, T. Hogarth 5, J. W. Brownrigg 6, H. S. Grisdale (cond.) 7, W. Thompson 8. A farewell to the Vicar, Canon G. K. Carpenter.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS. — On May 22nd at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. B. Webb 1, F. A. Sedgewick 2, E. Elton 3, T. Reynolds 4, John Beresford (first on ten as cond.) 5, A. D. Collins 6, G. Peers 7, W. J. Cope 8, G. E. Oliver 9, M. N. Culling 10. In honour of the visit of H.R.H. the Princess Royal.

LIGHTCLIFFE, HALIFAX.—On May 20th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: H. Wright 1, G. Turner (first in method) 2, J. Greenwood 3, A. Hancock 4, N. Bennett (first in method) 5, W. G. Turner 6, F. Jagger 7, J. Pearson (cond.) 8. Golden wedding compliment to F. W. Bradley, for 56 years a member of the tower.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—On May 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Smith 1, W. Matthews 2, G. Bottomley 3, K. Smith 4, S. Pickford 5, H. Lonyon 6, V. Norbury 7, W. Mashiter 8, F. Yates (cond.) 9, C. Morledge 10.

MANCHESTER.—On May 25th at the Cathedral, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Mary Walshaw 1, F. Barraclough 2, W. A. Theobald 3, J. B. Budd 4, D. Ogden 5, B. Walshaw 6, D. Vincent 7, E. C. Birkett 8, P. W. Cave (cond.) 9, R Leigh 10. For the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. Longden.

MILTON ABBOT, DEVON.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Hill 1, F. R. Johns (first 'inside') 2, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 3, W. C. Boucher 4, J. Rich 5, C. Taylor 6. First quarter on bells. For the enthronement of the Bishop of Exeter.

OVER, CAMBS.—On May 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Careless 1, Miss C. Dunnington 2, D. Adams 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, G. E. Crisp 5, A. Payne 6, W. Bavin 7, M. Ginn (cond.) 8. A farewell to the treble ringer, who is joining the R.A.F.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX. — On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth Geraghty 1, N. Genna (cond.) 2, E. Thurlow 3, F. Robbins 4, Miss P. Holmes 5, J. Crabbe 6, R. Wilkinson 7, H. Stratford 8. Rung for opening of Mission to London.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Old, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): W. B. Kynaston 1, Beryl Strange (17) 2, B. Bladon (15) 3, A. R. Peake (15) 4, J. E. Manners (cond., 15) 5, Bernice Strange (16) 6. First in five methods by all except the treble.

SELLING, KENT.—On May 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Manual 1, P. R. Jemmett 2, C. A. Philpott 3, Miss E. Wyles 4, A. Butler 5, E. Eades 6, F. Pack 7, W. S. Palin (cond.) 8. First in method by all.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's on May 15th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Cox 1, D. Cecil Williams 2, M. J. Butler 3, Miss N. Leahy 4, Mrs. R. Faithfull 5, J. W. Faithfull (cond.) 6, F. White 7, R. Brown 8, C. H. Kippin 9, O. N. Curtis 10. First attempt for 1 and 5.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Wenban 1, A. C. Wenban (first in method) 2, A. Bone 3, G. Cheshire 4, F. Bullock 5, E. J. Leversuch (cond.) 6, G. Hughes 7, R. Lambert (first quarter) 8.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On May 28th, 1,279 Erin Caters: H. L. Aston 1, A. Elsmore 2, M. G. Turner 3, G. W. Hughes 4, A. Adams 5, A. T. Dutton 6, H. Howell (cond.) 7, H. E. Green 8, A. V. Pearson 9, W. A. Walker 10.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's on May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Coles 1, C. Finch (cond.) 2, H. Rumens 3, F. C. Maynard 4, C. T. W. Coles 5, F. Taylor 6. First of Doubles by all except the third.

YEOVIL.—On May 23rd at St. John-the-Baptist, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: L. E. Hole 1, R. Moore 2, T. E. Marks 3, H. Sear 4, J. Pugh 5, H. Gaylard 6, R. G. Field 7, G. Saunders 8, T. J. Setter (cond.) 9, D. V. Gare 10. First of Caters by 1, 2 and 10.

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BIRTH

SPICE.—To Betty Reid, wife of John E. Spice, of 38, Linnet Lane, Liverpool 17, on June 9th, 1949, a daughter (Constance Mary). 5412

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

Handbells by Mears. Two octaves, fully chromatic, perf. cond. Best offer over £225.—Eastmure, 1, Petworth Road, N.12. 5394

MISCELLANEOUS

BURNHAM, BUCKS, BELL-LESS.—There will be no ringing at Burnham owing to the fact that the bells have been dismantled by the Loughborough Foundry. Will all of our ringing friends please note? There will be a welcome for all as soon as the new job is complete, probably towards the end of November. Will all of those who missed it please refer to centre page of 'Ringing World' for April 15th, 1949, column 3? Grateful thanks. Only £2,000 wanted. — George Gilbert, 9, Northampton Avenue, Slough, Bucks. 5402

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The new secretary and treasurer is Mr. Ronald C. Noon, 3, Denton Road, Brafield, Northampton. Copies of photograph, postcard size, 2s. each, 6 for 10s. 6d., 12 for £1. Cash with order from Alex T. Gill, 35, Queen Street, Peterborough. 5406

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Will all concerned please note that the address of the peal secretary is Mr. Shirley Burton, 78, Edward Avenue, Braunstone, near Leicester. 5408

WINGHAM, KENT.—Open practice, Saturday, June 25th, 6 p.m. Everyone, especially learners, welcome. 5420

EXTRA COPIES. — It is an advantage if those requiring extra copies should send their orders at the time copy of peals or quarter-peals are submitted.

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.

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.

No better pen picture of early ringing societies has been published than J. Armiger Trollope's 'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' illustrated, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

The reprint of 'THE COLLECTION OF DOUBLES AND MINOR METHODS" will be welcomed by many who have shown interest in the recently published four-way Table of Minor Methods. This table is for use with the collection, which can now be obtained from the Librarian (3s. 3d. post free), Osmington School, Tring, Herts.

MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting arranged for Frensham on June 18th is now transferred to Farnborough. Bells (6) from 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30. 5351

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch. — Annual, Chipping Norton (8), June 18th. Bells 2.30. 5330

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Oxhey (8), near Bushey Station, L.M.S., Sat., June 18th, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 5370

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western.—Meeting at Queensbury (8), June 18th.—Wm. Ambler, Dis. Sec. 5356

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Meeting, Dartford, June 18th. Bells from 3 p.m.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 5326

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—70th anniversary meeting, Basingstoke, Sat., June 18th. Bells available from 12 o'clock (noon): Basingstoke, St. Michael's (8), All Saints' (9), Overton (8), Deane (6), Oakley (6), and Sherborne St. John (6). Service in St. Michael's Church at 4 p.m.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5360

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting Milton Abbey, June 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4, tea and meeting to follow. 5363

LAVENHAM.—Ringing anniversary, Saturday, June 18th, 2 p.m. Old and new friends all welcome. Tea shop near church.—S. H. Symonds. 5374

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting Appleby Magna, June 18th. Bells (6) 3. 5731

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Cogenhoe (6), June 18th. 5377

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District. — Meeting, Sat., June 18th, Essenden (6), 3. Tea 4.45, at Peartree Tea Rooms. Bus service No. 341, between St. Albans and Hertford, or No. 342 between Hertford and Barnet (leaves Hertford P.O. 27 minutes past each hour, and New Barnet Station 31 minutes past each hour).—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 5355

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting Kinver, Sat., June 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Woden Cafe 5.15, followed by business meeting.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec. 5383

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — Meeting at Blackrod on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available 2.30. Business 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 5419

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—A meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Dorking, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells 3.30. Tea and meeting in the Church Room, 5. Names for tea to Mr. G. H. Coldman, 60, Nower Road, Dorking, by June 22nd.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5358

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District. — Meeting Timberland (6), June 25th. Bells available 2. Service 4.15. Names for tea to reach me by the Tuesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 5365

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Branch. — Annual, Goring (8), June 25th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea 5. Names for tea by 20th.—L. G. Haines, Elvendon Road, Goring, Reading. 5362

STOKE PRIOR (BROMSGROVE, WORCS. —Rededication of 8 bells (6 recast) on Sat., June 25th, 3 p.m., by Bishop of Worcester. Ringing afterwards. Tea provided for those notifying me by June 20th.—H. Nicklin, Greenbank, Hanbury Road, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove. (Phone, Bromsgrove 2512.) 5361

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District. —Meeting at Albury on June 25th. Arrangements as usual. Tea 2s. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. T. Ansell, Water Lane, Albury, by June 20th. Shere bells available after tea. 5372

DEVON GUILD. — Buckfast Abbey, Buckfastleigh (12), Saturday, June 25th. Usual arrangements. — A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 5389

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Henbury (8), June 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by June 20th to Miss Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 5387

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston and Loughborough Districts.—Joint meeting at Birstall, June 25th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. If requiring tea please notify Mr. F. Key, 36, Firfield Avenue, Birstall, near Leicester, not later than Tuesday, June 21st. 5388

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Rotherfield, Saturday, June 25th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by 22nd to S. Russell, North Street, Rotherfield. — P. H. Rollison. Hon. Div. Sec. 5391

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, June 25th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 5393

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Stapleford, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Little Rose.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 5395

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Ripon (10 bells), June 25th. Tea 5. Names by Wednesday, June 22nd, to Edward Hudson, Dis. Sec., Lister Cottages, Sharow, Ripon. 5397

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at St. Paul's, Walden, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 22nd to Mr. J. Whitbread, Hornhill, Whitwell, Hitchin.—A. E. Symonds, Dis Sec. 5698

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Wistaston (6 bells), June 25th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 5414

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury District.—A meeting will be held at Bury St. Edmunds on Saturday, June 25th. Names for tea to be sent to district secretary by 22nd. Important business of election of new district secretary.—E. W. Pye, 295, Bramford Lane, Ipswich. 5415

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—The 326th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (12) available at noon. Lunch (3s. 6d.) at 1.15 p.m. for those who notify me by 23rd.—L. E. Pitstow, 23, Highfields. 5416

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Annual meeting arranged for June 25th postponed. Further details later.—J. J. L. Gilbert, District Sec. 5417

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION with GUILDFORD and OXFORD GUILDS.—Joint meeting, Saturday, June 25th. Bells of Egham, Wraysbury, St. Peter's, Staines, 3 to 5, also evening. Tea, Staines, 5.15. — A. Barker, F. Finch, F. Hawthorne, Secs. 5400

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting, Wirksworth, Saturday, June 25th, 3 o'clock. Names for tea to Mr. B. Greatorex, 6, Coldwell Street, Wirksworth, by June 22nd.—J. F. Wilkinson. 5401

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Kirby Bellars, Saturday, June 25th. Bells 2.30. Tea and meeting in Village Hall 4.30. Please notify Mr. A. Wheeler, Kirby Bellars, by the 23rd. 5404

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch outing, Saturday, June 25th. Bus starts from Byfield 12 noon, calling at Charwelton and Staverton, leaving Daventry 12.30 p.m. approx.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 5407

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Bristol, Saturday, June 25th. Towers available: St. Philip's (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Stephen's (10), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; All Saints' (8), St. John's (6), 2.30 to 4 p.m. and 7.30 to 8.30; St. Mary Redcliffe, 7.30 to 8.30. Service at St. Philip's 4.15. Tea at Emmanuel Parish Hall, Midland Road, 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea must reach Miss A. Brown, 47, Hayward Road, Redfield, Bristol 5, by Tuesday, June 21st.—H. G. Snowden, Hon. Sec. 5410

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 25th, Pleasley (5). Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 22nd, to Mr. C. Rogers, Ventnor, Buttery Lane, Skegby, Mansfield, Notts. 5409

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Burrington, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) 2.30. Divine service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Mendip Gate Cafe. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, June 22nd.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 5396

LEEDS AND SELBY DISTRICT SOCIETIES will hold a joint meeting at Kippax on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided, members to bring own food. Business meeting to follow tea (approx. 6 p.m.).—H. Lofthouse and H. Foster, Hon. Secs. 5411

BURNHAM, BUCKS. — Bell Sunday, June 26th, 2.15. Parade in Church Street. 5403

NORTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE. — Wednesday, June 29th, 7.30 p.m. Dedication of new treble, Victory Bell. Original five rehung with modern fittings. All subscribers and bellringers specially invited. 5392

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and prize contest, Longwood, Sat., July 2nd. Entrance fee 7s. 6d., to be received by secretary by Sat., June 25th. For tea, notify A. Rotheray, 132, Quarmby Road, Longwood, Huddersfield, by Sat., June 25th.—A. Farrand, Sec., 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughtown, Mossley, Manchester, Lancashire. 5364

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Annual meeting Lichfield, Sat., July 2nd. Cathedral bells 2.30 to 3.15 and 6.15 to 7; St. Mary's (8), St. Michael's (6) from 3. Service in Cathedral 3.30. Tea at Guildhall 4.30; 2s. to paid-up members, to others 2s. 6d. Names by June 28th to the Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 5368

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Clifton-on-Teme, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, June 28th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 5413

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — The annual festival will be held at Gorseinon, July 2nd. Numbers for tea by June 28th latest.—D. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., 8, Chapel Buildings, Clydach, Swansea. 5422

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division. — A meeting will be held at All Saints', Maldon (8), Saturday, July 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Hubble, 19, Queen's Road, Maldon, not later than July 1st. 5418

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Summer meeting Henfield, Sussex, Sat., July 9th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Cruttenden, High Street, Henfield. Will those who intend to travel on the 2.18 p.m. from Victoria please notify me early as possible, as arrangements are being made for party tickets to be issued at single fare for the double journey. — A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5373

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly, St. Peter's, Thanet, July 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea by kind invitation. Names must reach me not later than Friday, June 24th. Please note early notification.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 5405

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS. — The dedication of the new ring of eight by the Lord Bishop of Birmingham will take place on Saturday, July 9th, at 3.30 p.m. Ringing afterwards—all ringers cordially invited. 1.20 and 2.30 p.m. trains from Birmingham (Moor Street) met at Danzey Station. Names for tea (free) to J. H. Jones, Bank House, Tanworth-in-Arden, by July 6th, please. 5390

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bulkington, Nuneaton. Preliminary notice. The dedication of the two new bells will be on July

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16th by the Assistant Bishop of Coventry, at 3 o'clock. Further details later.—A. J. Hinde, Dis. Sec. 5399

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice. — Annual festival, Oxford, July 23rd. Will choristers intending to be present please get in touch with Mr. F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon, as soon as possible.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 5386

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. Division. — Please note amended arrangements. Meeting at Leytonstone for July 2nd cancelled. Substitute July 23rd, Loughton. Meeting at Waltham Abbey, September 24th, not October 1st. —F. V. Gant. 5385

GUILDFORD GUILD (Farnham District), WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Basingstoke District) and OXFORD GUILD (Sonning Deanery Branch). — Preliminary notice.—The Three Guilds Festival will be held on Saturday, Aug. 27th, at Hawley. Ringing at Hawley, Sandhurst, Yateley and Yorktown with Finchampstead (evening only). Bagshot and Farnborough (afternoon only). Coach will tour the towers in the evening. Service at 4. Tea at 4.30 at Hawley. Full details later.—G. S. Joyce, J. Chesterman, B. Castle, District Secs. 5352

QUARTER PEALS

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET. — On May 23rd, 1,260 Bob Minor: T. Griffin 1, J. Holbrook 2, J. Fowler 3, D. Hoare 4, E. F. Connock 5, J. N. Brown 6. First of Minor by 2, 3, 4.

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Norman (first quarter) 1, C. Brass 2, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 3, A. Harding 4, H. Norman 5, T. Kendrick 6.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.—On May 25th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss J. F. Winterbourne (first in the method) 1, Miss N. Honey 2, M. C. H. Collett (first 'inside' in the method) 3, E. G. Moore 4, B. S. Nichols 5, C. Coles 6, W. J. Dixon 7, C. G. Calcutt (cond.) 8.

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METHOD EXTENSION

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PROBABLY more ink has been spilled, and more time and space wasted, over the question of method extension than over any other matter with which the Exercise has been concerned. There has lately been a recurrence of a controversy which arises periodically, regarding the extension of London Surprise from Major to Royal, and it was presumably to further the claims of one version of the Royal that a motion came before the Central Council at York. This motion was introduced by a speech of so complex a character that it is doubtful if the proposer himself was aware of its exact significance, and it is quite certain that most, if not all, of the other members present were equally in the dark. Moreover, as Dr. Hatcher was in attendance as a representative of the Kenty County Association, it would be interesting to know how the members of that body regard his appearance, at their expense, as the self-confessed mouthpiece of the Universities Association.

A certain section of the Exercise has, it would seem, been 'blinded with science' to the extent of believing that tedious argument using pseudo-mathematical jargon must inevitably possess greater accuracy than a discussion conducted in ordinary ringing terms. These people fail to realise that the experts of the past were quite capable of clear reasoning, and that they themselves have no monopoly of wisdom. All material arguments on the subject of method extension were put forward years ago, and it may safely be said that if in the past no agreement could be reached on what was the correct extension of a particular method, none is likely now. The recent series of articles added little or nothing to what was already known on the subject, except perhaps to propound the peculiar view that where the theoretically correct extension is inadmissible because it produces an irregular leadhead, the 'nearest possible' will suffice. This is obviously nonsense. Either an extension is or is not correct, and if it is not it has no claim whatever to the title of the basic method.

Luckily, in many cases no dispute arises, but it is unfortunate that London does not come in that category. Were the method a comparatively simple one, all dispute on the subject would have ended long ago, but London is so synonymous with maximum difficulty that both ringers and composers alike seem to succumb to the magic of its name. Thus peals in three different methods have quite incorrectly been published as of 'London Surprise Royal.' The Council had the courage to re-name the first of these, and it is a pity it did not insist on fresh names for the other two. However, now that we are threatened with a peal in a fourth version of the method, perhaps the Council, through the Methods Committee, will take the opportunity afforded by the motion passed in considerable haste at York to redeem some of its vacillations of the past by declaring unequivocally that London Royal as a legitimate method does not exist.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 4 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;
Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

Edward Jenkins	*Treble*	Frederick Seager ...	7
Charles J. Sedgley ...	2	*Walter Allman	8
C. Kenneth Lewis ...	3	*Ronald H. Dove ...	9
John E. Bibby	4	George E. Symonds ...	10
*Ralph G. Edwards ...	5	James C. E. Simpson...	11
*W. Norman Park ...	6	Cecil W. Pipe ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by James C. E. Simpson.
* First peal of Bob Maximus. First peal in the method on the bells.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in C sharp.

J. Frank Smallwood	*Treble*	Daniel D. Cooper ...	7
Albert Walker	2	Leslie W. G. Morris...	8
George E. Fearn ...	3	George W. Cecil ...	9
John Anderson	4	Thomas G. Myers ...	10
William J. Davidson	5	Frederick E. Collins...	11
*Denis A. Bayles ...	6	Wilfred Williams ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Fredk. E. Collins.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. in C.

Charles McGuiness	*Treble*	†Ronald H. Dove ...	7
George W. Pipe ...	2	Harold Walker	8
*Mrs. Olive L. Rogers	3	Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow	9
Nolan Golden	4	William C. Duffield ...	10
Harold W. Rogers ...	5	*John E. Turley	11
George E. Symonds ...	6	Cecil W. Pipe ...	*Tenor*

Composed by James Motts. Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Treble Twelve. First peal in the method on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., June 7, 1949, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 37 cwt.

William C. Dowding	*Treble*	John N. Lindon ...	7
Frank E. Pervin	2	Sidney O'C. Holloway	8
Frank E. Haynes	3	Arthur V. Pearson ...	9
Edgar C. Shepherd ...	4	Leonard Trevor	10
Arthur D. Cook	5	Arthur Pritchard ...	11
Terry R. Hampton ...	6	Edward T. Lloyd ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by F. E. Haynes.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., June 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Edgar C. Shepherd	*Treble*	H. James Turner	7
Frank E. Haynes	2	Arthur D. Cook	8
G. William Critchley ...	3	Henry H. Fearn ...	9
Albert Walker	4	John Pinfold	10
William C. Dowding ...	5	Arthur Pritchard ...	11
Terry R. Hampton ...	6	George E. Fearn ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by G. Wm. Critchley.
First peal of Stedman as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., June 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

Howard Howell ...	*Treble*	Arthur T. Dutton ...	6
Maurice G. Turner ...	2	Alan Elsmore	7
Albert D. Collins ...	3	Richard J. Warrilow ...	8
George W. Hughes ...	4	John N. Lindon ...	9
Christopher Wallater...	5	John Luck	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Howard Howell.
To celebrate the birthdays of H.M. King George VI.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 34¼ cwt.

Milton C. Fowler	*Treble*	Edward Jenkins	6
Arthur Firth	2	Ernest A. Thorpe ...	7
J. Edward Cawser ...	3	J. Frederick Milner ...	8
Leslie W. G. Morris ...	4	Cecil W. Pipe	9
W. Eric Critchley ...	5	James C. E. Simpson ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
First peal of Yorkshire Royal on the bells.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Fri., June 10, 1949, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

George L. Roden	*Treble*	Joseph W. Cotton ...	6
William J. Leach ...	2	Barnabas G. Key ...	7
*Rhoda Hemming ...	3	†Sidney H. Jones	8
Joseph H. Brittan ...	4	Gordon Harrison ...	9
*Edward J. White ...	5	‡William Minor ...	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Micklewright. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal of Caters 'inside.' † 50th peal. ‡ First peal on ten bells. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

John E. Rootes ...	*Treble*	†William Wenban ...	5
Christopher W. Woolley	2	‡Fredk. W. Brinklow...	6
*Thomas J. Clark ...	3	Harold G. Cashmore...	7
*Ralph E. W. Wenban...	4	Thomas H. Francis ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Harold G. Cashmore.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' ‡ 400th peal. In memoriam Eric B. Hartley and Francis A. Smith.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

William H. Coles (Vice-President)	*Treble*
Frederick A. Finch (District Secretary)	2
*Leonard H. Bowler (Assistant General Secretary)	3
Albert W. Coles (Vice-President)	4
Alick Cutler (District Ringing Master)	5
Thomas J. Lock (District Secretary)	6
Charles W. Roberts (Ringing Master)	7
Tony Price (Deputy District Ringing Master)	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Chas. W. Roberts.
* 50th peal for the Association. Rung by officers of the Association as a compliment to the Rector, Rev. Percival Gough, M.A., on his election as president.

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HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tom Brothwell ...	...*Treble*	Arnold Hill	5
John H. Brothwell ...	2	Arthur Firth	6
F. Bernard Ditcher ...	3	John J. L. Gilbert ...	7
Jack G. Brothwell ...	4	John E. Turley	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by John J. L. Gilbert.
A compliment to Mr. J. H. Brothwell, who celebrated his 75th birthday the same day. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Comprising 2,688 London, 1,056 Bristol, 672 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

Thomas J. Lock ...	...*Treble*	Leonard H. Bowler ...	5
*C. Edward Jeffries ...	2	Maurice Hodgson ...	6
Alick Cutler	3	Alfred J. House ...	7
Thomas H. Francis ...	4	Charles W. Roberts ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Charles W. Roberts.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Remigius,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Jean Bell	...*Treble*	Nolan Golden	5
George H. Moore ...	2	Raymond G. Lofty ...	6
Eileen Bracey	3	Charles H. Moore ...	7
Gordon Elvin	4	William Clover ...	*Tenor*

Composed by James S. Wilde. Conducted by Nolan Golden.
In honour of the birth of a son to the Rev. and Mrs. H. L. H. Townshend, of Hethersett. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 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.

*Audrey B. Castell	...*Treble*	†James P. Blond	5
James Gordon	2	Douglas Jordan ...	6
George W. Bishop ...	3	Robert B. Blond ...	7
Henry L. Bishop ...	4	Frank Castell ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by James Gordon.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Twenty-seven courses. Tenor 7 cwt. 89 lb. in B.

Herbert C. Read	...*Treble*	George Sayer	5
Nolan Golden	2	George Bailey	6
F. Charles Goodman...	3	†Thomas Simmons ...	7
*Sidney Marshall ...	4	†H. William Barrett...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' † First peal in the method.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. Parker's Six-part (No. 10). Tenor 9½ cwt.

*Stanley V. Rayfield ...	...*Treble*	*Trevor A. Cross ...	5
*George H. Spice	2	*Eric Naylor	6
*William A. Wood ...	3	George A. Naylor ...	7
Francis J. Cheal ...	4	George Wood	*Tenor*

Conducted by George A. Naylor.
* First peal in the method.

WINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*Peter Newing ...	...*Treble*	*John H. Baxter	5
Peter J. H. Small ...	2	Thomas H. Holmes ...	6
Frank Bennett	3	*Wilfred C. F. Goldup	7
William Bottrill ...	4	*Edward J. Wells ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by William Bottrill.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 19½ cwt.

BRIDPORT, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*Norman Mallett	...*Treble*	†George H. Whitemore	5
†Roger Keeley	2	Henry G. Keeley ...	6
Cuthbert W. Powell...	3	‡Peter J. Staniforth ...	7
Jill Poole	4	G. Stedman Morris ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by G. Stedman Morris.
* First peal of Major. † First of Surprise. ‡ 100th peal. The conductor's 100th peal of Surprise. Tenor 21 cwt.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

George A. Fleming	...*Treble*	Willoughby E. Maulden	5
William Wightman ...	2	Charles E. Fisher ...	6
Sylvia R. E. Pipe ...	3	William J. Button ...	7
Charles W. Beecroft ...	4	Walter W. Miller ...	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Sylvia R. E. Pipe.
Rung on the 57th anniversary of the 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob at Debenham. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

HEDON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Augustine,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

Leonard Rodmell	...*Treble*	Philip H. Speck	5
George F. Williams ...	2	John W. Hobson	6
Walter Goddard	3	Fred Osgerby	7
Albert E. Sellers... ...	4	Charles Barker	*Tenor*

Composed by Fredk. Dench. Conducted by Geo. F. Williams.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Grove's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

*Miss May Smith	...*Treble*	William Davies	5
Harry Hill	2	Roderick J. Lees	6
*Thomas Tromans ...	3	Thomas A. Townsend ...	7
Stanley Prestidge ...	4	Henry Hubball	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas A. Townsend.
* First peal. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Townsend.

WEATHERBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Containing 1,312 Bristol, 1,184 Cambridge, 1,280 London and 1,376 Superlative, with 112 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

Walter Allman	...*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis ...	5
Leslie W. G. Morris	2	Edward Jenkins	6
*Margaret Fidell ...	3	Thomas J. Lock	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 Major in four methods. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 7, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthias,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. Parker's Six-part (C.C.C. No. 13). Tenor 16½ cwt.

Allen Morgan	...*Treble*	Charles J. Clarke ...	5
R. George Morris ...	2	Denis R. Morris	6
*Claudia A. Harding ...	3	Thomas W. Lewis ...	7
George E. Large ...	4	Chris. F. Blissett ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Large.
* First peal in the method.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 8, 1949, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Day's. Tenor 18 cwt.

Joseph Thornley	...*Treble*	Percy H. Derbyshire...	5
Joseph Boyer	2	Arthur Burton	6
Raymond Scott	3	Peter Crook, sen. ...	7
Roy Collier	4	*William Scott	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter Crook, sen.
* First peal. In memoriam John Potter. Bells rung fully muffled.

KEGWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., June 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 lb. in E flat.

THOMAS C. BELTON	*Treble*	DENIS R. CARLISLE	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	6
ALAN CATTELL	3	ALFRED MOULD	7
JOHN J. MORRIS	4	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. F. TROTMAN. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.
First peal of Surprise Major on the bells. A 79th birthday compliment to Mr. Felix Sutton, in his 60th year as ringer at this church.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., June 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

ERNEST WALLACE	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	5
RICHARD A. GOFTON	2	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON	6
MARGARET FIDELL	3	*THOMAS G. MYERS	7
JOHN ANDERSON	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal in the method.

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*HARRY POYNER	*Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH	5
†G. STANLEY BREWIN	2	HAROLD J. POOLE	6
DOROTHY M. UDALE	3	ALAN JACQUES	7
†BRIAN AUSTIN	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal on tower bells. † First of Surprise Major on 'inside' bell.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 10, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

THOMAS W. WHEAT	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FOSTER	5
SAMUEL PINDER	2	PHILIP L. PARROTT	6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3	EDWARD C. GOBEY	7
ARTHUR FOWKES	4	J. FREDERICK MILNER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

SIX BELL PEALS

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*FRANK MORETON	*Treble*	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	4
JOHN E. S. MORETON	2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	5
JAMES F. CLARKE	3	†LEONARD TREVOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN and LEONARD TREVOR.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Bob Minor on tower bells. First peal on the back six. The 720's were called alternately by the conductors, who shared the last extent. In honour of Ann Julie Trotman, christened at this church the previous day.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent T.B. Tenor 8 cwt.

ALBERT W. BARBER	*Treble*	SIDNEY MARSHALL	4
GEORGE P. ADAMS	2	BERT GOGLE	5
GEORGE T. BUNNING	3	VINCENT R. OVENS	*Tenor*

Conducted by VINCENT R. OVENS.
First peal as conductor in more than one method.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., June 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob and one 720 of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

MISS JEAN WARD	*Treble*	JOHN B. BENNETT	4
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	2	ALAN CATTELL	5
ERNEST MORRIS	3	JOHN BRAMLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.
A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Gordon A. Oliffe.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT, STELLA,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*JOHN ANDERSON	*Treble*	STEPHEN THOMPSON	4
*DENIS A. BAYLES	2	*THOMAS G. MYERS	5
WILLIAM E. ROBINSON	3	*FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor. Tenor 6 cwt. 27 lb. in B.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Canterbury, Carlisle, Chester, London, Cambridge, Beverley and York. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ALAN E. JACQUES	*Treble*	*REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	4
*ROLAND BENISTON	2	†G. RONALD EDWARDS	5
*C. WILLIAM HALL	3	†ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.
* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First in seven Surprise methods. First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal of seven Surprise methods for the Guild and in the county.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

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

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Double Oxford and Plain Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOSEPH BOOTH	*Treble*	*MISS DOROTHY OSBORN	4
ALBERT H. BOOTH	2	DAVID SMITH	5
ERIC HORNBY	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
* First peal in four methods.

TEWIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of Oxford Bob, two 720's each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ROBERT A. COCHRANE	*Treble*	†J. MARTIN PAGE	4
ERIC EDMONDSON	2	NATHAN PATMORE	5
†STANLEY HUCKLE	3	SYDNEY F. CARTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by SYDNEY F. CARTER.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor in four methods. Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells and first peal since augmentation.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Norwich, Bourne, Cambridge, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

ALBERT E. SYMONDS	*Treble*	LEONARD FIDLER	4
GEORGE CHERRY	2	WILLIAM J. CROFT	5
EDGAR W. WINTERS	3	FRANK W. CROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kunkler on the birth of a son.

BIDDENHAM, BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents: (1) London, (2) Wells, (3) Durham, (4) York, (5) Beverley, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge.

Pearl Inskip	*Treble*	C. Edward Jeffries ...	4
Ronald J. Sharp	2	William Stapleton ...	5
Miss Evelyn Steel ...	3	Andrew C. Sinfield ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Stapleton.
A compliment to Miss E. Steel on the eve of her 70th birthday.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Albert W. Barber ...	*Treble*	George T. Bunning ...	4
Sidney Marshall	2	Bert Gogle	5
George P. Adams	3	Henry Tooke	*Tenor*

Conducted by Henry Tooke.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 17 in A.

Herbert A. Mitchell ...	1-2	Daniel T. Matkin	5-6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3-4	James E. Daniels	7-8

Conducted by Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., June 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. John Thomas	1-2	John Thomas	5-6
Maurice J. Thurmott ...	3-4	Ronald H. Bullen	7-8

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by John Thomas.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., June 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
At 37, Warkworth Street,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 14 in D.

*Chris. G. Woodhead ...	1-2	†Anne B. Stockdale ...	5-6
Geoffrey Dodds	3-4	John A. Acres...	7-8
		*Christopher Moor ...	9-10

Arranged and Conducted by Geoffrey Dodds.
* First of Royal 'in hand.' †First on an 'inside' pair. First of Royal 'in hand' as conductor. In honour of the visit of the Chancellor of the University, F.M. Smuts.

CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., June 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Residence of George 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 J. Reeves. Conducted by George Wightman.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

William G. Young	1-2	Daniel T. Matkin	5-6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay...	3-4	*Roy C. Hurst	7-8
		William Rogers	9-10

Composed by Ed. Francis. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
* First peal of Royal away from the tenors.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At Osmington School,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's called differently.

Pamela Martin	1-2	W. H. J. Hooton	3-4
		*Rosemary Smith	5-6

Conducted by W. H. J. Hooton.
* First peal on an 'inside' pair.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Miss Evelyn Steel, president of the Bedfordshire Association, and well known in connection with the Ladies' Guild, participated in a peal rung in her honour on the eve of her 70th birthday on June 9th. Miss Steel is very fit and is to be congratulated on this as on many other occasions in not making a trip. After the peal, by kind invitation of Miss Steel and her sister, the band adjourned to Kings Close for refreshment.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, of Bournemouth, has called peals of Grandsire Triples from each pair.

First lady member of St. Andrew's, Netherton, Worcs., band to ring a peal is Miss May Smith.

With peals at Wakefield and Leeds, Mr. R. H. Dove has completed peals of Kent and Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

Apropos the peal at Wakefield, a reader asks, Is Mrs. Olive Rogers the first lady to ring a twelve-bell peal in Yorkshire?

The peal by servers commented on at the Central Council meeting was rung on Sept. 2nd, 1932.

Those who rang the peal at Wivelsfield, Sussex, were certainly under a misapprehension that the bells had not received professional attention since 1894. They were in the hands of the Whitechapel Foundry as recently as November, 1947, writes the Master of the Sussex County Association.

The claim submitted that Miss Margaret Fidell was the first lady to ring two Surprise peals in a day is incorrect. Miss Hilda Snowden did such a performance in 1933 or 1934, Mrs. Harold J. Poole twice in 1923, and Mrs. Sylvia Pipe on August 14th, 1948. We understand there are other ladies who have such a record.

From Kenya writes Mr. Desmond G. Mayell: 'I must say how very glad I am to receive my "Ringing Worlds" and hear of the progress being made, although it is very disappointing not being able able to ring in Nairobi. One never realises just how much ringing does mean until it cannot be had at any price.'

Mr. Arthur Firth has 'circled' Rotherham tower.

Congratulations to Mr. Peter J. Staniforth on his 100th peal. The occasion was the 100th Surprise peal for the conductor, Mr. G. Stedman Morris.

A correspondent desires to call Mr. F. Bennett's attention to another tower in Kent, Sandwich, where no peal has yet been rung. He adds that there is no likelihood of one.

A peal of Cambridge Royal was rung at Ripon Cathedral on May 19th, 1934. The claim in last week's 'Ringing World' is thus a little out of date.

Regarding the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal rung at Christ Church, Macclesfield, on May 7th, the ringer of the 8th was Mr. Walter Allman and not Mr. C. W. Lawton as previously stated.

By ringing a peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor at Blaydon-on-Tyne, Mr. F. E. Collins, of the Surrey Association, and Mr. John Anderson, North Staffs Association, have completed the cycle of Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

The organiser of the Exeter peal band replies to Mr. A. P. Cannon's quip in the following terms: 'Who wants to ring bad going bells to peals? Probably all Mr. Cannon succeeded in doing at Ticehurst was to leave an impression behind him that the bells did not require any attention. He gave himself a good hiding in the bargain!'

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CENTRAL COUNCIL AT YORK *(Continued from page 284)*

Record Lengths and Council Decisions ..... Liverpool Cathedral Bells ..... Ringers 'Fast Dying Out' Refuted ..... 'Ringing World' Debate

RECORDS COMMITTEE.

THE committee reported the following new methods and progressive lengths rung during the year:—

Tower bells. — 5,040 Longney Bob Major, Oxford Diocesan Guild; 5,088 Cheshire Surprise Major, Chester Diocesan Guild; 5,040 Spliced Oxford Bob, Grandsire, St. Clement's and Double Court Triples, Sussex County Assn.; 5,184 Withyham Surprise Major, Sussex County Association; 5,040 Prittlewell Surprise Royal, Essex Association; 5,120 Shenley Surprise Major, Hertford County Association; 5,152 Stanton Surprise Major, Leicester Diocesan Guild; 5,088 Bayswater Surprise Major, Middlesex County Association; 5,152 Stockport Surprise Major, Chester Diocesan Guild; 5,088 New London Court Bob Major, Norwich Diocesan Association; 5,152 Ramsey Surprise Major, Chester Diocesan Guild; 5,120 Ospringe Surprise Major, Kent County Association; 5,152 Edinburgh Delight Major, Leicester Diocesan Guild; 5,120 Spliced Surprise Major (22 methods), Lincoln Diocesan Guild; 5,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Maximus, St. Martin's Guild; 5,040 Rutland Surprise Royal, St. Martin's Guild.

Progressive lengths. — 5,600 Aldenham Surprise Major, Chester Diocesan Guild. Handbells: 13,664 Double Norwich C.B. Major, Hertford County Association; 10,800 Plain Bob Royal, Ely Diocesan Association.

On tower bells peals of Doubles have been rung in 30, 33 and 42 methods.

Mrs. Fletcher moved the adoption of the report and Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded.

Mr. Harold Poole: What is the position of the Double Norwich peal? Is it allowed or not?

The Chairman: It is put down as a progressive length.

Mr. Poole: We have no authority to get over the Decisions.

Mr. Anderson: Can't we get over it by the members not being aware of the rules?

Mr. Johnson: Is there anyone who will say that ignorance is accepted as a plea in law?

Mr. Woolley: Have the Standing Committee any idea of revising these rules, as they are out of date? If the committee are not doing anything I should like to propose a motion to abolish them all.

The Chairman: A sub-committee has been appointed.

Mr. Johnson: The previous handbell lengths were subject to these Decisions, and while there is nothing to prevent a band ringing a record length without those who rang the previous one being told, it means that while those Decisions are on the books we cannot swallow our words. Once you have a decision you must adhere to it.

Mr. A. H. Pulling: When we rang our handbell peal we had people walking in and out during the whole time. You have your rules and you ought to stick to them. The trouble of this Council is that it is weak in saying 'No.'

Mr. Barnett: Last year this peal was discussed and it was agreed to accept it.

The report was then adopted.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES.

The Chairman, in a verbal report, said the committee had dealt with 26 towers and had replied to enquiries by the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings on the movement of towers. Last year the committee called attention to the need of sound control, and in five cases information was supplied. Mr. Osborn had called attention to the need of clappering so that all bells up to 25 cwt. could be rung up in peal with clappers on the right side. A book in original calculation of horizontal forces had been reproduced photographically. He thanked Mr. Hazelden for his work in this direction.

On the question of sound control he would like to mention two cases with which he had been connected. In one of these towers the windows were blocked up with a layer of asbestos and other material at a cost of a little over £16. In the other case the ringers were able to scrounge asbestos sheeting and felt that furniture people use and a lining of plywood. The ringers did the job themselves and the total cost was about 30s.

Two years ago Mr. Newton gave some information about Liverpool bells and the possibility of those bells being finished. Mr. Newton had let him see a letter which the Dean of Liverpool had written, and without reading any part of that letter the substance was if the labour and material were available, Mr. Newton should be able to notify his friend that in 18 months' time it would be possible to make music at Liverpool. Permission has to be got, but the Dean is hopeful.

The Secretary said at the Standing Committee Mr. Lewis' book was examined by the members of the committee, and in view of the importance of the calculations it contained it was thought desirable that copies should be presented to some of the scientific bodies and the British Museum. The Standing Committee recommended that six copies be obtained.

Mr. Harold Rogers seconded and the report was adopted.

LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING COMMITTEE.

References to bells and the art of ringing, both in the Press and in broadcast programmes, appear to indicate a wide and increasing interest in the subject, and it is satisfactory to note a marked improvement in accuracy. The part played by ringers last November in celebrating the birth of a Prince aroused enthusiastic interest among journalists.

Local newspapers in all parts of the country devote considerable space to events connected with the belfry. A recent instance is to hand in an article on the Henry Johnson Dinner published in 'The Birmingham Gazette,' with a picture of ringers holding their ropes in St. Chad's Cathedral. Lictures given by members of St. Martin's Guild have also been reported in the local Press, thus reaching a wider audience and creating a demand for more.

While 'The Ringing World' continues to flourish and increase its circulation at home, the New South Wales Association has produced a journal of its own under the title of 'The Ringing Towers.' We wish this praiseworthy enterprise all success.

With regard to broadcasting, we are glad to present in most respects a satisfactory report. Talks on bellringing have found a place in a number of programmes: one by a young girl telling of her introduction to the art was especially pleasing. Descriptions of the making, hanging and ringing of bells have been broadcast from foundries, with demonstrations of change ringing. Handbell music has been introduced in the Children's Hour and on other occasions. Christmastide broadcasts included both church bells and handbells in various places. The eight bells of Congresbury, Somerset, have been heard on several occasions. On one or two occasions ringers have been televised, and at the Henry Johnson dinner the B.B.C. recorded the speeches and also the Stedman Cinques rung on handbells, part of which was reproduced in the Round Britain series. In Ireland the bells of Christchurch Cathedral, Dublin, were broadcast on New Year's Eve.

In the important matter of ringing before a broadcast service we are able to report some measure of progress. On Easter Day this year bells did appear in the official programme, though it was to be regretted that a Choral Eucharist was broadcast from a cathedral without any sound of bells. It is now the regular practice to allow a brief period of uninterrupted ringing, but in very many cases it is curtailed to little more than a minute. In the Midland Region a satisfactory understanding has been established between ringers and officials of the B.B.C., but in the West strong representations have been made with respect to the very short time allocated to ringing. The committee consider that two minutes without any sort of interruption is a reasonable period for broadcasting bells before a service.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, in moving the adoption of the report, said that as to broadcasting, some correspondence between the Devonshire Guild and the Rev. Martin Willson, of the B.B.C., had taken place, and it could be said that that correspondence had done good. In recent weeks a reasonable time had been allowed for the ringing before broadcasting programmes. The correspondents from the Devonshire Guild asked for five minutes. He was sure that was out of the question; it ought to be a good solid two minutes, and in that time it would be possible to get 40 changes and a few well-struck rounds. In recent weeks there had been some improvement and the bells had appeared in print on the radio programme.

Mr. Edwards read a paragraph from a trade publication dealing with the production of electronic church bells by a factory at Norwich commending the apparatus, as it replaced that specialist who was fast dying out, the bellringer. It was proposed to have the apparatus on view at the British Industries Fair. Mr. Edwards expressed the hope that the specialists in existence would keep a watchful eye on Norwich.

Mr. F. C. Smale said his Guild had had correspondence with the Rev. Martin Willson. In his last letter he asked for two minutes. The recent broadcast from Portsmouth was exceedingly good, but it lasted only 1 minute 15 seconds. For the present he was afraid they would have to be satisfied with one minute of uninterrupted ringing.

Mr. Fred Rogers said as one who took part in the broadcast, the Rev. Martin Willson's promise was to give one minute of uninterrupted ringing.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow said the paragraph that Mr. Edwards had read out was only two true except that the specialists were dying out. He was rung up by the people concerned and they told him that they had their bells in a fit state to look at. He went to the factory and was not a little astonished to hear the most remarkable imitation of Grandsire Triples that he had heard hitherto. It was composed of eight pieces of piano wire and the electrifying device that connected with the amplifier, and one could hear the bells five miles away or just near one by turning a knob. It was not open to some of the objections because the Grandsire method required a certain human artistry to play this. He tried to smash the apparatus by playing chords. There were only one or two minor technical qualifications to be made before this instrument was capable of making precisely the same effect as a ring of bells. It seemed that the only thing they could do was

to get the Chancellors of dioceses to withhold faculties. It seemed to him the most serious competition they had had to face.

Mr. Harold Poole asked if Mr. Thurlow succeeded in impressing the firm that bellringers were not dying out and did he succeed in selling one of his books? (laughter).

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE.

Mr. Walter Ayre said he had heard nothing from the convener of the committee and had received no report since the last meeting.

The Secretary replied that the fact was that there was nothing to report. The Standing Committee had had a letter from Mr. Wilson, who had resigned from the Council and intimated that the committee had not met since the war. The remaining members of the committee were requested to appoint a convener and to obtain the papers in the possession of Mr. Wilson. They suggested that Mr. J. W. Clarke, of the Chester Guild, would be willing to serve on the committee.

The Council agreed to co-opt Mr. Clarke on the committee.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE.

A great volume of steady work has been accomplished during the past twelve months to fill in the gaps in our knowledge of early members of the Council. This has involved many hours of searching through old volumes of 'Church Bells' and 'Bell News' for information.

The problem of an efficient storage and filing system for the records has been tackled this year, and it was decided to use a large envelope for each person's records, filing them alphabetically.

During the existence of the 1945, 1946 and 1947 Councils questionnaire forms requesting biographical information were posted to all new members. Our knowledge is fairly complete, but 35 persons did not return the forms. New members of 1948-9 vintage have not yet been circularised.

The Secretary said that in the absence of Mr. Hazelden and Mr. Viggers he moved the adoption of the report.

'RINGING WORLD' ACCOUNTS.

The accounts of 'The Ringing World' showed a net profit of £227 3s. 5d. Income was: Rolls House Publishing Company, £1,079 9s. 9d.; postal subscribers, £991 16s. 6d.; advertisements, £195 11s. 2d.; notices, £321 16s. 7d.; sale of 'History of College Youths,' £24 13s. 6d. On the expenses side there had been no charge for clerical assistance.

Presenting the accounts, the Hon. Secretary said they showed a profit of £227. That profit could be very misleading. In the first place they had 53 issues during the year and had only charged postal subscribers for 52. The second point was that they had had a considerable number of eight-page issues and obviously it did not cost so much to print them. If they had had all 12-page issues the accounts might easily have shown a loss of £250. There was another thing. If they were to pay for the work done by the Editor and his staff adequately a considerable part of the profit would disappear. He had arranged for the accounts to be audited by a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants. The Standing Committee recommended that such action be endorsed.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded the adoption of the accounts.

Mr. N. Park suggested that the goodwill and blocks be written down from £200 to £1.

The Secretary promised to consider the suggestion.

Mr. F. V. Gant then withdrew the motion in the name of the Essex Association and said they were prepared to support the motion of the Guildford Guild.

Mr. G. L. Grover then moved the motion on behalf of the Guildford Guild: 'That in the opinion of this Council too much of the available space of "The Ringing World" is devoted to peal recording.'

He said the motion was not intended as hostile and aggressive criticism of either the Editor or the Editorial Committee. The Guildford Guild was very proud of the fact that the Editor was one of their ringing members and they should be the last to say any word or take any step to cause him to think that his work was not appreciated to the fullest possible degree.

As for the Editorial Committee, many of the older members of their Guild were well aware and mindful of the difficulties which confronted them when they took the steps which led to the Exercise acquiring the paper and were able fully to appreciate the very deep sense of gratitude that ringers owed to them for their prompt action at the time when the discontinuance of the paper was almost an accomplished fact.

Peals had been printed in 'The Ringing World' for so long in the manner in which they now appeared that the style had become traditional, and until the committee were convinced by the vote of the Council that a large section of the readers desired a change in style there was no doubt that they would continue in that traditional style.

'This motion is not intended to demand any heads on a charger or that the Editor and his Editorial Committee should present themselves at the Minster to-night with their own ropes round their necks and the keys of office in their hands, but it is intended simply and solely to draw attention to the fact that if the feeling of the Guildford Guild is any guide to the general feeling throughout the Exercise, that although they pay their 3d. per week cheerfully, they feel at the same time that they are not getting their money's worth.'

An analysis of the space in 'The Ringing World' up to the time of the Guild's annual meeting showed that of 220 pages, 74 were for peal recording, 12 for quarter peals, 43 for news, letters, articles of a more or less general interest, 10 for technical articles, 81 for advertisements. Roughly about one-third of the paper was devoted to peal recording and about one-fifth for news, letters and articles of more or less general interest. Of the readers, he thought that probably less than 20 per cent. were regular peal ringers, which meant that one-third of the paper was devoted to recording their activities.

He was not attempting to discourage peal ringing or to suggest that peal ringers were not the very cream of the Exercise. He claimed to be in the ranks of the peal ringers, having rung quite a few, including two that week-end, and hoped to ring many more. He was certain that it was the incentive given by peal ringing which would enable the Exercise to continue as a live and vital force in the future. He left to the Editorial Committee methods by which the space allocated to peals could be cut down.

Mr. F. I. Hairs: In the absence of Mr. Hazelden, and I do not think we run any risk of it being passed, I second it.

Mr. F. E. Dukes suggested a number of methods for curtailing the space occupied by peals.

Mr. A. H. Pulling said this was not a fresh question. Years ago it arose in the time of Mr. Goldsmith. They had an editor who had been in the paper business all his life and had been trained to know what the public wanted. The main news of the day as far as ringing was concerned was peal ringing. The Editorial Committee was composed of business people and not any Tom, Dick and Harry. To run a paper was a highly financial job. He was going to vote against the motion, although it came from the Guildford Guild.

Mr. H. J. Poole: We sometimes talk about the nigger in the wood pile; can't we know what the committee have in view?

COMMITTEE'S STATEMENT.

The Secretary said he thought the answer was to be found in the words of the proposer of the motion to leave it to the Editor and the Editorial Committee to get them out of the mess. Whatever was proposed was going to put more work on somebody. If the style of the peals was altered or set up in a different form the Editor was going to spend a lot more time re-writing them. It was proposed that the two motions should be heard and then the Standing Committee would submit their recommendation.

When they took over the paper in 1942 Mr. Trollope was the Editor. Since Mr. White had been Editor the circulation had risen from 3,250 to 4,700. In the first place, what yardstick were they to apply? Surely if they had an increased circulation that was an answer. The second point was when Mr. White took over the arrangement reached was that he should work approximately two days a week. If they gave effect to the suggestions it would mean employing someone for a full week.

Would it not be better to honour the memory of the founder by retaining the style of the peals? The answer to the question was an increased paper. If they had a 16-page paper the space occupied by peals would not be disproportionate. Could those who support the motion say where they could get the extra income? The accounts next year would show a loss of from £200 to £250, and then they would not be reimbursing the editorial staff adequately.

The time had come when they must face their responsibilities. Could anyone point to a specialist publication at 3d. a week and no increase in the war years? They would not find one.

The Standing Committee discussed this the previous night and they decided in the first place that they reimburse the editorial staff for their work. They had not asked for it. Why should they live on charity?

The second point was, was 3d. a week enough and whether it would not be better to increase the charge to 4d. and maintain a 16-page paper weekly. Could anybody tell him that a ringer could not afford another 1d. a week? In the past ringers had had things done for them too cheaply. They did not realise what went on behind the scenes in the production of the paper.

On behalf of the Standing Committee, he proposed that as from January 1st next the price of the paper be increased by a penny to 4d. and that for the benefit of the postal subscribers the annual subscription be £1 instead of 17s., 10s. 6d. for the half-year and 5s. 6d. quarterly.

Mr. A. Walker seconded.

A member suggested that the space occupied by bellfounders' advertisements should be reduced.

Mr. Fletcher replied that the reduction of space of their advertisements in an eight-page issue was an act of grace. They were entitled to their space and he deprecated any alteration.

Mr. Fidler: Might I suggest that you ask the three bellfounders to withdraw their advertisements.

Mr. F. Rogers: Are the display rates increased in proportion to the increased sales?

Mr. Fletcher: How can we fix a rate with a circulation of 4,800?

Mr. Fidler: On this question of value the value of 'The Ringing World' to the three bellfounders is nothing, because everybody knows who the three founders are.

Mr. George Pullinger: I suppose it is more beneficial to have postal subscribers?

Mr. Fletcher: We want as many postal subscribers as possible. We could deal with 2,000 under our present arrangement.

Mr. Blackwood said the motion of the Standing Committee was something in which they were absolutely unanimous, and in accepting that resolution they ought to express a debt of gratitude to the Editorial Committee.

Mr. G. L. Grover: In view of the report of the Standing Committee, I should be very happy to withdraw my motion.

The recommendation of the Standing Committee was then carried unanimously.

(To be continued)

ERRATA.—Page 284, col. 2, line 3. For Mr. Harold Rogers read Mr. F. W. Rogers.

St. David's Diocesan Guild

PRESENTATION TO THE ARCHBISHOP.

The occasion of the annual meeting of the St. David's Diocesan Guild, coinciding with a rehearsal service for Sunday's ordinations and the presence of many tourists and 'pilgrims,' resulted in the well-known Cathedral being well filled on June 11th.

The retiring Archbishop of Wales, who is president of the Guild, was present, and the service was conducted by Minor Canons J. V. Jones and E. Lewis, and lessons were read by the Dean and Canon in residence (Archdeacon of Cardigan). With the presence of so many people and the ringing of bells throughout the afternoon it was hard to realise that the location was a 'village city' and not a large centre of population.

At the business meeting His Grace was presented with a silver bell-shaped inkpot suitably inscribed as a token of appreciation of his practical interest whilst president of the Guild, and in thanking the members the recipient said he was proud to have been president of a body that was of such help to the diocese and hoped they would be successful in their efforts to increase the amount and raise the standard of ringing. In providing memorials he said that nothing better could be considered than a bell or ring of bells. He expressed the hope that very soon the Guild could have tea at his residence at Abergwili.

A discussion took place on a proposition that financial assistance should be given to persons capable of instructing to enable them to attend isolated churches needing tuition. Reference was made to the distances between such rings of bells at St. David's and Haverfordwest, Tenby and Carmarthen, and how so many people learnt how to swing a bell and then, not having proper tuition, lost interest and drifted away.

This idea of financial assistance found no support and it was referred to committee.

A suggestion was made that before the monthly practices at Carmarthen members should be notified of the method to be practised so that books could be read. This was thought to be impractical, but the Master of the Guild (Mr. H. Jenkins, Tenby) said it was important for ringers to study at home and not turn up for practice ignorant of the fundamental rules of the method.

The annual reports of the hon. secretary (Mr. C. H. Hawkins, Llanelly) and the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. P. E. Sage, Burry Port) were adopted. The officers and committee were re-elected with the addition of Miss Trehearne from the newly-formed branch at Llanstephan and the Ringing Master (Mr. W. L. Williams, of Carmarthen Branch).

The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 18s.

It was decided that the next meeting would be held at Llanbadarn Fawr, where the bicentenary of the bells was to be commemorated on September 10th.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

A special general meeting of the above Association was held at St. Peter's, Croydon, on May 28th, and attended by 51 members.

Ringing in a variety of methods took place and the service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Renshaw.

At the meeting the Master, Mr. Dan Cooper, occupied the chair, and the proposition that Rule 17 should read 'The treasurer of the district shall remit to the general treasurer 50 per cent. of all subscriptions received,' not 75 per cent. as at present, was passed.

Rule 8 was amended as follows: 'An honorary member shall pay a subscription of not less than 5s. annually, or one donation of £2 2s. to become a life member. The subscription of a ringing member resident in the county of Surrey shall be 2s. 6d. annually,' not 2s. as at present.

The meeting terminated with votes of thanks to Mr. Blow for making all the arrangements and to the Vicar of St. Peter's.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

SILVER JUBILEE MEETING.

The jubilee of the Guild was celebrated on Whit Monday at Peterborough with the annual meeting. The Guild form of service was conducted in the Cathedral by the president, the Archdeacon of Northampton, the lesson was read by the Dean, and the address was given by the patron of the Guild, the Bishop of Peterborough. A group photograph was taken after service in the cloisters.

One hundred and fifty-eight were present at tea, most of the branches being represented, and the president took the chair for the business meeting. Others present were the Master, Mr. E. E. Whitmore; Mr. B. J. Saddington, auditor; Mr. W. Rose, Central Council representative; Mr. R. G. Black, Guild secretary and treasurer; the Rev. Morley Wells, the Rev. S. F. W. Powell, Mr. G. Hancock and Mr. G. S. Valentine, branch chairmen; Messrs. A. Bigley, E. G. Orland, E. Nobles, G. E. Watson, G. W. Jeffs, W. H. Waldron and F. W. Hancock, branch secretaries; Mrs. E. S. Powell, Miss Thursfield, Mrs. H. J. Poole and several ringers from neighbouring guilds and associations.

The officers elected were: President, the Ven. C. J. Grimes, D.D., the Archdeacon of Northampton; Master, Mr. E. E. Whitmore; auditor, Mr. B. J. Saddington; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Ronald C. Noon.

The following grants were approved from the Bell Restoration Fund: St. Giles', Northampton, £10; Kingsthorpe, £10; Long Buckby, £10; Potterspury, £10; and Raunds, £5.

The Chairman referred with some very apt remarks to the resignation of the secretary and treasurer, and asked Mr. Black to accept, with their best thanks, a small present showing appreciation of all he had done for the Guild as secretary over a period of 23 years, previous to which he was a branch secretary for four years. He then handed Mr. Black a cheque for £33 8s. 6d.

The recipient, who was completely taken by surprise, suitably thanked all the members for this present and also for their support for the many years he had held office. Mr. Black was further honoured by being elected an honorary life member of the Guild. Among the veterans present were Messrs. G. Jeffs, sen., A. Y. Tyler, W. Perkins and H. Clarke.

The bells rung during the day were St. John-the-Baptist's and St. Mary's, Peterborough; St. Andrew's and St. Mary's, Whittlesey; Oundle and Woodston.

ROYAL AIR FORCE GUILD

Some 15 past and present members of the Royal Air Force and their friends attended a meeting at All Saints', Edmonton, London, on Whit Saturday.

At the business meeting it was unanimously decided to form a 'Royal Air Force Guild of Rngers.' The following officials were elected for the coming year: Hon. Master, Pilot Officer E. A. Dench; hon. secretary, AC/1 A. Rogers (W.T. Section, R.A.F., Shepherds Grove, near Bury St. Edmunds); hon. treasurer, AC/1 R. E. Manton.

To overcome any possible financial difficulty in the future it was decided to commence with an adequate subscription, and 5s. per annum was the sum agreed upon. All those ringers who have shown interest in the formation of the Guild will be notified in due course.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Edmonton for the use of the bells. Methods rung included Stedman Triples and Double Norwich and Cambridge Major.

CAMBRIDGE MAJOR AT MEASHAM

Dear Sir,—With reference to peals of Cambridge Major, rung at Measham on June 4th, in Belfry Gossip, it is stated that this was believed to be the first of Cambridge on the bells. Sorry to disappoint, but the first peal of this was rung on March 19th, 1921, and called by F. H. DEXTER.

Leicester.

OBITUARY

JAMES CECIL BOOTH.

Mr. J. C. Booth was one of the original band which the late Mr. Pratt Cordingley built up at Pudsey in the early years of the present century; a band which became famous throughout Yorkshire for the pioneer work it did in Surprise ringing at a time when Kent Treble Bob was the standard method in the county.

Mr. Booth was not a prolific peal ringer (he never rang a peal outside his own tower), yet his modest total of 20 peals includes London, Bristol, Pudsey, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major. He was an excellent striker and a reliable method ringer; one, who by his retiring disposition tended to belittle his own ringing capabilities.

He suffered a long illness which prevented him from taking any active part in ringing for the past three years, yet the end came suddenly and unexpectedly. He passed to his rest on June 10th and a muffled peal was rung to his memory on the following Wednesday evening on the bells of Pudsey Church, where all his peal ringing had been done.

Mr. Booth, who was unmarried, was a brother of Major William Booth, the Yorkshire and England cricketer, who lost his life in the Great War 1914-18.

MR. JOHN POTTER.

If John Potter, of Walkden, near Manchester, could have chosen the day for his passing he would have selected June 4th, the day the Bolton Branch were holding their monthly meeting at St. Paul's, Walkden, the church where he was brought up and rang and which he loved.

The respect in which he was held was shown by the large attendance at the interment. The church was filled by people from the township and fellow-ringers from many parts of Lancashire. Mr. W. H. Shuker attended straight from the Council meeting at York.

Last September Mr. Potter completed 60 years as a ringer, and several peals were rung in different parts of Lancashire to celebrate the event. He was one of a band which did much spadework in the county, scoring the following first peals in the method by the Association, viz., Aug. 3rd, 1899, Darlaston Bob Triples at Walkden; Feb. 22nd, 1900, Duffield Major at Walkden; May 21, 1927, Ipswich Surprise Major at Newchurch; May 17th, 1937, Little Bob Royal at St. Helens.

He also took part in a 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples at Walkden, one in which four fathers and four daughters took part, and also with five of each. In all he rang 338 peals, conducting 187 in a large variety of methods, the most in one method being Stedman Triples, 153, conducting 98. He conducted a peal in every tower in the Bolton Branch.

He joined the Lancashire Association in 1890 and was its vice-president in 1921-22, and for the past 30 years was a member of the committee. He was a very reliable conductor.

His fellow-ringers carried him from his home to the church. Other ringers rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the grave on handbells, and others rang the muffled bells in reverse order and 'whole pull and stand.' In the evening a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells fully muffled. P. C.

DEDICATION

COULSDON, SURREY.

The ring of five at Coulsdon Parish Church was rededicated on June 8th by the Ven. N. K. Anderson (Archdeacon of Kingston) after their rehanging on ball bearings, retuning and the strengthening of the wooden frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

The bells are among the oldest of the working rings in Surrey, having been cast in 1675 by an itinerant founder. Ringing takes place from the church porch.

Ringers at the dedication service were G. P. Oldham (capt.), R. Davison, H. W. Dix, J. P. Crawley, W. Martingell. The church is in need of ringers.

LETTERS

SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR PEALS

Dear Sir,—To try and clear any misunderstandings, here are the facts with regard to the peals rung for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. A peal in 28 methods was rung at Bourne on March 28th, 1936, conducted by J. W. Lake, and one in 32 methods at Folkingham on Nov. 12th, 1938, conducted by H. M. Day.

In the 1938 Lincoln Guild report an unfortunate error showed 31 methods only in the Folkingham peal. Westminster was one of the methods rung in the first extent, not Wearmouth as printed.—Yours faithfully,

Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe. J. BRAY.

KEEP THE EXERCISE ON HIGH LEVEL

Dear Sir,—Surely the sentiments expressed by Mr. Cecil W. Pipe in his letter published in 'The Ringing World' of June 10th are those which have been felt by many of his fellow-ringers for some time.

The world is full enough of slandering, backbiting and mud-slinging without bellringers joining in. Let us, as Christian men and women, strive to keep our Exercise on as high a level as possible.

May I make a suggestion? It is that all ringers read, meditate and practise the exhortation of St. Peter in I. Peter, 3, verses 8-12. If we all do this, then our Exercise—and the world—will be the better for our humble efforts.—Yours sincerely,

R. HUNT.

New Lodge, Mapledurham, Reading, Berks.

RE 'BICKERING'

Dear Sir,—May I at this rather late period make a few friendly comments on Cecil W. Pipe's letter in 'The Ringing World' of June 10th? On the main points of his letter I most heartily agree. We, as ringers (both sexes), should be a happy band of brothers and sisters—a kind of freemasonry if you like. My experience when visiting provincial churches has been this—as soon as the company knew I could do a little ringing I was at once one of them.

The bickering which he refers to in London of some years ago I feel sure has greatly disappeared. I can speak from experience at two practice nights, namely, St. George-the-Martyr's, Southwark, and St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, supervised by Messrs. James Prior and Robert H. Begrie respectively. These are more in the nature of social evenings than ringing practices. There may at times during a 'touch' be a sharp word to a member who may be about to make a mistake, but as soon as that has passed everything is all very friendly again and no more is heard of it. The world is too full of fault finders, and you, sir, are making a splendid suggestion to find the best in a person and not the worst. —Yours faithfully, R. NEWMAN.

Holloway, N.7.

PUZZLED AND TICKLED

Dear Sir,—It is not my intention to join in any for or against peal ringing quibble, but Mr. E. M. Atkins' letter of June 3rd tickled me. The suggestion was that the question of normal v. condensed peal reports could be solved by having both types.

Mr. Atkins suggested that those who order peal cards should have present type setting, the proposed condensed setting being reserved for the remainder. If the one or two peals a year ringer could qualify for present type by ordering peal cards, suppose the 20 or 30 a year ringer also orders cards. Would he be qualified? Sophist or not, I am puzzled.

This attempt at solution suggests to me that the advert to order peal cards should be revised and read, 'Order peal cards and secure present type setting for your peals. Send remittance with report. Twelve-bell peals 5d. a bell; five-bell peals, bob a rope; others in proportion; minimum 5s. a set of 12s.'—Yours faithfully, GEORGE W. FAULKNER.

Barking, Essex.

QUARTER PEALS

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. P. Cannon 1, W. B. Judd 2, C. J. Champion (cond.) 3, A. P. Cannon 4, Rev. K. G. Hoare 5, T. Arrow 6. A farewell to the conductor, who is joining the R.A.F.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. Peter's on May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Booth 1, E. F. M. Samson 2, Miss D. Wiggins 3, T. Hextall (first quarter) 4, Rev. J. Coutts 5, A. Pettigrew 6, A. V. Davis 7, J. Cole 8.

CANTERBURY.—At the Cathedral on May 31st, 1,276 Grandsire Cinques: D. Chatfield 1, Miss B. Philpott 2, Miss M. Brockman 3, J. Walter 4, C. E. Buesden 5, F. R. Weller (cond.) 6, B. J. Luck 7, S. White 8, S. Walter 9, T. H. Holmes 10, H. R. French 11, G. R. French 12. First quarter in the method by all the band.

CROWLAND, LINCS. — On May 28th, at Crowland Abbey, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. T. Bates 1, H. Mackey 2, R. Strickland 3, W. A. Smedley 4, J. Bailey 5, A. A. Pepper (first as cond.) 6. First quarter by 1, 2 and 5.

ESSENDON, HERTS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Pallett 1, F. Bamford 2, G. Adams 3, B. McKie 4, F. Cracknell 5, P. Dimmock (first as cond.) 6. First for all the band except the 4th. A compliment to Rev. G. F. Baxter on completing 30 years as Rector.

HUNTINGDON. — At St. Mary's on May 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. B. Bull 1, C. J. Young 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, F. Warrington 4, J. W. C. Blythe (first as cond.) 5, S. Gilbert 6.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On May 29th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. Smart 1, A. H. Winch 2, E. G. L. Coward 3, B. Hawkins 4, G. Marriner 5, A. H. Smith 6, W. G. Newberry 7, A. Harman (cond.) 8.

LLANTRISANT, GLAM. — On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Westcott 1, W. Huish 2, F. Bailey 3, F. Rowsell (cond.) 4, W. Heath 5, J. Evans 6. E. Coles 7, W. Blick 8. In memoriam Mr. Richard John (78), oldest ringer in the tower.

LYNDHURST, HANTS.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Brixton 1, J. Alexander 2, J. Gilbert (first as cond.) 3, J. Hull 4. J. Purkess 5, E. Wollaston 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. — At Christ Church on May 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. Pearson 1, W. Stevenson 2, J. Worth 3, Miss J. Henshaw 4, H. Wood 5, A. A. Potts 6, E. Seed 7, H. Farrer 8, G. Farrer (first as cond. in method) 9, W. Gayes 10.

PELSALL, STAFFS. — On June 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Bob Doubles, April Day, Grandsire): R. J. Derry 1, H. Claridge 2, J. B. Webb 3, P. G. Golder (cond.) 4, J. Gregory 5, E. Claridge 6. In memoriam Dr. W. W. McCullough.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Allan 1, N. Genna 2, E. Thurlow 3, Miss P. Holmes 4, J. Crabbe (cond.) 5, F. Robbins 6, R. Wilkinson 7, H. Stratford 8.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS. — On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. D. Wilson 1, E. T. Lloyd 2, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 3. E. D. Wilson 4, T. Abbotts 5, Rev. L. J. Birch 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's on May 25th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: W. J. Southam 1, R. W. Darvill 2, C. F. Sayer 3, A. G. Oliver 4, F. J. Spicer 5, H. G. Mason 6, B. C. Johnson 7, H. V. Frost (cond.) 8. First quarter in method 1 and 4. First of Major in method 2, 7 and 8.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On May 25th, at Immanuel Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Charge 1, Miss A. Look 2. T. H. Taffender 3, Miss M. Jackson 4, J. W. Chapman 5, R. Sanders 6, W. Brainch (cond.) 7, R. C. Cressey 8. First quarter by 4. 7, 8.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On May 29th at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. W. Tomlin (first quarter) 1. Miss B. M. Tomlin (first quarter 'inside') 2, S. A. White 3. R Wood 4, J. T. Medhurst (cond.) 5, R. Luckhurst 6.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers

ANNUAL MEETING AT TIVERTON.

'You bellringers have in your hands the power of bringing joy to the rest of us. To me at least the sound of the bells is always uplifting.' So said the Mayor of Tiverton (Councillor E. G. Pierce) in his speech of welcome to the Guild of Devonshire Ringers on Whit Monday, when 150 members and friends assembled to support their president, Preb. E. V. Cox.

At the service in St. Peter's, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. E. Lane), the lesson was read by Prebendary Cox, the prayers by the Rev. J. M. Turner, and the preacher was the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, Rector of Chittlehampton.

The bells of St. Peter's, Harberton, Sampford Peverell and Silverton were rung during the day.

Luncheon, in the Memorial Hall, was followed by the business meeting. A letter from the Rev. Martin Willson, West Regional B.B.C., was read. In it he stated, 'I am glad to know that you feel that two minutes of ringing would be considered acceptable. I think we shall have to be content with the *rule* of a minimum of one minute, but I shall not overlook the fact that at least one minute does not exclude a longer time being given over the air to changes.'

Mr. J. E. Lilley, while agreeing that there had been improvement in the broadcast of bells since the appeal to the B.B.C., insisted that the time should be five minutes. Preb. Cox stressed the desirability of good striking in all broadcast ringing.

A resolution, 'that each ringer in a peal for the Guild shall pay a booking fee of 6d., which shall be sent by the conductor to the general secretary,' was accepted by the meeting.

Prebendary Cox was re-elected president, Mr. F. C. Smale general secretary and Mr. A. L. Bennett general treasurer. Mr. A. G. Selley was the Ringing Master for the day, and amongst those present were Mr. A. W. Searle, who joined the Guild in 1886, and Mr. T. Laver, who joined in 1900. The next annual meeting was fixed for Ottery St. Mary, and the usual votes of thanks for the excellent arrangements were passed.

The annual report showed that there are 589 members with 248 non-resident members of the Guild. It stressed the need for young ambitious ringers to be instructed in conducting peals and that periodic cleaning of bell chambers and tightening of nuts and bolts at the end of the summer should be undertaken.

F. C. S.

NON-ASSOCIATION PEALS

Dear Sir,—At the Council meeting at York reference was made to the servers' peal, which was rung for a non-ringing society. A band can ring a peal for any society it chooses, provided all are members, or none at all, as, for instance, the peal at Grendon recorded in this week's issue.

In the particular instance cited the band had been drawn from seven counties, and it was found that not more than two of the band belonged to any one association, so that they had no power to elect the others. Of necessity, therefore, the peal was, so far as ringing societies are concerned, 'non-association.'

As the servers' peal was rung 17 years ago, are we seriously being asked to believe that the Council is only now considering an isolated non-association peal rung before many of our present-day peal ringers were born, or is it that a certain member, unable to find a red herring to which J. F. S. refers, has had to dig up one which by now must surely be not red, but in an advanced state of decomposition?—Yours faithfully, R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

LATE NOTICE

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Holywell, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert. Dis. Sec. 5446

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MEETINGS

STOKE PRIOR (BROMSGROVE, WORCS.—Rededication of 8 bells (6 recast) on Sat., June 25th, 3 p.m., by Bishop of Worcester. Ringing afterwards.—H. Nicklin, Greenbank, Hanbury Road, Stoke Prior, Bromsgrove. (Phone, Bromsgrove 2512.) 5361

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Albury on June 25th. Arrangements as usual. Tea 2s. Shere bells available after tea. 5372

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, June 25th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 5393

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION with GUILDFORD and OXFORD GUILDS.—Joint meeting, Saturday, June 25th. Bells of Egham, Wraysbury, St. Peter's, Staines, 3 to 4.30, also evening. Tea, Majestic Cinema, Staines, 4.45.—A. Barker, F. Finch, F. Hawthorne, Secs. 5400

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at St. Paul's, Walden, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 5398

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting, Wirksworth, Saturday, June 25th, 3 o'clock.—J. F. Wilkinson. 5401

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Stapleford, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Little Rose.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 5395

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—The 326th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (12) available at noon. Lunch (3s. 6d.) at 1.15 p.m.—L. E. Pitstow, 23, Highfields. 5416

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Bristol, Saturday, June 25th. Towers available: St. Philip's (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Stephen's (10), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; All Saints' (8), St. John's (6), 2.30 to 4 p.m. and 7.30 to 8.30; St. Mary Redcliffe, 7.30 to 8.30. Service at St. Philip's 4.15. Tea at Emmanuel Parish Hall, Midland Road, 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea must reach Miss A. Brown, 47, Hayward Road, Redfield, Bristol 5.—H. G. Snowden, Hon. Sec. 5410

NORTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE. — Wednesday, June 29th, 7.30 p.m. Dedication of new treble, Victory Bell. Original five rehung with modern fittings. All subscribers and bellringers specially invited. 5392

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and prize contest, Longwood, Sat., July 2nd. Entrance fee 7s. 6d., to be received by secretary by Sat., June 25th. For tea, notify A. Rotheray, 132, Quarmby Road, Longwood, Huddersfield, by Sat., June 25th.—A. Farrand, Sec., 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughtown, Mossley, Manchester, Lancashire. 5364

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Annual meeting Lichfield, Sat., July 2nd. Cathedral bells 2.30 to 3.15 and 6.15 to 7; St. Mary's (8), St. Michael's (6) from 3. Service in Cathedral 3.30. Tea at Guildhall 4.30; 2s. to paid-up members, to others 2s. 6d. Names by June 28th to the Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 5368

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Clifton-on-Teme, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, June 28th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 5413

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — The annual festival will be held at Gorseinon, July 2nd. Numbers for tea by June 28th latest.—D. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., 8, Chapel Buildings, Clydach, Swansea. 5422

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Southampton, July 2nd. Committee 11. General meeting 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., all in Chantry Hall. Bells available 1 p.m. and after tea St. Mary's (10), St. Michael's (10); Netley (8), 7 to 8 p.m. Names for tea to J. W. Faithfull, 31, High Road, Swaythling, Southampton, not later than Wednesday, June 29th.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 197, Chatsworth Avenue, Cosham, Hants. 5433

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Wirral Branch) and LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Liverpool Branch).—A joint meeting will be held at Bromborough, Wirral, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Eastham bells (6) also available 2 to 3.45 p.m. Tea tickets (1s. 6d. each) *must* be obtained from Mr. P. W. Cave, 3, The Rooley, Huyton, Liverpool, or Mr. A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead, on or before June 28th. Frequent service of Birkenhead Corporation buses (Nos. 38 and 40) from Woodside Ferry. 5436

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. — Meeting, Hornby, July 2nd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea, Royal Oak Hotel, 2s. each.—J. Skeats, Branch Sec. 5441

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Waltham St. Lawrence on Saturday, July 2nd, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 5428

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Stone, Saturday, July 2nd. Names for tea to Mr. H. Hodson, 43, Church Street, Stone, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 5427

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Practice meeting, Turner's Hill (8), Saturday, July 2nd, 3. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, Sussex. 5435

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—Next meeting at Stamford, All Saints', on Saturday, July 2nd. Make own arrangements for tea. Several cafes in the town.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough. 5438

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — Meeting at Knutsford, July 2nd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea advise Mr. S. Hough, 12, Hayton Street, Knutsford, by June 28th.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 5440

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Bishops Cannings, July 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 5431

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Meeting, Gaywood (6), Saturday, July 2nd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. No business. Names to W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 5430

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — Meeting at Sevenoaks (8), July 2nd, at 3. Tea 4.30. Meeting 5. Names for tea to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks, Kent, not later than June 30th. 5429

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Blackburn, July 2nd. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 5443

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting of the Northern and Eastern Districts will be held at Aspenden on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. It is essential that the members of committees of both districts attend this meeting. Names for tea to A. Symonds, The Cottage, Windmill Hill, Hitchin, by Tuesday, June 28th.—A. S. Carter, A. E. Symonds, Dis. Secs. 5423

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Selly Oak, July 2nd. Bells 3.15 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. SPR 1025 5421

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The Bishop of Bedford will dedicate new ring of ten at Luton on July 7th at 7.30. Open meeting and summer festival at Luton, Saturday, July 9th. Bells from 3.45. Names for tea to J. Wing, 18, Stockwood Crescent, Luton, by July 5th.—F. J. Plummer, Hon. Sec. 5437

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Summer meeting Henfield, Sussex, Sat., July 9th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Cruttenden, High Street, Henfield. Will those who intend to travel on the 2.18 p.m. from Victoria please notify me early as possible, as arrangements are being made for party tickets to be issued at single fare for the double journey. — A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5373

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The annual shield contest will be held at Felkirk on Saturday, July 9th. Open to all members. Entrance fee 10s. per company. All entries, also names for teas, must reach me not later than July 2nd.—Daniel Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 5442

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Annual, Adderbury (8), July 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Please notify before July 6th.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 5434

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly, St. Peter's, Thanet, July 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea by kind invitation. Names must reach me not later than Friday, June 24th. Please note early notification.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 5405

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TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS. — The dedication of the new ring of eight by the Lord Bishop of Birmingham will take place on Saturday, July 9th, at 3.30 p.m. Ringing afterwards—all ringers cordially invited. 1.20 and 2.30 p.m. trains from Birmingham (Moor Street) met at Danzey Station. Names for tea (free) to J. H. Jones, Bank House, Tanworth-in-Arden, by July 6th, please. 5390

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Aylesford (8), July 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone, Kent. 5426

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch. — Meeting, Daventry, July 9th. Names for tea to me not later than July 2nd.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 5439

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — General body. — July 9th, Chislehurst, St. Nicholas', 1.45 to 2.45. Train from Charing Cross to Chislehurst, 227 bus to memorial. Annunciation, Chislehurst, 3 to 4. Tea 4.15. Business 5. St. George's, Beckenham, 6.30. Names for tea to Frank Knight, 19, Austin Road, Orpington. 5445

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Wollaston on Saturday, July 16th. Names to A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 5444

GUILDFORD GUILD (Farnham District), WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Basingstoke District) and OXFORD GUILD (Sonning Deanery Branch). — Preliminary notice.—The Three Guilds Festival will be held on Saturday, Aug. 27th, at Hawley. Ringing at Hawley, Sandhurst, Yateley and Yorktown with Finchampstead (evening only). Bagshot and Farnborough (afternoon only). Coach will tour the towers in the evening. Service at 4. Tea at 4.30 at Hawley. Full details later.—G. S. Joyce, J. Chesterman, B. Castle, District Secs. 5352

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DURING the past three years there have been 67,000 British emigrants to Austalia, and Mr. Philip L. Cooper, of 26, North Street, Collinswood, Adelaide, S.A., writes as a member of St. Peter's Cathedral Bellringers' Society on behalf of his fellow-members that he is sure that there must be some ringers among this new population, but to their knowledge none have appeared in Australian towers.

There are about 30 towers in Australia of which about 20 are ringing, and he suggests this should be made known to the ringing public at home. 'Change ringing in Australia has made great strides in the last three years, and if some ringing emigrants were here they would be of invaluable help to us. In Adelaide there are three towers, two of which are ringing. Our tower, as you probably know, is only two years old. It has a ring of eight by John Taylor and Co., with a tenor of 41 cwt., the largest swinging bell in the Southern Hemisphere.

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'I am sure that all towers in Australia would give similar welcomes, especially to emigrants, who would find in their fellow-ringers of Australia staunch friends for their future living. It was mainly the British Navy personnel who were stationed at Sydney during the war that put change ringing on its feet in Australia. We hope that ringer-emigrants can carry on where they had to finish. Australia must have English ringers of experience if it wishes to progress thoroughly in its change ringing.

'We hope that through the medium of "The Ringing World" all English ringers will know that they are really welcome in Australia. There are six ringing towers in Sydney, two in Adelaide, one in Melbourne, two at Hobart, one at Christchurch, N.Z. (two more elsewhere in New Zealand). There are several other towers in N.S.W. and Victoria which are in the country areas.'

The Central Council naturally watches very closely ringing in Australia. At York this year Mr. W. Rowe, of the New South Wales Association, was re-elected an hon. member, as a tribute to the fine work he is doing at Sydney, which includes the production of 'Ringing Towers,' the monthly bulletin, which aims at developing the family spirit and at the same time providing instruction. By his office as an hon. member he is thus the Central Council's direct representative. We in England want our Australian friends to know that it is our desire to help them in every possible way. To ringers at home who are thinking of starting a new life in Australia or New Zealand, we would impress upon them the advantages of the right hand of fellowship that has been extended to them. Contacts before sailing are very helpful.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 11, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

*PETER BAKER	...*Treble*	*EDWIN T. NEWBURY ...	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	2	HENRY H. FEARN	8
ARTHUR D. COOK	3	JOHN PINFOLD	9
TERRY R. HAMPTON ...	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	10
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ...	5	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	11
WILFRED WILLIAMS ...	6	THOMAS HEMMING ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal on twelve bells. Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., June 11, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb.

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ...*Treble*		HERBERT LANGDON ...	7
JOHN E. CHILCOTT	2	R. CONGREVE PRIDGEON	8
DAVID E. PARSONS ...	3	GEORGE W. CECIL	9
DONALD G. CLIFT	4	REUBEN SANDERS	10
ANTHONY W. J. APPLETON	5	ALFRED B. PECK	11
JOHN PHILLIPS	6	WILLIAM HIBBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by R. C. PRIDGEON.

LEICESTER.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 11, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...*Treble*		†JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	7
*MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	‡ALFRED MOULD	8
FRANK E. PERVIN ...	3	†ALAN CATTELL	9
*WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	‡GORDON A. OLLIFFE ...	10
ERNEST MORRIS	5	‡JOHN BRAMLEY	11
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	6	‡JOHN E. LLOYD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques on tower bells and 25th peal together. † First peal of Cinques. ‡ First peal on twelve. To mark the coming-of-age of the ringer of the 10th and a birthday compliment to Mrs. Whitehead, wife of the conductor.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 13, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...*Treble*		†HARRY MORGAN	7
H. LESLIE PASK	2	WALTER TOMLINSON ...	8
*MARIANNE GANN	3	JOHN FREEMAN	9
CHARLES MCGUINESS ...	4	JOHN WALDEN	10
FREDK. W. STOKES ...	5	KENNETH W. MAYER ...	11
JOHN A. FREEMAN ...	6	CHARLES E. BROWN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.
* First peal. † First peal of Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 6, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C.

WALTER SPARROW ... ...*Treble*		BERT GOGLE	6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ...	2	G. WILLIAM MORRIS ...	7
GEORGE SAYER	3	*RICHARD E. PRICE ...	8
GEORGE P. ADAMS ...	4	NORMAN V. HARDING ...	9
GEORGE BAILEY	5	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY PRICE.
* First ten-bell peal. First ten-bell peal as conductor.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 8, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

WALLACE W. COUSINS ...*Treble*		CECIL V. EBBERSON ...	6
MRS. JOHN THOMAS ...	2	*WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ...	7
JOHN THOMAS	3	FRED WIGMORE	8
ERNEST H. MASTIN ...	4	RONALD H. BULLEN ...	9
NORMAN V. HARDING ...	5	CLAUDE COUSINS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal on ten bells. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in E flat.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 13, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 35 cwt.

*GERALD DARE ... ...*Treble*		HERBERT BARLOW ...	6
*DEREK OGDEN	2	PETER CROOK	7
REV. FREDK. F. RIGBY	3	JACK CLEGG	8
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	4	*FRED DUNKERLEY ...	9
*VERNON SYKES	5	*PHILIP TOCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal of Bob Royal. First peal of Bob Royal on the bells. Rung in honour of the centenary of the Borough of Oldham.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 17, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF LINDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

PAUL L. TAYLOR ... ...*Treble*		REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY... ...	7
ALFRED BALLARD	3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	8
SHIRLEY BURTON	4	ALAN JACQUES	9
MRS. H. J. POOLE... ...	5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal of Royal in the method. Tenor 6½ cwt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., May 28, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

CHARLES R. BELTON ...*Treble*		JOHN J. MORRIS	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	2	ALAN CATTELL	6
JAMES DRAYCOTT	3	GEORGE P. GARNER ...	7
ERNEST MORRIS	4	GERALD ARMSTRONG ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ...*Treble*		GEOFFREY V. MURPHY...	5
PHILIP A. CORBY	2	*A. W. J. APPLETON ...	6
*FREDERICK E. DUKES ...	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	7
*DAVID BEVERIDGE ...	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

BETTY SPICE ... ...*Treble*		ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ...	5
FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP	2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH...	6
FREDERICK E. DUKES ...	3	HARRY PARKES	7
DAVID BEVERIDGE ...	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

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ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

John King	*Treble*	*Arthur H. Idle	5
Mrs. G. E. Watson ...	2	Raymond H. Idle ...	6
Brian Austin	3	Burley P. Morris ...	7
Ronald C. Noon	4	Geoffrey E. Watson...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Geoffrey E. Watson.
* First peal of Double Norwich. Tenor 21 cwt.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

George A. Naylor ...	*Treble*	*Peter D. Huckstepp ...	5
Doris G. Dobbie	2	Clarence H. Dobbie ...	6
Mark W. Marshall ...	3	Mark S. Lancefield ...	7
Frederick E. Dukes ...	4	Harry Parkes	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.
* 25th peal.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's. Tenor 15 cwt. 11 lb. in F sharp.

Ernest Morris	*Treble*	John Bramley	5
Walter P. Whitehead...	2	Alan Cattell	6
Hector A. Knights ...	3	John A. L. Thompson...	7
John E. S. Moreton ...	4	John E. Lloyd	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan Cattell.
First peal of Stedman as conductor.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary of Charity,
A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

*David Beveridge ...	*Treble*	†Eric A. Dench	5
Geoffrey V. Murphy ...	2	*Fredk. G. Huckstepp...	6
*Frederick E. Dukes ...	3	*Mark S. Lancefield ...	7
Arthur S. Richards ...	4	Philip A. Corby ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major in the method.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 7, 1949, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 23½ cwt.

W. Arthur Riddington	*Treble*	John J. Morris	5
Harold Kilby	2	Alan Cattell	6
Joseph A. Fenton ...	3	Alfred Mould	7
Walter P. Whitehead...	4	John A. L. Thompson...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 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*	Mrs. A. S. Roberts ...	5
Herbert C. Spencer ...	2	Geoffrey W. Taysom ...	6
Miss Joan E. Withey ...	3	*Vivyan E. Williams ...	7
Rev. A. S. Roberts ...	4	Cyril E. Lanxon ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Cyril E. Lanxon.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major in Cornwall by eight resident ringers. In honour of the King's birthday.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 11, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Collegiate Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Cuthbert,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Frederick Sheraton ...	*Treble*	John A. Brown	5
John Anderson	2	William E. Robinson ...	6
Margaret Fidell	3	Thomas G. Myers ...	7
Denis A. Bayles	4	Frederick E. Collins...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.
Fiftieth peal as conductor. Tenor 21 cwt.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 11, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*Kathleen Harrison ...	*Treble*	Charles Catchpole ...	5
Cyril J. Barber	2	Frederick J. Roper ...	6
Albert G. Harrison ...	3	Ernest Whiting	7
†Clement J. More... ...	4	W. Archie Lock	*Tenor*

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Ernest Whiting.
* First peal in the method. † 150th peal for the Norwich Association. Tenor 23 cwt. 82 lb.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 11, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Edgar C. Pizzey	*Treble*	*James M. Bailey ...	5
Willoughby E. Maulden	2	Leslie C. Wightman ...	6
Frank L. Fisher	3	*James G. Rumsey ...	7
Ernest S. Bailey	4	Leslie G. Brett ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Geo. H. Cross. Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.
* 200th peal together. A birthday compliment to James G. Rumsey. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 11, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Taylor's. Tenor 18 cwt.

*John V. Cheetham ...	*Treble*	Percy H. Derbyshire ...	5
Joseph Boyer	2	Arthur Burton	6
Raymond Scott	3	Peter Crook, sen. ...	7
Roy Collier	4	William Scott	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter Crook, sen.
* First peal. To celebrate the coming-of-age of the 3rd ringer and wedding anniversary of his father (tenor ringer) and mother.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., June 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*John L. Glanvill ...	*Treble*	Henry G. Keeley... ...	5
Jill Poole	2	Peter J. Staniforth ...	6
*Roger Keeley	3	†Brian Pidgeon	7
Cuthbert W. Powell...	4	G. Stedman Morris ...	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by G. Stedman Morris.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Tenor 15 cwt.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paulinus,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Edwin Barnett	*Treble*	*Mark S. Lancefield ...	5
John G. Nash	2	*Thomas Cullingworth	6
Arthur S. Richards ...	3	Harry Parkes	7
Maurice Hodgson ...	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal of London Major. 200th peal as conductor.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 11, 1949, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

John R. Kemp	*Treble*	Edwin Fisher	5
Arthur Young	2	Eric Kemp	6
William Wilkinson ...	3	†George Dawson	7
*Thomas Cummins ...	4	Albert E. Flatters ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Benjamin Annable. Conducted by Alb. E. Flatters.
* First peal of Major away from treble. † First peal of Major. A birthday compliment to ringers of treble and 4th. Tenor 17 cwt.

DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 13, 1949, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Edmund,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Edward Barker	*Treble*	Mrs. J. Thomas	5
John Thomas	2	Cecil V. Ebberson ...	6
Wallace W. Cousins ...	3	William Buckenham ...	7
Ernest H. Mastin... ...	4	Claude Cousins	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by John Thomas.
The first peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Tenor 11 cwt.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Carter's. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

MISS ELSIE LEYLAND	*Treble*	ALBERT ED. SANDIFORD	5
JAMES WM. KAY	2	EDWARD IDDON	6
THOMAS BRATBY	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
LESLIE PETERS	4	GEORGE OLIVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD IDDON.
A mark of appreciation for the work done in the parish by the Vicar, Rev. H. A. Norton, who retired this day.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 13, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

HARRY PRATT	*Treble*	MISS HILDA G. SNOWDEN	5
FRANK CLAYDON	2	HARRY G. FELTON	6
RONALD SUCKLING	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
*JOHN WARNER	4	ALBERT WIFFEN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY. Conducted by ALBERT WIFFEN.
* First peal in the method. Conductor's 150th peal

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., June 13, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN N. LINDON	*Treble*	*TERRY R. HAMPTON	5
JOHN PINFOLD	2	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	6
ARTHUR D. COOK	3	*EDWARD T. LLOYD	7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Superlative. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MARY SHEARSMITH	*Treble*	WILLIAM BARTON	5
NORMA BICKERDIKE	2	JOHN AMBLER	6
PATRICIA E. M. BARTON	3	JOHN W. GIBSON	7
MOLLY AMBLER	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.
In memoriam James Cecil Booth, a member of the Pudsey company for 50 years. Tenor 16 cwt.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 16, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Treble*	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	5
*GEORGE E. PADGETT	2	*HENRY ROGERS	6
ALBERT H. WARD	3	WALTER NICHOLS	7
CLEMENT GLENN	4	FREDK. A. SALTER	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First in the method. First in the method on the bells.

SALLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 16, 1949, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF WELLINGTON LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5148 CHANGES;
Fourths place bobs. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

WALTER C. MEDLER	*Treble*	WALTER J. FORD	5
ERIC DURRANT	2	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
HERBERT LASKEY	4	ARTHUR G. BASON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 16, 1949, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

WILLIAM SMITH	*Treble*	*STANLEY GILBERT	5
ALFRED H. PULLING	2	HERBERT GOAKES	6
WILLIAM H. WALDRON	3	FRANK WARRINGTON	7
RALPH BIRD	4	*LAWRENCE HADMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
* First of Grandsire Triples.

SIX BELL PEALS

EASTRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*SYDNEY HIRD	*Treble*	HORACE S. MORLEY	4
JOHN NOEL ARMES	2	RONALD COLDWELL	5
WILLIAM GRAVES	3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.
* First peal. In memoriam Mr. J. Crosland, an Eastrington ringer.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 20 cwt.

*MALCOLM TYLER	*Treble*	WILLIAM SMITH	4
HERBERT GOAKES	2	GERALD BRIDGER	5
CYRIL DUDDINGTON	3	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS H. NEWMAN.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising one extent each of London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

*RONALD J. SHARP	*Treble*	†PETER T. ROBBINS	4
BETTY SPICE	2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
C. HENRY HARDING	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* 100th peal. † First peal of Surprise Minor and first peal in more than one method. To celebrate the birthday of Mrs. G. H. Spice, of Sittingbourne, Kent, and the birth of a daughter to Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Spice, of Liverpool.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

CYRIL COUSINS	*Treble*	EDWARD BARKER	4
JOHN THOMAS	2	CECIL V. EBBERSON	5
WALLACE W. COUSINS	3	CLAUDE COUSINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Kent, Oxford, and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt.

EDWARD V. RODENHURST	*Treble*	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	4
A. EDWARD REEVES	2	E. DENNIS POOLE	5
MRS. E. D. POOLE	3	WILLIAM A. FARMER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. FARMER.

CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

PETER NEWING	*Treble*	*THOMAS H. HOLMES	4
RONALD PEPPER	2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL	5
*CLIFFORD A. BENN	3	JOHN H. BAXTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.
* First peal of Minor.

CARLTON-JUXTA-SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

*DEREK SMITH (12)	*Treble*	HERBERT COOPER	4
JOHN J. TAYLOR	2	RONALD COLDWELL	5
WILLIAM GRAVES	3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.
* First peal.

(Further peals on page 309.)

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. E. Ll. Roberts 1, B. Bladen (first of Triples) 2, F. Wilton (first 'inside' Triples) 3, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 4, P. Anger 5, A. Palmer 6, W. W. T. Daniell 7, G. Newman 8.

BARKING, ESSEX. — On June 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Worboys 1, C. E. Faulkner 2, W. Beard 3, D. Beard 4, C. Fenn (cond.) 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, S. Holgate 7, E. G. Cottis 8.

BARWELL, LEICS. — On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Coleman 1, W. H. Duncombe 2, R. Lord 3, C. R. Belton 4, W. P. Whitehead 5, G. P. Garner 6, A. H. Hough (first as cond.) 7, J. Hill 8.

CHATHAM, KENT.—On June 5th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Richardson 1, W. A. J. Knight 2, D. T. Hills 3, Mrs. G. K. Jarrett 4, T. A. Cross 5, C. S. Jarrett 6, V. A. Jarrett 7, O. Drew 8. First of Stedman for 4, 5, 6 and 8.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—At the Annunciation Church on June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. R. Packer 1, D. Martin 2, G. W. Ashdown 3, J. L. Morris (13, cond.) 4, R. W. Dent 5, R. Streek 6, F. C. W. Knight 7, R. H. Baker 8. First in method of Triples by 2, 3, 5, 6 and 8.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On June 5th, at St. John-the-Baptist's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Lodge 1, E. Razzell 2, Mrs. W. Oatway (first of Caters) 3, C. Parks 4, R. Abbott 5, R. Davies 6, H. Pratt 7, G. H. Humphries 8, W. Oatway (first as cond.) 9, F. E. Mitchell 10.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: H. Huntington (first quarter) 1, Miss J. D. Dunn 2, H. E. Taylor 3, Miss C. Broome 4, G. W. T. Smith 5, D. Scott 6, G. H. Paulson (cond.) 7, N. Hutchin 8. First of Oxford Bob 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8.

FRAMPTON, LINCS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob): J. R. Kemp 1, E. Kemp 2, A. Young 3, E. Fisher 4, T. Cummins 5, J. R. Young (cond.) 6. First 720 of Kent Treble Bob by 2 and 5.

QUARTER PEALS

GLASGOW. — At St. Mary's Cathedral on June 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. W. Sear 1, R. O. Street (cond.) 2, J. Hutchison 3, E Boumphrey 4, H. F. Sargent 5, W. Sear 6, L. Boumphrey 7, E. A. Stafford 8, T. C. Winderam 9, A. E. Haynes 10. A farewell to L. Boumphrey, who returns to Trieste on service.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. White (first in method) 1, H. L. Bishop 2, J. P. Blond (first in method) 3, G. W. Bishop 4, R. B. Blond 5, J. Gordon 6, B. L. J. Brown (cond.) 7, D. Napper 8.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Fugler (first quarter) 1, G. Tonkin 2, E. Breed 3, J. Hobden 4, G. Beaney 5, J. Beeny 6.

LENTON, NOTTS. — On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Bird 1, P. Nix 2, Wm. E. Court (cond.) 3, R. Narborough 4, L. Berry 5, A. Berry 6.

LLANELLY, CARM. — On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Hurren 1, R. Scudamore 2, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 3, C. H. Hawkins 4, W. P. E. Sage 5, J. T. Williams 6.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBS.—On June 5th, at All Saints', 1,344 Bob Major: Miss G. A. Smith 1, Miss B. Whistler 2, Miss A. L. Blyth (first quarter) 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, G. E. Crisp 5, A. W. T. Cleaver 6, M. Ginn (cond.) 7, B. D Threlfall 8.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS. — On June 10th at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Barber 1, Miss M. B. Valentine 2, E. Nobles 3, T. Tebbutt (cond.) 4, H. England 5, R. Idle 6, E. Baldwin 7, A. Baldwin 8. In memoriam Mr. G. Tanner, ringer and chorister of above church.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On May 26th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: L. Derrick (cond.) 1, E. F. Shearn 2, M. R. Shearn 3, B. F. Shearn 4, C. Kortright 5, R. E. Durbin 6. First quarter of Stedman by 3, 4, 5 and 6. In memoriam Mr. W. Brake, a great lover of the church and bells.

NORTON, HERTS. — On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. A. Collings (first quarter) 1, H. Werrett 2, S. Bonnett 3, W. D. Pooley 4, R. V. Webb (cond.) 5, E. G. Buck 6, R. T. Newman 7, J. S. Dear 8. First of Bob Triples for all except the 7th.

OXFORD. — On June 7th, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,284 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss N. Honey 1, A. R. Pink (cond.) 2, M. C. F. Collett 3, P. Walker 4, E. G. Moore 5, C. Coles 6, B. S. Nichols 7, W. H. B. Wilkins 8. First in method for 3 and 7.

PAISLEY, SCOTLAND.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Peacock 1, A. Scott 2, N. Sharpe, jun. 3, Mrs. L. M. Caldwell 4, R. J. G. Thom 5, N. Sharpe (first as cond.) 6, R. W. M. Clouston 7, J. Caldwell (first quarter) 8.

STAFFORD.—On June 5th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Fisher 1, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 2, R. W. Lander (first 'inside') 3, Miss R. M. Elkington 4, F. Eley 5, A. E. Garbett 6, J. Warrilow 7, A. Page (first quarter) 8. A farewell to R. W. Lander on joining H.M. Forces.

STONE, STAFFS. — On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Hodson 1, G. Chaplain 2, J. Kane 3, R. Bowden 4, E. Young 5, J. Head 6, A. Rowley (cond.) 7, H. Proctor 8. Silver wedding compliment to Mr. W. Buckley, ringer at the church for 35 years.

TENBY, PEMBS. — On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. Lewis 1, M. Jenkins 2, J. Evans 3, G. Thomas 4, T. Griffiths 5, Rev. F. Oswell 6, H. Jenkins (cond.) 7, F. Jenkins 8.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. M. Tomlin 1, W. H. Dobbie 2, S. A. White 3, R. Wood 4, J. T. Medhurst 5, E J. Ladd (cond.) 6, B. V. Collison 7, L. Duke 8. In memoriam Mr. A. H. Janes, a former ringer.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On May 29th, at the Minster, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. A. D. Pearson (first of Minor) 1, E. C. Marlow 2, C. N. Pearson (cond.) 3, R. Tudgay 4, N. G. Knee 5, T. E. Mallard 6. A 74th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Miss Margaret Beamish, of Nuneaton, completed 50 peals four days before her 14th birthday when she rang 5,184 Grandsire Caters at Chilvers Coton on June 20th. She rang her first peal on October 12th, 1946, and has conducted two and rung six 'in hand.' Congratulations, Margaret!

Messrs. J. L. Millhouse and H. L. Pask have 'circled' St. Hugh's tower, Lincoln Cathedral. The peal on June 13th was to mark the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury to Lincoln.

Mr. Harold Walker, of York, writes: I notice no claim was made regarding the handbell peal of Stedman Cinques rung in York on Whit Sunday. We, in York, regard it as the first peal of Stedman Cinques to be rung in the city. Personally, I am of the opinion it was the first handbell peal of Stedman Cinques to be rung in Yorkshire.

It would appear some misunderstanding has arisen regarding the claim submitted on behalf of Miss Margaret Fidell, writes Mr. Leslie W. G. Morris. It was intended to convey that Miss Fidell was the first lady ringer to score her first peals of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods and Cambridge Surprise Royal in one day—a very commendable performance.

The claim to the Cambridge Surprise Royal rung on June 6th, 1949, being the first on the bells at Ripon Cathedral is quite correct. The conductor rang the tenor to what would have been the first on the bells on May 19th, 1934, conducted by Mr. E. Jenkins (the effort referred to), but most unfortunately the composition, a 3,040 by the late Rev. H. Law James, was discovered to be false. This was pointed out in a letter to 'The Ringing World' by Mr. W. Barton, hon. peal secretary of the Yorkshire Association. It is also tabled in the list of false compositions rung by the Yorkshire Association, and which is repeated in each annual report.

Mr. H. Patrick Cannon in his reply to the organiser of the Exeter peal states: Surely in any physical effort of sustained length, i.e., boxing, athletics, tennis, swimming — those who perform 'give themselves a hiding' to achieve something out of the ordinary. The physical side of ringing is just as important as the mental side, although in these days of ball bearings, etc., it tends to be neglected.

Mrs. Rogers is not the first lady ringer to take part in a twelve-bell peal in Yorkshire, the honour going to Mrs. J. Cotterell, who rang in a peal of Stedman Cinques at Sheffield Cathedral on March 12th, 1927.

The Hertford County Association deeply regret the passing of Canon F. F. Greig, of Royston, an honorary member of the Association. Canon Greig was always interested in the Association and extended a hearty welcome to all at ringing meetings at Royston and to visiting bands. In his memory 720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Oxford Treble Bob were rung on June 23rd by A. Gilbert 1, W. Houghton 2, A. E. Symonds 3, S. E. Roberts 4, A. Parrish 5, E. W. Roberts (cond.) 6, G. Langridge tenor.

Last January the Rev. G. D. Burroughs started a band of four boys and himself at Hammerwood, near East Grinstead, where on the five bells only two peals have been rung. The boys can now handle their bells competently, but are handicapped by lack of numbers and experienced ringers. On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung by G. D. Burroughs (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Hyman (first quarter) 2, A. F. Lewry (cond.) 3, A. Turley (first of Grandsire) 4, H. Vaughan 5. The Rev. Burroughs hopes one day to augment the ring to six or eight. The first requirement, he adds, is more ringers, and it requires some ingenuity to enveigle the youth of the district into the tower.

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YORK CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

(Continued from page 296.)

METHOD EXTENSION.

The following notice of motion was submitted by the Universities Association: 'That this Council undertakes to review the principles of method structure, with the purpose of adopting criteria for the recognition of the extended form of a basic method.'

Dr. Hatcher said as a new member of the Council of the 1948-9 vintage, to use the phrase of the Biographical Committee, he did not anticipate that his maiden speech would mark such an important occasion as the presentation of the motion on method extension. He did so in the name of the Universities Association following a resolution at its last general meeting which took the form of an amendment to a proposition about London Royal. But while reluctant to make a rapid decision on the precise nature of extended London, this meeting gave full support to the idea of considering the problem of extension in more general terms.

Most methods were treble dominated with plain or treble bob hunting paths. They might be simple with a principle defining duty of bells ratelative to certain, often extreme, treble positions not multiplied in frequency as the number of bells was increased (e.g., Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob), or were more complicated with a principle defining duty of bells relative to these positions, and also to other internal positions which did increase with the number of bells (e.g., Cambridge). For a method of the latter type it would be evident that the minimum number of bells involved was that which sufficed for the independence, or non-interference, of the two types of duty.

From that point of view a method which could be extended at all could be extended upwards indefinitely, each addition of two bells giving an extra internal set of positions. Thus a method principle had for its expression a minimum number of positions which was variable according to the spatial implications of the duties, but an indefinite maximum, e.g., Plain Bob from four upwards, Cambridge six upwards, Yorkshire eight upwards.

Such extensions of the basic method, however, in many cases did not conform to accepted lead-end requirements, and in the case of these methods attempts had been made to produce legitimate extension by modification of the structural ideal. Here was the real problem, and there might be a large number of such variants claiming recognition as the accepted extended form. This was exactly the position with London, in which method some 16 versions for the Royal extension had been published in the last 40 years.

It was not his intention to comment there on the respective virtues or vices of these versions of London Royal. All he would do was to emphasise the urgent need for the Council to go into the matter thoroughly and then give the Exercise guidance.

In proposing the motion he would suggest that, if adopted, those entrusted with the responsibility of making the review of method structure should present a report to be published either in book form or in a series of articles in 'The Ringing World,' before the Central Council was asked to take any decision.

The Secretary: In the absence of Miss Cross I beg formally to second. At the same time it is my duty to given you the recommendation of the Standing Committee that the motion be accepted and referred to the Methods Committee for report.

Mr. E. A. Barnett: It is merely an easy way of getting out of something the Standing Committee does not understand, and speaking for one member of the Methods Committee he does not either (laughter).

The recommendation of the Standing Committee was carried.

NEXT MEETING

The Chairman said the Gloucester and Bristol Association had invited the Council to Cheltenham and the Sussex County Association to Eastbourne. The Standing Committee recommended Eastbourne, as they understood there would be a difficulty about accommodation at Cheltenham.

Mr. C. H. Kippin proposed that the next Council meeting be held at Bournemouth. The bells of Eastbourne could not be called first-rate, and there were not many towers in the vicinity. At Bournemouth there were ideal arrangements for ringing and accommodation.

The meeting decided in favour of Eastbourne.

Mr. J. Bray mentioned that members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild extended a hearty welcome to the Council to visit Lincoln in 1951.

Mr. Anderson pointed out that 1951 was the festival year, and bellringing could claim a place among the art. He hoped the Council would try and do something that year—say a peal in every tower. He moved a vote of thanks to the chairman and officers of the Council, which was carried unanimously.

The President, before acknowledging the vote of thanks, said in connection with the birth of Prince Charles, Mr. Elston sent three copies of 'The Ringing World,' containing peals for the royal birth, to Princess Elizabeth, who had graciously acknowledged the copies, which she had read with much interest.

He thanked Mr. Anderson for his vote of thanks, and on behalf of the Council he desired to express their thanks to the Dean and to the Yorkshire Association for the arrangements they had made and also for the hospitality, especially of Mr. George Horner, of the York company.

The Rev. Ellison, president of the Yorkshire Association, said it was a great pleasure to his Association to receive the Council.

The conference was followed by tea at the College, the members of the Council and guests being entertained by the Yorkshire Association. A social evening was afterwards held at The Windmill, where Mr. Harold J. Poole was M.C.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

BOLTON BRANCH.

A very good meeting of the Bolton Branch was held at Blackrod on June 18th. Several learners got a real good help in Plain Bob Minor. At the business part of the meeting Miss Muriel Reay, of Westhoughton, was complimented upon her very fine achievement. It is about two years ago since she learned to ring. She rang her first peal on June 27th last year, and now has 27 peals to her credit in the following methods, viz.: Doubles (Grandsire and Stedman), 1; Grandsire Triples, 3; Stedman Triples, 2; Stedman Caters, 2; Bob Minor, 2; Bob Major, 2; Bob Royal, 1; Little Bob Major, 1; Oxford T.B. Major, 1; Kent T.B. Major, 1; Kent T.B. Royal, 1; Double Norwich C.B. Major, 5; Yorkshire Surprise Major, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 4. Mr. J. W. Grounds, on behalf of the Wigan Branch, and Mr. J. Blackburn, on behalf of the Preston Branch, extended their compliments.

Another feature, as far as ladies are concerned, is the appointment of Miss Annie Potter as Ringing Master at St. Paul's, Walkden. She should prove an able successor to her father, the late John Potter.

Mr. Churchwarden Jolly and his wife very kindly provided tea.

P. C.

LETTERS

TRENCHANT REPLY TO LIBRA

Dear Sir,—I must say that I deplore the leading article on Method Extension in this week's 'Ringing World.' As a personal opinion, among the correspondence it would not be out of place, even if written under a nom de plume (and I suppose this is really necessary?), but to have it in the position it is, where one expects to find an unbiased attempt to deal with all sides of a question, even though some definite conclusion is reached, is most certainly out of place. It could be taken as an attempt to coerce the Methods Committee in its work—to get them to rule the matter out of hand without the conscientious consideration of all points, which I have already asked the members to try to do even though they may (and I know some do) feel very strongly about it. I trust this is not so—at any rate, the Council may be assured that the matter will be properly investigated, even though the final conclusion may be the obvious one.

Again, even in the correspondence columns I would feel the general tone of the letter to be biased to the extent of unkindness. One of the things which I have found among some C.C. members (speaking as a newcomer) is this tendency to be really unkind to those who say or do something they dislike. Of course, nobody expects (I hope) that *everybody* will agree with his opinion on any matter, but I think it is only common justice to expect that that opinion will be respected and not simply treated with scorn and derision. It has happened to me, both by word and in 'The Ringing World,' and I fear I can detect the same spirit in this letter concerning Dr. Hatcher. Can anyone deny that the remarks about his speech are almost insulting and certainly most unkind?

Then, too, isn't the comparison of the present and the past also both unkind and dangerous? As far as I know, no present-day expert has claimed a 'monopoly of wisdom,' neither has he decried those who have gone before. But to say that any subject has been 'worked out' (that seems to be the sense of the words) is literally dangerous. Not only in ringing but in all subjects, most important and valuable discoveries have been made because someone has investigated some of these 'worked out' ideas and found them not so 'worked out' as was thought.

Finally, without meaning to be unkind (that would never do after what I have said above!) may I be very candid? The lack of respect for someone else's opinion is, I believe, one of the surest signs of ignorance. In my experience real knowledge always brings tolerance, for real knowledge means that all sides of the question have been considered, and if that is done I am certain that it brings respect for the judgment of another who has faced the same questions but arrived at a different conclusion.—Yours sincerely,

W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

THE MISSING PEAL

Dear Sir,—At the York Council meeting it was pointed out that the peals analysis summary gave credit for 110 peals rung by the Yorkshire Association during 1948, whereas the Association's report showed a total of 111. I have received a copy of this report, and I find therein a peal of Minor was rung at Silsden on May 1st, but I can find no record of this in 'The Ringing World.' Will the conductor kindly send the necessary particulars to the Editor so that my committee may complete their analysis?

CHARLES DEAN.

ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Membership Gains in all Districts

The 70th annual meeting of the Essex Association, held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, was attended by 150 ringers and friends, each district being well represented.

The service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Provost (the Very Rev. C. K. Waller), the address being given by the Right Rev. Hugh Gough, Bishop of Barking. During the service the names of members who had died during 1948 were read, viz., S. Blatch (North Weald), S. Jennings (Harwich), A. Mansfield (Epping Upland), J. Moule, A. Prior (Leytonstone), J. E. Philbrick (Prittlewell), F. Ringe (Brentwood), J. Turner (Earls Colne), E. Townsend (Great Bardfield), besides the names of several non-resident members.

It was the first occasion the Bishop had been privileged to speak to a large gathering of ringers, and his stirring address will long be remembered by those present.

THE CRACKED BELL.

After referring to the place of bells in Church and civic life, the Bishop said:—

Occasionally one does hear a cracked bell—one that is out of tune with the others. Ringers call men to worship, but, is your life in tune with worship? Do you take part in the service or do you slip out after ringing, as I have seen ringers do? Sometimes we do not carry out the practice we urge upon others. Are our lives in tune with the music of the bells? They give forth the music but you must do the pulling. We must place our lives in God's hands. Ringers are members of a team, and each one has a part to play. Our religion is a personal matter, but we are all one in the service of our Lord—all members of one brotherhood, and if we fail the whole witness of the Church of God is spoilt. Remember your duty to the Church—the most glorious society to which we could belong. In Psalm 96 it says, "O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. . . ." It is not sufficient just to sing with our lips, or to ring, but we must worship with beauty of character.

The Master (Dr. T. P. Spencer-Phillips, J.P.) presided at the business meeting, held in the Chapter House, and was supported by the Bishop of Barking, the Provost, and the officers of the Association.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The annual report showed that the vigorous reconstruction of 1947 had been successfully continued in 1948, thanks to the untiring efforts of Mr. G. L. Joyce (deputy Master), supported by an enthusiastic committee. Membership had increased in all the districts, a gain in all of 98 ringing members. Several towers were still in need of recruits to ensure regular Sunday ringing.

Hutton (5), Great Wakering (6), Downham (6) and Thorpe Bay (8) joined the Association, whilst Nazeing (5), Chrishall (6), St. Osyth (6), Stebbing (6), Great Bromley (6), St. Leonard's, Colchester (6), Finchingfield (8), Bocking (8), Stanford-le-Hope (8) and Waltham Abbey (12) have shown revived interest. Repairs have been completed at Great Dunmow (8) and All Saints', Maldon (8). It is regretted that no ringing is done at Thorpe-le-Soken (6), Great Holland (8), Leyton (8) and West Ham (10). The latter two towers are out of action through structural defects.

The 'Crusaders' of S.W. Essex continued their monthly summer activities, with other districts increasing their practices. A healthy fellowship had been built up through these extra meetings. Mr. L. W. Wiffen (peal secretary) and Mr. F. Dench (peal committee) resigned from the committee, and both merited the thanks of the Association for their valuable services for many years. Two vice-presidents, the Rt. Rev. J. T. Inskip (Bishop of Barking) and the Very Rev. W. E. R. Morrow, M.A. (Provost of the Cathedral), retired last autumn, and the Association owed much to them for their unfailing kindnesses and ready support throughout their long ministrations in the diocese. The library, lodged in the Cathedral, under the care of Mr. H. W. Shadrack, had received interesting additions, presented by Miss A. White, Mr. M. Hodgson and Mr. G. L. Joyce. Noteworthy is an autographed copy of the original edition of 'The Nine Tailors' and some letters concerning the book from Dorothy L. Sayers.

Fifty-nine peals were rung during the year —54 on tower bells, 5 on handbells; 19 shared the conducting, 25 rang their first peal, and 74 their first peal in the method. A noteworthy performance was the 'first ever' of Prittlewell Surprise Royal at Prittlewell on April 3rd, conducted by Mr. P. A. Corby. The Bell Restoration Fund had been well supported, with a record balance of £246 3s. 4d. Grants amounting to £35 were made to Great Wakering and Thaxted. The Rev. C. Scott-Little, M.A. (now Deputy Master) had been asked to serve on the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

NEW FORM OF REPORT.

The income showed an increase of £9 4s. 9d., but the balance, as in the previous year, was reduced. This should not re-occur, as the increased subscription and the introduction of peal fees should provide an income to meet all outgoings. The lay-out of the annual report—printing, information and arrangement —was favourably commented upon by several members, including congratulations from Mr. E. C. S. Turner, of the Middlesex Association, and well worth the increased cost of production.

The auditors (Mr. H. Turner and Mr. J. H. Crampion) spoke in glowing terms of the good work of the general secretary and treasurer (Mr. R. C. Heazel) and the efficiency of the district secretaries.

Mr. Shadrack (for trustees) said that it would be useful to have a bookcase and they would be grateful if one could be obtained. Mr. J. Chalk urged for more hon. members. He commented on the marvellous response from ringers towards the Bell Restoration Fund, which enabled the appropriate committee this year already to make grants to Fyfield, Bobbingworth and South Benfleet, amounting to £65. He advised those who had bells attended to to see that the work was properly carried out.

The chief business centred round 'Standing Orders.' The committee, by a majority vote, had recommended to the A.G.M. that the Association should have its 'Standing Orders,' to be adopted or suspended according to the wishes of the meeting. After discussion, Mr. L. J. Clark proposed and Mr. L. W. Wiffen seconded, that the matter of 'Standing Orders' be referred back to the committee for further consideration. This was carried, a small number voting.

The election of officers followed. Mr. H. J. Mansfield (Maldon) and Mr. L. W. Wiffen (Braintree) were elected life vice-presidents in recognition of long service. (Mr. F. J. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, general secretary of the Association for 13 years, was nominated by the committee for a vice-presidency, but passed away a few days prior to the meeting.) Other officers elected were: Master, Dr. T. Spencer-Phillips, J.P.; Deputy Master, Rev. C. Scott-Little, M.A.; 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. W. Chalk (St. Peter's, Colchester), Mr. F. Dench, Mr. A. E. Pitstow (Saffron Walden), Mr. W. Allen (Boreham), Mr. A. Bradley (Fryerning), Mr. G. Cornell (Galleywood), Mr. G. Parsons (Broomfield), Mr. E. J. Runter (Springfield), Mr. A. N. Brighton, Mr. G. Dawson, Mr. R. W. Stannard (Leytonstone), Mr. C. Fenn (Barking), Mr. F. J. Freestone (Hornchurch), Mr. W. Nelder, Mr. C. Petty (Wanstead); co-options, Finance and General Purposes, Miss J. M. Griffith, Mr. E. W. Croucher and Mr. G. L. Joyce; peals, Mr. R. Suckling and Mr. M. Hodgson.

'RINGING WORLD' RESOLUTION

Mr. G. Faulkner (Barking) spoke about the resolution in 'The Ringing World' of May 20th, which deprecated the policy of the Editor. He was against it being sent, and expressed a wish that it might be withdrawn by the Essex C.C. representative. He thought it was ill-advised and ill-timed, and he did not think it should have been sent in without discussion and approval of the other divisions.

Mr. G. L. Joyce (Hornchurch) replied, and pointed out that the C.C. representatives are not delegates and not governed by the Association in any shape or form. He thought 'The Ringing World' was weighted against the ordinary ringers and devoted more to the C.C. ringers.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks, proposed by Dr. Spencer-Phillips and seconded by Mr. J. Chalk, to the Bishop of Barking, the Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral and the organist (Mr. S. Vann).

Luncheon was well arranged and served at the County Hotel, the Bishop and the Provost being the chief guests.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

70th ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

A representative gathering assembled on June 18th to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Guild (the former Winchester Diocesan Guild), which took place at Basingstoke on June 26th, 1879. During the day bells in and around the district were available and made good use of.

The Guild service was held in St. Michael's Church and was conducted by the Archdeacon of Basingstoke (the Ven. A. W. Chute), an hon. member of the Guild. In the course of his address he extended a hearty welcome and spoke of his great pleasure in the Guild returning to its birthplace on that occasion. He stressed the great part that the diocesan Guilds contributed to the service of the Church and referred to the Guild as a 'handmaid of the Church.' He wished them Godspeed and a very happy anniversary.

An excellent tea was partaken of in Church House, after which special references were made to the early history of the Guild through such early pioneers as Henry White (Basingstoke), John W. Whiting (Fareham), J. Hewett (Gosport) and the late Master (Mr. G. Williams), by the general secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers) and Mr. G. Pullinger.

Mr. W. Andrews (Winchester) paid special tribute to the valuable work put in by Mr. Pullinger, who was general secretary at the time of the division of the Guild (when Portsmouth and Guildford became separate dioceses), and who showed the utmost tact and perseverance in handling the Guild's affairs.

Mr. Tucker (North Stoneham) said he first came to Basingstoke over 50 years ago. At that time there was no ringing at Southampton, his nearest towers for change ringing being either Winchester, Romsey or Basingstoke. Mr. R. Brown (Southampton) also paid a tribute to the late Mr. George Williams.

At the conclusion of the speeches a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Archdeacon of Basingstoke, the incumbents at the various towers, and Mr. J. Chesterman for making all arrangements for the programme of the day. Ringing followed until a late hour. Members were present from many of the towers in the Guild with visitors from Epsom, Byfield (Northants), Reading, Oxford and Stanwell (Middlesex).

CHALE, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 11, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob (two callings) and three extents of Plain Bob (three callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

William Upton ... ...*Treble*	A. Richard Ward ... 4
*Frank S. Taylor ... 2	*John H. Hunt 5
†Patrick Page 3	*James H. Musson ... *Tenor*

Conducted by John H. Hunt.
* First peal in two methods on six bells. † First peal on six bells. First peal on the bells since augmentation in 1946.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 11, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford T.B. and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Alderman G. Ling ...*Treble*	Arthur Smith 4
*Frank Shaw 2	Harry Hall 5
Arthur A. Ling 3	Alan S. Pipe ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by Alderman G. Ling.
* First peal of Minor.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 12, 1949, *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 720's each of Oxford and Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

R. Crutchley ... ...*Treble*	Ellen Rice 4
Vera Draper 2	C. Ackers 5
J. Pounds 3	A. Mawdsley ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by A. Mawdsley.
To celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John Rice, brother of the ringer of the 4th.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., June 13, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents.

*Walter R. Hughes ...*Treble*	George W. Hughes ... 4
*Derek K. Knowles ... 2	†Maurice G. Turner ... 5
Jeffrey B. Webb ... 3	†Howard Howell ... *Tenor*

Conducted by Maurice G. Turner.
* First peal of Minor. † 25th peal together.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Tues., June 14, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Ruth M. K. How ...*Treble*	*Ann M. Dickinson ... 4
†Basil Almond 2	Rodney B. Meadows ... 5
*Catharine M. Trist ... 3	‡David Gallop ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by David Gallop.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ 25th peal. First of Minor as conductor.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., June 16, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 34 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.

Richard Busby ... ... *Treble*	Herbert H. Abrahams 4
*Thomas Cooke 2	†Peter C. Wright ... 5
George F. Newton ... 3	W. Norman Park... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by W. Norman Park.
* First peal in seven Surprise methods 'inside.' † First of Surprise Minor and first of Minor in seven methods.

WALKERN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*William F. Todd... ...*Treble*	†Lewis R. Runnacles... 4
George Cherry 2	William J. Croft ... 5
Edgar W. Winters ... 3	Frank W. Croft ... *Tenor*

Conducted by Frank W. Croft.
* First peal. † First in seven methods. A compliment to Charles V. Hare on his 71st birthday.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 15 extents of Stedman, 12 of Plain Bob and 15 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

S. N. Bristow... ... ...*Treble*	E. Quicke 4
S. Smith 2	H. Purchase 5
C. Tarr 3	C. Wensley ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by H. Purchase.
First peal in three Doubles methods by all.

HANDBELL PEALS

COSTOCK, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 11, 1949, *in 1 Hours and 44 Minutes,*
At Darrawella, Bunny Hill,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents.

*George E. Padgett ... 1-2	Peter Nix 3-4
	Ralph Narborough 5-6

Conducted by Ralph Narborough.
* First peal of Plain Bob Minor 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 12, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 5 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	William G. Young 5-6
Daniel T. Matkin 3-4	Francis S. Wilson 7-8

Conducted by Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay.
Rung at the special wish of Mr. Wilson on his 16th wedding anniversary.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 13, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,*
In St. Margaret's Vicarage,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's. Tenor size 17 in A.

Walter P. Whitehead ... 1-2	Ernest Morris 5-6
*Alan Cattell 3-4	Josiah Morris 7-8

Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.
* First peal of Stedman 'in hand.' A birthday peal for Mrs. T. C. Belton, of Barwell.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 15, 1949, *in 2 Hours,*
At 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor size 12 in F.

*John E. Manners 1-2	W. Bertram Kynaston ... 3-4
*Beryl J. Strange 5-6	

Conducted by W. Bertram Kynaston.
* First peal 'in hand.'

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

HEALTHY POSITION REPORTED AT FESTIVAL.

The 41st annual report of the Chester Guild, presented at its annual festival at Crewe on June 11th to a representative gathering of 125 members and friends, including Mr. G. L. Grover, of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, drew attention to the fact that in spite of the efforts of the instructors, there were still silent towers in the Guild.

It was felt that this was due in some cases to estrangement of ringers and clergy, and it was pointed out that no vicar could be expected to look with favour on ringers who used the bells purely in pursuit of their hobby and did not take their proper place in the corporate life of the church. The standard of church service was, in general, high, but every member was urged to be aware of his responsibility to the Exercise in that respect.

The report recommended members to study the article on wastage contributed to 'The Ringing World' by one of the Guild's members, and suggested that while many may not see eye to eye with the writer, none the less it would be agreed that wastage was, in fact, serious, and that a refusal to examine its implications could only be disastrous.

A healthy state of affairs was disclosed by the report, there being a membership of 22 honorary members and 740 ringing members, and the number of young ringers in all branches was particularly noteworthy.

The social side of ringing was being well catered for, ringing trips being very popular, and in this connection the meeting decided that the time was ripe for the revival of the annual dinner and instructed the Master and general secretary to make the necessary arrangements for it to be held in Chester in the early part of October.

Peal ringing showed an increase, 126 peals having been rung, in which 28 members rang their first peal and seven conducted their first peal. Sunday service bands rang peals of Double Court Triples, Erin Triples, Superlative Surprise Major, London Surprise Major and in seven Minor methods. The average age of the band which rang the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was 20, the youngest to record a peal in the method for the Guild.

AMONG THE FOREMOST.

The 25th anniversary of the first 35-method peal at Norbury, a milestone in ringing history, was marked by a peal in the same methods at the same church, in which two of the original band took part. Over, the scene of the 17,280 Kent Treble Bob Major on July 21st, 1923, maintained its association with long lengths by a peal of 10,080 Bristol Surprise Major on December 18th, 1948.

First peals in the following methods were rung: Cheshire Surprise Major, Stockport Surprise Major and Ramsey Surprise Major, and the Guild rang its first peals in the following methods: New Cambridge Surprise Maximus, Yorkshire Surprise Royal, seven Spliced Surprise Major, six Spliced Surprise Major, Edinburgh Surprise Major, Aldenham Surprise Major, Double Court Triples, Erin Triples and 18 Spliced Surprise Minor methods. This list compared favourably with other guilds throughout the country, and the Chester Guild was justifiably proud of its achievements, which placed it among the foremost organisations in the Exercise.

In common with all ringing societies at the present time the financial statement revealed that something must be done to bring expenditure into line with income. Discussion took place on the best ways of securing an increased income, and it was eventually decided that the most satisfactory was to increase the subscription by 6d. with effect from January 1st, 1950.

The vexed question of the peal booking fee, by which the recently inaugurated Bell Restoration and Augmentation Fund was to be financed, was very fully ventilated, and on a vote being taken the meeting decided by a majority of two that the fee be retained, the conductor of the peal to be responsible for the collection and forwarding to the branch secretary. In the event of any member failing to pay the booking fee the peal in question would not be included in the annual report of the Guild.

It was resolved to proceed with the printing of the annual report in the present form this year, but that in future it would include a list of first performances by the Guild and compositions rung for the first time by the Guild.

The meeting re-elected its officers with the exception of its general secretary and treasurer, the Rev. J. D. Pearson, who wished to resign on account of other pressing duties. The meeting expressed its gratitude for the great efforts which he, a non-ringer, had made on its behalf and congratulated him on his appointment as Rural Dean. In reply, Mr. Pearson said he had enjoyed the work and most of all the fellowship which it had brought with it. It was decided to formally place on record the Guild's appreciation of the faithful service of Mr. Pearson.

The Rev. J. Kingdon, of St. Mary's-within-the-Walls, Chester, a keen and enthusiastic ringer, was appointed his successor.

The final business of the meeting was to fix the place of the next annual festival, and in response to the invitation extended by the Northwich Branch it was decided to visit them in 1950.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of Christ Church, Crewe, the Rev. Roberts, of Coppenhall, the local ringers for all their efforts and all who had contributed to the sucess of the meeting, which was handled in his usual dexterous manner by the Master, Mr. J. W. Clarke.

OBITUARY

MR. ELI WATERS.

On Sunday, June 12th, the death occurred of Mr. Eli Waters, who had served with the band at St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth, for 48 years. He was in his 84th year and regularly attended the belfry until October last, when the doctor advised him to discontinue ringing.

Mr. Waters was taught to handle a bell by Mr. George Preston, the present captain of Christchurch Priory band, in 1892, and rang his first peal in 1896. Unfortunately a record of his peals is not available, but he rang several in the standard methods in his earlier ringing days.

About 1900 he identified himself with St. Peter's, and subsequently joined the band he was to serve so well and faithfully. He was captain of the band from 1926, but gave up the office in 1936, as he said at the time, 'in favour of a younger man.' This was typical of Mr. Waters' nature, for he would not hold any office unless he felt he could do the job thoroughly. A lifelong friend described him as 'one of nature's gentlemen,' a tribute which explains the love and esteem accorded to him by all who came in contact with him.

The funeral service was taken by the Rev. J. Coutts (assistant priest and a ringer at St. Peter's) on June 16th in St. Peter's Church, and interment followed at Boscombe Cemetery. Many ringers attended, and the bells were rung half muffled after the service and again in the evening. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung round the grave by Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, Messrs. F. Price, D. T. Matkin and A. V. Davis. Floral tributes included wreaths from the Vicar, churchwardens and people of St. Peter's, the local company of ringers, and the two local branches of the Salsbury and the Winchester Diocesan Guilds.

SPEEN, BERKS.—On June 10th, 1,440 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): G. Townsend 1, R. Christopher (first quarter) 2, F. Tuffley 3, G. Dodd 4, R. Crook 5, R. W. Rex (cond.) 6.

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BIRTH

MASSEY.—At Bearsted Memorial Hospital, Hampton Court, on June 17th, 1949, to Hilda, wife of Flight-Lieut. George W. Massey, a son (David George). Present address, 39, Park Way, West Molesey, Surrey. 5449

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MEETINGS

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — The annual festival will be held at Gorseinon, July 2nd.—D. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., 8, Chapel Buildings, Clydach, Swansea. 5422

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Southampton, July 2nd. Committee 11. General meeting 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., all in Chantry Hall. Bells available 1 p.m. and after tea St. Mary's (10), St. Michael's (10); Netley (8), 7 to 8 p.m.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 197, Chatsworth Avenue, Cosham, Hants. 5433

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Practice meeting, Turner's Hill (8), Saturday, July 2nd, 3. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, Sussex. 5435

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — Meeting at Knutsford, July 2nd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 5440

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Meeting, Gaywood (6), Saturday, July 2nd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. No business. Names to W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 5430

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — Meeting at Sevenoaks (8), July 2nd, at 3. Tea 4.30. Meeting 5. 5429

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Holywell, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 5446

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting of the Northern and Eastern Districts will be held at Aspenden on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. It is essential that the members of committees of both districts attend this meeting.—A. S. Carter A. E. Symonds, Dis. Secs. 5423

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Selly Oak, July 2nd. Bells 3.15 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. SPR 1025 5421

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Abbotts Leigh, July 2nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Schoolroom. 5469

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at St. Osyth on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells from 2.30. All welcome. Anything from rounds upwards. Teashop near church.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec. 5464

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —A meeting will be held at Colne Engaine (6) on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—H. A. Pratt, Dis. Sec. 5457

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — Meeting, Saturday, July 2nd, St. Thomas-a-Becket's, Upholland. Bells (6) 2.30. No arrangements for tea. Please make it a good meeting. — J. Burns, 19a, Langdale Avenue, Wigan. 5448

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The Bishop of Bedford will dedicate new ring of ten at Luton on July 7th at 7.30. Open meeting and summer festival at Luton, Saturday, July 9th. Bells from 3.45. Names for tea to J. Wing, 18, Stockwood Crescent, Luton, by July 5th.—F. J. Plummer, Hon. Sec. 5437

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Summer meeting Henfield, Sussex, Sat., July 9th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Cruttenden, High Street, Henfield. Will those who intend to travel on the 2.18 p.m. from Victoria please notify me early as possible, as arrangements are being made for party tickets to be issued at single fare for the double journey. — A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5373

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The annual shield contest will be held at Felkirk on Saturday, July 9th. Open to all members. Entrance fee 10s. per company. All entries, also names for teas, must reach me not later than July 2nd.—Daniel Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 5442

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Annual, Adderbury (8), July 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Please notify before July 6th.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 5434

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly, St. Peter's, Thanet, July 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea by kind invitation. Names must reach me not later than Friday, June 24th. Please note early notification.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 5405

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS. — The dedication of the new ring of eight by the Lord Bishop of Birmingham will take place on Saturday, July 9th, at 3.30 p.m. Ringing afterwards—all ringers cordially invited. 1.20 and 2.30 p.m. trains from Birmingham (Moor Street) met at Danzey Station. Names for tea (free) to J. H. Jones, Bank House, Tanworth-in-Arden, by July 6th, please. 5390

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Aylesford (8), July 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone, Kent. 5426

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — General body. — July 9th, Chislehurst, St. Nicholas', 1.45 to 2.45. Train from Charing Cross to Chislehurst, 227 bus to memorial. Annunciation, Chislehurst, 3 to 4. Tea 4.15. Business 5. St. George's, Beckenham, 6.30. Names for tea to Frank Knight, 19, Austin Road, Orpington. 5445

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Beverley Minster, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 2. Service 4.30. Tea (3s.), Parish Room. Notify Mr. Daggitt, 82, Minstermoor Gate, Beverley, first post Thursday, July 7th.—Albert Sellers, Hon. Sec. 5447

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting, Norton, July 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by July 6th to Mr. B. Shaw, 9, Maugerhay, Norton, Sheffield. 5480

CHESTER GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bosley (6), July 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea by ticket only at 5 p.m., 2s. 6d. each. Names to me by July 5th.—C. Lawton, School View, Sutton Lane End, Macclesfield. 5478

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Wroughton (heavy five), July 9th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 5455

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Hammerwood (5), July 9th. Tea at White Horse, Holtye. Names to Mr. G. D. Burroughs, The Vicarage, Hammerwood, East Grinstead. Cowden (6) in evening. Look up Double Court. — C. A. Bassett. 5454

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District.—West Hallam, July 9th, 2.30. Names for tea to F. Shaw, 38, Inglefield Road, Ilkeston, July 5th certain. 5452

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Keynsham, July 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Notification for tea to Mr. J. Ford, 12, Bath Road, Keynsham, by July 6th. 5474

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lullington on Saturday, July 9th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by lecture, H. M. Howard, Esq., 6 p.m. Handbell ringing in Rectory garden. Frome (8), Norton St. Philip (6) and Beckington (8) towers open in the evening. Names for tea not later than July 4th to E. H. Nash, Hon. Sec., The Talbot, Mells. 5465

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Ash, Martock, Saturday, July 9th. Service 4.30. Early notification for tea essential. — F. Farrant, Martock. 5465

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester Branch.—Summer meeting, Christleton, July 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by July 6th, not later.—G. E. Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 5466

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District. — Quarterly meeting, Darley Dale (8), Saturday, July 9th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea obtainable. — William Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby. 5473

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS and BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION (Taunton Deanery).-Joint meeting at Cullompton, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 5th. —C. G. Dymond, Silverton. 5470

HERTS & ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.—Joint meeting at Bishop's Stortford (10), Saturday, July 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. All members welcome. Names for tea to G. Blake, Burford Street, Hoddesdon.—S. Carter, G. Blake, Dis. Secs. 5471

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Combined meeting of the Southern Branch, Lincoln District and the Ladies' Guild at Caythorpe, July 9th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at the Holy Cross 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. John Cragg before July 5th, please.—Bernard H. Dalton. 5459

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale and Rossendale Branches.—Joint meeting at St. Bartholomew's, Whitworth, on July 9th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Names for tea before Tuesday, 5th, to Mr. E. Baron, The Old Vicarage, Whitworth, near Rochdale. — V. Wilson Sykes and J. Porter, Branch Secs. 5482

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Ringing meeting at Leiston, July 9th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea: own arrangement. — W. Smith, Dis. Sec. 5467

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Gamston (6), Saturday, July 9th. Cups of tea only. Good bus service. —H. Denman. 5461

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting at Long Buckby on Saturday, July 9th. Names for tea to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby, before July 6th, please. 5460

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Newark and Nottingham Districts. — Joint quarterly meeting, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. Lygo, Kelvinside, Granfield Avenue, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham, by Thursday, July 9th, latest. — J. Raithby and W. Thornley. 5476

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Hawkshead on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Shuttleworth, Outgate, Ambleside, Westmorland, not later than July 6th. — N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 5483

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Wollaston on Saturday, July 16th. Names to A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 5444

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Mossley on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (1s. 6d. per head) to H. Pickles, 11, Seel Terrace, Lees Road, Mossley, by July 9th.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 5458

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Freckenham, July 16th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Requests for tea by July 13th to Miss D. M. Reeve, Hockwold, Norfolk. 5479

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting at Brabourne, July 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by July 13th to Mr. S. Finn, Ivy Cottage, Brabourne, Ashford, Kent. 5426

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting to be held in conjunction with dedication of two trebles to form an octave at Bulkington, near Nuneaton, on Saturday, July 16th. Dedication service 3 p.m., followed by buffet tea. Names to A. J. Hinde, 17, Church Street, Bulkington, by Wednesday previous. Business to follow tea.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 5462

HERTS ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 16th, Datchworth (6), 3.30 p.m. Please assume no tea arrangements, but cups of tea may be available. Buses, Service No. 303, New Barnet to Hitchin, leaves Barnet 19 and 53 mins. past each hour, leave Hitchin at 24 and 54 mins. past each hour, alight at Woolmer Green and walk, or Service No. 329, Knebworth to Hertford, leaves Hertford Bus Station every two hours at 37 mins. past, leave Knebworth Station 1.32, 3.38, 5.38, alight at Datchworth Green and walk.—T. J. Southam, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5477

OXFORD GUILD. — Reading Branch. — Monthly practice, Tilehurst, July 16th, 6 p.m. Note change of date and place. — T. N. Lanaghan. 5468

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Great Melton (8 bells), Saturday, July 16th, at 3. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Tea can be provided only for those who notify me by July 11th.—H. Badger, 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame, Oxon. 5475

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Hawkchurch (6) with Thornecombe (5) also available, Saturday, July 16th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting follows.—C. H. Lathey. 5472

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting (D.V.), Oxford, Saturday, July 23rd. Service, Cathedral, 11 a.m. Meeting Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Dining Hall, 1.30 p.m. Applications for luncheon tickets (5s.) with remittance to secretary latest July 16th. Usual ringing at city churches and colleges. Times later.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 5450

WARSOP, NOTTS. — On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Webster (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Marshall (first 'inside') 2, D. H. Rooke 3, R. T. Flint 4, H. T. Rooke 5, T. Flint (cond.) 6.

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BATTERSEA, LONDON. — On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Cropley 1, E. Dodds 2, E. Beauchamp 3, Miss E. Cropley (first as cond.) 4, R. Ling 5, S. Hart 6, R. Hart 7, R. Stallibrass 2. A 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS. — On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples; J. Ford 1, L. Trevor (cond.) 2, J. Moreton 3, F. Trotman 4, H. Harris 5, J. Thompson 6, J. Clarke 7, J. Lloyd 8.

PAULTON, SOMERSET. — On June 9th, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Plain Bob and Oxford Bob): P. Derrick (first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. Kimber 2, F. Savage 3, J. Naish 4, D. Hoare (first of Minor as cond.) 5, G. Clare 6.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICS. — On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. T. Kilsby 1, W. Wallington 2, C. Windram 3, F. Wallington 4, J. W. Rawson 5, E. J. Sharp 6, G. Hollick (cond.) 7, W. Hector 8.

OAKLEY, BEDS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: R. Freeman (first quarter) 1, W. Izzard 2, C. Izzard 3, E. Freeman 4, M. Stephens (cond.) 5. Birthday compliments to Miss E. Steel and the conductor.

RAMSBURY, WILTS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. E. Ll. Roberts 1, B. Bladen 2, A. Peake 3, Miss B. Strange 4, J. Manners (first of Minor as cond.) 5, W. W. T. Daniell 6.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On June 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Jelley 1, G. Deacon 2, H. Kilby 3, J. Morris 4, S. Cox 5, A. Pattrick 6, A. Bodycote 7, A. Riddington (cond.) 8.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCS. — On June 6th, 1,264 Bob Major: C. J. Camm 1, H. Willett 2, E. Maund 3, R. C. Chapman 4, F. C. Lyne 5, L. Kinchin 6, E. F. Cubberley 7, V. B. Hunt (cond.) 8. First Bob Major 2, 3 and 6.

WOOLWICH, LONDON. — On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Grove, jun. 1, R. Johnson 2, A. Groves 3, Malcolm Percy (first quarter) 4, B. Aldridge (cond.) 5, C. Dann 6.

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METHOD COMMITTEE'S INVESTIGATION

By A. York-Bramble.

IT is disturbing to find within the Brotherhood of the Exercise those who can resort to the despised trick of hiding within the cloak of anonymity for launching an attack. The front page article by 'Libra' in issue No. 1,994 does so, upon individuals and associations alike. This largely unreasoned and unfounded diatribe not only wastes more 'ink and space' in repeating some of what has actually been stated already, but also shows a lamentable lack of appreciation of the real point at issue. This, about to come before the Methods Committee for investigation, must not be prejudiced either by 'Libra' or anyone else. Following are some facts which are at variance with what he says or suggests :—

(1) The idea of a motion to come before the C.C. originated not within the Universities' Association, but came from an 'official' source, and for a good reason, different from that he suggests. (See 3 below.)

(2) The question of London extension is purely incidental, and has been discussed only as exemplary of the main cause.

(3) Protracted and futile discussion in the past, as to extension in general, has been due to a lack of stated principles of method structure and of their development, *in unambiguous and precise terms*. Present-day publication of hundreds of new methods, and the growing practice of them, demand a C.C. declaration of policy as to recognition of methods and their extensions.

(4) While most of the material arguments on method extension may have been *implied* years ago, they certainly have not all been stated explicitly, discussed and resolved. A system of exposition, embracing old principles part-declared and part-implied, has more recently been developed for the average rather than the mathematically-minded ringer, aiming at a clear-cut statement of conclusions to be reached.

(5) The recently published articles served mainly to indicate the need for 4 and 3 above. They did *not* claim that if theoretic extensions fail to produce conventional lead-rows, then the nearest 'will do.' Indeed, the late C. D. P. Davies' publication, 'Lead Ends' (1918) showed clearly that 'regular lead-ends' are not essential or necessary. But if they are to be rigidly adhered to, then, as the recent articles maintained, deviations in extension from the basic form should at least be kept to a minimum, and that the issue should be decided upon a basis of 'the Ideal, the Proximate *or nothing*.'

(6) The Universities' Association has merely performed a suggested service in bringing the matter before the Council, for reference to the appropriate committee; and Dr. Hatcher, the Association's general secretary, simply deputised at the last moment for the U.A. representative, whose professional duties had intervened. The veiled sneers at both are unbecoming and, by an anonymous critic, unpardonable.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.
On Sat., June 25, 1949, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

*CHARLES W. BLAKEY	*Treble*	JAMES CARTER	7
†CHARLES CLEGG	2	*ERNEST J. GOWER ...	8
*SELWYN H. DEARDEN...	3	†JACK CLEGG	9
†ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	4	†RICHARD BENSON ...	10
*ERIC BRUNTON	5	*PHILIP TOCOCK	11
*STEPHEN L. PARRY ...	6	†LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.
* First peal on twelve bells. †First in the method. First peal for Ashton-under-Lyne Society on the bells since 1934. Tenor 25 cwt.

TEN BELL PEALS

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5184 CHANGES;

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	*Treble*	DOROTHY E. BEAMISH...	6
JAMES F. CLARKE ...	2	HARRY HARRIS	7
ERNEST MORRIS	3	JAMES DRAYCOTT	8
*†MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	9
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH...	5	*JOHN E. LLOYD ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. †50th peal (aged 13). A farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. R. T. Murray, president of the Guild, who is to be inducted to the living of Southam. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., June 21, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF ERIN CATERS, 5059 CHANGES;

JAMES S. EASTWOOD	*Treble*	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ...	6
ALBERT D. COLLINS ...	2	HOWARD HOWELL ...	7
MAURICE G. TURNER ...	3	GEORGE W. HUGHES ...	8
RICHARD J. WARRILOW...	4	JOHN N. LINDON	9
RICHARD C. INGRAM ...	5	ALAN ELSMORE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
First peal of Erin on the bells and by all the band except for R. C. Ingram. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Jenkins, wife of the Vicar, Canon A. T. Jenkins. Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., June 25, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	JOHN PHILLIPS	6
JOHN E. CHILCOTT ...	2	DAVID E. PARSONS ...	7
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT ...	3	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD...	8
HERBERT LANGDON ...	4	HORACE BELCHER	9
ANTHONY W. J. APPLETON	5	JAMES H. RUMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. HOOPER...	6
CLEMENT GLENN	2	FREDERICK A. SALTER ...	7
GEORGE E. PADGETT ...	3	HENRY ROGERS	8
ALBERT H. WARD	4	WALTER NICHOLS	9
HAROLD PAILING	5	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ...	*Tenor*

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EIGHT BELL PEALS

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	*Treble*	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ...	5
MRS. F. I. HAIRS	2	FRANK I. HAIRS	6
ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ...	3	HARRY PARKES	7
RONALD H. BULLEN... ...	4	FREDK. J. CULLUM ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	*Treble*	ALFRED G. HILL	5
JACK DAFTERS	2	T. MARK WHITE	6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	3	FRANK I. HAIRS	7
RONALD H. BULLEN ...	4	FREDK. J. CULLUM ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ERIC E. SPEAKE	*Treble*	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ...	5
RICHARD J. WARRILOW ...	2	ARTHUR PEAKE	6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	7
FREDK. W. GROCOTT, JUN.	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association. Rung on the 20th wedding anniversary of the parents of the 4th ringer. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

HILLSBOROUGH, CO. DOWN, NORTHERN IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MALACHI,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS DUNWOODY	*Treble*	FRED E. DUKES	5
*JOHN T. DUNWOODY ...	2	HARRY BROWN	6
JAMES EDGAR	3	†RITCHIE ADAMSON ...	7
WILLIAM PRATT	4	‡JAMES LEWIS (14) ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.
* 50th peal. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' ‡ First peal. First peal on bells since rehanging. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the ringer of the 6th and the birth of a son to the conductor.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., June 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 19 cwt.

*REGINALD SANDFORD	*Treble*	ERNEST E. RETTER	5
JOHN SALWAY	2	WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN...	6
QUEENIE PRING	3	GEORGE E. RETTER	7
DERRICK CALLARD	4	CHARLES SANDFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. RETTER.
* First peal.

TICHMARSH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1949, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

ERNEST E. WHITMORE	*Treble*	JOHN H. BLUFF	5
HERBERT GOAKES	2	STANLEY GILBERT	6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3	FRANK WARRINGTON ...	7
GEORGE W. JEFFS	4	GEORGE S. BUSH ...	*Tenor*

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On Sat., June 18, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*MRS. K. F. J. PARR	*Treble*	*SQUIRE CROFT	5
*MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	2	*EDWIN H. HYNARD	6
NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH	3	DAVID J. CHARNLEY	7
*ROBERT H. BEGRIE	4	*HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. Rung within five days of the 46th anniversary of the last peal of Oxford T.B. Major on the bells. Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Six-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

J. W. JONES	*Treble*	REV. I. J. RICHARDS	5
ALFRED W. HEATH	2	DONALD G. CLARKE	6
CHARLES GREEDY	3	ROBERT E. R. SMITH	7
LESLIE F. G. BAINHAM	4	SEYMOUR BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.
In honour of the appointment of the Vicar, Rev. C. G. R. Lewis, as Canon of St. Woolos' Cathedral and Rural Dean of Newport.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

HARRY ANDERTON	*Treble*	JACK CLEGG	5
ERIC BRUNTON	2	CHARLES W. BLAKEY	6
ERNEST J. GOWER	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	7
CHARLES CLEGG	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.
For silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Anderton. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES,
Tenor 13 cwt.

*NORMAN MALLETT	*Treble*	†HENRY G. KEELEY	5
JILL POOLE	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	6
*ROGER KEELEY	3	CUTHBERT W. POWELL	7
*GEORGE H. WHITEMORE	4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by G. S. MORRIS.
* First peal in the method. †50th peal. First in the method as conductor. A 14th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

*JOHN LE MARQUAND	*Treble*	‡BRYAN J. LEWIS	5
JOHN KING	2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	6
†MRS. G. E. WATSON	3	HARRY CHAMBERS	7
BERNARD J. SADDINGTON	4	§JOHN E. SKERRITT	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN E. SKERRITT.
* First peal. † First peal of Superlative. ‡ First peal of Surprise and first of Major. § First peal of Surprise Major. First peal as conductor. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN E. ROOTES	*Treble*	JOHN G. NASH	5
JAMES BENNETT	2	FRANCIS KIRK	6
*AUDREY M. BAILEY	3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	7
*RALPH BIRD	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 13 cwt.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 22, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	*HARRY G. WAYNE	5
*DOROTHY M. UDALE	2	*SIDNEY O. CHENEY	6
*JOHN R. SMITH	3	*ALAN JACQUES	7
*BRIAN G. WARWICK	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 6½ cwt.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 20, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (6th observation). Tenor 8¼ cwt.

BETTY PERCY	*Treble*	FREDK. H. DALLAWAY	5
BERYL R. COWLIN	2	ERNEST GOWER	6
RICHARD WILSON	3	ROBERT W. R. PERCY	7
REV. P. J. BOULSOVER	4	PHILIP J. DELMON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST GOWER.
For the 21st birthday of Beryl R. Cowlin.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 23, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS	*Treble*	THOMAS SIMMONS	5
ROBERT W. BARBER	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
ERNEST G. SHORTING	3	BERT GOGLE	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	ARTHUR G. BASON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bird and for the birthday of Mr. Arthur Smalls. Tenor 13 cwt. 104 lb. in F.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 23, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*TERENCE THORNBER	*Treble*	STANLEY R. GARDNER	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	JOHN R. SMITH	6
†JILL POOLE	3	‡ALAN JACQUES	7
MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Major. †150th peal. ‡25th peal.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 23, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 18½ cwt.

*MISS HILDA LACEY	*Treble*	FRED LACEY	5
MRS. J. FINN	2	†JOHN SCOTT	6
GEORGE THOMPSON	3	FRANK LORD	7
GEORGE E. FEIRN	4	ARTHUR CROWDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK LORD.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*TERENCE THORNBER	*Treble*	FRANK K. MEASURES	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	6
JOHN R. SMITH	3	J. FREDERICK MILNER	7
*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	4	ALFRED BALLARD	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. J. Poole. Tenor 14 cwt.

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

*SYDNEY A. WHITE	*Treble*	LUTHER J. HONESS	5
HARRY BAKER	2	WALTER H. DOBBIE	6
TOM SAUNDERS	3	THOMAS E. SONE	7
†PETER CARTER	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Major. † First peal on eight bells.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 25, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

WILLIAM SLAUGHTER	*Treble*	BASIL W. WHITE	5
OLIVER SIPPETTS	2	ALBERT E. LAKER	6
RAYMOND OVERY	3	KENNETH SNELLING	7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

UPHILL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 17, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.

*S. G. MILES ... ...*Treble*	†R. H. BRICE 4
MARJORIE LEGG 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT ... 5
†G. K. WESTLAKE 3	†H. A. PRICE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
* First peal. † First peal in two methods. Tenor 9 cwt. 110 lb.

CLIVE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of Oxford T.B., three 720's Kent T.B., and two 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

MISS BESSIE A. CARTER...*Treble*	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW ... 4
A. EDWARD REEVES... ... 2	WILLIAM A. FARMER ... 5
EDWARD V. RODENHURST 3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON ...*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

NEWTON ST. LOE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 7 different extents, with no 6 5's at backstroke. Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. BROWN ...*Treble*	*MAURICE HELPS 4
CLAUDE S. KNOTT 2	GEORGE J. HAWKINS ... 5
LEONARD COLES 3	HORACE D. TAYLOR ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.
* First peal. First peal of Kent Minor by all the band.

CHURCHDOWN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*MISS JOAN BUSSEY ...*Treble*	*IVOR WHITING 4
*REGINALD DANIELS ... 2	JOHN WHITING 5
WILLIAM JONES 3	LESLIE BARRY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of seven extents called differently, each containing 10 Bobs and 10 Singles. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALAN R. ANDREWS ...*Treble*	*ROY DUESBURY 4
*GEORGE N. ORMAN ... 2	ARTHUR G. BUTTON ... 5
*PAMELA M. PECK ... 3	GEOFFREY B. ANDREWS *Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.
* First peal of Minor.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents in nine methods, viz., (1) (Spliced) Wragby, St. Albans and Neasden Delight; (2) (Spliced) Neasden and Charlwood Delight; (3) Kingston Treble Bob; (4) London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob; (5) Capel Treble Bob; (6) Sandal Treble Bob; (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*MRS. WINIFRED PENNY *Treble*	ARTHUR HIBBERT 4
†WILLIAM SMITH (16) ... 2	SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ... 5
JAMES A. MILNER... ... 3	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON *Tenor*

Conducted by ALEXANDER RICHARDSON.
* First peal in nine methods. † First peal. First peal as conductor. A 60th birthday compliment to Mr. Isaac Smith, of Fairfield, Buxton.

STEVENTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 20, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*ANGELA CARTER ... ...*Treble*	‡PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 4
†NORA HONEY 2	‡REGINALD W. REX ... 5
‡BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal. † First peal of Surprise. ‡ First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 19, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two six-scores of Stedman, 10 six-scores each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and 20 six-scores of Grandsire, ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

LESLIE EVANS ... ...*Treble*	E. PETER ROCK 4
THOMAS E. STEAD 2	FREDERICK R. HARRIS ... 5
JOHN D. ROCK 3	JOHN WOOD ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK R. HARRIS.
In celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Prayer Book. The quickest peal on the bells.

YELVERTOFT, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 21, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising four 120's each of Chase, Stedman, St. Simon's, Old Doubles, Canterbury Pleasure, April Day and Plain Bob, two spliced 240's of Grandsire (Pitman's Arrangement) and ten 120's of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

*KILBY R. HOLTOM ...*Treble*	*STANLEY M. RUDDLESDEN 3
*PERCY AMOS 2	ERNEST MORRIS 4
	*ARTHUR MILLWARD ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal of Doubles in eight methods. Rung to commemorate the 400th anniversary of English Prayer Book.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 21, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

FRED LACEY ... ...*Treble*	ARTHUR CROWDER ... 4
*JOHN SCOTT 2	GEORGE W. MOODY ... 5
FRANK LORD 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal of Minor. A compliment to the Rector of Bigby on his appointment to an honorary Canonry in Lincoln Cathedral.

BRADWELL-JUXTA-MARE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 22, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.

GERALD FROST ... ...*Treble*	ALFRED T. M. PERRY ... 4
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5
ROBERT C. HEAZEL ... 3	HARRY STEBBING ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
First peal on the bells.

GREAT CROSBY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 22, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt.

SYDNEY FLINT ... ...*Treble*	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 4
JACK N. BROWN 2	JOHN MCKEE 5
WILLIAM H. DEACON ... 3	THOMAS S. HORRIDGE... *Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS S. HORRIDGE.
Rung for the 35th anniversary of first peal on the bells

HINTON, WALDRIST, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 25, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores of St. Simon's, 12 of April Day, 12 of Bob Doubles and six of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 27 lb.

*FRANCIS J. WILTON ...*Treble*	JOHN E. MANNERS ... 4
ANTHONY A. PEAKE ... 2	PETER ANGER 5
BRIAN BLAYDON ... 3	EDWARD C. ANGER ...*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER ANGER.
* First peal of Doubles. First in four methods by all the band. First peal as conductor.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 25, 1949, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt.

*DEREK RILEY	...*Treble*	ALFRED, BONE	4
†BARBARA THRUSH ...	2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	5
MAUD LANE	3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

GUILSBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.

KILBY R. HOLTOM ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR MILLWARD ...	4
ERNEST G. ORLAND ...	2	ERNEST MORRIS	5
PERCY AMOS	3	HARRY WOODING ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
A farewell to the Rev. J. O. Hichens, who is retiring after 47 years as Vicar.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 16, 1949, in 2 Hours,
IN THE CHANCEL OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's. Tenor 17 in A.

MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH...	1-2	ERNEST MORRIS	5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	3-4	ALAN CATTELL	7-8

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.
First peal on handbells as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	JOHN WORTH	7-8
ROY C. HURST	9-10		

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Transposition.

*FREDERICK G. HOOPER ...	1-2	ALBERT H. WARD	5-6
CLEMENT GLENN	3-4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ...	7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First handbell peal. First handbell peal of Stedman for the Guild.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT 23, HIGHFIELDS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

JOHN A. ACRES	1-2	EDWIN J. LINDLEY	5-6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN	3-4	LEONARD E. PITSTOW ...	7-8

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ...	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	3-4	ROY C. HURST	7-8

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.'

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For Quarterly (4/3) and Half-Yearly (6/6) subscribers. Remit to-day to Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk, and avoid having your 'Ringing World' stopped.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Is it true that a ringer on seeing that Mr. J. Pears, the sexton of Stapleton, Leics, has had a peal rung at Kibworth on the occasion of his 80th birthday, wrote for the bells at Stapleton for a peal? Unfortunately this village has only one bell.

The average age of the band who rang the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Loughborough, is 19½ years.

Mr. Vernon Sykes is the first ringer to complete the circle of twelve at Oldham Parish Church.

A recording of Newark Parish Church bells will be broadcast in the Midland Home Service next Sunday at 6.30 p.m. in the Anglo-American exchange programme. Method, Grandsire Caters.

Sixteen-year-old William Smith rang nine methods of Minor, including two extents spliced. He is a nephew of Mr. John P. Fidler, author of the handbook, 'Practical Hints on Method Splicing.'

One of the few occasions on which the three bells in Arundel Castle (seat of the Duke of Norfolk) are rung is for the annual Corpus Christi procession (weather permitting) from the R.C. Church of St. Philip Neri to the Castle quadrangle. The weather this year allowed Miss Enid Lonnen, enthusiastic tower secretary at Felpham, to claim 'first lady' to ring in this tiny tower.

Mr. L. J. Williams, who called the peal of Plain Bob Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne on June 25th, has called peals from Minor to Maximus in the method. It also enabled Messrs. C. Clegg, A. Tomlinson, E. Brunton, E. J. Gower, R. Benson and P. Tocock to complete peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

A familiar figure in the Peterborough Diocese, the Rev. J. O. Hichens, has retired after 47 years in the living of Guilsborough. In his younger days he was a keen change ringer, and up to the last war rang. His parishioners presented him with a cheque for £117, and after a farewell peal a photograph of the band and the Vicar was taken by Mr. W. Letts (captain of the local ringers).

The peal at Yelvertoft, Northants, was the first on the bells since November 6th, 1926. The five bells are by Hugh Watts, of Leicester, 1635.

Mr. C. E. S. Turner writes pointing out that it was in the Carter Broadsheet of Compositions of Stedman Caters that contained the 20 errors referred to by him at the Central Council meeting at York and not the Lindoff Collection, as reported on page 283, column 2, of 'The Ringing World.' We regret the error.

Omitted from the current report of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild is the election of the following compounding members through the Christchurch District: Messrs. F. L. Wilson and H. Ballard (Leicester), G. F. Swann (Sutton Coldfield), J. F. Harvey (Birmingham), E. J. Lindley (Epsom), A. H. Ward (Derby), Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Watson (Kettering). The hon. general secretary apologises for the omission and assures that a correction will be made in the 1949 report.

Judging by the peals rung by a number of ringers in the Leicester Diocese so far this year, a busy time lies ahead for the ringer who kindly forwarded a comprehensive typewritten list of a member's performances last year. We learn that to qualify, an average of one peal a week must be rung. Come on, Vice-president Turner!

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WESTERN DIVISION AT QUEENSBURY.

On June 18th in glorious weather the quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Holy Trinity Church, when about 50 ringers and friends from the following towers —Bradford Cathedral, Brighouse, Calverley, Denholme, Earlsheaton, Guiseley, Haworth, Headingley St. Michael's and St. Chad's, Huddersfield, Idle, Lightcliffe, Liversedge, Mirfield, Mytholmroyd, Pudsey, Rothwell, Sowerby, Woodlesford, with welcome visitors from Bedfordshire and Lancashire and the local company—undertook a visit to the assumed highest ringing tower, above sea-level, in the country, and were amply repaid by the magnificent view which was obtained.

From the top of the tower one can see into Lancashire, Cheshire and Derbyshire, and from the north side almost on to the Plain of York. The bells, under the care of the Ringing Master, Mr. Strangeway, were soon going to a variety of methods from Plain Bob Major to London Surprise Major. A bountiful tea was served in the schools.

Mr. P. J. Johnson expressed the thanks of the members to the Vicar and churchwardens for granting the use of the bells and schools. The Vicar, in returning thanks to the members, assured them of a hearty welcome on any future contemplated visit.

Mr. Barton expressed thanks to the local company for the hospitable way in which the visitors had been entertained, and trusted that the loyalty to the association, which was a feature of the Queensbury ringers, and the quality of the ringing which they set themselves, would be fully maintained in the years to come.

It is hoped to arrange the next meeting at Elland in September.

EASTERN DISTRICT AT ESCRICK.

About 35 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Eastern District on June 18th, when the Rector (the Rev. A. L. R. East) conducted the service with Mr. A. H. Fox (vice-president) at the organ.

Mr. Fox presided at the business meeting and gave a hearty welcome to the Rev. C. C. Ellison (president of the Association), who had to leave early. Mr. S. Steel (York) was re-elected Ringing Master, and Messrs. A. B. Cook, R. B. Smith and J. J. Taylor to the committee.

A vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs. J. Crossland, of Eastrington, on the death of her husband, a member of the Association since 1924. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Beverley.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild

The quarterly meeting of the Dorchester branch was held at Milton Abbey on June 18th in glorious summer weather.

The eight bells of the Abbey were rung prior to the Guild service at 4 p.m., which was conducted by the Vicar, tthe Rev. C. J. Collis, assisted by the branch chairman, Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, Rector of St. Peter's, Dorchester.

Tea was served at the Dale Cafe, and the meeting which followed was presided over by Canon Markby.

Six ringing members and one hon. member were elected, and the Abbey tower was re-affiliated to the branch. Nine towers from the branch were represented, and visitors were present from Yeovil, Shaftesbury and Leicestershire.



BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY at their meeting at Patrington. Top (left to right): Mr. T. Southwick, Mr. Tye, Mr. D. A. Fewster, Mr. Scott, Miss Tye.

Middle row: Messrs. Kneeshaw, W. Goddard, T. Guy, G. Pearcey, Goddard, Miss Sewell, Messrs. J. Laws, T. Robinson, J. Hobson, P. Speck, Miss Milligan, Miss Reavesly, Messrs. Goxhill, G. Hessey, Mrs. Tye, Messrs. A. Taylor, P. Vickerman, G. Dobbs, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Cocks, Mr. M. Walker, Mrs. Goxhill.

Seated: Mrs. Goddard, Mrs. Sewell, Messrs. F. Wilkinson, A. E. Sellers, Rev. J. A. E. Jones, G. F. Williams, F. Dale, L. Rodmell and Mrs. G. Williams.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

MEETING AT SUTTON.

Next September St. James', Sutton, celebrates its 600th anniversary, and a large incumbent figure of a knight in armour, John de Sutton, the founder of the church, is in the chancel.

This was the venue of the society for their June meeting, and early arrivals of the 40 members present had the privilege of ringing out of church a bridal party.

The Vicar (the Rev. L. Reynolds) conducted the society's own form of service, and Mr. A. Fox was the organist. Full justice was done to the splendid knife and fork tea provided.

Mr. G. F. Williams (president) was in the chair for the business meeting. Beverley Minster was selected for the annual meeting on July 9th, and the August meeting will be at Bridlington Priory on August 13th. After the usual votes of thanks ringing on both hand and tower bells was continued until 9 p.m.

'Ringing World' Price

Dear Sir,—Forty-six years ago I suggested to my old friend and pal, John S. Goldsmith, that a new paper be started and that it be named 'The Ringing World.' The Rev. F. E. Robinson said it would never be a success, and told me, 'I was young, and would learn.' How wrong he was, but there was some excuse, for J.S.G. and I talked 'new paper' every time we met during the following eight years.

As I read page 296 of the current issue I have both pleasure and regret, hence my writing you a few lines. Please accept my hearty congratulations and appreciation of your splendid work for 'The Ringing World.' When we look at prices to-day I often wonder how the paper is produced for 3d., and, while I am pleased to see the price is to be increased next January, I certainly think that the increase should be effected immediately, for 4d. is only the price of a ¼ pint of weak ale or a couple of fags.

And now for a little regret, chiefly that the Guildford Guild's representatives at the Central Council were so divided. My friend Mr. Grover seems to have been very fair in presenting his motion, a feature always present in his noble character, but I cannot agree with Mr. Pulling when he asserts that 'the main news of the day as far as ringing was concerning was peal ringing.'

I have just returned from a week in Lancashire, and during my conversations with clergy I was asked why they could get plenty of ringers to ring three hours any day during the week, yet when Sunday came not enough ringers were available. Ideal ringing can do a lot of harm to our Exercise for, quite frankly, the public do not like it, and many towers have been closed because of excessive peal ringing. Mr. Pulling, by his speech, is in a very difficult position, because he went quite opposite to the wishes of those who sent him to York to speak in support of the motion. If I was faced with such a situation I should immediately resign.

My best wishes for the future of our paper, —Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On June 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: F. Tuffley 1, Miss J. Mathews 2, G. Dodd 3, R. Christopher 4, R. W. Rex 5, G. Townsend 6, G. Stocker 7, R. Crook (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for 4 and 6.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. H. Baker 1, R. L. Sills (cond.) 2, Miss V. L. Wallis 3, P. C. Wright 4, A. V. Kemp 5, Edna Sills 6, W. Sloman 7, M. G. Usmar 8.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MASONIC PEAL BOOK

Dear Sir,—I shall be obliged if you will publish the following account of the Masonic Peal Book that is housed in the Grand Lodge Library and Museum. I was allowed to inspect this recently and came to the conclusion that there must be quite a number of peals that have not been recorded therein.

It is quite probable that there are a number of Brethren who are not aware of the procedure to be adopted in adding to these records, and possibly some who do not even know of the book's existence.

An account was published in 'The Ringing World' when the book was started, some 25 years ago, but I feel that it would be of benefit if the information was re-issued.

The first known Masonic peal, Stedman Caters at St. Clement Dane's, was rung on December 4th, 1919, as a peace peal. Several were rung subsequently, and it was felt that some permanent record should be made of such performances, and the idea of a Masonic Peal Book was mooted.

I was deputed to get in touch with Grand Lodge to ask if the Library would be prepared to house the book and issue it as and when necessary for the writing up of peals.

The librarian replied that the regulations would not allow of him acting as a custodian and that he could only accept it as the property of Grand Lodge, and that it must remain in their possession.

I then proposed a loose-leaf book with a plentiful supply of sheets that could be issued to a writer as required, and returned to the librarian to be fixed in the book. The librarian agreed to this course, and I made an appeal, through your columns, to the Brethren, for subscriptions. The response was sufficient to cover (almost) the cost of the book and the writing of peals rung to date.

The book is a handsome volume, bound in light blue leather, with appropriate Masonic adornments, and a suitably inscribed flyleaf or frontispiece. The writing is decorative, after the style of an illuminated address, and is the work of a professional writer. The book may be inspected, upon application to the librarian, at any time that the Grand Lodge Library and Museum is open.

It is very desirable that all recordings should be made by a qualified writer in order that its high artistic standard may be maintained.

One page is accorded to each peal, and they are in much the same form as published in 'The Ringing World,' save that the names are all in one row and the name of the Association is omitted. Instead, the heading, 'United Free and Accepted Masons of England' or other appropriate title is used.

The record is not restricted to Craft Masonry. One, at least by Royal Arch Masons and one by Mark Masons, are included, and perhaps the future may provide peals by other Degrees and Orders.

Details are confined to name and rank in the Degree and the name and number of the Lodge (one only), e.g.:—

Bro. John Wm. Smith, M.M. ... Lodge No....
W.Bro. Henry Brown, P.M. ... Lodge No.... or W.M.

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Application should be made to the Grand Librarian, Freemasons Hall, Great Queen Street, London. Three sheets should be asked for (in case of a spoiling) and an undertaking given to return all three, used or unused. All expenses would, of course, be borne by the Brethren concerned.

There should be no difficulty in obtaining the services of a professional writer, but for the information of Brethren, I may give the name of Mr. Thomas, the steward of the Constitutional Club, Calverley Road, Tunbridge Wells, who would be willing to do the work for 30s. per peal.

In conclusion, may I appeal to my ringing Brethren to see that this book does not fall into desuetude?—Yours faithfully,

142, Stephen's Road, F. WHITE.
Tunbridge Wells.

SURPRISE MINOR PEALS

Dear Sir,—The figures of the first 720 rung in the peal at Frampton on April 30th were published in 'The Ringing World' on December 27th, 1935, and another in six Surprise methods in the issue of December 12th, 1941. Both these 720's were given to Mr. Young by Mr. G. E. Feirn.

I have had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Young recently and have given him a 720 in four Surprise methods by Mr C. K. Lewis, Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, with our best wishes that they will soon ring a peal in 37 Surprise methods.

I have some recollection that the late Mr. A. G. Driver told me that Mr. Lewis had got a 720 with five methods, Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. If this is so, it would make the number of methods 38, which, I think, must be the limit in the Surprise class.—Yours faithfully,

A. RELFE.

Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

THE SERVERS' PEAL

Dear Sir,—Re the report of the Central Council meeting at York, as one of the culprits who took part in the non-Association peals at Epsom, seventeen years ago, rung by members of the Altar Servers' Guild, I should like Mr. P. J. Johnson to understand that the ringers were drawn from many different parts of the country, and there was not a sufficiency of members of any one Association to propose the remainder of the band for membership in the accepted manner. Hence the fact of the non-Association peal.

Surely, however, the alleged offence, if so be it was an offence, is now, after seventeen years, statute barred.

But does the ringing of a non-Association peal merit or entail the censure and the 'serious consideration' of the Central Council?—Yours faithfully,

Manchester, 19. OSWALD J. HUNT.

Dear Sir,—In the 'Servants of the Sanctuary' peal, which was rung, by the way, on Saturday, August 20th, 1932, and not on September 2nd, it does seem rather ludicrous that it should have taken the Central Council 17 years before our peal was criticised for being rung for a non-ringing society. As was stated at the Central Council meeting, although servants of the sanctuary do not form a bellringing service, they probably form the highest body of churchworkers.

Not only, as Mr. Dove mentions, some of the present-day ringers were not born, but at least two of the band who stood in our peal are no longer with us.

As we rang the peal at Christ Church, Epsom, and members came from places as far as Coventry, Long Eaton (Derbyshire) and Raunds (Northants), I think we were entitled to ring it for our own Association.

Nevertheless, a good peal was rung, although conditions were 'gruelling,' it being rung on a stagnant, hot afternoon with a temperature of 95 degrees in the shade!—Yours faithfully, H. BADGER.

Thame, Oxon.

Times Peals Should Finish

Dear Sir,—It is an unwritten law with all sensible ringers that ringing for practice, meetings and peals, in fact, ringing for any occasion, should finish by 9 p.m. or soon after thus paying due consideration to those who 'will lay themselves down in peace and take their rest,' both young men and maidens, old men and children.

But when we have among us, as we apparently have in this Guild, members who consistently prolong their peal ringing in mid-week until well after 9.30, then the criticism from villagers and townspeople with whom we live and have our being comes justly and without surprise.

If mid-week peals cannot be terminated by 9 o'clock, then they should never be attempted. In my mind it is a more grievous sin to cause annoyance to our tolerant non-ringing friends than go a'pealing on a meeting day.

Let us have a right judgment in all things and not trespass beyond the bounds of consideration and common sense.—Yours faithfully, NON-RINGER'S FATHER.

Leicestershire.

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS & RINGING

Dear Sir,—From time to time I have noticed in your columns comments of one sort and another concerning relations between ringers and the clergy, and I feel it is time I wrote to draw attention to the field which theological colleges offer for recruits to the ranks of ringers from those who are in training for the ministry.

If it were possible for experienced ringers to meet theological students and talk about the Exercise, I am sure it would help towards an establishment of real understanding. Of course, in Bristol we are specially privileged. There are problems arising from the limitations of time (as students are on short courses and, in any case, are only in Bristol during term time), but the instructors of the St. John's School of Ringing have most generously devoted one evening a week to the training of men from this College, and during the past two years 12 men have gained some knowledge of bell-control and rope-sight that bodes well for the relationship between clergy and ringers in those parts of the country to which they will be going to serve their cure. As principal, I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude to the School for the interest they are showing.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

ROBERT J. COBB.

Clifton Theological College, Bristol.

RINGERS SHOULD BLOCK LOUVRES

Dear Sir,—As a service ringer for some 50 years, may I say how completely I am in agreement with the views expressed by Mr. Lister in your issue of June 3rd.

Surely, the least peal ringers can do when visiting a village in pursuance of their own pleasure is to provide the necessary material for blocking the louvres of the bell chamber and so save much misery for people living adjacent to the church. The Sunday following the ringing of a peal service ringers are looked upon as merely perpetuating the noise of the previous day.

Some three years ago a visiting band rang a peal at Clent Church. I happened to be passing when the bells came round. The treble man immediately hung on to his bell, and 6, 7 and 8 were still falling themselves, whilst the ringers were descending the belfry steps, clearly indicating that as another peal had been added to their collection nothing else mattered.

Bells were not installed, neither should they be maintained, for such a selfish purpose.—Yours faithfully, W. C. BOUGHTON.

Clent, Stourbridge.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

SIX-BELL CYCLE TOUR IN LEAFY BUCKS.

An enjoyable day was spent by a band consisting mainly of young ringers from West Hertfordshire, when they visited towers in Buckinghamshire on Whit Monday.

Ringing, which ranged from rounds and call changes to well-struck Spliced Cambridge and London Surprise, began in the morning at Aston Clinton and afterwards at Wendover. After a picnic lunch, the party proceeded to Great Missenden, and from thence to Little Missenden. In the evening, Amersham was visited. The day concluded by ringing at Chesham.

The thanks of the band are due to Mr. Lee, of Wendover, and to Mr. W. C. Hughes, for arranging such a satisfactory outing.

NORTON AND BALDOCK.

A tour of East Anglia on May 28th started with Thaxted, followed by All Saints', Sudbury, which was a great contrast to the quietness of the former tower. After lunch the climb up St. Gregory's required an effort by the older members. Lavenham followed (with tea), and in the evening St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds, and a pull on the ten in the massive Norman tower. The last official stop was All Saint's, Newmarket, which proved to be rather noisy, so on the invitation of Mr. Acres the party transferred their activities to the heavy six-bell tower to round off an enjoyable day. Mr. E. Buck organised this excellent outing.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP.

Joined by friends from Stoke-under-Ham and Yeovil, Shepton Beauchamp ringers had an enjoyable day in Devon. At Teignmouth non-ringers were dropped, and then to Bishopsteighton, where the single rope ends caused amusement and a little bother to some ringers. Good use was made of the excellent eight at Kingsteighton, and after lunch to Buckfast Abbey, where Mr. Aubrey Bennett had made arrangements for ringing the Abbey bells and an excellent tea. Here the majority of the party had their first 12-bell ringing. An hour's pleasant ringing at Broadclyst concluded the day. Thanks are expressed to Mr. Aubrey Bennett and the organiser, Mr. Reginald Beale.

ST. LAURENCE'S, READING.

Reading was left at 5.30 a.m. on Whit Monday, and by 8 a.m. the party was ringing Stedman Cinques at Trowbridge, where they were met by Mr. Sam Hector. At Cullompton, after a West Country lunch, the bells were going to Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal. Then came Heavitree, with memories of a nearly perfect course of Cambridge.

At Exeter Cathedral the party was met by Messrs. Glass, E. J. Taylor and Stafford H. Green, and were not ashamed of the Stedman Cinques they rang. (If the College Youths want a tenor man we can lend them our 'Pat,' who rang Grandison like a veteran.)

Tom Setter had everything in readiness at Yeovil, where five courses of Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal were rung. Reading was reached at 2 a.m., everyone tired but very happy after good ringing, good food, good bells and good fellowship.—W. H.

GORING-BY-SEA.

Goring-by-Sea ringers, accompanied by friends from Heene, West Tarring and Felpham, started at 6.45 a.m. on June 11th for Great Tew and Deddington in Oxfordshire.

Halts were made at Guildford and Reading en route, and lunch was partaken of at Oxford. Great Tew was reached soon after 2 p.m. and Deddington at 4.30, where an excellent tea was provided.

Mr. S. F. Haffenden was in charge and made arrangements for the outing.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON.

A party of 28 ringers and friends for their second annual outing visited Melbourne (where they had a rousing reception), Loughborough (Mr. J. P. Fidler acting as guide to the foundry and assisted in ringing the foundry bells), Retford, Worksop and Darley Dale (a grand finish to an enjoyable day).

HURST, BERKSHIRE.

St. Nicholas', Hurst, ringers were joined by friends from Arborfield, Binfield and Twyford for their outing in Somerset. First tower visited was Twerton-on-Avon, where Mr. King, of the local band, assisted in Double Norwich. Lunch at Bath was followed by ringing on the grand eight Chewton Mendip, the heavy eight at St. Cuthbert's, Wells, and a visit to the Cathedral, the pleasant six at Dinder and Shepton Mallet, where members of the local band participated with the visitors. Home was reached at 12.30 a.m., with pleasant memories of some grand bells, massive towers and a delightful journey.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

Barwell took a party of 62 for their outing to Cambridge. At Finedon they met 80-year-old Mr. W. Perkins, Irthlingborough, Mr. E. E. Whitmore, Raunds, Mr. J. Main and the local captain, Mr. Basford, all of whom joined in ringing the grand eight.

Mr. H. L. Martin met the visitors at Cambridge and escorted them to the R.C. Church, where some had a few anxious moments, attributed to the long pull. The programme included a tour of the colleges and evensong at King's College. After tea, the company left for Bedford, where Mr. W. Stapleton joined in touches at St. Peter's for an hour. Barwell was reached at 11.15 p.m., all agreeing on the success of the outing.

CHESTER BRANCH.

North Wales was the objective of the Chester Branch annual outing this year. First ringing was at Llandudno for a lucky bride, then to Bangor for 1½ hours' ringing, and finally across the Menai Straits to the ancient tower of Beaumaris, where this handy eight were soon tapping along to touches of Cambridge, London, Double Norwich, as well as Grandsire, Plain Bob and rounds for learners. A tired, but happy, party reached Chester at 10.30 p.m.

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL.

A company of 49 participated in the outing on June 11th. The first stop was Andover, where the fine ring of eight was appreciated, then through Savernake Forest and over the plains to Swindon, with ringing on the light eight, and lunch.

The fine old town of Circencester, with its high tower containing the oldest ring of 12 in the world, was soon reached. Faringdon for tea and ringing, and finally Wantage, with its pleasant eight, completed a happy day.

ALFORD AND MABLETHORPE.

Seven churches in the Lincoln and Grantham areas—Wragby, Harmston, Bassingham, Navenby, Grantham, Barkston and Caythorpe—were visited on the fourth annual outing.

Highspot of the day was the comparatively new ring at Grantham (tenor 32¼ cwt., the heaviest in Lincolnshire). These are a truly majestic peal, which can best be described in the words of a Boston Stump ringer: 'When they are rung they sound like a band of music.'

Here they met Mr. Henry Dunnington and Miss Christine Dunnington, recent members of the Mablethorpe Band, who are now living at St. Ives (Hunts). At tea, Mr. Ivor Smith thanked Miss Dorothy Clark on the success of the arrangements.

North Wales Association

CHANGE IN ANNUAL MEETING DATE

The 41st annual meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Buckley, Flintshire, on Whit Monday. The attendance was not high, but was fairly representative.

The business meeting, which was held first, was presided over by Mr. S. Birks, who referred to the loss the Association had sustained by the death of Mr. William Jones, late Master and a founder member of the Association, also verger and ringer at Wrexham Parish Church for over 50 years. The members stood in silence as a token of respect.

Apologies for absence were received from the president, the Rev. E. G. Wright, also from Portmadoc and Abergele.

The balance sheet showed a balance of £14 13s. 9d. and was adopted.

The hon. secretary's report showed a slight increase in membership, and included in the peals rung during the year was one of Yorkshire Surprise, which was the first peal of Surprise rung on the Island of Anglesey, and another peal was the first of Stedman Triples by a lady ringer for the Association.

All the officers were re-elected. A resolution submitted by Abergele to change the date of future annual meetings from Whit Monday to a Saturday met with general approval. It will now be held on the second Saturday after Whit Monday, and Llandudno was chosen as the venue for the next annual meeting. It was also decided to hold quarterly meetings, the first being at Rhyl in September.

A service was held immediately following the meeting and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. J. Rees, who also gave a short address. An excellent tea was provided by the local ringers, and a vote of thanks to all who had helped to provide it was proposed by Mr. G. R. Randles and seconded by Mr. A. Lea. Touches in various methods were rung before and after the meeting.

OBITUARY

MR. JOSEPH CROSSLAND.

Mr. Joseph Crossland died suddenly on May 28th, aged 68 years. Born at Fairburn, near South Milford, he moved to Eastrington 50 years ago. Mrs. Crossland served during the 1914-18 war in the R.A.S.C., and was the holder of the Mons Medal and Star. He was keenly interested in the Church, being people's warden for five years. For upwards of 40 years he had been a ringer, and although he had never rung a peal he was nevertheless interested in the art of change ringing.

A peal of Bob Minor with the bells half-muffled was rung in his memory on June 4th.

LAVENHAM RINGING DAY

Many ringers attended the 138th ringing anniversary at SS. Peter and Paul's Church on June 18th. Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain, Kent, Oxford, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative.

Places represented were Acton, Bury St. Edmunds, Clare, Cotton, Hadleigh, Ipswich, Lakenheath, Long Melford, Mendlesham, Newton, Stowmarket, Stowupland, Waldingfield Parva (Suffolk), Colchester, Maldon, Sible Hedingham, East Bergholt, West Bergholt and Wickham St. Paul's (Essex), Hockwold (Norfolk), Melbourne (Cambs), Pudsey (Yorks) and Yardley Hastings (Northants).

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

A joint meeting of the Syston and Loughborough Districts was held at Birstall on June 25th, when the new ring of eight were made good use of.

The Vicar, in an inspiring address, spoke of the opposition with which ringers had to contend, but emphasised that any work done in the service of God, if that was the real purpose behind ringers' minds and methods, would flourish a hundredfold. Mr. F. Key, the Syston Guild secretary, was the organist.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDBOURNE, WILTS. — On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. E. Ll. Roberts 1, B. Bladen (first of Triples) 2, F. Wilton (first 'inside' Triples) 3, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 4, P. Anges 5, A. Palmer 6, W. W. T. Daniell 7, G. Newman 8.

ALFORD, LINCS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Bob Minor: H. Scoffin 1, Mrs. J. I. Smith 2, Miss H. Broomhead 3, J. I. Smith (first of Minor as cond.) 4, E. D. Chandler 5, K. Kettering-ham 6.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—At St. Peter's Church on June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Taylor (10, first quarter) 1, J. B. Robinson (conductor) 2, G. Taylor 3, R. Wimpenny 4, D. Ogden 5, W. Harrison 6.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On June 11th, 1,280 of Oxford Treble Bob Major: E. G. Buck 1, H. Werrett 2, R. V. Webb 3, W. D. Pooley 4, E. Winters 5, J. S. Dear 6, G. Debenham (cond.) 7, R. T. Newman 8. First in method for all except 7 and 8.

BENWELL, NORTHUMBERLAND. — On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Mann (first quarter) 1, Miss K. Stothard (cond.) 2, G. Carse 3, C. S. Dixon 4, J. Carse 5, R. Barrow 6. For the marriage of Mr. J. W. Grimshaw to Miss J. Curry.

BROMLEY, KENT. — On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Lyddiard 1, G. Kite 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, J. R. Wilson 4, G. F. James 5, M. F. Oakshett 6, E. C. Bishop (first as cond.) 7, P. Spice 8.

BUCKINGHAM.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul on June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Townsend 1, F. Vickers 2, H. H. Jones 3, A. J. Green 4, G. W. Holland 5, E. Nichols 6, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, W.J. Jones 8. In memoriam Margaret Ann Yates, aged 17.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.—On June 4th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. E. Chilcott 1, J. B. Sansom 2, A. W. J. Appleton 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, H. Belcher 5, J. Phillips (cond.) 6. First of Surprise Minor by all.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On June 5th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. Witts 1, Miss Sparshott 2, J. M. Turner 3, E. Hinton 4, Mrs. Williams 5, G. Preston (cond.) 6, H. Harrison 7, G. Scragg 8, L. Stone 9, H. Gillard 10.

CUBITT TOWN, LONDON.—On May 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Brown (first quarter in method) 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, A. W. Beard 3, D. W. Beard 4, C. A. Hughes 5, C. W. Ottley 6, J. Bullock 7, J. H. Lott 8.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples; Miss R. Hopkins (first in method) 1, J. Armstrong 2, Miss D. Fleetwood (first 'inside' in method) 3, R. Funnell 4, C. Wright 5, S. Penfold 6, A. C. Chaplin (cond.) 7, D. Blows 8.

DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTON. — On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. T. Clarke 1, S. P. Peace 2, Miss M. B. Valentine 3, F. Fox 4, E. Nobles (cond.) 5, C. H. Bushel 6. For the marriage of Miss K. M. Smart to Mr. L. J. Slow.

EWELL, SURREY.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Good 1, R. Spittle 2, Josephine Milborrow (first 'inside') 3, J. E. Beams 4, A. Williams 5, C. W. Munday (cond.) 6, J. Hill 7, A. F. Rippington 8.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On June 12th, 1,279 Grandsire Caters: H. M. Page 1, W. S. Langdon 2, R. Macrill 3, H. Eldred 4, W. J. Paice (cond.) 5, J. Stevenson 6, R. Chalk 7, G. W. Debenham (8), R. Sanders 9, J. Allsop 10.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK. — On June 11th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: G. Howlett 1, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 2, C. J. Gibson 3, R. S. Payne 4, J. Blythe 5, G. Gower 6, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, W. Flatt 8.

HENDON, MIDDLESEX.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Corning 1, Mrs. E. M. Eveleigh 2, E. H. Eveleigh 3, R. T. Pitman 4, E. E. Pratchett (cond.) 5, W. E. Eveleigh 6. First quarter 2 and 4.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On June 5th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: F. Hayes (cond.) 1, Miss D. Coker 2, Miss S. Coker 3, Miss M. Goodship 4, E. Markham 5, W. H. Plumridge 6, H. E. C. Goodenough 7, R. Coles 8, G. R. Goodship 9, A. J. James 10.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. W. Whiston (first quarter) 1, E. Gregory 2, F. Leech (first as cond.) 3, H. Moore (first 'inside') 4, E. V. Rodenhurst 5, J. Capper 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: 9. Salisbury 1, J. Carrott 2, G. Richardson 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, J. G. Macdougal 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East (cond.) 7, F. Freestone 8. First quarter 1 and 3.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On June 12th, 1,340 Plain Bob Major: B. McArthur 1, R. Joyce Pett (first 'inside' in method) 2, Sheila E. Harris 3, Eileen D. Farrell 4, Mrs. K. Parr 5, E. Dodds 6, F. Bishop 7, D. J. Charnley (cond.) 8.

LLANBRADACH, GLAM.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Selwood, jun., 1, H. Selwood, sen., 2, B. James 3, J. Coppage 4, H. Cassel (cond.) 5, T. Thomas 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3, 6. For the induction of the Rev. Cyril Edwards.

LONDON.—On June 12th at Southwark Cathedral, 1,309 Stedman Cinques: D. G. Clift 1, D. Parsons 2, Miss J. England 3, H. Miles 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, H. Langdon (cond.) 6, J. B. Sansom 7, J. Phillips 8, J. F. Smallwood 9, R. F. Deal 10, J. E. Chilcott 11, A. W. J. Appleton 12.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On June 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Quicke 1, W. Baker 2, R. Stone 3, G. Sparkes 4, H. Commins 5, B. Holt 6, H. Purchase 7, C. Wensley 8. Conducted by C. Tarr. First of Triples by 1, 5, 8, first 'inside' 3 and 6.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE. — On June 9th, 1,856 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol): A. A. Potts 1, J. A. Milner 2, W. Stevenson 3, J. Fernley 4, P. Laflin 5, J. W. Whittaker 6, C. K. Lewis 7, J. Worth (cond.) 8.

NORTHAW, HERTS. — On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. B. McKie 1, N. Clark 2, R. Cockrane 3, L. Bennett 4, A. Bennett 5, E. B. McKie (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 5. For the 65th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Swainston.

NORTON, HERTS. — On June 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. G. Buck 1, R. V. Webb 2, W. D. Pooley 3, J. Church (first in method) 4, J. S Dear 5, R. T. Newman 6, H. E. Werrett (first as cond.) 7, E. W. Winters 8.

PENGE, KENT.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Harle 1, N. T. Hext 2, E. Mullins (first of Grandsire Doubles) 3, D. G. Brown (cond.) 4, J. Cooper 5, D. Heritage 6. A farewell to J. Cooper, who is shortly leaving for Lydd, Kent.

REPTON, DERBYS. — On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. H. Jones 1, Miss R. Hemmings 2, G. W. Clayfield 3, J. B. Stennitt 4, J. H. Brittan 5, J. W. Cotton 6, S. H. Jones (cond.) 7, W. Minor 8. In memoriam Mrs. H. E. Mosley, patron of the church.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS. — On June 5th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: P. C. Richards 1, E. A. Turner 2. A. E. Whatmore 3, R. Smith 4, F. V. Nicholls 5, A. L. Dunn 6, D. H. Watson 7, C. T. Richards (first as cond.) 8. First in method by 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

STRETFORD, LANCS.—On June 4th, 720 Oxford Single, 540 Bob Minor: W. Birchall 1, H. Birchall 2, W. Clarke 3, F. Steele 4, H. Chapman 5, W. J. Moss (cond.) 6. A 74th birthday compliment to T. Birchall, a ringer at this church for over 50 years.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS. — On June 5th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 240 Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Old and April Day): D. Wilks (cond.) 1, Miss M. A. Carter (first in five methods) 2, James Honey 3, J. Honey 4, W. Cudd 5, F. Honey 6.

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MISCELLANEOUS

BELLRINGERS' OUTING.—Aug. 1st (Bank Holiday), to Southampton, Bournemouth, Poole and Romsey. Leaving Guildford about 7.45 a.m. and returning 10; few seats still available.—Write to R. A. Brading, 136, Ockford Road, Godalming. 5485

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.

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The reprint of 'THE COLLECTION OF DOUBLES AND MINOR METHODS" will be welcomed by many who have shown interest in the recently published four-way Table of Minor Methods. This table is for use with the collection, which can now be obtained from the Librarian (3s. 3d. post free), Osmington School, Tring, Herts.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Summer meeting Henfield, Sussex, Sat., July 9th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Cruttenden, High Street, Henfield. Will those who intend to travel on the 2.18 p.m. from Victoria please notify me early as possible, as arrangements are being made for party tickets to be issued at single fare for the double journey. Buses leave Horsham and Brighton for Henfield at 20 and 50 minutes past each hour.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5473

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Annual, Adderbury (8), July 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury. 5434

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS. — The dedication of the new ring of eight by the Lord Bishop of Birmingham will take place on Saturday, July 9th, at 3.30 p.m. Ringing afterwards—all ringers cordially invited. 1.20 and 2.30 p.m. trains from Birmingham (Moor Street) met at Danzey Station. 5390

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Hammerwood (5), July 9th. Tea at White Horse, Holtye. Names to Mr. G. D. Burroughs, The Vicarage, Hammerwood, East Grinstead. Cowden (6) in evening. Look up Double Court. — C. A. Bassett. 5454

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — General body. — July 9th, Chislehurst, St. Nicholas', 1.45 to 2.45. Train from Charing Cross to Chislehurst, 227 bus to memorial. Annunciation, Chislehurst, 3 to 4. Tea 4.15. Business 5. St. George's, Beckenham, 6.30. Names for tea to Frank Knight, 19, Austin Road, Orpington. 5445

CHESTER GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Bosley on July 9th is cancelled owing to the illness of the incumbent. No meeting or ringing will take place. 5508

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Aylesford (8), July 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone, Kent. 5426

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lullington on Saturday, July 9th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by lecture, H. M. Howard, Esq., 6 p.m. Handbell ringing in Rectory garden. Frome (8), Norton St. Philip (6) and Beckington (8) towers open in the evening. 5463

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Ash, Martock, Saturday, July 9th. Service 4.30. Early notification for tea essential. — F. Farrant, Martock. 5465

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District. — Quarterly meeting, Darley Dale (8), Saturday, July 9th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea obtainable. — William Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby. 5473

HERTS & ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.—Joint meeting at Bishop's Stortford (10), Saturday, July 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. All members welcome. Names for tea to G. Blake, Burford Street, Hoddesdon.—S. Carter, G. Blake, Dis. Secs. 5471

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Combined meeting of the Southern Branch, Lincoln District and the Ladies' Guild at Caythorpe, July 9th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at the Holy Cross 5 p.m.—Bernard H. Dalton. 5459

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting, Norton (8), July 9th, 3. Tea 5. 5451

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Wollaston on Saturday, July 16th. Names to A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 5444

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Hawkchurch (6) with Thornecombe (5) also available, Saturday, July 16th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting follows.—C. H. Lathey. 5472

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting at Brabourne, July 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by July 13th to Mr. S. Finn, Ivy Cottage, Brabourne, Ashford, Kent. 5426

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting to be held in conjunction with dedication of two trebles to form an octave at Bulkington, near Nuneaton, on Saturday, July 16th. Dedication service 3 p.m., followed by buffet tea. Names to A. J. Hinde, 17, Church Street, Bulkington, by Wednesday previous. Business to follow tea.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 5462

HERTS ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 16th, Datchworth (6), 3.30 p.m. Please assume no tea arrangements, but cups of tea may be available. Buses, Service No. 303, New Barnet to Hitchin, leaves Barnet 19 and 53 mins. past each hour, leave Hitchin at 24 and 54 mins. past each hour, alight at Woolmer Green and walk, or Service No. 329, Knebworth to Hertford, leaves Hertford Bus Station every two hours at 37 mins. past, leave Knebworth Station 1.32, 3.38, 5.38, alight at Datchworth Green and walk.—T. J. Southam, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5477

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Great Milton (8 bells), Saturday, July 16th, at 3. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Tea can be provided only for those who notify me by July 11th.—H. Badger, 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame, Oxon. 5475

ST. AMBROSE'S, BRISTOL.—21st Birthday Party and Ringers' Rally, July 16th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea for all who inform me by July 13th.—F. Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Bristol, 5. 5453

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Freckenham, July 16th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Requests for tea by July 13th to Miss D. M. Reeve, Hockwold, Norfolk. 5479

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Halliwell, Bolton, Saturday, July 16th, Bells 2.30. Meeting 6.30. Tea provided. Names to J. F. Wood, 51, Melrose Avenue, Bolton, by July 13th.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 5494

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Rothley, Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names to Mr. F. Key, 36, Firfield Avenue, Birstall, near Leicester, by Tuesday, July 12th. 5493

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Joint meeting with Mid-Devon, Dawlish (8), July 16th. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15. Number for tea July 13th.—E. J. Ryall, Alphidex, Dunsford Hill, Exeter. 5491

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Deanery.—Quarterly, Baltonsborough, Saturday, July 16th, 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting follow. Notify by Tuesday 12th for tea.—William Marsh, Dovecotes, Street. 5492

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool, St. Aidan, Saturday, July 16th, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. W. Dobson, 181, Oxford Road, West Hartlepool, by July 14th.—W. F. Sheraton, Sec. 5489

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—N.W. and Southern District.—Combined meeting, Limpsfield (6), July 16th, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names by July 11th. After tea, Oxted (6), Limpsfield Chart (6).—F. B. Jeal, 78, Earlswood Road, Redhill. 5487

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, July 16th, Wallasey, St. Hilary (6), 2.30. Tea provided free for those notifying me by 12th.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5495

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Oaks-in-Charnwood, July 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5. Names by July 12th to C. W. Hall, The Terrace, Copt Oak, near Markfield. 5497

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Ashcott (6), July 16th. Bells 3, recently rehung. Service 4.15. Tea 5. —R. Short, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater. 5498

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery. — Meeting at Crewkerne (8) on Saturday, July 16th, 3. Notify early for tea to J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton, Taunton. 5499

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting Great Easton, Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 5502

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) 3. Tea 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 5500

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Meeting at Wadenhoe, July 16th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Tuesday, please.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 5504

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The meeting arranged for July 16th at Leytonstone has been cancelled.—D. E. Lidbetter, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5505

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting Staplehurst, July 16th. Bells (8) 3. Please make own tea arrangements.—H. Gorringe, Hon. Sec. 5506

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Monthly meeting, Hope (8), July 16th. 3. Bring own food. Ensure chimes are off.—Miss D. J. Dunn, Darley Dale. 5516

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Singleton on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) 3. Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Mapp, The Mill, Singleton, not later than July 13th.—J. H. Foster. 5515

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Croft, July 16th. Bells (6) 3. Tea 5. Names, please, to W. Wood, Fosseway, Croft, by Thursday, July 14th. 5514

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—A meeting will be held at Willingham on Saturday, July 16. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Tea only for those who notify Mr. W. Spencer, Willingham, by Tuesday, July 12th.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 5513

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting Yatton, July 16th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 5507

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Annual joint meeting will now take place Saturday, July 16th, at Conisborough. Bells (8) available from 3. Tea and meeting in Church School, 5.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 5517

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting St. Mary's, Twickenham, July 16th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea and short business. Further ringing until 8.—F. Finch. 5509

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Brindle, Saturday, July 16th. Bring own food; cups of tea provided. 5511

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD and NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Combined meeting, Farndon and Holt, July 16th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea by July 13th.—G. E. Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 5520

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Flamstead on July 16th. Bells (6) from 3. Names for tea by Wednesday, 13th, to Mr. W. Hayes, Morton's Place, Flamstead, near St. Albans.—L. S. Baines, Dis. Sec. 5521

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch. —The summer meeting will be held at Chilmarsh and Highley on Saturday, July 16th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea at Highley at 5, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify first post Thursday, July 14th.—H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 5522

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting (D.V.), Oxford, Saturday, July 23rd. Service, Cathedral, 11 a.m. Meeting Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Dining Hall, 1.30 p.m. Applications for luncheon tickets (5s.) with remittance to secretary latest July 16th. Usual ringing at city churches and colleges. London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 5450

Times later.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Weyford,

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Kirby-le-Soken (8) on Saturday, July 23rd, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 for those who notify Mr. U. Wildney, Laurel Cottage, Lower Kirby, by Wednesday, 20th.—H. J. Millatt, Dis. Sec. 5512

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD and LADIES' GUILD (Grimsby District.—Joint meeting at Bigby, July 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 19th, to Mrs. Bowness, Bigby, Barnetby, Lincs. 5510

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Meeting at Cudham, Saturday, July 23rd, 3. Details next week.—A. G. Hill. 5503

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General quarterly meeting at Quorn on July 23rd. Bells 2. Names to me, please, by July 21st for tea at 5. A few 1946-7 reports available. 1s. 6d. each, including postage.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Hon. Sec., Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester. 5501

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Branch meeting at Mattishall, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Oddfellows' Hall. Please let Mr. A. Moore, Ashleigh, Mattishall, East Dereham, know by July 20th.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 5496

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Quarterly meeting at Loughton (8), July 23rd. Bells available from 3. Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Numbers for tea to E. Bacon, 49, England's Lane, Loughton. 5488

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TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Diocesan Festival at Carbis Bay (8), Saturday, July 23rd, from 2.30. Service 4.30; preacher, Canon Peeke. Tea after service, 1s. Other bells: Phillack (8), Lelant (6), Towednack (8), Zennor (6). Replies by Tuesday, July 19th, to Rev. H. Trewhella, St. Crantock Vicarage, Newquay. 5490

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WINCHESTER

ONE of the oldest of our Diocesan Associations is the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, formed at Basingstoke on June 26th, 1879. The 70th anniversary was duly honoured by a representative gathering, and this week we chronicle the annual meeting of the Guild, with the election of a new Master in the person of Mr. George Pullinger. He succeeds the late Mr. George Williams. The report fittingly pays tribute to the memory of Mr. Williams, who almost from the inception of the Guild had been connected prominently with its affairs, notably as general secretary and lastly as Master, and one of its representatives on the Central Council. As a memorial to his work the members propose to provide a bookcase for their library, in particular to take the valuable collection of ringing literature that he bequeathed to the Guild. There is also talk of a national memorial, and it was suggested that this might take the form of an augmentation of the bells of his own tower, North Stoneham.

The past year has been a good one for the Guild, and the secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers) was able to report increased activity in all districts. The year has been noteworthy for bell restorations. There was the opening of the grand ring of 10 at St. Mary's, Southampton, and the augmentation of St. Michael's, Southampton, from 8 to 10. Another augmentation was in the New Forest town of Lyndhurst to eight. Tichborne bells have been recast, and repairs have been carried out at Shedfield. Three other schemes are under review—the six bells at Bramley are to be recast, a new frame fitted and two new trebles added; Sparsholt, where a young team is learning under Mr. Bullen, hope to have their bells overhauled; and Wolverton expect to have their bells ringing again this year, where a new frame has been fitted and the bells overhauled.

Winchester and Portsmouth was one of the first Guilds to meet the new set of circumstances arising from the war by an increase in the subscription of ringing members from 2s. to 3s. 'We do not feel we shall lack the support of the majority, if not all, of the members in this united effort to restore our financial stability again,' comments the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. Linter). Membership has shown a slight increase from the previous year. Generally the reports of the district secretaries make pleasant reading. An exception is Winchester. Mr. J. A. C. King, the district secretary, writes: 'In general, interest in this District is at present sadly lacking. Of 20 towers affiliated, there are only seven which have a weekly practice night, and of these two or three towers cancel this practice during the summer. There are many members who are content to stand by and keep the flag flying.'

Peals rung during the year totalled 72 (45 tower, 27 hand), an increase of nine. Mr. Arthur V. Davis, the peal recorder, points out that there were 15 first peals and 100 first peals in the method. Of performances, he states that Portsmouth ringers scored Spliced Major as well as the first peal of Rutland for the Guild, and a neat little tit-bit was the peal of London Surprise Minor rung on the 'Holyrood' six at St. Michael's, Southampton. His report concludes: 'One gets the impression that there may be a little hardening of public opinion against prolonged ringing in some areas, therefore we are indeed grateful to those incumbents who so readily give consent for an attempt to be made.'

TWELVE BELL PEALS

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 30, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF LINDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES,

*BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	8
DOROTHY M. UDALE	3	SHIRLEY BURTON	9
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A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
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JOHN FREEMAN	2	WALTER TOMLINSON	8
CHARLES MCGUINESS	3	RAYMOND F. SMITH	9
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS	4	H. LESLIE PASK	10
ARCHER T. LOWMAN	5	CECIL J. MATTHEWS	11
FREDERICK W. STOKES	6	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

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SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
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MRS. A. RICHARDSON	*Treble*	JOHN WALDEN	7
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	DONOVAN R. WHITE	8
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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;
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TEN BELL PEAL

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EIGHT BELL PEALS

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN BRAMLEY	*Treble*	ALAN CATTELL	5
*DENIS R. CARLISLE	2	*JOHN J. MORRIS	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
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BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*ALBERT E. SANDIFORD	*Treble*	STEPHEN LL. PARRY	5
ALBERT GREENHALGH	2	EDWARD IDDON	6
CHARLES W. BLAKEY	3	FRED DUNKERLEY	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	4	PETER CROOK, SEN.	*Tenor*

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On Sat., June 25, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKLANDS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E.

C. ALFRED LEVETT	*Treble*	FRANK H. HICKS	5
JOHN A. DOWNING	2	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	6
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
*WILFRED W. RING	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* 50th peal. A compliment to the Vicar, Canon J. Morgan, D.D., and Mrs. Morgan, who celebrated their golden wedding on this day.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., June 25, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

JOHN SALWAY	*Treble*	†JOHN CARTER	5
*QUEENIE PRING	2	†JAMES SMITH	6
MRS. E. S. POWELL	3	BRIAN PIDGEON	7
*JACK W. DREW	4	†GEORGE E. RETTER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE E. RETTER.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Major. Tenor 21 cwt.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 25, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Davies' Transposition. Tenor 22½ cwt. in D.

FREDERICK G. HOOPER	*Treble*	THOMAS W. WHEAT	5
PATRICK PRESTON	2	WALTER NICHOLS	6
HENRY ROGERS	3	FREDERICK A. SALTER	7
CLEMENT GLENN	4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
First peal on the bells by the Guild.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., June 25, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES,
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*CHARLES T. RICHARDS	*Treble*	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	5
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	*THOMAS HEMMING	6
*TERRY R. HAMPTON	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
*JOHN PINFOLD	4	*GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* First peal of Aldenham. First peal in the method for the society.

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UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 25, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FREDK. E. WILSHAW	*Treble*	*ARTHUR HALL	5
*MARGARET FLACKETT ...	2	†F. W. GROCOTT, JUN....	6
†MARGARET RIGBY ...	3	CHARLES H. PAGE ...	7
ARTHUR PEAKE	4	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by NEVILLE R. HOLLAND.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Cambridge Major. First peal of Cambridge Major as conductor. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 25, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Comprising 1,216 each of London and Rutland, 576 each of Bristol and Cambridge, 640 of Ealing, 320 each of Superlative, Pudsey and Yorkshire, with 151 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ...	5
LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	2	MAURICE HODGSON ...	6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
First peal of Spliced Surprise in eight methods by all the band and by the Association.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 16 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.

FRANK BLONDELL	*Treble*	ERIC T. LEE	5
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	2	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY...	6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ...	3	HAROLD A. MAY	7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ...	4	T. MARK WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. NEWSON. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 28, 1949, in 3 Hours,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*WILLIAM T. COOK	*Treble*	ARTHUR T. PARKER ...	5
†ERNEST C. S. TURNER...	2	WILLIAM J. ELLIS	6
WILFRID G. WILSON ...	3	FREDERICK A. FINCH ...	7
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ...	4	ARTHUR JONES ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.
* First peal. † 300th peal on tower bells. A welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. Arthur Bell.

SAXLINGHAM, NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ARTHUR DICKERSON	*Treble*	ALBERT PEGG	5
THOMAS SIMMONS ...	2	CECIL POYNTZ	6
RAYMOND G. LOFTY ...	3	HENRY TOOKE	7
*CHARLES E. G. BANHAM	4	GEORGE POYNTZ	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 1, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

GEORGE LEDSHAM	*Treble*	CYRIL VALENTINE	5
JOHN E. BIBBY	2	ERIC J. GILBERT	6
C. KENNETH LEWIS ...	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ...	7
WALTER ALLMAN	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor and on the bells. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 1, 1949, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*PAUL BIRKETT	*Treble*	HARRY WILD	5
EDWARD JENKINS	2	GORDON BENFIELD ...	6
WILLIAM BARTON	3	*WILLIAM AMBLER	7
*ROY B. COOKE	4	SAM LONGBOTTOM ...	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*TERENCE THORNBER	*Treble*	*BRIAN AUSTIN	5
SHIRLEY BURTON	2	THOMAS E. HARROLD ...	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK ...	3	ALFRED BALLARD	7
*ERNEST W. RAWSON ...	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. An 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. Josiah Morris.

HEREFORD.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 1, 1949, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. ETHELBERT,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 41 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS	*Treble*	AUSTIN T. WINGATE ...	5
ARTHUR W. DAVIS	2	REGINALD T. JONES ...	6
JOHN D. ROCK	3	WILFRID F. MORETON ...	7
MICHAEL P. MORETON ...	4	LESLIE EVANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. F. MORETON.
Rung after the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Tom Longworth, Bishop of Hereford.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 2, 1949, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

JOSEPH SAXTON ...	*Treble*	STANLEY SLANEY	5
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK...	2	*WILLIAM DICKENSON ...	6
ARTHUR B. COOPER ...	3	CYRIL WRIGHT	7
G. GORDON BRIGGS ...	4	GORDON C. BRIGGS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.
* First peal in the method. A wedding compliment to Harold Wagstaffe (a local ringer). A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Day's Six-part. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

MISS MAUDE CLARKE	*Treble*	*HAROLD HAYNES	5
*WILLIAM C. MOORE ...	2	*SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ...	6
†WILLIAM KILSBY	3	*VICTOR A. PERRY ...	7
*KILBY R. HOLTOM ...	4	*REGINALD W. FENNEL...	*Tenor*

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First in method on the bells.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SPLICED GRANDSIRE AND DOUBLE GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

FREDK. G. HOOPER	*Treble*	SIDNEY BRIGGS	5
HAROLD PAILING	2	WALTER NICHOLS	6
PATRICK PRESTON	3	FREDK. A. SALTER	7
CLEMENT GLENN	4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
The first spliced peal in these methods.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SILSDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 1, 1948, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of Plain Bob, two of Oxford and three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

H. WINSTANLEY ...	*Treble*	F. W. RISHWORTH ...	4
H. ROE	2	V. BAIRSTOW	5
W. WHITAKER	3	A. BAIRSTOW	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. BAIRSTOW.

FISHTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 11, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Guthlac,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Miss Lorna Briggs ...*Treble*	*Donovan R. White ... 4
Sydney Jessop 2	Jack Petch 5
Robert Brown 3	William E. Clarke ... *Tenor*

Conducted by William E. Clarke.

* First peal of Minor. Rung for the golden jubilee of the Lincoln Guild.

WILLOUGHBY WATERLEY'S, LEICESTERSHIRE.
LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Thomas C. Belton ...*Treble*	*Arthur Bradshaw ... 3
*J. C. Shirley Scott ... 2	*John Toon 4
Alan H. Hough ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by Alan H. Hough.

* First peal. First peal as conductor, on his 18th birthday. Rung on the 22nd anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

HARLAXTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Peter,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Harold Drury ... ...*Treble*	*Thomas A. Relf 4
*Fredk. W. Pinchbeck 2	*Fredk. S. Parsons ... 5
H. Reginald Woods ... 3	†George W. Creasey ... *Tenor*

Conducted by George W. Creasey.

* First peal of Minor. †100th peal.

MITCHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 25, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

George C. Goodman ...*Treble*	Richard E. Price ... 4
*Barbara M. Harris ... 2	†Thomas G. Miller ... 5
G. William Morris ... 3	H. William Barrett ... *Tenor*

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' †First peal of Minor (age 76). A 76th birthday compliment to ringer of 5th.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 27, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of: (1) Norfolk and Primrose, (2) Cambridge and Ipswich, (3) Beverley and Berwick, (4) Surfleet and Hexham, (5) York and Durham, (6) London and Wells, (7) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, and 74 changes of method. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*Edwin J. Upton ... ...*Treble*	William J. Puddifoot... 4
*William C. Hughes ... 2	*Terence G. Morton ... 5
Augustin V. Good ... 3	Walter Ayre ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* First peal of 14 Surprise methods. To celebrate the coming-of-age of H. P. Ayre.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 27, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 10 six-scores of Stedman, three each of April Day, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob, and 20 of Grandsire.
Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb.

Ernest Parker ... ...*Treble*	*Richard Pearse 4
Sidney Wyburn 2	Albert J. Chubb 5
Raymond Young 3	John M. Cook ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Sidney Wyburn.

* First peal of Doubles. First in six methods for all. In honour of the golden wedding of the Rev. F. M. and Mrs. Etherington, of Withypool, for 25 years president of the Dunster Deanery Branch.

PELSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., June 28, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire and six of April Day.

*Raymond J. Derry ...*Treble*	P. George Golden ... 4
Harry Claridge 2	Joseph Gregory 5
Jeffrey B. Webb... ... 3	Norman Rowley ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by P. George Golden.

* First peal. First peal in four methods by all the band.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 30, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven complete 720's in twelve methods, viz.: (1) London and Wells, (2) York and Durham, (3) Alnwick and Newcastle, (4) Chester and Munden, (5) Surfleet and Beverley, (6) Bourne, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

James T. Titt ... ...*Treble*	*Herbert H. Abrahams 4
*Thomas Cooke 2	George F. Newton ... 5
Robert T. Simpson ... 3	W. Norman Park ... *Tenor*

Conducted by W. Norman Park.

* First peal in more than seven methods.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 30, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb.

Arthur Bellamy ... ...*Treble*	William J. Whitmore... 4
Harry Chambers 2	Harry Richardson ... 5
Ernest E. Whitmore ... 3	B. Jack Stubbs ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by B. Jack Stubbs,

A 75th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 30, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denys,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 240's by Morris, four by Price and twenty 120's, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

Miss Joan Wright ...*Treble*	*Frank R. Mitchell ... 4
Walter Weston 2	James H. Musson ... 5
Henry P. Collin 3	Fred J. Wright ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung half muffled to the memory of the Bishop of Grantham, the Rt. Rev. A. A. Markham.

BREDON'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 1, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Chapel of Ease to St. Giles', Bredon,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Double Oxford Bob, (3) St. Clement's Bob, (4) Single Oxford Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

Mrs. J. Thomas ... ...*Treble*	Edwin T. Newbury ... 4
George E. Large 2	Francis Miles 5
John Thomas 3	Thomas W. Lewis ... *Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Large.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 2, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin-of-Tours,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob and one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*Geoffrey W. Ashdown *Treble*	†John L. Morris ... 4
Edna M. Sills 2	Reginald L. Sills ... 5
*Frank P. Wright ... 3	†Frank C. W. Knight *Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald L. Sills.

* First peal in four methods. †First peal in more than three methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At 29, Hinton-on-the-Green,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Mrs. J. Thomas	1-2	John Thomas	5-6
Eric A. Dench	3-4	Joseph D. Johnson ...	7-8

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by John Thomas.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 20, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of St. Margaret's Church,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's. Tenor size 14 in D.

Alan Cattell	1-2	Edward R. Whitehead	5-6
Walter P. Whitehead ...	3-4	*Mavis Whitehead ...	7-8

Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.
* First peal 'in hand.'

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., June 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At Green Ways, Gipsy Lane,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's. Tenor size 17 in A.

Margaret E. L. Beamish	1-2	Alan Cattell (17)	5-6
Walter P. Whitehead ...	3-4	*John Bramley (18) ...	7-8

Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.
* First peal 'in hand.' A 14th birthday peal for Margaret.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 28, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
In the Cathedral Belfry,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

Jill Poole	1-2	Harold J. Poole	5-6
Alfred Ballard	3-4	Peter J. Staniforth ...	7-8

*Brian G. Warwick ... 9-10
Composed by G. R. Newton. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal in the method. First peal on handbells as conductor.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At 133, Ormerod Street, Accrington,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, each called differently.

*Frank Heys	1-2	†Arthur Tomlinson ...	3-4
Charles W. Blakey ...	5-6		

Conducted by Charles W. Blakey.
* First peal on handbells. † First peal on an 'inside' pair.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Holywell Stores, London Road,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).

Alfred Jordan	1-2	*Edgar Vallance	5-6
Alfred Ballard	3-4	Hector A. Knights ...	7-8

Conducted by Alfred Ballard.
* First peal in the method 'in hand.' First peal in the method 'in hand' as conductor.

WHITWELL, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Wed. and Thurs., June 29 *and* 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
In the Porch of the Church of SS. Mary and Rhadegund,
Tenor size 11 in G.

*C. G. Woodhead (Pem.)	1-2	G. Dodds (Emmanuel)...	5-6
Anne B. Stockdale(Girt.)	3-4	†Chris. Moor (Trinity)...	7-8

Composed and Conducted by Geoffrey Dodds.
* First of Major. † First of Major 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of St. Margaret's Church,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

*Alan Cattell	1-2	Walter P. Whitehead ...	5-6
Margaret E. L. Beamish	3-4	Ernest Morris	7-8
Josiah Morris	9-10		

Composed and Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.
* First peal on 10 handbells. Rung on the eve of Josiah Morris's 82nd birthday.

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This is the third issue of the new quarter. A number of regular readers have not received their copies through neglecting to renew their subscriptions. Remit to-day to Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk, and avoid further disappointment. Subscription rates: 4/3 quarterly, 8/6 half-yearly.

In three weeks' time 'The Ringing World' will publish its 2,000th issue. We should like to hear from those ringers who have taken the journal since its inception. It is an occasion that warrants the reminiscent vein.

Congratulations to Mr. G. W. Creasey, of Sedgbrook, Grantham, and Mr. Cecil J. Mathews on their 100th peals.

Lugan, Co. Armagh, festivities on becoming a borough coincided with the arrival of the Rev. T. W. Warren Jones, former secretary of the Eastern Division of the Irish Association as curate. The peal rung on July 2nd commemorated both events.

Ringers of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild feel that they have lost a personal friend by the passing of the Rt. Rev. A. A. Markham, Bishop of Grantham. 'A great lover of bells and bellringers,' writes Mr. J. H. Musson, 'he always showed great interest in our work and would always, when visiting churches, have a talk with the ringers.'

The discrepancy between Yorkshire Association's total of peals for 1943 with those of the Central Council has been adjusted this week by the publication of the peal at Silsden. The explanation of non-publication was the question of membership of one of the band. When that was settled, the conductor hesitated about publication on account of the time lapse.

This week we record a peal at Mitcham for Mr. T. G. Miller's 76th birthday. Previous to the peal he rang for a wedding at Kingston and was taken for his first pillion ride on a motor-cycle to Mitcham, where he rang in a faultless style. Mr. Miller rang and conducted his first peal (Holt's Original) at the age of 14 at Market Drayton—something for the present generation to emulate.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Members of Cambridge University Guild rang a peal in the middle of the night at Whitwell, Isle of Wight, in the churchyard. A start was made at 11.55 p.m., and the peal was completed at 2.23 a.m. 'We were all very sleepy,' writes the conductor. 'Our only light was a bicycle lamp which blew eerie shadows on the wall.'

Mr. Leslie Evans has twice 'completed the circle' of Eardisland, Herefordshire, tower.

Messrs. P. H. J. Gray and R. W. Rex have rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

Miss June Henshaw, Mr. Alan A. Potts and Mr. Edward Seed have now rung Plain Bob Minor to Maximus.

Mr. W. Read, who called a quarter of Grandsire Doubles on his 78th birthday, has been captain of the Blackmoor, Hants, band for nearly 40 years.

Mr. H. G. Cashmore writes: 'The composition of Spliced Surprise rung at Willesden on June 25th should be properly ascribed to H. L. James, as I understand that he used this particular combination of Bobs many years before I did.'

Officers of the Cambridge University Guild for 1949-50 are: President, Rev. A. C. Blyth (Selwyn); Master, B. D. Threlfall (Trinity); secretary, A. S. Watt (Pembroke); treasurer, Rev. C. F. D. Moule (Clare); Librarian, G. Dodds (Emmanuel).

Congratulations to Mr. George Daynes on his 79th birthday. On July 3rd, in honour of the event, he called a quarter from Holt's Original at St. John's, Deptford: F. Morris 1, E. S. Owen 2, F. W. Richardson 3, J. Warner, jun., 4, R. G. Long 5, F. H. Daynes (cond.) 6, J. E. Warner, sen., 7, F. Stevens 8. It may interest the younger generation to know that Mr. Daynes' grandfather called the first peal for the Kent C.A. at Frittenden.

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Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild

ANNUAL MEETING AT SOUTHAMPTON.

The annual general meeting was held at Southampton on July 2nd, and was representative of all districts of the Guild.

At the business meeting the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead was elected to the chair, pending the election of a new Master to succeed the late Mr. George Williams. The accounts showed a deficit on the year's work of £29 17s. 2d., which it was hoped to meet by the increased subscription and other economies.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Master, Mr. G. Pullinger; hon. gen. secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers; hon. gen. treasurer, Mr. W. Linter; hon. auditor, Mr. G. Smith; recorder of peals, Mr. A. V. Davis; one representative on Central Council, Mr. C. H. Kippin.

The report of the Central Council meeting held at York was presented by Mr. G. Pullinger, stressing the points of general interest discussed.

A sub-committee, consisting of the three principal officers and all district secretaries, was appointed to examine the question of the re-allocation of certain towers in districts where working had become unwieldly. The districts were also invited to adopt a rota of meetings which had been drawn up, with a view to avoiding any undue clashing of meetings in adjacent districts. This is to be introduced after the next annual district meetings.

Owing to the death of the architect of Portsmouth Cathedral and pending the appointment of a new architect, the request of the Cathedral authorities to defer any memorial scheme for the time being was agreed to.

On the question of a memorial to the late Master (Mr. G. Williams) it was agreed to provide a bookcase to house all his ringing books, which had been left to the Guild, and to examine further a proposal possibly to augment the bells at North Stoneham, at which church he was closely connected for a great number of years and for which a national appeal would be made.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Portsmouth on July 1st, 1950, a proposal to hold it on Easter Monday being defeated.

It was agreed to send congratulations to Canon Spencer Leeson (Rector of St. Mary's, Southampton) on his preferment to the See of Peterborough.

The Guild service was held in the Chantry Hall, conducted by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, followed by tea.

During the day the two peals of ten at St. Mary's and St. Michael's, and in the evening Netley, were available to the members.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WESTERN DIVISION.

A wave of enthusiasm amongst a newly-formed band of young ringers might well have been the reason for the Western Division's quarterly meeting being held at Bosham. This restored Saxon church, associated with Canute, has a not too good going six. Striking was reasonable among the 40 ringers. The young members sampled hunting and the more experienced Cambridge Surprise.

Service in church, tea on the lawns of the Grange, and kindly host in Mr. F. G. Cooper, with the Rev. Bransby Jones (Vicar of Bosham) showing great interest in the proceedings throughout the day, completed a successful meeting. The ringers in their turn showed appreciation in responding to the extent of £1 7s. 6d. to a collection towards their less fortunate tower of Lyminster with its cracked tenor.

Wisborough Green was selected for the next quarterly meeting, with Stedham and Steyning as likely practice venues.

14th Birthday Peal



ROGER KEELEY, OF LYME REGIS, DORSET,

who rang in a peal of Double Norwich at Bradpole, Dorset, on his 14th birthday and brought his total of peals to eight, consisting of: Doubles in three methods, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, Double Norwich C.B. Major, Kent T.B. Major, Superlative Surprise Major, and Cambridge Surprise Major, all from a working bell.

Whilst offering our congratulations, we are wondering whether this is a record to have rung his first eight peals in different methods and all on a working bell at the age of 14.

It is, in any case, quite an outstanding achievement for a young lad in this part of the country.

G.S.M., C.W.P.

BURNHAM BELL SUNDAY

RAISING MONEY FOR THE NEW BELLS.

Not for ten years has Burnham seen a procession containing so much colour and pageantry as that which wound its way through the village on Sunday, June 26th, in an effort to raise money for the restoration of the bells of Peter's Parish Church.

Heading the procession were Dr. H. Maxwell Summers (chairman of the Burnham Bells' Appeal Committee) and Mr. A. H. Packe (Vicar's warden), mounted on horseback and dressed as Crusaders. Members of Burnham Football Club and Burnham Junior bellringers provided tableaux, and Stoke Poges handbell ringers and Marlow Town Band also took part.

Among the sixty collectors along the route were members of the Burnham Parish Church bellringers, the collection amounting to £116.

An open-air service was held and the Vicar (the Rev. J. Waldman), in his address, said they would remember those who manned the Parish Church tower week by week to ring the bells and remind them of the presence of God in their midst.

'We are proud of the fact that we have a tower manned by the youngest band of bellringers in the world,' he said. 'I know nothing about bellringing, but I do know that a church such as ours can only be likened to a house from which someone much loved and much respected has been removed.

'For months now the church will be silent until the new bells ring again, and it is entirely up to you when they will ring again. We hope it will be some time about Christmas.'

The Ladies' Guild

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT BRISTOL.

The 30th annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at Bristol on June 25th. The weather was excellent, and the attendance accordingly was very good. Ladies from all over the country enjoyed a lovely week-end, with ringing at the following towers: St. Stephen's, All Saints', St. John's, St. Philip's, and St. Mary Redcliffe. A few were privileged to ring at Christ Church for Sunday service.

The arrangements for the meeting and tea were carried out very admirably by Miss A. Brown, and Mr. Bennett and Mr. Hancock were responsible for the ringing arrangements.

The service was held at St. Philip's Church and was conducted by the Rev. J. H. Williams.

At the business meeting the balance sheet showed a deficit of £4 5s. 2d. on the year's work, which was due to the reprinting of service forms. The balance in hand was good—£58 5s. 6½d. Mrs. Fletcher was re-elected president, and Miss Hilda Snowden hon. secretary.

Reports from district secretaries were given, viz.: Southern, Miss Oliver; Central, Miss D. Lidbetter; Midland, Miss Jill Poole; Lincolnshire, Mrs. Richardson; and Western, Miss N. Williams. All reports were favourable and showed that the Guild was flourishing in all quarters, although it was generally felt that more petrol for travelling to meetings would ease the situation. Three propositions were received for next year's meeting—Norwich, Loughborough and Lincoln. In putting these to the vote, Lincoln was carried by a large majority.

In proposing a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting a success, the president made special mention of the Bristol and Gloucester Association for their kind hospitality in providing the tea.

At the conclusion of the business meeting the president presented Miss E. Steele (the former president of the Guild) with a cheque, which was the members' gift to her for her valued services as president of the Guild for 20 years. Miss Steele, in her reply, said she was too overwhelmed for words. She had enjoyed her office as president, but thought the time had come for younger people to take over. She expressed her intentions of procuring a wristlet watch with the cheque.

Good use was made of all the towers available, and the ladies excelled themselves at St. Mary Redcliffe, where on this fine ring of twelve they rang some well-struck rounds, the tenor being rung by Miss Hilda Snowden, with Miss Jill Poole on the 11th. A half-course of Cambridge Maximus was rung also, with ten ladies taking part, Mr. Harold Poole and Mr. Peter Staniforth, of Leicester, ringing the 11th and tenor, both of whom afterwards considered they had qualified to be members of the Ladies' Guild. Note: Due consideration will be given to their request at a future date!

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

SWINDON BRANCH.

Nearly 40 members attended the Swindon Branch meeting at Bishopstone on June 11th, and among the visitors was a young man from Surrey, whose signature tune must be, 'I shouldn't mind a peal on that one!' Methods up to Cambridge were rung on this noisy eight, and the Association form of service was conducted by the Vicar.

At the business meeting a collection was made for the Highworth bells restoration fund, and it was proposed to visit Wroughton, Lydiard Millicent and Purton during the next three months. The branch secretary gave a brief report of the Central Council meeting at York.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SURPRISE MINOR PEALS

Dear Sir,—Mr. G. L. Joyce must have overlooked the extent of S1,2,3,4,5,6 published in 'The Ringing World' of December 27th, 1935, and also that of S18,26,43,44,45,46 published on December 12th, 1941. Both those extents have certain defects which may account for their not appearing in his collection.

There is also an extent of S7,8,9,10 arranged by myself which has not been published, but which was circulated by the late Mr. A. G. Driver to one or two interested people. I enclose a copy.

Therefore the maximum number of Surprise Minor methods which can by ordinary means be included in seven extents is 33, and if we admit the extents mentioned in paragraph one the number is increased to 37.—Yours faithfully,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham, Cheshire.

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Arranged by C. Kenneth Lewis.

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42635	9	—56234	8
—42356	9	34625	9
—42563	9	—34256	9
—42563	9	—34562	9
—63542	10	46325	9
25463	7	62453	7
—56342	10	25634	7
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RINGERS' NOTEBOOK & DIARY, 1950

Last year's diary was voted a great success, and many complimentary letters (including several official letters of congratulation from Guilds and Associations) were received by us. Preparation for printing the 1950 edition is already well in hand, and it is intended to make the book even more interesting and useful than the first issue.

A further 16 pages are being added which will provide room, amongst other things, for extra touches in methods already included and for the addition of diagrams and touches of Double Court, St. Clement's Minor and Major, Rutland Surprise Major and Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Royal. Other additions will be touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cinques and (especially for Yorkshire ringers) a ready reckoner to give the number of changes per minute for varying lengths of peal. A number of other refinements, including permanent gold-blocking of the covers and the re-grouping of methods for easier reference, are also planned.

It is hoped to have the diary available this year by early November, but to achieve this all copy must go to the printers shortly. We wish to include in the 'Diary' portion as many dates of annual general meetings, dinners and social functions as possible, and we would be glad if these could be furnished by Guild secretaries not later than by early August. Alterations to the list of Central Council members and secretaries' name and addresses should also be sent if these have not been reported in 'The Ringing World.'

W. VIGGERS and M. HODGSON.

37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot.

A MESSAGE FOR LIBRA

Dear Sir,—May I endorse all that K. W. H. Felstead says in your issue of the 1st inst.? I would also like to tell 'Libra' that it is only by the use of precise statements such as those introduced by A. York-Bramble that progress can be made in the scientific portions of our Exercise. He will not deny, I hope, that W. H. Thompson's researches into Grandsire Triples were conducted in a scientific manner and that they involved the introduction of such specialist terms as 'Q-set,' nor that, as A. York-Bramble pointed out, certain terms in everyday use in the Exercise are indubitably imprecise.

As a beginner, and a non-peal ringer, I should like to extend my thanks to A. York-Bramble for his excellent series of articles and to those of your correspondents whose subsequent discussion has proved so enlightening to one who lacks a knowledge of and access to previous records and original sources.—Yours sincerely,

PHILIP P. CARTER.

Sowerby, Yorks.

Apropos the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead's letter re method extension last week, Mr. Ernest C. S. Turner writes: 'I should like to support Mr. Felstead's condemnation of the use of a nom de plume by 'Libra' in 'The Ringing World,' dated June 24th. In fairness to Dr. Hatcher, the author should surely have signed his own name.

GUILDFORD GUILD MOTION

Dear Sir,—Had Mr. Shepherd been present at the meeting of the Standing Committee and heard the exposition of Mr. G. W. Fletcher and other members of the Editorial Committee he would have had no hesitation in coming to the conclusion that I did not vote against the motion submitted by my Guild. When only half of a case is presented it is unwise to pass judgment.—Yours faithfully,

Guildford. A. H. PULLING.

THE REV. E. S. POWELL

Dear Sir,—It is proposed to erect here in the sanctuary of this beautiful old Parish Church, which he loved and served, a stone memorial tablet to the memory of the late Rev. Everard Slade Powell, M.A., Vicar of Staverton from 1933 to 1946.

The ringers of the parish are entrusted with the task of collecting the necessary money, which will be in the neighbourhood of £50. They have already received several requests from people outside the parish to be allowed to join in it, and it occurred to them that there may be others who, for reasons of friendship or gratitude, would welcome the opportunity of taking a share, however small. Mr. Powell's Mastership of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild is to be recorded on the memorial.

Any contributions should be sent to either of the undersigned without delay and will be acknowledged.

MAUD CLARKE (captain of the ringers).
ALICE M. HALL (Treasurer).

Staverton, near Daventry, Northants.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS

A joint meeting of the Mid-Devon and South-West Branches was held at Buckfast Abbey, Buckfastleigh, on June 18th, and was largely attended.

The bells were kept going throughout the afternoon to suit all requirements, after which the company adjourned to the King's Arms Assembly Rooms for tea.

One non-resident life member, Mr. Peter Newing, of Canterbury, was elected, and it was announced that the Mid-Devon and Exeter Branches would hold a joint meeting at Dawlish on Saturday, July 16th. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Lord Abbot of Buckfast and the Vicar of Dean Prior.

Guildford Diocesan Guild

NEW PEAL TAX SUGGESTED.

There was a small attendance of members and visitors at a meeting of the Guildford District, Guildford Guild, at Albury on June 25th. The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Rector, and after tea Shere bells were available. The small attendance permitted a good deal of time being devoted to beginners, of whom there were quite a few in attendance.

At the business meeting, at which the Rector of Albury presided, the meeting discussed a suggestion put forward by the general secretary that with a view to raising funds out of which grants could be made towards restorations, augmentations and the provision of ropes, the Guild should impose a rope tax on all peal attempts and perhaps a small fee for members attending meetings. Mr. Grover explained that this suggested scheme was intended to be in substitution for any increase in the annual subscription, and he pointed out to members that the people who rang peals and attended district meetings were the interested members of the Guild, and the financing of the Guild depended on their enthusiasm and support more than on members whose only connection with the Guild was to pay their annual subscription.

After discussion, the meeting decided to allow the matter to stand over until the next district meeting.

LEEDS AND SELBY SOCIETIES

JOINT MEETING AT KIPPAX.

On a perfect summer's day the members of the two societies journeyed to Kippax, a six-bell tower situate between the two towns. The bells were raised soon after 2.30 p.m., and learners had the first pulls of rounds and Queen's. Other methods were rung until tea time, when some 40 members transferred to the Sunday Schools, where cups of tea were provided by the local company.

The business meeting followed tea. Mr. Hill (Leeds president) presided and was supported by Mr. H. Morley (Selby).

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was proposed by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mr. H. S. Morley. The Vicar suitably responded, and the people's churchwarden, Mr. Lawn, supported and referred to the church roof, which required replacing owing to the death watch beetle having been at work for some years. As many of the ringers had expressed concern and surprise at the destruction, a collection was taken, which amounted to £1 5s.

Several new members were elected to their respective societies.

The next Leeds meeting will be held on July 31st at Sherburn. As this is the start of the Leeds holidays, members were asked to turn up in force.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

EAST NORFOLK BRANCH.

Ludham, which has the heaviest ring of five in Norfolk (tenor 22 cwt.), was selected for the East Norfolk Branch meeting on June 11th. Thirty-five members attended, and the service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Arnsworth).

At the business meeting, Mr. G. W. Fletcher presided, supported by the president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard), Ringing Master (Mr. N. Golden), branch secretary (Mr. J. G. W. Harwood) and acting branch Ringing Master (Mrs. Fletcher).

The chairman reported on the Central Council meeting at York. Mr. W. E. Warner (Norton Subcourse) was elected a member. A silent tribute was paid to the late Mr. F. Middleton (Mulbarton). The next meeting was fixed for September 10th at Pakefield.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

ST. LEONARD'S, STREATHAM.

Winchester and Romsey were the objectives for the fourth pilgrimage of St. Leonard's, Streatham, and Christ Church, Mitcham, bands on June 18th. On the outward journey ringing took place at Farnham.

Ringing at Winchester was confined to the six at St. Maurice's, but most of the party also visited the Cathedral. At Romsey, because of an unexpected church service, ringing was reduced to 15 minutes, but a dozen enthusiasts climbed the interminable stairs for a quick pull.

Six-bell ringers showed their prowess at King Somborne, and then to Andover where, after a bumper tea, the sight of the open spiral staircase to the belfry caused a few to 'decline with thanks.' It held no terrors for some of the lady visitors, who crowded into the belfry to watch the menfolk ring stand methods on the beautiful eight.

Greetings were sent to Mr. A. Miller, of the Mitcham band, at present in Canada, and thanks passed to Mr. S. Howard, the pilgrimage secretary.

DARLINGTON.

Ringers of St. Cuthbert's and Holy Trinity unofficially carried on the traditions of the Darlington Amalgamated Society by their outing on June 25th, organised by Mr. T. Cooke.

After a good view of Durham Cathedral, Newcastle was safely negotiated, and the first halt was at Fenham, the church containing a carillon of 17 fine-toned bells by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, eight of which are hung for ringing (tenor 14 cwt.). A most musical ring was all in readiness, thanks to Mr. J. L. Gray and the local band.

A halt was made at Morpeth for coffee and a walk by the Wansbeck and inspection of the watch tower. Then through Alnmouth to Barnburgh for lunch and a visit to its ancient church with eight bells (tenor 14½ cwt.). The tower has a square staircase, and some of the party used to the ordinary spiral found the progression of three steps and a right-angle turn somewhat novel. In the church is the memorial to Grace Darling.

Through scenery not easily surpassed, the route was via Alnwick and over the moors to Rothbury—a ring of eight (tenor 14 cwt.), where local ringers awaited the party.

The homeward run was through beautiful scenery via Scots Gap and the Roman wall to Corbridge, where a short halt was made and some handbell ringing indulged in before the last lap through Tow Law and West Auckland to Darlington. A memorable day.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.

A tour of Hampshire and Surrey was the programme for Felpham ringers' outing. Bishop's Waltham, Stockbridge, Whitchurch, Odiham and Worplesdon were visited. Mr. Peter Wood acted as Ringing Master and Miss E. Lonnen organised the outing, which was a great success.

ROCHDALE.

For their outing into Derbyshire on June 18th, All Saints', Hamer, Rochdale, had a beautiful day. First stop was Gawsworth, where a member who learned to pull a bell gave details of the history of these bells.

After lunch the next call was Mayfield, and then Ashbourn, where friends were amused at the faces of the company with the long draught of 72ft. Expressions changed as good touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford T.B. were rung.

Next came the heavy eight at Youlgrave, and then home through Bakewell and lovely Derbyshire country. Thanks are due to Mr. James Taylor for an excellent outing.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL.

Ringwood, Bournemouth, and Southampton were in the itinery of Chichester Cathedral Guild for their tour on June 25th.

Mr. Sheetham had the fine ring at Ringwood ready for the party, and at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, Mr. Arthur Davies was waiting for the visitors.

After lunch and Bournemouth sea, shops and ices, we coasted to Southampton and St. Michael's ten, where we discovered the Rev. Felstead waiting for donations for his bombed parish behind a street hoarding! After sampling this fine ten, we went on to Portsmouth to see the show, 'Careless Rapture.' We all agreed that a show is excellent to complete a ringing tour.

Our gratitude to Mrs. Tamplin, who so successfully arranged the day's outing.

WHISTON, YORKS.

During this year's outing to Whitby on June 18th, Whiston ringers rang on the magnificent ten at Selby Abbey and the light eight at Norton, near Malton. A warm welcome was received at both places, and the outing proved to be most enjoyable.

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.

Six Surrey towers were included in the District's coach tour on June 11th. A groan went up from the ladies at the sight of the vertical iron ladder at Redhill, but they cheered up after ascending it and ringing for three-quarters of an hour.

Fifteen minutes were wasted looking for the entrance to Dorking Church, but having found it no time was lost in raising the bells. An al fresco lunch at Albury was followed by a ring on the musical six.

On arriving at Guildford, a wooden box carried by one of the ladies, a cause for much speculation, was opened, and out flew a pigeon. Ringing at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church attracted a crowd, who anticipated the bride. Miss W. Oliver, secretary of the Southern District Ladies' Guild, arranged an excellent meal

The company showed their proficiency on ten at Reigate. At Godstone, the treble was discovered to be lashed, and the stay broken. This did not prevent ringing. After quenching thirsts, the party was able to relax and count blisters as the coach took them homewards.

Dr. E. St. J. Hatcher was congratulated and thanked by Mr. A. Waddington for organising the tour.

ST. AMBROSE'S, BRISTOL.

A coach tour to London was planned by St. Ambrose's, Bristol, on, June 18th. The first stop was Malborough (for breakfast) and then to Hammersmith.

Whitechapel Foundry was reached just before 1 p.m. Mr. A. A. Hughes kindly arranged lunch and showed the party over the Foundry. Ringing at All Saints', Poplar, followed.

On the homeward journey the party was met at Newbury by Mr. Curtis, where ringing was enjoyed on the ten bells. The last stop was Marlborough (for supper), where thanks were expressed to the organiser and Mr. and Mrs. Bennett congratulated on the anniversary of their wedding day and presented with a gift, as a token of the party's esteem. The outing was one of the finest St. Ambrose's Guild had arranged.

HELMINGHAM.

A distance of 230 miles in 18 hours was accomplished by the Helmingham band on their annual outing on June 25th. Towers visited were Royston, Baldock, Hitchin, Dunstable and Harpenden. Ringing ranged from Bob Major to London and Bristol Surprise.

LONDON COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

About 40 members, some accompanied by their wives, spent an enjoyable day in Kent on June 25th.

First call was at All Saints', Birchington, and then the Waterloo tower at Quex Park, where the 12 bells were soon going to Grandsire and Stedman.

Lunch was taken at Margate, followed by ringing at St. John's. Later came the fine ring of 10 at St. Lawrence's, Ramsgate, where methods ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge. was reached at 10.45, all having enjoyed the well-arranged programme.

DARLEY DALE AND ASHOVER.

This combined outing on June 25th was into Cheshire. Ringing was enjoyed at Congleton, Sandbach, Middlewich and Macclesfield. Methods rung during the day were Grandsire Triples and Caters, Oxford Bob and Stedman Triples, also Bob Major. A number of the ringers had their first ring on 12 bells at Macclesfield.

MARGARET BEAMISH'S 50 PEALS
COMPLETED FOUR DAYS BEFORE HER 14th BIRTHDAY.

Maximus: Cambridge Surprise 1. Cinques: Stedman 2 (1 'in hand'). Royal, Cambridge Surprise 2, Plain Bob 1. Caters: Stedman 3 (1 'in hand'), Grandsire 1.

Major: London Surprise 2, Peterborough Surprise 1, Bristol Surprise 3, Yorkshire Surprise 2, Cambridge Surprise 7, New Cambridge Surprise 3, Double Norwich 2, Kent 2 (1 'in hand'), Plain Bob 4 (1 'in hand').

Triples: Stedman 5 (2 'in hand'), Grandsire 3. Minor: Cambridge Surprise 1, Plain Bob 3 (conducted 2), four methods 2.

Total: 50 (6 'in hand,' conducted 2).

OBITUARY
MR. E. HANCOX.

A ringer at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West, for nearly 50 years and captain for the last 25 years, Mr. E. Hancox died on June 29th. He was one of the oldest members of the Middlesex County Association, and also a member of the Oxford, Surrey, Warwickshire and College Youths. He had rung nearly 100 peals.

The funeral was held at Hillingdon Cemetery on July 4th, attended by members of St. Andrew's and St. John's Church. In the evening a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples was rung at St. Andrew's Church by: S. W. Childs 1, P. E. Jones 2, M. Kilby (first in method) 3, W. Honer 4, T. Collins 5, P. Corke (conductor), 6, H. Imfrey 7, S. Humphreys 8.

MR. CLIFTON NEWMAN.

Mr. Clifton Newman (72), of 53, Finedon Road, Irthlingborough, who has rung at the Parish Church since the bells were hung in 1893, has died. He was clerk and verger at the church for 20 years, until he retired in 1924, a Sunday School teacher and a member of the choir for many years.

At the funeral service on July 6th, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. V. Rogers), the following bellringers acted as bearers: Messrs. A. Tyler, J. Mawby, A. Bigley and J. Skerritt. Among those present were Messrs. W. Perkins, F. Kirk, A. Bellamy (Raunds), G. Basford and J. Main (Finedon) and J. Chambers (Stanwick). As a tribute the bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled from the date of his death until after the funeral.

STROUD, GLOS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Brunt (first away from tenor) 1, G. Latham 2, B. Latham 3, T. Pritchard 4, Mr. Cotterill 5, T. Witts (cond.) 6, R. Thain 7, R. Sharpe 8.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On June 12th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Trinity Sunday, 720 Cambridge): E. Treagus 1, E. R. Rapley (cond.) 2, F. Roberts 3, B. White 4, C. Longhurst 5, E. J. King 6.

QUARTER PEALS

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. R. Layton 1, Jill Brittain 2; M. F. Layton (first in method) 3, A. J. Adams 4, N. Hobden 5, A. E. Cheesman 6, D. N. Layton (cond.) 7, E. T. Woolloff 8. A 17th birthday compliment to the ringer of 3rd.

BARNET, MIDDLESEX.—On June 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. A. Barker 1, W. D. Prockson 2, B. J. Willis (first of Major) 3, R. Newman 4, D. F. Harman 5, G. A. Parsons 6, A. F. Warren 7, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 8.

BARROW, LANCS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Kent T.B. Minor: T. Turner 1, R. Suart 2, J. Bagnall 3, F. H. Crawley 4, N. Newby 5, J. E. Burles (cond.) 6.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Allen 1, F. Windibank 2, C. Pay 3, G. Norris 4, W. Read (cond.) 5, V. Shadbolt 6. On the 78th birthday of the conductor and the 70th of No. 1.

BODIAM, KENT.—On June 19th, 2,520 Doubles (1,440 Plain Bob, 960 Grandsire): Miss Sheila M. Hole (longest length) 1, S. G. Waters 2, Miss Frances Wood 3, L. T. Pope 4, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 6.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On June 10th, 1,386 Grandsire Caters: K. Thompson 1, Miss L. Briggs 2, A. Freeston 3, R. Brown 4, S. Jessop 5, F. Dewey 6, J. Petch 1, F. Leggott 8, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 9, T. Freeston 10. In honour of the installation of the Rev. E. K. Ellis (Vicar) as Canon in Lincoln Cathedral.

CROSCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Miles 1, W. Gulley 2, G. Wilmot 3, R. Green 4, P. Hull 5, W. Davis 6. Memoriam Norris Say, ringer and churchworker.

DODDERHILL, WORCS.—On June 19th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Burley 1, G. E. Large (cond.) 2, Miss C. A. Harding 3, R. G. Morris 4, C. J. Clarke 5, R. W. Sayers 6, A. Morgan 7, R. Woodyatt 8. First of Major for 1, 3, 4 and 5.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On June 19th, 1,344 Little Bob Major: E. C. Stacey 1, Mrs. E. B. Wall 2, E. H. Baldwin 3, R. C. Westney 4, H. Wagstaffe 5, L. G. Webb 6, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 7, J. McCluskey 8. First in method by 2, 3 and 6.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Angela Carter 1, A. H. Treadgold 2, Audrey J. West 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, J. Seymour 5, A. E. Lock (cond.) 6, J. Nobes 7, H. Thomas 8. First of Triples by 1, 2, 3, 5 and 8.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's on June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. T. Cook (first quarter) 1, Lieut. J. D. Richard, R.N., 2, J. C. Birt 3, K. L. Brown 4, D. R. Judd, 5, W. J. Ellis 6, E. C. S. Turner (cond.) 7, A. Jones 8.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Ashdown (first quarter) 1, E. Mounter 2, A. Groves 3, A. Anstey 4, G. Ashdown 5, J. Hurrell 6, D. H. Anstey (cond.) 7, F. J. Hurrell 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire with E. Long tenor first quarter.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On June 21st, 1,344 Bob Major: A. W. Bowers 1, S. Atkins 2, J. Sharpe 3, Miss D. Reeve 4, C. E. Lawrence 5, W. Paul 6, G. Miller 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8. First of Major 4, 5 and 7. A 99th birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Bowers, mother of the treble ringer.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On June 20th, 480 Bob Doubles and 780 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Hayward (first quarter) 1, G. S. Joyce (cond.) 2, A. G. Gasson 3, R. E. Woods 4, P. L. Eldridge 5, R. H. Mills 6.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Dilys Jones (15) 1, Miss Sheila Jones (17) 2, Miss Beryl Hughes (18) 3, R. Gordon Corby 4, Brian Harris (first as cond.) (16) 5, Miss Jean Pye (16) 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Baker 1, M. Baker 2, H. Allberry (first quarter as cond.) 3, W. Hill 4, H. Oliver 5.

HENDON, MIDDLESEX.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Pitman 1, D. R. Corning 2, A. E. Hoare 3, W. Vince 4, E. E. Pratchett (cond.) 5, H. W. Barnard 6.

IFFLEY, OXFORD.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Woodley 1, Miss N. Honey 2, J. Adams 3, W. Fern (first of Minor 'inside') 4, B. S. Nichols (cond.) 5, E. Eades 6. First of Minor 1 and 6.

ISLE OF DOGS, LONDON.On June 18th, by the University of London Society, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Betty Hewitson (first quarter) 1, Rachel Yeld (first 'inside') 2, Janet Mattinson 3, P. R. Layton 4, D. Martin 5, E. Dodds 6, D. N. Layton (cond.) 7, K. Guy (first quarter) 8.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On June 18th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: P. Elliott 1, J. Papworth 2, Miss W. M. Elliott 3, J. Elliott (cond.) 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott 6. First of treble Bob for 1, 3 and 6. For the 21st birthday of A. R. Elliott.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. J. Clements 1, T. Haslam 2, K. Clements (first quarter) 3, L. Pearson 4, E. Jennings (cond.) 5, K. Holmes 6, I. Heap 7, T. Knights 8.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On June 19th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: J. Bullock 1, C. W. Ottley 2, E. W. Furbanks 3, T. H. Taffender 4, C. E. Wilmington 5, E. W. Housden 6, G. Dawson 7, E. D. Smith (cond.) 8.

NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Manning 1, H. Haynes, 2, W. Kilsby 3, V. A. Perry 4, S. G. Osborne (cond.) 5.

OXFORD.—On June 19th, 1,200 Minor (480 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob): Ruth M. K. How 1, M. Jillian Brierley 2, Kathleen Higgins 3, N. G. McCrum 4, M. E. H. Barrow 5, D. W. B. Summers (cond.) 6. A farewell to Jillian Brierley.

SALISBURY.—On June 16th, at St. Martin's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Mussell 1, J. Maidment 2, Miss J. M. Brown 3, J. Sutton 4, L. Harris 5, R. N. Marlow 6, F. L. Harris (cond.) 7, W. Chalk 8. For the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rector.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Stedman, 240 St. Simon's, 340 April Day, 240 Bob Doubles, 240 Grandsire): F. Wilton 1, A. R. A. Peake 2, B. Bladon 3, A. J. Tickner 4, E. Roberts 5, G. Collins 6, P. Anger (cond.) 7, E. G. Grainger 8. First quarter in 5 methods 1, 5 and 7. Rung with 4, 6, 8 behind.

SWINDON.—On June 19th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: J. Hawkins 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, F. Wilton 3, A. Tickner 4, Miss B. E. Ll. Roberts (first of Caters as cond.) 5, J. Berry 6, C. J. Gardner 7, H. Bishop 8, W. W. Darnell 9, E. Vincent 10. First of Caters 3 and 4.

TAYNTON, OXFORD.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. J. Westmacott 1, J. G. Collett (first on tower bells) 2, H. Parker 3, M. C. F. Collett 4, B. S. Nichols (cond.) 5, W. J. Dixon 6. First of Minor 1 and 3.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE. — On June 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, New Doubles, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire): L. Warren 1, P. Marriott 2, A. J. Marriott 3, W. G. Soar (cond.) 4, T. J. Marriott 5, G. S. Hill 6. In memory of Mrs. H. E. H. Mosley, of Calke Abbey.

WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS, SUFFOLK. — On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Bishop (first quarter) 1, C. Fordham 2, W. Godson 3, H. Hunt 4, L. Sharpe (first quarter) 5, R. E. Manton (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the 2nd.

YORK.—At the Minster, on June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples on the light eight: S. H. Steel 1, T. F. Earnshaw 2, F. Atkinson 3, H. Forden 4, G. Horner 5, D. Forth 6, H. Walker (cond.) 7, E. Reckitt 8. An 81st birthday compliment to T. F. Earnshaw, president of the York Minster Society.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society

ANNUAL MEETING AT LICHFIELD.

The annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Lichfield on July 2nd, and once again glorious weather marked the occasion.

One of the largest gatherings ever experienced by the society attended, and ringing commenced at the Cathedral at 2.30 p.m. Other towers that were made good use of were St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6).

The service at the Cathedral (evensong) was attended by the majority of those present. Tea followed in the ancient Guildhall, by permission of the City Council, and was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Lichfield. A very fine display of civic silver was on view for the benefit of the visitors. The tea, which had been arranged by Mr. Walter J. Cope, obviously with considerable preparation, was enjoyed by the 120 present.

The general meeting was presided over by the Archdeacon of Stafford, who is well known in the Midlands for his staunch support of ringers and bellringing. Proceedings opened with a welcome to Lichfield by the Mayor.

The treasurer, in his summing up of the past year's finances, stated there had been a loss on the year of £14, contributed largely by the extra cost of printing the annual report, but it was generally agreed that it had been an otherwise very successful year.

VARIETY IN PEALS.

In his report, the secretary stated that 62 peals had been rung for the society during the year and, whilst this was not a record, the variety of methods rung was greater than ever before, and included several 'firsts' for the society in Surprise methods, including Yorkshire Surprise Royal, Belgrave Surprise Major, Ashtead Surprise Major, and Aldenham Surprise Major. Other methods appearing for the first time for a number of years were Norfolk Surprise Major, New Cambridge Surprise Major, and Erin Caters. Most of the peals reported included a good percentage of ringers who were ringing in the method for the first time.

During the year two entire bands had been affiliated—Rugeley and Alrewas—which proved that the northern side of the district was getting stronger. Membership in most areas was steadily increasing.

A notable change in the society's policy was that the quarterly meetings were being abandoned and were to be substituted by six bimonthly meetings, to be held alternately in the Northern and Southern Districts. It was also the popular opinion that the subscription should be increased to 2s. per annum, with life members paying 5s.

The only change in the society's officers was the election of Mr. Eric E. Speake as Ringing Master. Officers re-elected were Mr. Arthur V. Pearson (secretary), Rev. C. Holroyd Barker as treasurer and clerical secretary and Mr. F. Brotherton as auditor.

A very successful meeting was brought to a close with a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters on handbells by request of the Mayor and Mayoress, and further tower ringing.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting and prize contest were held at Longwood on July 2nd, and eight teams entered to ring a Plain Course practice and 360 changes for test piece, of own choice.

Some excellent ringing was heard all day, and about 80 ringers and friends sat down to tea provided by the local company.

The judges' decision was as follows: Shelley 70 faults, Meltham 27, Friezland 17, New Mill 34, Silkstone 26, Cawthorne 66, Thornhill 60 (rang out), Liversedge 20.

Friezland were declared winners, and each ringer received a razor set along with the Association's silver cup. The runner-up, Liversedge, each received a fountain pen.

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WEDDING

SIMS—ROBINS.—On Saturday, July 9th, 1949, at St. Mary's Church, Keysoe, Beds, Bryan Frederick, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Sims, Great Barford, Beds, to Mildred, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Robins, Mill Hill, Keysoe. Future address: 4, Banks Road, Biggleswade, Beds. 5543

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Deanery.—Quarterly, Baltonsborough, Saturday, July 16th, 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting follow.—William Marsh, Dovecotes, Street. 5492

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting Staplehurst, July 16th. Bells (8) 3. Please make own tea arrangements.—H. Goringe, Hon. Sec. 5506

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—N.W. and Southern District.—Combined meeting, Limpsfield (6), July 16th, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. After tea, Oxted (6), Limpsfield Chart (6).—F. B. Jeal, 78, Earlswood Road, Redhill. 5487

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—A meeting will be held at Willingham on Saturday, July 16. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 5513

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting St. Mary's, Twickenham, July 16th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea and short business. Further ringing until 8.—F. Finch. 5509

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Flamstead on July 16th. Bells (6) from 3. Names for tea by Wednesday, 13th, to Mr. W. Hayes, Morton's Place, Flamstead, near St. Albans.—L. S. Baines, Dis. Sec. 5521

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) 3. Tea 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 5500

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Kirby-le-Soken (8) on Saturday, July 23rd, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 for those who notify Mr. U. Wildney, Laurel Cottage, Lower Kirby, by Wednesday, 20th.—H. J. Millatt, Dis. Sec. 5512

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD and LADIES' GUILD (Grimsby District.—Joint meeting at Bigby, July 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 19th, to Mrs. Bowness, Bigby, Barnetby, Lincs. 5510

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General quarterly meeting at Quorn on July 23rd. Bells 2. Names to me, please, by July 21st for tea at 5. A few 1946-7 reports available, 1s. 6d. each, including postage.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Hon. Sec., Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester. 5501

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Branch meeting at Mattishall, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Oddfellows' Hall. Please let Mr. A. Moore, Ashleigh, Mattishall, East Dereham, know by July 20th.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 5496

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Quarterly meeting at Loughton (8), July 23rd. Bells available from 3. Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Numbers for tea to E. Bacon, 49, England's Lane, Loughton. 5488

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting Oakford, July 23rd. Usual arrangements. Special bus leaves Silverton 2.30, Tiverton 3, Bampton 3.20, returning same route 8 p.m. For bus tickets (free to Guild members of any branch), apply to E. J. Taylor, Westhayes, Post Hill, Tiverton, not later than July 17th. 5484

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Diocesan Festival at Carbis Bay (8), Saturday, July 23rd, from 2.30. Service 4.30; preacher, Canon Peeke. Tea after service, 1s. Other bells: Phillack (8), Lelant (6), Towednack (8), Zennor (6). Replies by Tuesday, July 19th, to Rev. H. Trewhella, St. Crantock Vicarage, Newquay. 5490

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Moulton (8), July 23rd. Tea for those who send names by Tuesday, July 19th, to Mr. Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48. Millway, Duston, Northants. 5535

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Poynton, July 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. For tea inform Mr. B. L. Hallworth, 89, Clumber Road, Poynton, near Stockport, by July 19th. —C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 5541

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting Lympsham, Saturday, July 23rd, from 5 to 9.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 5538

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Winshill (6), July 23rd. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify by July 21st, F. G. Fretwell, 16, Bladon Street, Winshill, Burton-on-Trent. 5539

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Don't forget Annual Festival, July 23rd. Proceedings commence with service Cathedral 11 a.m.; preacher, the Vicar of Bray (Rev. E. C. S. Lomas). Luncheon tickets 5s.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 5451

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival.—Choristers are invited to bring cassocks and surplices and form a choir. To facilitate making the necessary arrangements in the Cathedral will intending choristers please notify F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire? 5537

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Lois-Weedon on Saturday, July 23rd. Names for tea to C. Hinton, Lois-Weedon, Towcester, by the 19th.—W. Yates, Branch Sec. 5524

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting Leverington, July 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by July 20th.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 5526

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Meeting, Cudham, July 23rd, 3. Tea (1s. 9d.) Oast House, 4.30. Names for tea by Tuesday, 19th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 5528

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly, Desborough (8), July 23rd. Bells 3. Names for tea before 19th.— G. E. Watson, 81, Church Street, Burton Latimer. 5529

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — Brixham (8), Saturday, July 23rd. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 5530

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Summer meeting, Corton Denham, July 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditcheat. 5531

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting at Shedfield (8), July 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5. Names by July 20th to Miss B. Daysh, Woodman's Cottage, Waltham Chase, Southampton.—John H. Hunt, Dis. Sec. 5532

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Longstock (5), July 23rd, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Also Lexford (5), near Stockbridge. Names by July 18th.—L. A. Tremeer, 34, The Dean, Alresford. 5533

SALISBURY GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting Broadchalke (6), July 23rd, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Coombe Bissett and Berwick St. John bells also available. Names to F. L. Harris, Britford, near Salisbury. 5545

ST. MARY'S, ELY.—Second Annual Ringers' Sunday, July 24th. Ringing 3. Tea 4.30, St. Mary's Hotel. Service 6.30. All welcome. 5523

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Christ Church, Epsom, Sat., July 30th. Names for tea by Wed., July 27th, to Mrs. Massey, 173, Coverts Rd., Claygate; gentlemen welcome. 5546

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting Banham (6), Saturday, July 30th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for those who notify Mr. W. Saunders, New Buckenham, Norwich, by July 26th.—A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 5540

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District).—Joint meeting Leatherhead, Monday, Aug. 1st. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, available in various cafes, 5-6. More ringing after.—A. Smith and R. Lathbury, Hon. Secs. 5544

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RHYTHM

IT is obvious to anyone who has visited different towers and has rung with many bands of ringers that there are many different ways of ringing a method. Take, for instance, the familiar Grandsire Triples. We can be a 'blue liner,' and stick rigidly to the blue line of the diagram, thinking of the work as a pattern. Very near this is the ringer who remembers the order of the dodging and hunts until he knows a dodge or place must be made. There is the ringer who depends on the treble and knows a rule which tells him where to dodge next according to where he passes the treble. Not so different is the ringer who hears the treble hunt up and down and dodges after he hears (or sees) the treble lead.

All these ways have one thing in common—no one worries particularly over which bell to strike at any blow. Each way assumes that the ringer is competent to place his bell in the right position. There is, however, a fundamentally different way of ringing the method—by learning which bells to strike over or, what is nearly the same thing, learning the order in which the bells are passed.

This method is entirely different (these, of course, are personal opinions) in that it calls only for ropesight, and does not demand of the ringer any awareness of the 'beat' or rhythm of the striking. If the learner by this method picks up true rhythm it is by his own resources, and it does not follow from the method of tuition. That is why I think it is totally wrong to teach beginners a method by showing them repeatedly which bells to pull after. This may be necessary at a very early stage, but the emphasis should be on position. I learnt to ring handbells (whether one or two does not matter), and appreciated the rhythm of the striking and the idea of waiting for one more bell each time to change my position, so that when I came to the difficulty of making a tower bell do the same, I knew what was wanted, and I am grateful to those who taught me that I did not have the extra task of remembering orders of bells.

Ropesight and rhythm are the two essentials which co-operate to make the good striker. The tip-top ringer should be able to ring with his eyes shut (thus using rhythm only) and also with his ears plugged. The 'which-bell merchants' are the slaves of ropesight only.

Now, maybe, I have been fanatical, but I believe it is very important that we do not misguide our beginners. And a lot of it is done undoubtedly. Rather than say '4, 5 and lead,' let us say, 'Wait for two, hunt down to lead.' I believe this puts directly to the learner something which otherwise he will have to find out as best he can. You may have noticed that I said 'the familiar Grandsire Triples.' I do not despise the method, but unfortunately I get far too much of it. Why? Because I think that many of my friends are tied inexorably to their Grandsire ropesight, and the rhythm of other methods is foreign to them. Lucky are those who have the ability to break out of this rut. I believe that the ringing Exercise as a whole must recognise these differences and declare what is the best method of instruction. We have guidance on bell control, but methods of teaching change ringing still vary to a vast extent.

'MUCH PERTURBED.'

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., July 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

Howard Howell	*Treble*	George W. Hughes	7
James S. Eastwood	2	Arthur T. Dutton	8
Maurice G. Turner	3	*Alan Elsmore	9
Richard C. Ingram	4	Aubrey M. Pickering	10
Richard J. Warrilow	5	John N. Lindon	11
P. George Golder	6	Kenneth W. Knowles	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Howard Howell.
* First peal of Cinques 'inside.' The quickest peal of Cinques on the bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*Terence Thornber	*Treble*	Colin Harrison	6
†Paul L. Taylor	2	Harold J. Poole	7
Dorothy Udale	3	J. Frederick Milner	8
‡Brian G. Warwick	4	Alan Jacques	9
Jill Poole	5	Peter J. Staniforth	*Tenor*

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Surprise Royal on inside' bells. ‡ First of Surprise Royal. First of Surprise Royal as conductor.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 9, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

William Judge	*Treble*	William C. Porter	6
Wilfred Williams	2	Noel J. Diserens	7
Walter F. Judge	3	Fredk. A. H. Wilkins	8
James Higgins	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	9
Herbert H. Alexander	5	Paul K. Williamson	*Tenor*

Composed by John A. Burford. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 9, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

*Miss Nelia M. Leahy	*Treble*	*Frederick W. Burnett	6
*Mrs. E. F. Salmons	2	*Charles H. Kippin	7
*Mrs. C. H. Kippin	3	*Ernest F. Salmons	8
*Rev. K. W. H. Felstead	4	Frederick W. Rogers	9
C. Ernest Smith	5	Alfred T. Greenwood	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Fredk. W. Rogers.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. First peal of Yorkshire Royal in the county and by the Guild.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 9, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

Howard Howell	*Treble*	P. George Golder	6
*Charles T. Richards	2	†Derek J. Tranter	7
George E. Oliver	3	‡H. Lewis Aston	8
Christopher Wallater	4	John N. Lindon	9
Jeffrey B. Webb	5	Alan Elsmore	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Howard Howell.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Stedman. ‡ First peal 'inside.'

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 9, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

Fred Hayes	*Treble*	Anthony E. Cox	6
Ralph Coles	2	*Walter Avery	7
Percy Newton	3	Walter Lee	8
Miss Sylvia Coker	4	Gilbert R. Goodship	9
Miss Doreen Coker	5	Ronald P. Newton	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Fred Hayes.
* First peal on ten. To mark the 55th anniversary of Mr. Coles as parish clerk of All Saints' and a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. M. Mitchell, of Gravesend, sister of the ringer of the 9th. side.'

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OLD BASFORD, NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 28, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leodegarius,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*Maureen Pinder	*Treble*	*Robert Widnall	5
Sam Pinder	2	*Herbert Bates	6
Edward F. Gobey	3	Ralph W. Carlisle	7
Peter Nix	4	Denis R. Carlisle	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.
* First peal. First peal as conductor in the method. In honour of the visit of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh on the 500th anniversary of the granting of the Royal Charter to Nottingham. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

Edward Barker	*Treble*	*George P. Adams	5
Ernest H. Mastin	2	Nolan Golden	6
William Buckenham	3	Cecil V. Ebberson	7
F. Charles Goodman	4	*†Bert Gogle	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* 25th peal together. † 50th peal.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Walter P. Whitehead	*Treble*	Denis R. Carlisle	5
Margaret E. L. Beamish	2	Alan Cattell	6
Leonard E. Trevor	3	J. W. Frank Trotman	7
Paul K. Williamson	4	*Alfred Mould	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.
* First peal of Bristol.

LURGAN, CO. ARMAGH, NORTHERN IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church, Shankill,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (6th observation). Tenor 22 cwt.

Thomas Dunwoody	*Treble*	Harry Brown	5
James Rush	2	Fred E. Dukes	6
*Brian Armstrong (17)	3	John T. Dunwoody	7
William Pratt	4	Ritchie Adamson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Fred E. Dukes.
* First peal. First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor. In honour of the elevation of Lurgan to borough status and a welcome to the Rev. T. W. Warren Jones, curate.

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STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in E.

*A. W. T. CLEAVER	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
GEORGE E. LARGE	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
TERRY R. HAMPTON	3	CHARLES T. RICHARDS	7
HOWARD HOWELL	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal on eight bells.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 4, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E.

*CLAUDE SNOWDEN	*Treble*	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	5
FRANK CLAYDON	2	RONALD SUCKLING	6
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	3	ALBERT WIFFEN	7
JOHN WARNER	4	WALTER ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.
* 100th peal. Rung in honour of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Snowden on June 28th. Also a birthday compliment to Albert Wiffen.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 14½ cwt

HARRY G. WAYNE	*Treble*	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	5
HAROLD KILBY	2	*ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE	6
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
ARTHUR PATRICK	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Arthur E. Bodycote and his mother.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., July 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 6¼ cwt in A.

GEORGE E. FEARN	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	ARTHUR D. COOK	6
MISS MURIEL REAY	3	EDWARD T. LLOYD	7
TERRY R. HAMPTON	4	THOMAS W. ABBOTTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.
A wedding compliment to Rev. J. S. Billings, Vicar of Shirley.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 8, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Comprising 1,760 London, 1,120 Rutland, 640 Bristol, 320 Cambridge, 320 Superlative, 320 Pudsey, 320 Lincolnshire, 320 Yorkshire, with 144 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE	*Treble*	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	5
MARGARET L. TUTT	2	WILFRID F. MORETON	6
WILFRED WILLIAMS	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
JAMES HIGGINS	4	WALTER F. JUDGE	*Tenor*

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

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE) CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5440 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

WILFRID STEVENSON	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
JAMES A. MILNER	2	JOHN WORTH	6
ALAN A. POTTS	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
Rung with double calls throughout, i.e., a bob when the treble is in 7-8 is followed by one when she is in 1-2. The first peal in the method to be rung in this fashion.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Shipway's Reduced. Tenor 20 cwt.

HERBERT GOAKES	*Treble*	GERALD C. BRIDGER	5
DENIS D. WRIGHT	2	WILLIAM SMITH	6
*HAROLD S. PEACOCK	3	*FRANCIS H. NEWMAN	7
JOHN C. DUDDINGTON	4	FRANK WARRINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* 25th peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

ALFRED G. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	MAURICE HODGSON	5
ERIC A. DENCH	2	T. MARK WHITE	6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	3	LEONARD H. BOWLER	7
JAMES BENNETT	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 82 lb. in D.

ARTHUR W. DICKERSON	*Treble*	RONALD W. M. CLOUSTON	5
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	2	THOMAS SIMMONS	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	GEORGE POYNTZ	7
ALBERT G. HARRISON	4	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

HALEWOOD, LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Variation. Tenor 11 cwt.

MISS JULIA PRESTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM ROBINSON	5
JAMES ROBINSON	2	JOHN ROBINSON	6
THOMAS ROBINSON	3	THOMAS W. HESKETH	7
GEORGE H. HESKETH	4	*JOHN STEVENSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS W. HESKETH.
* First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Cave and to commemorate the birth of a son to Mrs. J. Robinson, wife of the ringer of the second.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Treble*	*STANLEY M. RUDDLESDEN	5
HARRY WOODING	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
KILBY R. HOLTOM	3	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE	7
ERNEST G. ORLAND	4	PERCY AMOS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal of Triples. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Gladys Ashby.

SIX BELL PEALS

ROWBERROW, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

EDWARD CHIVERS	*Treble*	DAVID HOARE	4
*E. C. WICKHAM	2	GEORGE CLARE	5
RONALD G. BECK	3	GEORGE PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
* First peal of Minor. First peal in the method as conductor,

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. *Treble*	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 4
CHRISOPHER PILBEAM ... 2	LEONARD W. GILES ... 5
EDITH BASSETT 3	CHARLES A. BASSETT ... *Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES A. BASSETT.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Mon., July 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Single Oxford Bob and five of Plain Bob.

*CHRISTOPHER PILBEAM...*Treble*	†LEONARD W. GILES ... 4
*EDITH BASSETT 2	†CHARLES A. BASSETT ... 5
*ARCH. G. GRIMWOOD ... 3	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE... *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.
* First peal in two methods. † First peal 'inside' to two methods. Believed to be the quickest peal on the bells. Tenor 13½ cwt.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., July 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Kent and Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

LEWIS J. LAST ... ...*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 4
JOHN E. T. WISEMAN ... 2	*WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 5
GEORGE W. PIPE 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.
* First peal in seven methods.

BURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 4, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and St. Clement's, and two each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

KENNETH HARTLEY ...*Treble*	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 4
DEREK WHITFORD 2	ROGER LEIGH 5
JOSEPH PORTER 3	PETER CROOK ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK.
A 21st birthday compliment to June Redrobe, of the local band.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Single Court Spliced, Single Court and two 720's each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 10 cwt.

*REX WITHAM ... ...*Treble*	‡JACK BENISTON 4
†JOHN HAWTIN 2	C. WILLIAM HALL ... 5
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD... 3	ROLAND BENISTON ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal. † First on 'inside' bells. ‡ First in four methods.

STUTTON, SUFFOLK.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD *Treble*	GEORGE W. MOSS 4
*NOEL K. FOAKES 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... 5
FRANK BLOMFIELD ... 3	CHARLES A. ANDREWS ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.
* First peal in seven methods. Presumably the first peal in seven methods on the bells.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 3½ cwt.

PERCIVAL C. RICHARDS *Treble*	*CHARLES T. RICHARDS... 4
*DEREK H. WATSON ... 2	*ERNEST A. TURNER 5
*JOSEPH WARR 3	*GEOFFREY WESTWOOD... *Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY WESTWOOD.
* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, Double Bob, Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*MISS PAMELA KEMP ...*Treble*	†MISS PREMA FERNANDO 4
*LAURENCE H. TURNER... 2	JOHN F. LLOYD 5
HENRY T. WILSON ... 3	HARRY TURNER ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal in seven methods. † First in seven methods 'inside.' Rung in connection with the celebration of the 700th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

BRASTED, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Double Bob, Plain Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob and St. Clement's Bob.

FREDERICK W. BUDGEN...*Treble*	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4
DORIS E. COLGATE ... 2	EDWIN H. LEWIS 5
ROBERT COLLINS 3	JOHN O. WELLER ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.
A welcome to Juliana Fredericka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Budgen. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat. ,July 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob and three 720's each of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

ERNEST RODDAM ...*Treble*	RAYMOND OLIVER 4
JACK LISHMAN 2	STEPHEN THOMPSON ... 5
GEORGE WALL 3	THOMAS W. DODD ... *Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN THOMPSON.
Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Irene Thompson (conductor's niece) to Mr. Frederick Yates.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three extents of Oxford and four of Kent. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM R. MANSER ...*Treble*	LUTHER J. HONESS ... 4
TOM SAUNDERS 2	REGINALD L. SILLS ... 5
LEWIS NEWMAN 3	FRANK P. WRIGHT ... *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

LAKENHEATH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 9, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

MISS EDNA M. PECKETT *Treble*	*M. G. RUTTERFORD ... 4
MISS DORA M. REEVE... 2	GERALD MILLER 5
*CLARENCE E. LAWRENCE 3	JAMES W. PAUL ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES W. PAUL.
* First peal. First peal on the bells.

SEND, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford. Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HAROLD A. MAY ... ...*Treble*	ERIC T. LEE 4
*JOHN A. ETHERINGTON 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5
GEORGE L. GROVER ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... *Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.
* First peal in more than one method. First peal in seven methods as conductor and on the bells.

HOLKHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WITHIBURGA,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven varying extents of the Old Chestnut. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.

GORDON CHAMBERS ...*Treble*	JACK S. WILLIAMSON ... 4
ALBERT W. BARBER ... 2	SIDNEY MARSHALL ... 5
VINCENT R. OVENS ... 3	GEORGE T. BUNNING ... *Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY MARSHALL.

HANDBELL PEALS

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At 39A, High Street,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

Ronald H. Bullen 1-2	Maurice J. Thurmott ... 5-6
Albert E. Austin 3-4	John A. Acres 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Albert E. Austin.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At Cleatham House Farm,
A PEAL OF KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. J. Bray 1-2	Jack Bray 5-6
George E. Feirn 3-4	*Philip Barnes 7-8

Composed by E. Timbrell. Conducted by George E. Feirn.
* First in the method 'in hand.'

YAXHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At The Woolpack,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven variations of extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

George P. Adams 1-2	Nolan Golden 3-4
	Bert Gogle 5-6

Conducted by Nolan Golden.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 4, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

William G. Young 1-2	*Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 5-6
Daniel T. Matkin ... 3-4	Roy C. Hurst 7-8

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
* 250th peal. The conductor's 50th peal this year.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At Trentwood,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE 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. J. Pitstow. Conducted by George E. Feirn.
* First in the method.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
In the Cathedral Belfry,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C

Alfred Ballard 1-2	Harold J. Poole 5-6
*Peter J. Staniforth ... 3-4	*Jill Poole 7-8
Josiah Morris 9-10	

Composed by Fredk. H. Dexter. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters on 'inside pair.'

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 6, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At 56, Bank Hey Lane South, Little Harwood,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*Frank Heys 1-2	Charles W. Blakey ... 5-6
*Arthur Tomlinson ... 3-4	Charles Sharples 7-8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Charles W. Blakey.
* First peal of Major 'in hand.' First peal as conductor of Major 'in hand.'

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 6, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
In the Ringing Chamber of St. Peter's Church,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original.

*George E. Padgett ... 1-2	†Frederick G. Hooper... 5-6
Clement Glenn 3-4	Frederick A. Salter ... 7-8

Conducted by Clement Glenn.
* First handbell peal of Triples. † First handbell peal in method.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE
This is the fourth issue of the new quarter. A number of regular readers have not received their copies through neglecting to renew their subscriptions. Remit to-day to Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk, and avoid further disappointment. Subscription rates: 4/3 quarterly, 8/6 half-yearly.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Ringers should listen-in to West Regional Home Service on Thursday, Aug. 4th, when there will be a special feature, 'From Tower and Steeple,' from 9.30 to 10 p.m.

Hitcham ringers have kindly given their tower once a fortnight for an all Burnham practice.

There will be no practice ringing at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on the following three Wednesdays, August 3rd, 10th, 17th, or on Sundays, August 7th and 14th.

Votes of thanks to vicars and towerkeepers in respect of outings have been deleted—not in any sense on account of ingratitude, but to enable as many reports as possible to be published.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton, where a peal was rung on July 12th, is one of the three round churches in the country. It will celebrate its 850th anniversary next year.

Mr. George Gilbert is cheered in his quest for £2,000 for Burnham bells by an anonymous donor giving £80 to recast the treble. He hopes to have ten of his girls ringing the Campanile bells at Loughborough on July 27th, the first time that ten 'teen age girls all from one tower have manned the bells.

Mr. John Anderson writes pointing out that he was credited with being a member of the North Staffs Association in 'The Ringing World' of June 24th. He is not a member of this Association. His local Association is the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

Have you a story to tell in connection with the 2,000th issue of 'The Ringing World'? We are featuring reminiscences of those who have been readers since its foundation by the late Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

Mr. W. P. Whitehead, of Barwell, offers congratulations to Mr. T. G. Miller on ringing a peal on his 76th birthday; further he mentions that a claim made by Mr. C. H. Kippin and him (Mr. Whitehead) over 25 years ago to be the youngest to call Holt's Original turns out to be 36 years too late, Mr. Miller having called the one-part 62 years ago at the age of 14.

Setting the pace this year is Mr. Daniel T. Matkin, who rang his 50th peal on July 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Matthews have now completed the Cambridge circuit from Minor to Maximus.

If a ringer holds the end of his rope in his right hand, is he a right or left-handed ringer? A query from Leicestershire.

This month's 'Ringing Towers' from Australia contains an interesting article by Mr. Duncan on 'Theory for Beginners.'

We have received letters of appreciation of the illustrated article of the Lavenham Ringing Day festival that appeared in 'Picture Post.' 'A little more of this kind of publicity should help to make our silent bells use their voices again,' writes Mr. R. Newman, Finsbury Park, N.4.

Sible Hedingham ringers had a particularly unpleasant experience on their outing on arrival at St. Neots, when they were refused permission to ring by the verger, despite a letter received previously granting their request. To make matters worse, accusations of misbehaviour were made by the verger to the Vicar's wife, which were unfounded. Writes Mr. Archie A. Fitch: 'In my 25 years of ringing I have never met such an inhospitable or ill-mannered man as that verger was to our party of 30 adults.' Happily this is an isolated instance. Reports of ringers' outings that we have received from all over the country testify to the friendliness extended towards visitors.

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Blackburn Cathedral Bells

NOW A FIVE TON RING.

Work is now in progress by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, in rehanging the recast bells of Blackburn Cathedral.

The old bells, the back six of which were cast 212 years ago and the other four added in 1852, were removed from the Cathedral tower last August. They have returned a heavier and much finer ring that will compare favourably with any other bells in the North of England. The tenor is 25½ cwt. in D natural and the weight of the tenor exceeds five tons.

A new cast-iron frame has been erected on two sets of heavy rolled steel girders placed transversely on one another; bolted together and grouted into the tower wall. The wheels are of well-seasoned oak, headstocks of curved cast-iron fitted with nickel steel gudgeons and hung in self-aligning ball bearings.

Considerable alterations have been necessary in the tower. The old clock has been removed and is to be replaced by an all-electric one which is in very small compass and gives more room for the bells and also in the ringing chamber. The clock will strike the hour and chime Westminster quarters on the bells.

The louvres in the tower have been bricked up, the roof opened, and a lantern built on top. The sound will thus be thrown upwards before escaping through the lantern roof. This will be a big improvement, since the sound will be diffused and not thrown down into the churchyard and the immediate vicinity of the Cathedral as formerly.

The cost of recasting the bells, alterations to the tower and the new clock is about £3,500. It is likely that the bells will be dedicated near the end of August.

THE INSCRIPTIONS.

The six oldest bells bore Latin inscriptions which have been reproduced. A free translation of these is as follows:—

Second: I call the living, I mourn the dead, I subdue the thunder.

Third: I praise God, I call the people, I assemble the clergy, I lament the departed, I drive away the plague, I proclaim the feasts.

Fourth: I toll funerals, I subdue the thunder, I declare the Sabbath.

Fifth: I hasten the tardy, I scatter the winds, I pacify the angry.

Sixth: O name of Jesus Christ, turn thou and succour us.

Seventh: We praise thee and we pray; deliver us from sad death.

The inscriptions on the other bells are:—

Treble: In memory of W. E. Wilson, Ringer and Belfry Master 1887-1943. Also Edward Wilson (1933-1946). T. Wilson, Captain, 1949.

Eighth: This belfry was restored and the clock, with chimes, renewed in 1949. T. Stirrup, J. W. Wilson, J. L. Heppard, V. J. Abbott, Churchwardens.

Ninth: In memory of those of this congregation and diocese who gave their lives in the war 1939-45.

Tenor: This peal was recast and enlarged in 1949; while extensions to the Cathedral were being made. W. Hare, Treasurer, Cathedral Fabric Funds, from 1934, and of the Bishopric in 1926.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

PRESENTATION TO BRANCH SECRETARY.

In appreciation of his 25 years' service as branch secretary, members of the Peterborough Branch at their meeting at Stamford All Saints' on July 2nd presented Mr. W. H. Waldron with a barometer. The presentation was made by the Master of the Guild, Mr. E. Whitmore, at the conclusion of the business meeting. Mr. Waldren suitably responded.

It was a very good meeting, ringers and friends coming from a wide area. Ringing was from 3 to 4.45 p.m. and after the business meeting in the belfry.

Quarter Peal by Six Boys



On June 27th, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Yorkshire, by six boys whose ages ranged from 11 to 13 years.

Carlton was chosen for the attempt as the bells are a new six by Taylor's with a tenor of 6 cwt. and are an ideal peal for youngsters.

The ringers were:— Gordon Leask (13), Thorne, 1; David Jackson (11), Hatfield, 2; Derek Smith (12), Carlton, 3; Clifford Leask (13), Thorne 4; David Thorley (12), Thorne, 5; William Jackson (13), conductor, Hatfield, 6.

The conductor had not called a bob before the previous week. Mr. James Thorley, who arranged the attempt, wonders if this is the youngest band to ring a quarter-peal.

Names on the photograph are (left to right), back row, D. Thorley, D. Smith; middle row, D. Jackson, C. Leask; front row, G. Leask, W. Jackson.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Canterbury District was held at St. Peter-in-Thanet on July 9th. Favoured with fine warm weather, 75 members and friends were present representing 19 towers in the district. Service was conducted by the Rev. W. E. Edwards, who welcomed the members to St. Peter's, and gave them a few thoughts to go home with, based on the third verse of the Ringers' Hymn. A collection for the Benevolent Fund amounted to £1 17s. A feature of the service was the attendance of some members of the congregation of St. Peter's, three of whom helped to take up the collection.

Tea followed in the Church Hall, the members being royally entertained by the Parochial Church Council; even appetites sharpened by the sea air failed to clear the tables. The members were welcomed to St. Peter's by Mr. H. Noble, churchwarden, and he and the Council were warmly thanked by Mr. J. A. Russell, who later took the chair for the business meeting. Two practising members were elected. Mr. Noble and Mr. A. Hannibal, parish treasurer, were elected as honorary members. Selling was chosen as the place of the next meeting. Thanks were expressed to all who had helped to make the meeting so memorable.

A return was made to the tower and further ringing enjoyed until 8 p.m., after which some had a quick look at the sea, others to view the coast of France, clearly visible from the tower roof, or to visit the local 'Aquarium.' During the evening the district secretary, in company with the local captan, met the other churchwarden. He was promptly informed by Mr. Appleton that he was to be made an honorary member and the necessary subscription was extracted. B. J. L.

St. Martin's Guild

MEETING AT SELLY OAK.

The quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild took place at Selly Oak on July 2nd. Good use was made of the handy ring of eight, and amongst the visitors was our old friend, Mr. William H. Barber, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, who recalled some of his early ringing experiences at Selly Oak. He and William Short are the only two surviving ringers of the famous peal of 11,111 Stedman Cinques.

Tea was followed by the business meeting, at which the Master (Mr. Albert Walker) presided. Two new members were elected—Mr. John D. Niblett and Mr. David Lane — and the tower elections of Mr. Charles W. Roberts and Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis were duly ratified.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Knowle on October 8th. An invitation was received from the Nuneaton District branch of the Coventry Diocesan Guild to hold a joint meeting with them at Polesworth; and the bi-quarterly meeting, to be held in September, was thought to be suitable for the combined meeting.

A new form of service for use at the Guild's services, to supersede the one which has been in use since 1909, was presented to the meeting by Mr. W. C. Dowding and Mr. E. C. Shepherd, and after an interesting discussion it was unanimously decided to adopt the new service paper.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. W. B. Cartwright for making arrangements at very short notice, was proposed by the chairman and seconded by the secretary. G. E. F.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

STOCKPORT BRANCH.

For the meeting at Knutsford on July 2nd the branch was favoured with excellent weather and over 60 members and friends were present. The old six bells were in use from early in the afternoon until the service, which was conducted by the Rev. Harrison. A bountiful tea was enjoyed in the Parish Hall and following tea the usual business meeting was held.

The chairman, Mr. Elkins, welcomed visitors from other branches of the Guild. Five new members, Messrs. G. Blackshaw, S. Sage, N. Lomas, I. Lomas, A. Rhodes, all of Wilmslow, were elected. The meeting expressed its appreciation of the services of Mrs. D. Kidd in obtaining these new members and for arousing interest at Wilmslow.

The meeting received with regret the news that Mr. W. L. Johnson, of Rostherne, an old and respected ringer, had passed to higher service. The meeting was interested to learn that Mr. S. Hough had completed 60 years as a chorister and over 50 years as a ringer at Knutsford, and congratulated him on his record and his interest in and efforts on behalf of the Guild. Mr. Hough, in his reply, said he would try to emulate the record of a ringer whose grave is in the churchyard and who rang at Knutsford for 75 years.

The meeting closed with a cordial vote of thanks to the local ringers, the ladies who had arranged and served the tea, and to anyone who had in any way helped to make the meeting a success. Ringing was enjoyed on the six bells until a late hour, the tastes of all from expert to learner being catered for by the branch Ringing Master, Mr. T. Wilde.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

An enjoyable afternoon was spent on June 18th at Pensnett. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Lancelot Smith), who extended a hearty welcome to the party. Tea was served on the Vicarage lawn by Mrs. Smith and her band of workers.

A meeting followed, at which six members of the local band were elected to the Guild. The next quarterly meeting in September is to be held at Old Hill, subject to permission being obtained.

Ancient Society of College Youths

SUMMER MEETING AT HENFIELD.

The summer meeting of the Society was held on July 9th at Henfield, Sussex, and was very well attended. Two of the Society's oldest and most respected members, Messrs. H. R. Newton and E. Alex. Young, accompanied the party.

On arrival at Henfield they were met by Mr. F. Cruttenden, and the bells, a very good ring of eight, were soon going to a fine touch of Stedman Triples. Double Norwich, Cambridge and London provided an opportunity for the more ambitious members to show their prowess, and the company were then entertained to high tea by Mr. Cruttenden, who is an enthusiastic College Youth, and insisted on doing the honours. He must have felt gratified if he observed the look of sublime rapture on the faces of the guests — especially the younger ones, as they enjoyed the good fare provided.

Tea over, the business meeting was held, and several new members were elected, amongst them being Mr. Harold J. Poole, of Leicester. The Master, Mr. J. A. Waugh, gracefully expressed the thanks of all to Mr. Cruttenden for his generous hospitality.

Some of the enterprising members of the party then discovered that Mr. Cruttenden possessed a fine set of handbells (some as big as buckets) and tried their hands at some Major on the largest—and sustained a few blisters for their pains. It was a great joy to see Mr. E. A. Young ringing 7-8 to a touch of Stedman Triples on a more reasonably sized set.

Train time came all too soon and everybody left Henfield with many regrets that the time had been all too short—but resolving that Henfield will be 'on the list' for future visits.

J. F. S.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT GORSEINON.

The annual festival of the Guild was held at the Church of St. Catherine, Gorseinon, on July 2nd.

The bells were well rung from 2 to 3 p.m., when the company left the tower for the service. Canon W. J. Thomas read the lesson and the Rev. H. Willis, Vicar of Townhill, Swansea, who was once a ringer at Gorseinon, gave the address. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese gave the blessing.

The company then adjourned to the Church Hall, where the good people of Gorseinon had prepared a lovely tea. The Bishop thanked the ladies who had prepared for the festival, Canon Thomas for having the Guild at Gorseinon, and the choirboys who had assisted in the service.

Canon Thomas, in reply, stated how pleased they were to have the Guild at Gorseinon and how fortunate the Guild was to have the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, who took such a keen interest in the Guild as president. The Bishop had refused an important invitation because he had stated that he had a date with the bell-ringers at Gorseinon.

At the annual meeting, at which the Lord Bishop presided, the following officers were elected: Ringing Master, Mr. W. Dobbins, Gorseinon; treasurer, Mr. Melville Howcroft; secretary, Mr. D. G. Williams; auditor, Mr. Rowlands.

After some discussion re rules for ringing competition, it was resolved that Rule 8 be deleted and the following take its place: 'The home team be handicapped 5 points and that the test piece for all competitors be 120 Grandsire Doubles or four 30's.'

The 1950 festival is to be held at Brecon on July 1st, when it is hoped that the war memorial will be ready so that the dedication service will take place on the same date.

The hon. general secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Bishop for taking the chair, and also thanked the Rev. H. Willis for his inspiring address at the service.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A FINE BROADCASTING FEATURE

Dear Sir,—On Thursday, August 4th, in the West Regional Home Service, there is to be from 9.30 to 10 p.m. a broadcast feature called 'From Tower and Steeple.' The B.B.C. asked me to advise them on the technical side of this, and I believe they are going to send me the script (to correct any technical errors) before the actual day. They also want me in the studio for the broadcast, but I don't think my dulcet tones are actually to be heard.

The broadcast was planned over a year ago, and the original idea was to include recordings of two towers from each county in the West Region—Hants, Wilts, Dorset, Somerset, Devon and Cornwall — but for various reasons this proved impracticable. However, a good selection, and I hope a fairly representative one, will be available. On my first visit to the studios I spent three solid hours listening to recordings made in the region prior to broadcast church services, and it is a sad comment on the average level of striking up and down the country that not a single one of these was good enough. Not all bell broadcasts are recorded, ringers are naturally nervous on these occasions, and local captains cannot for diplomatic reasons easy to understand always have the ringers they would like, but I came away that evening rather saddened and disillusioned by what I had heard.

Nothing daunted, the B.B.C. sent their recording van to various suggested towers, and whilst no effort was spared to have the best available band, the results were not always as good as might have been hoped. However, if any bad blows come over the air on August 4th the fault will not lie with the ringers or the B.B.C., but with their technical adviser.

Not all the special recordings will be used, some will be crowded out because of the limited time available, some because the quality of the striking was a very poor advertisement for the Exercise in general and the local band in particular.

I would like to pay my tribute to the pains taken by the producer to ensure that no mistakes to which the non-ringer would naturally be prone should creep in, and to the generous way in which he has responded to my advice. I think one recording may be used which I would prefer to leave out, but I can fully appreciate the reasons why the producer wishes to include it.—Yours sincerely,

E. J. TAYLOR.

Tiverton, Devon.

P.S.—I forgot to say that the object of the broadcast is to interest the general public in bells and ringing, so if any ringers hearing it would write to the B.B.C. giving their impressions, it would perhaps be politic not to mention the fact that they are ringers.—E.J.T.

GUILDFORD GUILD MOTION

Dear Sir,—I would remind Mr. Pulling that he was elected as a Central Council representative under Rule 14, also that the motion was addressed to the Central Council, not the Standing Committee or the Editorial Committee. Two representatives attended at York, one spoke in favour of the motion, the other one against it, therefore one of the representatives is out of touch with the expressions put forward by the Guild.

In saying that 'when only half of a case is presented it is unwise to pass judgment,' surely it would have been wiser to have refrained from doing so at York.—Yours sincerely,

W. SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

NOTE.—Mr. G. L. Grover unhesitatingly withdrew the motion of the Guildford Guild when he heard the explanation of Mr. Fletcher. Aware of the satisfactory way the Standing Committee proposed to deal with the situation, Mr. Pulling was quite in order in taking the line he did.—Editor.

5,057 GRANDSIRE CATERS FALSE

(See Page 336)

Dear Sir,—I regret to inform you that the 5,057 Grandsire Caters, by S. H. Wood, which is published on page 336 of this week's 'Ringing World,' is false.

The handstroke change of the 4th lead-end of the turning course, which is the 33rd course of the peal, repeats with the handstroke change of the 3rd lead-end of the 48th course. Here are the figures:—

Turning course	48th course
34265978	34562879
—96384725	—86394752
98673542	—79826534
—57928463	S 25749386
52749386	

False changes.

Plain lead		Single
25473968	Handstroke	25473968
52749386	Backstroke	25749386

I should like to point out that, in Grandsire Caters, very careful proof is necessary where singles are used, and all the lead-ends concerned need very careful examination to ensure that no repetition occurs at handstroke, which does not show up at backstroke. — Yours sincerely, CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

ATTACK ON VISITING PEAL RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I should like, through your columns, to tell Mr. W. C. Boughton how much I appreciate his agreement with my views. He is not the only one to have done so, though the others were verbally or by letter. It is to be regretted that his suggestion to block louvres is not practicable having regard to the great variety in size, shape and number. There is, however, a much more simple and effective remedy and that is to refuse the use of the tower for peal ringing by visiting bands unless there is some very special reason to justify the peal.

May I reply very briefly to Messrs. F. W. Lack and P. Laflin? There was no imaginary line, except in so far as it was demarked by Mr. Corby. It is true that there are some ringers filling the posts mentioned by Mr. Lack, and, having said that, we may as well admit without any humbug that it is probably true to say that 75 per cent. of ringers attend a service only at a ringing meeting and perhaps on Easter Sunday and Christmas Day. The gibe one hears only too frequently, 'Oh, ringers, yes, they are the people who put on their hats and walk off as soon as the service commences,' is true, and we know it is. A little heart searching on this question of church attendance would do the Exercise no harm, and I suggest that it might be made the subject of some letters in 'The Ringing World' in order to obtain readers' views. — Yours faithfully, T. V. LISTER.

Apperley, Glos.

5,440 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

By C. K. LEWIS.

23456	M	B	W	H	The first course. 2345678	6758234
					4263857	
752634		1	1		6482735	5627483—
35642	1			2	8674523	5674283
34562		1		2	7856342—	7526348
36245		1		1	7863542	
Four times repeated.					6758234	

The calls occur in the lead following that shown in the heading e.g., calls B occur in the lead 7800000 (half lead and full lead).

The figure 1 indicates that two bobs must be called, one when treble is in 7-8 and one when she is in 1-2. The figure 2 therefore indicates that this procedure be repeated.

Rung at Norbury on July 9th, 1949.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

ST. PAUL'S, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

Members of the St. Paul's Society and several of their colleagues from St. Wystan's, Repton, toured Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire for their outing on July 9th. Leaving Burton early, the first call was at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-on-Avon, and what a treat it was to ring on this lovely ring! Ringing at the Bell Tower, Evesham, followed, and then on to Tewkesbury Abbey to ring on the twelve.

Across country to Worcester for ringing at St. John's, and homeward bound via Bromsgrove (St. John's, 10), where despite the 'hectic' day, some good ringing was heard. A grand day, everyone happy, and our thanks to the incumbents and tower secretaries for making the outing so successful. W. J. L.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

A well-struck course of Grandsire Triples in the lych gate of St. Andrew's at 7.30 a.m. on July 9th sent the Hornchurch ringers off to a good start on their annual outing.

Dunstable was reached at 9.30 a.m. Woburn, Bedford, Ware, Hoddesdon and Broxbourne were all reached within a few minutes of scheduled time and ringing thoroughly enjoyed at all these towers. Lunch was taken at Bedford and tea at Ware.

Strange belfries and bells brought to light imperfections in the striking of some of the younger members—and the older ones too—but some well-struck Double Norwich at Woburn and a good course of Cambridge at Ware were the highlights of a very successful day.

The day ended at Broxbourne, with some of the party, including a lady member, matching their darts skill against the locals, others reminiscing in the gardens and the more enthusiastic ringing a course of Caters on the handbells. Hornchurch was reached at 11 p.m.

EASTBOURNE.

Fifty-two ringers, wives and friends left Eastbourne in perfect weather at 8 a.m. on July 9th for their annual outing, and the first stop was Chislehurst, where the fine ring of eight at the Annunciation Church was utilised to good effect for an hour. After a good lunch in Maidstone, the ringers were taken out to West Malling for an hour's ringing.

At 4 o'clock the party set out for that delightful Kent village of Goudhurst, where, after another period of very warm ringing on the heavy and rough going ring of eight, a really excellent meat tea was provided in the Church Hall. The next stop on the tour was the small village of Iden, a few miles from Rye, where the six bells of the village church were rung until 8.45 p.m.

After a stop at Battle on the homeward journey for some light refreshment, the tired company arrived back in Eastbourne after what was without doubt a most enjoyable day's ringing outing.

STOWMARKET.

A party of ringers set out from Stowmarket on July 9th for a very pleasant day on the Cambridge district. During the morning stops for ringing were made at Willingham and Longstanton, and after an early lunch the party, reinforced by Messrs. Dennis and Martin, visited the churches of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, St. Mary-the-Great and St. Andrew.

A cup of tea and an all too brief visit to the Chapel of King's College brought the afternoon to an end and a move was made for Ickleton. This was undoubtedly the high spot of the day and it was with regret that the company left for home.

Ringing throughout the day was of a good standard, and methods brought round included Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative, Oxford and Kent Major, Kent Royal and Grandsire Caters. O. G. B.

GAMSTON AND DISTRICT, NOTTS.

On July 2nd, the Gamston and district ringers held their annual outing, this year visiting some of Leicestershire's towers. Accompanied by wives and friends, the party left Gamston at 8 a.m., arriving at Cotgrave (still in Notts), with its deep ring of six, at 9.20. Here they were met by the local captain and ringing was in progress until 10.30.

At Wymeswald, where difficulty was experienced in obtaining the key, the smooth six pealed merrily until 12.15, when it was time to depart for Loughborough. Here the party was met by a representative of Messrs. John Taylors and escorted over the bell foundry, terminating this interesting visit with a pull on the famous 'light ten.'

Asfordby, with its tall spire and picturesque setting, was the next call, where Mr. Cook had the bells raised in readiness. Ringing was brief, however, owing to illness near the church—a blessing in disguise, perhaps, as the long ropes and acrobatic sallies made ringing awkward, but delighted the onlookers. Mr. Cook escorted his visitors to Kirby Bellars, with its ring of five, where touches of Doubles were rung. After a stay in Melton Mowbray for tea, the tour was completed with ringing at Waltham-in-the-Wold and Harlaxton.

Methods rung included Plain Bob, Grandsire, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Single Court and Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Conducting was shared by Messrs. H. Denman, O. Street and R. Ashford.

MARKET HARBOROUGH.

Stratford-on-Avon and the Evesham district were visited by Market Harborough District for their outing on June 25th, two motor-coaches being necessary to accommodate the party.

Mr. A. Manning was waiting for the visitors at Stratford and conducted them to the Parish Church with its beautiful ring of ten, where the tenorman had some good practice.

After lunch there was ringing at Salford Priors and Norton. Tea at Evesham was followed by a trip down the river. On the return journey, Mr. A. Manning, their excellent guide, left the party at Bidford. Kibworth was reached at 11.30 p.m. after a very good day.

WALTON-ON-THAMES.

Another party to visit Cambridge for their outing was Walton-on-Thames ringers, accompanied by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Crichton Melville. The party was met at St. Andrew's by Mr. H. Martin. After lunch at the Dorothy Cafe, ringing was indulged in at the Roman Catholic Church and also at Great St. Mary's, non-ringing friends enjoying the beauty of the fine old town.

On the return journey they were met at Hoddesdon by Mr. W. Mumford and enjoyed an hour's ringing, and also met at Broxbourne by Mr. Radley. The outing was organised by Mr. R. Lathbury.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.

Blewbury ringers, joined by friends from Farnborough (Hants), Hagbourne and Harwell, held their annual outing on July 2nd. Romsey Abbey was the first call, where the fine heavy eight were soon set going; then to Sherfield English to a light ring and into Salisbury, where a good lunch awaited the party.

The bells of S. Martin's were first objective in the afternoon, followed by a visit to the Cathedral and a look around town and tea.

On the homeward journey ringing was enjoyed at Amesbury and Andover. It was a grand day well spent, meeting good friends and bells at each tower.

Cambridge University Guild

'JUNIOR RINGING WEEK.'

From June 27th to July 4th, the Cambridge University Guild held its 'junior ringing week' in the Isle of Wight. The programme was arranged by Dr. J. B. Williamson, who joined us for some of the ringing, and the party consisted mainly of present members of the University. We had one member of the Oxford Society—Peter Robbins—who was, however, on this occasion fairly restrained about the merits of the 'other place'—apart from a certain over-eagerness to catch hold for Oxford Treble Bob.

Altogether 12 towers were visited on the island, including four eight-bell towers. They varied a good deal, ranging from the lovely ring of eight at Ryde, with its 26½ cwt. tenor, to the five at Arreton, where we seemed to be ringing on warped wheels and square bearings! This was where one of the Guild's conductors was heard to call, 'That's all—oh no! it isn't—but it's quite enough!' (We were glad to hear it is hoped they may be rehung fairly soon.)

Nine of the 16 members of the party conducted during the week, and methods rung included Hereford Bob, London, Wells and York Surprise Minor, Cambridge Major, and, after some protest and several attempts, a production of Brian D. Price's Double Erin Triples!

Our camp was at Whitwell, near Ventnor, where we found one of the several C.U.G. peal boards met with on the tour. A suggestion that we should repeat that performance was abandoned in favour of less strenuous activities, but a handbell peal was rung in the church porch—from 12 m.n. until 2.20 a.m.! Camp life was much simplified by the unfailingly perfect weather, which enabled those who wished to do so to sleep in the open, and by the kindness of the farmer's wife in cooking the joint for us! The ringing of 'J.B.'s' 'saucer' handbells, originally made from clock chimes, was a novel experience, and his set of six others, with round wooden clappers, made a deafening accompaniment to an evening meal!

All the incumbents of the churches we visited were most welcoming and helpful, and a highlight of the tour was when we were invited at Ryde to join the Ruri-decanal Conference at tea in the vicarage garden.

We are very grateful to 'J.B.' for having arranged the week so efficiently, and our thanks are also due to Michael Harford, the organiser, who took on the anxious job of catering, and did a great deal towards making the tour such an outstanding success.

OBITUARY

MRS. A. SHELTON.

The death occurred on July 7th of Mrs. Gwynedd Margaret, the beloved wife of Mr. Ambrose Shelton, of The Cottage, Oakway, Reigate. She learned to ring at Farningham, Kent, and for many years was a Sunday service ringer, also organist and choirmistress.

About 15 years ago she went to live at Reigate and joined the Reigate Parish Church band, advancing in the Exercise as far as Stedman Caters. She was always most regular at service ringing and practices.

The funeral service was on July 11th at Redhill, and as the cortege left the church four of her friends of the Reigate band rang Grandsire Triples on the handbells. G. F. H.

6,400 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

By BRIAN D. PRICE.

23456	B. 5ths. In. H.		Longest length of
23645	—	—	Cambridge Major com-
25634	—	—	posed with the tenors
62453		—	together. Rung at St.
46325		—	Michael's, Southamp-
62345	—		ton, June 3rd, 1949,
			conducted by C. H.
			Kippin.

Four times repeated (6ths place bobs).

QUARTER PEALS

ASHFORD, KENT.—On June 26th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: C. W. Everett 1, P. Page 2, F. G. Huckstepp 3, W. W. Ring 4, W. A. Oldfield 5, T. Cullingworth 6, M. S. Lancefield 7, H. Parkes (cond.) 8.

ALMONDSBURY, BRISTOL. — On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Thorne (first quarter) 1, H. Atwell 2, Miss A. Pritchard 3, C. Harding 4, H. Robbins 5, J. Hilliar 6, V. Wills (cond.) 7, W. Cook 8. In memory of G. Capewell, for many years conductor.

AMBROSDEN, OXON.—On July 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. H. Kinch 1, H. Alexander 2, H. Hatfield 3, J. Walton 4, E. Pearson 5, E. J. Smith 6, F. Sharpe 7, A. R. Pink (cond.) 8. For the induction of the Rev. Gatehouse.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On July 3rd, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Redfern (first quarter) 1, W. Harrison 2, G. Taylor 3, R. Wimpenny 4, D. Ogden (cond.) 5, J. Robinson 6.

BACKFORD, CHESHIRE. — On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. R. Kenny 1, Miss S. H. Kingdon 2, Miss B. Hughes 3, B. Harris 4, J. E. Bonney (first as cond.) 5, J. Payne 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On June 12th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. Shepherd (first quarter) 1, B. Scoot 2, S. Bonnett 3, H. Werrett 4, R. V. Webb 5, W. D. Pooley 6, E. G. Buck 7, J. S. Dear (cond.) 8.

BARWELL, LEICS. — On June 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Lord 1, H. Duncombe 2, W. P. Whitehead (cond.) 3, T. C. Belton 4, C. R. Belton 5, T. K. Deacon 6, G. P. Garner 7, R. Coleman 8.

BATHLETON, SOMERSET.—On July 2nd, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: G. Walford 1, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 2, D. T. North 3, D. M. Bellamy 4. The first quarter on four bells by all.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: P. J. Spice 1, A. P. Cannon 2, J. L. Morris 3, R. L. Sills 4, G. E. Plater 5, J. R. Wilson (first of Royal) 6, J. E. Lyddiard 7, W. J. Rawlings 8, J. Dafters (first of Bob Royal) 9, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 10.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY. — On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Stovell 1, Rev. K. G Hoare 2, C. Hunt (first of Triples) 3, W. B. Judd 4, F. Jeal 5, T. Arrow 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, E. Ogden (first quarter) 8. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. T. Arrow, local captain, who has completed 54 years as a ringer at this church.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On July 2nd, at St. Stephen's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. G. Wilson 1, F. A. Finch 2, J. E. Lewis Cockey (cond.) 3, W. J. Ellis 4, W. Welling 5, A. Jones 6, E. C. S. Turner 7, D. R. Judd 8.

FARNINGHAM, KENT. — On June 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): W. R. Manser 1, J. L. Morris 2, Edna M. Sills 3, A. Bates 4, G. W. Ashdown (first in method) 5, R. L. Sills (cond.) 6.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX. — On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Robinson 1, F. Cherrett 2, F. Barker 3, P. Blake 4, B. Willis 5, W. Rose (cond.) 6.

GOSPEL OAK, LONDON.—On June 25th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Betty Hewitson 1, D. J. Gay 2, G. F. Carter 3, J. Payton 4, T. Bevan 5, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 6. First in method 1 and 2. A farewell compliment to the treble ringer.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On June 26th, 1,440 London (Annable's): C. V. Hare 1, G. Cherry 2, A. E. Symonds 3, E. W. Winters 4, W. J. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX. — On June 26th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, P. D. Beedie (first in method) 2, Miss E. K. Fulton 3, J. R. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart 5, W. Wenban 6, R. E. W. Wenban 7, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 8.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: W. Gorringe 1, Miss H. Gorringe 2, J. O. Sante (first of Major) 3, A. H. Kemp 4, L. W. Jarvis 5, G. Billenness 6, L. T. Pope 7, M. S. Cloke (first of Major as cond.) 8.

HEREFORD.—On July 1st, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Downes 1, J. D. Rock 2, W. H. Symonds 3, W. F. Moreton 4, A. T. Wingate 5, L. Evans 6, E. P. Rock 7, M. P. Moreton 8, A. W. Davis (cond.) 9, R. T. Jones 10. For the enthronement of the new Bishop of Hereford.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS. — On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. W. Pratt 1, J. W. C. Blythe 2, G. L. Perkins 3, F. L. Nicholls 4, H. Lavender 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On July 3rd, 1,344 Little Bob Major: W. D. Prockson 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, E. F. Pryor 3, R. F. H. Harman 4, D. F. Harman 5, G. Charge 6, R. H. Begrie 7, J. G. Nash (cond.) 8. First in the method by 3, 4 and 6.

HOUGHTON CONQUEST, BEDS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. J. Ivin (11) 1, R. J. Sharp 2, C. H. Harding (cond.) 3, A. C. Sinfield 4, S. Foskett 5, R. Ward (15) 6. First quarter for 1 and 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On July 3rd, 1,272 Stedman Caters: R. Joyce Pett 1, Sheila E. Harris 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, N. Hollingworth 4, Mrs. K. Parr 5, S. Croft 6, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, E. Hynard 8, D. J. Charnley 9, A. Tomblin 10. First in method 1 and 8.

ISLIP, OXON.—On June 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Mandeville (first quarter) 1, L. Witten 2, D. Bell 3, G. Moisey 4, G. W. Jeffs (cond.) 5, P. Chapman 6.

KITTISFORD, SOMERSET.—On July 2nd, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: D. T. North 1, G. Walford 2, D. M. Bellamy 3, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 4.

LEICESTER.—On July 3rd, at St. John the Divine's, 1,260 Bob Royal: J. Deacon 1, S. Harrison 2, G. Hebborn 3, Miss J. Ward 4, C. Kirk 5, D. Dalby 6, A. Cattel 7, T. Thornber 8, J. Bennett 9, Alan Cattel (cond.) 10. First quarter-peal of Bob Royal for 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 10.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. — On June 27th, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: G. Heyshaw 1, J. Smith 2, J. Worth (cond.) 3, W. Matthews 4, B. Corbishley 5, J. W. Whittaker 6, S. Pickford 7, H. C. Lonyon 8, W. Gayes 9, W. E. Mashiter 10, V. J. Norbury 11, C. Morledge 12. First quarter on twelve for 1, 5 and 10. Rung for the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh.

NORTON, HERTS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Putwain (first quarter, age 12) 1, J. Dear 2, H. Werrett 3, S. Bonnett 4, W. Pooley 5, E. Bock (cond.) 6, L. Croft 7, D. Shepperd 8.

OSSETT, YORKS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Ward 1, F. Bennett 2, E. Smith 3, W. Walker 4, M. L. Lockwood 5, C. Ekert 6, J. T. Duffin (first as cond.) 7, L. Fisher 8. For dedication of Parish Church war memorial (1939-45).

PIDDINGTON, NORTHANTS. — On July 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Jones 1, Miss M. B. Valentine 2, R. C. Noon 3, Rev. R. H. Palmer 4, W. Mawby 5, E. Nobles (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 4 and 5. In memoriam Mr. W. H. Berry, ringer at Piddington.

RUGBY, WARWICKS. — On June 29th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Doubles (60 Reverse Stedman, 240 each of Grandsire, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, April Day and Stedman): C. Underwood 1, Mrs. W. Vann 2, W. Betley 3, A. Barlow 4, W. Vann (cond.) 5.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM. — On June 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Elliott 1, K. Haslam 2, N. J. Goodman 3, J. Pinfold 4, V. G. H. Hemus 5, Wm. B. Cartwright 6, H. W. Haslam (cond.) 7, H. J. Turner 8.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—On July 3rd, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Joyce A. England 1, M. V. Chilcott 2, R. F. Deal 3, N. Belcher 4, L. J. Fox 5, J. E. Chilcott 6, A. W. J. Appleton (first as cond.) 7, J. Phillips 8.

THORLEY, HERTS. — On July 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 1,020 Grandsire): P. Warboys 1, F. Bird (cond.) 2, F. Warboys jun. 3, R. Hayden 4, T. Camp 5, Rev. S. E. F. Robinson 6.

Dedication

LUTON PARISH CHURCH.

The service for the dedication of the new ring of ten at Luton Parish Church will be long remembered by those who were privileged to be present. The simple but dignified ceremonial, the packed church of worshippers and the beautiful rendering of the music combined to make the service a memorable one.

The old eight, cast in 1761 and 1775, were taken out last September, and have been recast and two new trebles added, to make the third ring of ten in Bedfordshire. The old oak beams supporting the wood frame were badly decayed by worm and beetle, and the new ten have been hung in a cast-iron frame supported on steel girders. The new tenor is 25 cwt. in the key of D, and the old inscriptions have been replaced on the back eight.

The service was preceded by a procession of the choir and visiting clergy and ministers, and included the Mayor and Town Clerk, the Rural Dean (the Rev. W. H. Orton), the Vicar (Canon W. Davison) and the Bishop of Bedford (the Rt. Rev. C. T. T. Wood). On entering the church the procession paused under the tower for the singing of the National Anthem. When all had reached their places the choir sang as an introit, 'I was glad,' by Parry, which was followed by Psalm 150 to Stainer's setting.

During the singing of the hymn, 'When morning gilds the sky,' the Bishop was escorted to a place under the tower for the dedication. Those who escorted him were the cross bearer, the churchwardens, the secretary of the Ringers and Bells Committee (Mr. James Wing), the Mayor and Town Clerk, the Rural Dean and the Vicar. The Vicar, handing the rope to the Bishop, requested him to dedicate the bells, and, following the dedication, the bells were heard for the first time, ringing in rounds, as the procession moved back to their places in the choir.

In his address, the Bishop spoke of the use of bells from earliest times and the part they play in our common life for great events, and in our joys and sorrows. He recalled as a boy walking with a friend along the river bank, hearing the bells of St. George's, Windsor, ring out for the relief of Mafeking. He rejoiced that, as he went about the towns and villages of Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire, he found so many towers where young people were learning the art of change ringing. He hoped the bells would continue to be rung by human hands rather than by mechanical devices.

It was a very impressive finish to the service when the recession paused under the tower whilst the choir sang the old carol, 'Ding Dong! merrily on high, in heaven the bells are ringing.' As the carol finished and the recession proceeded, the west doors were thrown open, and the bells rang out in rounds and into the first touch.

Visiting ringers climbed the tower for a touch, and groups of the congregation stood in the churchyard to listen to the bells. Their lovely tone and easy going were commented on, and Messrs. Taylors, of Loughborough, are to be congratulated on a fine job of work.

Mr. Paul Taylor and Mr. C. Harrison represented the bellfounders, and amongst others present were the architect, Mr. Romilly B. Craze (of Milner and Craze, London), the builder (Alden G. Seaward, of Seaward Bros.), and Miss E. Steele, president of the Bedfordshire Association. Mr. L. A. Goodenough, the captain, was in charge of the ringing. J. W.

THORNE, YORKS. — On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Leask (first on eight bells, 13) 1, D. Thorley (12) 2, C. Leask (13) 3, T. D. Leask 4, E. Thorley 5, W. Hobson (76) 6, J. Thorley 7, C. Thorley (cond.) 8.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On July 3rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Hilda Oakshett 1, Edna M. Sills 2, J. L. Morris 3, J. Q. Weller 4, G. W. Cook 5, M. F. Oakshett 6, R. L. Sills (cond.) 7, F. C. W. Knight 8. First of Treble Bob for 2, 3 and 7.

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Mr. James H. Musson, of Silk Willoughby, Sleaford, Lincs, wishes to express his deep appreciation to ringing friends in the Isle of Wight for their kind hospitality during his stay there from June 4th-18th. He especially thanks Mr. Upton for arranging practices, and Mr. John Hunt and Mr. Pat Page for standing in the peal at Chale. 5559

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Two octaves in F, plus low E, also B flat in lower octave, recently overhauled by Mears; nearest offer to £20. — Apply Houghton, 73, Cholmley Gardens, London, N.W.6. 5560

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MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Kirby-le-Soken (8) on Saturday, July 23rd, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—H. J. Millatt, Dis. Sec. 5512

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Quarterly meeting at Loughton (8), July 23rd. Bells available from 3. Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Numbers for tea to E. Bacon, 49, England's Lane, Loughton. 5488

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Poynton, July 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. — C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 5541

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Winshill (6), July 23rd. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. 5539

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Don't forget Annual Festival, July 23rd. Proceedings commence with service Cathedral 11 a.m.; preacher, the Vicar of Bray (Rev. E. C. S. Lomas). Luncheon tickets 5s. Ringing: St. Giles' (8), 3 to 4; St. Thomas' (6), 3 to 4; Holywell (6) 4 to 5; St. Ebbe's (8) 5 to 6; Carfax (6), 5 to 6; St. Aldate's (6), 6.30 to 7.30; Merton, 3 to 4; Magdalen, 4 to 5; New, 4.45 to 6.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 5451

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival.—Choristers are invited to bring cassocks and surplices and form a choir. To facilitate making the necessary arrangements in the Cathedral will intending choristers please notify F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire? 5537

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting Leverington, July 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 5.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 5526

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting at Shedfield (8), July 23rd. Usual times.—John H. Hunt, Dis. Sec. 5532

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Longstock (5), July 23rd, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Also Lexford (5), near Stockbridge. 5533

SALISBURY GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting Broadchalke (6), July 23rd, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Coombe Bissett and Berwick St. John bells also available. Names to F. L. Harris, Britford, near Salisbury. 5545

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Christ Church, Epsom, Sat., July 30th. Names for tea by Wed., July 27th, to Mrs. Massey, 173, Coverts Rd., Claygate; gentlemen welcome. 5546

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Pontesbury, July 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Teas to G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 5550

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting Banham (6), Saturday, July 30th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for those who notify Mr. W. Saunders, New Buckenham, Norwich, by July 26th.—A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 5540

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Ispwich District. — Meeting, Holbrook, July 30th, postponed. Notice later.—Edward Ellenger, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5553

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Christ Church, Eastbourne, Saturday, July 30th. Tower open 2.30. Names for tea by 28th to P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec., 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 5549

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Whittlesey, Saturday, July 30th. Bells (St. Mary's, 8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 5547

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Great Budworth, July 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Accommodation limited. Names by July 27th to Cecil Holden, Belmont Smithy, Great Budworth. Tea only for those who send in their names. 5548

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—Meeting, Mottram Parish Church, Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. until 8.30. Meeting 6 p.m. 5536

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Moreton Valance, Saturday, July 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea to those who notify by July 25th. — L. Barry, 47, Massey Road, Gloucester. 5518

LADIES' GUILD.—Wiltshire Branch.—Meeting at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, on July 30th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss R. Maundrell, 173, Quemerford, Calne. 5557

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Sherburn-in-Elmet, Saturday, July 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Members carry own food. Cups of tea provided. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 5555

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District).—Joint meeting Leatherhead, Monday, Aug. 1st. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, available in various cafes, 5-6. More ringing after.—A. Smith and R. Lathbury, Hon. Secs. 5544

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southampton and Christchurch Districts.—Combined meeting on August Bank Holiday, August 1st. Ringing at Milford-on-Sea (8), 11 to 1; Lymington (8), 2.30 to 5; and Lyndhurst (8), 6 to 8 p.m. Tea (1s. 9d.) at Old Bank House Restaurant, Lymington, at 4.45 and 5.30. Names by Wednesday, July 27th, please.—Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 5551

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting Crowland, Saturday, Aug. 6th. Names for tea to Mr. R. Strickland, 5, South Street, Crowland, before July 29th. 5542

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, Saturday, August 6th, 4 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5554

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District. — Next meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, August 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 5552

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — By-meeting, Benenden (8), August 6th, at 3. Tea at approximately 5 o'clock. No service. Names for tea not later than August 3rd to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge. 5556

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213465		1	2
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COLLABORATION

A WORD that gained a somewhat sinister meaning during the war—'Collaboration'—was taken by the Vicar of Bray (the Rev. E. C. S. Lomas) for his sermon, preached at the annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild on Saturday. The true meaning of the word, he pointed out, was not only working together but holding together; not only contact but cohesion.

We do not desire to traverse his admirable argument of ringers being collaborators with the Church in its work, each in his or her respective sphere giving the best possible service, but rather to apply his thoughts on collaboration to the general day-to-day life of the Exercise.

In the past few months the Exercise has been passing through one of those periodic difficult phases that befall all organisations. It is a resurgence of an old theme—the creation of antagonism to the art of peal ringing. Indirect methods of approach have been employed, the chief among them being a neglect of Sunday service ringing on the part of peal ringers and general accusations of irreligious conduct on the part of ringers, so familiar with the Victorian idea of a ringer—a tradition that dies hard.

Typical of the campaign of disruption is the utilisation of other than the Ringing Press for soliciting the aid of the public. One of the leaders of English ringing, who this year has had the unique experience of shepherding some 170 ringers either through their first peal or first in a method, has been subjected to attacks on his peal-ringing proclivities. He is a man who has been honoured by the Church in a unique way, but he is very conscious that English ringing will not retain its pre-eminent position without the incentive of the peal.

What the Exercise has to combat is the attitude of mind that a ringer who performs regularly the same set call of 120 Grandsire Doubles on a Sunday morning and evening is doing all that is expected of him, either by his Guild or Church. The Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, was a member of a band of five who last year endeavoured to widen the conception of Doubles by a series of peals in country churches where they were visiting ringers. From 21 methods they increased the number to 42 by successive stages. They set an example to towers with a low number of bells.

The gulf between the peal ringer and the non-peal ringer has to be bridged. There must be true collaboration between the two. Generally speaking there is ever available for the keen young ringer a readiness to shepherd him through his first peal. In no sense are peal ringers an exclusive body; they are the backbone of most of the Guilds and Associations and are among the legislators of English ringing on the Central Council.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., July 14, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF ALBANIAN SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

JOHN PINFOLD	*Treble*	*TERRY R. HAMPTON ...	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ...	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	8
FRANK W. PERRENS ...	3	LEONARD TREVOR	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	10
FRANK E. PERVIN	5	†HENRY H. FEARN	11
ARTHUR D. COOK	6	†GEORGE E. FEARN ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Maximus. †300th peal together. First peal of Maximus in the method. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 16, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

*FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	*Treble*	*WILFRID F. MORETON...	7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS...	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS...	8
FRANK E. HAYNES ...	3	*WALTER F. JUDGE ...	9
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* First peal of Maximus in the method. First peal of Maximus in the methods as conductor. First peal of Maximus in the method in the county and for the Association. Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	6
PAUL L. TAYLOR	2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ...	7
DOROTHY M. UDALE ...	3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	8
HAROLD J. POOLE	4	ALAN JACQUES	9
MRS. H. J. POOLE ...	5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal of Royal in the method by all the band and for the Guild. Tenor 6½ cwt.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 16, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

*STANLEY PICKFORD	*Treble*	†HAROLD C. LONYON ...	6
JOHN WORTH	2	WILFRED STEVENSON ...	7
JAMES A. MILNER ...	3	*WILLIAM E. MASHITER	8
JUNE HENSHAW	4	PETER LAFLIN	9
ALAN A. POTTS	5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

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* First peal in the method. †First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor. Tenor 23¾ cwt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUNY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

HERBERT C. SPENCER...	*Treble*	REV. A. S. ROBERTS ...	5
*CLARENCE DREWETT ...	2	†R. GEORGE CLEMENS ...	6
JOAN E. WITHEY ...	3	E. VIVYAN WILLIAMS...	7
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ...	4	PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. VIVYAN WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Triples. †First peal of Triples away from tenor. To commemorate Canon R. L. Canny's 23 years as Rector and also the 36th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 9, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

*VERNON SYKES	*Treble*	*STEPHEN LL. PARRY ...	5
VERNON BOTTOMLEY ...	2	DAVID VINCENT	6
†DEREK OGDEN	3	FRED DUNKERLEY ...	7
DONALD R. MARSHALL	4	S.S.M. P. H. TOCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.
* 25th peal together. † First peal in the method.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., July 9, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*JOHN BRAMLEY	*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5
*HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ...	2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN...	6
THOMAS C. BELTON ...	3	ALAN CATTELL	7
ALFRED MOULD	4	JOHN J. MORRIS ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 10, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST H. MASTIN	*Treble*	*WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ...	5
STANLEY G. ELSEY ...	2	*CLAUDE COUSINS	6
CECIL V. EBBERSON ...	3	EDWARD BARKER	7
MAURICE J. THURMOTT...	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.
* 100th peal together.

COLEMANS HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sun., July 10, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

SIDNEY A. WHITE	*Treble*	BERNARD V. COLLISON...	5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ...	2	CHARLES A. BASSETT ...	6
HENRY N. VAUGHAN ...	3	WALTER H. DOBBIE ...	7
*ROY E. WOOD	4	ERNEST J. LADD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal of Major.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 13, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED W. HEATH	*Treble*	FRANK TAYLOR	5
TREVOR M. RODERICK ...	2	T. REYNOLDS, R.A.F. ...	6
ALFRED HANNINGTON ...	3	ALBERT J. PITMAN ...	7
ERNEST STITCH	4	GWYN I. LEWIS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by TREVOR M. RODERICK.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 13, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
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At the Church of Immanuel,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Charles W. Blakey	*Treble*	Laurence J. Williams...	5
John H. Gartside ...	2	Victor J .C. Wood ...	6
Charles Clegg	3	William O. Farrimond	7
Arthur Tomlinson ...	4	Ernest J. Gower... ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Ernest J. Gower.
First peal as conductor. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. V. J. C. Wood for the birth of their second son.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

Henry O. Baker	*Treble*	*Walter Allman ...	5
C. Kenneth Lewis ...	2	Ralph G. Edwards ...	6
George Ledsham ...	3	John E. Bibby	7
Eric J. Gilbert	4	James C. E. Simpson...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Jas. C. E. Simpson.
* 150th peal. First peal in the method on the bells, for the Guild and by all the band. Rung without previous practice.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 15, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt 9 lb.

Mrs. A. Richardson...	*Treble*	†C. Harold Whitton...	5
Maurice Bennett ...	2	Harold Barsley ...	6
*Gwendoline D. Robinson	3	John G. Ames	7
Aubrey D. Mills ...	4	Cyril R. Burrell ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by John G. Ames.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. In honour of the wedding of Mr. J. Whitton and Miss Margaret Francis.

GREAT HAMPTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 16, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.

Patrick Harris	*Treble*	Geoffrey J. Hemming	5
*Gerald C. Hemming...	2	Charles N. Edwin ...	6
Margaret Rowland ...	3	Wilfred J. Newman...	7
Robert A. Geden ...	4	†Joseph Taylor ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey J. Hemming.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. Rung to welcome to Hampton, the Vicar, the Rev. R. W. N. Harris, and Mrs. Harris. Also in honour of the 61st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Grove.

HANSLOPE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 16, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt. in D.

C. Henry Harding ...	*Treble*	Ronald J. Sharp ...	5
Andrew C. Sinfield ...	2	Ernest C. Lambert ...	6
Clifford W. Izzard ...	3	Reginald H. Howson	7
William Yates	4	*A. Patrick Cannon ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* 225th peal, conducted 125. The first peal of Major on the bells.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 16, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

Frank Tarlton	*Treble*	Fredk. W. Shaw... ...	5
Samuel Pinder	2	Henry W. Beardsley ...	6
Ernest Fletcher ...	3	Edward C. Gobey ...	7
*Peter Nix	4	Edward F. Gobey ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Edward F. Gobey.
* First peal of Spliced T.B. Major. A token of appreciation to the Rev. W. F. Butterton on his retirement and as a send-off to the ringer of the 4th on joining the Forces.

LINTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 16, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

*Peter Carter	*Treble*	Reginald E. Lambert	5
John O. Weller... ...	2	Thomas E. Sone ...	6
Doris E. Colgate ...	3	†Benjamin F. Baker ...	7
Robert Collins	4	Robert T. Lambert ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Whittle. Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method. A birthday peal for the conductor.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 16, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew.
A PEAL OF CAINSBOROUCH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5160 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

Ernest H. Simpson	*Treble*	Harry Wild	5
Allan Wear	2	W. George Turner ...	6
Patricia E. M. Barton	3	Sam Longbottom	7
Gordon Benfield ...	4	Donald R. Marshall...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Donald R. Marshall.
First in the method for all and on the bells.

WEST MALLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 16, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Peter C. Wright ...	*Treble*	Lewis Newman	5
*Reginald L. Sills ...	2	Luther J. Honess ...	6
*John L. Morris ...	3	Frank P. Wright ...	7
*Edna M. Sills	4	†Frank C. W. Knight	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Frank P. Wright.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal and 20th with John L. Morris (aged 13). A 68th birthday compliment to Luther J. Honess.

ASHFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

*Hildred S. Wickens	*Treble*	Mark S. Lancefield ...	5
*Mark W. Marshall ...	2	Wilfred W. Ring ...	6
†William A. Oldfield	3	†Thomas Cullingworth	7
Percy Page	4	Harry Parkes	*Tenor*

Composed by George Lewis. Conducted by T. Cullingworth.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Oxford Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

John D. Rock	*Treble*	Leslie Evans	4
*John Clements	2	*Thomas Cooper	5
David H. Pearce ...	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal in five methods.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 6, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Rev. E. Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 16 cwt.

*William H. Symonds	*Treble*	*Reginald T. Jones ...	4
*David H. Pearce ...	2	Wilfrid F. Moreton...	5
John D. Rock	3	Leslie Evans	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 6, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES MCGUINESS ...*Treble*	*CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 4
*MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS 2	FREDERICK W. STOKES 5
CHARLES E. BROWN ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... *Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Minor.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 7, 1949, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four 240's by Pitman, four by Price, three by Morris and 20 120's with 10 callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JOAN WRIGHT ... ...*Treble*	FRANK R. MITCHELL ... 4
MARY SMITH 2	JAMES H. MUSSON ... 5
HENRY P. COLLINS ... 3	FRED J. WRIGHT ... *Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
Rung half muffled to the memory of Mr. C. Brockett, for many years churchwarden.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 8, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...*Treble*	DEREK WHITFORD ... 4
*JAMES W. WILLIAMS ... 2	ROGER LEIGH 5
KENNETH HARTLEY ... 3	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.
* First peal 'inside' and first of Minor.

BRILL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 9, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
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.

SIDNEY SABAN ... ...*Treble*	WALTER SPARROW ... 4
*FRANK C. PRICE 2	RICHARD E. PRICE ... 5
G. WILLIAM MORRIS ... 3	TONY PRICE ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by TONY PRICE.
* First seven-method peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells.

BREDON NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHAPEL OF EASE TO ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents: (1) Double Court, (2) Cambridge, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Double Oxford, (5) Oxford, (6) Kent T.B., and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

ROBERT G. FREEMAN ...*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS 4
WILLIAM H. A. COMPTON 2	FRANCIS MILES 5
MRS. J. THOMAS 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

CLIFTON-ON-DUNSMORE, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

DOUGLAS E. ELLENDER *Treble*	HAROLD FOLWELL ... 3
ALBERT E. BRISTOW ... 2	W. BRIAN ELLENDER ... 4
WILLIAM A. STOTE ... *Tenor*	

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bristow, who were married at the above church on July 16th, 1919.

DAMERHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JACK MUSSELL ... ...*Treble*	*DAVID R. REED 4
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS 2	FRANK L. HARRIS ... 5
*JOHN HARTLESS 3	†RONALD N. MARLOW ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal of Surprise as conductor.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 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 and Oxford T.B., and two each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*BASIL H. HYATT ... ...*Treble*	F. CHAS. GOODMAN ... 4
†JOHN BARNES 2	†FRANK PEARSON 5
CHAS. E. G. BANHAM... 3	NOLAN GOLDEN ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal in five methods. First peal in more than one method on the bells since 1923.

GODSHILL, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two different extents each of Oxford and Kent T.B. and three different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM UPTON ... ...*Treble*	†BRYAN C. STIRLAND ... 4
*FRANK S. TAYLOR ... 2	*JOHN H. HUNT 5
*LESTER BAILEY 3	†FREDK. W. BURNETT ... *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal in three methods on six bells. † First peal on six bells. A welcome to the new incumbent, the Rev. H. O. Mason.

OCKHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two six-scores each of Stedman and April Day, ten each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob (four callings), 14 of Grandsire (10 callings) and two 240's by Morris and Pitman. Tenor 5 cwt.

*GEORGE L. GROVER ...*Treble*	*JOHN A. ETHERINGTON 3
*WINIFRED A. OLIVER... 2	†HAROLD A. MAY... ... 4
*†ERIC T. LEE ... ... *Tenor*	

Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.
* First peal on five bells. † First of Doubles in five methods. First in five Doubles methods for the Guild and on the bells.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

*HAROLD S. PEACOCK ...*Treble*	DEREK SANDERSON ... 4
JOHN W. C. BLYTHE ... 2	R. FRANK BAKER ... 5
FRANK W. LACK 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First Surprise peal. A compliment to J. W. C. Blythe, now demobilised from the Forces.

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, one of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*PATRICIA SMEE ... ...*Treble*	FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 4
TREVOR A. CROSS ... 2	*CHARLES E. J. NORRIS 5
*CYRIL S. JARRETT ... 3	*WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
* First peal in four methods. The conductor's 50th peal for the above Association.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Spliced Plain Bob, Double Bob, Spliced Single Oxford and Single Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN HAWTIN ... ...*Treble*	SAMUEL A. MARTIN ... 4
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... 2	C. WILLIAM HALL 5
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ... 3	ROLAND BENISTON ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
First peal in nine methods by all the band and for the Guild.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. and 3 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

DOUGLAS O. WILKS	*Treble*	‡H. ANTHONY TREADGOLD	4
*M. ANGELA CARTER	2	CHARLES COLES	5
†AUDREY J. WEST	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell, and in more than one method. † First peal. ‡ First peal on an 'inside' bell and of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 11, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT 39, TITIAN AVENUE,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

*WILFRID H. J. HOOTON	1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY.
* 350th peal and first in the method 'in hand' away from the tenors. First peal in the method as conductor on handbells.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 11, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

EDGAR VALLANCE	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	ROY C. HURST	7-8

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
Arranged for Mr. Edgar Vallance, of Hinckley, Leicestershire.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;
Tenor size 14 in D.

ROBERT G. FREEMAN	1-2	JOHN THOMAS	5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3-4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	7-8

Composed by ALBERT M. TYLER. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 13, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE HOLYWELL STORES, LONDON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part.

ALFRED JORDON	1-2	*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	5-6
ALFRED BALLARD	3-4	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS	7-8

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.
* First peal in the method with an 'inside' pair.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., July 18, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT 68, NEW ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*ANTHONY W. T. CLEAVER	1-2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3-4
		VINCENT W. RIGG	5-6

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.
* First peal of Minor.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 18, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
C.C.C. No. 14. Tenor size 17 in A.

FRANK W. PERRENS	1-2	*DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
*MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	ROY C. HURST	7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* 100th peal together. Arranged for Mr. Frank W. Perrens.

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LATE NEWS

Lincoln Diocesan Guild have lost their President by the death on July 20th of the Dean (the Very Rev. R. A. Mitchell). He was a good friend of all ringers.

Mr. J. Frank Smallwood writes to us from Rome telling of the beauties of St. Peter's and the Vatican.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to Alan Jacques, the 17-years-old youth from Woodhouse, who rang in the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major for the Leicester Diocesan Guild. It was a big day for him in more than one sense, for by the time he reached home that night the distance he had cycled that day totalled 50 miles.

The brothers Henry and George Fearn have rung 300 peals together. What is the record of brothers' peals together?

After the peal at Linton, Kent, the band were hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sone.

Will anonymous and other correspondents kindly note that letters cannot be considered for publication without the name and address of the sender.

Messrs. George W. Hughes and Maurice G. Turner have completed Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. The peal of Doubles was at Rushall, Staffs.

Congratulations on ringing their 100th peal to three Kent County Association members—Mr. T. Cullingworth, Mr. W. A. Oldfield and Mr. Frank C. W. Knight.

Before their end-of-term service of thanksgiving and commemoration on July 22nd, six members of Chichester High School for Boys rang the back six of the Cathedral bells (tenor 21¼ cwt.): Graham Challen (IIc) 1, Frank Lewis (IIb) 2, Colin Keen (IIIa) 3, David Braiden (IIc) 4, B. D. Price 5, John Finey (Ve) 6. As the 3rd and 4th were very heavy for their ringers, only rounds were rung. Graham and John are already veterans of the tower, and can ring changes. David Braiden hails from Westbourne; the others are regular ringers at the Cathedral.

Mr. John R. Sharman, of Northampton, writes stating there are four round churches in the country, viz.: The Temple Church, London; St. Sepulchre's, Cambridge; St. Sepulchre's, Northampton; and Little Maplestead, Essex. We and our informant thank him for his correction of last week's Belfry Gossip item.

The marriage of Mr. Geoffrey Dodds and Miss Jeanne E. Askew will take place at St. Leonard's, Heston, on Saturday, August 27th, at 11.30 a.m.

The peal at Painswick on July 16th was the 50th twelve-bell peal of G. W. Critchley and Leslie W. G. Morris, and was rung for the birthday of Mr. G. S. Goulding, the local captain.

An interesting fact about the peal of Plain Bob Major at Downham Market, Norfolk, on July 10th, was that it was exactly 40 years since Mr. Edward Barker had rung a peal of Bob Major in the tower. The last peal was conducted from the treble by Mr. F. R. Borrer.

Ringing in Dudley appears to be in a sorry state. The following is culled from the Parish Magazine: 'We would appear to have come to a full stop in the ringing of our church bells. They have been silent for the past two weeks, notably on Civic Sunday, Thanksgiving Sunday and the Sunday School Anniversary. There are not sufficient ringers in spite of several efforts made to secure recruits. Perhaps the solution is to resort to mechanical ringing, which can be done by one ringer. Kidderminster Parish Church has solved the problem in this way.' We trust that the Dudley and District Guild will take immediate steps even with visiting ringers for special occasions.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL

'Non-Ringing Bob' Quoted in Sermon ..... A Progressive Year ..... Help from Bell Restoration Fund ..... 199 New Members ..... Honour for Mr. F. Sharpe

In true accord with the tradition of the past was the 68th annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held at Oxford last Saturday. The event was well supported, and the reports presented denoted a year of progress with 199 new members, activities with bell restorations and the maintenance of advance in the matter of peal ringing.

Proceedings commenced with the Guild's service held at the Cathedral. Singing was led by a choir of ringers arranged by Mr. F. Sharpe. The Master (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) conducted the service and the address was given by the Rev. E. C. S. Lomas (Vicar of Bray) on the subject of collaboration. In church work, he pointed out, it was not the position they occupied but how they filled that position; it was not the work they did but how they did that work in the sight of God that counted.

The particular work prominent in their minds was the ringing of bells in their churches. Every man and woman, boy or girl, who was worthy of the name of ringer had at heart the perfection of his or her work and a real endeavour for good striking. They were naturally anxious that the Exercise should be progressive and that there should bea sustained interest for all by means of change ringing. Their basic motive was a particular job of work for God, to do it faithfully and well. It was so important that they should keep in their minds the answer to the question, 'Why and for whom were they ringing?'

In his particular branch of the Guild they were always sure of a very frank criticism of their ringing at branch meetings or in attempts for a peal in the person of that well-known non-ringing member known as 'Non-Ringing Bob.' But in their regular service ringing there was One above Who knew whether they were endeavouring to do their job faithfully and well.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The business meeting was held in the Chapter House, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg presiding, supported by Capt. A. R. Poyntz (Deputy Master), Mr. A. D. Barker (hon. treasurer), Mr. W. Hibbert (hon. secretary) and Miss M. R. Cross (hon. librarian).

Among the apologies were those of Mr. J. Wilkins, aged 87, of High Wycombe, and Canon G. F. Coleridge, aged 93, who was in Devonshire.

The Master's report stated that he was able to attend most of the branch annual meetings. He had inspected the bells and given advice at Ashbury, and was glad to hear that the work on these bells was shortly to be put in hand. A notable piece of augmentation was the addition of two trebles at Shrivenham, and a memorable occasion was the dedication of the recast tenor at East Ilsley, in memoriam R. T. Hibbert. The standard of ringing appeared to be have been well maintained during the year, and new records had been set up in the spheres of Spliced Surprise Major and Doubles ringing.

The secretary in his report wrote that the year had been most successful. The increase of the annual subscription to 2s. 6d. should not prove a hardship to any individual; it was a remarkably low subscription for the privileges and pleasures of Guild membership. The publication of a comprehensive report after 10 years of absence meant starting from scratch. Miss Cross had proved herself a real worker in checking branch reports and typing them to specification for the printers.

They had had a slight increase in the number of peals, and again the Guild was well to the forefront of the Exercise. It was gratifying to notice the firsts in methods and conducting. He could not help mentioning the names of W. F. Judge, A. R. Pink and G. Gilbert, but he would like to congratulate the conductor of the peal of St. Clement's Triples, which competent conductors would admit was a first-class performance.

The treasurer's report stated that the general funds of the Guild amounted to £558 19s. 4d., of which £500 12s. 2d. was in the Restoration Fund. During the year £15 3s. was contribuated to the latter fund by Parochial Church Councils.

Mr. A. D. Cullum moved, and Mr. Corderoy seconded, the adoption of the reports.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

Acknowledging the fact that no other name had been put forward for the position of Master, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg said he was always willing to make room for a worthy successor, although he had the interest of the Guild at heart.

The other officers were all re-elected, and elected to the committee were Messrs. G. Cauldwell, J. W. Wilkins, H. Sear, J. T. Fowler, R. White, W. F. Judge, G. Holifield, W. Dixon, Mrs. D. Fletcher, Messrs. C. J. Hibbert, A. R. Pink and B. S. Nicholls.

Oxford was selected for the Guild festival for 1950.

RESTORATION FUND GRANTS.

The committee recommended a grant of £30 to Hook Norton. The Rev. E. H. Nind said the work would cost at least £2,000, and within 18 months they had raised over £1,300.

A similar grant was made to Burford after hearing a report from Mr. Nicholls. He said it was found that bells three and four would have to be recast, and this work was not anticipated.

Towards Lewknor bells the branch had voted four guineas. Mr. Badger reported that the cost was £150; the band was very keen and the condition left much to be desired. The sum of £10 was voted.

Mr. C. Corderoy, reporting on Blewbury bells, towards which the branch was contributing £5, said the ringers had promised to raise £50, and the work had been started. A contribution of £10 was agreed to.

Mr. A. R. Pink moved that unless a grant from the Restoration Fund was claimed within three years of being voted, it should become void and a fresh application made if a grant was still needed. He said it was the common policy of the Diocesan Board of Finance to cancel grants if they had not been applied for after three years.

The secretary seconded, and this was agreed to.

A notice of motion was submitted by Miss Cross, asking the committee to consider redrafting a section of Rule 5 dealing with the position of resident ringing members leaving the district and subscriptions after the first complete year's subscription being considered as part payment of the life composition of a non-resident member. She said she would like to see a five years' time limit of membership imposed.

Mr. A. D. Barker seconded and the motion was agreed to.

THE LATE MR. R. T. HIBBERT.

A recommendation of the general committee was submitted by Mr. A. D. Barker that a tablet be placed in East Ilsley Church to record the recasting of the tenor bell in memory of R. T. Hibbert, any moneys remaining in the fund to be transferred to the general fund.

Mr. Barker said that the tablet which was on view was cut by Mr. Lock.

Seconding, Mr. F. Sharpe commented: 'A very worthy memorial to a very worthy man.'

A GUILD BADGE.

Mr. T. J. Fowler said at the last committee meeting he suggested that the Guild should have a badge, and he was asked to submit a design. He obtained a design from the front page of 'The Ringing World,' which had been suitably engraved. The design had been seen by the officers of the Guild and his branch and they had approved of it. He had given an order for 200, and the die was being made. The cost of a badge or brooch was 2s. plus postage. It had a silver-oxydised finish.

The secretary thanked Mr. Fowler for his work and moved that the badge be accepted.

The Rev. Shelwood urged that there should be some qualification before a ringer should be allowed to purchase a badge—some degree of proficiency.

Mr. Fowler said the same principle should apply to the issue of Guild certificates.

The Master stated that he would like to see ringers have to earn their badges and certificates. It was eventually agreed that the issue of badges should be left to the discretion of the branch secretary.

The attention of the meeting was called to the fact that Mr. O. Francis had given 15 years' service as hon. auditor. The officers were empowered to make a suitable gift to him.

GUILD SERVICE.

The Rev. C. G. Seymour-Metford raised the question of the Guild's service, and said some of them felt they would like a change in the form of service. Something should be done to get it into a more liturgical form.

Mr. Cullum supported and thought it should be left in the hands of the minister. The matter was referred to the general committee.

MR. F. SHARPE.

A resolution was submitted from the Bicester Branch 'that in appreciation of the work done for the Guild in particular and ringing in general Mr. F. Sharpe be made a vice-president of the Guild.' The resolution was carried with acclamation.

The secretary reported that the Guild had made 199 new members during the year. Their election was confirmed.

A letter from Mr. Alan Pink stated that it was proposed to make a 'Campanology Corner' in the 'Oxford Diocesan Gazette.' It was decided to ask branch secretaries to send items of interest to Mr. Pink.

APPEAL TO PAROCHIAL COUNCILS.

The Deputy Master said in 1942 an appeal was made to Church Councils to make an annual subscription of 2s. a bell in their tower to the Bell Rectoration Fund. The appeal was then very successful, but had of late decreased, only 15 parishes subscribing. The redrafting of the appeal was approved, the matter being left in the hands of Captain Poyntz.

A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund was taken and amounted to £6.

THE LUNCHEON

A company of 160 attended the luncheon in Christ Church Hall, at which the Master presided. The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by Mr. F. Sharpe and responded to by T. W. White, who proposed the health of 'The Oxford Diocesan Guild.' Ringing followed at various towers.

Dedication

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN.

For many years before the late war it was known that the six bells (tenor 12 cwt.) in the tower of the Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Tanworth, were in need of attention, but it was not until the return of enthusiastic young ringers from the Forces that in 1947 it was decided to call for expert advice. As a result the Whitechapel Foundry was invited to retune and rehang the bells, five of which had been cast in 1707 by Richard Sanders, of Bromsgrove, and the tenor in 1733 by Joseph Smith, of Edgbaston.

When the bells were taken from the tower in January, 1949, it was possible to check old records stating that in 1552 there were 'iiij belles a saunce bel' in the tower, for the original timber foundations of these were still in position under the later wooden framework, though much weathered and worm-eaten.

Our plans had to be modified when the foundry reported the bells were too thin to retune satisfactorily, and as the cost of the original estimate had already been found by private subscriptions a further appeal was launched, and the foundry was requested to recast all the bells and rehang them from iron headstocks on ball bearings in a new steel frame.

On the suggestion of the captain of the Stratford-on-Avon band of ringers, we also asked for two pits for additional trebles to be included in the framework so that we might eventually complete the octave. Almost immediately following upon this we were offered the new bells as memorials to two former local residents, and by these generous gifts have been able to combine future with present plans. Within five months all this work had been completed, and local ringers and friends enjoyed a trip to London to watch some of the bells recast on May 4th.

Some misgiving was felt at a break with tradition when we were advised that our ringing should be removed from the ground floor of the tower into the room above owing to the long draught making the new 4 cwt. trebles difficult to handle. However, we tackled this development in the same spirit with which we had met other problems (for example, the bricking up of the tower windows, the removal of a ceiling above the bell chamber and the lowering of the bell chamber floor, as advised in the Central Council's 'Hints'), so that, thanks to a donation from the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, visiting ringers at the dedication service on July 9th were able to comment on the new neatly panelled walls and other furnishings of the converted junk-room, which included fluorescent lighting to give shadowless illumination of the ropes.

The eight bells are now hung in two contra-rotating lines of four swinging east and west and so roped that there is minimal thrust exerted against the tower, and we confidently feel that the whole effect gives us one of the neatest and nicest eights in Warwickshire.

At the dedication service by the Lord Bishop of Birmingham, tributes were paid to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for the expeditious and thorough work carried out in under six months and to the captain of the local band, Mr. John H. Jones, who has been the prime mover of the efforts in Tanworth to raise the money required and to ensure that we attained all we set out to achieve.

Rounds were rung during the service by members of the local band, and the opening touch (504 Stedman Triples) after the service was rung by members of the St. Martin's Guild, to whose guidance and encouragement we owe so much. Over 60 ringers attended from Birmingham and the neighbouring dioceses, so Tanworth was regaled until after 8 o'clock with touches in all the standard methods. It is many a day since we had such a gathering in our small village, and in truth it was a day we and our friends will long remember with pleasure. J.W.J.

St. Ambrose's Guild, Bristol

21st BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS.

On Thursday, July 14th, the Guild celebrated its coming of age, and members met during the evening of that day and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. A. T. Maggs, who was captain of the Guild for 17 years, and had to relinquish that office owing to moving from the district. It is interesting to note that all the captains there have been were in the band, viz.: W. Lansdown, A. T. Maggs and C. Baker.

The festivities were continued on July 16th in the form of a thanksgiving service and a memorial for the members who have passed on. The address was given by Rev. F. C. Vyvian Jones, and the service conducted by the Vicar, Rev. F. S. Lee, and was fully choral.

Tea followed in the Parish Hall, about 60 members and friends sitting down. The usual speeches followed. The present captain, Mr. A. C. Baker, said how pleased he was to see so many friends there from near and far, amongst those present being Messrs. J. T. Dyke, hon. secretary, Bath and Wells; John W. Jones and C. Greedy, Newport; W. B. Kynaston, Master, Gloucester and Bristol, and Mrs. Kynaston; Cyril Harding, hon. secretary, Gloucester and Bristol, and Mrs. Harding;; Percy C. Williams, hon. treasurer, Gloucester and Bristol; and Mr. F. Hancock, Master, Bristol City Branch, together with members from the Bristol Rural Branch, Gloucester and Bristol, to which the Guild belongs. It was also pleasing to have present Mr. William Lansdown (the first captain) and Mr. Alan Liversedge, both founder members. The absence was regretted of Mr. A. T. Maggs.

The secretary said he was pleased to report such a healthy state of the Guild, its present active membership being higher than at any time; also he said that the bells had been rung twice every Sunday since they were installed 21 years ago, with but very few exceptions, except for the period during the last war when the ban was placed on tower-bell ringing.

The Vicar thanked the Guild for their loyal support to St. Ambrose's during the past 21 years, and expressed the view that if the next 21 years passed like the first all would be well. A vote of thanks was passed to the organist and choirmaster, Mr. A. E. Clarke, for his support, which was always gladly given and much appreciated; also to the ladies for their untiring efforts to make the social functions the success they always were. Further ringing was enjoyed by all present until 8.30 p.m.

There were many happy reminiscences recalled by the older ringers present, which brought to a close (all too quickly) a very pleasant afternoon.

50 YEARS A RINGER

The congratulations of the Exercise, and in particular the Essex Association, will be extended this week to Mr. G. Dawson, of Leytonstone, who has just celebrated 50 years of active ringing with St. John's Society, Leytonstone.

Mr. Dawson learnt his ringing at Kimberley, Norfolk, but moved to London in 1895. He was elected a member of the Leytonstone Society on July 29th, 1899, and became a prominent member of that band who were making history in the ringing of Spliced Surprise.

At the last annual meeting of the Essex Association Mr. Dawson's great work for the Association was recognised by making him a life member.

We feel sure his many friends will join with us in saying, 'Well done, George, and may that infectious smile of yours welcome us to St. John's for many more years to come.'

OBITUARY

MR. ADAM DEAS.

Mr. Adam Deas, secretary of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild, a vice-president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, passed away on July 15th.

He commenced ringing in 1912, and except for the 1914-18 war, when he served with the Forces in France, and was badly wounded, he had always been a keen and capable ringer and a regular supporter at Sunday services.

Mr. Deas rang about 220 peals, including Minor to Maximus, and conducted six. Amongst these were many Surprise peals of Superlative, Cambridge, London, and the usual standard methods. He will be greatly missed in the north for the work which he so loved, never tiring and never failing to give of his best to further the art and create friendliness in the belfry.

After the cremation service on July 20th a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Margaret Fidell, John Anderson, Joseph E. Keen and R. Alder Gofton. There was a large attendance of ringers from various towers around the district at the service, which was conducted by the Rev. Turnbull, Vicar of All Saints', Gosforth. Mr. Deas is survived by his wife, a daughter and a son.

MR. ALBERT H. DRAYTON.

The sudden passing of Mr. Albert H. Drayton, of Shepton Beauchamp, Somerset, on July 17th, at the age of 52, was received by his many friends with profound regret. He was ringing in church that morning.

'Bert' was regarded as the father of the local band. He had been a ringing Master at Shepton Beauchamp for nearly 30 years, but only started change ringing two years ago. With his usual perseverance he had been successful in ringing three peals of Doubles and one of Triples.

The interment took place at Shepton Beauchamp and the service at St. Michael's was attended by a large number of people. He was carried to his last resting place by six ringers, and apart from the local band paying tribue there were present J. T. Locke (secretary, Crewkerne Deanery), T. J. Hill (Kingstone), A. Bond (Darrington), Mrs. E. S. Powell and J. W. Drew (Stoke-under-Ham), H. Hooper (Puckington), F. Virgin (South Petherton), and many others.

After the interment, the bells were rung fully muffled, and in the evening, with the bells half-muffled, 1,260 Grandsire Triples by H. Cornelius 1, D. R. Best 2, R. Beale (cond.) 3, R. Welch 4, J. T. Locke 5, F. Welch 6, K. Welch 7, W. H. Marks 8, all local ringers.

AN APPRECIATION.

The sudden death of Bert Drayton leaves the belfry of St. Michael's, Shepton Beauchamp, so very much the poorer. The Exercise also has suffered a great loss, as his ever-present attendance as a Sunday service ringer and his presence in church afterwards were an example and an inspiration to all who came in contact with him. He was a regular attendant at all meetings in the district. Only the day before his passing he cycled seven miles 'to assist,' as he put it, 'someone who was as backward as himself.' He leaves a widow and a daughter to mourn his loss. May he rest in peace. R. BEALE.

MR. RICHARD J. STONE.

The death occurred recently at Plymouth of Mr. R. J. Stone, late of Portsmouth. For many years he was attached to the company of St. Mary's, Portsea, and was an active member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, serving for a number of years as secretary of the Portsmouth District. His work took him to Bordon and finally to Plymouth. Wherever he went he made contact with the local band and was held in high esteem. The sympathy of his friends is expressed to his widow and two sons.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

SOUTHPORT.

Christ Church, Southport, ringers had their annual outing on July 16th, when, reinforced by some of Old Joe's Saturday band, they visited Lancaster, Hornby and Morecambe.

At Lancaster Cathedral we were joined by the enthusiastic secretary of the Lancaster branch, Mr. Skeats, an old member of our gang, Miss Elizabeth Suart and Mr. Woods. This grand ring of ten was soon set going to Grandsire Caters. Short touches of Bob Royal, Kent T.B. Royal, Stedman Caters and rounds gave everyone the opportunity to try their hand.

A lovely winding country road led to the old village of Hornby. Here some time was lost looking for the belfry key, until a resourceful lady ringer ran it to earth amongst the offertory plates. The less agile feminine members of the party, after one glance at the tortuous-looking staircase, retired down the road for a cup of tea, whilst their braver sisters ascended with many heartrending groans. Yorkshire Surprise, Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob were rung after the bells had been raised in peal.

At Morecambe, after tea, we were joined by some of the Aughton ringers, and an excellent course of London was rung, followed by Stedman and Oxford T.B. Major. The gentlemen scattered in all directions when one of the tougher members of the Ladies Guild got hold of the tenor and announced her intention of turning it in to Bob Major. Most of them took refuge downstairs with the handbells.

We rejoined the coach at 8 p.m., and further excitement was caused by two ringers who were nearly left behind. Their absence was discovered just in time. The last stop was at Broughton for supper to the strains of 'Slow Boat to China' and 'In a Shady Nook' from the juke box. Southport was reached at 11.30 p.m. after a very enjoyable day.

Our thanks are due to all the tower captains of the towers we visited, to Mr. Skeats for taking so much care over the arrangements, and to his second-in-command, Mr. Woods, and to Joe and Margaret for organising another successful trip.—V.D.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.

On July 16th, the ringers of Bradpole, Dorset, had a pleasant outing. Starting at 8 a.m. with ringing and prayer, the band was soon enjoying the light ring of five at Whimple. The learners found the heavier ring at Alphington more of a task, but stuck to it manfully.

An excellent lunch at Exeter, and a short visit to the war-scarred cathedral preceded a happy afternoon at Teignmouth. Here the venturesome visited H.M.S. 'Battleaxe,' while others preferred terra firma, admiring the lovely flowers and glorious scenery.

Another touch at Dawlish and a call in at the fair at Seaton brought a happy day to a close.—M.R.V.

GREAT TEY.

Ringers of St. Barnabas', Great Tey, with friends had their outing on July 16th. Before lunch at the Victoria Hotel, Rickmansworth, there was ringing at Loughton, St. James', Bushey, and St. Mary's, Rickmansworth.

At Farnham Royal the party was met by Mr. Henley. Then followed St. John's, Windsor, and tea at Ye Olde King's Head. St. Peter's, Staines, was the last stop, where Mr. Parker was waiting for the company. Home was reached at 12.30. The excellent arrangements were made by Mr. J. W. Dyer.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

A party of nearly 40 left Wrington on July 14th for their annual summer outing. Swindon was the first call, where the fine ten at Christ Church were much appreciated. Then through delightful countryside to Abingdon in Berkshire and a first rate lunch at the Argyle Restaurant. While the ringing members adjourned to St. Helen's Church, the others toured the ancient borough, visiting the abbey, museum and the three churches.

Through a misunderstanding, Mr. Lock was not at the church to receive the visitors, who were apparently expected on the following Saturday, but Mrs. Lock made us all welcome while we rang rounds and Grandsire and Stedman Caters. It was but a short distance to Oxford, but owing to an unspecified 'festival,' St. Ebbe's was the only tower available. Some had cherished hopes of Magdalen, a more satisfactory ring to the heavy-bell men from Somerset, but they did quite well on the toys at St. Ebbe's, although a rope broke early in the proceedings, necessitating a splice, but the bells were soon raised again and there was some excellent striking. Tea had been booked at the Angel, where the variety of the comestibles satisfied everybody.

On the return journey a stop was made at Bampton, a really good heavy eight in a beautifully kept church; there was some well-struck Major here. The last tower was Fairford with its wonderful fifteenth century glass and a tuneful eight, rung from below the crossing, the ringers standing among the choir stalls. As it was the local practice night, the visitors were made free of the bells for the first hour, and then the locals joined with the men from Wrington in Grandsire and Stedman. Fairford Church is quite a show-place, and one ringer, who had waited years to examine the windows, was gently chided for paying more attention to the glass than to the bells.

The final stop, for refreshments, was at Tetbury, and by this time rain had developed into a steady downpour, but it had been fine and sunny throughout the day, so who cared!

E. G. C.

ST. LAWRENCE'S, SEAL CHART.

This took place on June 11th, to Ramsgate, when a team of ringers, together with the Vicar and Mrs. Harryman, and their wives and friends, spent a most enjoyable day. Stops were made at the Parish Church of Sturry, the outside roof of which was undergoing extensive repairs, also at St. Lawrence's, Thanet, on the outward journey, and at Charing Parish Church on the homeward journey.

At each of these the bells were rung to Doubles and Minor methods, under the skipper, Mr. A. Wenban. It was a most enjoyable outing, which was given an added interest by the tourists being able to visit three very beautiful old parish churches in the Canterbury diocese. The local secretary Mr. R. Chalklin, made the necessary arrangements.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

Some 30 ringers and friends participated in the outing held on June 18th.

A start was made about 8 a.m., and the first tower, Middleton Stoney, was reached by about 10.30 a.m. All enjoyed visiting this delightful six-bell tower. After ringing at Deddington, an excellent lunch was served at Banbury.

During the afternoon ringing took place at Adderbury and Banbury, followed by tea, and then in the evening ringing at Bicester. A grand welcome at each tower testified to the fraternity in the Exercise.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. C. Beale 1, R. Beale (composer) 2, H. R. Moore 3, H. J. Gaylard 4, R. Welch 5, F. Welch 6, J. W. Drew (cond.) 7, J. T. Locke 8.

GRUNDISBURGH AND DISTRICT.

Starting from the wilds of Suffolk at 2 a.m. on July 9th and picking up on the route, we left Ipswich at 3 a.m. A 100-mile ride brought us to Northampton, where we partook breakfast, after which a further 75 miles landed us at Worcester. We were met here by Mr. Albert Walker and other famous Midland ringers. Cambridge Maximus on these noble bells was unsuccessful, due not to the bells but to ourselves. We were also met by the St. Alban's ringers, when touches of Stedman Cinques and Treble Bob were successful.

A further 25 miles took us to Birmingham, where the two parties, together with our Midland guests, enjoyed lunch. From 2.30 to 7 p.m. we were busy ringing on the three twelves and two eights at Birmingham, after which we adjourned to the Tamworth Arms for refreshments and a social evening.

Mr. C. W. Pipe thanked Mr. Albert Walker for the splendid arrangements he had made, and a presentation from the Grundisburgh and St. Alban's ringers to Mr. Walker as a token of thanks was received by Mrs. Walker amid applause. Sunday morning saw us ringing at St. Martin's, where our striking was not up to the high Birmingham standard. Alas! we are not what we used to be.

Farewells were made at 11.15 a.m., and we reached Northampton at 1 o'clock for lunch. Here we were met by Mr. William Hammonds. Ringing was greatly enjoyed on the fine 10 at St. Giles', hung on plain bearings, where Cambridge Royal, Stedman Caters and London Major were successfully rung.

At 5 o'clock we arrived at Cambridge, where we enjoyed tea, arranged by Mr. H. Martin. At Great St. Mary's Stedman Cinques, Treble Twelve and Stedman Caters were rung. A start was made for home at 6.45 p.m., reaching Ipswich at 10 p.m.

G. W. P.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH DISTRICT.

At a meeting at Oaks-in-Charnwood on July 15th, with miserably wet weather, a small band of staunch supporters gathered for what turned out to be a most enjoyable afternoon and evening.

A service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. A. C. Holden, who welcomed the members to his church, adding that this was the last time he would be privileged to do so, as he would be leaving to take charge of a parish in another part of the diocese.

At the business meeting, with Mr. H. Over in the chair, it was decided that as the next meeting was to be joint with the Leicester District, it should be held at Hugglescote, where the bells have recently been rehung. Mr. Rowley, in moving the vote of thanks, wished the Rev. Holden every success at his new parish.

Ringing ranged from rounds for the beginners to Surprise Minor for the more advanced, and of the nineteen methods successfully brought round eight were Surprise.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The society's annual shield contest was held at Felkirk on July 9th. Five bands entered, the test piece being 600 changes in any method. The judges were Mr. J. R. Brearley, of Bolsterstone, and Mr. H. Chant, of Felkirk.

The order of the ringing and the result were as follows: 1 Shelley, 164 faults; 2 Friezland, 101 faults; 3 Silkstone, 130 faults; 4 Meltham, 195 faults; 5 Cawthorne, 428 faults.

Friezland were the winners and hold the shield for twelve months.

About 60 ringers and friends sat down to tea in the old schoolroom. The Vicar, the Rev. Donald Moxon, presented the shield to the conductor of the winning company. A pleasant afternoon was spent amidst glorious sunshine.

QUARTER PEALS

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. W. White (cond.) 1, H. G. Summers 2, Miss A. Tibbs (first 'inside') 3, S. J. Oughton 4, C. H. Webb 5, W. A. Stote 6, J. W. Taylor 7, G. Gardner 8.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—At the Church of St. Peter, on July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Carter (first quarter) 1, W. Harrison 2, J. Robinson 3, J. Carter 4, D. Ogden (cond.) 5, R. Edwards 6.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: L. Croft (first quarter) 1, B. Scott 2, H. Werrett 3, W. D. Pooley 4, E. G. Buck 5, R. V. Webb 6, J. S. Dear (first of Triples as cond.) 7, W. Collins 8.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.—At St. Andrew's Church on July 10th, 1,200 Minor (720 Cambridge, 240 Plain Bob, 240 St. Clement's): W. B. Bray 1, H. Judd 2, J. Scott 3, A. Tomlinson 4, P. Barnes 5, G. Moody (cond.) 6.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY, YORKS.—On June 24th, 1,320 Treble Bob Minor (240 each of Duke of York, Oxford, Sandal, Woodbine, and 360 Kingstone): Bruce Broadhead 1, Cyril Rusby 2, Fred Cowling 3, Roy Brogan 4, Herman Rusby 5, Noel F. Moxon (cond.) 6. Rung for golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Hartley.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Bolton 1, E. Harding 2, F. T. Bolton 3, E. G. Stevens 4, E. G. Swift 5, W. L. Gutteridge (cond.) 6. A compliment to E. Harding (82), ringer at Fulmer for 56 years.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ronald Kotting 1, Miss Margaret Kotting 2, John L. Morris (cond.) 3, R. W. Dent 4, F. C. W. Knight 5, F. C. Mounce (first quarter) 6. In honour of the birth of a son to F. C. Mounts.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. H. Daynes 1, F. Morris 2, R. G. Long 3, J. Warner (cond.) 4, F. W. Richardson 5, E. Mounter 6, J. E. Warner 7, F. C. Shorter 8. Rung for silver wedding of J. E. Warner.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On June 30th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Mattless 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, E. Nidd 3, R. H. Parker 4, J. Watson 5, F. S. Parsons 6, T. A. Relf 7, H. R. Woods 8, T. H. Hall 9, S. Proctor (cond.) 10. Rung half-muffled in memory of Algernon Markham, late Bishop of Grantham.

HANBURY, WORCS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. W. Lewis 1, Miss C. A. Harding 2, H. J. Bentley 3, R. G. Morris 4, C. J. Clarke 5, G. E. Large (cond.) 6, A. Morgan 7, J. F. Nash 8. First in method for 2, 3, 4, 5. Farewell to Rev. G. V. Blois, Rector for 31 years.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On July 10th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Bullock 1, Miss P. G. Kitchen 2, N. G. Hollingworth 3, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 4, C. A. Hughes 5, C. W. Ottley 6, R. H. Begrie 7, H. G. Andrews 8. Rung to honour the birth of a daughter to Mr. D. F. Harman.

IGHTHAM, KENT.—On July 7th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Wenban 1, Edna Sills 2, F. P. Wright 3, Doris E. Colegate 4, R. E. Collins 5, R. L. Sills (cond.) 6. First of Surprise for 1, 2, 3, 6.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On July 10th, 1,248 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Y. Tyler 1, J. Chambers 2, W. Perkins 3, J. Le Marquand 4, J. J. Mawby 5, J. King 6, A. Bigley 7, J. E. Skerritt (cond.) 8. An 81st birthday compliment to Mr. W. Perkins, a ringer for 60 years.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On June 5th at St. Mary's, 1,250 Stedman Triples: E. T. Beauchamp (first in method) 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, D. W. Beard 4, J. H. Lott 5, C. W. Attley 6, W. D. Grainger 7, P. Hutchings 8.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.—On June 16th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 each of London and Cambridge): Mrs. E. Bassett (first of Surprise) 1, J. Bassett 2, A. Relfe 3, C. A. Bassett 4, H. T. Hammond 5, J. R. Young (cond.) 6.

OXFORD.—On July 9th at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Anne B. Stockdale (Girton) 1, M. R. D. Harford (cond.) (Trinity) 2, B. D. Threlfall (Trinity) 3, J. B. Rowsell (Jesus) 4, A. S. Watt (Pembroke) 5, G. Dodds (Emmanuel) 6.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. C. Cluett 1, A. Hart 2, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 3, F. Winter 4, D. W. C. Chant 5, A. H. Chant 6. First quarter on the bells since rehanging and augmentation.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.—On June 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Thurlow (first in method) 1, F. Robbins 2, Miss P. Holmes 3, G. Hart 4, T. Collins 5, J. Crabbe 6, W. N. Genna (cond.) 7, H. Stratford 8. Rung for 628th patronal festival.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On July 10th, 1,200 Minor (720 Kent, 120 Oxford, 360 Plain): H. Whymark 1, R. Chambers 2, F. Hunt 3, F. E. Day 4, H. Hollocks 5, M. T. Symonds (cond.) 6.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On July 17th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: L. Harris 1, F. Harris 2, D. Reed 3, W. Shute 4, J. Hartless 5, R. Tiller (first quarter in method) 6, R. Marlow 7, W. Cheater (cond.) 8.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—On July 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Taylor 1, Miss B. Brierley 2, Mrs. C. Hall 3, Miss M. Leach 4, J. A. Taylor 4, J. Taylor (cond.) 6. For the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone of the church.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On July 17th, 1,344 Bob Major: Arthur Stamp 1, Cynthia Edmundson 2, Shirley Bampton 3, Elaine Wright 4, Tom Cutts 5, George Preston (cond.) 6, Robin Rhodes 7, Norman Chaddock 8. First quarter 2 and 3.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Hinds (first quarter) 1, H. Baker 2, Miss D. Corke 3, P. Turley (cond.) 4, L. Turley 5, Miss D. Colgate 6, R. Collins 7, G. Davey 8. In honour of a visit from Bishop Dimieari, of Nigeria, and also a birthday compliment to Miss A. Hinds.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.—On July 9th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 480 Bob Doubles, 420 Grandsire): A. J. Read 1, A. Peake 2, B. Bladon 3, Peter Anger (cond.) 4, T. A. Palmer 5, G. A. Newman 6.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On July 13th, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. H. Myhill 1, H. Devenish (cond.) 2, H. W. Shadrack 3, A. Edwards 4, R. C. Thrift 5, L. J. Clark 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Miss Annie White.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hunt 1, V. B. Hunt (cond.) 2, R. C. Chapman 3, H. Brookes 4, H. Price 5, F. C. Lyne 6, W. Cockings 7, J. Findon 8. First quarter 1 and 8. A 71st birthday compliment to 5.

STOKE BRUERNE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.—On July 17th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Old Doubles, 360 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): P. Stewart 1, W. R. Hammons 2, L. B. Baillon 3, E. G. Bennett 4, E. Nobles (cond.) 5.

SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.—On July 8th, 1,264 Grandsire Triples: G. Robson 1, Mrs. V. Lathbury 2, W. Parker 3, W. Goldstone 4, R. Andrews 5, F. Price 6, R. Lathbury (cond.) 7, F. Shepherd 8. For the induction of the Rev. Eric Mark Johnson.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On July 10th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: H. Ridgway 1, G. Burton 2, W. Yates 3, T. E. Roberts 4, G. Holland 5, F. Green 6, G. E. Green 7, A. J. Green (cond.) 8. First in method for 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7.

LETTERS

ST. JOHN'S, LEICESTER, RECORDED

Dear Sir,—Regarding the recording of St. John's bells, Leicester, I have been privileged to hear a pre-publication trial run of this record, and I can vouch for its being a grand reproduction. As is well known, St. John's bells are very fine, a delight to ring on and a pleasure to hear. The bob course of Caters given is perfectly struck and the 'fall" is excellent.

I consider this record a great acquisition to all interest in this side of our art.—Yours faithfully, ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I am much obliged to Charles Roberts for pointing out the falsity of Stephen Wood's composition of Grandsire Caters, and I beg to withdraw the claim to have rung a peal at Wrington on May 7th last. I am sorry, particularly for those members of the band to whom the ringing represented an achievement. However, there is another day, and I can promise them that I will look thoroughly into the figures before we start, even if those figures be from Charles himself. After all, who would have thought that Stephen would have slipped?—Yours truly,

J. T. DYKE.

Chilcompton, Bath.

CENTENARY PEAL MEMORIAL

On July 10th, before the evening service, a tablet in the belfry of St. John's, Goole, commemorating the ringing of the centenary peal of Grandsire Triples on May 1st, 1948, was unveiled by Mrs. J. Taylor, one of the ringers, and dedicated by the Vicar (Canon E. H. P. Rawlins).

Those present stood in silent tribute to the memory of Mr. H. Ludkin, who conducted the centenary peal, and who passed away suddenly a few weeks later.

Other ringers in the peal were: H. Drake 1, H. S. Moreby 2, J. Waud 3, Leonard Drake 4, J. T. Taylor 5, L. M. Woodhead 6, H. Ludkin 7, Geo. Waud 8.

CHESTER GUILD & N. WALES ASSN.

The third combined meeting of the above Associations was held at St. Chad's, Farndon, Chester, on July 16th, and again demonstrated the popularity of these meetings. Thirty-five members, representing eight towers from as far afield as Bangor, Caernarvonshire, attended, and the bells were kept going merrily to the standard methods in addition to touches of London, Bristol, Yorkshire, Kent and Oxford. The learners were well provided for with rounds and cross changes. The meeting happily coincided with the local festival of 'Rush Bearing,' and thereby served the dual purpose of a meeting and a celebration.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

The ringers who attended the meeting of the North-Western District, held at Dorking on June 25th, spent a very pleasant time. Mr. Coldman met the visitors at 3.30 and also arranged for tea in the Church Hall.

At the meeting £1 6s. 6d. was collected for the Benhilton Bell Fund. Ringing continued till 8.30. A combined meeting with the Lewisham District of the Kent Association was arranged for October 1st at St. Peter's, Croydon.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On July 10th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: G. Boyden 1, E. J. Butler 2, F. Oliver 3, H. E. Finch 4, J. Sadler 5, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 6. First in method for all except conductor. A 71st birthday compliment to Mr. E. J. Butler.

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ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced between Desmond Guy, youngest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. A. Mayell, Brentwood, Essex, now on foreign service with Cable and Wireless in Nairobi, Kenya, and Mary Patricia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hilliar, Bishopston, Bristol. 5525

MISCELLANEOUS

DELIGHT RINGERS' RECORD BOOK, specially designed for keeping all your records, quarter-peals, peals and towers visited, in one loose-leaf volume.—Details from William Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 5534

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be no practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields during August.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 5564

ALL RINGERS going up to Manchester University next session are asked to contact R. D. Airey, 20, Westbrook Villas, Darlington. 5562

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MEETINGS

LADIES' GUILD. — Southern District. — Christ Church, Epsom, Sat., July 30th. Names for tea to Mrs. Massey, 173, Coverts Road, Claygate; gentlemen welcome. 5546

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Whittlesey, Saturday, July 30th. Bells (St. Mary's, 8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 5547

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District).—Joint meeting Leatherhead, Monday, Aug. 1st. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, available in various cafes, 5-6. More ringing after.—A. Smith and R. Lathbury, Hon. Secs. 5544

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—Meeting Mottram Parish Church, Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. until 8.30. Meeting 6 p.m. 5536

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southampton and Christchurch Districts.—Combined meeting on August Bank Holiday, August 1st. Ringing at Milford-on-Sea (8), 11 to 1; Lymington (8), 2.30 to 5; and Lyndhurst (8), 6 to 8 p.m. Tea (1s. 9d.) at Old Bank House Restaurant, Lymington, at 4.45 and 5.30.—Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 5551

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY and LADIES' GUILD (Northern District).—A joint meeting will be held at Rotherham Parish Church (10) on Aug. 1st at 2 p.m. Tea at British Restaurant close by.—J. E. Turley and Miss D. E. Kelly, Hon. Secs. 5566

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, Saturday, August 6th, 4 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5554

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District. — Next meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, August 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 5552

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — By-meeting, Benenden (8), August 6th, at 3. Tea at approximately 5 o'clock. No service. Names for tea not later than August 3rd to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge. 5556

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, Aug. 6th, Emmanuel, Clifton. Usual arrangements. Tea, York Place Cafe. Notify by Aug. 3rd to secretary. 5570

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Houghton Conquest, Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells 3. Tea 5.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5569

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting Colemans Hatch (8), Aug. 6th, 3. Names by Aug. 3rd to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 5577

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting Ely and Cambridge Districts.—Histon (6), Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 5575

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Silchester, Aug. 6th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 5573

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Warburton, Saturday, Aug. 6th. Please bring own food; cups of tea provided.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec. 5572

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting Saturday, Aug. 6th, Parbold. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea will be supplied at a moderate charge only to those who notify Mr. H. Leyland, 16, Station Road, Parbold, by Aug. 3rd.—J. Burns, Branch Sec. 5579

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Sonning (8) on Saturday, Aug. 6th, 6-9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 5561

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Abson and Pucklechurch (6), Aug. 6th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol, 7. 5563

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ross District. — Quarterly meeting, Foy (6), Saturday, Aug. 6th. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names to W. T. Poston, Viewlands, Walford Road, Ross-on Wye. 5565

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Chatham (8) on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. V. A. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham, by Wednesday, Aug. 3rd.—B. W. May, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5581

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Combined meeting with the Eastern Branch at Alford, Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Monday, Aug. 8th, to K. Ketteringham, 20, Hamilton Road, Alford.—W. E. Clarke and G. W. Moody, Hon. Secs. 5567

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting, Acton, Saturday, Aug. 13th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea at Rectory 5. Special welcome to kindred societies.—F. Finch. 5580

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Chobham (8), Saturday, Aug. 13th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 10th.—F. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 5571

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Bridlington Priory, Aug. 13th. Bells 8, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (3s.) 5, Church Institute. Names for tea to Mr. J. A. Parker, Higher Waterworks, Mill Lane, Bridlington, by Thursday, Aug. 11th, latest. 5576

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting Dodford, Saturday, Aug. 13th. Tea for those who notify me by Saturday, Aug. 6th.—F. W. Hancock, Willoughby, Rugby. 5574

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be at Blossom's Hotel, Chester, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Details later.—J. Kingdon, St. Bridget's Rectory, Chester. 5568

DEATH OF CANON F. B. MACNUTT

On July 17th the death occurred suddenly of Canon F. B. Macnutt, former Provost of Leicester Cathedral and Archdeacon of Leicester. He was formerly Vicar of St. Martin's Church, Leicester (now the Cathedral), from 1918 to 1938. It was owing to his great enthusiasm and untiring efforts that the bells at the Cathedral were increased from a ring of ten in 1937 to the present set of 13 bells. He was buried at Canterbury, and a special memorial service was held at Leicester Cathedral on July 21st, for which the bells were rung half-muffled. Later in the evening a half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at the Leicester Cathedral.

BIRMINGHAM ORGANIST DEAD

On July 20th, as a token of respect for the memory of Dr. Wassell, the St. Martin's Guild of Change Ringers rang at Solihull Church, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters, 1,277 changes: W. Leeson 1, C. Dale 2, A. Walker 3, T. Warner 4, E. C. Shepherd (composer and conductor) 5, W. C. Dowding 6, J. Bragg 7, H. Bragg 8, G. E. Fearn 9, V. W. Rigg 10.

Dr. Richard Wassell was for many years organist at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, and for the last six years had held that post at Solihull Parish Church. He died on July 17th.

CUBITT TOWN TENOR

With reference to Mr. Stote's recent letter, a correspondent writes that the weight of the tenor at Cubitt Town is given on a board in the tower as 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. By the size and sound of the bell this would seem to be about right, although there are many bells of twice the weight which go much better. Perhaps the heavier weight quoted by Mr. Stote is a due allowance for the extensive activities of the pigeons! Hatfield tenor, a D bell, must be more than 17½ or 18 cwt. It is usually given as 26 cwt., which is probably about right, although a recent peal report gave it as 23 cwt.

CLAINES, WORCS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Holman (first quarter) 1. R. G. Morris 2, E. Wilson 3, Miss C. A. Harding 4, C. J. Clarke 5, A. Morgan 6, G. E. Large (cond.) 7, F. N. Fluck 8.

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AN important milestone in the history of 'The Ringing World' has been reached this week with the publication of the 2,000th number. It is with thankfulness that we pen this editorial. Throughout this long period, despite the abnormal difficulties created by two world wars, 'The Ringing World' only twice failed to appear, due to the Government suspending the whole of the periodical press owing to the paper shortage.

Our first thoughts this week are to the founder of the journal, Mr. John S. Goldsmith, who, with initiative and courage, gave the Exercise the weekly paper it wanted. In the early days there was opposition to the paper from certain leaders on the Central Council, but he won through. At financial sacrifice to himself he maintained a high standard of publication. English ringing would never have attained the strong position it is in to-day but for his journal. It fraternised the Exercise from North to South and brought all ringers into one big family.

The death of Mr. Goldsmith in 1942 created a major crisis in the journal's history. A small committee of the Central Council acted promptly, met immediate financial difficulties, and saved 'The Ringing World.' Their action received full endorsement from the Guilds and Associations, and the paper passed from private ownership into that of the Central Council. Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, who, during the war years, had been assisting Mr. Goldsmith, became the new editor. His wealth of knowledge of all branches of ringing, and his research work as an historian, made him a happy choice. It was a period when ringing was suspended; nevertheless, from his facile pen came series of valuable articles and the interest of readers was fully maintained.

The present editor's term of office has coincided with a period of enthusiasm in our art. Change ringing since the war has made an appeal to hundreds of young men and women, and it can be truthfully asserted that except for a few black spots the bells of England are being rung by people who love bells and ringing. The directive the editor received upon taking office was to produce a family newspaper for ringers. Paper shortage has resulted in certain imperfections, but it is gratifying to know that there are many more readers of 'The Ringing World' now than at any period of its history.

Throughout this long period 'The Ringing World' has had many staunch friends. Among them are the three leading bell foundries. The continuity of their craft in this age, when there is a serious threat of mechanised substitutes for bells, depends on a constant flow of young ringers to maintain the teams in our belfries. In this respect 'The Ringing World,' in stimulating keenness, makes an indirect and valued contribution to their business. Each is dependent on the other, and we congratulate them on the many fine post-war rings that have added to the glories of English Church life. The message of the bells is very real.

Lastly, we would acknowledge our thanks to our printers and publishers, who have been unchanged throughout this long period. Men have grown old in the service of the paper. None can foresee the future, but we can take courage and view it as the King did in his broadcast in 1939:

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year;
'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.'
And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness and put thy hand into the hand of God,
That shall be to thee better than light and safer than a known way.'

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 21, 1949, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	HARRY G. WAYNE ...	7
HERRICK B. BOWLEY ...	2	HAROLD G. JENNEY ...	8
*KATHLEEN TILLEY ...	3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ...	9
BRIAN G. WARWICK ...	4	LAURENCE GREENHOW ...	10
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	5	*ALAN JACQUES	11
SHIRLEY BURTON	6	*CECIL H. F. KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Cinques. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the respected memory of Canon F. B. Macnutt, former Provost of the Cathedral.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HOLME LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS	*Treble*	REGINALD T. JONES ...	5
MICHAEL P. MORETON ...	2	JOHN D. ROCK	6
JOHN D. WORSEY	3	WILFRID F. MORETON ...	7
FREDERICK R. HARRIS ...	4	LESLIE EVANS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
First peal of Bob Triples by all the band.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 16, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15¾ cwt.

DOROTHY OSBORN	*Treble*	WALTER ALLMAN	5
ERIC HORNBY	2	*WILLIAM E. ALLMAN ...	6
ROBERT B. P. HULSE ...	3	CECIL RADDON	7
HARRY PARKER	4	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. CORRIGAN. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* First peal away from treble.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

F. E. WILSHAW ...	*Treble*	ARTHUR PEAKE	5
NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ...	2	MARGARET RIGBY	6
*RONALD BARLOW	3	WALTER LONGMAN ...	7
MARGARET HACKETT ...	4	†F. W. GROCOTT, JUN.	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by F. W. GROCOTT, JUN.
* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. SYMONDS	*Treble*	*MICHAEL P. MORETON	5
*FREDERICK R. HARRIS...	2	†REV. E. G. BENSON...	6
*JOHN D. ROCK	3	*‡LESLIE EVANS	7
*AUSTIN T. WINGATE ...	4	‡WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. † 100th peal. ‡ 50th peal together. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

*AUDREY TIMMS ...	*Treble*	*BRIAN ELLENDER	5
*JOHN E. S. MORETON...	2	†HUBERT ASHLEY	6
JAMES F. CLARKE	3	*JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	7
*J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	4	*LEONARD TREVOR	*Tenor*

Composed by E. H. LEWIS. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. Rung for the wedding of Mr. A. W. Knight, a lay reader of this church, to Alice Cecilia Overton.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 19, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

CHARLES E. BROWN	*Treble*	KENNETH W. MAYER ...	5
BETTY BROWN	2	JOHN A. FREEMAN ...	6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	3	JOHN WALDEN	7
*JOHN E. CHILCOTT ...	4	JOHN FREEMAN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 12 cwt.

DOWNTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 20, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JACK MUSSELL	*Treble*	JOHN HARTLESS	5
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS...	2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	6
FRANK L. HARRIS	3	LEONARD HARRIS	7
DAVID R. REED	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
First peal of Major on the bells. Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Bishop of Salisbury. Tenor 23 cwt.

EWHURST, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*JOHN A. ETHERINGTON	*Treble*	EDGAR R. RAPLEY	5
T. MARK WHITE	2	C. ERNEST SMITH	6
†ERIC T. LEE	3	GEORGE L. GROVER ...	7
FREDERICK A. MUNDAY...	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
* First Surprise peal. † First peal of Lincolnshire and 50th peal. First peal in the method on the bells. Tenor 11 cwt.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 22, 1949, 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 17½ cwt.

*LILY DUNN	*Treble*	PETER CROOK, SEN. ...	5
EVEREST FORD	2	JAMES WM. KAY	6
ALBERT ED. SANDIFORD	3	EDWARD IDDON	7
THOMAS BRATBY	4	ALBERT HEYWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD IDDON.
* First peal. To celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Tebay, a local ringer.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*NORMA BICKERDIKE	*Treble*	WILLIAM BARTON	5
*ROY B. COOKE	2	EDWARD JENKINS ...	6
†PATRICIA E. M. BARTON	3	*JOHN W. GIBSON ...	7
MOLLY AMBER	4	GORDON BENFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by GORDON BENFIELD.
* First peal in method. † 25th peal. First of Surprise as conductor and 50th peal.

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CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Comprising 2,944 of London, 640 Bristol and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative. Tenor 14 cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	ALAN JACQUES	5
JILL POOLE	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	FRANK K. MEASURES	7
PETER J. STANIFORTH	4	ALFRED BALLARD	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST C. S. TURNER. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.
First peal of Spliced Surprise Major by all the band except the conductor. First of Spliced Surprise Major for the Guild.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

EILEEN BRACEY	*Treble*	RAYMOND G. LOFTY	5
JEAN BELL	2	HENRY TOOKE	6
GEORGE H. MOORE	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
CHARLES H. MOORE	4	WILLIAM CLOVER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Albert Edward Bracey, for many years a member of the local band. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FRED LACEY	*Treble*	*JOHN SCOTT	5
FRANK LORD	2	GEORGE DOBBS	6
GEORGE W. MOODY	3	PHILIP BARNES	7
ERNEST THORLEY	4	GEORGE E. FEIRN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal of Treble Bob. In honour of the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester to Scunthorpe. Tenor 18½ cwt.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

WALTER W. MILLER	*Treble*	CHARLES BEECROFT	5
CHARLES E. FISHER	2	GEORGE A. FLEMING	6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	7
FRANK L. FISHER	4	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., July 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

ALBERT WALKER	*Treble*	HENRY H. FEARN	5
ARTHUR D. COOK	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.
The first peal on the new octave.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

PETER J. CHILDS	*Treble*	ALBERT W. BOND	5
FRANK BENNETT	2	FRANK HOWE	6
ARTHUR H. EDWARDS	3	RAYMOND WOOD	7
ARTHUR GRAVETT	4	HENRY STALHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by HENRY STALHAM.
A welcome to the Rev. E. Walters on his appointment as Vicar of St. Nicholas'. Tenor 18 cwt.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

A. PATRICK CANNON	*Treble*	C. HENRY HARDING	5
RONALD J. SHARP	2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	6
LEONARD STILWELL	3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by C. E. SMITH.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM T. COOK	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. ELLIS	5
WILFRED G. WILSON	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY	3	WILLIAM J. PAICE	7
†FREDERICK A. FINCH	4	ERNEST C. S. TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.
* First peal of Major. † 50th peal for the Association. Rung for the 30th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lewis Cockey, which took place at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness, on July 22nd, 1919.

CODSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. Carter's No. 32. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

*ALAN ELSMORE	*Treble*	J. DENIS HOLDEN	5
JEFREY B. WEBB	2	JOHN N. LINDON	6
MAURICE G. TURNER	3	†HOWARD HOWELL	7
GEORGE W. HUGHES	4	ALBERT G. RICHARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* 25th peal. † 100th peal of Stedman. The conductor has now called peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Treble*	ROY COLLIER	5
ANNIE POTTER	2	ARTHUR BURTON	6
JOSEPH BOYER	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
THOMAS BRATBY	4	HENRY PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
A birthday compliment to Mr. William Watson, of Walkden, Lancs.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 7¾ cwt.

*DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Treble*	‡WILFRED STEVENSON	5
JUNE HENSHAW	2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	6
*BARRY CORBISHLEY	3	JOHN WORTH	7
†HAROLD C. LONYON	4	§ALAN A. POTTS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' ‡ 200th peal for the Chester Diocesan Guild. § 100th peal.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., July 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E.

*SHEILA M. HOLE	*Treble*	LAURENCE T. POPE	5
†FRANCES WOOD	2	S. GEOFFREY WATERS	6
I. OWEN SAUTER	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	7
S. C. DRIVER	4	E. T. AVERY	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by M. S. CLOKE.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BARTHOLOMEW AND GEORGE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

VERNON SYKES	*Treble*	ALBERT GREENHALGH	5
GERALD DARE	2	IVAN KAY	6
STEPHEN LL. PARRY	3	FRED DUNKERLEY	7
DEREK OGDEN	4	S.S.M. PHILIP H. TOCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.
Silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Taylor, of Clarkesfield, Oldham.

WOKING, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 23, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17¾ cwt. in E.

*PAMELA A. WARREN	*Treble*	†SGLM. GORDON WALFORD	5
ERIC T. LEE	2	JOHN A. ETHERINGTON...	6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON...	3	GEORGE E. CLODE ...	7
GEORGE L. GROVER ...	4	HAROLD A. MAY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Bob Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., July 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

*HORACE O. OVER	*Treble*	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ...	5
*ROLAND BENISTON ...	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH ...	6
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	3	ALFRED BALLARD	7
†C. WILLIAM HALL ...	4	HAROLD J. POOLE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Surprise Major on 'inside bell.'

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., July 25, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 6¼ cwt. in A.

EDWARD T. LLOYD	*Treble*	*ARTHUR D. COOK ...	5
GEORGE E. FEARN ...	2	*ERIC E. SPEAKE	6
HENRY H. FEARN	3	*ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* First peal of Painswick. First peal in the method for the society.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE	*Treble*	HUBERT E. ASHLEY ...	5
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN...	2	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON...	6
JAMES F. CLARKE	3	LEONARD TREVOR	7
JOHN E. S. MORETON ...	4	WALTER BEEBE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.
In honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. W. Beebe, Mr. Beebe being captain of the local band.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 27, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS...	*Treble*	T. MARK WHITE	5
WILLIAM ROGERS	2	STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL...	6
FRANK H. HICKS	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ...	7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ...	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTEH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 27, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 11 lb.

RONALD LORD	*Treble*	THOMAS K. DEACON ...	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	GEORGE P. GARNER ...	6
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ...	3	THOMAS C. BELTON ...	7
ALAN H. HOUGH	4	CHARLES R. BELTON ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
To mark the 60th anniversary of the first peal on the bells and the eve of the conductor's birthday.

SIX BELL PEALS

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 9, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of three extents of Plain Bob and two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb

*MISS A. E. EDWARDS...	*Treble*	HARRY W. HOWARD ...	4
ERIC HORNBY	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	5
ALBERT CRAWLEY	3	HARRY PARKER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY PARKER.
* First peal.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 18, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

GORDON C. BRIGGS	*Treble*	PETER E. NORTH	4
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK...	2	NORMAN CHADDOCK ...	5
GEORGE PRESTON	3	GEORGE S. LEE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
The first peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. Rung to celebrate the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert O. Chaddock.

HORSHAM ST. FAITH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 18, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

WALTER C. MEDLER	*Treble*	*CEDRIC CURSON	4
ERNEST G. SHORTING ...	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ...	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

RUSHALL, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., July 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*ALAN ELSMORE ...	*Treble*	*MAURICE G. TURNER ...	4
*P. GEORGE GOLDER ...	2	HOWARD HOWELL ...	5
*GEORGE W. HUGHES ...	3	*DEREK KNOWLES ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles. Ringers of treble, 3 and 4 have now completed Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., July 20, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

*RICHARD S. PAYNE	*Treble*	C. JACK GIBSON	4
†REGINALD J. DARCH ...	2	JOHN W. C. BLYTHE ...	5
WALTER KERRISON ...	3	STANLEY GILBERT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY GILBERT.
* First peal of Bob Minor. † First peal. A 65th birthday compliment to Mr. Walter Kerrison.

PASTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 20, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being extents of Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Double Bob, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B.
Tenor 11 cwt. 87 lb. in G.

HENRY E. WOODHOUSE...	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	4
JOHN R. SMITH	2	*WATER J. FORD	5
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ...	3	GEORGE SAYER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in seven methods. First peal of Minor in more than one method on the bells. A birthday compliment to the Rev. R. E. V. Prichard, Vicar and ringer.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent T.B. and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY STEBBINGS ...	*Treble*	*KENNETH EVERETT ...	4
EDWARD J. HOWARD ...	2	ALFRED T. M. PERRY ...	5
GERALD FROST	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

WESTON ZOYLAND, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 21, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr.

HERBERT W. PEARCE	*Treble*	ALBERT ATYEO	4
FREDA M. POOLE	2	RONALD WHITE	5
WALTER H. POOLE ...	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

ALDINGTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

PERCY PAGE	*Treble*	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH...	4
MARK W. MARSHALL ...	2	HARRY PARKES	5
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP...	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

LYNEHAM, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

LOUIS A. WILSON ...	*Treble*	JOHN E. MANNERS... ...	4
BERNICE M. STRANGE ...	2	WALTER H. TRUEMAN ...	5
BERYL J. STRANGE ...	3	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.
First peal on the bells. An 18th birthday compliment to Beryl Strange.

WENDOVER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 25, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 lb.

ANTONY E. COX ...	*Treble*	*RONA MINALL	4
BRENDA FELLS	2	ROBERT W. METCALFE ...	5
WILFRID H. J. HOOTON...	3	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID H. J. HOOTON.
* First peal on tower bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT HOLYWELL STORES, LONDON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part.

ALFRED JORDAN	1-2	EDGER VALLANCE	5-6
ALFRED BALLARD	3-4	HECTOR KNIGHT	7-8

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 22, 1949, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
AT THE WYGGESTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, three callings. Tenor size 12 in E flat.

*GORDON M. MACLURE (17)	1-2	DEREK G. GOODMAN (15)	3-4
		*TERENCE R. KIRCHIN (15)	5-6

Conducted by DEREK G. GOODMAN.
* First peal. First peal as conductor and in method.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sun., July 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,
IN THE CHANCEL OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's. Tenor size 17 in A.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	1-2	ERNEST MORRIS	5-6
ALAN CATTELL	3-4	JOHN BRAMLEY	7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
A birthday compliment to May Beatrice, wife of Ernest Morris, and also to Alan Cattell on his 18th birthday.

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

LATE NEWS.

Mr. W. Taylor, vice-president of the Lancashire Association, of 2, Cop Lane, Penwortham, Preston, is making very slow progress after his illness. He is only able to get about on crutches, and ringing is out of the question. Visitors and letters would be welcome.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. L. A. Wilson, whose services as secretary of the Calne Branch of the Salisbury Guild was recognised by the gift of a treble bell at Lyneham, has now had the pleasure of ringing 'his' bell to a peal.

There will be no practice at St. Leonard's, Streatham, S.W., during August. Sunday ringing as usual.

Congratulations to the Rev. E. G. Benson, hon. secretary of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, on ringing his 100th peal, and also to Mr. Alan A. Potts.

Mr. Nolan Golden writes regarding the peal of 5,008 Spliced Major on page 360 that the last course must be rung as 'B'—Plain, Plain, Little.

Mr. W. Wolstencroft has now left hospital and returned home for convalescence. He would like to thank all those ringing friends who have visited him in hospital, and the many who have written to him.

The band at Wood Green, Wednesbury, Staffs, are proud of 13-years-old Jane Cotterill, who has now been ringing 11 months and has called her first quarter of Stedman Triples. They enquire if this is a record.

Mr. Howard Howell has, with his 100th peal of Stedman at Codsall, Staffs, called peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. Mr. Norman Chaddock has also completed the Stedman family.

On Saturday, July 27th, 1889, the first peal on Barwell bells was rung, 5,040 Bob Minor, called by the late A. R. Aldham. The next day, Sunday, the 28th, Ernest Morris, of Leicester, came to town! To mark this double 60th anniversary, 'Ernest' called 5,040 Bob Major on Barwell bells—his 1,128th peal.

From a Slough paper. 'A coachload of parishioners left Burnham last Wednesday for Loughborough Foundry to see the casting of the new bells and afterwards heard them being rung in the foundry campanile.' Taylor's quickest ever, comments G.G.

In the peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Bolsover on July 2nd the ringer of the fourth was Mr. G. Gordon Graham.

Pupils of Wyggeston Grammar School have rung their first peal 'in hand.' They have been meeting for practice for some 18 months.

The six bells at St. Mary's, Guildford, are to be rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The bells were last rung in the early years of this century.

Twelve years, all but two days, have elapsed since a peal was rung at Wissett, Suffolk. Participating was Mr. W. Kerrison, who rang his first peal since his return to the belfry last November after an absence of 20 years.

After the peal at Acton to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lewis Cockey, the band, with Mrs. Cockey and Mrs. Turner, were entertained to tea in the Rectory garden by the president of the Middlesex Association, the Rev. Percival Gough, Rector of Acton.

Pilot Officer Eric A. Dench, of Edmonton, recently returned to duty from a month's embarkation leave prior to going to Singapore for the next 2½ years. Mr. Dench, who celebrated his 21st birthday last December, has rung about 180 peals, of which a large proportion have been on handbells, including several of Stedman Cinques and various other interesting performances. All will join in wishing him Godspeed and a safe return.

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2,000th ISSUE OF 'THE RINGING WORLD'

Congratulatory Messages from 100 per cent. Readers

This is the 2,000th issue of 'The Ringing World' founded on March 18th, 1911, by the late Mr. John Sparkes Goldsmith. We append a selection of the many messages received to mark this notable anniversary in the life of the Journal.

CAME UP WITH THE RATIONS.

Mr. J. T. DYKE, Chilcompton, Bath.

As a reader of 'The Ringing World' from the start, I have many recollections concerning it. I remember the little corner shop in St. Paul's, Cheltenham, where for some years I bought my copy and the curiosity it aroused. You were even parodied in a college magazine. I enclose the cutting.

The paper regularly came up with the rations, during the first World War, unless we were engaged in a health resort like the Ancre Valley or Paschendaele, in which case it waited until we were relieved.

During nine months' compulsory sojourn in Mecklenburg and Holstein, I had no paper, of course, but I well remember sitting down in 1919 with about forty unread copies. It was in them, I think, that I read of the death in action of Bertram Prewett. I also read of a quarter-peal by soldiers on Ludgershall bells. It was claimed to be the first, but they had been anticipated in May, 1915, when members of the 19th and 37th divisions rang a quarter-peal together there. I can recall the names of only two of the participants—Hall of the 10th Worcesters and Watts of the 8th Gloucesters. Both were killed on July 3rd, 1916, at the taking of La Boisselle. But that's nothing to do with 'The Ringing World.' That's the worst of reminiscing.

The refence in 'The Chelt' reads:—

Campanologia.
Cheltenham Association.

On Sat., Sept. 23rd, 1911, in three minutes, five seconds,
At the Church of Paradise, Cheltenham,
A Peal of Double Superlative Surprise,
9,999 Changes.

F. R. Simpson...Treble		H. C. Sykes...	5
W. St. Lewis ...	2	H. W. Boyce	6
G. Horsfall ...	3	P. Joy	7
F. J. Shorthouse	4	W. A. Thomas Tenor	

Composed by Mr. W. Davison and Conducted by Mr. J. T. Dyke.

Rung as a token of commiseration with Mr. G. Armitstead Allen, who has suffered greatly in the recent monitorial deluges.

THEN STARTED CHANGE RINGING.

Mr. W. R. MELVILLE, Kingsworthy, Winchester.

You may count me in the number who have taken 'The Ringing World' from its start.

I well remember the circumstances. We were at that time at Tring, Herts, a band of call change ringers, and we had our practices on Saturday nights. At that time Mr. G. N. Price had one of the best Surprise bands in existence, and they were ambitious to ring a peal of Bristol on our heavy ring. They came to us for a practice, and of course we adjourned to the local for a drink and chatter.

Mr. H. Eden, our district secretary, had a specimen copy of 'The Ringing World' with him, and three of us decided to take it in. I have done so ever since. That was the start of the band deciding to learn change ringing, and as none had any knowledge of the art it was uphill work. We were fortunate in having a good teacher from Tring. He stayed with us for two years, and by that time we could ring Grandsire Triples.



MR. JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.
The Founder of 'The Ringing World.'

THE TITLE.

E. H. OXENHAM, Bampton, Devon.

In your issue for July 8th, I see that my old friend Mr. W. Shepherd says he suggested to the late Mr. J. S. Goldsmith that a new paper should be named 'The Ringing World,' but in the second number of that far-famed journal (March 31st, 1911) appears a letter from the late Mr. F. E. Dawe, in which he makes the same claim, saying, 'I feel pleased that the title of "The Ringing World" is one suggested by me.' I have no doubt they are both right; great minds think alike.

In comparing the first number with the last I cannot help noticing how much 'easier on the eye' were those four or five peals to the column; not so much like straphanging in the rush hour as it is to-day. So if the old 'R.W.' comes back to the style in which it started it will be well worth the extra charge.

As I reach 'the allotted span,' the day before the 2,000th 'R.W.' appears, I think that will be good enough excuse for relapsing 'into the reminiscent vein.' The 'R.W.' has weathered some storms; may all the rest be smooth sailing.

'INTEREST NEVER WANED.'

Mr. Clem GLENN.

I have taken 'The Ringing World' regularly from its beginning, and my name appears on the roll of honour which our friend Jack Goldsmith published on, I think, the paper's 25th anniversary.

Although I was abroad between the two wars, my interest in the paper and all ringing matter never waned.

Congratulations to you on the way you are carrying on the good work.

TWO THOUSAND.

Mr. W. SHEPHERD, Addlestone, Surrey.

As one who has taken the journal from its inception, let me offer my congratulations. Thos of us who remember the period when the paper first made its appearance, and who will take a concise retrospect from 1911 to 1949, will form the conclusion that a wonderful amount of work has been done to give readers news of all kinds connected with our art.

Here in Surrey 'The Ringing World' was conceived in the spirit of enterprise, nurtured in service to the Exercise, and to-day its greatest reality is its triumph over difficulties. In the early years of the present century John S. Goldsmith, journalist for a Surrey paper, used a column for ringing news, and he would encourage local bands to greater things by practical ringing with various companies, aided by his weekly ringing column.

John Goldsmith was not enthusiastic over the idea of a 'Ringers' Day' at the Crystal Palace, for it meant a heavy expense in the early days of 'The Ringing World,' but our first editor saw great possibilities in the idea, and the wonderful day we had was the result of much hard work on his part. If space were available one could write many columns about the sterling qualities of John Goldsmith.

Mr. Armiger Trollope, who followed, was a little man with a big heart and brain, one who undertook a difficult task to keep our paper going when many weekly journals had ceased publication because of the World War. How he managed it was undoubtedly only known to himself, and in the days to come the name of Armiger Trollope will not be forgotten.

And now, Mr. Editor, you have taken the role of conductor, and one might be tempted to ask which part of the peal you are in! Anyhow, I trust the striking is good, the most musical positions are yet to come, the performers are in good condition for their work, all calls will be made in good time, and when the next part-end is in sight, may you find that no shift course will intervene.

THE OLDEST RINGER.

Mr. James GEORGE, Parkstone, Dorset.

On February 16th, 1889, at the age of 35 years, I rang my first peal at the Church of St. George, Camberwell. On November 27th, 1948, my 95th birthday, I rang my 1,281st last peal on handbells at the Nursery, Ferndown. During that period of 60 years I took 'The Bell News' each week from February, 1889, until it finished on December 15th, 1915.

I have also taken 'The Ringing World' from the commencement on March 18th, 1911, until the present time each week. From February 16th, 1889, until the end of December, 1948, I have had the pleasure of sending all these volumes free of charge to the secretary of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

On March 25th, 1922, I rung a peal at Kinver, Worcestershire, of London Surprise Major. I am the oldest surviving veteran ringer to ring my first peal in this method at 68 years of age.

'SHUDDER TO THINK IF . . .'

Mr. F. W. PERRENS, Coventry.

In reply to your request in 'The Ringing World,' I write to let you know that I have taken every single copy of 'The Ringing World' that has been published, and I shudder to think what the present state of ringing in this country would be if the ringing fraternity had not had the many benefits, which are far too numerous to mention, that the paper has afforded.

MORE CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES

EARLY RINGING PAPERS.

Mr. Geo. R. NEWTON, Liverpool.

My first copy of 'The Bell News' was taken in March, 1896. Prior to that I used to look at one taken by the tower at Oxton. There were twelve of us, and the paper then cost a penny. Later on we had a paper named 'Campanology,' one of the compilers of which was W. Bedwell, of Lewisham. It did not last long, and was superseded by 'The Bellringer.' This was introduced by the late Messrs. W. Willson and Walter C. Hunt, and did not last very long.

'The Bell News' carried on for some time after 'The Ringing World' arrived, but it was very noticeable as the weeks went on that 'The Bell News' could not go on for long. Since the publication of 'The Ringing World' in 1911 I have eagerly awaited my copy each week. It amazes me to know that so many get their paper through a newsagent, instead of having it sent by post. If there is a margin of profit, let the paper have it.

FRONT PAGE SPACE.

Mr. Cyril F. JOHNSTON, South Croydon.

'The Ringing World' is to be congratulated on its 2,000th issue, which you are about to publish next week.

I well remember my father receiving an intimation from the late J. S. Goldsmith that he was about to start a new ringers' paper. This seemed to meet a growing need in the ringing fraternity, and I did not leave my father's office until he had consented to write by return to Jack Goldsmith asking for 'front page' space.

I think I can claim to have read and enjoyed nearly all of the 2,000 issues. Every paper, one knows, has its ups and downs, and one has admired from time to time the way in which 'The Ringing World' has served the world of ringers in the face of difficulties which must have occurred occasionally during its long career.

RANG 'UPSIDE DOWN.'

Mr. Richard D. LANGFORD, Crewe.

I was very interested to read in 'The Ringing World' of the forthcoming copy which will be the 2,000th issue. I claim to be amongst those who have taken the journal without a break since it first began life following the old 'Bell News.'

I well remember how I treasured each copy week by week, keeping them in piles in my bedroom until they reached such dimensions that something had to be done about them. Then one fatal spring-cleaning came, a clean sweep, only to start all over again!

I had the pleasure and privilege of meeting its founder on several occasions, and remember how, at a meeting at Blackpool, he startled all present by announcing that he had been successful in ringing a peal standing upside down! He was referring, of course, to his visit to Australia, which had been such a joy to him. Long live 'The Ringing World'!

RINGING PAPER FOR 50 YEARS.

Mr. Arthur J. HOLMES, Edenham, Bourne.

Good luck to the 2,000th number! I have taken 'The Ringing World' since it first circulated, and for over 50 years taken a ringing paper. At that time in 1894, we had only five bells in the tower. In 1908 we bought a treble, and it was on these bells that the late H. Law James called the first spliced seven 720's of Minor in February, 1911. We completed the octave in 1931. I am pleased to say the bells are rung every Sunday for morning and evening services by a band composed of both sexes, all taught by yours truly.

'RINGING THE BLOOMING LOT.'

Mr. S. F. MILLWARD, Northampton.

I am one who has had every issue. During the 1914-18 war it was sent to me in France for over three years, and never once did it fail to arrive.

Prior to the 1914-18 war I was a very keen ringer, and started a card index of Sunday service touches, peal compositions and the diagrams of methods published. Of course, I couldn't do this whilst on active service, and I am afraid my record lost its value.

My actual ringing now is very limited. I do manage a little now and again, but have to be very careful. I think my most vivid memory was a visit to St. Martin's-in-the-Fields whilst on holiday in London. My host (not a ringer) went with me, and upon returning our wives asked how we had got on. The reply of my host was, 'Blimey, within five minutes he had his coat off and they were ringing the blooming lot!'

Although not so active, I have always retained my great interest, and was appointed the auditor of the Peterborough Guild when that was first formed, and I helped in that way for many years.

You mention 'reminiscent vein.' I recall the Central Council meeting at Northampton and the great little George Williams, of North Stoneham, and his great kindness to the boys from Netley in 1914 and early 1915. I always feel that if I could have stayed there for a bit longer I should have made a real ringer, and would certainly have been in the Surprise class instead of the standard method class. Then there was James George, and didn't he used to shout at me for my habit of scratching my nose when peal ringing with him at St. Giles', Northampton.

FROM 1—2,000.

Mr. J. B. BUDD, Monton Green, Eccles, Manchester.

From early in 1911 the journal has been posted to me every week right up to date, and every copy received with one exception. This was last year through lapse in transit.

It will be interesting to know how many readers there are who can claim the full score, and particularly those who still possess all from 1-2,000.

WANTS A BIT OF HUMOUR.

Mr. O. W. PORTER, Shiplake, Oxon.

I have had 'The Ringing World' from its birth. Mr. Goldsmith tried to please all. I would like to see now and then a bit of humour in Belfry Gossip. Surely there are many in our fraternity who could supply this.

My four score years is on me,
My torch of life is out,
So please excuse the pencil
That this is all about.

ARTICLES THAT APPEALED.

Mr. W. C. HISCOTT, Liskeard, Cornwall.

I am proud and glad to say that I have taken 'The Ringing World' from No. 1 issue.

I well remember how pleased we ringers were to get such an improvement on the old 'Bell News.' Peals and touches were oftentimes weeks overdue in being published in 'The Bell News.' My name was in the list published several years ago as a No. 1 subscriber, and I am wondering how many names will be missing (from that list) when you get returns for the present one.

The articles which have appealed most to me were 'The History of the College Youths' and 'The Story of the Birmingham Ringers.'

'A TERRIFIC FIGHT.'

Mr. J. Frank SMALLWOOD, London.

Many happy returns of the day and congratulations on reaching No. 2,000. I have read every issue, and think this is an occasion for looking both backward and forward. I well remember the terrific fight put up by J. S. Goldsmith for recognition of the paper against the fierce opposition of Sir Arthur Heywood, who thought there was no room for it. How wrong he proved himself to be! The paper has been through many vicissitudes, but is now firmly established as the official organ of the Central Council. May the future be bright for it, and when it assumes its larger size may the efforts of the Editor and the Editorial Committee meet with the success they deserve. Good luck, and on to next 2,000!

CAPTAIN AT 83.

Mr. Frederick William TOWNSEND, who is in his 83rd year, is still captain of St. James' Church, Poole. He has taken every number of 'The Ringing World' and he also took 'The Bells News' for many years previously. He rang his first peal 56 years ago, and he has rung about 75 peals in all.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RHYTHM

Dear Sir,—I read with much interest 'Much Perturbed's' article in this week's 'Ringing World' on Rhythm, and it should give most members of the Exercise room for thought. The learner is taught to handle a bell, and when able to do this to the satisfaction of the instructor the pupil is placed in 'rounds,' then call changes, and finally method ringing. It is obvious the learner becomes part of a combination or a team which calls for a united effort of muscle and mind in the individual and applied in unison to other minds and muscles of the members of the combination. But is this ever explained to the learner?

When methods are learned by the 'blue line' ringing is often very choppy. They cannot find their bells to strike over; they are bad strikers or slow at backstroke, or cannot hear their bells in mid-positions. Suddenly, maybe, many of their difficulties disappear, ringing proceeds smoothly, their bodies even appear to join in; they have, perhaps by accident, discovered rhythm. How often is it described as good striking. Good striking and rope-sight make for rhythm.

We often read of a football team playing with almost perfect rhythm, or a rowing 'eight' moving in perfect rhythm—evidently an art especially developed. So why not make more effort to produce the same art (if I may call it that) amongst ringers by explaining the meaning of rhythm.

I feel convinced everyone has a certain amount of this art in their make-up. 'Much Perturbed' has opened up a most interesting subject and deserves congratulations accordingly.—Yours faithfully,

R. NEWMAN.

Holloway, N.7.

PROPOSED TOWER DIRECTORY

Dear Sir,—I hope to have published in the near future the 'Directory of Towers,' about which there was correspondence in this journal some weeks ago.

My lists, drawn over the last twenty years, are, I believe, complete and accurate, and include all towers containing five bells and upwards.

It has been suggested that the addition of 'Practice Night' would add to the usefulness of the book, and I am prepared to add this information where obtainable.

Could I ask all tower secretaries who are interested in seeing that information concerning their own tower is complete, to send me a postcard stating their practice night (but only where this is regular, weekly and open to visitors). At the same time as an additional check they might add the weight of the tenor, in cwt.. qr., lb., as well as its note, but please, only indisputably correct information. Where this is contained in annual reports I would welcome the loan of these from Guild secretaries.

Details contained in the book will be town, county, dedication of church, number of bells, weight and note of tenor, and details as to whether the bells are unringable, or other relative information, and, if there is sufficient response, practice night will be stated.

It is not considered practicable to include the names and addresses of tower secretaries.

Publishing will be in the hands of Mr. William Viggers, of Aldershot, whose 'Delight' series of ringers' books and Ringers' Diary are already well known, and who hopes to have copies on sale in a few months' time. The price of the book is not yet fixed, but is unlikely to be more than 5s. a copy.

Information should be sent to the address below not later than the end of August.—Yours truly,

R. H. DOVE.

26, Sycamore Avenue, Leeds 8.

GRANDSIRE CATERS AND PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

Dear Sir,—In pointing out the falseness in Mr. Wood's 5,057 Grandsire Caters, Mr. C. W. Roberts has emphasised once again the dangers attaching to Cater compositions. Fifty or sixty years ago, when Grandsire Caters were practised more regularly than to-day, these matters were much more widely known and understood; to-day, the proof of the Major methods and the interest in advanced splicing seem to have taken attention from the need for meticulous care in proving nine-bell compositions.

Every Cater method presents its own problem, and no general principle can be laid down. In Double Norwich Caters the chief problem is the false relationship between Tittums and Handstroke Home; in Grandsire Caters there is no such false relationship, and the problem lies in what may perhaps be called the fluidity of the courses and the fact that the single does not lead direct from one lead to another, as it does in D.N. Caters.

There is one point arising out of Mr. Wood's peal that I should like to make. Although, as I have said, in Grandsire Caters the Tittums are independent of the Handstroke Home, it does not therefore follow that other placings of the back bells are free from falseness against each other. The very position used by Mr. Wood at the start of his peal, the rather beautiful 7968 position, can run false with the Tittums, as may be seen from the two courses annexed:—

23457968	62354978
— 95283647	65293847
— 68975423 A	69582734
— 47638295	68975423 A
43726589	67849352
42357968	— 34627589
	32456978

The row marked A occurs in each course.

In addition, the best-known opening courses, moving the back bells to the 7968 position, contain one Tittum row, and if the bells are subsequently turned to the Tittums, this row may appear later on. It would seem to me that the principles of proof of Grandsire Caters need stating in print.

In 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus at Kittisford on July 2nd has aroused my curiosity, and I should be pleased to learn what the composition was. My old friend Ernest Morris will doubtless recollect that some thirty years ago or more he and I had correspondence over four-bell methods, and at that time I made a collection of forty or fifty different 24's. There may, of course, be more than this.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Solihull.

DEDICATION OF PEAL BOARD

THE LATE MR. CHARLES BELSEY.

In the company of relations, the local ringers and a few old ringing friends, a short service was held in the belfry of Rainham, Kent, Parish Church prior to evensong on July 17th, to dedicate a peal board recording peals rung for the golden and diamond wedding anniversaries of Mr. and Mrs. C. Belsey and commemorating the late Mr. Belsey's service to the church where he had been a ringer for 50 years.

Besides the peal board, given by the ringers, the dedication also included a handsome piece of belfry furniture (hall stand), presented by the late Mr. Belsey's widow and her family, suitably inscribed.

The Vicar made pleasing reference to Mr. Belsey's long service as a ringer and churchworker at Rainham, and Mr. George Spice also paid tribute on behalf of the K.C.A.C.R.

OBITUARY

MR. W. ANDREWS.

Winchester has lost the captain of the Cathedral band for over 50 years by the death on July 22nd of Mr. Wilfred Andrews at the age of 76 years. His strength had been failing for some months, and on July 15th he was admitted to Winchester Hospital.

In his native town, Cirencester, he learnt to ring. He came to Winchester in 1892 as a doctor's dispenser, but a few years later he started in business on his own account as a mineral-water manufacturer, establishing the well-known St. Swithun's works.

Since 1898 he had been captain of the Cathedral Branch, and his membership of the Diocesan Guild is upwards of 60 years. For 40 years he served on the executive committee and had represented the Guild on the Diocesan Advisory Committee since 1921. He also acted as hon. treasurer of the Winchester District for several years. He had rung for the Guild between 20 and 30 peals. His unfailing courtesy and kindness endeared him to everyone, and he will be greatly missed at Guild meetings and by visiting ringers to the Cathedral.

The funeral service was held in the Cathedral on July 27th, and was taken by Canon Moor. The lesson was read by Rev. J. Mansel (chairman, Winchester District), the Bishop of Southampton gave the Blessing, and there was a large congregation of townspeople and friends.

The Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was represented by Messrs. G. Pullinger (Master), W. Linter (treasurer), G. Smith (auditor), Rev. S. Gidlow (Goodworth Clatford), J. Hill and A. Mitchell (Andover), G. Chappell (Wickham), L. Tremeer (Alresford), R. Smith and W. Melville (Wonston), L. Lampard (Twyford), D. West (Sparsholt), F. Davis (Kings Somborne), J. Brazier (Micheldever), C. Kippin (Southampton), G. Noice, H. Cook, W. Goodchild, P. Bullen, R. Paine, W. Lampard, E. Lampard and A. Goulding (Winchester Cathedral).

Among the many floral tributes were wreaths from Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. the Winchester District and Winchester Cathedral ringers.

The Cathedral bells were rung half-muffled during the evening, and as the Cathedral bells were not available a memorial peal was attempted at St. Michael's, Southampton, on Saturday.

MISS ANNIE WHITE.

We regret to announce the death of Miss Annie White on July 10th, after an illness lasting several months. She was an enthusiastic ringer, having learned to ring in 1927, and was a keen and loyal member of the All Saints', Springfield (Essex), band, where she was a regular Sunday service ringer. She also helped with the ringing at Chelmsford Cathedral on special occasions.

Miss White rang her first peal at Springfield in 1932, and had a total of 12 peals to her credit. She was a member of the Essex Association.

In honour of her memory a half-muffled quarter-peal of Cambridge Minor was rung at the All Saints', Springfield (Essex), band, funeral) by: J. Myhill 1, H. Devenish (cond.) 2, H. W. Shadrack 3, A. Edwards 4, R. Thrift 5, L. J. Clark 6.

The bells were also rung half-muffled for the following Sunday morning service.

LONDONDERRY, N. IRELAND.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Columb, on July 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Lily Hughes 1, W. Young 2, J. J. Fielding (first as cond.) 3, H. McIntyre 4, J. Campbell 5, D. L. Dunseith (first quarter) 6. First quarter by a local service band.

QUARTER PEALS

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.—On July 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Wheat (first quarter) 1, E. Whetton (first quarter) 2, Miss D. Smythe 3, G. Arrand 4, R. Sanderson 5, E. Cooper (cond.) 6. Also 480 Little Bob Minor and 720 Kent T.B.: D. Wheat (first in methods) 1, G. Arrand 2, Miss D. Smythe (first in methods) 3, Mrs. I. Somerville 4, E. Cooper (cond.) 5, R. Sanderson (first in methods) 6. Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Triples.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—On July 24th, at the Church of St. James, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Wilton 1, Miss E. Suart 2, F. C. Limb 3, N. M. Newby (first quarter as cond.) 4, J. Bracewell 5, S. Usher 6, J. Bagnall 7.

BEXHILL, KENT.—On July 17th at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss B. Cowlin 1, Miss K. E. Fletcher 2, Miss A. D. Eldridge 3, F. N. Smeaton 4, E. Gower 5, Rev. P. J. Boulsover 6, F. H. Dallaway (cond.) 7, C. E. Verdon 8. First of Stedman Triples 3 and 6.

BRISTOL.—On July 14th at St. Ambrose's, to celebrate the Guild's 'coming of age,' 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Ridler (vice-captain) 1, W. Lansdown (first captain) 2, Mrs. D. M. Bennett 3, F. Skidmore (hon. sec.) 4, A. T. Maggs (captain for 17 years) (cond.) 5, V. L. Lucas 6, A. C. Baker (present captain) 7, J. Cox 8. All the Guild's captains, past and present, were in this quarter.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On July 9th at St. Mary's and All Saints', 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Martin (cond.) 1, D. R. Fletcher 2, F. D. Boreham 3, G. Swift 4, J. Harrison 5, A. Bridges 6, W. Edwards 7, R. A. Reed 8. For the wedding of Mr. H. J. Wingrove, only son of Mr. H. Wingrove, and a 72nd birthday compliment to the conductor.

BENTLEY, YORKS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. A. Sanderson (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Smythe 2, Mrs. E. Wylie (first 'inside') 3, Mrs. A. Smythe (first quarter) 4, R. J. Sanderson (first as cond.) 5.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On July 23rd at the Church of St. Nicholas, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Gambrill 1, Dr. J. D. Ogilvie (cond.) 2, Miss D. M. Jenner 3, A. C. Gambrill 4, W. Payne 5, W. C. E. Goldup 6, E. J. Wells 7, A. Kemp 8. To celebrate the engagement of the ringer of the 3rd.

COMBE MARTIN, NORTH DEVON.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Rooke 1, L. Walters 2, Miss B. M. Boyle 3, A. H. Hayward (cond.) 4, T. Yeo 5, A. W. Hayward (Taunton) 6, A. Harman (Leatherhead) 7, A. Smallridge (longest length). In honour of the golden wedding of the ringer of the 5th.

EALING, LONDON.—On July 24th at St. Stephen's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Ellis (cond.) 1, D. Judd 2, Miss J. Askew 3, W. T. Cook 4, F. A. Finch 5, G. Dodds 6, J. C. Birt 7, E. C. S. Turner 8. First quarter of Triples 'inside' for 3 and 4.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On July 24th, 1,260 Bob Minor: T. W. Crowe 1, W. F. Sutherland (first quarter 'inside') 2, Miss M. Addison 3, C. C. Hulse 4, J. L. Gray 5, K. Arthur (cond.) 6, J. Heal tenor covering. A compliment to two fellow ringers, J. Roach and Miss F. Clegg, on the occasion of their marriage.

GLASGOW.—On July 24th at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1,273 Stedman Caters: H. Sargent 1, W. H. Pickett (cond.) 2, J. Hutchinson 3, Miss R. M. K. How 4, R. J. G. Thom 5, E. Boumphrey 6, P. W. B. Semmens 7. E. A. Stafford 8, T. C. Winderam 9, R. W. Sear 10. First quarter of Stedman Caters by 4 and 7.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. T. Lee 1, F. Bowden 2, Mrs. F. Bowden3, T. M. White 4, W. Trussler 5, F. A. Munday 6, C. E. Smith 7, H. Mullard 8. For the induction of the new Rector of Haslemere, the Rev. G. H. McNeill Shelford.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On July 17th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Sanderson, R.A.F., 1, E. Warrington (cond.) 2, L. W. Fisher 3, J. W. C. Blythe, R.A.F., 4, G. L. Perkins 5, H. Dunnington 6.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. R. Harding 1, Mary P. Hilliar (cond.) 2, F. Skidmore 3, J. W. Smith 4, A. A. Hilliar 5, H. Bromfield 6, E. J. Ridler 7, H. Baguley 8. In honour of the coming of age and the engagement of the ringer of the second.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On July 17th at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. H. Begrie 1, E. F. Pryor 2, R. F. H. Harman (first in the method) 3, A. E. Hoare 4, W. A. Theobald 5, G. Charge 6, D. F. Harman 7, J. G. Nash (cond.) 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On July 24th at St. Andrew's, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Meadows 1, C. E. Wright 2, J. Carrott 3, G. W. Faulkner 4, J. G. Macdougal 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. First of Treble Bob for 1, 6 and 7.

LEE, LONDON, S.E.—On July 20th at the Church of St. Margaret, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Ashdown 1, S. Ball 2, G. W. Ashdown 3, J. L. Morris (cond.) 4, W. Packer 5, R. L. Sills 6, F. C. W. Knight 7, H. Brasher 8. For dedication festival.

LONDON.—On July 24th at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, R. Charge 2, R. W. Green 3, G. A. Parsons 4, A. W. Coles (cond.) 5, Dr. W. R. Winterton 6, G. Charge 7, R. H. Begrie 8. 70th birthday compliment to treble ringer.

SALISBURY.—On July 20th at St. Thomas', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. A. Roles 1, H. Abrahams 2, J. Sutton 3, Rev. C. C. Cox (cond.) 4, F. L. Harris 5, C. W. Powell 6, L. Harris 7, J. Lewis 8. In honour of the enthronement of the Bishop of Salisbury.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.—On July 24th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Howlett 1, C. A. Thompson 2, A. Head 3, C. J. Gibson 4, C. J. Barber 5, J. W. C. Blythe 6, G. Gower 7, W. J. Flatt (cond.) 8.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On July 17th at the Church of St. Leonard, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Sanders 1, E. Reeves 2, T. Miller 3, R. Charge 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, W. J. Ellis (cond.) 6, J. Chapman 7, S. Howard 8.

SWANAGE, DORSET.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Bishop 1, Geo. M. Kilby (cond.) 2, F. Bishop 3, J. Sutton 4, F. Precey 5, P. Foote 6, Major H. R. Freeborn 7, A. J. Clarke 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church on July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Holloway (first quarter of Triples) 1, F. Wilton 2, H. W. Bishop 3, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 4, C. J. Gardiner 5, E. J. Berry 6, W. W. Daniell 7, W. A. Bullock 8. Birthday compliments to Mrs. W. Jones and W. W. Daniell.

TARVIN, CHESHIRE.—On July 15th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 360 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Brian Kenny 1, Brian Harris 2, Miss Stella Kingdon 3, John W. Griffiths 4, R. Gordon Corby (cond.) 5, John Payne 6. First in more than one method by all except the ringer of the 4th.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Mitchell (first quarter) 1, R. Hartley 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, W. A. Hughes 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, I. Couch 6. Alsoo 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Jimmy Porter (first quarter) 1, W. A. Hughes 2, A. S. Richards (cond.) 3, W. Hollamby 4, R. Hartley 5, I. Couch 6. Farewell to R. Hartley.

WOOD GREEN, WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—On July 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss Jane Cotterill (cond. and first quarter) 1, B. Bicknell 2, H. Howl 3, W. Powell 4, N. Hadley (first of Stedman) 5, E. J. Tyler 6, M. G. Turner 7, G. Evans 8.

Beverley and District Society

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

On July 9th the above society held its third annual meeting in Beverley. Fifty members attended with welcome visitors from Eckington, Derbyshire, and Bradford.

Ringing commenced on the Minster bells at 2 p.m., and continued until 4.15 p.m. A service was held in the choir of the Minster, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. Collwyn Hargreaves, who in a short sermon gave some good advice on ringing and getting new members introduced into the towers. The Rev. G. Storer read the lesson.

Tea was held in the Minster Parish Room ably served by ringers' wives and friends.

The business meeting was opened by the president, who introduced the Mayor and Mayoress of Beverley (Ald. and Mrs. W. J. Marson). The Mayor, in a short speech and a few verses from Tennyson's poem, convinced the ringers that he was an appreciative listener with his own 'point of vantage' in Burton Bushes.

The president's, secretary's, Ringing Master's, the the committee's reports, and the statement of accounts were received and adopted.

At the election of officers, all officers and members of the committee, with the exception of the secretary, were re-elected for another term in office. The secretary, in resigning, thanked his president, Mr. G. F. Williams, for his hard and enthusiastic work, both in and out of the tower. He also thanked all other officers, the committee and tower secretaries for their help. He closed with high commendation for the Press, especially 'The Ringing World.' After many requests from the members to reconsider his decision, Mr. Sellar's resignation was finally accepted with regret. Mr. C. Barker, of Beverley Minster, was elected to fill the vacancy.

After some discussion the invitation from Mr. A. Hoodless to hold the monthly meeting for September at Barton-on-Humber was accepted.

Five new members were elected, four from Kirk Ella and one from Cottingham. A good show by Kirk Ella.

Mr. Fox thanked the Vicar, Rev. C. Collwyn Hargreaves, the Rev. G. Storer, the organist, Mr. John Long, F.R.C.O., and the local ringers for their services. The Vicar replied in a short, witty speech, and also invited the Mayor to read the whole of Tennyson's poem at the Minster on New Year's Eve prior to the ringing of the Old Year out and the New Year in.

The Rev. G. Storer gave a statement of progress on Hutton Cranswick bells. Two were already cast and the others were to be cast during the week. There was still a 'technical hitch' over the steel for the new frame.

After meeting, handbells were rung in the Parish Room and the tower bells were kept going in standard methods until 9 p.m.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

PRESENTATION TO THE REV. E. V. FENN.

The Towcester Branch held a special presentation meeting at Lois Weedon on July 23rd to mark the 14 years of loyal service as secretary and treasurer of the Rev. E. V. Fenn.

After a service in the church conducted by the Rev. E. V. Fenn and the Rev. G. H. Roper (Vicar) members and friends were invited to the Vicarage to tea. The presentation of a silver teapot, which had been subscribed to by all the towers in the branch, was made by Mr. E. E. Whitmore. The Rev. E. V. Fenn suitably acknowledged the gift.

Among the visitors were Mr. R. H. Howson and Mr. F. Vickers, of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Arrangements were made by Mr. C. Hinton, the local captain, and Mr. W. Yates, Branch Sec.

NOTICES

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Notices must be received not later than Monday.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, Saturday, August 6th, 4 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5554

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District. — Next meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, August 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 5552

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — By-meeting, Benenden (8), August 6th, at 3. Tea at approximately 5 o'clock. No service. 5556

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting Colemans Hatch (8), Aug. 6th, 3. 5577

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Silchester, Aug. 6th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 5573

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting Ely and Cambridge Districts.—Histon (6), Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 5575

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Chatham (8) on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Usual arrangements. 5581

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting Elmley Castle (6), Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells 3. Service 5. Tea.—W. J. Newman, Branch Sec. 5600

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Combined meeting with the Eastern Branch at Alford, Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Monday, Aug. 8th, to K. Ketteringham, 20, Hamilton Road, Alford.—W. E. Clarke and G. W. Moody, Hon. Secs. 5567

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting, Acton, Saturday, Aug. 13th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea at Rectory 5. Special welcome to kindred societies.—F. Finch. 5580

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Chobham (8), Saturday, Aug. 13th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 10th.—F. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 5571

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Barnard Castle, August 13th, 3. Names for tea by 10th.—J. T. Titt, 54, Newlands Road, Darlington. 5588

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Bentley (6), Saturday, Aug. 13th. 6 to 9. Please note the altered date.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 5586

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Lydiard Millicent (6), Aug. 13th. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—W. B. Kynaston. 5585

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Shireoaks (6), Saturday, Aug. 13th. Tea (2s. each) for those who notify Mr. H. Hall. Measham House, Shireoaks, Worksop, by 9th.—H. Denman. 5584

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting Cheddleton, Saturday, Aug. 13th. Names for tea to Mr. J. Martin, 5, Vicarage View, Cheddleton, near Leek, Staffs.—W. Carnwell. Sec. 5583

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Saturday, Aug. 13th, 2.30, Blackhill St. Aidan's; also St. Mary's available until 5. Names for tea by Aug. 11th to C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Marv's Crescent, Blackhill. 5582

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Cookley (re-opening of the bells), Saturday, Aug. 13th. 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—B. C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 5590

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Lamberhurst (6), Aug. 13th. Names by Aug. 10th to Mr. A. Relfe, Windmill Cottage, Lamberhurst. Anything from Doubles to Spliced Surprise Minor.—C. A. Bassett. 5589

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Cartmel Priory, on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Names for tea to H. Dixon, Clogger Beck, Cartmel, by Aug. 10th. —N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 5578

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Moreton Corbet, Aug. 13th, 3. Please bring own tea.—C. A. Barron. 5610

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting Thrussington, Aug. 13th. Bells (5) 3. Cups of tea provided; please bring own food.—F. Key, Hon. Sec. 5591

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Nettlebed, Aug. 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea Aug. 11th; no names, no tea.—T. N. Lanaghan, 31, Blenheim Road, Reading. 5605

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Broughton Astley, Aug. 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea at Jesmond Cafe 5. Please notify Mrs. Drury, Jesmond Cafe, Broughton Astley, by Thursday, Aug. 11th. 5604

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield and Peak Districts.—Joint meeting, Ashover (8), Aug. 13th, 3. Service 4.30. Bring own food; cups of tea obtainable.—Miss D. Dunn, Darley Dale. 5603

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Meeting Llanfigan (Brecon), Aug. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bring own food and cups; tea provided. Names by Aug. 10th.—D. Bennett, 2, Council Houses, Bronllys, Talgarth. 5602

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Puddletown, Aug. 13th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow Please notify by Aug. 8th.—J. H. Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 5599

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socan on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells (8) 3. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 5596

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton District.—Meeting at Astley (5), near Nuneaton, Saturday, Aug. 13th, 3. Tea 5. Good attendance asked for. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Aug. 10th.—A. J. Hindle, Dis. Sec., 15, Church Street, Bulkington, Nuneaton. 5595

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting, Shinley (6), Aug. 13th, 5. Church fete during afternoon. Teas available.—R. H. Howson. 5594

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Monk Bretton, Aug. 13th. Bells 2.30. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. L. Williams, 1a, Littleworth Lane, Monk Bretton, near Barnsley, not later than Aug. 10th.—D. Smith, Ton. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 5593

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Chipping, Saturday, Aug. 13th. No tea arrangements; bring own food. 5608

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Annual branch meeting, Aug. 13th, at St. Leonard's Parish Church, Rochdale. Bells (8) at 3. Meeting at 6.30. Election of president.—V. Wilson Sykes, Branch Sec. 5607

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting, Burton-in-Kendal. Saturday, Aug. 20th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Tea provided for those who notify (by Saturday, Aug. 13th) J. Skeats, 16, Scale Hall Lane, Lancaster.—J. Skeats, Branch Sec. 5598

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Aberavon, Aug. 20th. Bells 2. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. A good attendance desired.—F. J. Hannington. 5601

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NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Loughborough, Leicestershire, on Sept. 17th, instead of Derby as originally decided. 5592

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSN.—Preliminary.—Annual dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 6. Tickets (7s. each) shortly available and obtainable from branch secretaries, or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 5609

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HOWEVER much we may deplore the cult of the Surprise method, especially the ringing in the past of so much Cambridge with its lack of 7-8 dodging in 1-2 and its one basic, unmusical composition, the Surprise method is more and more with us, and to most ringers is the be-all and end-all of ringing.

With the publication of this book, Mr. Andrew Corrigan, with painstaking diligence, has now provided the Exercise with more than a thousand Surprise methods from Major to Maximus. This is an achievement which deserves the highest gratitude of the Exercise, and which has, incidentally, radically changed the whole situation about Surprise methods. Instead of having about a dozen or so available to anyone who has failed to keep a file of 'The Ringing World,' and particularly instead of having to depend on exchange of methods in manuscript, anyone for a trifling sum can now have a reliable copy of any method ever published.

In the list of Royal methods, the first section deals with those in which peals have been rung—some 23, of which three are 'London' variations. The second section comprises some fifty methods extended from those included in the Surprise Major Section (Part C, published June, 1948). Some of these extensions may give rise to controversy; but, on the whole, most people will agree that most are acceptable as such. The last group of Royal methods includes a further fifty methods first published for ten bells, contributed in the main by that master of Surprise method construction, Mr. H. G. Cashmore. The grouping of Maximus methods is on the same lines. According to Mr. Corrigan, only eleven Surprise Maximus methods have been rung. In the 'extension' section six of the 'Bristol' variations are printed.

The absence of a note on the extension of methods is hardly surprising. This is a subject which will no doubt enliven the pages of 'The Ringing World' and the debates of the Central Council in the not so distant future, and Mr. Corrigan has very wisely avoided the slings and arrows of controversy. He has also omitted all the many versions of London Surprise except those already rung to a peal, and the "U.A.," which was very nearly rung to a 5,000. The fascination of London Surprise extension is one of the mysteries of the age. There is no acceptable extension, and Mr. Corrigan, very wisely, too, I think, blissfully ignores the presence of so many spurious contenders for the London title.

We have then now available, by virtue of private enterprise, a unique contribution to Surprise Royal and Maximus knowledge. It is not generally realised that a publication of this sort usually involves the unfortunate publisher in financial loss, and the modest price of this book is possible only because the collector has set the type with his own hand. For Mr. Corrigan is far better known in the typographical than in the ringing world, having contributed regularly for many years to trade papers and being the author of a number of books. The Exercise is much the richer for his interest and grateful for the bestowal of his talents on the production of a much-needed collection of Surprise methods.

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TEN BELL PEALS

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
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A PEAL OF LINDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*STANLEY R. GARDNER	*Treble*	†ERNEST W. RAWSON	6
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†W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal in the method. A birthday compliment to Ernest Morris on his 60th birthday and also to Mr. F. J. Bowley, sen., father of the tenor ringer.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

KATHLEEN TILLEY	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON	6
*ALFRED BALLARD	2	*SIDNEY O. CHENEY	7
*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	3	*J. FREDERICK MILNER	8
PETER J. STANIFORTH	4	*ALAN JACQUES	9
JILL POOLE	5	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Royal in the method.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

CUTHBERT G. WHITE	*Treble*	†ARTHUR D. COOK	6
FRANCIS A. WHITE	2	FREDERICK C. WHITE	7
*FRANK WHITE	3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD	8
†ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	4	RICHARD WHITE	9
†TERRY R. HAMPTON	5	FRED WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by the late G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.
* First peal on ten away from treble. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

*CHARLES BAILEY	*Treble*	JOHN F. MOOR	6
JOHN R. SMITH	2	CECIL V. EBBERSON	7
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Composed by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal together for 35 years.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5069 CHANGES;
Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

*GILLIAN A. SMITH	*Treble*	†J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	6
ALBERT H. WARD	2	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	7
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PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

*MARGARET E. RIDYARD	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. DEACON	6
†G. ALEC DIMMOCK	2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	7
THOMAS HAMMOND	3	THOMAS W. HESKETH	8
RONALD KENRICK	4	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	9
CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	5	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal. † First peal of Cambridge.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

JEAN C. BROWN	*Treble*	*FRANK ARROWSMITH	5
*ALAN N. BROWN	2	*DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK	6
C. KENNETH LEWIS	3	DAVID VINCENT	7
*ROY BROOM	4	ALAN J. BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal in the method. A wedding compliment to Miss Joan Morris, a member of the local band, and Mr. G. Heath.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 16, 1949, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr.

*NORMA BICKERDIKE	*Treble*	STANLEY E. DARMEN	5
ALFRED SMITH	2	GEORGE ROBINSON	6
EDWARD JENKINS	3	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE	7
MOLLY AMBLER	4	PERCY J. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.
* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate Mr. P. J. Johnson's 51 years' ringing.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

WILLIAM H. CARNWELL	*Treble*	ARTHUR PEAKE	5
MARGARET RIGBY	2	FREDK. W. GROCOTT, JUN.	6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	CHARLES H. PAGE	7
MARGARET FLACKETT	4	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by N. R. HOLLAND.
The first peal of Staffordshire by all the band except the treble ringer, and by an all-Staffordshire band.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

ADOLPHUS ROBERTS	*Treble*	W. BRIAN ELLENDER	5
WILLIAM COLLETT	2	WILLIAM H. MALE	6
DOUGLAS F. ELLENDER	3	†HUBERT ASHLEY	7
*MARGARET D. REEVES	4	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by T. W. SHEPPARD.
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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Morris' Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOAN BUSSEY	*Treble*	CHARLES ROUSE	5
WILLIAM RICHINGS	2	JOHN WHITING	6
*P.C. FREDK. SCUDAMORE	3	LESLIE BARRY	7
HAROLD AUSTIN	4	CHARLES LARNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal of Triples.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 27, 1949, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*JOHN E. KIRBY	*Treble*	*JAMES H. KIRBY	5
ERNEST H. SIMPSON	2	DONALD R. MARSHALL	6
PETER WOODWARD	3	GORDON BENFIELD	7
EDWARD SMITH	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.
* First peal of Major. First peal on the back eight since recasting. Rung in honour of the visit of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh to the city.

GORLESTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

THOMAS SIMMONS	*Treble*	ERNEST E. HOLMAN	5
DENIS A. BAYLES	2	*ALBERT E. COLEMAN	6
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
HERMAN W. SMITH	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF HEREWARD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
C.C. Collection Triples Methods, Peal No. 1. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	FREDERICK H. BIRKS	5
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NANCY P. BIRKS	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	7
JOHN W. BEST	4	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
First peal in the method by all except ringer of 7th.

EASTWOOD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 29, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Worcester Variation. Tenor 19 cwt. 21 lb.

MISS E. FOULK	*Treble*	DENIS R. CARLISLE	5
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SAMUEL PINDER	3	EDWARD F. GOBEY	7
EDWARD C. GOBEY	4	*†FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by EDWARD F. GOBEY.
* First peal of Kent and Oxford. † 25th peal together.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*GLADYS JARRETT	*Treble*	*GEORGE A. NAYLOR	5
*TREVOR A. CROSS	2	*ERIC NAYLOR	6
*FRANCIS J. CHEAL	3	VICTOR A. JARRETT	7
THOMAS BEAUMONT	4	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN	*Tenor*

Composed by ISAAC G. SHADE. Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
* First in the method. Tenor 11¼ cwt

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. Parker's No. 9. Tenor 16¾ cwt.

JAMES MARSH	*Treble*	JOHN R. LUNHAM	5
JAMES TAYLOR	2	THOMAS W. HESKETH	6
JULIA M. PRESTON	3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE	7
JOHN N. BROWN	4	HARRY MOORCROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.
A birthday peal for Mrs. J. Marsh.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

HUBERT G. SUMMERS	*Treble*	CHARLES H. WEBB	5
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THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID, GLANADDA,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

PIERCE ROBERTS	*Treble*	J. A. RANDALLS	5
FRED EVANS	2	G. H. RANDALLS	6
NORA BIBBY	3	VINCENT CHILD	7
*LESLIE PITMAN	4	*P. DICKENSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. H. RANDALLS.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung in 1947.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part (Variation). Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

HENRY ROGERS	*Treble*	*†FREDERICK G. HOOPER	5
*ALBERT H. WARD	2	*HAROLD PAILING	6
*PATRICK PRESTON	3	*FREDERICK A. SALTER	7
CLEMENT GLENN	4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal in the method. Also by the Guild and on the bells.
† 50th peal.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

*THOMAS MARSHALL	*Treble*	*JOHN L. ASHCROFT	5
*MARGARET E. RIDYARD	2	THOMAS S. HORRIDGE	6
*JAMES BLACKBURN	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	7
THOMAS HAMMOND	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. A birthday compliment to Mr. William Santus, donor of the treble bell.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

J. ALWYN TAYLOR	*Treble*	*V. WILSON SYKES	5
STEPHEN LL. PARRY	2	GERALD DARE	6
*M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY	3	S.S.M. PHILIP TOCOCK	7
†JAMES TAYLOR	4	IVAN KAY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES (Five-part). Conducted by IVAN KAY.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Kent Major. First peal after repairs to tower and bells. Rung to celebrate the second invasion of the Vikings.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED W. BRIGHTON	*Treble*	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON	5
*C. RON SMITH	2	T. WILFRED TAFFENDER	6
CHARLES A. HUGHES	3	GEORGE DAWSON	7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	4	EDWARD D. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.
* First in the method. To commemorate the fifty years George Dawson has been a member of the Leytonstone ringers. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. T. H. Taffender.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 30, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, WHITFIELD,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

JAMES A. MILNER ...	...*Treble*	*ARTHUR HIBBERT	5
C. KENNETH LEWIS ...	2	ALAN A. POTTS	6
SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ...	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
WILFRED STEVENSON ...	4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal in the method.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 30, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

OLIVER G. BARNARD ...	*Treble*	HARRY D. LISTER	5
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ...	2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD...	6
CHARLES E. FISHER ...	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL...	7
*ROBERT E. LESTER ...	4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by OLIVER G. BARNARD.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

PERCY PAGE	*Treble*	PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ...	5
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ...	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	6
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP...	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	7
WILFRED W. RING ...	4	HARRY PARKES ...	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by M. S. LANCEFIELD.
First peal of Bristol by all the band except the tenor ringer.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 31, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*GEORGE KENWARD	...*Treble*	*STANLEY B. DOBBIE ...	5
*DORIS G. DOBBIE ...	2	*CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ...	6
*ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3	*WALTER H. DOBBIE ...	7
MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	4	HARRY PARKES ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Yorkshire. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*MARION GRAIN ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR ROLFE	5
*JOHN A. ACRES	2	T. REGINALD DENNIS ...	6
ERNEST H. MASTIN ...	3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ...	7
MAURICE J. THURMOTT	4	RONALD H. BULLEN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.
* First peal of Double Norwich. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

GLOUCESTER.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF CRYPT YOUTHS AND
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE CRYPT,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HAROLD AUSTIN	*Treble*	WILLIAM JONES	5
THOMAS NEWMAN	2	LESLIE BARRY	6
GEORGE CASE	3	WILLIAM RICHINGS ...	7
WILLIAM SIDWELL ...	4	HARRY NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. MATTHEWS. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
A farewell peal to the ringer of the 4th.

LINSLADE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

*SYDNEY FOSKETT	...*Treble*	*HAROLD BURTON	5
C. HENRY HARDING ...	2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...	6
LEONARD H. BOWLER...	3	LEWIS HARRY BYWATERS	7
RONALD J. SHARP ...	4	*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal in the method. Rung for the church's centenary, also as a welcome home to Miss Valerie Willard from South Africa.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

STUTTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., July 22, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B.

RONALD W. STEWARD ...	*Treble*	RONALD G. BUGG	4
GEORGE W. MOSS ...	2	GEORGE WATERMAN ...	5
*DUDLEY H. BUXTON ...	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
* First peal in seven methods. Tenor 12 cwt.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 23, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
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 6½ cwt.

*MISS G. ROBINSON (17)	*Treble*	KENNETH W. DUFFY (20)	4
†MISS B. A. DUFFY (18)	2	‡HERBERT M. BROWN (14)	5
†MAURICE BENNETT (16)	3	‡AUBREY A. PEPPER (17)	*Tenor*

Conducted by AUBREY A. PEPPER.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal. First as conductor.

TROWELL, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL GUILD.
On Mon., July 25, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven differently called extents. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

*BRIAN BUSWELL ...	...*Treble*	†KENNETH J. EDGE ...	4
BERNAL SHAW	2	‡PATRICK PRESTON ...	5
WM. THORNLEY, JUN. ...	3	§J. KENNETH WAGSTAFFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Treble Bob. § First peal of Minor in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled to commemorate the dedication of the stained-glass window memorial to the fallen of this village in the 1939-1945 war.

HAWARDEN, FLINTSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DEINIOL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY O. BAKER	*Treble*	*BRIAN HARRIS	4
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ...	2	*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5
JOHN W. BEST	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.
* First peal of Minor.

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*ARTHUR JOPP	...*Treble*	F. ALBERT REA	4
FRANCIS J. CUBBERLEY...	2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ...	5
HAROLD WILLETT	3	CHARLES J. CAMM ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.
* First peal of Minor. Rung to celebrate the 70th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Rea. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 27, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*GEORGE CHIVERS ...	...*Treble*	*PETER SHORT	4
*PHILLIP DERRICK	2	DAVID HOARE	5
FREDERICK SAVAGE ...	3	GEORGE CLARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
* First peal. Farewell peal to ringer of 2nd.

OMBERSLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 27, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 20 cwt.

WM. H. A. COMPTON...	*Treble*	REGINALD WOODYATT ...	4
*CLAUDIA A. HARDING...	2	DENIS R. MORRIS	5
GEORGE E. LARGE ...	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal of Surprise.

QUARTER PEALS

ALFORD, LINCS.—On July 31st, 480 Plain Bob Doubles, 780 Grandsire Doubles: H. Scoffin 1, J. I. Smith 2, Miss H. E. Broomhead (first of Doubles) 3, S. H. Sutton 4, K. Ketteringham (cond.) 5, W. Hall 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—On July 31st, at the Annunciation Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. R. Packer 1, F. C. W. Knight 2, Edna M. Sills 3, B. D. Threlfall 4, J. L. Morris 5, R. W. Dent 6, R. L. Sills (cond.) 7, R. H. Baker 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On July 26th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. J. Lewis (cond.) 1, H. V. Cooke 2, Rev. T. P. Hearn 3, A. Law 4, F. J. Lewis, jun. 5, V. R. Williams 6, W. H. Hayward 7, W. Wrigley 8. In memoriam Wilfred Andrews, Winchester Cathedral.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On July 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, J. L. Millhouse 2, Mrs. E. E. Davis 3, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 4, W. D. Prockson 5, W. H. Hewett (cond.) 6. T. G. Fox 7, T. H. Francis 8.

CRANHAM, GLOS. — On July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Griffiths 1, Miss C. Griffiths 2, L. Barry 3, Miss M. Thomas 4, A. Griffiths 5, G. Pratt 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6.

DEAL, KENT.—On July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joy M. Milner (first quarter) 1, Redvers F. Elkington (cond.) 2, W. Bottrill 3, J. Baxter 4, H. Wood 5, M. M. Milner 6.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. F. Crowder 1, J. E. Warner, sen. 2, F. Morris 3, J. Warner, jun. 4, F. W. Richardson 5, E. Mounter 6, F. C. Shorter (cond.) 7, F. Stevens 8. For the 94th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK. — On July 31st, at the Memorial Tower, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Stannard 1, R. Simmonds 2, S. Sturgeon 3, J. Banks 4, W. Goodship 5, A. Moore 6, W. Stannard (first in method as cond.) 7, A. Ballam 8. First quarter in method 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8.

FAIRFORD, GLOS. — On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sandle 1, Miss J. Morse 2, Miss F. Hope 3, G. Freebrey (cond.) 4, Miss E. Morse 5, P. Pitts 6, H. Acock 7, W. Godwin 8.

HURST, BERKS.—On July 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. B. C. Castle 1, B. C. Castle 2, A. Wiggins 3, L. Bune 4, A. J. N. Rance 5, W. J. Parker 6, W. J. Paice (cond.) 7, E. Allum 8. First of Stedman by 4, 6 and 8.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Mandeville 1, B. Eaton 2, B. Austin 3, R. F. Turner 4, C. W. Bird 5, B. P. Morris 6, R. G. Black (cond.) 7, P. I. Chapman 8. First quarter 1 and 2.

MANCHESTER.—At the Town Hall on July 23rd, 1,320 Stedman Doubles: R. Benson (cond.) 1, S. Livesey 2, W. Pye 3, J. Crawshaw 4, R. Smith 5, S. Thornycroft 6. First in method for 2, 4, 5 and 6.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On July 27th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: L. E. Hitchins 1, F. S. Slatford 2, R. J. Harding 3, E. J. Hitchins 4, P. W. J. Harding (cond.) 5, H. J. Hunt 6. In honour of the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Price. Mr. Price was for many years captain of the local band.

PAISLEY, SCOTLAND.—At St. James' on July 23rd, 1,298 Plain Bob Major: R. M. K. How 1, H. Sargent 2, R. J. G. Thom 3, Mrs. M. H. Caldwell 4, E. Boumphrey 5, R. W. M. Clouston 6, N. Sharpe, sen. 7, Peter W. B. Semmens (cond.) 8. First in method 4, 5 and 7.

PORTSMOUTH. — On July 30th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. D. Harris 1, B. C. Stirland (first of Stedman) 2, Miss H. Dale 3, F. W. Burnett 4, W. Tate 5, H. A. Nobes 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, F. L. Harris 8. To celebrate the bicentenary of the first peal on the bells.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—On July 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: K. Abbott 1, Beatrice Brierley 2, P. Hudson 3, Marjorie Leach 4, J. A. Taylor 5, James Taylor (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 3. For the wedding of Mr. E. G. Wheater and Miss J. L. Parker.

JOINT MEETING AT SHEFFIELD

Fine bells, good company and the right temperature were the ingredients for the meeting of the Sheffield Society and Northern District Ladies' Guild at Rotherham on Bank Holiday Monday.

About fifty ringers were present and many ringers were pleased to meet old friends again. Methods rung included Double Norwich, Yorkshire and London Major, Stedman Caters, Little Bob, Forward and Cambridge Royal.

All requests were met by the Ringing Master, and under his careful leadership learners were gradually included throughout the meeting. Some very excellent ringing was enjoyed.

A short business meeting was presided over by the late secretary, Mr. H. Chaddock, who mentioned that the cup contest would be held at Clowne in September.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar (who kindly visited the ringers during the afternoon), to Mr. Ryder (tower master), Mr. J. Turley (secretary), Mr. H. Chaddock (chairman) and to Mr. N. Chaddock, the Ringing Master.

The only disappointing part of the meeting was the small attendance of ladies.

WELCOME HOME

On July 27th, touches of Stedman Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung at Christ Church, Mitcham, by many friends of Mr. A. Miller, who arrived home from Canada by air late on July 26th.

Mr. Miller flew to Canada last April to visit brothers whom he had not seen for over 60 years, and had a wonderful reception in Canada and the United States. He is the captain of the Christ Church band and has been a member for well over 40 years.

WEEDON BEC, NORTHANTS. — On July 29th, 1,260 Bob Minor: S. G. Osborne 1, S. Manning (first of Minor) 2, L. W. Houghton 3, V. A. Perry 4, K. R. Holtom (first of Minor as cond.) 5, A. P. Cannon 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

During the Exeter 'week' of the Universities' Association, Mr. A. York-Bramble is to read a paper on 'Grid Analysis,' illustrated by some two dozen lantern slides. The paper and slides he proposes to offer to the Central Council library for record and circulation throughout the Exercise.

Four members of the Dobbie family rang their first peal of Yorkshire together at Sittingbourne.

The peal of Lindsey Surprise Royal at Loughborough Bell Foundry was Ernest Morris' 111th peal on these bells. This was rung on his 60th birthday.

Regarding brothers' peal record, Messrs. G. R. and William Pye rang over 1,000 together, and Messrs. E. and W. Pye over 600, writes Mr. E. W. Pye, of Ipswich.

Mr. David Vincent has 'completed the circle' of St. Mary's, Bowdon, Cheshire, and Mr. V. A. Jarrett that of St. Mary Magdalene's, Gillingham, Kent.

Mr. G. Freebrey, Derby, would like to congratulate the ringers at Fairford, Glos., on the progress they have made during the past year and to thank them for the opportunity to ring a quarter-peal with them.

Heaviest ring in Derbyshire, St. Luke's, Derby, with a tenor 30¾ cwt., has been silent for four years owing to the 6th bell being cracked. Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. have removed the bell for recasting and the rededication is expected to take place in October.

To-day the Universities' Association assemble at Exeter for their ringing week. A company of between 35 and 40 ringers is expected, headquarters being at Thomas Hall. During the week there will be ringing at Exeter Cathedral, Buckfast Abbey and 35 other Devon towers. There will be about five peals during the week, most of the time being devoted to visiting a group of towers each day.

Culled from details supplied to members of the Yorkshire tour now in progress: 'During former tours I have discovered who the "snorers" and restless sleepers are. The foregoing list is made out to provide maximum comfort for all. When you arrive at your "digs" you will find your beds labelled with your name. Please adhere to the instructions given. Unfortunately we have only seven single beds. These are reserved for those who rob others of their sleep.'

Mr. Ron Bullen, Ely, writes: May I correct the footnote to the peal of Yorkshire Royal rung at Southampton, July 9th, 1949 ('Ringing World,' page 338). Charles H. Kippin rang his first peal of Royal in this method Saturday, November 3rd, 1928, at Beddington, according to my peal records. First in the method by all the band, says the footnote.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Hugglescote was the first on the bells since they have been rehung on ball bearings, and the ringers who took part in the peal attended evening service, at which the Vicar made appropriate reference in the prayers and sermon to the reopening of the bells. They now go like tops, Messrs. John Taylor and Co. having made a very fine job of them.

Cambridge Youths, reinforced by members of the C.U.G.R., spent the Bank Holiday at Oxford. On the outward journey there was ringing at Bicester, and on the return at Leighton Buzzard. At Oxford, after an excellent lunch, Christ Church, Merton and New College were visited in turn and short touches enjoyed in spite of a threat by the proctors. After tea St. Mary's heavy six were utilised. At the tea table Mr. J. W. R. Quinney was heartily thanked for making the excellent arrangements. Members of the Oxford Guild, Messrs. Judge, P. Semmens, Moore and Bennett, were likewise thanked for obtaining the necessary permission.

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SUSSEX TOURISTS IN DEVON

July 3rd—10th, 1949

EXCELLENT weather marked the start of what proved to be a highly successful ringing tour organsed by Mr. Oliver Sippetts and Miss F. Wyman. The party, consisting mainly of ringers from Sussex, left by coach from Crawley at 8 a.m. on July 3rd. After dining at Mere, the first stop for ringing was at Queen Camel, where Plain Bob, Grandsire and Cambridge were rung on the famous heavy six. Tea at Fenny Bridges was interrupted by a fire alarm, and some of the party saw a lorry ablaze on the main road.

The tourists were joined at Exeter by Mr. and Mrs. E. Stitch and Mr. and Mrs. T. Roderick, and the bells of St. Thomas', Exeter, were rung for evening service. Afterwards to Ashburton, where the Golden Lion Hotel was the headquarters for the next few days. The handbell ringing which followed the evening meal became a regular feature of the tour.

At 8.30 a.m. on Monday the party left to ring at Crediton. Unluckily the recommended route proved impossible for the coach, and Crediton could not be reached in time. However, Tiverton (8, tenor 25 cwt.), where the bells were raised in peal, and Uffculme (8) were visited in the morning. Dinner was at Cullompton, and Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Royal were rung on St. Andrew's bells. Thence to Broadclyst (8) and Heavitree (8), where the bells were much admired. After tea in Exeter ringing took place at the Cathedral. The 'Thomas Eight' were raised in peal and subsequent ringing consisted of rounds on twelve, Stedman Caters on the back ten and Cambridge Major on the 'Thomas Eight.' The ringing masters for the day were Mr. O. Sippetts and Mr. G. Cecil.

Tuesday's programme started at Bickington (6), and then Buckfast Abbey, where the party met Mr. A. Bennett. Here rounds on twelve and Stedman and Grandsire Caters were rung. Buckfast Abbey proved to be very interesting, especially as some of the wood-carving in the choir had been executed at Crawley. The ring of eight at Ugborough proved to be a tough handful. During dinner, Mr. R. Overy, who had been ringing master during the morning, handed over his 'badge of office' to Mr. L. Stilwell. Ringing followed on two good eights, Berry Pomeroy (17 cwt. tenor) and Torquay (Upton), tenor 14 cwt. After tea a drive through wonderful scenery along the sea coast brought the party to Chudleigh, and all enjoyed this pleasant ring.

On Wednesday morning the bells of St. Andrew's, Ashburton, were rung before taking leave of the town. The journey to Widecombe was very enjoyable, and the six bells were soon set going, but people purchasing souvenirs of Uncle Tom Cobley nearly upset the time table. Over Dartmoor to Tavistock (8, tenor 24 cwt.) for ringing and lunch. Thence to ring at Okehampton and Hatherleigh, both octaves. At Hatherleigh the party was met by Messrs. Myers, of Plymouth, and tea was enjoyed at the George Hotel.

A switchback ride to Barnstaple followed, and this was the headquarters for the remainder of the week. The secretary of the local Guild was at St. Peter's, Barnstaple, to meet the visitors and was able to answer many questions on West Country ringing. The ringing masters for the day were Mr. E. Stitch and Mr. A. E. Laker.

The following morning Mr. F. Hairs was ringing master. A visit was paid to Chittlehampton, an excellent ring hung in a magnificent tower. The incumbent was a ringer and rang Stedman Triples with the visitors. Chulmleigh, another ring of eight, was the next church to be visited. Lunch followed at Eggesford, and Mr. G. Cecil took over office of ringing master. South Molton's impressive 140ft. tower contains a ring of eight bells, tenor 24 cwt., and in the ringing room are many certificates to show the prowess of its ringers. The party then set off to ring at Combe Martin (8, tenor 10 cwt.), and after tea the two eights at Ilfracombe, Holy Trinity and St. James', were visited.

FINE CORNISH WELCOME.

Friday proved to be the most interesting day for the majority of the tourists. The coach left Barnstaple for Truro, and halting at Bodmin for refreshments, where a set of handbells was found hanging in the bar. At Truro the visitors were met by the president of the Truro Diocesan Guild, Miss E. Symons; vice-president, the Rev. A. S. Roberts; the Ringing Master, Mr. W. H. Southeard; the treasurer, the Rev. Canon Peeke; and Mr. H. Miles. The ten bells of Truro Cathedral, tenor 33¾ cwt., were rung to Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal.

The Church of St. Cainwen, Kenwyn (8, 15 cwt.), was next visited, set amid lovely scenery. The tea at Truro was by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Southeard and was thoroughly enjoyed. Speeches of welcome were made by Miss Symons and Canon Peeke, and Mr. F. Hairs suitably responded. The return journey to Barnstaple was by way of Launceston, where the evening meal had been arranged. On arriving at Launceston a single bell was heard ringing and some of the party investigated the sound. It proved to be the curfew bell, but it was not possible to ring at the tower owing to the remainder of the bells still being lashed after a learners' practice. The ringing master for the day was Mr. O. Sippetts.

On Saturday the first tower to be visited was Pilton (Barnstaple), a ring of eight (tenor 25 cwt.). This was followed by a journey to Tawstock, where there is a very interesting church. Here they have a ring of eight bells, tenor 18 cwt., and a ringers' jug. Afterwards came St. Michael's, Torrington, with a good octave, 16 cwt. tenor, rung from the ground floor. Mr. R. Overy had been ringing master during the morning, and after dinner the duty fell to Mr. E. Rapley. St. Bridget's, Bridgerule (8, 10 cwt.), was the next on the list, and then to Clovelly for tea. After ringing at Stratton (8, 22 cwt.), the ring of eight at St. Mary's, Bideford, with its 17 cwt. tenor, was the last to be visited before returning to Barnstaple. At the hotel that evening a presentation was made and a vote of thanks given to both Mr. Sippetts and Miss Wyman for their work in arranging the tour. Mr. Sippetts was given a tiepin and Miss Wyman a brooch.

Sunday was the last day of the tour, and the coach set out in the morning to return to Crawley. Those friends who had joined the party at Exeter left at Bridgwater and the remainder went on to ring on the excellent octave at All Saints', Westbury, Wilts, with its 35 cwt. tenor. An alfresco tea at Pewsey was enlivened by handbell ringing, and the six bells of St. Peter's were rung for evensong.

On the coach on the last stage of the tour statistics were compiled to show the tourists had rung at 36 towers, rung 17,171 changes of the following: Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Minor, Grandsire, Oxford Bob and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Bristol, Cambridge, London, Norfolk, Superlative and Yorkshire Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Cambridge and Kent Treble Bob Royal; and they had climbed 1,208 steps to reach the belfries. The handbell ringers had rung up to Grandsire Cinques 'in hand.' When the coach reached Crawley it was noted that the total distance covered on the tour was 1,002 miles. T. G. F.

SHRIVENHAM, WILTS. — On July 29th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: F. G. Wilton 1, Miss B. J. Stange 2, Miss B. M. Stange 3, A. R. A. Peake 4, J. E. Manners 5, B. Bladon 6, P. Anger (first of Triples as cond.) 7, E. Grainger 8. First of Triples for 2, 3 4. First of Oxford Bob by all the band except the conductor. A farewell to G. Collins on leaving for Australia.

2,000th Issue

Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, writes:—

The Editor asks for reminiscences for the 2,000th number. My personal recollections of nearly fifty years ago are that 'The Bell News' obviously was coming to an end and could not last many years even with gold infusions. What was going to happen? The Exercise could not support two papers. Other rivals to the dying 'Bell News' were themselves short-lived. Then the right man arrived in John Goldsmith. Of his perseverance and success others will no doubt write.

Now the paper has been in a sense 'nationalised,' or at least 'Exercised,' and its future lies with the Exercise, acting through its national organisation.

[The Editor acknowledges many other letters on this subject, which he hopes to refer to in due course.]

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT AT SHEDFIELD.

In expectation of a well-attended meeting in the glorious sunshine at Shedfield on July 23rd, the secretary had arranged for the six bells at Wickham to be at the disposal of the Guild, thus relieving congestion at the very small eight-bell tower.

Bells were available from 2.30 p.m. onwards, methods up to Spliced (5) Surprise Major being rung at Shedfield, and up to Cambridge Surprise Minor at Wickham.

The Guild form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. B. G. Crowley), after which about 60 people sat down to an excellent tea. In addition to district members, visitors were present from Chichester, Kington (Hereford), Southampton (St. Michael's and St. Mary's), Woolton Hill, Worthing and Uxbridge. The business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the Rev. B. G. Crowley. Three new ringing members were elected, and Soberton was selected for the next meeting on October 15th.

Mr. Chappell proposed and Mr. Hunt seconded that the following resolution be forwarded to the sub-committee dealing with schemes for a Guild war memorial and the memorial to the late Master (Mr. G. Williams): 'That, in view of the fact that Mr. George Williams was born and started his ringing career at Droxford, two new bells be added to the existing four, as a combined Guild war memorial and a memorial to Mr. George Williams.' This was carried unanimously.

Thanks were expressed by the district chairman (Mr. Lister), to the Vicar, the organist and the young ladies who had arranged tea.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

A very warm welcome was accorded the 47 members and friends of the South and West District on July 16th at St. Mary's, Twickenham, this being the first occasion the Association has visited St. Mary's since the induction of the new Vicar (Canon Rogers). Ringing was of a high standard, ranging from rounds to London and Bristol Surprise.

A beautiful service was conducted by the Vicar, who took as his text the very appropriate words, 'He hath put a new song in my mouth.' Tea, provided by the Vicar and churchwardens, and arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Lovell, was most enjoyable.

At the business meeting, with the Vicar presiding, tribute was paid to the late Vicar and president of the Association, Preb. Cole Sheane, and Mr. J. Herbert, of Twickenham, who have passed to their rest, also Mr. E. Hancox, of St. Andrew's, Hillingdon. The meeting stood in silence. Eight new members were elected, including Canon Rogers as an hon. life member.

Thanks were accorded to Canon and Mrs. Rogers, the churchwardens, Mr. and Mrs Lovell and family, and Mr. E. Morris and his band of ringers for the truly Middlesex welcome accorded the Association. F. A. F.

COMING-OF-AGE OF ST. AMBROSE GUILD, BRISTOL



A memorable picture taken at the 21st Birthday Celebration of the Guild on July 16th. Names from left to right:—Back row: W. B. Kynaston, N. Denson, C. Williams, C. Greedy, A. Liversedge, R. Bryant, A. A. Hilliar. Second row: Mrs. C. Baker, Miriam James, Ann Clarke, G. Elliott, Mary Davis, Mary Hilliar, E. Hancock, J. T. Dyke, V. Lucas. Third row: Mrs. F. Skidmore, Mrs. Kynaston, W. Lansdown, Rev. F. C. Vyvian-Jones, J. W. Jones, J. G. Jefferies, C. R. Harding, P. C. Williams, F. Skidmore. Front row: Mrs. D. M. Bennett, E. J. Ridler (vice-captain), Mrs. F. Lee, Mrs. Swann, Rev. F. S. Lee, A. C. Baker (captain). By kind permission of 'Evening World,' Bristol.

OBITUARY

MR. A. A. HADLEY.

The death occurred on July 22nd of Mr. Arthur Albert Hadley, of 57, Riverholme Drive, West Ewell, Surrey. He was 78 and leaves a widow and daughter.

Starting life at Cradley, Worcs., deceased learnt ringing at the age of 16 under Mr. W. H. Fussell, and during the ensuing 25 years travelled by cycle and on foot to all the towers in the district ringing and teaching.

In 1921 he moved to Ireland, taking up the appointment of sexton and head ringer at St. Saviour's, Arklow. Here he continued to teach young ringers, and there must be many who remember his proficiency with handbells.

In 1932 he had a fall, in which he sustained a fractured right arm and dislocated shoulder and was picked up in a critical condition.

In the subsequent case at Wicklow Circuit Court, in which he was applicant under the Workman's Compensation Acts, judgment turned on his incapacity to continue his work of giving instruction in bellringing, there being no other person in Arklow capable of doing this work. After Mr. Hadley had demonstrated his inability to raise his arm above the level of his shoulder, the Judge ruled that he was no longer fit to be a bellringer and awarded him the maximum compensation.

Returning to England, he still took a very active interest in change ringing and was instrumental in starting and keeping together a band of ringers at Ewell Parish Church.

In 1944 Mr. Hadley and his family were made homeless by what is thought to have been the second flying bomb to fall on this country. His son-in-law was killed while he was injured in the head.

Mr. Hadley was a most likeable, unassuming and accomplished ringer, with a rare skill for imparting his knowledge. He has been greatly missed during his illness of the past 15 months.

Handbells were rung over the grave at Ewell and Epsom Borough Cemetery by ringers who knew him from Ewell, Epsom, Ashtead and Leatherhead.

A half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Ewell on July 24th as a tribute to his memory: Babara Pottinger 1, Margaret Howard 2, R. F. Layton 3, A. Williams 4, J. Hill 5, H. E. Good 6, J. E. Beams (cond.) 7, A. F. Rippington 8. First 'inside' 2 and 3.

MR. E. MANSELL.

St. Martin's Guild has lost one of its oldest members by the regretted death at the age of 78 years of Mr. Ernest Mansell, of 208, Solihull Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

For 43 years he had been a service ringer at St. Martin's and previously was a member of the Yardley Parish Church service ringers. The exact number of his peals is not known, but he had rung 50 peals at St. Martin's, chiefly Stedman Cinques. A clever exponent on handbells, he broadcast on several occasions from the Midland Region of the B.B.C. with his own company, all of whom he had trained.

Mr. Mansell worked for many years for the Birmingham City Corporation public lighting department, and after his retirement resumed his previous calling as a gardener. He was at work a month previous to his death.

A good living man, he loved his church, his home and his family, and his lovable character endeared him to hosts of friends. A widow and grown-up family are bereaved.

The first part of the funeral service took place at St. Martin's Church. The service was conducted by the Rev. G. H. Coddrington (curate), who also officiated at the interment in the family grave at Yardley Cemetery. Mr. P. Cotterill was at the organ and accompanied the hymns.

The widow and family were present and the St. Martin's Guild was represented by Alderman A. Paddon Smith (vice-president), Messrs. A. Walker (Master), J. F. Harvey (librarian), E. C. Shepherd (Ringing Master), G. E. Fearn (secretary and treasurer), F. E. Haynes and W. C. Dowding. At the interment a course of Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside. Among the many wreaths was one from the St. Martin's Guild. A. W.

HARRY METCALFE.

The many friends of Mr. James Metcalfe, of Scorton, Lancs, will be sorry to hear of the tragic death of his son, Harry, aged 15 years, who died in the Royal Lancaster Infirmary after being hit on the head whilst playing cricket.

The funeral took place at Scorton on Aug. 3rd and was attended by ringers from Kirkby Lonsdale, Morecambe and Lancaster, in addition to the local band.

The bells were rung muffled as the cortege left the church.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CENTRAL COUNCIL DECISIONS

Dear Sir,—The sub-committee appointed by the Standing Committee to report on the 'Decisions' is now at work on the matter, and it has occurred to us that there may be many members of the Exercise who may have strong feelings on various controversial matters, and if there are any who feel disposed to write to me, I can promise that any suggestions or ideas they may put forward will be earnestly considered by the sub-committee.

It will be appreciated that the task before us is a formidable one, and we shall be glad to receive any help or guidance from those who are genuinely desirous of getting matters straightened out. We are anxious to 'feel the pulse' of the Exercise, and will do our best with what, we feel sure, will be recognised as a most difficult proposition.—Yours faithfully,

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

63, Argyle Road, West Ealing, London, W.13.

A BROADCASTING TRANSPOSITION

Dear Sir,—On the evening of August 4th there was a broadcast called 'From Tower and Steeple' in the West of England Home Service, of which I was the producer, and I should be glad if you would print this apology for a mistake which occurred during the programme. While we were on the air the recording of the bells of St. Mary's, Southampton, was put on by an unfortunate error in place of those of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol. This I regret very much, firstly because the listeners were not given an opportunity of hearing the fine bells of St. Mary Redcliffe, and secondly because the bells and excellent ringing from St. Mary's, Southampton, were broadcast without acknowledgment.

The mistake was more unfortunate because Mr. E. J. Taylor was known to have been our technical adviser on the programme, and I should like to make it clear, especially after all the trouble he took in helping us to avoid inaccuracies, that he was in no way responsible for any mistakes during the transmission.

May I also add here how very much we have appreciated the co-operation of the many bands of ringers who helped us to make the recordings.—Yours faithfully,

BRANDON ACTON-BOND.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM AT ST. NEOTS

Dear Sir,—I am asked to state that no permission was given for ringers from Sible Hedingham to ring at St. Neots, also the mistake is theirs. Permission was granted for St. Ives bells and the bells raised ready for them. It is regrettable such a misunderstanding arose and a rush into print. One consideration should be given to the St. Neots verger; his hearing is not all that is desired.

F. WARRINGTON,
District Ringing Master,
Hunts District, E.D.A.R.

CHILD RINGERS

Sir,—A child who takes up ringing at the age of 15 may normally expect some 50 years' enjoyment of the art. Yet there are some so jealous of fame that they will strive to add an extra half-dozen years at the beginning and so risk the health and strength that will enable them to enjoy the last twenty-five.

In the full knowledge that it will bring down on my head a storm of abuse from all proud parents, I put forward the suggestion that no peal should be recognised which includes a ringer under the age of 15. And I hurriedly put up an umbrella in defence and add, 'unless a certificate has been obtained from the school medical officer to show that the child is well enough developed to stand the strain.

To be the 'youngest ever' is a worthless record anyhow. It is a tribute to the bell-founders' rather than the bellringers' art.—Yours faithfully, WILLIAM MORLAND.

Lamberhurst, Tunbridge Wells.

RINGING AND SERVICE ATTENDANCE

Dear Sir,—Full marks to Group Captain Lister for raising this very difficult and nagging problem of ringers' attendance at Sunday services after ringing. It is, as he suggests, high time the matter was seriously considered by the Exercise in general and not least by our directors of policy, the Central Council.

There are, I think, two sides to this problem. Speaking mainly from local experience, it is evident that there is a substantial number of ringers, married and with young families, who, quite rightly, will not stay behind to attend Sunday services without their wives. Now it resolves itself to this; either the Church retains very useful members, in the belfry and not in the congregation, or it loses members altogether. There is an alternative, of course, and that is for the clergy, or those responsible, to provide 'sitters-in' for these particular ringers on occasional Sundays.

On the other side of the picture, however, we do find a section of ringers, both old and young, who are quite capable of representing their function in the body of the Church in public worship, but the shameful fact remains that ringers throughout the Exercise are noted for their absence at Sunday services.

The faults, however, do not lie entirely with the ringers. In my opinion a good proportion of the fault is with the clergy. How often do we find our Vicars and Rectors visiting us in our ringing chambers on Sundays, perhaps to join with us in a prayer, and how often are we exhorted to attend the service following? How often are the ringers given any Christian leadership or advice by their clergy, and lastly, how often do our clergy enquire into and criticise the continued absence from public worship of the ringers, which is their right? To these questions I think the unfortunate answer must, in most cases, be very very rarely.

However, I am sure of this fact, church bellringers will not be fully recognised as church officials anywhere until there is ample evidence that the ringers do not ring entirely for their own enjoyment, and that they are prepared to join regularly in public worship with the congregation they call to church by the ringing of the bells.—Yours faithfully,

PETER H. ROLLISON.

Eastbourne.

RIGHT OR LEFT-HANDED RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Re the query of a Leicester ringer on the above; when I was taught to handle a bell it was with the rope-end in my right hand—wrong perhaps. My much respected friend, the late John H. Cheesman, with whom I rang nearly 100 peals, and who rang over 1,000, rang the same way. He used to say we were 'kack-handed' ringers. Whether he meant right or left-handed he never said—and I never asked. Right or left, he was a ringer par excellence.—Yours faithfully, F. M. MITCHELL.

Gravesend, Kent.

AN EXAMPLE FROM BOXING

Dear Sir,—In last week's 'Belfry Gossip' there is a query from Leicestershire with regard to a ringer holding the end of his rope in his right hand. Obviously he is a right-handed ringer, as his left hand will be above his right, on the hand and back stroke.

A boxer who is right handed normally holds his left hand in front of the right, and a right-handed person hauling on a rope does exactly the same, whether the rope happens to be horizontal or vertical.

I myself ring with the end of the rope in my right hand, and have had my stance termed left handed by many friends. I don't agree.—Yours sincerely, A. L. SHEPHERD.

Eastham, Wirral.

Truro Diocesan Guild

AN INTERESTING REVIEW.

The Truro Diocesan Guild follows a fairly set course in regard to meetings—or festivals as they are called in Cornwall—by the holding of such gatherings in each branch in spring and autumn, with an annual diocesan festival which alternates roughly to the west and east of the county. This year the Truro Branch opened the programme when Mr. George Clemens arranged for his bands and friends to meet at St. Budock, near Falmouth, in April. With a second octave at St. Gluvias, and six at Mabe, all Taylor rings on ball bearings, the ringing went merrily. Service and tea according to custom, and a welcome from the Vicar, the Rev. R. A. Williams, completed the picture. Some years ago these three rings (then two sixes and a five) rocked anti-clockwise in wooden frames. Now rigid metal holds them all.

May was a month of meetings. Two fell on one day. The Guild officers like to be present, so the Ringing Master (Mr. W. H. Southeard) went to St. Mewan (six bells)—there was ringing too at St. Stephen-in-Brannell (8)—and the diocesan secretary (the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella) to Werrington. The former was a Mid-Cornwall Branch affair, and arranged by the secretary, the Rev. F. F. Gilbert. After an afternoon of practice, when service and tea were over, the various bands rang, not in competition, but for proficiency certificates. Elaborate arrangements had been made for a recording van to be there, and afterwards each band could buy a record of the ringing they had done. Many did so. The latter was the Launceston Branch, and there Mr. W. F. Moss had two eights and a six at Launceston available also. Mr. E. G. Caple, of Clevedon, went tower hunting on this occasion.

The Penzance Branch had its headquarters at Manaccan for service and tea. The Vicar (the Rev. H. H. Dixon) welcomed the members, but as Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram is a churchwarden, and was once Master of the Guild, that welcome was very much augmented. Mawgan (6), St. Anthony (8) and St. Keverne (8) were on the programme, and judging by how members and visitors unite to traverse Cornish lanes at high speed to ring in all the towers, the term 'dawdle' of ringers is far too old-fashioned. Some enthusiasts are already jet-propelled. This meeting decided on St. Mary's, Penzance (8), with Gulval (8) and Madron (6) for the next meeting on Oct. 22nd.

Last, and not to be forgotten, was the South-East Branch gathering at St. Mellion (6) with Pillaton (6). Mr. H. J. Clarke is secretary and also Deputy Master of the Guild. This branch covers the beautiful Tamar Valley, and Mr. Clarke has struggled for years to keep alive the art of method ringing.

The Diocesan Festival was at Carbis Bay (8) on July 23rd, with Lelant (6), Zennor (6), Towednack (8) and Phillack (8) also. One hundred and thirty had tea after only 100 had said they were coming, but the day was too happy to issue reprimands, and members were welcomed from all over Cornwall, and visitors from Northamptonshire, Hampshire, Middlesex, Devonshire and Lancashire got caught up in more whirlwind transportation, and a man from Middlesex found himself in a car which passed a motor bike at high speed on the coastal road to Towednack. On the motor bike were two ringers from Plymouth. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. S. Roberts), and Canon C. K. Peeke (Guild treasurer) preached. A message was read from the Bishop of Truro. The president of the Guild, Miss Eileen Symons, was present. Ringing went on from 2.20 to 9 p.m. Thus, so far this year, the festivals have been well attended with numbers from 50 to 130, which is a matter of encouragement. We know in Cornwall that method ringing has yet a long way to go, but the ringers are on the march and are a living witness of church life generally.

A. S. R.

ASH BOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., July 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

Ronald W. Steward...	*Treble*	Ronald G. Bugg	4
George Waterman ...	2	Urban W. Wildney ...	5
George A. Fleming ...	3	Edward E. Davey ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Urban W. Wildney.

BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents Tenor 11½ cwt.

*Joan Alison	*Treble*	Harry Morgan	4
Jack Bray	2	†Philip Barnes	5
G. Leslie A. Lunn ...	3	George E. Feirn ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Feirn.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Surprise Minor.

GRIMSTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Cambridge, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

Edward Barker	*Treble*	Norman V. Harding ...	4
Claude Cousins	2	Cecil V. Ebberson ...	5
Wallace Cousins	3	H. William Barrett ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cecil V. Ebberson.
A compliment to Mr. James C. Reader, churchwarden, and Miss Nora A. Saunders on the occasion of their marriage.

PASSENHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Guthlac,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 17 cwt.

Harry Ridgway	*Treble*	Frederick C. Case ...	3
Thomas E. Roberts ...	2	*George W. Holland ...	4
William Yates	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Thomas E. Roberts.
* First peal of Doubles.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kingston, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*Doris Marshall ...	*Treble*	‡G. Gordon Graham ...	4
†Douglas H. Rooke (14)	2	Herbert T. Rooke ...	5
Frederick Flint ...	3	Arnold Hill	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.
* First peal. † First peal "inside." ‡ First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Rev. P. H. F. and Mrs Sturdy.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

Joseph Booth	*Treble*	David Smith	4
Eric Hornby	2	Dorothy C. Osborn ...	5
Albert H. Booth ...	3	Harry W. Howard ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
A birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the 4th.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Victor A. Perry	*Treble*	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	4
Maud Clarke	2	Kilby R. Holtom ...	5
Ernest G. Orland ...	3	A. Patrick Cannon ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Kilby R. Holtom.
First peal of Minor as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
At Stedman, 128, Sketchley Road,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).

*Brian Warwick	1-2	†Harry Poyner	5-6
Alfred Ballard	3-4	Harold J. Poole	7-8

Conducted by Alfred Ballard.
* First peal of Triples 'in hand.' † First peal of Triples. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Rowley on their 25th wedding anniversary.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 27, 1949, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,
At Osmington School,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents called differently. Tenor size 8 in C.

Rona Minall	1-2	*W. H. J. Hooton ...	3-4
Rosemary Smith	5-6		

Conducted by W. H. J. Hooton.
* 200th peal 'in hand.'

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Fri., July 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
At Emmanuel College,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor size 11 in G.

C. G. Woodhead (Pemb.)	1-2	G. Dodds (Emmanuel) ...	5-6
Anne B. Stockdale (Girt.)	3-4	J. B. Rowsell (Jesus) ...	7-8

Composed and Conducted by G. Dodds.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 29, 1949, in 1 Hour and 25 Minutes,
At Osmington School,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents called differently. Tenor size 8 in C.

Rosemary Smith	1-2	W. H. J. Hooton	3-4
Brenda Fells	5-6		

Conducted by W. H. J. Hooton.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., July 29, 1949, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,
In the Belfry of the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents.

Trevor Reynolds	1-2	*Dennis Beresford ...	3-4
*Joan Beresford	5-6		

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* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,
In the Belfry of the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

*Trevor Reynolds	1-2	Peter Beresford	3-4
Dennis Beresford	5-6		

Conducted by Trevor Reynolds.
* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.

FERNDOWN, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., July 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At Ferndown Hill,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

William G. Young	1-2	Daniel T. Matkin	5-6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3-4	Harold J. Poole	7-8
Roy C. Hurst	9-10		

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
Witness: Mr. Martin Stewart.
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THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 2, 1949, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,
At Emmanuel College,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 11 in G.

C. Moor (Trinity)	1-2	Anne B. Stockdale (Girt.)	5-6
G. Dodds (Emmanuel) ...	3-4	C. G. Woodhead (Pemb.)	7-8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by C. G. Woodhead.
First peal of Major as conductor.

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MEETINGS

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Meeting, Acton, Saturday, Aug. 13th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea at Rectory 5. Special welcome to kindred societies.—F. Finch. 5580

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Meeting Llanfigan (Brecon), Aug. 13th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bring own food and cups; tea provided.—D. Bennett, 2, Council Houses, Bronllys, Talgarth. 5602

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Bentley (6), Saturday, Aug. 13th, 6 to 9. Please note the altered date.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 5586

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Chobham (8), Saturday, Aug. 13th. Usual arrangements. — F. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 5571

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Moreton Corbet, Aug. 13th, 3. Please bring own tea.—C. A. Barron. 5610

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Cookley (re-opening of the bells), Saturday, Aug. 13th, 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—B. C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 5590

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Lamberhurst (6), Aug. 13th. Anything from Doubles to Spliced Surprise Minor.—C. A. Bassett. 5589

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Puddletown, Aug. 13th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow.—J. H. Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 5599

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Aberavon, Aug. 20th. Bells 2. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. A good attendance desired.—F. J. Hannington. 5601

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Barnby Don, August 20th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Notify R. F. Lunn, 5, Maltkiln Cottages, Barnby Don, by August 17th. 5628

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch. — Marbury (not Wybunbury), Saturday, August 20th, 2.30. Please send names for tea by 16th. — Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 5629

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Dalwood, Aug. 20th, practice meeting. Bells from 3 p.m.—J. Arbury, Hon. Sec., 2, Paternoster Row, Ottery St. Mary. 5613

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Hungerford (8), Aug. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. W. H. Oram, 83, High Street, Hungerford, Berks, by Aug. 17th. 5612

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch. — Monthly meeting, Saturday, Aug. 20th, Liscard St. Mary's (8). Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea provided free for those notifying me by 15th. — Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5617

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eccles, on Saturday, Aug. 20th. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m.—Frank Reynolds, Branch Sec. 5618

COVENTRY GUILD.—Coventry and Stratford Districts.—Meeting at Sherbourne, near Warwick, Aug. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Bring food, cups of tea available. Stratford district members, please note.—Frank E. Pervin. 5619

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester and Crewkerne.—Combined meeting, Curry Rivel, Aug. 20th. Notice for tea essential. — J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Taunton. 5616

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —Practice, Stedham (6), Aug. 20th, 3. Names for tea (by 17th) to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 5615

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Tilsworth (six bells), Saturday, Aug. 20th, at 3 o'clock. Bring food. Tea provided.—Valerie Willard, Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 5626

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton District. — Meeting, Great Dalby, Aug. 20th. Bells 3. Tea, meeting, Royal Oak. 5. Names to H. T. Bonshor, Great Dalby, by 17th.—J. H. Cook, District Sec. 5621

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.— Meeting, Brightling, Aug. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.— H. Gorringe, Hon. Sec. 5620

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting, Godstone Saturday, 20th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. Notify J. W. Knight, 92, Coldshott, Oxted, Surrey, Aug. 16th. 5633

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting is at Waterfoot on Saturday, Aug. 20th. Bells from 3.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 5632

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — Meeting at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available 2.30. Business 6.30. Tea supplied at reasonable price at New Inn. Names to J. Leatherbarrow, 43, Wigshaw Lane, Culcheth, near Warrington.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 5614

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —I.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Brading, Aug. 20th. Names for tea by Aug. 16th to Mrs. Guy, 3, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport. 5622

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Deanery. — Practice meeting at Enmore, Aug. 20th, 6.30 p.m.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 5625

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery. — Meeting at Weston-in-Gordano, Aug. 20th, 4 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 5624

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough and Leicester Districts.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Aug. 20th, Prestwold (8). Ringing 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to C. W. Hall, The Terrace, Copt Oak, near Markfield, by Aug. 17th. 5623

IRISH ASSOCIATION. — Northern and Eastern Districts.—Joint meeting, St. Peter's, Drogheda (8), Aug. 27th, 2.30. Tea, Church Hall, 5.30. Names by 22nd. Visitors welcome. —John T. Dunwoody, 49, Victoria Road, Holywood; Fred E. Dukes, Jenkinstown, Dundalk. 5627

THREE GUILDS FESTIVAL. — GUILDFORD GUILD (Farnham District), OXFORD GUILD (Sonning Deanery Branch), WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Basingstoke Branch).—To be held at Hawley on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Service 4. Tea (2s.) 4.30. Hawley (8), Yorktown (8), Sandhurst (6) and Yateley (8) from 2 to 9; Farnborough (6) and Bagshot (8) from 2 to 3.30; Finchamstead (6) 6 to 9 p.m. A coach will run between towers in the evening, fare 2s. Tickets for coach and tea, 3s. 6d. (under 16 years 2s. 6d.), from G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants.—J. Chesterman, B. Castle, G. S. Joyce, District Secs. 5587

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSN. —Preliminary.—Annual dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 6. Tickets (7s. each) shortly available and obtainable from branch secretaries, or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 5609

THE LADIES' GUILD

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Southern District, held at Christ Church, Epsom, on July 30th, attracted a gathering of some 35 members and friends

Tea, arranged and provided by Mrs. Massey, of Claygate, was delectable and generous and was served alfresco in the peace of the Vicarage garden. The secretary then followed her usual custom of dismissing the gentlemen to amuse themselves whilst the ladies settled down to a business meeting, at which no less than nine ringing members and one honorary member were elected

Mrs. Lathbury expressed her pleasure at seeing so many young members coming along. Mrs. Hazelden, of Guildford, the district's vice-president, took the chair.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at Higher Brixham on July 23rd, when visitors were present from London, Taunton, Newton Abbot, Paignton, Ashburton and Buckfastleigh. Ringing took place during the afternoon, this being followed by a service in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. S. de Cerjat).

After a bountiful tea the business meeting followed, presided over by the branch chairman (Mr. J. E. Lilley). Four new members from Brixham were elected. A special meeting will be held at Highweek on August 27th, and the next quarterly meeting will be held at Dartington and Totnes on October 29th, both meetings subject to the necessary permission

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, to the lady organist and the local ringers and their wives. Methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire Triples, Stedman Doubles and Triples, and Plain Bob Minor. A. L. B.

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The quarterly meeting held at Loughton on July 23rd turned out to be a very popular fixture indeed, for 51 sat down to tea and approximately 60 members and friends enjoyed ringing on this fine eight. Apart from one or two touches, the ringing was of a high order and ran the whole gamut from rounds to London.

The most enjoyable service was taken by Canon M. N. Lake, and at the business meeting which followed 12 new members were elected.

Youth and old age were very much in evidence in the persons of little Evelyn Pryke, of Brentwood, aged 12, hunting the treble through Grandsire and Plain Bob, and the evergreen and popular 'Teddy' Bacon, of Loughton, who at 86 seems to have lost little of his vigour and none of his enthusiasm, calling a nice touch of Stedman.

QUARTER PEALS

ROYSTON, HERTS. — On July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Linwood 1, A. Gilbert 2, A. Dockerill 3, H. Heathfield 4, W. J. Houghton 5, A. Parish 6, E. W. Roberts (cond.) 7, G. Allgood 8. For the dedication of Priory Memorial Gardens.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At St. James' on July 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: O. Witt (first quarter on eight) 1, G. Walford 2, H. Floyd 3, E. Wadman 4, W. Priddle 5, H Mockridge 6, W. Gigg (cond.) 7, E. Simons 8.

THRYBURGH, YORKS. — On July 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Cynthia Edmondson 1, Elaine Wright 2, Shirley Bampton 3, R. Rhodes 4, T. Cutts 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6.

WARSOP, NOTTS. — On July 31st, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. D. H. Rooke 1, Miss D. Marshall (first quarter Treble Bob 'inside') 2, D. Chadwick 3, R. Tomlinson 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.

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VETERANS' VIEWS

THE EDITOR has been gratified with the many words of wisdom he has received with the publication of the 2,000th issue. Some of these reflections are not only of personal value to him, but also of benefit to the young ringers of to-day. The story of a young man in a remote Devonshire village being fired with ambition following a visit by the Rev. F. E. Robinson on one of his tours, and how it was accomplished, is one that could well be read by the young ringer of to-day. It was achieved by walking miles to attend practices and getting home in the small hours of the morning, 'tired, but happy, and making all sorts of excuses to the wife.'

From another part of the country comes a tale of the difficulty in getting recruits. This ringer inaugurated a vigorous campaign. The Vicar appealed from the pulpit, church organisations were written to, and all without success. Numerous good churchfolk stopped him in the street and wished him luck, and remarked that it would be such a pity for the bells to be idle. Not one of them offered. There is the old story in the Bible of the invited guests who would not attend the feast. The moral is the alternative, 'Go into the highways for your recruits, providing you have asked the Church first.'

How much are we indebted in many towers to one man—who has stuck it through thick and thin. Too often, alas, these individuals are the backbone of Sunday Service ringing. These individuals at times get their reward, and one of them mentions with a degree of pride the quarter of Grandsire Caters rung recently with excellent striking, the first for 17 years.

From another correspondent the Editor is implored to continue, through his columns, to stress the importance of good striking and good handling, as the number of good ringers is still far too small. 'One of my reasons for no longer attending meetings is that the ringing is usually so bad—unless it is Surprise.' The standard of English ringing will never be improved if those who are fit and able stand aloof. Practical example and personal explanation go a long way.

From another of the veterans comes the complaint that 'The Ringing World' 'panders too much to ignorance, self-advertisement and youth. . . . The high wages now being earned have created a sense of arrogance which persuades the possessors that they know far more than they do and that skill in ringing entitles them to air their ignorance of affairs in print.' Well, gentle reader (to use a Victorian expression), if the cap fits, wear it. There is a strange assortment in 'The Ringing World' family, but the present generation, with all its faults, like its predecessors, has good and bad. Men and women are known by their acts, words and writings. Perhaps the Editor has been too free with his discretionary powers, but he maintains, with all his faults, that human interest has been preserved even if it causes chagrin among some of the veterans.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., July 30, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	*Treble*	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	7
HENRY H. FEARN	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	9
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	JOHN PINFOLD	10
WILLIAM C. DOWDING	5	FRANK E. HAYNES	11
LEONARD TREVOR	6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
* First peal of Cinques. A wedding compliment to Mr. John D. Niblett and Miss Joan E. Withey.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING	*Treble*	HENRY H. FEARN	7
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	8
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	*WILLIAM A. FARMER	9
LEONARD TREVOR	4	JOHN N. LINDON	10
FRANK E. HAYNES	5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	11
JAMES F. HARVEY	6	EDWARD T. LLOYD	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
* First peal on twelve bells.

BIRMINGHAM.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	8
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	*EDWARD JENKINS	9
ALFRED BALLARD	4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	10
†W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	11
GEORGE E. FEARN	6	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus. † First peal on twelve bells. Birthday compliment to Mrs. Sidney O. Cheney.

TEN BELL PEALS

BECKENHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
MRS. R. F. DEAL	2	WILLIAM H. HEWETT	7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	8
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS	4	RICHARD F. DEAL	9
PATRICIA HOLMES	5	PERCY J. SPICE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOS. H. FRANCIS.

WELLS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
Tenor 56¼ cwt.

*EDWARD J. CHIVERS	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. TURNER	6
GEORGE J. HAWKINS	2	*WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT	7
†PERCIVAL H. HULL	3	WILLIAM G. GIGG	8
WALTER H. POOLE	4	THOMAS J. SETTER	9
RONALD W. HAYWARD	5	†HERBERT A. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Caters.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Aug. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

THOMAS HEMMING	*Treble*	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	7
JOHN PINFOLD	3	HENRY H. FEARN	8
LEONARD TREVOR	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	9
FRANK E. PERVIN	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
First peal of Albanian Royal for the Guild and by all the band.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 3, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

MRS. F. A. PENN	*Treble*	†LAWRENCE E. HITCHINS	6
*MISS B. CLEVELAND	2	PERCIVAL W. HARDING	7
GILBERT H. HARDING	3	ERNEST PARKER	8
FRANK A. PENN	4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS	9
FREDK. S. SLATFORD	5	†ROY HARDING	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Caters. To celebrate the 21st birthday and engagement of Miss B. Cleveland.

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.

HARRY MORGAN	*Treble*	*†W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
*MILTON C. FOWLER	2	*ERNEST A. THORPE	7
*F. BERNARD DITCHER	3	*J. EDWARD CAWSER	8
*ARTHUR FIRTH	4	*JOHN J. L. GILBERT	9
J. FREDERICK MILNER	5	*JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal of New Cambridge Royal. † 100th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 28, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

GEORGE T. PEGNALL	*Treble*	ROBERT G. FISHER	5
CHARLES H. MOORE	2	PHILIP W. J. FRYER	6
THOMAS E. SPIGHT	3	*BERT GOGLE	7
WILLIAM CLOVER	4	HENRY TOOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.
* 50th peal for the Association. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Robert Spight, for many years secretary of the local company, who retired in 1932.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5
*†C. HENRY HARDING	2	LEONARD H. BOWLER	6
*‡RONALD J. SHARP	3	*LEWIS H. BYWATERS	7
*†ANDREW C. SINFIELD	4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal together. ‡ 50th Surprise peal.

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SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 30, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ARTHUR R. FOWKES	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
F. BERNARD DITCHER	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
MILTON C. FOWLER	3	JOHN E. TURLEY	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
First peal in the method on the bells. Tenor 28¾ cwt. in D.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 30, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

OLAVE E. BROYD	*Treble*	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	5
*WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	2	CECIL W. PIPE	6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	3	JOHN W. WARD	7
FRANK L. FISHER	4	ERNEST W. PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ERNEST W. PYE.
* 300th peal. Tenor 14 cwt.

LLANSTEPHAN, CARMARTHENSHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

EDMUND J. MORRIS	*Treble*	TREVOR M. RODERICK	5
ERNEST STITCH	2	FRANK C. PRICE	6
GWYN I. LEWIS	3	RICHARD E. PRICE	7
G. WILLIAM MORRIS	4	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by TONY PRICE.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT	*Treble*	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	5
ANTHONY W. J. APPLETON	2	FRANK I. HAIRS	6
MRS. F. I. HAIRS	3	PHILIP A. CORBY	7
JAMES BENNETT	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

*JUNE HENSHAW	*Treble*	WALTER ALLMAN	5
EDWARD JENKINS	2	JOHN WORTH	6
C. KENNETH LEWIS	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal of Surprise on the treble.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

BERNARD MADELEY	*Treble*	THOMAS PRICE	5
*WILLIAM J. CHESTER	2	HOWARD HOWELL	6
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	3	*WILLIAM H. TYLER	7
FREDERICK PRICE	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal of Superlative.

ST. IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Shipway's Reduced. Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

FRANK WARRINGTON	*Treble*	†R. FRANK BAKER	5
HAROLD S. PEACOCK	2	FRANK W. LACK	6
GEORGE E. CRISP	3	STANLEY GILBERT	7
*PETER G. BARNES	4	HENRY DUNNINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal. † First of Major. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Gilbert on their wedding anniversary.

WINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt.

*JOHN A. HILTON	*Treble*	JOHN H. BAXTER	5
WILLIAM BOTTRILL	2	‡WILFRED S. PALIN	6
†PETER NEWING	3	THOMAS H. HOLMES	7
‡EILEEN S. WYLES	4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by WM. BOTTRILL.
* First peal. † First of Major 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Major.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK	*Treble*	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5
JOHN S. MASON	2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	6
MARGARET L. TUTT	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	7
WALTER F. JUDGE	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, *in* 4 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 46 cwt.

JOHN A. DOWNING	*Treble*	WILFRID F. MORETON	5
JOSEPH T. DYKE	2	RONALD G. BECK	6
WALTER F. JUDGE	3	JOHN S. MASON	7
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

ST. DAVID'S, PEMBROKESHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT ST. DAVID'S CATHEDRAL GATEWAY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in D.

EDMUND J. MORRIS	*Treble*	G. WILLIAM MORRIS	5
ERNEST STITCH	2	FRANK C. PRICE	6
ARTHUR HOARE	3	RICHARD E. PRICE	7
TREVOR M. RODERICK	4	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by TONY PRICE.

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 3, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's. Tenor 29 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE	*Treble*	WILFRID F. MORETON	5
BETTY SPICE	2	RONALD G. BECK	6
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	7
JOHN A. DOWNING	4	JOHN S. MASON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR W. BIRD	*Treble*	*PETER KINDRED	5
*ARTHUR G. WIGMORE	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
†PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD	3	*ALBERT E. COLEMAN	7
WILLIAM C. PORTER	4	OLIVER G. BARNARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK.
* First peal in the method. † First peal on an inside bell. Rung to celebrate the Queen's birthday.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

LEWIS J. LAST	*Treble*	ERNEST W. PYE	5
GEORGE W. PIPE	2	FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL	6
GEORGE A. FLEMING	3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	7
WILLIAM J. BUTTON	4	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.
In honour of the marriage of Miss Margaret Rose Lyttelton to Mr. R. M. A. Bourne.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 24¼ cwt.

RONALD J. SHARP	*Treble*	C. HENRY HARDING	5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	2	ARTHUR D. COOK	6
TERRY R. HAMPTON	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	7
*ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	4	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal of Surprise.

CARISBROOKE, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 20½ cwt.

*IAN N. S. JACKSON	*Treble*	FRANK S. TAYLOR	5
DOREEN COKER	2	SIDNEY MOODY	6
RICHARD WARD	3	ARTHUR F. JACKSON	7
SYLVIA COKER	4	F. DONALD BOREHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOREEN COKER.
* First peal. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

GILBERT H. HARDING	*Treble*	JOHN S. MASON	5
BETTY SPICE	2	JOSEPH T. DYKE	6
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	3	RONALD G. BECK	7
WALTER F. JUDGE	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Morris J. Morris' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	*Treble*	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	5
JOHN KING	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
†ARTHUR D. COOK	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
BERNARD J. SADDINGTON	4	BURLEY P. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal of Triples. † 100th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JOHN E. BIBBY	*Treble*	WALTER ALLMAN	5
WILFRED STEVENSON	2	C. KENNETH LEWIS	6
CYRIL VALENTINE	3	JOHN WORTH	7
HENRY O. BAKER	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
A belated 80th birthday compliment (July 26th) to Mr. Charles Edwards, of Bowdon, sometime Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

TERENCE THORNBER	*Treble*	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	ALAN JACQUES	6
JILL POOLE	3	FRANK K. MEASURES	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	ALFRED BALLARD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal in the method by all the band and first for the Guild.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

BERNARD V. COLLISON	*Treble*	*DORIS E. COLGATE	5
ALBERT RELFE	2	CHARLES A. BASSETT	6
THOMAS E. SONE	3	ALEC E. RICHARDSON	7
ROBERT COLLINS	4	*ERNEST J. LADD	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* 25th peal together. First peal in the method as conductor.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

*RICHARD DUKE	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. PRECEY	5
ROGER KEELEY	2	†PETER G. FOOTE	6
CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL	3	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	7
G. FRANK HAYSOM	4	S.S.M. P. H. TOCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by C. W. H. POWELL.
* First peal on eight. † First peal.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Morris' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

*HERBERT G. LAWN	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	5
ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	2	ARTHUR D. COOK	6
CYRIL H. KINCH	3	EDMUND E. PEARSON	7
JAMES W. BARBER	4	*JOHN S. MCGINLAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDMUND E. PEARSON.
* First peal.

CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17½ cwt.

CYRIL E. LANXON	*Treble*	GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM	5
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS	2	R. GEORGE CLEMENS	6
CLARENCE DREWETT	3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS	7
E. VIVYAN WILLIAMS	4	PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.
A wedding peal for Miss Joan E. Withey, married on July 29th at this church to Mr. J. D. Niblett. First peal in the method on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, viz.: Beverley Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

DAPHNE M. WAIN	*Treble*	ALFRED W. CUSICK	4
A. TREVOR SUTTON	2	*ERNEST T. CARVELL	5
CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	3	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.
* First peal in seven methods away from the treble.

GREATFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising 720 each of St. Simon's, Old Doubles, Canterbury Pleasure Reversed, April Day, Antelope, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

*JAMES CLARE	*Treble*	CECIL WADE	3
RAYMOND WADE	2	LYDIA CROWSON	4
*SAMUEL CLARE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by CECIL WADE.
* First peal.

PIDDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of two 720's Kent Treble Bob (C.C.C. 150, 151), five 720's Plain Bob (C.C.C. 34, 49, 51, 28, 29). Tenor 11 cwt.

*EDWARD G. BENNETT	*Treble*	ARTHUR GIBBS	4
PHILIP JONES	2	RONALD C. NOON	5
*PHILIP DELMON	3	ERIC NOBLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.
* First peal of Minor in two methods. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Thelma Rainbow. A welcome to the new Vicar.

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QUARTER PEALS

BARWELL, LEICS. — On July 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. C. Belton 1, F. E. Wilshaw 2, F. W. Grocott 3, C. R. Belton 4, W. P. Whitehead 5, J. W. F. Trotman (cond.) 6, G. P. Garner 7, J. Hill 8. Arranged for the ringers of 2 and 3, of Stoke-on-Trent.

BENWELL, NORTHUMBERLAND. — On July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Livingstone (first quarter) 1, Miss K. Stothard 2, W. Mann (first quarter 'inside') 3, G. Carse 4, R. S. Mallaburn (cond.) 5, J. Carse 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles on Aug. 7th: L. Miller 1, Miss K. Stothard 2, R. S. Mallaburn 3, G. Carse 4, J. Carse (cond.) 5, R. Barrow 6.

BONVILSTON, GLAM.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Carter 1, A. Hannington (cond.) 2, H. Blick 3, I. Jones 4, R. E. Coles 5, W. Blick 6. In memoriam Mrs. E. Thomas.

BREDBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: G. B. Robinson 1, A. G. Clarke 2, H. Reynolds 3, F. Pawnall 4, T. Wilde (cond.) 5, H. Hooley 6, W. Carter 7, C. E. Tomkinson 8. First quarter in method for 3, 4 and 7.

GARSINGTON, OXON.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Adams 1, D. Woodley (first 'inside') 2, Miss N. Honey (cond.) 3, B. S. Nichols 4, W. Fern 5, G. Webb 6. For David Woodley's 15th birthday.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On July 31st 1,440 Bourne Surprise Minor: W. F. Todd 1, G. Cherry 2, D. P. Jones (first in method) 3, L. Fidler 4, W. J. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6.

HUNTINGDON.—On Aug. 7th at All Saints', 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Peacock (first quarter in method) 1, H. S. Peacock 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, C. J. Young 4, C. H. J. Gravette 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. First of Minor by all resident Sunday service band.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Audrey Mandeville 1, B. J. Eaton 2, B. Austin 3, R. F. Turner 4, C. W. Bird 5, B. P. Morris 6, R. G. Black (cond.) 7, P. I. Chapman 8. A birthday compliment to Miss A. Mandeville.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Leeden 1, F. Creasy 2, A. W. Palmer 3, W. Moore 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, J. Moore 6. First quarter-peal for all except conductor.

OXFORD.—On Aug. 7th, at St. Ebbe's, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. R. Paton (first quarter) 1, A. R. Pink (cond.) 2, Mrs. R. G. Cross (first quarter 'inside') 3, Miss M. R. Cross 4, W. H. B. Wilkins 5, M. Barrow 6, E. Moore 7, C. Coles 8.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Aug. 7th, at the Cathedral, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: L. P. Cook 1, J. D. Harris 2, S. E. Cook 3, F. S. Taylor 4, W. Upton 5, W. Tate 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, F. W. Burnett 8. First in method for 4 and 5.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Andrews 1, P. Turley (cond.) 2, H. Baker 3, Miss D. Corke 4, L. Turley 5, Miss D. Colgate 6, R. Collins 7, G. Davey 8. A birthday compliment to P. Turley and his grandson (son of L. Turley).

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE. — On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. D. Owens 1, W. G. Smith 2, J. L. Gwynne 3, D. J. Griffiths 4, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 5, J. A. Smith 6. In honour of the 58th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Skyrme.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS. — On July 31st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. H. Morton 1, G. Darlington 2, W. Powell 3, H. Morton 4, A. Hubble 5, A. H. Hingley (cond.) 6, D. Knowles 7, D. Tranter 8, K. Knowles 9, J. Gaden 10. A 21st birthday compliment to D. Knowles. All Sunday service ringers at St. Bartholomew's.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On July 31st, 1,264 Bob Major: J. S. Igglesden 1, Edna M. Sills 2, J. L. Morris 3, G. W. Ashdown (first in method) 4, J. O. Weller 5, R. L. Sills 6, B. D. Threlfall (cond.) 7, F. C. W. Knight 8.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS. — On Aug. 7th, 1,248 Superlative Surprise Major: G. E. Green 1, F. C. Case 2, G. W. Holland 3, J. A. Green 4, G. F. Burton 5, W. Yates 6, T. E. Roberts 7, A. J. Green (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 3, 5 and 6.

A Cornish Ringer Marries

The marriage took place on July 29th at Camborne Parish Church, Cornwall, of Miss Joan E. Withey, of Camborne, to Mr. J. D. Niblett, of Birmingham. Miss Withey learned to ring at Camborne after the ban was lifted, and soon became an enthusiastic member of the Truro Guild, and apart from her Sunday ringing at Camborne and other duties for the church there, was always willing and ready to stand in anything that was arranged. Mr. and Mrs. Niblett's future home will be in Nottingham, where the bridegroom lectures at the University, and has also recently himself made good progress with ringing. Cornwall's loss will be Nottingham's gain.

A peal was attempted at Camborne on Saturday, July 30th, in honour of the marriage, but came to grief. The Rector (the Rev. G. F. Sandfield) readily agreed to a further attempt on August 6th, and this was successful. The band would like to associate Mr. H. C. Spencer with the peal as he was in the first attempt.

GOLDEN WEDDING

The bells of St. James' Church, Leyland, Lancs, were rung on the evening of August 2nd in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Miller. Mr. Miller has been ringing at St. James' for over fifty years, and also ringing with him are a brother and a son. Mr. Miller's father was a ringer there for many years.

A large gathering in the Masonic Hall, to celebrate the event, included friends, neighbours and ringers. Mr. William Holmes, also a ringer at St. James', 83 years of age, and with 63 years' service to his credit, was present, after taking part in the ringing. He is the only surviving member of the band which rang on Mr. Miller's wedding day.

A few days later a peal of Minor was rung by members of the Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association, with Mr. Miller's son as conductor. Both Mr. and Mrs. Miller enjoy good health.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The dedication of Blackburn Cathedral bells takes place at the 8 a.m. service on Sunday, August 21st. The dedication prayers only will be said at this service. The bells will be rung for morning service, which is at 10.30, by the Cathedral band, and the dedication completed at this service. Civic recognition will be given to the service by the attendance of the Mayor. Work on the bells, the new synchronous clock and adaptations to the tower have involved an expenditure of more than £3,500.

Mr. Frederick S. Sutton has circled Acton, Cheshire, tower.

Congratulations to Mr. W. Eric Critchley and Mr. Arthur D. Cook on their 100th peals.

Messrs. George Packer and Richard D. Langford, of the Chester Diocesan Guild, have rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

We regret to learn that Mr. Charles Dean, of Croydon, convener of the Peals Analysis Committee, has been incapacitated with muscular rheumatism. He has tendered his resignation as convener of the committee. His many friends will wish him a speedy restoration to health. His illness has resulted in a delay in the publication of the committee's statistics for 1948.

Two rings of three in the Bicester Deanery Branch, Oxfordshire, are being augmented. A treble is to be added to St. Olave's, Fretwell. Here the treble and tenor were cast in 1612 and 1618 by Robert Atton, of Buckingham. A frame for six bells is being put in at the same time.

The other is at Caversfield, where two trebles are to be added. In this church there is a 13th century bell hanging in an oak frame, complete with all its fittings, in the belfry on the ground floor. The present treble was cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1927, and the second and tenor by J. Taylor and Co. in 1876 and 1874.

During a week's tour in the West Country, Mr. Walter F. Judge and his party scored peals at Ditcheat, Sherborne (where Mr. Alan R. Pink turned the 46 cwt. tenor in to Yorkshire Surprise Major), Chew Magna and Martock.

The ringer of the third in the quarter-peal at Allesley on July 17th was Miss A. Timms.

By ringing the treble at Ibstock on July 30th, Mr. J. W. Cotton (secretary of the Midland Counties Guild) has now circled this tower.

Manchester Cathedral has been closed for the whole of August to allow the contractors to repair bomb damage.

The ringer of the fourth bell in the peal of Plain Bob Major at Lowton, Cheshire, on July 16th, was Miss Margaret Flackett and not as stated.

The peal at Tunbridge Wells on August 5th was a birthday compliment to Mr. Frank H. Hicks, of Hailsham, and Mr. Ernest J. Ladd, the conductor.

A party of Leicester ringers are visiting Ireland towards the end of this month. The Irish Association meeting at Drogheda is arranged to coincide with their visit.

The Hon. Librarian regrets the delay in the execution of orders for C.C. publications. It is unlikely that he will be able to fulfil these before the first week in September owing to absence from home.

In a letter thanking all their new and old friends as the result of their week's tour, Messrs. Arthur D. Cook, Terry R. Hampton and Antony W. T. Cleaver write: Everywhere we went we were welcome and had a most enjoyable time. We were rather disappointed at the failure of Stedman Caters at Watford and very sorry that Don Mears' umpteenth attempt for Stedman Triples went the way of his others. However, our other peal attempts were all very successful in spite (?) of one conductor 'singing a song' in the middle.

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MORE MESSAGES FROM FIRST ISSUE READERS

In Reminiscent Vein

We publish this week our second instalment of messages from No. 1 readers. We hope at a later date to compile a list of those who have been with us through the years.

PRACTICAL VALUE.

Rev. F. Ll. EDWARDS, Kington Magna, Dorset.

It would be remiss on the part of the convener of the Literature Committee to let the production of your 2,000th number pass without appropriate recognition. The noble achievement of the founder of 'The Ringing World,' the grand work of Mr. Trollope in a period of extreme difficulty and your own conduct of the editorial office undertaken at such brief notice and carried out with such conspicuous success all merit a tribute of the highest praise.

When the late Mr. Goldsmith asked for support in his new venture I told him that I would be one of his readers, provided that he issued his journal with the leaves properly cut! (Readers of 'Bell News' in ancient days will appreciate the point.) I have read every one of the 2,000 numbers, in whatever part of the world I have been. One experience illustrates in a remarkable way the practical value of 'The Ringing World' as a means of communication between ringers the world over.

When I held a temporary chaplaincy in Cyprus in 1926 it was forwarded to me weekly there. As I was arranging to spend a few days in Switzerland on my return journey, I gave orders for the first issue in June of that year to be posted to a Swiss address, where it was duly delivered. On perusing its contents I saw to my surprise a notice that owing to the general strike the annual meeting of the Salisbury Guild, which was to have been held in May, had been postponed till June 18th. That just enabled me on the day after arrival in England to go to Trowbridge and take my due part in the proceedings before returning to Kington Magna.

In offering you my hearty congratulations and good wishes I venture to associate with myself in those sentiments my colleagues on the Literature Committee and the members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

EDITORS REMEMBERED.

Mr. Cecil EBBERSON, Snettisham, King's Lynn.

Am pleased to say that I am one of those who took No. 1 and have not missed a single copy since. It was sent out to France, 1914 war, while I was there!

We lost a dear friend in Jack Goldsmith and I lost a dear friend also in Jim Trollope; he was a real friend to me the six years I worked in London; his end was sad to me. I trust he is now R.I.P.

STUDENT DAYS RECALLED.

Mr. A. YORK-BRAMBLE, Netley Abbey, Hants.

May I add my congratulations to all concerned in the production of the quite unique 'Ringing World' and my sincere good wishes towards the attainment of the 3rd et seq. tenth centuries of issue.

As a young student (rather a long time ago!) I opened my copy of 'The Ringing World' with something of a thrill each week, and the degree of interest has in no way diminished with the passing of the years.

I believe the value of the influence of our paper in widening the interest in bellringing has yet to be fully assessed; and I've no doubt this remarkable milestone in its history will be suitably marked by peal dedications. May your circulation increase!

YOUNG ONES GET A CHANCE.

Mr. T. H. VALLANCE, Stoke Golding, Nuneaton.

Let me congratulate you on the 2,000th appearance of 'The Ringing World.' I have read every one except for a few Jerry intercepted in 1916-17-18. I admire how well you are making the cloth run out. What do I see during these years? Not a single item to the detriment of the furtherance of the art. I see much of the old trouble of competition causing ill-feeling rubbed out. Also the young ones getting a chance in a few weeks which they could not have had in years. All to the good in the long run.

As regards friction like sixths place bobs and calling London what may not be, well, many an old hen goes on the table now and is called chicken. As regards peal ringing, always a thorny subject with the haves or have nots, personally I never rang a peal which did not cause me a good deal of physical discomfort. But as my very good friend pointed out, others have had to help get yours, so stand in when you are wanted. All rules should be framed wide enough for anyone to try and make progress.

STARTED IN DEVON.

Mr. L. A. WILSON, Wootton Bassett.

I am one of those who have taken 'The Ringing World' from its first number. I took 'The Bell Ringer' and afterwards the old 'Bell News.' My first thought on a Friday is, has my paper come?

I was taught to handle a bell at Ottery St. Mary by the Godfrey boys in 1890. At that time it was a call change band and cards were put in front of the various bells. Then came a new Vicar, the Rev. Maitland Kelly, who started to teach the band. I rang my first quarter of Grandsire Triples with the bells muffled for the funeral of the president of the Devon Guild, Acland Troyte, and I remember the Vicar saying afterwards, 'Well, Louis, you are entitled to a certificate now.'

I remember the Rev. F. E. Robinson bringing a band for a peal of Stedman. I saw them go into the church and remarked to my Vicar that I hoped to ring with some of those men one day, and he replied, 'You will never be good enough for that.'

In 1897 I went to Wootton Bassett, where I made the acquaintance of Mr. E. Bishop, of Swindon. I walked the seven miles each way for practice and rang my first peal of Grandsire on the fifth at Wootton Bassett in 1898. I continued to practise at Swindon on the old eight, tenor 13 cwt., and rang standard methods up to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.

I began my real ringing career about this time and rang peals with the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Challis Winney, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge and others in various parts of the county. My first peal of Stedman was at Chippenham St. Paul's in 2 hours 36 minutes, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. This peal was interrupted by a neighbour flinging stones through the tower window, which just missed the tenor man.

I lost a peal of Stedman at Beaminster in the last course owing to the tenor man having a fit. All eight ropes seemed to fly about and everybody was in danger of getting hung. We went back to Axminster. After dinner there was a question of beds. Everyone was fixed up except myself. I offered to sleep in the bath, which was quite all right until the morning when some of the others wanted a bath. I was in possession and stayed put until 9 o'clock.

We went for a peal of Stedman at Winsham, near Crewkerne, where the ropes fell in the chancel around a candelabra lit with oil lamps. Here I had the misfortune to get hitched up with the lamps, bringing some of them down with a crash. Mr. Winney whereupon looked at me and said, 'Young man, we are here to ring Stedman. Please try and do so.' Starting off again, we rang the peal in 2 hours 40 minutes.

We then proceeded to Crewkerne and rang the first peal of Stedman on the bells. In the peal Mr. Baker appeared to be asleep and Mr. Winney gave him such a kick telling him to wake up and strike his bell!

I also remember the first Devonshire peal in London at Putney. Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's ringers have always given me a welcome when in London, for which I thank Mr. Langdon and others.

After upwards of 60 years of teaching ringers it is a pleasure to us old ones to see so many young faces at various meetings. We of the old brigade have smoothed the path for them, making great sacrifices of time and money. Still there is something to be said for having ambitions. I think of my humble beginnings at Ottery St Mary and having the pleasure during my ringing career of ringing with most of the notable ringers and conductors on all numbers of bells from five to twelve. Just at this moment we are very excited, as Taylors, of Loughborough, have got Ottery bells for them to be rehung. I am hoping to be present when they are rededicated. It was here that my great-grandfather was a ringer and rang for Queen Victoria's Coronation.

HOURS OF PLEASURE.

Mr. Frederick S. PRICE, Beeston, Notts.

On receiving my 'Ringing World' this morning I am proud to state I join the number who have taken it in since its inception. It has given me hours of pleasure and been the means of making many valued friends.

I wish it continued success. My name was published in the previous list as a No. 1 subscriber; I feel sure there are very few of those left in this district.

I had the pleasure of ringing with Mr. Goldsmith on two or three occasions.

READ EVERY WORD.

Mr. W. W. WORTHINGTON, Lichfield, Staffs.

In reply to your request, I am one of those who have taken in 'The Ringing World' from the start. I don't ring any more, but I read every word of the paper. Best wishes.

MR. GOLDSMITH'S WORK.

Mr. Albert J. HUGHES, Bangor, N.W.

Heartiest congratulations on the 2,000th number. I have taken 'The Ringing World' from the first number, except about three years of the 1914-18 war, when I was on active service abroad. My earliest acquaintance with the late proprietor, Mr. Goldsmith, was through meeting him at the Johnson dinners. We were always struck and impressed by his attention and devotion to his invalid wife. I only rang one peal with him as far as I can recollect, which was Stedman Cinques at Winchester Cathedral. He was always hail fellow well met, and how he always managed to have a chat with everyone at ringers' functions was something to remember. Also the quality of his regular leading articles and his ideas for them left a grand memorial behind him. The continued success of 'The Ringing World' is my earnest hope and wish.

'TO THE END OF MY TIME.'

Mr. Joe HARDCASTLE, Wibsey, Bradford, Yorks.

I, for one, have taken 'The Ringing World' since its inception, and I hope to continue to the end of my time. I started with 'The Bell News' in 1887, afterwards 'The Bellringer,' and I don't think I have missed a copy of one or the other since. All the best for 'The Ringing World.'

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ROUND CHURCHES

Dear Sir,—Having had a lifelong connection with the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton, I was naturally interested in the paragraphs appearing in the Belfry Gossip column of 'The Ringing World' dated July 22nd and 29th respectively, anent the number of round churches remaining in this country.

Your first correspondent gave it as three, while Mr. John Sharman says four, presumably forgetting that the Temple Church in London was practically destroyed during the late war. That being so, it would be true to say there are now three, viz., the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton, founded by Simon de Senlis, first Norman Earl of Northampton, A.D. 1100, the Church of St. Sepulchre, Cambridge, said to have been built by Pain Peverill and consecrated in 1101, and the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, Little Maplestead, late 12th century.

W. H. ASHBY, Churchwarden,
Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton.

ST. CHAD'S, SHREWSBURY

Dear Sir,—Probably I am not the first to write on the subject of round churches, but if Mr. John Sharman's list is correct in the four he gives, the total must be raised to five to include St. Chad's, Shrewsbury.

I thought it was well enough known by reason of its fine ring of twelve, but I admit the band does not distinguish itself these days as regards peals.

However, we ring twice every Sunday, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Grandsire Cinques sometimes.—Yours sincerely,

W. A. FARMER.

Shrewsbury.

MARKET WEIGHTON BELLS

Dear Sir,—The following account of the cost of restoring a ring of bells 165 years ago and the cost to-day is interesting. Market Weighton Church bells, a badly toned ring of six, with a 9½ cwt. tenor, were cast by G. Dalton, of York, in 1783, and the following is taken from old records:—

'On the 28th of Jan., 1783, a Parish meeting resolved to exchange the 3 old bells, valued at £117, for 6 new ones to cost about £206, exclusive of hanging. The sum actually paid for the bells was £92 4s. 0½d., being only a little more than the estimated difference between the value of the old bells and the cost of the new. William Clarkson and James Hopwood were paid £34 for making the bell frames and T. Gardom £1 10s. 6d. for ropes, and the carriage from York (20 miles) was £1 10s.'

As soon as a faculty can be obtained these bells are to be recast by J. Taylor and Co. and rehung in a new metal frame for eight bells at a cost of approximately £1,000, for which we now have about £800. The two other bells to complete the octave will cost a further £250, but will most likely have to be added at some future time. Any contribution towards the cost will be thankfully acknowledged by Yours faithfully, JOHN W. KNEESHAW.

Londesborough Road, Market Weighton, Yorks.

MANY THANKS TO ALL!

Mr. Geo. W. TEMBEY, Cleator, Cumberland.

Many thanks to all those, both past and present, who have helped in any way to make the 2,000th issue possible. I have enjoyed reading it for many years and would be one of its early subscribers. I used to take 'The Bell News' before that. I was introduced to 'The Ringing World' by the late Mr. Harry Chapman, who used to visit this part of the country and came into our tower (Egremont St. Mary's) on one occasion.

FOUR-BELL RINGING

Dear Sir,—I read with great interest the letter written by Mr. E. C. Shepherd, but being rather a novice in matters of composition and proof, I am confining my remarks to his last paragraph relating to the number of extents that are obtainable on four bells.

I have so far 'discovered' sixty different extents of Minimus; in addition to the eight extents each of Plain, Reverse and Double Bob and Plain, Reverse and Double Grandsire (obtained by treating each bell twice as the plain hunt bell, once leading right and once wrong), six extents are obtainable with 'Stedman' Minimus. This method is as follows:—

1234
—
2134
1243
2143
2413
4213
4123
—
1423
4132
1432
1342 etc.

The reverse of the above method produces another six extents.

Thus it is possible to ring a quarter-peal of Minimus without repeating any extent, showing that even four-bell ringing is worthy of consideration.—Yours faithfully,

Bedford. J. M. STEPHENS.

Mr. L. J. Malings, of Rhoose, Glam., writes: I should be grateful if you could persuade Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd to publish some of the more unusual 24's for the benefit of we '4-bellers.' We rang 13 variations this evening, but would like a change.

BLUE LINE RINGER

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Newman's letter in last week's issue, I would like to oppose his statement concerning the 'blue line' ringer. He said that ringing is often choppy and the bells to strike over cannot be found. But surely does not this apply to the ringer who does not follow the blue line? He notes where he meets the treble and so this tells him whether he is to miss his dodge or perhaps make places. This method is all right until a fault develops. The treble may be a bit slow or too quick in its position or the ringer may not see the treble coming down, and so he falters, not knowing what to do. Thus the striking becomes choppy.

If, however, the ringer knows what he is to do before he meets the treble or discovers his course bell, he can decide on the rhythm of his bell and let his bell drop with confidence knowing that he is to run through from back to front, and that he *will* meet the treble in 5-4.

Referring to a football team, how does Mr. Newman think they obtain that perfect rhythm? It is because they do not wait until the ball is passed to them before they run up the field, but they foresee such a move and so prepare for it by moving upfield.

It is a very unsafe policy to wait until the ringer passes the treble, and if only all ringers rang by the blue line, the standard of ringing from the point of view of striking and method ringing would greatly improve.—Yours faithfully, JOHN GOODALL.

North Finchley, N.12.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—The Grandsire Triples peal claimed to be rung at Marshfield, Gloucestershire, on November 6th, 1948, has proved to be a false effort, one part having been repeated. I therefore withdraw it from all peal records. —Yours faithfully, ARTHUR PRINCE.

Bristol.

Kent County Association

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

The ancient Parish Church of Cudham was visited by 50 ringers and friends on the occasion of the summer meeting of the Lewisham District. The light ring of ten was put to good use under the direction of Mr. F. A. Coley, Ringing Master.

Tea preceded the service, the Vicar (the Rev. R. C. P. Hunt) reading the office, acting as organist and giving an interesting address.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. Three practising members were elected and two non-resident life members' elections were ratified.

Support was promised for the combined meeting with the North-Western District of the Surrey Association arranged for October 1st at St. Peter's, Croydon. Crayford was chosen as the place for the annual district meeting.

Mr. I. Emery informed the members that reconstruction work was about to commence at SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley. The good wishes of members were extended to Mr. H. Hoverd (Dartford), who is still ill.

Further ringing, in which welcome visitors from Bushey, Croydon and London took part, followed until 8.30 p.m.

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RINGERS' OUTINGS

RODBOURNE CHENEY.

Rodbourne Cheney ringers and friends held their annual outing on August 6th and visited towers on the Berks-Oxon border. Cholsey was the first call, then on to Pangbourne, where the treble was undergoing repairs, so some Doubles methods were rung on the back five.

Over the river to Whitchurch for some very good ringing on this handy six, and back to Pangbourne, where an excellent tea was provided at the Cosy Cafe. Bradfield was made then through the lanes to Yattendon, a very pleasant and easy going six. A call was made at Newbury for refreshment, and a slight delay occurred here while 'the Bishop' did some visiting. Home was reached at 10.30 after another very good outing.

GUILDFORD AND GODALMING.

On August Bank Holiday, Miss Rosemary Brading, of Godalming, ran a very enjoyable coach trip to Southampton and Bournemouth, returning to Guildford and Godalming via Romsey. Owing to last minute disappointments the ringing company was considerably reduced, but in spite of this the available band rang at St. Mary's, Southampton; St. Peter's, Bournemouth; St. John's, Poole; and at Romsey Abbey.

The very musical ten at Southampton were particularly appreciated, and the band, feeling very doubtful of their capabilities, were considerably heartened to hear that a passer-by had commented on the beauty of the bells.

At St. Peter's, Bournemouth, the party were interested to read, on the notice board, a letter signed 'Christian Scientist,' complaining of 'those vile bells.' 'You have been cautioned before,' threatened Christian Scientist. '. . . you make no effort to stop it, people will have to take it into their own hands. . . .' The two lady ringers in the company hung on to their ropes in fear and trembling with visions of fire-eating revolutionaries bursting into the tower at any minute.

Two little boys greeted the band at Poole with joyous shouts, 'You the bellringers?' and then another incredulous enquiry of one of the ladies, 'Are *you* a bellringer?' One of them went on, 'Our captain's going to learn us.' Agreeing silently that this seemed more than likely, we ascended with them to the ringing room. Half-way through the ringing the captain disappeared and did not come back until we were about to ring down. He announced that the two boys had dropped the catch of the door so that he locked himself out—and we gathered that the boys' education had already begun!

The day's ringing closed with a visit to Romsey Abbey, where the perilous ascent struck awe into the hearts of the more timorous. As most ringers will know, the broad stairs at the beginning of the climb are no true prophet of what comes after, and at least one of the party expressed a fear of 'getting stuck halfway.'

On the homeward journey everyone agreed that it had, in spite of difficulties, been a very good day, and as the evening shadows fell romance bloomed on the back seat of the bus, and all the ringers confidently prophesied a new recruit to the ranks ere long.

RAINHAM, KENT.

St. Margaret's ringers, joined by others from Sittingbourne and Chatham, held their annual outing on July 23rd. Lewisham (St. Mary's) was the first call, then to Wimbledon, and Ewell, with lunch at the last-named place.

St. Martin's, Dorking, was the first objective in the afternoon, with its fine ring of eight, and all too soon a move was made to Westerham for tea. After tea the lovely eight of St. Mary's were set going in a variety of methods. Ightham was the last stop of the day with its light six. There was a final stop at the Walnut Tree for light refreshments, the highlight being the handbell specialist of the party on the roadside competing with an accordion band inside.

SOUTH NORFOLK.

On July 16th, 32 ringers and friends from Redenhall, Saxlingham, Diss and Pulham left Diss at 7 a.m. for a tour of Lincolnshire. Sutterton (8 bells) was the first call, then on to Boston, and after ringing on the ten bells an excellent lunch was served. Surfleet (12) and Pinchbeck (8) were visited.

On arrival at Spalding a meat tea was served, after which votes of thanks were passed to Mr. Cyril Barber, of Redenhall, who organised the outing, and to Mr. Cecil Thompson, who acted as guide. Ringing followed at the Parish Church. The last call was at King's Lynn on the heavy ring of ten at St. Margaret's. Diss was reached at 11.15 p.m. after a most enjoyable day.

Methods rung included Superlative, Double Norwich, Kent Major, Kent Royal, Plain Bob Major and Royal, Oxford Major and Stedman Triples. A. G. H.

GRAPPENHALL.

The annual trip of members and friends took place on July 23rd, when a tour of North Wales was made by coach. Leaving Runcorn at 8.30 a.m. to pick up en route rural members, the first stop was Farndon, where the ringing programme was opened. The following churches were visited during the tour—Wrexham, Abergele, Bodelwyddan and Bucklev. Dinner was taken at Llangollen, refreshments at Swallow Falls and tea at Abergele. The weather was ideal and one could go from bus to belfry ready for ringing.

The arrangements were made by Mr. Cecil Raddon, of Stockton Heath, who has always taken a keen interest in these annual events. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Randles, of Frodsham, seconded by Mr. Allman, of Runcorn. Mr. Raddon, accepting the many thanks, replied it was a pleasure to him to know he was doing a little to further the interest in visiting towers the average bellringer would never normally meet.

ALL SAINTS', ISLEWORTH.

Members and friends of the All Saints', Isleworth, band set out on July 16th for their annual outing. The round trip covered some 130 miles and seven towers were visited.

The first call was at Rickmansworth, where the ten at St. Mary's responded to Stedman Caters. The grand ring at St. Mary's, Watford, was next visited. The ringing here was somewhat curtailed on account of a wedding, although several members would probably have been content to stay here and ring for hours. So on to St. Albans, where the first touch, Stedman Cinques on the Abbey bells, seemed to suffer from the effects of the long climb, apart from the fact that the band were not accustomed to playing 'hide and seek' with the back bells round the oak beams. Kent Treble Bob Maximus was more satisfactory, and Cambridge Royal was also rung well.

After lunch there followed a visit to the ten at St. Peter's—the result of an unexpected but greatly appreciated invitation. A wedding had been arranged here too, and the band rang for the arrival of the bride. Due to an oversight, the ceremony must have been nearly over before the signal to stop ringing was received! Broxbourne (8) was the next tower on the list, and after a variety of methods the party adjourned to the Bull Hotel for the tea.

After tea Bishop's Stortford and Saffron Walden were visited. Thanks are due to Mr. H. W. Rogers for arranging the outing, which was a great success.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. R. Cockell 1, A. W. Angel 2, Ruby Gibbons 3, Mary Kennelly 4, A. J. West 5, H. Proutt 6, W. C. West (cond.) 7, C. Gibbons 8. An 85th birthday compliment to Mr. R. H. Legg, a ringing member of the tower for 72 years.

OBITUARY

MR. A. T. C. OSBORNE.

The death occurred on August 5th of Mr. A. T. C. Osborne, of Norton-sub-Hamdon, Somerset, after a comparatively short illness. 'Archie,' as he was known to many ringers in the district, had been a ringer for 53 years and captain of the Norton tower for the last 31 years. He was not a peal ringer, having rung only two or three peals at his own church, but in a quiet way he did an enormous amount to foster and encourage an interest in change ringing. He will be greatly missed. The burial took place on Tuesday, August 9th, at the Parish Church.

In the evening 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung with half-muffled clappers as a last token of respect: E. Minchington 1, W. Warr 2, H. J. Gaylard 3, T. W. Osborne 4, J. W. Drew (conductor) 5, T. Sweet 6.

THE REV. A. M. BASHFORD.

The Middlesex Association had a firm friend in the Rev. A. M. Bashford, Vicar of St. John's, Hillingdon, since 1934, whose death on July 31st is deeply regretted. He was secretary of the London Diocesan Fund. A keen cricketer, he was a member of the M.C.C. and had played for Middlesex.

The annual joint meetings with the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Hillingdon were a source of delight to him, and he was an honorary member of the Middlesex Association.

He was fearless in his criticisms, but his sincerity was without question. He was a most kindly and generous man, and his influence will be much missed in Hillingdon, not least among his ringers.

After the funeral service in the church a touch of Grandsire Triples, with half-muffled clappers, was rung as the procession left for Golders Green Crematorium.

The churchwardens have agreed that the joint meeting at Hillingdon will take place as usual this year on Saturday, September 3rd. The Vicar of Bray, the Rev. E. C. S. Lowman, will take the service.

DEDICATION

BULKINGTON, NEAR NUNEATON.

The Right Rev. Bishop Heywood, Assistant Bishop of Coventry, dedicated two trebles to complete the octave and also a war memorial tablet at a service in St. James' Church, Bulkington, near Nuneaton, on Saturday, July 16th.

Members of the Coventry Diocesan Guild turned up in good numbers with visiting ringers and friends, all pronouncing the splice to be perfect. Mr. Paul L. Taylor represented the founders. Eight members of the local band rang rounds immediately after the dedication, while after the service good use was made of the bells, all tastes being catered for.

A buffet tea in the school was followed by the Guild's business meeting, presided over by the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Dingley. It was decided to hold the October quarterly meeting at Monks Kirby. New members elected were A. Allen and A. Elson, of Wolvey, with the ratification of the election prior to peals of J. Bramley, G. Olliffe, A. Mould and D. Carlyle.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NORTH NORFOLK BRANCH.

The meeting at Mattishall on July 23rd was attended by 22 members from Attleborough, Caston, Norwich, Mulbarton, Hethersett, Reepham, Gressenhall, Watton, Wymondham, Camborne, Cornwall, and the local band.

At the business meeting the president (the Rev A. St. J. Heard) was in the chair in the absence of the chairman, the Rev. Blyth. Miss J. E. Goodman, of Mulbarton, and Mr. H. J. Larwood were elected new members.

The Rev. Heard thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, also Mr. and Mrs. Moore for arranging tea. The members stood in silence in memory of Mr. Bracey. The next meeting will be held at Salle on Saturday, October 8th.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 30, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH WM. COTTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. WOOD	4
C. WILLIAM HALL	2	ALAN JACQUES	5
EDGAR VALLANCE	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.
A silver wedding compliment to the conductor and Mrs. Rowley.

STOWTING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Oxford T.B. and two of Kent T.B. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*PHILIP J. EASTLAND	*Treble*	FRANK BRADLEY	4
HARRY PARKES	2	HILDRED S. WICKENS ...	5
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD...	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.
* First peal.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 16 six-scores of Grandsire, 16 six-scores of Plain Bob and 16 six-scores of April Day. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*F. S. WHITE	*Treble*	W. HARE	4
ROSEMARY HUTCHINGS ...	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	5
MARJORIE LEGG	3	MARTYN HUTCHINGS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARJORIE LEGG.
* First peal in three methods. A 21st birthday compliment to Muriel Legg, sister of the conductor, and ringer at the above church.

BEOLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 3, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 120's, ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

*MRS. E. D. WILSON	*Treble*	WILFRED R. JACKSON ...	4
FREDERICK W. JAMES ...	2	VINCENT A. HEMMING ...	5
E. DUDLEY WILSON ...	3	*REV. LEONARD J. BIRCH.	*Tenor*

Conducted by VINCENT A. HEMMING.
* First peal.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 3, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores Plain Bob and 30 six-scores Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK E. MANSER	*Treble*	LUTHER J. HONESS ...	4
GEORGE F. CANTRILL ...	2	*ALBERT KELVIN	5
WILLIAM R. MANSER ...	3	HENRY J. MANSER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. CANTRILL.
* First peal of Doubles.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 5, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 8 lb. in F sharp.

C. JOHN PIPER ...	*Treble*	WILFRED BOOTH	4
ARCHIBALD G. GRIMWOOD	2	FRANK H. HICKS	5
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.
A birthday compliment to Frank H. Hicks and the wife and daughter of the conductor.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two 120's, ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*FREDERICK S. SUTTON	*Treble*	GEORGE PACKER	4
*JOHN E. BROUGH	2	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ...	5
*HERBERT SUTTON	3	FRANK BARNARD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.
* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,*
AT 9, SCHOOL LANE, BIDSTON,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 extents, 4 callings. Tenor size 18 in G.

ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ...	1—2	CHARLES B. PEMBERTON...	3—4
		ALFRED W. CUSICK ...	5—6

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN. Umpire, A. T. SUTTON.
First peal 'in hand' by all the band and for the Wirral Branch. Believed to be the first handbell peal ever rung in Wirral Peninsula.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 2, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,*
AT TRENTWOOD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY	1-2	GEORGE E. FEIRN	5-6
*PHILIP BARNES	3-4	JACK BRAY	7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal 'in hand' away from tenors.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 2, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in B flat.

JILL POOLE	1—2	ERNEST MORRIS	7—8
HAROLD J. POOLE ...	3—4	ALFRED BALLARD	9—10
*PETER J. STANIFORTH ...	5—6	*BRIAN G. WARWICK ...	11—12

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells. A compliment to George Thompson, of Hinckley, on his 82nd birthday.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,*
AT 39A, HIGH STREET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

RONALD H. BULLEN ...	1—2	GEOFFREY DODDS	5—6
ANNE B. STOCKDALE ...	3—4	*MAURICE J. THURMOTT...	7—8
		*MARIAN GRAIN	9—10

Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.
* First peal of Royal. Tenor size 15 in C.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 5, 1949, *in 1 Hour and 20 Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	1—2	WILLIAM G. YOUNG ...	3—4
		DANIEL T. MATKIN ...	5—6

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

BRASTED, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,*
AT MOORCOCKS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

EDWIN H. LEWIS	1—2	FREDERICK W. BUDGEN ...	5—6
WILFRID H. J. HOOTON...	3—4	DORIS E. COLGATE	7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by WILFRID H. J. HOOTON.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1949, *in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,*
AT PEMBROKE COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven variations of extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*PETER T. ROBBINS ...	1—2	†ANNE B. STOCKDALE ...	3—4
		CHRIS. G. WOODHEAD ...	5—6

Conducted by CHRIS. G. WOODHEAD.
Witness: GEOFFREY DODDS.
* First peal of Minor 'in hand.' † First peal of Minor.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 7, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ...	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ...	5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3—4	ROY C. HURST	7—8

C.C.C. No. 73 SECT. II. (Adapted). Conducted by D. T. MATKIN.
First peal in the method by all and in Bournemouth. Believed to be the first for the Guild 'in hand.'

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MEETINGS

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Barnby Don, August 20th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. 5628

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Hungerford (8), Aug. 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 5612

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester and Crewkerne.—Combined meeting, Curry Rivel, Aug. 20th. Notice for tea essential. — J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Taunton. 5616

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Brightling, Aug. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—H. Gorringe, Hon. Sec. 5620

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Meeting, Godstone, Saturday, Aug. 20th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. 5633

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Brading, Aug. 20th. 5622

IRISH ASSOCIATION. — Northern and Eastern Districts.—Joint meeting, St. Peter's, Drogheda (8), Aug. 27th, 2.30. Tea, Church Hall, 5.30. Names by 22nd. Visitors welcome.—John T. Dunwoody, 49, Victoria Road, Holywood; Fred E. Dukes, Jenkinstown, Dundalk. 5627

THREE GUILDS FESTIVAL. — GUILDFORD GUILD (Farnham District), OXFORD GUILD (Sonning Deanery Branch), WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Basingstoke Branch).—To be held at Hawley on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Service 4. Tea (2s.) 4.30. Hawley (8), Yorktown (8), Sandhurst (6) and Yateley (8) from 2 to 9; Farnborough (6) and Bagshot (8) from 2 to 3.30; Finchamstead (6) 6 to 9 p.m. A coach will run between towers in the evening, fare 2s. Tickets for coach and tea, 3s. 6d. (under 16 years 2s. 6d.), from G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants.—J. Chesterman, B. Castle, G. S. Joyce, District Secs. 5587

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Hutton (5), near Weston-super-Mare, Saturday, Aug. 27th, 5 to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Sec. 5652

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bray-on-Thames. — Annual garden party, Saturday, Aug. 27th. Teas and refreshments on river fronted Vicarage lawn. All ringers and friends welcome. Tower open 2 p.m. Bells (8) recently rehung. Tenor 27 cwt. Two sets of handbells available. No need to notify for tea. 5634

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—North Stoneham, Aug. 27th, 2.30. Names for tea by Aug. 24th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh. 5658

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division. — Practice meeting, Dallington, Aug. 27th. Tower open 2.30. Tea 5.—P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec., 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 5638

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Olveston (8), Aug. 27th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss M. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 5642

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at East Ardsley on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided, members carry own food. Business meeting in tower 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12. 5660

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Repton, Saturday, Aug. 27th, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. S. H. Jones, 6, Brook End, Repton, by Wednesday, Aug. 24th. 5647

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Meeting, Wells (8) with Holkham (6), Aug. 27th. Usual arrangements. — W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 5644

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Easingwold (6 bells), Saturday, Aug. 27th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Burton, Long Street, Easingwold, York, before Aug. 25th.—Edward Hudson, District Sec. 5654

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery. — Corporate Communion, Kingston Seymour, Aug. 28th, 8.30 a.m. Bells 7. Breakfast for those notifying by 24th.—E. R. Norton, Goat House Farm, Kingston Seymour. 5653

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Branch.—Middleton Stoney (6), Sept. 3rd, 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names by Aug. 29th.—C. H. Kinch, The Causeway, Bicester. 5643

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—Preliminary notice.—The joint meeting at St. John's, Hillingdon, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Tea and social evening. Full details later.—F. A. Finch and A. D. Barker, Hon. Secs. 5641

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Crusaders of S.W. Division. — Meeting at Hutton (5), Saturday, Sept. 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. at Hutton. Brentwood (8) in the evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. This is a meeting for learners. Everybody welcome. Names for tea to H. J. Allberry, Felsted, Sylvia Avenue, Hutton. 5649

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Ipswich District. — Holbrook, Stutton and Harkstead meeting, Sept. 3rd. Meet Stutton 3. Tea 5 at Holbrook. Names to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. Henley, Sept. 17th. Bells 3. Bring own food. 5641

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Olney, Saturday, Sept 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Aug. 27th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 5650

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — Meeting at Bengeo, Hertford, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Sept. 1st.—A. S. Carter, Sec., 93, North Road, Hertford. 5651

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting, Llanelly, Carm., Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) 3. Service 4. Tea and business to follow. Numbers to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly, by Aug. 27th certain. 5655

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY. — The annual cup contest will take place at Clowne (6 bells) on Sept. 3rd. For tea write to Mr. J. E. Edwards, 367, Creswell Road, Clowne, near Chesterfield.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 5656

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — By-meeting, Shipbourne (6), Sept. 3rd, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. W. Fairweather, The Green, Shipbourne, near Tonbridge, not later than Sept. 1st. 5662

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District. — Quarterly meeting at Keresley, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Ringing at Corley (5 bells) 3 o'clock. Tea at Keresley 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Keresley bells (5) available from 6 to 7.30 p.m. To be concluded by a social and dance, price 1s. 6d., to be held at 7.30 p.m. in Keresley Women's Institute. Names for tea to Miss R. M. Griffiths, 71, Dickens Road, Radford, Coventry, by Monday, Aug. 29th. 5661

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Moorcocks, Brasted, Sept. 10th, by invitation of Mr. E. H. Lewis, M.A. Details later.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5657

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Llanbadarn Fawr, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Number for tea to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carm. 5646

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

The North and East District meeting, supported by Messrs. A. W. and W. H. Coles, active vice-presidents, held at Stanmore on August 6th, was attended by nearly sixty ringers from near and far, including friends from Hampshire and Surrey. The occasion was arranged particularly to coincide as nearly as possible to the Stanmore tower's completed fifty years' membership of the Association and, incidentally, also to recognise a similar term of membership by Mr. George A. Hughes, whose presence was appreciated.

Another long term member of the Association and a local ringer, Mr. William J. Nudds, was also present, and the meeting was reminded of a record he took part in just 40 years ago—the long peal of Stedman Caters at Loughborough.

The meeting paid silent tribute to the memory of Messrs. E. B. Hartley and F. A. Smith, Bushey. Provisional elections of R. Bird (Croydon), L. H. Bywaters (Henlow) and J. L. Millhouse (Lincoln) were ratified.

In the tower much ringing was done in the time available, and a number of 'firsts' were recorded, particularly in Erin Triples, the chosen method for the day, and plain courses in a number of Surprise methods were also brought round. The short evensong service was conducted by the Rev. E. F. Carpenter, Rector, who, together with Mr. E. J. Leversuch, is to be thanked for ensuring the success of the meeting.

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STOCKPORT BRANCH.

A meeting of the branch was held at Poynton on July 23rd, and some sixty members and friends took advantage of the fine weather to visit this delightful village. The six bells were in use from early in the afternoon until service in church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. G. Winstanley, who in an interesting address made the members welcome at his church.

After tea the usual business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the branch chairman, Mr. Elkins, who expressed the members' pleasure at being able to visit Poynton, and welcomed an old friend of the branch, Mr. W. H. Shuker, of the Lancashire Association. It was reported that several people of Knutsford had voiced their appreciation of the standard of ringing during the meeting there. Mrs. Way, of Marple, was elected an honorary member, and David Robinson, also of Marple, a ringing member. It was decided that an additional meeting be held at Mottram, if permission could be obtained, on August 27th.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Vicar, wardens, local ringers, organist and all who had contributed to the success of the meeting. Further ringing was enjoyed until a late hour, ranging from rounds to Cambridge Surprise.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: J. Vinter (first quarter) 1, S. Proctor (cond.) 2, F. Pinchbeck 3, E. Nidd 4, H. Thorpe 5, F. Parsons 6, T. Relf 7, F. Proctor 8, H. R. Woods 9, T. Hall 10. In honour of the birth of a grandson to Mr. and Mrs. H. Thorpe.

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SIXTHS PLACE BOBS

By BRIAN D. PRICE.

IT is generally agreed that the place made in an even-bell method when the treble leads a whole pull is part of the method. Thus Cambridge and Primrose Surprise Major differ only by this place, it being 2nds in Cambridge and 8ths in Primrose. What is not so generally agreed is whether the bob is part of the method or not, and if so whether it should be determined by rule.

The general trend has been to move the normal place two positions so that only three bells become affected by the bob. Thus the 8ths place in Double Norwich is moved to 6ths, while the 2nds place in Cambridge is moved to 4ths. The only traditional exception to this rule is in methods like Bristol and Kent, in which a wholesale alteration produces a 'lengthening lead.' This is generally done only where the first lead-head of the course is 14263857 in Major, 1426385097 in Royal, etc. In these cases a 4ths place bob is used, and with the exception of the Before (which leaves the two tenors unaffected), all the normally used calling places alter the work of the tenors so that they repeat the work just done in the last lead. The result is a desirable repetition of musical combinations. This is in contrast to the more widely used procedure of moving the 'plain place' two positions. Calling positions normally used in these cases leave the tenors unaffected, with the exception of one position which retards the work of the two tenors without parting them—the Before in Plain Bob, the bob at 5 in Double Norwich.

Thus the use of the 4ths place bob in Double Norwich, or the 6ths place bob in Cambridge to a large extent runs against tradition. There are two questions to answer: 'Is one altering the method?' and 'What is the justification for altering the normal bob?'

Opinion seems divided on the first issue. The crux of the matter seems to me to be whether the Central Council decide to define a bob clearly according to the traditional use, or whether the deviation from the method be left to choice, as long as only one deviation be used in any peal (ignoring singles).

The justification for a different bob would lie in the production of touches or peals with special properties. To quote an example, Cambridge Major with 6ths place bobs opens up a field of composition not available with the normal bob; 6,400 changes become possible, a three-part peal with 56 home at the part-ends exists; one can compose a quarter-peal of 1,248 changes with only 4 and 6 in 6ths; one can even ring 2,048 changes in one course if one wanted to! Does the extra scope justify the new departure?

If only to provide a basis for argument, I suggest the following definition for calls: 'A bob is the deviation from a method or principle whereby a place normally rung is moved an even number of positions. If it gives enough scope for composition, this must take place at a 'turning place' in the method or principle (i.e., the place moved must be a pivot place). A single must take effect at the same position as the bob, and introduce at least two extra places. Only one sort of each call may be used in any one peal.'

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LONDON.

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

On Sat., Aug. 6, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS ...	*Treble*	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ...	7
MRS. RICHARD F. DEAL...	2	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ...	8
MRS. CECIL J. MATTHEWS	3	GEORGE W. STEERE ...	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	HENRY H. FEARN	10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
CECIL J. MATTHEWS... ...	6	ALFRED J. HOUSE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON ...	7
JILL POOLE	2	HARRY G. WAYNE ...	8
MRS. H. J. POOLE ...	3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ...	9
DOROTHY M. UDALE ...	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ...	10
PETER J. STANIFORTH ...	5	ALAN JACQUES	11
SHIRLEY BURTON	6	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Maximus in the method by all and for the Guild.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Aug. 16, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY.	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	7
ALBERT WALKER	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS...	8
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON...	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	9
FRANK E. PERVIN ...	4	ARTHUR D. COOK	10
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5	HENRY H. FEARN	11
*TERRY R. HAMPTON ...	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

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

TEN BELL PEAL

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 13, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF ERIN CATERS, 5059 CHANGES;

Tenor 16¼ cwt. in E.

HERBERT G. ELDRED	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ...	6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	2	HAROLD W. ROGERS ...	7
NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH	3	THOMAS E. DAVIES ...	8
MRS. KATH. F. J. PARR	4	DAVID J. CHARNLEY ...	9
SQUIRE CROFT	5	FRANCIS D. BISHOP	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

First peal in the method by all the band. First on the bells. First for the Association and first in the county of Middlesex.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 6, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHARINE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE...	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. FINCH ...	5
WALTER SPARROW	2	RICHARD E. PRICE	6
WILLIAM WELLING	3	TONY PRICE	7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ...	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

In memory of J. Armiger Trollope, who died on August 8th, 1947. 'Requiescat in pace.' Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 6, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

FREDERICK LEECH ...	*Treble*	FREDERICK PRICE	5
*BESSIE A. CARTER ...	2	†FREDERICK G. BEDDOW...	6
CLIFFORD A. BARRON...	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
THOMAS PRICE	4	JOSEPH CAPPER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD V. RODENHURST.

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

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 6, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK BENNETT ...	*Treble*	*WILLIAM J. CROSS... ...	5
LEONARD STILWELL ...	2	BASIL W. WHITE	6
ERNEST TREAGUS	3	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ...	7
*CECIL LONGHURST	4	HENRY C. WEAVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 6, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOE HOBBS	*Treble*	ROLAND BIGGS	5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ...	2	RICHARD G. BELL ...	6
*WILLIAM C. HUGHES ...	3	*DEREK E. LATCHFORD ...	7
STEPHEN H. HOARE ...	4	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER LEE.

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

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 6, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18¾ cwt.

WILLIAM BUTLER ...	*Treble*	RONALD SUCKLING	5
WILLIAM S. BUTLER ...	2	STANLEY BONES	6
WILLIAM MELLON	3	SYDNEY C. EASTER	7
RICHARD PORTWAY	4	ERNEST BRIGHT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

In memoriam Victor Glass, for many years a faithful member of the Witham band. Rung half-muffled.

NORBURY, HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 6, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Consisting of 1,056 Bristol, 2,688 London, 672 Cambridge, 672 Superlative. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

JAMES A. MILNER	*Treble*	PETER LAFLIN	5
ALAN A. POTTS	2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER...	6
WILFRED STEVENSON ...	3	C. KENNETH LEWIS ...	7
JAMES A. FERNLEY ...	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, STOKE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*DOUGLAS F. ELLENDER...	*Treble*	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ...	5
FRANK E. PERVIN ...	2	HUBERT G. SUMMERS ...	6
*MARGARET D. REEVES ...	3	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	7
*W. BRIAN ELLENDER ...	4	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS W. SHEPPARD.

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On Tues., Aug. 9, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

*GEORGE H. MOORE	...*Treble*	GEORGE ADAMS	5
CHARLES H. MOORE ...	2	*FRANK C. PRICE	6
WILLIAM CLOVER	3	BERT GOGLE	7
ROBERT G. FISHER ...	4	HENRY TOOKE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.
* First peal in the method.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 10, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

JILL BRITTAIN	...*Treble*	ALFRED H. PULLING ...	5
JESSIE M. KIPPIN	2	*FREDERICK A. MUNDAY...	6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ...	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ...	7
HAROLD A. MAY	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	...*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal in the method.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 10, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*STANLEY R. GARDNER	...*Treble*	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON...	5
SHIRLEY BURTON	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ...	6
*MICHAEL STANIFORTH ...	3	ALAN JACQUES	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON ...	4	HAROLD J. POOLE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by FRED DENCH Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Aug. 10, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN N. LINDON ...	...*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
*MRS. JOHN D. NIBLETT	2	HENRY H. FEARN	6
TERRY R. HAMPTON ...	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON. ...	7
ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal of Surprise and 25th peal. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Robert Raisbeck Gelling, donor of the bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CLASCOW SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

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

Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
This is the first peal in the method by the Association and by all the band. Tenor 10 cwt.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Fri., Aug. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Brook's Variation. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN P. FIDLER ...	...*Treble*	HAROLD J. POOLE ...	5
JOHN H. GRUNDY ...	2	*E. F. M. SAMSON ...	6
STANLEY R. GARDNER ...	3	COLIN HARRISON	7
ALAN JACQUES	4	LESLIE W. STEVENS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.
* First peal of Stedman.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

FRANCIS J. CHEAL	...*Treble*	THOMAS BEAUMONT ...	5
*GLADYS K. JARRETT ...	2	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	6
TREVOR A. CROSS... ...	3	†CYRIL S. JARRETT ...	7
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN...	4	VICTOR A. JARRETT	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by VICTOR A. JARRETT.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

HADLOW, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 14 cwt.

TOM SAUNDERS ...	...*Treble*	PETER C. WRIGHT ...	5
*WILLIAM R. MANSER ...	2	JACK MEDHURST	6
LEWIS NEWMAN	3	*FRANK P. WRIGHT ...	7
LUTHER J. HONESS ...	4	*ALBERT W. KELVIE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.
* First peal of Triples.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

C. ALFRED LEVETT	...*Treble*	PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ...	5
PERCY PAGE	2	FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP	6
WILLIAM ROGERS	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ...	7
WILFRED W. RING ...	4	HARRY PARKES	...*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Vicars'. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*NORMAN CORNWALL	...*Treble*	WALTER AVERY	5
†PERCY NEWTON	2	†ROLAND BIGGS	6
FRED HAYES	3	WALTER LEE	7
‡JOHN KAPE	4	HARRY C. JONES ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.
* First away from tenor. † 100th peal together. ‡ First peal of Grandsire.

CLUN, SHROPSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

JAMES F. HARVEY	...*Treble*	WILLIAM A. FARMER ...	5
JOHN PINFOLD	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	6
HENRY H. FEARN ...	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
TERRY R. HAMPTON ...	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 22¾ cwt.

ISAAC EMERY	...*Treble*	JOHN E. LYDDIARD ...	5
GEORGE A. PARSONS ...	2	EDMUND MOUNTER ...	6
*SYDNEY W. BALL	3	PHILIP A. CORBY	7
JAMES BENNETT	4	JACK DAFTERS	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Mounter on the occasion of their golden wedding.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE COURT BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ARTHUR W. DICKERSON...	...*Treble*	HENRY TOOKE	5
THOMAS SIMMONS	2	ARTHUR G. BASON ...	6
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ...	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	ERNEST C. STAFF ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH J. PARKER. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
First peal of Triples in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association. Tenor 13¾ cwt. in F.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

*CHARLES E. BROWN	...*Treble*	*H. LESLIE PASK	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS ...	2	*JOHN WALDEN	6
*BETTY BROWN	3	JOHN FREEMAN*	7
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	4	*JOHN A. FREEMAN	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.
* First peal of Yorkshire Major. The first peal of Yorkshire Major for the Guild by a resident band. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	*FREDERICK H. BIRKS	5
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	6
*JOHN W. BEST	3	*JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
HENRY O. BAKER	4	*PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 15, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HARRY PARKER	*Treble*	WILLIAM ALLMAN	5
ERIC HORNBY	2	HAROLD WORRALL	6
DOROTHY C. OSBORN	3	CECIL RADDON	7
HARRY W. HOWARD	4	WALTER ALLMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by HARRY PARKER.
H. Parker and H. W. Howard have now 'completed the circle' in this tower. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Mon., Aug. 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 6¼ cwt. in A.

*JOHN D. NIBLETT	*Treble*	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	5
ARTHUR D. COOK	2	EDWARD T. LLOYD	6
MRS. JOHN D. NIBLETT	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
†ALBERT H. FITTER	4	JOHN N. LINDON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 2,160 Cambridge Surprise, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

EDMUND J. WHITING	*Treble*	FRANK WARRINGTON	4
WILLIAM SEEKINGS	2	R. FRANK BAKER	5
ERIC SMITH	3	HERBERT FIELDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Oxford Bob, and two extents of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR PHILLIPS	*Treble*	BARNARD PATMORE	4
ERIC EDMONDSON	2	NATHAN PATMORE	5
*JOHN PHILLIPS	3	SYDNEY CARTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by SYDNEY CARTER.
* First peal. A 21st birthday compliment to Tony Hager and Eric Edmondson, both of Hertford.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

LEONARD W. GILES	*Treble*	†ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4
*EDITH BASSETT	2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	5
CHARLES A. BASSETT	3	†WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN.
* First peal in three methods. † 100th peal together.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents (C.C.C. 28, 34, 48, 50, 51, 52, 54). Tenor 8 cwt.

*DANIEL G. SAUL	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. MANSER	4
PETER CARTER	2	FRANK P. WRIGHT	5
†VALERIE L. A. WALLIS	3	PETER C. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.
* First peal away from a covering bell. † First in the method.

SHILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*DOUGLAS F. ELLENDER	*Treble*	*W. BRIAN ELLENDER	4
ROY D. HAYNE	2	*HUBERT ASHLEY	5
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	3	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS W. SHEPPARD.
* First peal in the method. To commemorate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. Ashley.

WINTERTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being extents of Double Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, and two each of Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

*ROBERT E. WOODHOUSE	*Treble*	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	4
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	GEORGE BAILEY	5
HERBERT C. READ	3	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal.

FOY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Mon., Aug. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

MICHAEL P. MORETON	*Treble*	LESLIE EVANS	4
*F. ERIC ROBERTS	2	WILFRID F. MORETON	5
WILLIAM POSTON	3	JOHN D. ROCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN D. ROCK.
* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

HENLOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

RAYMOND G. BYWATERS	*Treble*	STANLEY S. WALLIS	4
DAPHNE J. HARE	2	L. MICHAEL CALLOW	5
JOHN CHURCH	3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.
For the 21st birthday of Miss D. J. Hare.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 9, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	GERALD F. BALL	4
FRANK T. LONG	2	ERNEST MORRIS	5
WILLIAM A. WOOD	3	JOSEPH TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
A compliment to the Rev. H. M. Gorham (donor of altar frontals) and to Mrs. Watson for her birthday. 21st anniversary of dedication of the bells.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 9, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ANDREW AND BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

LEWIS J. LAST	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	4
LESLIE FOSTER	2	RONALD W. STEWARD	5
CHARLES E. FISHER	3	GEORGE A. FLEMING	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

FRANT, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 9, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

EDITH BASSETT	*Treble*	CHARLES A. BASSETT	4
ERNEST J. LADD	2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	5
ALBERT RELFE	3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.
A birthday peal for Miss Hicks.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 10, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of four extents of Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES MILLER ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS BARKER	4
*RUTH BRADLEY	2	JAMES BLACKBURN	5
*LAWRENCE WALMSLEY ...	3	JOHN H. GARTSIDE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES MILLER.

* First peal of Minor. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Miller, the former having been a ringer at this church for over 50 years.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of: (1) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise; (2) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (3) London Bob and Double Court; (4) St. Clement's and Double Oxford; (5) Childwall and Thelwall; (6) Plain Bob and Double Bob; (7) Single Oxford and Single Court. 115 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES W. BOWLEY	...*Treble*	SAMUEL MARTIN	4
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ...	2	C. WILLIAM HALL	5
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ...	3	ROLAND BENISTON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

First in 14 methods by all the band and for the Guild.

HANDBELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 8, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT EMMANUEL COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

C. G. WOODHEAD (Pemb.)	1—2	ANNE B. STOCKDALE (Gir.)	3—4
*G. DODDS (Emmanuel)	5—6		

Conducted by G. DODDS.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 9, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT 19, FALCON ROAD,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 30 extents of Plain Bob, 10 of Grandsire and 2 of St. Martin's. Tenor size 18 in G.

ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ...	1—2	CHARLES B. PEMBERTON...	3—4
ALFRED W. CUSICK ...	5—6		

Conducted by ALFRED W. CUSICK. Umpire, A. LENNARD SHEPHERD.

First peal in three methods 'in hand' by all the band and for Wirral Branch. First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 9, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BALLARD	1—2	HAROLD J. POOLE ...	7—8
PETER J. STANIFORTH ...	3—4	HARRY POYNER	9—10
JILL POOLE	5—6	DEREK G. GOODMAN ...	11—12

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Grandsire Cinques 'in hand' by all the band.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
IN THE CHANCEL OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	1—2	*HUBERT E. ASHLEY ...	5—6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3—4	ALAN CATTELL	7—8

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

* First peal 'in hand.' First of Major as conductor 'in hand.'

A birthday peal for Mrs. D. E. Beamish, secretary of the Guild.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*GILLIAN A. SMITH ...	1—2	FREDERICK A. SALTER...	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN ...	3—4	†PATRICK PRESTON ...	7—8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First handbell peal on eight. † First handbell peal.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The story of the Yorkshire tour of Mr. Frank Knight's party will appear in our next week's issue, together with an illustration. Ten peals were rung.

Sunday afternoon ringing at Winchester Cathedral will not be resumed until September 11th.

To 'Curious' and others. Letters cannot be inserted in 'The Ringing World' without the name and address of the sender sent to the Editor.

The peal of Glasgow Surprise at Willesden on August 11th was rung with 4ths place bobs, an old composition of Superlative by Sir A. P. Heywood in a slightly altered form being used.

The Universities Association's week at Exeter was most enjoyable. The company were kept busy from early morning until late evening every day. Readers are promised an account of the activities.

An interesting quarter was that at Hinckley on August 7th for the 82nd birthday of Mr. G. Thompson, who has rung regularly at this church for over 60 years. Ringing with him was Mr. W. Wills, of Leicester. The last time the two rang a quarter together was 1892.

The quarter-peals at Turramurra recorded in this issue will be of special interest to Messrs. Alan Pink (Oxford), A. Williams (Kent) and T. Connick (Bath), who while serving with the Forces rang on the lovely six here installed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. in 1941.

St. Martin's-in-the-Fields Society had their annual outing on Saturday. A peal attempt at Trowbridge, Wilts, came to grief after two starts. Sunday was spent at Bath, the event being most enjoyable. One lady member was disturbed after retiring for the night by a mysterious telephone call from London. Apparently someone could not rest until he knew the result of the peal.

This year Mr. W. C. Parker, in his 84th year, will complete 50 years' service as steeplekeeper at St. Peter's, Staines; a service of devotion and care given in a spirit of love to this tower and bells, as all can testify who have visited and rung at this tower. All ringers will wish him many happy returns.

It is announced that the repairs to St. Bene't's tower, Cambridge, are now complete, and that with the aid of the Pilgrim Trust, a number of colleges in the university and many friends, the sum required for the work has been raised by the Vicar and churchwardens. As our readers mostly know, St. Bene't's is revered by all ringers on account of its association with Fabian Stedman.

From 'The Bell News,' August 24th, 1889: 'Crayford, Kent.—The Kent County Association. On Saturday, Aug. 17th, 1889, in 2 hours 47 minutes, a peal of Stedman Triples. 5,040 changes (Brook's Variation): Challis F. Winney treble, George Conyard 2, Edward E. Richards 3, Richard French 4, William Weatherstone 5, Edwin Barnett, sen. 6, Frederick G. Newman (conductor) 7, Henry Gibbs tenor. This is the first peal of Stedman Triples by the above Association and by Messrs. Conyard, Richards and Barnett, also the tenorman's first peal.'

Mr. Gibbs, now almost, if not quite, an octogenarian, is the last survivor of that band. He lives at Brede, Sussex, where he still works as a gardener and usually revisits Crayford once a year. On this occasion he took part in a quarter-peal of Stedman in honour of the 60th anniversary of the above peal. This was rung on Aug. 14th by E. Barnett 1, H. Gibbs 2, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 3, H. E. Audsley (conductor) 4, B. D. Threlfall 5, J. W. Eden 6, F. I. Hairs 7, W. E. Bond 8. A peal attempted on August 17th, the actual anniversary, like one arranged ten years previously, came to an untimely end after 100 minutes.

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CYCLING AND RINGING IN FOUR COUNTIES

Society of Roving Ringers' 1949 Tour

THE Society's third annual tour took place this year during the first two weeks in August in Somerset, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Worcestershire. About 20 stalwart youths and three ladies from St. Albans, Reading, Axminster, Bournemouth, Welling, Guildford, Godalming, Newbury, Leicester, Hertford, Wrington, Bath and London (plus one 'granddad' aged 27!) took part under the capable leadership of Mark White. Unfortunately, due to the exigencies of Army service, the Master, Roger Fry, was only able to be with the party for a short time, but all were glad to have him with them for the first day or two.

Proceedings began on Saturday, July 30th, when the main party gathered outside Bath's lovely Abbey Church. The heavy ring of ten was soon rolling out Cambridge Royal, giving the heavy bell experts a chance to show their mettle on the 'back end' (!) before the run out to Batheaston Youth Hostel for a welcome supper and equally welcome bed.

On Sunday, the 15 miles to Bristol were traversed in pouring rain (which did not, however, succeed in quenching the high spirits of the party), and by 10.30 the bells of St. Stephen's were going to Cambridge and Plain Bob Royal and Stedman Caters before morning service. In the afternoon a visit was paid to the heavy going eight at St. Thomas', where the tenor (29 cwt.) proved almost unringable until a large supply of oil was poured into the bearings.

In the evening the Society had the privilege of ringing some good Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Royal on the glorious 12 at St. Mary Redcliffe before the run back to Batheaston.

A WET BANK HOLIDAY.

A wet Bank Holiday saw the Society at St. Michael's, Bath, bright and early, followed by a delightful little Taylor eight (tenor 9¾ cwt.) at Corston. An unfortunate accident to one of our members (his cycle chain broke) necessitated a hasty dash around to borrow a cycle for him, but everything was arranged satisfactorily. At Corston 'Au revoir' was said to Roger Fry, who had to return at the call of duty unfortunately. After a very fine lunch at the home of one of the party at Marksbury came the grand old eight at Chew Magna and the six at Winford before a hilly six-mile run to Burrington with its glorious Combe which inspired the hymn, 'Rock of Ages.' The half-hour's walk up the Combe to the Youth Hostel in pouring rain and high wind inspired some members with slightly less poetical sentiments!

The following day, with slightly better weather, came the run through Cheddar, with its heavy going eight, to Wedmore, a lovely church and fine heavy eight (tenor 30¼ cwt.). Here, after a slight 'contretemps' due to a jammed chiming hammer on the tenor, a course of Superlative and touches of Double Norwich and Plain Bob were rung. The 'piece de resistance' of the week came next, the grand heavy ten at Wells Cathedral, the heaviest ten in the country. Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Plain Bob Royal were soon rolling out across the Mendips before a three-mile climb uphill to Croscombe Y.H.

Thursday saw two peal attempts, one of Double Norwich on the glorious eight at Chewton Mendip, the other of Plain Bob on the heavy going octave at Blagdon. Both attempts were unfortunately unsuccessful, but all praise is due to the 'heavy-enders' in the Blagdon attempt! Even then the keen tower snatchers were not satisfied, but had a ring on the six at Burrington in the evening.

'SPIRITUAL HOME'

Friday took the Society to our 'spiritual home' at Wrington, where Bill Kingcott had everything in readiness. Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal and Double Norwich Major were struck well on this glorious ten before proceeding to Congresbury with its hefty octave, tenor 35 cwt. The two eights at Banwell and Winscombe were also utilised during the day. The week-end saw the departure of some of the members, much to general regret, and the arrival of sundry others. Barrow Gurney, Wraxall and Keynsham (all octaves) were used to the full, but at Long Ashton, as the three heavy bell experts were raising the tenor (31 cwt.) the rope parted above the sally, laying them flat on the floor, and that was that!

After ringing for service at Marshfield (Glos.) on Sunday morning, the majority of the party attended service and received a public welcome from the Vicar. An eight-mile ride through the rain brought the Society to Chippenham for lunch and ringing at St. Paul's, before the eleven-mile run to Malmesbury, where Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Doubles were rung on the five (tenor 14 cwt.) in the Abbey Campanile, and then on to Ashton Keynes Hostel.

TWELVE-BELL TOWER EACH DAY.

The second week passed all too quickly. A twelve-bell tower each day was on the programme and the week began with Stedman Cinques on the oldest twelve in the country, at Cirencester. The fine Taylor octave at Watermoor was much admired before the run to Cheltenham, with a call at Rendcomb en route. One member of the party will remember Rendcomb—he left his camera in the church and had an additional six-mile run to fetch it! The eight at Charlton Kings were in the last tower of the day before climbing Cleeve Hill to a welcome supper.

Bright and early on Tuesday, the twelve at Cheltenham were going to some excellent Stedman Cinques before two further peal attempts—one band attempted Cambridge at Prestbury, which inexplicably came to grief after an hour, the other (second eleven!) rang a peal of Bob Major at Hinton-on-the-Green, where all were pleased to meet Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas. Congratulations to the band and the young conductor and composer! After the inevitable tea and cakes in Evesham, Norton, a recently augmented eight, was the last tower of the day.

The detached campanile at Evesham was visited the following morning, and the music of Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal on this fine old ten brought a lady reporter from the local paper to the tower—she was given full details of the tour. Then came a 15-mile run to Worcester (during which some members 'cheated' by scrounging a lift on a lorry!). Ringing on the ten at All Saints' and lunch was followed by the long climb up the Cathedral tower to ring the glorious twelve (tenor 49¼ cwt.) by Taylor. The striking here was excellent to Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Royal and Major on the back eight (hats off to the tenormen!), but Grandsire Cinques wouldn't go! The day ended with a run to the fine Taylor octave at Malvern Link and the Malvern Y.H.

A visit to Malvern Priory opened Thursday's proceedings, where, after some delay in obtaining the tower key, Stedman and Cambridge were rung on the good eight, hung in an extraordinary type of frame. The 'awkward squad' were glad of a downhill run to Upton-on-Severn for lunch, and touches of Stedman (one by College Youths and supporters!), Double Norwich, London and Erin Triples. Group Captain Lister met the Society at Tewkesbury Abbey with its light twelve tucked in one corner of an enormous Norman tower. Stedman and Grandsire Cinques were rung, but again Cambridge Twelve wouldn't go. On the way back to the hostel a call was made at Ashchurch, where methods up to Cambridge Minor were rung.

AT GLOUCESTER.

The final day began with a nine-mile run to the ancient city of Gloucester (with the invariable halt, this time at a much recommended wayside cafe en route, for 'elevenses' at 9.45 a.m.!). We were welcomed by the Vicar at St. Mary de Crypt with its Rudhall eight (the famous foundry was in this parish), and Cambridge, London and Double Norwich were rung here before a visit to the near suburb of Barnwood, with a grand little eight (tenor 12 cwt.). Lunch and a visit to the Cathedral followed, though no ringing was possible as the bells were under repair.

The six miles to Painswick with its famous twelve were found to be very hilly, but the bells were worth it and the Stedman Cinques were worthy of the bells. And so down the hill to the last tower, the fine ten at Stroud, where ringing ended with a very musical touch of Stedman Caters, called by a well-known exponent of the method.

So the tour came to an end and members of the party with mutual regrets set off on their homeward journey. All agreed that the tour had been the 'best ever,' thanks entirely to the untiring efforts of Mark White and Bill Kingcott in making the necessary arrangements. Thanks are also due to the clergy for allowing the use of their bells, and to Mr. Rouse, of Cheltenham.

From a ringing point of view, too, the tour was highly successful. One young member, George Evenden, from Bournemouth, successfully called his own composition of Bob Major, several rang their first touches in advanced methods and on higher numbers of bells, and several their first touches on handbells. Methods rung during the fortnight ranged from Reverse Canterbury Doubles up to the four standard Surprise Major methods, plus Yorkshire, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal, Stedman Cinques, Grandsire Cinques and attempts for Cambridge Maximus. Roll on next year!

P. N. B.

DEDICATION

BURWASH, SUSSEX.

Burwash's war memorial to local men who died during the war, a ring of eight bells in St. Bartholomew's Church, was dedicated by the Bishop of Chichester (Dr. G. K. A. Bell) on August 7th in the presence of a large congregation.

Six of the bells were being rededicated after being recast; the other two were given by Mr. C. W. Parish in memory of his airman son and the 14 men of Burwash who gave their lives.

In his address, the Bishop described the bells as a means of calling people to church. Inscribed with the names of local men who fell in the recent war, they would be a lasting memorial.

After the dedication, Mrs. Parish held an 'at home' at the Institute, when Mr. Williams played back a recording of the service.

A new team of bellringers, at present being trained by Mr. F. Lambert, gave a creditable performance on handbells.

OBITUARY

MR. W. DABORN.

A ringer at Horsell Parish Church, Woking, for 51 years and captain of the local company for the past 11 years, Mr. William Daborn, died on August 11th, aged 69.

The funeral service took place in the Parish Church on August 15th, being conducted by the Rev. M. R. Newman. Representing the tower were Messrs. A. Charman, F. Uwins, C. Spiers and W. Sanders. In the evening 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles, half-muffled, was rung by A. Charman 1, T. Sibbick (first quarter) 2, R. Collins 3, G. Oliver 4, D. Sleet (cond.) 5, E. R. Warner 6.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

6,400 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—The 6,400 Cambridge Surprise Major published in a recent issue is the reverse of a composition I obtained in September, 1928, and which had a small circulation in the West Riding of Yorkshire at that time.

In this form its relationship to Middleton's is more readily seen. An alternative treatment of the 'reversed pair' course ends gives a 5,760, whilst from the original a 5,024 and a 5,184 are obtainable. The 5,024 was arranged early this year by Mr. C. W. Roberts and myself jointly. Using an alternative set of courses, a three-part is obtainable with 6ths place bobs, but is hardly worth ringing, as it contains only 18 course ends because of shunting effect by bobs at I and 5ths. — Yours sincerely,

G. W. SLACK.

Waltham Abbey.

6,400

23456	
34256	O
36245	5 H
23564	H
52436	H
42635	I H

4 times repeated. Reduced to 5,344 by calling one course H instead of 1 part. Omitting the last H gives a quarter-peal 1,280.

5,760

23456	
26435	5 H
25463	5 H
56423	I
64523	O

4 times repeated. A bob H can be called in each part if desired at the last course end.

5,184

23456	
34256	O
36245	5 H
23564	H
52436	H
43652	2 I H
64235	H
64523	O H
26435	5 I O
26543	O H
56342	I H
35264	A
23456	A

A is one part of the 6,400.

5,024

23456	
42635	A
26435	O
25463	5 H
42356	H
34625	H
63542	H
62534	5 H
56423	H
64523	O
45623	O
45362	O H
35264	I H
23456	A

DON'T BLAME THE RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Ringers who like to have and hear things done properly will have been somewhat shaken by the rather unfortunate close of the ringing preceding the morning service broadcast from Milton Regis on Sunday last.

Being personally interested, I may say that I also was shaken upon being told what had happened. It should have been obvious, of course, to those listening in that something had gone wrong; it had, but it was not the fault of the ringers.

A B.B.C. official was posted in the ringing chamber at a vantage point to give the ringers a signal when they came 'off the air.' The signal was duly given by a wave of the hand and 'It's all over.' Thereupon, in accordance with instructions previously given, the bells were set up as quickly as possible. Obviously the 'off the air' signal was given too early, for which the blame must rest with the B.B.C. official directing operations. G. H. SPICE.

Sittingbourne.

HOLMFIRTH, YORKS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor (600 Duke of York, 672 Oxford): B. Broadhead 1, A. Rusby 2, F. Cowling 3, K. H. Wood 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6.

MR. CHARLES WILLSHIRE'S CONTRIBUTION TO START OF 'R.W.'

Dear Sir,—In celebrating the 2,000th number of 'The Ringing World,' I can recall the initial talks that led to its establishment, and as it may not fall within my province at a later date to record a personal interest in its history, I should like to pay tribute to one whose influence has not been recognised or probably even suspected.

At that time I was lodging with Mr. Charles Willshire, a ringer at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, who with each issue of 'Bell News' engaged in a crescendo of protest against the failings of that journal. His appeal to me, a newspaper man, was to start a paper that would do justice to the ringing fraternity. The costs of such a journal were estimated, but finding an editor was a greater difficulty.

At that time Mr. Goldsmith had been calling on Mr. Willshire at his residence on Thursday evenings for handbell practice. He, too, was pursued by our host. After several discussions it was decided that I should lay the scheme of a proposed new bellringers' paper before a publisher of several national and well-known magazines with whom I had had close association, but the outcome of the approach was a confirmation of what had been foreseen, i.e., the revenue would probably cover costs of production and leave a little for an editor-proprietor, but would be insufficient to support a separate financial interest.

After this Mr. Willshire's persuasive powers were used to impress Mr. Goldsmith that such a journal would not meet with competition from any of the large publishing houses, and with this conviction he sought the advice of other and distant friends, and won their support in the venture.

But to Charles Willshire, who later went to reside in Canada with his family, I would like to pay great admiration for the faith he placed in his fellow-ringers. H. T. M.

RIGHT OR LEFT-HANDED RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I beg to diagree with Mr. A. L. Shepherd in your issue of August 12th. Although he quotes boxing and tug-of-war, in my opinion it must be correct for a right-handed person to hold the tail end in the left hand, leaving the right free to catch the sally and vice versa for left-handers.

In cricket a right-handed fielder would catch the ball in his right if only one hand was allowed to be used, and if he held the bat above his head (like a ringer), his right hand would be above the left. G. E. SYMONDS.

57, Mornington Avenue, Ipswich.

LEFT-HANDED WITHOUT A HAND!

Dear Sir,—Holding the rope end in the left or right hand seems to be a very common argument with ringers. When this question is raised I always ask the following question: Can a man without a left hand be left-handed?

Seventy-one years ago my father had the misfortune to lose his left hand. When he took up ringing a few years later he learned to handle a bell by hooking his left elbow through the rope end loop and doing all the controlling with his right hand above his left elbow. Anyone visiting Eccleston tower will see him still ringing a bell in this manner at the age of 81.

I always hold the rope end in my left hand, also when using a brush or shovel my left hand is at the top, leaving my right to do all the controlling and lifting. Perhaps being taught all these things by a man who had no left hand has made me left-handed or right-handed. I have never found out which.—Yours faithfully, S. JONES, jun.

Chester.

Australian Wants Pen Friend

INTERESTS, MUSIC AND BELLRINGING.

The following letter written to the International Friendship League Correspondence Bureau has been forwarded to 'The Ringing World.' The Exercise should be able to find the pen friend Mr. Philip L. Cooper, 26, North Street, Collinswood, Adelaide, Australia, requires:—

Dear Sir,—Having recently read in the Adelaide University's paper that your bureau wishes to find Australian correspondents, I am writing to you as I would very much like to have an English pen friend.

I am 18 years old and a science student at the Adelaide University. I am mainly interested in mathematics, in which I hope to do an honours degree eventually.

My main outside interests are music and bellringing. I spent two years at the Adelaide Conservatorium studying the piano and organ. For three years I was a choirboy at St. Peter's Anglican Cathedral. Now that my choir days are over I am a bellringer. This has now become my main interest. Our bells are a ring of eight cast by John Taylor in 1946, with a tenor of 41 cwt. They were consecrated on St. Peter's Day, 1947.

I would therefore like very much to have a pen friend who is a change ringer, and who would be prepared to teach me some change ringing theory from time to time. I would especially like to have a pen friend (a ringer) who intends to visit Australia in the future, either as a migrant or tourist.

Musically, I am mostly interested in organ, orchestral and choral music. My favourite composer is Bach, but I like most classical music whoever wrote it. My mother plays the piano and violin, as does my sister, so that we are quite a musical family.

A bellringer friend and myself play concertos together. At present we are practising Grieg's A Minor, and Tschaikowsky's D Flat concertos on two pianos. I do the accompanying, not the solo work.

At the present time our tower is struggling over Plain Bob Doubles. Of course, this is nothing in England, but out here there are not the numbers of towers or ringers to enable really quick progress to be made. This is why I ask that my pen friend be one who hopes to come to Australia, because such a person could be of invaluable service to campanology over here. Surely some bellringer must be among the thousands of British migrants. They will be heartily welcomed if they come.

Hoping that I may become a suitable Australian pen friend to someone in England, I remain, yours faithfully, Philip L. Cooper.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society's July meeting was held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on July 30th. This was the starting day of the Leeds holidays, but the members who were able to visit Sherburn enjoyed a good meeting, although the 'go' of the bells was not all one desired.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until 8 p.m., except for the tea and business meeting, which were held in the Church Room.

Mr. T. Hill (president) occupied the chair, and members were present from Armley, Bramley, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Liversedge, Pudsey, Rothwell, Selby, Sherburn, Tadcaster and Woodlesford; also friends from Bawtry and Richmond (Yorks).

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was proposed by Mr. H. S. Morley and seconded by Mr. W. Dixon. Mr. E. Bradley, in acknowledging the thanks, said he was pleased to see the Society at Sherburn and hoped their next visit would be soon.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

CHRIST CHURCH, CREWE.

The party on July 30th, which for the first time included wives and sweethearts, was accompanied by Mr. E. J. (Ted) Walker, St. Mary's, Dover, renewing his war-time associations with Crewe, and Mr. George Porter (Wistaston St. Mary's). At St. Giles' (R.C.) Church, Cheadle, we were met by Mr. Arthur Hall, leader of this lovely ring of eight. There is also a ring of six at St. Giles' (Anglican Church) across the road. After ringing, a good cup of tea and a handround were enjoyed. Mr. Hall accompanied the party onward. He said he was rather disappointed that more parties did not visit them, as they would all receive a cordial reception.

Then to beautiful Ashbourne, rightly named 'The Pride of the Peak.' Here the long draught had some of the ringers in difficulty, but with the beauty of the bells this was soon overcome to the wonderment and delight of the host of interested visitors.

Next came the Crooked Spire at Chesterfield, where the 'railwaymen' were reminded of their pioneer, George Stephenson, who viewed his railway from the spire. The bells are musical and a 'good go'; the tenor, probably 24½ cwt., like Ashbourne, is very much alive.

After dinner at Chesterfield, we journeyed on to another Derbyshire "tit-bit," Bakewell, a spire among the trees fully justifying Arthur Mee's description in his 'Derbyshire.' (Surely there is nothing nicer in England, leastways my father said not; he was a Derbyshire man and he should know.) The bells at Bakewell are quite worthy of the church and town and some good ringing was enjoyed. A sumptuous tea at the Royal Oak fortified the party for 'the heavies' at Youlgrave, where some amusement was caused, even to the experts who could not set the tenor, the clapper being on the wrong side. Mr. Toff and his colleague soon came to the rescue, after which some good ringing was enjoyed.

Unfortunately, rain came on when leaving Youlgrave, and at times almost blotted out the magnificent scenery to Buxton, over the Cat and Fiddle to Macclesfield, where the 'bearings' (human) were cooled down and oiled. W. F. S.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.

Nailsea ringers are indebted to Mr. Jack Thomas for making arrangements for the towers and meals and to their foreman, Mr. E. J. Baker, for their outing on August 6th.

Usual Doubles methods were rung at Ashchurch three miles from Tewkesbury. After lunch at Tewkesbury amusement was caused at Twyning, where the first single in a touch of Stedman caused the clock to stop. It would not start again until the bells were lowered.

A novelty at Ripple, a mellow-toned six by John Rudhall, rehung by J. Taylor and Co. in 1922, was the wooden stairs to the belfry through the middle of the organ. After a farmhouse tea there was ringing at Bushley.

The return journey was enlivened by the permanent comedian complete with straw hat, umbrella and, last but least, a large jar of cider.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.

Ringers of St. Marwenne's, Marhamchurch, accompanied by friends from Stratton, had their annual outing on August Bank Holiday.

Exbourne (6), Crediton (8) and Cadbury (6) were visited before lunch. Tiverton, with a ring of eight which is reputed to be the second best in the West, followed.

At Cullompton, where the fine ten was much appreciated, it was discovered the local inhabitants were warned of the approach of visiting ringers by an announcement in the Parish Church Magazine, which apologised to those living near the church for the frequent use of the bells. Broadclyst (8) and Exeter, St. Thomas' (8), were also visited.

RUSHMERE ST. ANDREW (IPSWICH).

The annual outing took the form of a tour of the Norfolk towers and Broads district. The party of 29, including 19 ringers from Rushmere, St. Matthew's and other Ipswich towers, left the garage in Ipswich at 7 a.m.

The route was via Henley, Debenham, Eye and Diss to Bunwell (6), the first stop for ringing. On the way from Diss a very heavy storm was encountered, but this soon stopped and little rain was encountered the rest of the day. At Mulbarton (6) while ringing took place the Vicar there had arranged for tea and home-made cakes. Needless to say, this was greatly appreciated by all.

Leaving for Horsham St. Faith (6), the driver kindly drove through the city of Norwich and round the Castle and the largest cattle market in England (it being market day). Horsham was reached with time for some to ring before dinner. Buxton was next stop, a good ring, but rather long draught of rope and heaviest six on trip (12½ cwt.). Then came Scottow (6), which were rehung by an Ipswich firm in steel frames with new treble added.

Tea was served at Wroxham and a trip was arranged for the non-ringers by motor launch on the Broads. The rest made use of the six bells a mile away. A short run brought the party to another well-known Broad at Ranworth. The bells, a ring of six cast in Ipswich and rehung in teak frames in 1936, were soon in use, after which the Vicar (an Ipswich man) showed all the interesting items of the church He told them he had 40,000 visitors to the church last year, and it was by collections from these he had got the bells and church so well restored.

A brief call was made at South Walsham (6), where there are two churches in one churchyard, but one has only half a tower standing. The long draught without guides caused some trouble. Among the ringers was one of 85 years and his son and grandson (14). Home was reached at 11.30 p.m., all agreeing it had been a most enjoyable day. Ringing consisted of Plain Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent, St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge, Ipswich and Norfolk Surprise, and Plain, Grandsire, St. Simon's and Stedman Doubles. F. B.

ALL SAINTS', CHILVERS COTON.

Lovely weather again favoured the annual outing when four Shropshire towers were visited. The ten at Coalbrookdale were first on the list and on arrival were soon going to Stedman and Grandsire Caters, followed by Cambridge Royal. The design of the fine memorial stone to William Saunders was much admired. The grand situation of the tower made a great impression on the visitors and the time allotted here passed all too quickly.

The next tower was St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, with its magnificent twelve. Grandsire and Stedman Cinques were rung in masterly style with three leads of Bristol on the back eight to satisfy the heavy bell merchants. On again to Church Stretton, where the next item was lunch in the beautiful Carding Mill Valley. After an excellent meal the pleasing light eight were made good use of from Grandsire to London. A climb over the hills to enjoy the panorama of the Shropshire countryside was followed by tea.

Stokesay proved to be a musical ring of six, after which all aboard for Ludlow, where an hour was spent in various ways before leaving for home. Visitors included Messrs. A. Cattell and J. Bramley, Leicester, W. P. Whitehead, of Hinckley, and Miss Margaret Bailey, of Bulkington.

The thanks of the Society are expressed once more to all who gave their time to meet and extend a welcome at the towers and for making the necessary arrangements for permission to ring.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.

On July 16th a visit was made to six Surrey towers. At Horley, the tricks of the two trebles, owing to the oscillations of the wooden tower, caused some trouble, but at Newdigate, another wooden tower, the light six ran well in methods up to Cambridge.

Round the foot of Leith Hill we went to Guildford, where ringing on the lovely octave in the red brick tower of Holy Trinity Church was over all too soon, the proceedings finishing with a good touch of Superlative, which word just about sums up this ring of bells.

The key of Merrow tower was found after a tour of the village, but this noisy six did not attract the crowd, so on we went to Leatherhead, where Mr. Marriner had everything ready, and all enjoyed this pleasant ten until tea time.

Bletchingley's rehung octave was set going at 7.20 p.m., 'and the lady will long remember that the treble has not always gone when one says so, while her husband will allow more time in future to catch his train to work.' C. A. B.

SPALDING, LINCS.

The fact that it rained all day detracted little from the pleasure of the annual outing, organised by Mr. J. T. Newington, for Spalding Parish Church ringers and friends from Deeping St. Nicholas, Moulton, Pinchbeck, Surfleet, Gosberton, Donnington and Billingborough.

A very full day included the privilege of ringing at Southwell Minster, where the eight grand bells are rung from a gallery round the inside of a massive tower, there being an 80ft. drop over the gallery railing to the nave below. From there to Mansfield, where the new bells made a great impression, to Chesterfield, where the more energetic ringers climbed up inside the crooked spire, and across lovely country vaguely seen through cloud and mist to ring at Bakewell, Darley Dale and Matlock, finishing there at 9 p.m. and arriving home 'rung out' at 12.30 a.m.! Many thanks to all who helped make the outing a success.

A BROMLEY GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Mounter, of Bromley, celebrated their golden wedding on August 15th. Mr. Mounter married Miss Mary Keirle at Pitney, Somerset, in 1899, and they lived for several years at Curry Rivell. It was at this tower that Mr. Mounter learned to ring.

On moving to Bromley some 30 years ago Mr. Mounter joined the company at the Parish Church and proved himself a good and faithful servant both in the tower and in the church he greatly loved. This lovely old building and its bells perished in an air raid in 1940. Work is shortly to be started on rebuilding, although it will probably be some years before the bells are installed.

On August 13th, Mr. Mounter took part in a commemorative peal at St. Mary's, Lewisham, a tower he has also been closely associated with. The treble ringer in this peal was Mr. Isaac Emery, leader of Bromley ringers, who has now completed the circle at Lewisham some 54 years after ringing his first peal there. Also in the peal was Mr. Jack Lyddiard, captain of Bromley Common ringers, who took part in a peal in celebration of Mr. Mounter's silver wedding.

Mr. Harry Warnett, now in his 88th year, and leader of Lewisham ringers for over half a century, listened to part of the peal and duly attended on Sunday morning to give his report on the ringing.

Readers will wish Mr. and Mrs. Mounter many more happy years together.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Aug. 11th, at St. Mary's, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Miss T. Dearling 1, E. Cassel 2, T. Miller 3, J. Chapman 4, R. Charge 5, E. Blake (cond.) 6, F. Wicks 7. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to A. E. Bracey.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Iles (first quarter) 1, E. J. Bragg 2, R. Corke (first quarter 'inside') 3, E. Haines 4, E. J. Smith 5, R. O. Fry 6, W. H. Viggers (cond.) 7, J. Reith 8.

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Wills 1, B. Warwick (first in method on tower bells) 2, Mrs. F. E. Wilson 3, J. Walton 4, H. Bray 5, R. Morris (first quarter) 6, F. E. Wilson (cond.) 7, B. Weston (first quarter) 8.

BARWELL, LEICS. — On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Needham 1, T. C. Belton 2, R. Coleman (first quarter 'inside') 3, W. P. Whitehead 4, C. R. Belton 5, A. H. Hough 6, G. P. Garner (cond.) 7, G. Armstrong 8.

CHESTER.—On Aug. 5th at St. Mary-on-the-Hill, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Brian Kenny 1, H. Lewis 2, Stella Kingdon 3, J. W. Best 4, Rev. J. Kingdon 5, Henry O. Baker (cond.) 6. J. E. Bonney 7, Brian Harris 8. First quarter of Triples 1, 3 and 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for Mr. F. Dutton in his bereavement.

CHISWICK, LONDON.—On Aug. 6th, 2,606 Stedman Triples: Mrs. K. Parr 1, Mrs. O Rogers 2, S. Croft 3, H. Eldred 4, N. Hollingworth 5, H. Rogers (cond.) 6, T. Davies 7, A. Harding 8.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On Aug. 13th, at St. Peter's Church, 2,520 Treble Bob Minor (720 Capel, 720 Sandal, 720 Spliced London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston, 360 Oxford): E. Simpson 1, A. Hibbert 2, S. Hough, jun. 3, A. Richardson 4, J. T. Marriott 5, J. A. Milner (cond.) 6. A 40th birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the fifth.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS. — On Aug. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Limmer (first of Major) 1, W. Henley 2, Miss R. Tabraham 3, R. Purchase 4, A. Birch (first of Major) 5, W. Eastwell 6, W. Butler 7, D. H. Pearce (cond.) 8. A farewell to W. Eastwell on joining H.M. Forces.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Aug. 9th, a half-peal of Minor (720 Double Oxford, 720 Plain Bob, 720 St. Clement's, 360 Oxford Bob): W. F. Todd 1, L. R. Runnacles 2, A. E. Symonds 3, G. Cherry 4, E. W. Winters 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For the birthday of Mr. F. W. Croft.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On July 10th, 1,313 Grandsire Caters: B. McArthur 1, H. W. Rogers 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Miss J. Askew 4, Mrs. K. Parr 5, E. Dodds 6, S. Croft 7, E. Morris (cond.) 8, F. Bishop 9, A. Tomblin 10. First on ten for 1 and 4. Also on Aug. 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. B. E. Davies (first on ten) 1, T. E. Davies (first in method) 2, Mrs. O. Rogers 3, T. Croft 4, Mrs. K. Parr 5, H. Eldred 6, E. Dodds 7, H. Rogers (cond.) 8, F. Bishop 9, A. Tomblin 10.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL. — On Aug. 14th, on the occasion of the patronal festival, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Hicks 1, L. Duke 2, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 3, C. Taylor 4, F. Rich 5, A. Ham 6. Rung before early service.—1,260 Stedman Doubles: C. Taylor 1, A. J. Hicks 2, A. Bissat 3, R. J. Hicks 4, F. Sangwin (cond.) 5, D. Mertin 6. First in the method by all the band. First in the method on the bells.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Aug. 8th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. J. Gardner 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, Miss B. J. Strange 3, Miss B. M. Strange 4, J. E. Manners 5, A. Waddington (Egerton, Kent) 6, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 7, W. T. Daniell 8. First of Major by 3, 4 and 5.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS. — On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): W. Robinson 1, F. Hollowell 2, F. Rollings 3, C. Barrick 4, E. Nobles (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled for the late Joseph W. L. Linnitt.

WYKEHAM, YORKS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob Doubles and 780 Grandsire Doubles): T. Cullingworth 1, A. P. Cannon 2, K. R. Holtom 3, B. Austin 4, E. G. Orland (cond.) 5. The first quarter-peal on the bells.

The Initiation

A LANCASHIRE BOY'S IMPRESSIONS.

What a grand day it was, far too good for a peal, and the beautiful May sunshine seemed to add weight to the non-ringer's criticisms. However, the good ringers present dismissed such commonsense, and, since chatting in the sunshine would not charm the neighbourhood, the band was induced to ascend the belfry stairs. The start was almost to time, which beside being a good sign, curtailed the period of nervous tension of this new recruit to voluntary imprisonment. It was worse than waiting to see the dentist, because here the victim adjusted his own rope!

The small areas of floor to be occupied were allotted, the postern was fastened, and the band was ready to ring. A short dose of rounds showed that somebody needed further rope adjustment, after which we were off in earnest. Any doubts about the ability of the band seemed unfounded, for the striking was grand. An excellent beat was achieved after a time and the work proceeded mechanically.

Such a condition allowed the mind to wander just as in any touch, though here the danger was countered by more determination and tenacity. The striking was responsible for more than one trip, setting off a chain of thought such as: 'What fine tapping now. That sounds like 6.8 behind. Very nice. Oh, where am I?' 'One more dodge, treble, then up to 7 in 6-7,' barked the conductor, correcting the wanderer.

The comically serious faces of the others of the band were diverting, though it was as well that my own face was not to be endured. The clock was right opposite, and the minutes dragged by. Two hours had passed, the arms were aching, the legs were stiff, and the eyes were feeling the strain, but that was only part of the game, which was soon forgotten as the mind was applied to this soothing principle.

How fascinating peal ringing is, once the beat has been established, and the mind settles down to trace the bell's path confidently. It is as though the band must reach its goal because of the momentum of the ringing. Yet each novice knows how fragile the system is, and recovers from a mistake with the heart in the mouth, and a deep blush of anxiety.

After three hours had passed, anticipation of a successful and glorious end was strong, increasing determination to avoid a last-minute slip. Thus it was very strange that the end was not recognised when it did come, and 'That's all' surprised me. However, the well-struck rounds which followed those words were proof, so it was impossible to conceal the smile of relief and satisfaction. There were handshakes all round after the bells fell silent, words of approval. 'Not bad,' from some of the veterans, an appreciated tea, then the journey home to tell the news while it was yet hot.

P. G. P.

ST. PETER'S, DERBY

Dear Sir,—Reading the 'Journal of George Fox' recently, I came across an entry which may be of interest to ringers in the Midlands. After giving an account of a letter written to the 'Court at Derby,' he continues: 'Likewise to the ringers who used to ring the bells in the steeple-house, called St. Peter's, in Derby.' This entry appears under the year 1650.—Yours, etc.,

R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.

Crawshawbooth Vicarage, Rossendale, Lancs.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On Aug. 14th at St. James', 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, F. A. Barker 3, R. Charge 4, G. A. Parsons 5, W. Prockson 6, A. W. Coles (cond.) 7, J. Bennett 8.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET. — On Aug. 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. C. Beale (first of Major) 1, Miss M. Clarke 2, Mrs. E. S. Powell 3, R. Beale 4, R. Welch 5, J. W. Drew (cond.) 6, H. J. Gaylard 7, J. T. Locke 8.

Quarter Peals in Australia

This week we have received two quarter peals rung at Turramurra, Sydney Australia, for the N.S.W. Association.

On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 different callings): K. Stacey 1, J. Clark 2, J. Watts (cond.) 3, L. Butcher 4, W. Smith 5, J. Smith 6. A farewell to the conductor, who is leaving to take up an appointment in Fiji.

On July 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Stacey 1, R. Ferris 2, J. Clark 3, G. Williamson 4, L. Butcher 5, W. Smith (cond.) 6. First of Minor on the bells and for all the band except the conductor.

Mr. W. Smith rang his previous quarter of Minor in Oxford in 1917 when a military student at St. John's College after taking part in campaigns in Gallipoli and France. In 1927 he rang in a peal at Long Clawson, Leicestershire, conducted by Mr. Ernest Morris.

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Although the meeting was not very well attended, due, no doubt, to the infrequent bus service, and to the incidence of the Preston annual holiday, it was most enjoyable.

5,000 NORWICH OR NORFOLK LITTLE BOB MAJOR

By NOLAN GOLDEN.

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			— —	23564
—			—	56234
			—	25634
—			—	63254
			—	26354
			—	32654
—		1	—	53246
			—	25346
			—	32546

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Rung at Kenninghall, Norfolk, May 7th, 1949.

5,040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

By GEOFFREY DODDS.

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24635	—	S		
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24536		—		
65423	5	—	—	
26453	—	6		(— — S — — S)
56423	S			
35462	—	5		(— — S — —)
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23456	—		—	

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WEDDING

GRAY—HOULDSWORTH. — On Aug. 18th, 1949, at Wolborough Parish Church, Newton Abbot, Philip M. J., son of the late Mr. James Carter Gray and Mrs. Gray, of 5, Box Ridge Avenue, Purley, Surrey, to Joan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Houldsworth, West End Cottage, Newton Abbot, Devon, formerly of St. Annes-on-Sea, Lancs. 4665

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LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Still a few vacant seats left for the ringing outing, Sept. 17th, into part of Essex. Gentlemen cordially invited. Anyone wishing to join inform Miss D. E. Lidbetter, 22, Mervyn Road, W.13. 5675

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MEETINGS

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Meeting, Wells (8) with Holkham (6), Aug. 27th. Usual arrangements. — W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 5644

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Hemingford Abbots, Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea available. Bring own food.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 5663

THREE GUILDS FESTIVAL. — GUILDFORD GUILD (Farnham District), OXFORD GUILD (Sonning Deanery Branch), WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Basingstoke Branch).—To be held at Hawley on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Service 4. Tea (2s.) 4.30. Hawley (8), Yorktown (8), Sandhurst (6) and Yateley (8) from 2 to 9; Farnborough (6) and Bagshot (8) from 2 to 3.30; Finchamstead (6) 6 to 9 p.m. A coach will run between towers in the evening, fare 2s. Tickets for coach and tea, 3s. 6d. (under 16 years 2s. 6d.), from G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants.—J. Chesterman, B. Castle, G. S. Joyce, District Secs. 5587

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bray-on-Thames. — Annual garden party, Saturday, Aug. 27th. Teas and refreshments on river fronted Vicarage lawn. All ringers and friends welcome. Tower open 2 p.m. Bells (8) recently rehung. Tenor 27 cwt. Two sets of handbells available. No need to notify for tea. 5634

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Repton, Saturday, Aug. 27th, 2.30. 5647

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Branch.—Middleton Stoney (6), Sept. 3rd, 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names by Aug. 29th.—C. H. Kinch, The Causeway, Bicester. 5643

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Crusaders of S.W. Division. — Meeting at Hutton (5), Saturday, Sept. 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. at Hutton. Brentwood (8) in the evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. This is a meeting for learners. Everybody welcome. Names for tea to H. J. Allberry, Felsted, Sylvia Avenue, Hutton. 5649

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Ipswich District. — Holbrook, Stutton and Harkstead meeting, Sept. 3rd. Meet Stutton 3. Tea 5 at Holbrook. Names to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. Henley, Sept. 17th. Bells 3. Bring own food. 5641

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Olney, Saturday, Sept 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Aug. 27th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 5650

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — Meeting at Bengeo, Hertford, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Sept. 1st.—A. S. Carter, Sec., 93, North Road, Hertford. 5651

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY. — The annual cup contest will take place at Clowne (6 bells) on Sept. 3rd. For tea write to Mr. J. E. Edwards, 367, Creswell Road, Clowne, near Chesterfield. —J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 5656

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Renhold and Wilden on Sept. 3rd. Renhold bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Wilden, evening.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5674

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District. — Quarterly meeting at Keresley, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Ringing at Corley (5 bells) 3 o'clock. Tea at Keresley 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Keresley bells (5) available from 6 to 7.30 p.m. To be concluded by a social and dance, price 1s. 6d., to be held at 7.30 p.m. in Keresley Women's Institute. Names for tea to Miss R. M. Griffiths, 71, Dickens Road, Radford, Coventry, by Monday, Aug. 29th. 5661

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION and OXFORD GUILD. — Joint meeting, St. John's, Hillingdon, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells 4 to 5 and after tea. Service 5. Tea in Church Hall 5.30, followed by social. St. Andrew's bells 3 to 4.30. Names for tea to W. H. Coles, 61, Hayes End Drive, Hayes.—F. Finch, A. Barker, Hon. Secs. 5676

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practices will be held at Easthampstead on Saturday, Sept. 3rd, and Arborfield on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Both at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 5645

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Watlington, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, District Sec. 5680

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Annual meeting at Morecambe, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Meeting 4.30. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 31st, to H. Palmer, 14, Oxford Street, Morecambe. 5686

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — By-meeting, Shipbourne (6), Sept. 3rd, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. W. Fairweather, The Green, Shipbourne, near Tonbridge, not later than Sept. 1st. 5662

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Abbots Langley (6), Sept. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. H. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 5664

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Doddington (6), Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 5671

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — South Shields, Saturday, Sept. 3rd, 2.30. Tea for those informing Mr. W. Robson, 15, Logan Terrace, South Shields, by Sept. 1st.—W. F. Sheraton, Sec. 5662

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol City. — Saturday, Sept. 3rd, Westbury-on-Trym. Ringing 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 (1s. 3d. per head). Bookings by Sept. 1st, please. 5677

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting at Naseby, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Names for tea to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby, before Aug. 30th, please. Hazelbeach (8) available in evening. 5679

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Rolleston-on-Dove, Sept. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to L. Smith, Rectory Garden, Rolleston-on-Dove. 5685

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — Meeting at Rishton on Sept. 3rd. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower, 6 p.m. — Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 5684

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 3rd, St. Peter's, Hindley. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea will be provided only to those who notify Mr. H. S. Cooper, 70, Atherton Road, Hindley, Wigan, by Wednesday, Aug. 31st.—J. Burns. 5683

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District.—Meeting, Stanton-by-Dale, Sept. 3rd, 2.30. Names for tea to F. Shaw, 38, Inglefield Road, Ilkeston, by Aug. 30th. 5682

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Brasted, Sept. 10th. Brasted bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Other towers may be arranged. Names by Sept. 3rd to A. B. Peck. 5690

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—The meeting arranged to take place at Boughton Monchelsea on Sept. 10th has been cancelled owing to serious illness near the church. 5669

SOUTHWELL GUILD (Nottingham District) and LEICESTER GUILD (Melton District).—Joint meeting, Colston Bassett, Sept. 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Village Hall. Names to G. Payne, Colston Bassett, Notts, by Wednesday, 7th, latest.—W. Thornley and J. H Cook, District Secs. 5678

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Little Waltham (6), Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 5636

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Pakefield, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Names or numbers for tea to P. Kindred, 16, Walmer Road, South Lowestoft, by Thursday, Sept. 8th.—J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 5660

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at Kingswinford, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea (1s. 3d.) in Church Hall 5.30. Names by Sept. 6th to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 5664

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WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Goodworth Clatford (6), Sept. 10th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Vicarage. Ringing after tea and Abbotts Ann (5) 6—9. Names by Sept. 7th to J. A. Hill, Anna Valley, Andover.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Okehampton, Sept. 10th. Coach leaves Paul Street at 2.—E. J. Ryall, Alphidex, Dunsford Hill, Exeter. 5681

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Selling, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, 1s. 9d. per head. Names, with cost enclosed, to reach me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 6th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 5670

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Half-yearly meeting, Grantham, on Sept. 10th. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at the Angel Hotel. Names for tea to Mr. S. Proctor, 72, Bridgeend Road, Grantham, by Sept. 6th.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Great Gaddesden (6) on Sept. 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. Robinson, 7, Gade Valley Cottages, Great Gaddesden, by Sept. 5th. 5687

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Quarterly, Topsham, Sept. 17th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Sept. 12th to Brian Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 5689

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.—Annual meeting, Loughborough, Sept. 17th. Ringing. Inspection of bell foundry. Carillon recital. Social evening. Tickets, lunch 6s. 6d., tea 3s. 6d. Apply by Sept. 10th to H. G. Jenney, 23, Larch Street, Leicester. 5668

BYFIELD.—Saturday, Sept. 17th, service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the bells and clock. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting 4.15. Tea for those who notify Mr. F. W. Hutt, Knowle Cottage, Byfield, Rugby, by Sept. 5th.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec., Daventry Branch. 5672

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IMPRESSIONS OF THE YORKSHIRE TOUR

By R. H. DOVE.

ONE could not fail to be impressed by the vastness of Yorkshire with its miles of sweeping moorland, the great plain of York, the rugged grandeur of the northern hills and so forth, but the tour covered only a small part of the county. Accustomed both to the scenery and the bells, my own chief impression was the ineffectiveness of organised ringing, particularly in the North.

As the organiser of the tour, so far as the choice of routes and towers was concerned I could not fail to notice the enthusiasm with which every application I made was greeted. Out of forty applications to ring there were only two refusals—one because the bells are to be rehung and the other because steeplejacks are at work on the spire and all ringing has been stopped for six months. All too often, however, came the pathetic remark . . . 'Our bells are never rung,' or 'We have no ringers,' etc., and in some cases what ringers there are had never even heard of the Yorkshire Association, which ostensibly operates in the area.

The once flourishing Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association appears now to be moribund, with the result that apart from nominal membership of the County Association by isolated bands the area between the Cleveland Hills and Tees-side is, from the point of view of ringing, a sort of no man's land, and ringing in Yorkshire is the poorer for it.

The Eastern District, which was partially covered on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, has been more fortunate since the formation of the virile Beverley and District Society, which has done much to strengthen ringing in its area.

The position in North Yorkshire is tragic—in some cases there are enthusiastic bands struggling alone and unaided; in others there are beautiful bells rotting in idleness.

I realise that as a 'foreigner,' with only fifteen years' residential qualification, I shall be censured if for no other reason than my very audacity in criticising Yorkshire, but while I may have Yorkshire in mind in particular, the same thing probably applies to a greater or lesser degree in other large territorial associations. Personally I have long thought that the advancement of ringing depends upon smaller units in which combined practices and frequent meetings usually take precedence, rather than in large territorial associations, which tend to become more and more remote from individual towers and which all too often devote too much thought and energy to building up financial reserves against some future undefined contingency.

Yorkshire has its own peculiarities and its own special problems, some of them geographical: actually it is three and not one county, since the three Ridings are autonomous and have their own county councils and county towns. Also it contains five dioceses. Surely, on the face of it, this is too large an area to be covered by one association, and especially an Association divided only into four districts.

I see a distinct parallel between the Yorkshire and the old Midland Counties Association which I had the honour of serving as a district secretary in my youth. We vigorously opposed the breaking up of the old M.C.A. at the time, but now that it is an accomplished fact few will deny the advantages it has brought. I think a similar action in Yorkshire would do likewise. The problem of the 'depressed areas' (or should it be 'development areas'?) in Yorkshire is one which ought to be faced, and the sooner it is tackled the sooner will it be solved.

A Leicestershire Tour

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On Sat., July 30, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,*
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*FREDERICK W. GROCOTT	4	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.
* First peal of New Cambridge. First of Surprise as conductor.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 30, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;

JOHN E. S. MORETON	*Treble*	MRS. D. E. BEAMISH ...	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	7
JAMES F. CLARKE... ...	3	†FREDK. W. GROCOTT ...	8
ERNEST MORRIS	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	9
*FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	5	JOHN E. LLOYD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
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Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal 'in hand.'

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sun., July 31, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*JOHN BRAMLEY	*Treble*	J. W FRANK TROTMAN	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	2	ALAN CATTELL	6
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WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	3	DENIS R. CARLISLE ...	7
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN...	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
The composition is now rung for the first time.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in G sharp.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN...	*Treble*	FREDK. E. WILSHAW ...	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	2	ALAN CATTELL	6
DENIS R. CARLISLE ...	3	JOHN BRAMLEY	7
JOHN J. MORRIS	4	FREDK. W. GROCOTT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.
The first peal of Cambridge Surprise on the bells. A 30th wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Belton, of Barwell.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD
On Tues., Aug. 2, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	*Treble*	*FREDK. W. GROCOTT ...	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	2	ALAN CATTELL	6
JOHN BRAMLEY	3	JOHN J. MORRIS	7
*†FREDK. E. WILSHAW...	4	GERALD ARMSTRONG ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* 25th peal together. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 3, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN...	*Treble*	JOHN J. MORRIS	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	2	FREDK. W. GROCOTT ...	6
ALAN CATTELL	3	*JOHN BRAMLEY	7
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ...	4	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 3, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN BRAMLEY	*Treble*	ALFRED MOULD	5
JOHN J. MORRIS	2	ALAN CATTELL	6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ...	3	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN...	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	4	FREDK. W. GROCOTT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. F. TROTMAN. Conducted by F. W. GROCOTT.
First peal of Surprise Major as conductor. The first peal of Yorkshire Surprise on the bells.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

ALAN CATTELL	*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	ALFRED MOULD	6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ...	3	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN...	7
JOHN BRAMLEY	4	FREDK. W. GROCOTT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. F. TROTMAN. Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.
First peal of Yorkshire Surprise on the bells. First Surprise peal as conductor and his 100th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 5, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

JOHN BRAMLEY	*Treble*	FREDK. W. GROCOTT ...	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	2	ALAN CATTELL	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN...	7
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ...	4	ALFRED MOULD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. F. TROTMAN. Conducted by ALFRED MOULD.
First peal of Surprise as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 5, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

CAPT. ED. F. M. SAMSON	*Treble*	FREDK. E. WILSHAW ...	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	2	JOHN BRAMLEY	6
ALFRED MOULD	3	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN...	7
ALAN CATTELL	4	FREDK. W. GROCOTT ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.
First peal of Yorkshire Surprise as conductor.

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PICKERING.

On Sat., Aug. 6, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*Geoff. W. Ashdown	*Treble*	‡David J. Charnley	5
†‡Edna M. Sills	2	†‡Reginald L. Sills	6
John A. Acres	3	Thomas Cullingworth	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal on eight bells. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal in the method. The first peal of Major on the bells.

NORTON JUXTA MALTON.

On Mon., Aug. 8, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

Roger Leigh	*Treble*	Patrick I. Chapman	5
Jean M. Brown	2	Brian Austin	6
Cecil V. Ebberson	3	Arthur Tomlinson	7
William Bottrill	4	Frank L. Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Arthur Tomlinson.
The first peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

HELMSLEY.

On Mon., Aug. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Geoffrey E. Watson	*Treble*	Kilby R. Holtom	5
Mrs. G. E. Watson	2	Ronald H. Dove	6
Ernest G. Orland	3	Thomas Cullingworth	7
Frank G. Bloomfield	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
The first peal on the bells, cast by Pack and Chapman, 1770.

BRIDLINGTON.

On Tues., Aug. 9, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Priory Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in D.

Cecil V. Ebberson	*Treble*	Geoffrey E. Watson	5
Mrs. G. E. Watson	2	Frank L. Harris	6
Ronald J. Sharp	3	Thomas Cullingworth	7
Arthur Tomlinson	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
The first peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

GUISBOROUGH.

On Wed., Aug. 10, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
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, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

Arthur Tomlinson	*Treble*	Cecil V. Ebberson	4
John A. Acres	2	Frank G. Bloomfield	5
Edna M. Sills	3	David J. Charnley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur Tomlinson.

ORMESBY.

On Wed., Aug. 10, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Cuthbert,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*Ernest G. Orland	*Treble*	Roger Leigh	5
Brian Austin	2	Reginald L. Sills	6
William Bottrill	3	Frank L. Harris	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas Cullingworth.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

HEDON.

On Fri., Aug. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Augustine,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

John A. Acres	*Treble*	Cecil V. Ebberson	5
Mrs. G. E. Watson	2	William Bottrill	6
*Ernest G. Orland	3	Arthur Tomlinson	7
Geoffrey E. Watson	4	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by T. Cullingworth.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

PATRINGTON.

On Fri., Aug. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Patrick,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in F sharp.

*John J. Baxter	*Treble*	*Kilby R. Holtom	5
*Jean M. Brown	2	Brian Austin	6
George R. Newton	3	I. Patrick Chapman	7
David J. Charnley	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Goodhall. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

WHITBY.

On Sat., Aug. 13, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

Arthur Tomlinson	*Treble*	Cecil V. Ebberson	6
Ronald J. Sharp	2	A. Patrick Cannon	7
Roger Leigh	3	William Bottrill	8
*Frank G. Bloomfield	4	Patrick I. Chapman	9
Reginald L. Sills	5	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal on 10 bells.

ROBIN HOOD'S BAY.

On Sat., Aug. 13, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Stephen, Fylingdales,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

Jean M. Brown	*Treble*	Edna M. Sills	5
*Geoffrey W. Watson	2	John L. Morris	6
Frank L. Harris	3	John J. Baxter	7
John A. Acres	4	Frank C. W. Knight	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Charge. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.
* First peal of Major 'inside.'

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, Southwark,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 48 cwt. in B.

Roydon Davies	*Treble*	Daniel D. Cooper	7
Tony R. Price	2	Alfred B. Peck	8
Philip A. Corby	3	†Tony J. W. Appleton	9
*John Phillips	4	Ernest F. Salmons	10
J. Frank Smallwood	5	Charles H. Kippin	11
†David E. Parsons	6	Frederick E. Collins	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.
* First peal of Treble Bob Maximus. † First peal of Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

Harold J. Poole	*Treble*	‡Harry G. Wayne	6
*Brian G. Warwick	2	Sidney O. Cheney	7
†Dorothy M. Udale	3	Sydney M. Bailey	8
Peter J. Staniforth	4	†Herrick B. Bowley	9
†Alan Jacques	5	Jill Poole	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal of Stedman Caters on tower bells. † First peal of Stedman Caters. ‡ 100th peal.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;
Tenor 20¼ cwt.

*Howard Howell	*Treble*	Richard J. Warrilow	6
John N. Lindon	2	P. George Golder	7
Maurice G. Turner	3	H. Lewis Aston	8
Fredk. E. Wilshaw	4	Kenneth W. Knowles	9
George W. Hughes	5	Henry E. Green	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Howard Howell.
* 200th peal for the society.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*Harry Huntington	*Treble*	John W. Sykes	5
Ernest Paulson	2	Denis Scott	6
George H. Paulson	3	Herbert E. Taylor	7
Jean D. Dunn	4	Norman Hotchin	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert E. Taylor.

* First peal. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Denis Scott on the birth of a son and to Mr. and Mrs. F. Paulson on the birth of twins.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

John R. Lunham	*Treble*	Thomas Hammond	5
*Margaret E. Ridyard	2	Thomas Hesketh	6
Thomas S. Horridge	3	Ronald Kenrick	7
William H. Deacon	4	Joseph Ridyard	*Tenor*

Composed by Edward F. Gobey. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. A birthday compliment to Miss Miriam Horridge, daughter of the ringer of the 3rd. Tenor 13 cwt.

WOLBOROUGH, DEVON.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 17, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 15¼ cwt.

Marie R. Cross	*Treble*	Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow	5
*Joan Houldsworth	2	Denis N. Layton	6
Frances A. Edgar	3	Richard F. B. Speed	7
Jean A. Southerst	4	Philip M. J. Gray	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Philip M. J. Gray.

* Last peal. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung on the eve of the wedding of the conductor and the ringer of the second.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 17, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 20¼ cwt. in E.

Mary E. Davis	*Treble*	Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	5
*Herbert A. Mitchell	2	Arthur V. Davis	6
*Andrew I. Pearmain	3	Frederick W. Rogers	7
Mrs. A. H. Beamish	4	Frank E. Haynes	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick W. Rogers.

* First peal of Cambridge.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 17, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

Richard Grant	*Treble*	Brian G. Warwick	5
*Harry Poyner	2	Burley Morris	6
Harold J. Poole	3	Alan Jacques	7
*Terence Thornber	4	Herrick B. Bowley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold J. Poole.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise on 'inside' bell.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

John E. S. Moreton	*Treble*	Leonard Trevor	5
Joseph H. W. White	2	Alfred Ballard	6
Harry G. Wayne	3	J. Frederick Milner	7
Frank E. Pervin	4	Harold J. Poole	*Tenor*

Composed by Fred Dench. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	*Treble*	Daniel T. Matkin	5
William G. Young	2	Ronald N. Marlow	6
Roy C. Hurst	3	Frank L. Harris	7
William C. Shute	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

CHUDLEIGH, DEVON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Martin and Mary,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*Frederick J. Sampson	*Treble*	Eric Dodds	5
†Jeanne E. Askew	2	Geoffrey Dodds	6
‡Anne B. Stockdale	3	Jack R. Worrall	7
Frances A. Edgar	4	Richard F. B. Speed	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Geoffrey Dodds.

* First peal of Major. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Major on tower bells. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Six-part (C.C.C. No. 13). Tenor 17 cwt.

*Harry Huntington	*Treble*	George H. Paulson	5
Herbert E. Taylor	2	*William Lancaster	6
*Jean D. Dunn	3	*Edwin Hopkinson	7
*Frances R. Lowe	4	Denis Scott	*Tenor*

Conducted by George H. Paulson.

* First peal in method.

ENVILLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Antony W. T. Cleaver	*Treble*	John Lloyd	5
Clifford Skidmore	2	Arthur V. Pearson	6
*Terry R. Hampton	3	*Arthur D. Cook	7
J. Dennis Holden	4	Arthur Pritchard	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.

* First peal of Norfolk. Tenor 17 cwt.

SIX BELL PEALS

GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary de Lode,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Joan Bussey	*Treble*	Harold Hobbs	4
Charles Rouse	2	William Rickings	5
George Case	3	Leslie Barry	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie Barry.

Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

Ronald W. Steward	*Treble*	Harry J. Millatt	4
*George Waterman	2	Ronald G. Bugg	5
George W. Moss	3	Urban W. Wildney	*Tenor*

Conducted by Urban W. Wildney.

* 50th peal. Birthday peal for conductor.

HARTPURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 16, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire, eight of St. Dunstan's and six 240's each of Morris's and Pitman's arrangement.

Harry Worrall	*Treble*	Charles Rouse	4
Leslie Barry	2	William Rickings	5
*Joan Bussey	3	†William Banks	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie Barry.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

QUARTER PEALS

ALFORD, LINCS. — On Aug. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Scoffin 1, J. I Smith (cond.) 2, Miss H. E. Broomhead (longest length) 3, S. H. Sutton 4, E. J. Dickens 5, K. Ketteringham 6. Arranged for Capt. Dickens, of Sheffield.

ASHOVER, DERBYS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Brothwell 1, H. E. Taylor 2, Miss J. D. Dunn 3, E. Hopkinson (cond.) 4, D. Scott 5, W. Allwood 6, G. H. Paulson 7, T. Dent 8.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. O. L. Willmot (first of Triples) 1, A. J. Scott 2, E. F. Brooks 3, M. J. Poole 4, J. L. Glyde 5, J. T. Barrett (cond.) 6, T. Gunning 7, C. H. Lathey 8. Rung for golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Hile.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Aug. 21st, 1,367 Grandsire Caters: A. T. Chenery 1, C. A. Hurst 2, P. Pigg 3, J. A. Acres 4, H. Martin 5, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 6, C. Smith 7, T. R. Dennis 8, M. Ginn 9, J. W. R. Quinney 10. First quarter of Caters by 2, 3, 4, 9 and 10, and first of Grandsire Caters by 5.

CHATHAM, KENT. — On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Grove, jun. (first of Triples) 1, R. Norris 2, R. Skinner 3, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 4, A. Grove, sen. 5, C. S. Jarrett 6, V. A. Jarrett 7, R. Burns (first quarter) 8.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. C. Chaplin 1, D. Blows 2, Miss D. J. Fleetwood 3, C. E. Wright (first in method as cond.) 4, S. Penfold 5, A R. Chapman 6, F. V. Gant 7, W. J. Carter 8. First quarter 6 and 8.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM. — On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth C. Russell 1, Evelyn M. Fletcher 2, H. Withers (cond.) 3, W. Mumford 4, J. Eaton 5, G. Chaplin 6, T. Russell 7, E. Fletcher 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Aug. 18th, 1,265 Stedman Caters: H. M. Page 1, H. Belcher 2, A. W. J. Appleton 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, J. F. Smallwood 5, W. J. Paice 6, J. E. Chilcott 7, G. W. Debenham 8, P. A. F. Chalk (cond) 9, J. H. Allsop 10.

GLOSSOP, DERBYS. — On Aug. 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Norman Allan (first quarter) 1, J. Buckley 2, W. Hall 3, H. H. Byrom 4, F. Booth 5, B. Walshaw 6, C. Higginson 7, F. Johnson (cond.) 8.

HUNTINGDON. — At St. Mary's on Aug. 21st, 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob: J. R. G. Spicer 1, Miss C. Dunnington (first as cond.) 2, H. S. Peacock 3, C. Gravette (first in two methods) 4, G. H. Dunnington 5, S. Gilbert 6.

LONDON. — On July 24th, at Southwark Cathedral, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss J. England 1, J. E. Chilcott 2, M. V. Chilcott 3, P. Chalk 4, A. B. Peck 5, A. W. Appleton 6, J. Phillips 7, R. F. Deal (cond.) 8. Also on Aug. 14th, 1,231 Grandsire Cinques: H. Belcher 1, H. Langdon (cond.) 2, M. V. Chilcott 3, W. Passmore 4, J. F. Smallwood 5, A. B. Peck 6, P. A. Chalk 7, J. Phillips 8, A. W. Appleton 9, J. E. Chilcott 10, R. F. Deal 11, J. Rumley 12.

NEWPORT, I.O.W. — On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Taylor (cond.) 1, E. Drake 2, L. Bailey 3, A. Drake 4. A. Jackson 5, S. Moody 6, W. Upton 7, F. Attrill 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.— On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Attrill 1, F. Taylor (cond.) 2, A. Drake 3, W. Upton 4, A. Jackson 5, S. Moody 6, F. Hodgson 7, E. Brett 8. For Princess Margaret's birthday.

RYDE, I.O.W.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Jackson 1, C. Guy 2, A. Ward 3, F. Hodgson 4, F. Taylor (cond.) 5, W. Upton 6, A. Jackson 7, A. White 8. For Princess Margaret's birthday.

WEDMORE, SOMERSET. — On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. T. Dyke 1, F. J. Symonds (first quarter) 2, G. Creed 3, D. V. Gare 4, T. Setter 5, R. S. Tucker 6, J. A. Lintern (cond.) 7, A. J. Lintern 8.

WORSLEY, MANCHESTER.—On Aug. 7th, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: H. Longden 1, Barbara Smedley 2, Mary Walshaw 3, B. Budd 4, B. Walshaw 5, A. Ridyard (cond.) 6, R. Longden 7, G. Longden 8.

50 Years' Service in One Tower

On July 22nd, a ringer's gold medal was presented to Mr. John B. Hallifax to mark his 50 years as ringer in Fleet (Lincolnshire) tower.

Mr. Hallifax, who is 74, completed his 50 years in 1947, but it was only possible to obtain the medal this year.

One outstanding achievement is that his 50 years' ringing has been in the same tower. He is captain of the ringers and has held that office for many years, and has taught the art of ringing to clergy and laity, who are grateful to him for his fine tuition and unfailing courtesy. So keen a ringer is he that he has cycled as much as 30 miles to take part in a peal, and that in days when roads were bad, and snow made them worse, and cycle oil lamps were continually jolted out. Added to all this he is a churchwarden and devoted to the church of his youth. Truly a grand record.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society held its August meeting at the Priory, Bridlington, 35 members attending with their wives and friends. Visitors from Darlington, Doncaster and London gave some valuable help in the tower.

After the ringing in the afternoon, Canon J. W. Lamb dedicated a peal board in the tower, recording a peal of Plain Bob by local ringers.

The service was held in the Priory, conducted by the Canon, who in his sermon asked the ringers to be watchful of their privileges in this country of ours known as the 'Land of Church Bells,' but where so much ignorance of the skill and art of change ringing existed. Handbells were rung during the singing of the 150th Psalm.

Tea, prepared by the local ringers and ladies, was held in the Church Institute, followed by the business meeting. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, the organist, the local ringers and their ladies for the use of the bells, organ and the arrangements made.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Worcester Cathedral bells, regarded by some as the finest 12 in the country, are to be silent for a season. Two pinnacles are badly eroded and other stonework also damaged by the ravages of time. Until the costly repairs are completed the Cathedral authorities have ordered the bells to be silent.

If Drake and Raleigh were with us to-day,
They would have to look to their laurels.
Their beards, no doubt, were bonny and gay,
But—Have you seen JACK WORRELL'S?
—'Eglwys Newydd.'

Congratulations to Mr. Harry G. Wayne, of the Leicester Guild, on his 100th peal.

Mr. A. Lennard Shepherd is the first Eastham, Cheshire, ringer to call a peal for over 50 years.

Not only did Mr. P. M. J. Gray and Miss J. Houldsworth ring an eve of wedding peal together, but a peal in honour of the event was rung at Manchester Cathedral.

An 'Hullo, twins' peal was rung at Darley Dale, Derbyshire. Mr. and Mrs. E. Paulson are the parents. Also ringing was Mr. Denis Scott, whose wife had presented him with a son.

After wrestling with Yorkshire tenors, Mr. A. Patrick Cannon writes that he is having a restful holiday at Bournemouth. He broke his rest, however, to ring Beaminster tenor to Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

While Redruth ringers were ringing on their outing at Upton, Devon, two sergeants of the R.A.E.C. entered the tower. The captain of the Redruth band, Mr. Percy Williams, asked if they were ringers. One said he was, and as he crossed the tower looked at one of the ringers and asked if his name was not also Williams. It turned out that these two, Sgt. Benfeild and Vivyan Williams, had met in Yorkshire in reversed circumstances some three years ago.

The golden wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Lidbetter at Acle was a family affair. Mr. Lidbetter participated, assisted by his two daughters, one of whom conducted. Has a daughter called a golden wedding peal before for her parents?

Mr. William Carnwell has now 'circled' Kingsley, Staffs (his home) tower.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, of Bournemouth, rang her 50th peal this year on August 16th.

Isle of Wight ringers, with their customary hospitality to visitors, arranged two quarter-peals on August 21st at Newport and Ryde for Mr. F. Hodgson (Liversedge, Yorks) and Mr. Brett (Cuckfield).

Linslade, where a peal was recorded in our issue of August 12th, is in Bucks and not Bedfordshire, writes a correspondent. The peal, however, was rung for the Bedfordshire Association as stated.

Mr. Robert Warner, last of the famous family of bell founders, has died, leaving the bulk of his £20,145 estate to found a fellowship in metallurgical research as applied to bell foundry practice.

Twelve peals were scored during a Leicestershire tour between July 30th and August 5th. Eleven of the peals were rung for the Midland Counties Guild. Conducting was shared by Messrs. W. P. Whitehead, J. W. Frank Trotman, Ernest Morris, F. W. Grocott, A. Cattell and A. Mould.

To the list of School Campanological Societies must be added a very active one at the Henry Mellish Grammar School, Bulwell, Nottingham. It has ten members, six of whom are members of the Southwell Guild. Of the two leaders one has 20 peals to his credit. Tower ringing is done at different churches, and in practice for this handbell meetings are held twice a week at school.

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EIGHT HUNDRED MILES IN YORKSHIRE

The Fourth 'Knight's Tour'

AS a change from East Kent, where three previous 'Knight's Tours' have been held, this year's tour was held in Yorkshire, with headquarters at Scarborough, from Aug. 6th to 13th.

The party, which finally numbered 28, was collected by Frank Knight, and the routes, ringing arrangements and towers were planned by Ronald Dove. The gathering was quite representative, including eight from Kent, six from Northants, four from Lancashire, two from Leeds, two from Salisbury, one each from Suffolk, Bedford, Norfolk, London and Surrey. Scarborough was reached by divers means, two enthusiasts 'hitch-hiking' from Kent.

COINCIDED WITH CARNIVAL.

The programme started well with a peal at Pickering, rather lumpy bells to ring, with tail end sallies, and, in addition to giving a good start to the tour, it gave a good finish to the local carnival. There is a struggling band here with no one to help them, and a band of tourists was made up to assist with the Sunday evening ringing. Five others scored the first quarter-peal on the bells at Wykeham, a musical Taylor five in a detached tower at the entrance to the churchyard, and others rang at St. Mary's, Scarborough, and at Bridlington Priory.

By next morning the last stragglers had joined the party, and the day started with an excellent peal of Double Norwich on the equally excellent bells at Norton juxta Malton, where two tenors were added about four years ago to complete the octave. While the peal was in progress two six-bell towers—Whitwell-on-the-Hill and Hovingham—were visited. Hovingham bells are apparently rung fairly often, but Whitwell had not been rung for about 20 years, and were assumed to be unringable However, the previous week an advance party from Leeds had repaired the tenor wheel and greased the bells, which went surprisingly well, but an unnecessarily bulky clock case obstructs the rope circle and causes the fifth rope to fall at an angle of 45 degrees! As a result of the tourists' visit interest has been aroused and the Vicar has asked to be put in touch with someone who could teach a band.

HELMSLEY: NO REDEEMING FEATURE.

The afternoon's attempt was at Helmsley, where there has been a ring of eight for 179 years, but there is no record of a peal on them. Helmsley bells have no redeeming feature—they are unmusical, the seventh is cracked, they are noisy both outside and inside, there is an accompaniment of rattling and banging of pulleys and shutes, and the clock pendulum case hangs in the middle of the circle. After weighing up the pros and cons, it was thought that as there had not been a peal on the bells for 179 years and probably wouldn't be another for a further 179 years unless there is some improvement in them, we might as well make the effort, and a surprisingly well-struck peal resulted.

After waiting to make sure that the peal band was in earnest, the others visited Kirby Moorside and Appleton-le-Moors—both six-bell towers, the latter bells being stayless! For the third time that day the party found ringing conditions obstructed by the clock—here for variety the weight casing is fixed in the centre of the ringing room — but sufficient boarding has been removed at about eye level to give the ringers a sight of those opposite, provided one doesn't bow the shoulders when ringing, in which case the ringer bobs out of sight! This adds interest to the proceedings, but despite the difficulty in handling very light bells (tenor 5¼ cwt.) with fairly long draught of rope, and the fear that too hard a pull would overturn one's bell, some respectable touches of Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor were brought round, and the bells raised and lowered without mishap. A call at Wykeham brought the day to a close.

GRANDEST EIGHT IN YORKSHIRE.

On Tuesday, the 'star turns' were to be a peal attempt at Bridlington in the morning and an hour's ringing on the lovely ten at St. Mary's, Beverley, in the evening. After a short pause to give the visitors a view of Bridlington Bay with Flamborough Head at the north and Spurn Head at the south, the first call was the Priory Church of Bridlington. The steeplekeeper was putting final touches to the bells, and soon this majestic eight, which the writer maintains to be the grandest eight in Yorkshire, were raised in peal. It had been intended to attempt Cambridge, but after a few leads there were 'second thoughts,' a brief pause and a second start—this time for Double Norwich. The local ringers have in recent years done much to improve the 'go' of these bells, but, even so, the tenor is a handful and came very near to proving Pat Cannon's 'Waterloo'! In fact, he said he could not recall a tenor requiring more ringing (King's Lynn included).

The second attempt of the day was Minor at Nunburnholme, a very good six in a remote village, but unfortunately instructions to oil the bells were not received until too late—the tenor ran dry and became unmanageable during the fifth 720. Passing through Driffield, we had picked up the local police sergeant (off duty), Sgt. Huddleston, through whose efforts Driffield bells are now being rung after 50 years. Our driver thereafter refused to 'step on it' for fear of possible reprisals, and we got behind schedule. The sergeant and the retired inspector from the 'Yard' were soon happily engaged in talking police lore, and had the party been on time at Pocklington theory could have been put into practice, since at that moment two runaway Borstal boys were engaged in rifling the Vicar's vestry. Fortunately the presence of the aforementioned authority gave our party sufficient respectability as to clear it of suspicion.

The delay here caused one tower—Market Weighton — to be missed, but as these are dismal bells which may soon be recast, nothing much was lost. Half an hour's ringing was allowed at Middleton-on-the-Wolds—here a crack in the tower is causing anxiety, and with a brief ring at Driffield, where the light ring of six is out of keeping with the majestic tower, a move was made for Beverley. Here the hour allowed was put to good use, and these magnificent bells were very respectably lowered in peal at the close.

NORTH YORKSHIRE MOORS.

From a scenic point of view, Wednesday was the high spot of the week, with the run across the Fylingdales Moors, unhappily still in use as a battle school, and littered with unexploded bombs, to Whitby and thence over the North Yorkshire moors to Guisborough. Finding a handy little six, permission was readily obtained for a peal attempt, which compensated for the previous day's disappointment. The eight bells at Ormesby are delightful in every respect and a good peal of Cambridge was scored on them, while the now depleted party rang at Skelton-in-Cleveland and Saltburn-by-the-Sea. Saltburn had been chosen for the afternoon peal attempt, Treble Bob, but the choice of tower proved unfortunate, and Skelton, which had been turned down in the mistaken belief that the ropes were poor, would, as it turned out, have been more suitable. Saltburn bells are very noisy in the tower, and with our depleted company and one of the peal band 'reporting sick,' it was difficult to find a band good enough for these bells.

The return journey was through Stokesley (six bells) and Carlton-in-Cleveland, where the visitors found a delightful eight, which are seldom rung, thence home over the moors via Helmsley.

[These notes have so far been written by Ronald Dove, thereafter the pen is taken up by Pat Cannon.]

On Thursday our guide, who was suffering from a rapidly worsening attack of fibrositis, and who had had to be assisted into the last two towers of the previous day, when he gave us an unintentional but realistic impression of an ancient ringer bowed with infirmity, had to return home to his own disappointment and to the regret of the company.

CHIEF PRIZE LOST.

This was the heavy day of the week, and Ronald's departure proved a bad omen. The chief prize of the week—Grandsire Caters at Beverley Minster—was lost after 2¼ hours' good ringing through a missed bob, but the band should never have let the conductor miss it, as it was the 2nd bob of '8th in and one,' which had been called regularly throughout the composition. The band had been strengthened by Mr. Fred Seager, of Leeds, ringing the 9th, and Frank Knight certainly appreciated that ringing the tenor to a peal at the Minster is an exceptional performance. He is looking forward to finishing the job at the next opportunity.

While the peal was in progress, three six-bell towers were visited. Kirk Ella, the heaviest six in the county, with a long draught, North Ferriby—the chimes presented some difficulty, and it was the writer's 1,200th tower—and Hessle, where Mr. A. H. Fox, vice-president of the Eastern District, met the party, were all enjoyed for short touches of Minor. After lunch, eight of the party left the coach at Hull and had a short ring at St. Mary's, Lowgate, before meeting Messrs. John E. Turley (Sheffield) and John G. Hobson (Hull) for the afternoon's attempt at Holy Trinity. Mr. Leonard Rodmell also met the party, and as we had eight of our own, kindly volunteered to stand out. This is one of the finest ringing chambers in the country, and with equally fine bells it was a disappointment to lose Treble Ten after 1½ hours through the inevitable trip, which should have been saved.

Meanwhile, the remainder of the party, after picking up the Beverley peal band, visited Cottingham (8), which they found very rough, and Sutton-on-Hull (6), where the farmer from Northants found, too late, that the tenor had no slider! After further ringing at Holy Trinity, Hull, in which Mr. G. F. Williams, the leading conductor in East Yorkshire, met the tourists, a pleasant drive home brought the unlucky day to an end.

DISTURBED BIRD'S NESTS.

The venue for Friday was Holderness, and after journeying through several by-ways, Rise (5, 9 cwt.) was reached at 9.15 a.m. The Vicar greeted the party, and the bells were raised for the first time for over 10 years, birds' nests being disturbed in the process. These are a nice-toned ring, but once again lack of ringers prevent them from being heard, and the village squire was contemplating putting in a chiming apparatus. One of the local ringers joined in for a pull, and it is hoped some interest has been stirred by our visit. The first peal attempt of the day was to be at Hedon, 'the Cathedral of Holderness,' and here a good peal of Double Norwich was scored on a really splendid ring of eight (tenor 17½ cwt.).

During the peal a visit was paid to Burstwick (six, 12 cwt.) and Roos (five, 13 cwt.); in each case a welcome was given by the Vicar. The afternoon peal attempt was at Patrington, another magnificent church. The dedication being St. Patrick, it was fitting that the two 'Patricks' should ring their first peal together. (Is this the first time two 'Pats' have rung a peal together?) Kent Treble Bob, with three 'firsts,' was scored, and Mr. George Newton rang well to prove he is still game for a peal. The Hedon peal band, with Mr. Leonard Rodmell, the local captain, rang a course of Superlative, and lowered the bells in peal. To get into the ringing chamber one has to go up a short spiral staircase, up the

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Names from left to right: Back row: J. J. Baxter, Rev. D. J. Roberts, R. L. Sills, A. P. Cannon, F. L. Harris, G. E. Watson. Second row: A. Tomlinson, R. Leigh, E. G. Orland, K. Holtom, B. Austin, P. I. Chapman, F. G. Bloomfield, T. Cullingworth, D. J. Charnley, C. V. Ebberson, R. J. Sharp, W. Bottrill. Third row: G. R. Newton, J. L. Morris, J. A. Acres, Mrs. G. E. Watson, Miss E. Sills, Miss J. Brown. Front row: Mr. and Mrs. B. Sutton (hosts) and F. C. W. Knight.

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side of the transept roof, and then crawl on hands and feet in a squatting position along the length of the transept roof! But the bells are a fine light ring (tenor 10¼ cwt.) and worth the effort required to reach them.

The last call of the day was Withernsea, the most easterly tower in Yorkshire. Once again the Vicar met us and expressed pleasure at our visit. Both this tower and Burstwick resemble a typical flint East Anglian tower—unusual for this part of the country.

As this was the last day on which all the visitors would be together, the Rev. D. J. Roberts thanked Messrs. Frank Knight and Ronald Dove for their respective parts in a most enjoyable week, and presented Frank with a sum of money, and a request to George Newton to forward a similar sum to Ronald. Frank thanked the party, saying that the tours gave him great pleasure to arrange, and hoping that all were satisfied.

TWO PEALS ON LAST DAY.

The last day, Saturday, found a party depleted by eight early departures, just leaving a bare 18 for the two peal attempts. St. Mary's, Whitby, stands on a hill overlooking the town, next to the Abbey. The church has one of the most hideous interiors in the country, but the ten bells are quite pleasant and during the ringing it was difficult to imagine that they were very shortly being taken away for recasting. There must be many more deserving cases up and down the country! The remaining eight rang a good peal of Bob Major at Robin Hood's Bay, on a good going but somewhat noisy Gillett and Johnston octave. This brought the week's

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total 'bag' to ten peals out of 14 attempts, and visits to 37 towers in all. Before finally breaking up, Pat Cannon was presented with an appropriate toy and a ten shilling note, with thanks for arranging the peal bands to everyone's requirements.

And so, once more, a happy and instructive week came to a finish, and the writer would like to thank the visitors for good fellowship, and, on behalf of everyone, grateful thanks to Messrs. Knight and Dove for taking such trouble to organise such a splendid tour.

On the way home, Frank Knight and four of the Kent contingent received a warm welcome from Mr. Stedman Steele and the local band at York Minster, and rang Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal for morning service.

Picture of the party above.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER, IPSWICH.

A varied programme, providing plenty of enjoyment, was arranged for the Society's annual outing on August 13th.

In the morning visits were paid to Great Tey (with its quaint Norman tower), Thaxted (with its recently rehung bells) and Saffron Walden, where the party was met by Messrs. L. Pitstow and J. Ward, and Treble Bob, etc., rung on the 12 bells.

Lunch was at Lavenham, followed by a good ring on the renowned bells. The musical six at Great Finborough preceded tea at Stowmarket. The last call was at Stonham (ten bells). Here handbells were brought to the 'local,' suitably designated 'The Ten Bells.' and Royal and Caters were rung. Ipswich was reached at 10.30 p.m.

ST. MARTIN'S, RUISLIP.

An excursion into Surrey, arranged by Mr. F. Blondell, was the programme of the annual outing on August 20th, the party being augmented by friends from Hillingdon and evergreen Frank Blondell.

At Worplesdon, Double Norwich and Cambridge were rung. An excellent tea followed at Farnham, with an hour's ringing at the Parish Church (with a beautiful ring). Later the party stopped at West Clandon, where the ringing was enjoyed.

ST. EUNY, REDRUTH.

Everybody enjoyed the scenery during the 60 miles across Cornwall on the annual outing on August 13th except the handbell enthusiasts, who whiled away the time with Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob.

Tavistock's bells (tenor 29 cwt.) were soon going to lovely music. Then away over Dartmoor to lunch at Dartmeet and the thrill of passing over the narrowest bridge in England, where from either side one looked straight down to the water 20ft. below and neither sight of bridge nor parapet to hide the trout.

At Babbacombe, Alf Newman, of Dartmouth, was a welcome visitor, and the ringing consisted of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Fr. Harris, a former Redruth curate, was waiting for the party at St. John's, Torquay, and thoughtfully provided cups of tea besides explaining features of his church. Ringing also took place at Upton and Berry Pomeroy, Redruth being reached at 12.30 a.m.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 16, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 37 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 Oxford T.B., and two 720's each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

Lewis J. Last ... ...*Treble*	Frederick J. Crapnell... 4
William J. Button ... 2	George W. Pipe 5
George A. Fleming ... 3	Cecil W. Pipe... ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.
Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Rev. W. Trickett, clerical secretary of the Suffolk Guild.

APPLEBY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 17, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven six-scores each of Stedman, St. Simon's, Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

F. George Bailey ...*Treble*	Sidney H. Jones ... 4
Ernest Morris 2	Joseph Wm. Cotton ... 5
William H. Curson ... 3	*William Miller ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Morris.
* First peal.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 17, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

Cecil Longhurst ... ...*Treble*	Leonard Stilwell ... 4
Ernest J. King 2	William T. Beeson ... 5
Edgar R. Rapley 3	A. Patrick Cannon ...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
First peal in more than one method on the bells.

ACLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 17, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Edmund,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

*May Lidbetter ... ...*Treble*	Herbert W. Lidbetter... 4
George Sayer 2	Nolan Golden 5
Arthur J. E. Smalls ... 3	Doris E. Lidbetter ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Doris E. Lidbetter.
* First peal. First attempt as conductor. Rung in honour of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Lidbetter, of Acle, formerly of Isleworth.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Oxford Bob and St. Clement's Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

James M. Pemberton...*Treble*	Alfred W. Cusick ... 4
Ernest T. Carvell ... 2	Alexander J. Martin... 5
*Andrew J. H. Scott... 3	A. Lennard Shepherd... *Tenor*

Conducted by A. Lennard Shepherd.
* First peal in three methods. First peal as conductor. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Scott (parents of the ringer of the 3rd) on their silver wedding anniversary, and also to Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Holmes on their 21st wedding anniversary. Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Martin and Mrs. I. Cooke.

OAKS-IN-CHARNWOOD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Double Bob, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Single Court. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Ernest Bowley ... ...*Treble*	John A. Underwood... 4
†John Hawtin 2	†James W. Bowley ... 5
C. William Hall ... 3	Roland Beniston ... *Tenor*

Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal in seven methods. † First peal 'inside' in seven methods. A farewell to the Rev. A. C. Holden, Vicar of Oaks-in-Charnwood for the past 20 years.

CRANHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*Ralph Griffiths (15)...*Treble*	*Mary Thomas 4
Leslie Barry 2	*Alfred Griffiths ... 5
*Kenneth Lewis 3	*George Pratt ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie Barry.
* First peal.

BEARSTED, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,*
At the Church of the Holy Cross,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Patricia M. Batkin ...*Treble*	*Edward F. Harnett... 4
*Muriel V. Tassell ... 2	Benjamin F. Baker ... 5
*John H. R. Betts ... 3	George F. Cantrill ...*Tenor*

Conducted by George F. Cantrill.
* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 16, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 17 in A.

*Margaret E. L. Beamish 1-2	Daniel T. Matkin ... 5-6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 3-4	*Arthur H. Beamish ... 7-8

Conducted by Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.' The conductor's 50th peal this year. Arranged for Margaret E. L. Beamish.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 16, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*
In the Cathedral Belfry,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in B flat.

Brian G. Warwick ... 1-2	Alfred Ballard 5-6
Harold J. Poole 3-4	Harry Poyner 7-8
*Derek G. Goodman ... 9-10	

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal on ten bells.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1949, *in 2 Hours,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 1-2	Daniel T. Matkin ... 5-6
Margaret E. L. Beamish 3-4	Roy C. Hurst 7-8

Composed by M. J. Morris. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
The conductor's 300th peal. Arranged for Margaret E. L. Beamish.

BRASTED, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1949, *in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes.*
At Moorcocks,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Single Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob.

*Frederick W. Budgen... 1-2	Wilfrid H. J. Hooton... 3-4
*Edwin H. Lewis 5-6	

Conducted by Wilfrid H. J. Hooton.
* First peal in seven methods on handbells.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.*
At Cleatham House Farm,
A PEAL OF CAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. J. Bray 1-2	Jack Bray 5-6
George E. Feirn 3-4	*Philip Barnes 7-8

Composed by J. E. Cawser. Conducted by Jack Bray.
* First peal in the method.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ANOTHER SURPRISE PUBLICATION PLANNED

Dear Sir,—I must write to thank you and Mr. Golden for the handsome and I fear undeserved things you have been good enough to say about the Surprise Methods lists. While my name appears on the covers of the various issues, they have been made possible only by the willing and unstinted co-operation of many members of the Exercise, of whom Mr. Golden himself was the first and remains one of the most loyal. My earliest venture, the 100 Major Methods, was based on his collection, and he has been a tower of strength—and of encouragement too—throughout the series. He is now one of many helpers, whom I ask to forgive me for not mentioning them here by name. All are individually mentioned in the list of acknowledgments to each issue.

In the next number I propose to publish a complete list of all first peals in Surprise Methods on eight to twelve bells, and progressive lengths in at least the well-known methods. It will be closed on September 30th and issued as soon as possible after that date. However, if any important attempts are to be made between September 30th and the end of the year I shall hold the formes open for them. Will conductors and others concerned please let me know (in the strictest confidence) of any projects falling within these limits which would be worth waiting for? There will not be a second edition of the dates, I am sure, so all that are not in the first printing will remain unrecorded in my list. I should like also to hear of any peals rung in new methods which will not be published in the September issues of 'The Ringing World,' so that I shall not omit them in the event of my being able to print at the intended date.
—Yours sincerely, A. J. CORRIGAN.

Bitton, near Bristol.

ONUS ON INSTRUCTORS

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in your excellent leader in the issue of August 19th. I attend many meetings and practices and sometimes am appalled by the way some so-called ringers handle and strike their bells.

I do not blame the individuals concerned, but those who teach (?) them. I have taught, and kept, quite a number of youngsters, and have always followed the lines laid down in that excellent little Central Council publication, 'Hints to Instructors and Beginners,' a copy of which shoud be in every tower. The photographs were taken by the late Rev. **C. W. O.** Jenkyn and the late R. T. Hibbert, beloved Master and secretary respectively of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and the booklet was compiled by Mr. J. T. Dyke and the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge. What a team of experts!

We in our branch hold a combined practice in various towers and much time is given to instruction in handling and striking with good results. I have in my own tower a band of 16, mostly youngsters, the majority of whom I taught to handle a bell during the latter part of the war. We always ring eight for both services on Sundays, and at Christmas and Easter there are never less than 12 in the tower to ring for the 7 a.m. Holy Communion and all attend the service.

Last Christmas morning a beautiful wallet arrived for me by post with a card, 'Best wishes from your happy band of ringers.'

Yes; they are happy, because they are handled right and encouraged in every possible way, and I am proud of them.—Yours sincerely,

T. J. FOWLER, Ringing Master,
East Berks and South Bucks Branch,
Oxford Diocesan Guild.

ST. NEOTS' VISITORS

Dear Sir,—Sorry to say there was a mistake regarding the permit to ring at St. Neots. Anyway, we went and saw the Rector and explained our position and showed him the list of towers we had visited and almost begged of him to grant us permission to ring for only half an hour, but he would not yield.
—Yours truly,. B. W. PETTITT.

Sible Hedingham, Essex.

ROUND CHURCHES

Dear Sir,—I have been waiting for some of your correspondents to mention the round church inside the walls of Ludlow Castle, which dates from the 12th century. It is not in use, but is in as good condition as the Temple Church, London.—Yours, etc.,

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

Brasted, Kent.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondents on the subject of round churches appear to have overlooked All Saints' Church, Newcastle-on-Tyne, which is a fine example of a round building.
—Yours sincerely, F. E. COLLINS.

Thornton Heath, Surrey.

Sir,—In his anxiety to increase the rarity of the round churches in the country, the warden of the Holy Sepulchre Church, Northampton, appears to be unduly hasty in writing off the Temple Church, London.

Although the nave of the Temple Church was severely damaged by fire during an air raid, the original round part of the building suffered comparatively little and the whole church will undoubtedly be restored when conditions permit. It must, therefore, be included in any list of round churches.—Yours faithfully,

A. St. J. N. BOYACK.

South Woodford, Essex.

HOLT'S TEN-PART

Dear Sir,—With reference to the paragraph in Belfry Gossip of July 15th, please accept my apology for the mistake of Holt's Original (I did say to Mr. Barrett it was Holt's Original), but after thinking it over, Holt's Ten-part was the one I conducted nearly 63 years ago. I may add that the band were all beginners, whom my father taught. We were invited to ring the peal at a tower about 20 miles away—Market Drayton, Shropshire, and our host went to the expense of a peal board.

I may add the peal was well struck throughout and the only word spoken was by my father, who said (when we had got over the first half), 'A bob here. Tom.' I only shook my head and carried on, and I may say that all the young ringers looked at me and carried on. Six of us were about my age, 14, and one was 16 years. I think the peal was remarkable considering our ages. — I remain, Yours faithfully. T. G. MILLER.

Merton, S.W.19.

5,040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Dear Sir,—The peal of 5,040 Bob Royal by G. Dodds on page 406 of 'The Ringing World' is not quite correct as printed. To agree with the figures, the calling of the second part should be amended to read as follows—

24635	W	M	H
64532	6	—	
24536		S	
65423	5	—	—

Yours faithfully,

BRIAN D. THRELFALL.

Crayford.

NOTICES

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ENGAGEMENT

SEMMENS—KNEE. — The engagement is announced between Peter William Brett Semmens, of Exeter College, Oxford, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Semmens, of Gray Walls, Barnstaple, and Barbara, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Knee, of Barnsley, Yorkshire. 5710

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. Harold A. MAY is now 19, Merrow Woods, Merrow, near Guildford, Surrey. 5705

To all my ringing colleague from far and near, please note change of address: A. H. HAYWARD, 12, Highfield Gardens, Combe Martin, Ilfracombe, Devon. 5704

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—There will not be a meeting during September.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 5696

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MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Crusaders of S.W. Division. — Meeting at Hutton (5), Saturday, Sept. 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. at Hutton. Brentwood (8) in the evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. This is a meeting for learners. Everybody welcome. Names for tea to H. J. Allberry, Felsted, Sylvia Avenue, Hutton. 5649

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION and OXFORD GUILD. — Joint meeting, St. John's, Hillingdon, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells 4 to 5 and after tea. Service 5. Tea in Church Hall 5.30, followed by social. St. Andrew's bells 3 to 4.30. Names for tea to W. H. Coles, 61, Hayes End Drive, Hayes.—F. Finch, A. Barker, Hon. Secs. 5676

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Watlington, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, District Sec. 5680

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — By-meeting, Shipbourne (6), Sept. 3rd, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 5662

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Doddington (6) Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 5671

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Abbots Langley (6), Sept. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. H. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 5664

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Rolleston-on-Dove, Sept. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to L. Smith, Rectory Garden, Rolleston-on-Dove. 5685

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Billesdon, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided, please bring your own food.—F. Key, Hon. Sec. 5701

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Bengeo, Hertford, fixed for Saturday, Sept. 3rd, has been cancelled.—A. S. Carter, Sec. 5717

YOULGRAVE. — A combined ringing practice will be held on Sept. 3rd at 3 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—Miss D. J. Dunn, Hon. Sec., Darley Dale. 5697

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices, Monday, Sept. 5th, 7.15 p.m., St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, also Tuesday, Sept. 20th, All Saints', Poplar. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, Hou 3921. 5715

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Brasted, Sept. 10th. Brasted bells from 3 p.m. Ringing, Sevenoaks 3 to 4 and Sundridge after tea. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Sept. 3rd to A. B. Peck. 5690

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—The meeting arranged to take place at Boughton Monchelsea on Sept. 10th has been cancelled owing to serious illness near the church. 5669

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Half-yearly meeting, Grantham, on Sept. 10th. Tea 6 p.m. at the Angel Hotel. Names for tea to Mr. S. Proctor, 72, Bridgend Road, Grantham, by Sept. 6th.—J. Bray Hon. Sec. 5667

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Little Waltham (6), Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 5636

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at Kingswinford, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea (1s. 3d.) in Church Hall 5.30. Names by Sept. 6th to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 5664

SOUTHWELL GUILD (Nottingham District) and LEICESTER GUILD (Melton District).—Joint meeting, Colston Bassett, Sept. 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Village Hall. Names to G. Payne, Colston Bassett, Notts, by Wednesday, 7th, latest.—W. Thornley and J. H Cook, District Secs. 5678

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Pakefield, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Names or numbers for tea to P. Kindred, 16, Walmer Road, South Lowestoft, by Thursday, Sept. 8th.—J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 5660

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Goodworth Clatford (6), Sept. 10th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Vicarage. Ringing after tea and Abbotts Ann (5) 6—9. Names by Sept. 7th to J. A. Hill, Anna Valley, Andover.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Great Gaddesden (6) on Sept. 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. Robinson, 7, Gade Valley Cottages, Great Gaddesden, by Sept. 5th. 5687

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Croston, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bring own food. 367 bus from Chorley 2.26 p.m.; 113 bus from Preston 2.5 p.m., change at Lydiate Lane, Eccleston. Trains from Liverpool Exchange 1.10 p.m., change Ormskirk; from Preston 1.10 and 2.40 p.m. 5693

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch. — Meeting at Laxton (6), Saturday, Sept. 10th. No tea available. Bus from Retford 1.30 and 4.30; from Laxton 5.20 and 9.20. —H. Denman. 5711

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting at Barton-on-Humber, Sept. 10th. Bells (two rings of 8) available from 2 p.m Service 4.15. Tea in Assembly Rooms 4.45 for those who notify Mr. A. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber, before Wednesday, Sept. 7th. 5720

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Christchurch District. — Quarterly meeting, Bournemouth, Sept. 10th. Ringing, St. John's (Surrey Road), 2.30 to 5. Service, St. Peter's, 5.30. Tea and meeting. Ringing, St. Peter's, evening. Names to Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 5719

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Long Crendon, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) 2.45. Service 4. Tea 1s. 6d. each.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 5718

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Foxton, Sept. 10th, 3. Tea 4.45, Shoulder of Mutton. Misterton not available.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 5716

NAILSEA HARVEST HOME.—Sept. 10th. Ringing 7 to 8.30 a.m., 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., 2 to 3 p.m. and from 6 onwards. Service 3 o'clock. Tea 4.15. Fun fair, dancing. Bus service 24B from Bristol. 5714

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Brown's Cafe. Postcards for tea by Sept. 7th, please. —N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., 20, Macaulay Buildings, Bath. 5713

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Church Stretton, Sept. 10th, 3. 5724

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Leonard's, Middleton, on Sept. 10th. Bells (8) from 3 o'clock.—V. Wilson Sykes, Branch Sec. 5725

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual meeting at Kendal Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (10) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to L. Townley, 3, Charles Street, Kendal, by Sept. 7th.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 5723

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Northill, Sept. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 7th. Numbers limited to 30. 5721

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District. — Next meeting, Old Brampton (6), Saturday, Sept. 10th, 3. Names to Mr. J. Collis, Old Brampton.—C. G. Briggs, Hon. Sec. 5722

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Elland, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 3s. 6d. per head. Apply F. Linfoot, 78, Elland Lane, Elland, before the 7th inst.—William Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5692

SWAINSWICK, NEAR BATH.—A ringers' service will be held on Sept. 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea after. Names for tea by Sept. 7th to W. J. Starr, Woolley, near Bath. All are welcome. 5709

OXFORD GUILD. — Reading Branch. — Monthly practice, St. Laurence's, Reading, Sept. 10th. Surprise practice, Mortimer, Sept. 17th, 6 to 9 p.m.—T. N. Lanaghan. 5708

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Weaverham, Sept. 10th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea before Sept. 5th to William Hornby, 33, Forsters Avenue, Weaverham. 5707

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Ashton Keynes (5), Sept. 10th. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—W. B. Kynaston. 5703

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Hartfield (6), Sept. 10th. Tea at The Anchor. Names by Sept. 8th to Mr. A. L. Ryman, Perry Hill Cottages, Hartfield. 5702

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Fairfield, Buxton (6), Sept. 10th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea obtainable.—Miss D. J. Dunn, Hon. Sec., Darley Dale. 5698

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — Quarterly meeting, Keymer (6), Sept. 10th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Ditchling (8) available after tea if numbers warrant. Names by Sept. 7th to B. W. White, Hon. Div. Sec., 14, Southview, Henfield. 5699

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Wrenbury, Sept. 10th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 6th, please. — Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 5727

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-West District.—A meeting will be held at Clavering (6) on Saturday, Sept. 17th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Sept. 14th, please, to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 5700

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —A meeting will be held at Feering (8), Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Kelvedon bells available during the evening.—H. A. Pratt, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5712

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Badgeworth (6), Sept. 17th, 3.30. Tea 5. Names required by 12th. — Charles Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Glos. 5663

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DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Quarterly, Topsham, Sept. 17th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Sept. 12th to Brian Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 5689

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A general meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. till 9 p.m. General Committee meet 3 p.m. in Memorial Hall, near church. Service, St. George's Parish Church, 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d. per head), Memorial Hall, 5 p.m., only to those who notify Mr. R. C. Westney, 96, Edlington Lane, Doncaster, by the 15th. General meeting follows immediately. All members are asked to note arrangements as no customary handbills will be issued. — L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65. Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 5694

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Orston, Sept. 17th, 2.30. Send me card for tea by 13th. Come and enjoy yourself! — J. W. Raithby, 145, Farndon Road, Newark. 5695

QUARTER PEALS

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX. — On Aug. 21st, at St. Peter's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss B. Stephenson 1, A. W. Bond 2, W. H. Woolven 3, H. S. Morley 4, E. J. Oliver 5, C. H. Page 6, A. Gravett (cond.) 7, F. Page 8, W. C. Hart 9, R. Beale 10. First of Caters for 1, 3 and 10.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL. — On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): C. Drewitt 1, Rev. A. S. Roberts 2, G. Benfeild 3, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 4, H. C. Spencer 5, E. S. Seymour 6, E. V. Williams (cond.) 7, R. G. Clemens 8. In memoriam Bishop John Holden.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Peter's, on Aug. 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. J. Harling 1, Miss N. Shorter 2, Mrs. V. Lathbury 3, W. C. Parker 4, E. Butler 5, R. Lathbury (cond.) 6, M. N. Harbott 7, E. Fisk 8. To celebrate the 83rd birthday of W. C. Parker.

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THE COUNCILS' DECISIONS

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THE news that the sub-committee appointed to consider revision of the Central Council's Decisions is at last getting down to business will be most welcome, especially to those who had hoped for a draft report, such as was produced by their colleagues investigating the Rules, at York this year The sub-committee has, however, made one distinct innovation, as far as memory can recall, in asking that those who hold strong views on relevant matters should communicate them to the committee. In the past, the last thing which many committees seem to have taken into consideration has been the outlook of ringers generally.

There should be no lack of material for the committee to work on —rather the opposite, in fact. To take just one point, the question of what constitutes a peal, the situation at present is virtually bordering on anarchy. This is largely because the existing Decisions are either inexplicit or were framed before many current practices originated. Not all these practices have been progressive, either. The recent introduction of two different types of bob in one peal, for example, has put the clock back more than a century, and doubtless the committee will be bearing this in mind.

Another matter to which attention might well be given concerns 'leading' and 'covering' bells. The variations by these are many. Sometimes Minor is rung with a cover: sometimes with one bell or more leading, though what method the leading bells can claim to have rung it is hard to say, and this, of course, applies where more than one covering bell is used for Doubles. Triples may be rung on seven bells, although such a performance is 'discountenanced," but not, it should be noted, banned. For Caters and Cinques, a cover is deemed essential, although not long ago certain people who might have been expected to know better chose to ring Caters without one. In this connection, a seven-bell peal in the late 1880's caused the then secretary of the College Youths to remark, 'By ringing the peal at Southgate, the band evidently adapted it to the requirements of the inmates of Colney Hatch, for which institution they are thus qualifying themselves.'

The committee can put an end to all doubt by laying down clearly that peals on even numbers with covering bells are to be disallowed; that on odd numbers one covering bell, and one only, is essential, except that it may be dispensed with for Doubles; and that leading bells will not be permitted on any numbers.

There are, of course, many other matters which could be considered. Is it logical, for instance, that any of the 'seven true and complete 720's' which are needed for a peal of Minor may be made up by splicing Alliance and Little methods, neither of which in themselves will produce a 720, whereas a band which included an extent of either in a peal would have that peal rendered null and void unless they had rung seven 720's first? The need for avoiding a peal being made up of short and easy touches can readily be seen, but the reason for excluding extents which do not reach 720 changes is not so obvious.

Again, on the subject of spliced ringing, it is well known that a course of Bob Major may be shortened by turning back the treble in 6ths place in one lead, preferably the third. Peals rung thus have been published with the impressive title of 'Spliced Plain and Gainsborough Little Bob,' which, though strictly correct, gives an entirely erroneous value to the performance, and some new title for such peals might well be found Attention might also be given to whether changes of method should be permissible only at lead-ends, which would have the effect of eliminating the peculiar versions of Treble Bob, still occasionally rung, in which irregular and assymetrical methods are introduced.

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A less important matter, but one which causes occasional discussion, concerns umpires for handbell peals. It is freely admitted that the number of people qualified for the task is very small, and 'umpires' vary from the wife of one of the ringers, who probably happens to be in the house at the time, to the one who became so excited towards the end of a very difficult attempt that he shouted 'bob' at a point where none was needed. In any event, the general feeling of the Exercise seems to be that unless the peal is very exceptional, an umpire is something of an anacronism.

Clearly, then, the committee, if it so desires, can do a great deal of good, both by clearing up obscure and doubtful points and by legislating against undesirable innovations which are obviously contrary to the spirit of the Exercise. One thing is certain, that by taking a firm line the members will have the wholehearted support of the majority of ringers.

University of London Society's Tour

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., July 24, 1949, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*RALPH C. SPITTLE	*Treble*	†PETER R. BLACKMAN	5
JOAN HOULDSWORTH	2	‡VERNON J. BENNING	6
R. MARY ELKINGTON	3	FREDERICK H. WILKINS	7
NOEL J. DISERENS	4	WALTER F. JUDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' ‡ First peal in the method.

GORING, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Wed., July 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*GEOFFREY F. CARTER	*Treble*	†‡VERNON J. BENNING	5
†R. MARY ELKINGTON	2	‡PHILIP M. J. GRAY	6
†HELEN Y. GARDNER	3	*PETER R. LAYTON	7
JOAN HOULDSWORTH	4	†DENIS N. LAYTON	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. ‡ 25th peal together. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Sat., July 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

*PHILIP M. J. GRAY	*Treble*	†REV. D. P. ROBERTS	6
*DENIS N. LAYTON	2	PETER R. BLACKMAN	7
*JOAN HOULDSWORTH	3	VERNON J. BENNING	8
†R. MARY ELKINGTON	4	GEOFFREY DODDS	9
†PETER R. LAYTON	5	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

* First peal of Bob Royal on tower bells. † First peal on ten bells.

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

DENIS N. LAYTON	*Treble*	ERIC DODDS	6
JOAN HOULDSWORTH	2	GEOFFREY DODDS	7
*R. MARY ELKINGTON	3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	8
HELEN Y. GARDNER	4	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	9
PETER R. BLACKMAN	5	VERNON J. BENNING	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

* First peal in the method and of Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor. Rung for the coming-of-age of the ringer of the 4th.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

*HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	P. GEORGE GOLDER	7
MAURICE G. TURNER	2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON	8
†FREDK. E. WILSHAW	3	†NEVILLE R. HOLLAND	9
GEORGE A. PACKER	4	J. DENNIS HOLDEN	10
WILLIAM C. DOWDING	5	RICHARD D. LANGFORD	11
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	6	HENRY E. GREEN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* 50th peal in the tower. † First 'touch' of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY, GEORGE AND DENYS,
A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D flat.

EDWARD JENKINS	*Treble*	PETER LAFLIN	6
C. KENNETH LEWIS	2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	7
WILFRED STEVENSON	3	WALTER ALLMAN	8
*JOHN E. BIBBY	4	*RALPH G. EDWARDS	9
†JOHN WORTH	5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by JAS. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First of Royal in the method. † First of Royal in the method 'inside.' First of Royal in the method as conductor. First peal of Rochester Royal in the tower and for the Association. A wedding compliment to Mr. P. M. J. Gray and Miss J. Houldsworth.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 35 cwt. 1 qr.

*ALFRED ASHTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM BARTON	6
†EDWARD JENKINS	2	ALFRED SMITH	7
C. KENNETH LEWIS	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	8
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	WALTER ALLMAN	9
PETER LAFLIN	5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal of Surprise. † 300th peal of Surprise. First peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal in the county and by the Association.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;
Tenor 27 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in D.

PEGGY G. KITCHEN	*Treble*	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE	6
DORIS G. DOBBIE	2	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD	7
ALFRED H. PULLING	3	NORMAN BAGWORTH	8
WALTER H. DOBBIE	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	9
HERBERT J. ELDRED	5	HERBERT G. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

JOHN E. S. MORETON	*Treble*	ALAN FOSTER	6
LEONARD TREVOR	2	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
MRS. A. H. BEAMISH	3	GEORGE L. RODEN	8
NOREEN BRAIN	4	JOHN THOMPSON	9
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	5	GORDON HARRISON	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by B. G. KEY.

A birthday peal for Mrs. B. G. Key.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS FOR THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 9, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

JOHN B. SANSOM	*Treble*	‡DENNIS R. AIREY	5
*HILDA M. PRESCOTT	2	ALAN J. BUTLER	6
†NORMAN MALLETT	3	WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT	7
J. MARTIN PAGE	4	GEORGE E. EVENDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE E. EVENDEN.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. ‡ First peal of Major. First peal on eight bells as conductor. The composition is now rung for the first time.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*DEREK DODSON	*Treble*	‡JILL POOLE	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	‡REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	6
DOROTHY UDALE	3	ALLAN E. JACQUES	7
†MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	4	‡PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by R. F. ELKINGTON.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Major in the method. A birthday compliment to Gordon H. Arguile, of the local band.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes;*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY NEWMAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM RICKINGS	5
*CHARLES JEFFERIES	2	LESLIE BARRY	6
ERNEST PALMER	3	JOHN G. JEFFERIES	7
GEORGE CASE	4	CHARLES LARNER	*Tenor*

Composed by S. BIDDLESTONE. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal. A birthday compliment to Miss Olive Barry.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 18 cwt.

SELWYN DEARDEN	*Treble*	FRED MELLOR	5
MARY WALSHAW	2	*PHILIP TOCOCK	6
*JILLIAN BRIERLEY	3	IVAN KAY	7
HAROLD ARMSTEAD	4	GERALD DARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by IVAN KAY.
* First of Stedman Triples. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Sykes, of Oldham.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

HERBERT P. CLIFF	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON	5
JOYCE P. GAYMER	2	*EDMUND P. CROWDY	6
MARGARET FIDELL	3	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON	7
JOHN ANDERSON	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Anderson.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 12 lb. in F.

THOMAS S. HORRIDGE	*Treble*	†WILLIAM H. DEACON	5
*MARGARET E. RIDYARD	2	THOMAS W. HESKETH	6
THOMAS HAMMOND	3	†ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	7
RONALD KENRICK	4	*JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (58). Conducted by J. RIDYARD.
* 25th peal together. † First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret Rose.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
C.C. Collection Triples Methods, Peal No. 1. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

NANCY P. BIRKS	*Treble*	FREDERICK H. BIRKS	5
*JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	HENRY O. BAKER	6
R. GORDON CORBY	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	7
*JOHN W. BEST	4	JOHN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* 50th peal together. First peal of Triples in the method by all.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*DAVID G. JACKSON (11)	*Treble*	†RONALD SANDERSON	5
JAMES THORLEY	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
*WM. H. JACKSON (14)	3	RAYMOND C. WESTNEY	7
GIBSON JACKSON	4	*ALBERT SHAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal. † First peal on eight. Rung for the 14th birthday of the ringer of the third.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 16 cwt.

PETER OSTLEY	*Treble*	LEONARD W. GILES	5
*EDITH BASSETT	2	CHARLES A. BASSETT	6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	4	EDWARD EADE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal of Triples.

WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 21, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 100 lb. in F sharp.

*JACK S. WILLIAMSON	*Treble*	ERNEST H. MASTIN	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	CECIL V. EBBERSON	6
GEORGE P. ADAMS	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
†VINCENT R. OVENS	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. In honour of Princess Margaret's birthday.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 22, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN E. S. MORETON	*Treble*	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	5
MARGARET BEAMISH	2	*HARRY HARRIS	6
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	7
MRS. D. E. BEAMISH	4	LEONARD TREVOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.
* First peal of Surprise. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 24, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*THOMAS W. WHITE	*Treble*	JOHN A. ETHERINGTON	5
ALFRED H. PULLING	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	3	T. MARK WHITE	7
ERIC T. LEE	4	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by FREDK. A. MUNDAY.
* First peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung on the 200th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of Holy Trinity Church.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., Aug. 23, 1949, *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.

*Peter Foster ...	...*Treble*	Gordon Harrison ...	5
George L. Roden ...	2	Sidney H. Jones	6
Noreen Brain	3	Barnabas G. Key	7
Harold E. Harrison...	4	Edward J. White	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

TENTERDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 24, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mildred,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

John H. Baxter ...	...*Treble*	William Bottrill ...	5
Edna M. Sills	2	Frank P. Wright ...	6
John L. Morris	3	Reginald L. Sills ...	7
Benjamin F. Baker ...	4	Frank C. W. Knight...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Reginald L. Sills.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

Edgar Whiteley ...	...*Treble*	H. Wilde	5
William Ambler	2	Sam Blundell	6
Vernon Bottomley ...	3	Roland Kendall	7
Paul Birkett	4	Sam Longbottom ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Sam Longbottom.

CHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Joseph Tomlinson	...*Treble*	Roger Leigh	5
Charles Clegg	2	Peter Crook	6
Charles W. Blakey ...	3	Arthur Tomlinson ...	7
Eric Brunton	4	Laurence J. Williams...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Arthur Tomlinson.
To celebrate the birth of a daughter (Brenda) to Mr. and Mrs. C. Clegg. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

A. G. Bartholomew ...	...*Treble*	Herbert G. Goddard...	5
Dennis A. S. Symonds	2	Frank P. Pryke	6
Harry Turner	3	Bertram C. Hines ...	7
William J. Barrett ...	4	John Sitch	*Tenor*

Composed by N. Golden. Conducted by Harry Turner.
To celebrate the engagement of Mr. D. G. Mayell, of Brentwood, and Miss M. P. Hilliar, of Bristol.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949. *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

John Charnock ...	...*Treble*	E. Roger Martin ...	5
Thomas Barker	2	John H. Gartside ...	6
*Lawrence Walmsley ...	3	G. Alec Dimmock... ...	7
Sydney Tuson	4	Arthur Hatch ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by E. R. Martin.
* First peal in the method.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Arthur H. S. Rainey	*Treble*	Allan Short	5
*Alfred J. Allen	2	John Pinfold	6
Morris J. Morris ...	3	*J. William Pettigrew	7
*Edric J. Franklin ...	4	Richard C. Ingram ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Morris J. Morris. Conducted by R. C. Ingram.
* First peal of Major. An 81st birthday compliment to the composer. Tenor 25 cwt.

SIX BELL PEALS

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising one 2,160 and four varied extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Gordon Chambers	...*Treble*	Sidney Marshall ...	4
Robert C. Bunning ...	2	George T. Bunning ...	5
George P. Adams... ...	3	Vincent R. Ovens	...*Tenor*

Conducted by George P. Adams.
First peal of Minor in the method by all the band.

ASH BOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Double Court, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Kent T.B.

Lewis J. Last ...	...*Treble*	Dudley H. P. Buxton	4
George A. Fleming ...	2	*Ronald W. Steward...	5
George W. Pipe	3	Cecil W. Pipe	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.
* First peal in six methods 'inside.' Tenor 10¼ cwt.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Werburg,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Cambridge, one of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Ronald Barlow ...	...*Treble*	*Arnold G. Moore ...	4
William Carnwell ...	2	Fredk. Wm. Grocott	5
Arthur Peake	3	Neville R. Holland...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick William Grocott.
* First peal of Minor.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents.

Walter G. Soar ...	...*Treble*	William F. Woodward	4
*Mrs. K. Jones	2	Sidney H. Jones	5
Arthur J. Marriott ...	3	William H. Curson	...*Tenor*

Conducted by William H. Curson.
* First peal of Minor. To celebrate the marriage of Mr. J. Quimby to Miss S. Cox, both ringers at St. Matthew's, Overseal.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 21, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's: C.C. Collection, Nos. 58, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68 and 69.
Tenor 9 cwt.

Valentine Turrell	...*Treble*	Leonard Stilwell ...	4
Edgar R. Rapley	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Cecil R. Longhurst ...	3	Frederick Roberts	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 16¾ cwt.

John D. Rock ...	...*Treble*	*William E. Mountford	4
John Minton	2	Leslie Evans	5
E. Peter Rock	3	John H. Mountford	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie Evans.
* First peal 'inside.'

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Paul,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising one extent each of Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B., Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Eric J. Gilbert ...	...*Treble*	Alex. J. Webster ...	4
Ernest Carvell	2	George Ledsham	5
*Hugh Roberts	3	Frank Varty ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Varty.
* First peal in seven methods. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

(See p. 429 for further peals.)

QUARTER PEALS

BARNBY - IN - THE - WILLOWS, NOTTS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Court, 360 Double Oxford Bob, 180 Plain Bob): J. P. Vessey, jun. 1, S. G. Vessey 2, R. T. Vessey 3, J. C. Vessey 4, K. W. Mayer 5, P. Holmes (cond.) 6.

BALDERTON, NOTTS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. C. Vessey 1, Miss B. N. White 2, Miss S. M Harper 3, Miss P. A. Collins 4, P. N. White (first as cond.) 5. First quarter by 2, 3 and 4.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.—On Aug. 26th, at All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Fleetwood 1, H. Worboys 2, A. W. Beard 3, D. W. Beard 4, G. W. Faulkner 5, C. E. Wright 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, W. Vale 8.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Aug. 28th, at the Church of St. James, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Hunt 1, J. Potter 2, P. Hunt 3, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 4, W. Mortimer 5, P. Yates 6. In honour of the Colours of the 1st Batt. Wilts Regt. laid up in this church at matins.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 26th, 1,264 Bob Major: S. White 1, A. Relfe 2, H. Vaugham 3, E. J. Ladd 4, C. Bassett 5, R. Wood 6, L. Honess 7, A. Richardson (cond.) 8.

FULHAM, MIDDLESEX. — On Aug. 21st, 1,264 Bob Major: H. M. Page 1, R. Mackrill 2, W. Langdon 3, J. E. Chilcott 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, P. A. F. Chalk 6, A. W. J. Appleton 7, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 8.

GREAT BARRINGTON, OXON.—On Aug. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. C. F. Collett 1, F. Soden 2, W. J. Dixon 3, F. W. Soden 4, A. T. Shelton 5, T. W. Timms (cond.) 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. J. Eldred 1, R. Joyce Pett 2, Sheila E. Harris 3, Mrs. K. Parr 4, N. Hollingworth (cond.) 5, S. Smith 6, H. W. Rogers 7, S. Croft 8. First of Stedman Triples 2 and 6.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCS. — On Aug. 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: T. Cummins 1, S. F. Bishop 2, A. Young 3, W. Wilkinson 4, R. Brown 5, J. R. Kemp 6, E. Kemp 7, J. R. Young (cond.) 8. For the wedding of Miss J. Flatters and Mr. J. Van-de-Walle.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. R. Smith 1, A. J. N. Boyack 2, D. W. Beard 3, T. G. Fox 4, C. A. Hughes 5, J. H. Crampion 6, F. W. Housden (cond.) 7, E. D. Smith 8. In honour of Princess Margaret's birthday.

NORTON, HERTS. — On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Shepherd (first in method) 1, E. G. Buck 2, J. S. Dear 3, S. Bonnet 4, I. T. Werrett 5, H. E. Werrett (first as cond.) 6, R. V. Webb 7, T. Werrett 8. Rung half-muffled for Mr. A. Pike.

OVERSEAL, DERBYS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. W. Clayfield 1, E. W. Beadsmoore 2, A. B. Beadsmoore 3, F. G. Bailey 4, W. Brooker 5, H. C. Adams 6, P. W. Grice (cond.) 7, H. Shaw 8. Also 1,344 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Cotton 1, H. Carter 2, P. Beedie 3, G. W. Clayfield 4, W. Brooker 5, H. C. Adams 6, P. W. Grice (cond.) 7, H Shaw 8. Both rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. J. Quimby and Miss S. Cox, ringers at Overseal.

RAMPTON, NOTTS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: A. Crawford 1, S. Lewis 2, Miss G. Redfearne 3, H. Willows 4, H. Denman (cond.) 5, W. Coates 6. First quarter 2 and 3.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—At St. Denys' on Aug. 28th, 1,200 Plain Bob Minor: M. Hammond (first in method) 1, R. C. Mitchell 2, E. Bishop, jun. 3, A. F. Lewry 4, F. Hammond 5, W. Rogers (cond.) 6, E. Bishop, sen. tenor covering.

SHRIVENHAM, WILTS. — On Aug. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. Anger 1, B. Bladon 2, A. R. A. Peake 3, Miss E. L. Roberts 4, J. Pryor 5, P. Anger (cond.) 6. First of Bob Minor for 1 and 5. A compliment to Hugh Lloyd Roberts on gaining his B.Sc.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Pierpoint 1, A. Richardson 2, Jean Durrant 3, F. Miles 4, E. Eade 5, F. Weller 6, M. A. Causley (cond.) 7, J. Baker 8. First in the method as conductor.

Truro Diocesan Guild

ANNUAL CARBIS BAY 'WEEK.'

This year, for the fourth annual 'week,' several regulars, with some welcome newcomers, met at Truro Cathedral on August 20th and were welcomed by Mr. W. H. Southeard, Diocesan Ringing Master. The peal attempt was for Stedman Caters, and in spite of organ opposition at the beginning, ringing seemed to have settled until a 'slow' entanglement ended the attempt after 2 hours' and 5 minutes' ringing. Mr. H. C. Spencer conducted. A move was then made to headquarters, most of the party staying at Carbis Bay Vicarage.

During the week two peals were rung—both Grandsire Triples—at Towednack and St. Austell. In all, twenty-three towers were visited either for peal attempts or for a short while, the others being Carbis Bay, St. Enoder, Crantock (where a welcome was extended by the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, Diocesan Secretary), Perranzabuloe, St. Agnes, St. Anthony-in-Meneage, Manaccan (with a greeting by Col. C. F. Jerram), Landewednack, Mullion, Zennor, St. Keverne, Redruth, St. Dennis, St. Stephen - in - Brannel, Probus, Ladock, St. Erme, St. Hilary, Ludgvan and Lelant. These towers comprise one ten, eleven eights and eleven sixes. The fascination of visiting these Cornish towers was added to by additional little treats, such as several glimpses of the sea, picnic luncheon each day, at such a place as on the beach at delightful Coverack, and a visit to an ancient Celtic museum at Zennor. The visitors we welcomed to Cornwall, and who we hope will come yet again, were the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Mr. G. E. Fearn (with Mrs. Fearn and Ruth), Messrs. T. G. and Fred Myers, Comdr. A. R. Poyntz, Miss Marie R. Cross, Miss Julia Preston, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Niblett, with the Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts (who mapped matters out campanologically and domestically), Messrs. H. C. Spencer, C. E. Lanxon, R. G. Clemens, E. V. Williams and G. W. Taysom.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Rain to wet the defensive umbrella of Mr. W. Moorland, who wrote about 'Child Ringers'—William Jackson (14) and his brother David (11) took part in a peal at Campsall on August 20th without showing signs of strain and without having previously obtained a medical certificate to prove their strength!

Messrs. G. Harrison and L. G. Roden have now 'circled' the tower at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent.

Mr. E. Whiteley's 74th birthday, as well as Mrs. Whiteley's, was celebrated by a peal at Queensbury, Bradford, on August 25th.

Mr. Jack R. Worrall writes to say, apropos light verse in his honour in last week's Belfry Gossip, that though his name was made to rhyme, it was incorrectly spelt.

At Devizes and Chester quarter-peals were rung to honour the laying-up of the Colours of the 1st Batt. Wilts Regt. and 5th (E. of C.) Batt. Cheshire Regt. on Mons Sunday.

The peal of Cambridge at Chilvers Coton on August 22nd was rung by an all local band as a birthday compliment to their captain, Mr. J. E. S. Moreton.

Mr. P. Amos has been investigating the three bells of Little Billing, Northants, and finds that two of these are dated 1672. The other is 1853. The general impression was that the bells are modern, circa 1850.

At the dedication service in connection with the recast and rehung bells at Blackburn Cathedral on August 21st, an attractive, illustrated booklet about the bells throughout the years, specially printed, was circulated to those present.

A plaque recording the dedication has been fixed to one of the girders carrying the bells.

To commemorate the wedding of Mr. J. Vande-Walle and Miss J. Flatters, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Major was rung at Kirton-in-Holland, Lincs. by the following band: T. Cummins 1, S. F. Bishop 2, A. Young 3, W. Wilkinson 4, R. Brown 5, J. R. Kemp 6, E. Kemp 7, J. R. Young (cond.) 8.

Mr. S. Marshall, of Gressenhall, is the first of the local band to 'circle' the tower.

Mr. R. Davies, Nutfield, Surrey, has now rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

The conductor of the peal at Hedon, Yorkshire, on August 12th, was Mr. A. Tomlinson and not as stated.

The peal rung at Seal Chart on August 27th is believed to be the first of Surprise on the bells.

The meeting of the Irish Association held at Drogheda is regarded as probably the most memorable in the Association's history, and everyone who attended went home greatly impressed by the handbell ringing of the Leicester tourists.

The peal of Kent Minor at Gressenhall, Norfolk, on August 19th, was an in memoriam one to the late Ringing Master, Mr. John A. Godfrey, who died on the same date two years ago.

The peal at Burton-on-Trent on August 23rd was rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Canon J. J. G. Stockley, who passed away the previous week after a vicariate at Burton of 17 years.

Mrs. G. W. Fletcher conducted a peal of Stedman Cinques at Bow Church, Cheapside, on November 19th, 1938, in honour of her parents' (Mr. and Mrs. J. Parker) golden wedding. Mr. Fletcher also took part in the peal.

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UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

Tour in Oxfordshire

At a university, four years is a lifetime—only a small minority stay longer or return again to the scenes of their youth. Among this minority are to be found a number of ringers adding Cambridge to London, or Theology to Physics, with the grim determination of the seasoned peal ringer. It is therefore interesting to note that the fourth tour of the University of London Society was in many ways similar to the first. After an orgy of private cars and luxury coaches, cycling was once again the main means of transport, and from the seclusion of a private hotel we returned to the communal ablutions of a holiday camp. The same organiser presented us with a programme of fine bells in delightful villages, set in an almost excessive amount of countryside, and disappeared (this time to play cricket), in the same company. Even the same Master was in office, and on this occasion able to accompany us.

Nevertheless, there were a number of changes, most of them improvements. No longer was a plain course of Stedman the summit of achievement, and 'the touch that comes round' a special request. The various amenities of the holiday camp provided much entertainment, though not of quite the same sort as the spectacle of record-holding ringers washing-up after kippers for breakfast at a youth hostel.

The party assembled in Oxford on July 23rd and joined in the ringing of the Oxford Guild Festival as they arrived, setting off by bus and cycle for the headquarters at Radley at about 6.30 p.m. After a Corporate Communion at Radley Church on Sunday, the party divided, some going into Oxford and the remainder to Abingdon for service ringing. In the afternoon a peal of Cambridge was rung at Dorchester, with some local help, for the Oxford Guild, the rest of the party ringing at Radley and then disporting themselves swimming and boating until it was time for evening service ringing at St. Helen's, Abingdon.

Monday was the most strenuous day of the tour. It started with an eight-mile cycle ride to ring at Yarnton. The six bells (tenor 25 cwt.) proved quite a test of strength and bell control. The eights at Woodstock and Kidlington followed, and after lunch at Kidlington, nine miles' cycling under the mid-day sun brought the party to Bicester, where the bells (and subsequent tea) were much enjoyed. On the way back to Oxford, calls were made at Middleton Stoney and Islip. The total distance travelled during the day was about fifty-five miles, and as the weather was perfect—for sun bathing—it was not surprising that everyone was somewhat hot and tired by the evening. The two motor-cyclists were certainly better off than the rest, even if one of their machines was not quite so easy to start as a push bike.

Tuesday's outing was by coach. The beauty of the church, its setting, and its bells made the first stop, at Great Tew, particularly pleasant. Ringing took place at Deddington and Adderbury before and after lunch respectively, and particular notice was taken at the latter church of a stone figure demonstrating how to enjoy handbell ringing. Stratford-on-Avon was reached in time for tea and a brief tour of inspection before ringing on the magnificent ten there. Afterwards, a visit was made to the Memorial Theatre to see a performance of 'Othello.'

Wednesday involved—amongst other exertions—two peal attempts for five people. In the morning a peal of Superlative was rung at Goring, but the afternoon attempt for Bob Major at Harwell was not successful. Those not attempting peals rang at Drayton, Steventon and East Hagbourne. In the evening we had the pleasure of entertaining some of the city ringers who paid us a visit at the camp.

Another coach trip on Thursday, to Painswick, Cirencester Fairford and Faringdon, not only proved enjoyable in itself, but also gave everyone a chance to regain their strength for another day's cycling on the morrow. On both these coach excursions we were joined by some local friends.

Cumnor was the first stop on Friday, and those whose education had been neglected soon found that bells are not the only notable feature of the place. Witney was reached in time for coffee before ringing, after a ride against strong winds, with a brief stop—but no ringing or ice-cream—at Eynsham, on the way. The visit to the lovely church, with its delightful bells, will long be remembered, not least, perhaps, for a rather unexpected course of London Surprise. After lunch, Ducklington and Standlake were visited. On leaving Standlake, a short-cut along the tow-path was recommended, but the route did not fulfil the high hopes placed in it, and the sudden disruption of a party of cyclists into a set of individuals plunging determinedly into the heart of Berkshire in search of Appleton, each depending on—even swearing by, and later at—a different map was perhaps the most startling event of the week. The organiser arrived in time for tea, but complained more bitterly than anyone else, in the hope of disarming criticism, no doubt. An excellent tea was followed by ringing (alas, not of such a uniformly high standard) at St. Lawrence's Church.

On Saturday morning, a peal of Stedman was attempted at Great Tew, but a rope came untucked, and the subsequent attempt for Bob Major was abandoned after an hour. The whole party reunited at Bloxham, whose graceful spire had to be allowed five minutes to settle down again after each ten-minute touch! Some members even watched outside so as to be able to render a graphic description of any disaster which might have occurred. Fortunately their worst hopes were not realised, and we went on to Banbury, where a peal of Bob Royal was rung.

Normal service ringing and an unsuccessful peal attempt at Kirtlington constituted Sunday's effort; and on August Bank holiday the party dispersed, everyone having thoroughly enjoyed themselves and learnt something new about ringing. Indeed, the improvement shown by those in the more elementary stages of the art was quite marked. The finale of the tour was a peal of Stedman Caters, rung at Reading on the way home.

In conclusion, the society would like to thank all those who made the tour such a success, the various incumbents for permission to ring on their bells, the Oxford City ringers for their warm welcome, Miss M. R. Cross for her assistance and for arranging (at considerable trouble) the accommodation for the last week-end, and especially Mr. P. M. J. Gray for his excellent organisation.

CHESTER.—On Aug. 28th at the Church of St. Mary-on-the-Hill, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: John Payne 1, Harry Lewis 2, John W. Best 3, George Sperring 4, Rev. J. Kingdon 5, John W. Griffiths 6, J. E. Bonney (cond.) 7, John Stockton 8. First quarter of Triples for the treble ringer. First of Triples as conductor. To commemorate the laying up of the Colours of the 5th (E. of C.) Batt, the Cheshire Regt. at Chester Cathedral on Mons Sunday (Aug. 28th).

CHOLSEY, BERKS. — On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Palmer 1, J. Meney 2, T. Palmer 3, F. Smewin 4, A. Fletcher 5, R. Heath (cond.) 6, F. Wise 7. Rung half-muffled in respect of the bereavement of Mr. G. Garlick.

Blackburn Cathedral Bells

DEDICATION OF RECAST RING.

Sunday, Aug. 21st, was an important occasion in the annals of Blackburn Cathedral, when the ten bells, which have been recast recently at the Loughborough Foundry, were dedicated. A great improvement has been effected in the ring, which is now heavier than before the recasting. The tenor weighs over 25 cwt. and the weight of the whole ring is more than 5 tons.

An account of the work entailed and details of the inscriptions on the bells were given in our issue of July 22nd. Besides the attention given to the bells, alterations have been carried out in the tower. The bell chamber roof has been opened and an arched sounding board constructed, so that the bells are how heard more widely in Blackburn. The louvres have been bricked and boarded to help send the sound out through the roof. A new clock, electrically driven, has been installed, chiming the hours and the quarters. Redecoration of the belfry and bell chamber was found necessary. The work is now complete and a year after the old bells rang for the last time the new ones are ringing afresh. It is estimated that the whole of the work has cost some £3,500.

The dedication of the bells, clock and chimes was performed at the early Communion service, the officiant being the Provost, the Very Rev. W. Kay.

Under the leadership of Mr. T. Wilson, Ringing Master, the bells were rung both before and after the morning service, which was attended by the Mayor (Councillor W. Horne) and members of the Town Council.

The address was given by Rev. A. C. F. Davies, Croydon, a former Precentor of the Cathedral, who said he had taken as a pivot for their thoughts the words from the Book of Proverbs, 'have good things in possession,' and he wanted to apply them to the new ring of bells which now formed a worthy part of their Cathedral Church Now at last they possessed a grand ring of bells which would take its place beside the other fine rings of ten in the country. But they must not be content merely to possess these 'good things': they must also, as far as humanly possible, 'have them in possession.' All of them possessed many things which were of little use unless they 'had them in possession.' That was not always easy. Very often it demanded effort. concentration and self-denial and much patience. They might just as well not have any possessions if they were not making the right use of them. The 'good things' they possessed were a trust from God, and He wanted them to 'have them in possession.'

Ringing demanded competent and reliable leadership. They had been most fortunate in having such leadership over a long period of years. And it was a fitting tribute to the quality of that leadership that the name of W. E. Wilson, a ringer at their church from 1887-1943, and for part of that time Master of the belfry, should be inscribed, together with that of the present Master, on the new treble bell. The Lancashire Association would rejoice to have another good centre for its meetings. But there was a real danger that a good ring of bells would attract the 'peal grabbers,' as they were known in the Exercise. Peals for peals sake should not be allowed in the towers of cathedral churches. The very best ringing should be that which preceded corporate worship, of which the ringing was itself a part.

At the evening service the Archdeacon of Blackburn (Ven. C. H. Lambert) spoke on the subject of bells and their significance.

There is no doubt the ring will rank with some of the finest in the country, and will be fully in keeping with the dignity of the Cathedral in its finished state.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO RINGERS OF FOUR BELLS

Dear Sir,—As has been shown in previous issues of 'The Ringing World,' four-and-twenties are available both in hunt-dominated and in hunt-free methods.

Let us take the hunt-dominated methods first.

In every hunt-dominated method two four-and-twenties are available according to the nature of the whole hunt (one variation with forward and one with reverse hunting). In addition, each of the four bells may be used as the whole hunt, thus providing eight four-and-twenties for each hunt-dominated method.

Now these hunt-dominated methods are made up from only four kinds of cone work, viz.: Hunting (A), Plain Bob (B), Grandsire (C), and Grandsire Bob (D).

A 1234	B 1234	C 1234	D 1234
2143	2143	2143	2143
2413	2413	2413	2413
4231	4231	2431	2431
4321	2431	2341	4231
3412	4213	2314	4213
3142	4123	2134	4123
1324	1432	1243	1432
1234	1342	1423	1342

(Note: The above illustrates the cone work at the front.)

Now each of the above cones may be used with any of the others or itself, in the opposite cone, to produce a method; these methods are given by the appended diagram, in which

Now some of these diagrams represent vertical columns represent rear cone work and horizontal rows the front cone work:—

	A	B	C	D
A	AA	AB	AC	AD
B	BA	BB	BC	BD
C	CA	CB	CC	CD
D	DA	DB	DC	DD

methods: AB being Plain Bob; BA, Reverse Bob; BB, Double Bob, etc.; DB thus being Reverse Bob Grandsire Bob Minimus, and DD is Double Grandsire Bob Minimus.

On inspection AA, BC, CB, CD and DC are worthless as not giving true four-and-twenties. BB, CC, DD are the three double methods; AB, AC, AD, BD are the four single methods; BA, CA, DA and DB are the four reverse methods. A total of eleven methods, giving, therefore, as explained above, 88 four-and-twenties.

Since in hunt-dominated methods the course contains 24 changes with three 'working' bells, the unit (also called a lead or grid) must have a maximum length of eight changes, so also in the hunt-free methods, with four working bells, the grid has a maximum length of six changes (or rows).

Now the only six (so far as the author knows) which when thus employed will give a true four-and-twenty is the Stedman Slow Six.

There are, therefore, only twelve different four-and-twenties obtainable (as shown by J. M. Stephens in issue 2,002, page 392 of 'The Ringing World').

SPLICED MINIMUS.

Only one hundred four-and-twenties are obtainable by the above methods, and in order to obtain a 5,000 it is necessary to resort to splicing. Using the notation given above, the following pairs of methods contain the same changes in a lead (the naming is the author's):

Reverse Grandsire (CA), Double Grandsire (CC); Reverse Bob (BA), Reverse Grandsire Bob (DA); Double Bob (BB), Reverse Bob Grandsire Bob (DB); Double Bob Grandsire Bob (DD), Bob Grandsire Bob (BD).

By inspection it is clear that each of these pairs will give six true four-and-twenties, e.g. (first pair):—

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	
1st lead	CC	CA	CA	CA	CC	CC	
2nd lead	CA	CC	CA	CC	CA	CC	
3rd lead	CA	CA	CC	CC	CC	CA	

but this is only with one hunt, hunting forward, with the four bells as whole hunt in turn and employing reverse hunting there are, of course (4 x 6 x 8 = 192), 192 further four-and-twenties.

The total of four-and-twenties thus revealed is 292, but only 210 are required for the 5,040.

Omitting the hunt-free methods we have 280 four-and-twenties or 6,720 rows. Adding in the hunt-free four-and-twenties we have 7,008 changes.

I trust that ringers of Minimus will find this sufficient for their needs at present.

PHILIP P. CARTER

(attached Sowerby St. Peter's).

KAK-HANDED?

Dear Sir,—Nice to find someone who sweeps and shovels my way. Still, Sam Jones always was 'O.K.ard.' Ever seen a left-handed scythe, Sam?

D. 'C.' V. By circumstances—Cheshire.

BLUE LINE RINGING

Sir,—There seems to be an opinion I denounced the principle of the Blue Line system of ringing a method in my letter on 'Rhythm' which appeared in 'The Ringing World' on August 5th. I *did not*. What I tried to emphasise was the necessity of giving learners to understand they were all ringing on the same line, but at different places, and to get the best ringing it was an advantage if rhythm could be introduced, which would prevent a number of persons ringing as individuals, but instilling in them team work. 'Blue Line Ringer,' signed by John Goodall, is completely off the track of my letter.—Yours faithfully,

R. NEWMAN.

Holloway, N.7.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

DORSET AND SOMERSET INVADE DEVON.

On August 27th, a mixed band from Dorset and Somerset, with their wives and friends, invaded North Devon. Starting from Hazelbury Bryan at 7.40 with the first contingent the coach reached King's Stagg, where ringers and friends from Stalbridge, Sturminster Newton and Buckland Newton were added to the load.

At Yeovil the Hardington Mandeville lads and lasses were picked up and then off non-stop through lovely scenery to Bampton, dead on schedule. No one was able to meet the party, but the local captain had labelled the treble rope with a note that all was in order. After an hour's ringing on this nice six (tenor 15½ cwt.), a move was made for Okeford, where the church was found to be in vigorous state of 'spring cleaning.' This fairly light eight (tenor 12½ cwt.) caused anxiety to many owing to the longish draught and small ringing chamber, also the ropes were very hard and dry. Sandwich lunch was partaken of on the coach, the 'local,' or both alternatively!

The party then set off for Knowstone after one false start. Why cannot the Devon C.C. inform one that a road is unfit for heavy traffic instead of letting one get at least half a mile down a lane when the lane suddenly narrows to less than the width of the coach? On ringing up the six at Knowstone (tenor 12 cwt.) the bells were found to be unmanageable, as the lowest sally could only just be reached by the tallest ringer. After consultation with the Vicar, 'Bert' climbed up into the tower with two others and let the ropes down about a foot. This made ringing possible, but everyone came to the conclusion that the bearings must have been oval!

At Rose Ash we were welcomed by the local captain, a keen competition ringer, and to judge by the awards around the walls a good band it must be too. Here we found a lovely ring of six (tenor 10 cwt.), and although told that they had not been rehung for at least 40 years, the 'go' was perfect. After ringing the visitors indulged in raising and falling in Devon style. In the wall of this church is a tablet to the memory of the late Vicar, who died in 1948, the last and eighth of the same family who had held the living without a break from 1675-1948. Tea was served in Rose Ash Court, a wonderful old house converted to a modern guest house.

Up to this moment the expedition had been well up to schedule, but now trouble started. The signposts cheerfully stated 'To Mariansleigh,' which was the next tower on the list. After proceeding down two 'roads' which seemed to go on for miles, their eventual narrowness necessitating two long 'back-outs,' our very patient driver decided that it was getting a bit too late to go on looking for 'Many Ann,' and although rather disappointed, the travellers agreed with him. So off to South Molton with its glorious tower and magnificent eight (tenor 24¾ cwt.). Although early for ringing, the local captain was waiting, and the party stayed till about 8.

With a stop near Taunton for those who found their bearings getting dry and dropping off sections en route, the coach got back to base at 11.50 after a round trip of 175 miles. The weather had been kind; permission had been freely given by the local incumbents, to whom hearty thanks are due, also to the locals who met us and, last but not least, to the driver—perhaps it was a good thing for us that he is an occasional ringer. E.T.P.F.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.

Balcombe ringers and friends held their annual outing on August 6th, travelling by coach to New Romney. The fine ring of bells (although the ropes fall anti-clockwise) were soon going to Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire. Lunch at Canterbury was followed by a visit to the Cathedral. Mr. Unwin, of the Cathedral band, conducted the party to the belfry, and for the next hour rounds, Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major were rung. Tea followed in Canterbury, and then Rolvenden was visited, where Mr. Macey, from Sutton Valence, was met. Here new ropes and a long draught did not help the ringing, but it was enjoyed. Balcombe was reached a few minutes before 11 p.m. E. T. E.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.

The Biggleswade District ringers had excellent weather for their outing on August 20th.

The bus left Henlow at 7.30 a.m., going via St. Neots and Cambridge to Long Melford where after some delay the key was procured and the bells soon got going. The next stop was at Lavenham (8). What a climb to the ringing chamber! Before the afternoon's ringing at Bocking (8) and Braintree (8), the party enjoyed lunch at the Four Swans, Sudbury.

Dunmow was reached by 4.30. Here Mr. W. H. Smith and the other ringers had an excellent tea waiting. This was followed by an hour in the local tower. Ringing at Thaxted brought a most successful and enjoyable day to a close. Ringing had ranged from rounds to Superlative.

The party would like to offer thanks to the rectors and local ringers for arranging tea and Mr. Lewis H. Bywaters for his excellent arrangements. C. J. B.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in G.

*Stephen Ivin ...	...*Treble*	Clifford W. Izzard ...	4
†John B. Long	2	J. Michael Stephens ...	5
Chris. G. Woodhead...	3	C. Edward Jeffries ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Michael Stephens.
* First peal. † First peal on tower bells. First peal as conductor.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *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 10 cwt.

Sidney R. Linnett ...	...*Treble*	Frank C. May	4
Harry Sterbings	2	Gerald Frost	5
William S. May	3	Peter J. Eves ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter J. Eves.
First peal of Minor as conductor.

WALBERTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

Sidney Ansell ...	...*Treble*	Cecil R. Longhurst ...	4
Edgar R. Rapley ...	2	Henry C. Weaver ...	5
Ernest Treagus	3	Raymond P. Wood	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Raymond P. Wood.
A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Enid Lonnen.

LANGHAM, RUTLAND.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Divine,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 16 cwt.

*Thos. Templeton ...	...*Treble*	Cyril Tyler	4
J. Harry Cook	2	J. William Smith ...	5
Ernest Morris	3	†H. George Bailey ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Morris.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor away from treble.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of seven different 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G sharp.

*Brian R. Sullivan ...	...*Treble*	Ralph Bird	4
†Roydon Davies	2	Leonard A. Tidy ...	5
†Arthur S. Richards...	3	‡Fredk. E. Collins ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ralph Bird.
* First peal. † First peal of Surprise Minor. ‡ 250th peal.

SEAL CHART, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

Reginald L. Sills ...	...*Treble*	Edna M. Sills	4
Peter C. Wright... ...	2	Frank P. Wright... ...	5
John L. Morris	3	Frank C. W. Knight ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald L. Sills.
First peal of Cambridge Minor by all the band. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

MESSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Double Bob, Fulbeck, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*John Ellerton ...	...*Treble*	Jack Bray	4
George W. Moody ...	2	George E. Feirn	5
G. Leslie A. Lunn ...	3	Philip Barnes ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Feirn.
* First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At Holywell Stores, London Road,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

A. Jordan	1-2	A. Ballard	3-4
		Hector Knights	5-6

Conducted by A. Ballard.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
In the Ringing Chamber of St Peter's Church,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

J. Kenneth Wagstaff ...	1-2	*Patrick Preston	5-6
Clement Glenn	3-4	†Frederick G. Hooper...	7-8

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Clement Glenn.
* First away from tenors. † First handbell peal in method.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 23, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
In the Cathedral Belfry,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in B flat.

Alfred T. Jordan	1-2	Harold J. Poole	5-6
Alfred Ballard	3-4	*Terence A. Thornber...	7-8

Composed by Fredk. H. Dexter. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal on handbells.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At 56, Bank Hey Lane South, Little Harwood,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Frank Heys	1-2	Arthur Tomlinson	3-4
		Charles W. Blakey ...	5-6

Conducted by Charles W. Blakey.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Comprising 1,248 Little Bob, 1,536 Plain Bob, 1,344 Double Bob and 960 Reverse Bob, with 300 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

*William G. Young ...	1-2	*Daniel T. Matkin ...	5-6
*Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3-4	Roy C. Hurst	7-8

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Daniel T Matkin.
* 50th peal together 'in hand.'

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
In the Ringing Chamber of St. Peter's Church,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original.

*J. Kenneth Wagstaff...	1-2	Frederick G. Hooper...	5-6
Clement Glenn	3-4	†Patrick Preston	7-8

Conducted by Clement Glenn.
* First peal of Triples away from tenors. † First handbell peal in method.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes.*
At 52, Acacia Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*John B. Long	1-2	†J. Michael Stephens ...	3-4
		Chris. G. Woodhead ...	5-6

Conducted by Chris. G. Woodhead.
* First peal. † First peal 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

Roy C. Hurst	1-2	Daniel T. Matkin	5-6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3-4	Frederick A. Salter ...	7-8

Composed by G. Hughes. Conducted by Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay.

Unveiling of War Memorial

An impressive ceremony took place at Taynton (Oxon) Parish Church on Sunday evening, August 27th, when the Chaplain to the Fleet, the Rev. L. Coulshaw, unveiled and dedicated a tablet in memory of the men of the parish, William Ernest Tyrell and Thomas Ernest Francis (a ringer at the church), who gave their lives in the second World War. The service was accompanied by musicians from the Royal Naval School of Music, Burford.

As a tribute to their memory, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung before the service by W. J. Dixon 1, F. Soden 2, Miss N. Honey 3, F. W. Soden 4, B. S. Nichols (cond.) 5, T. W. Timms 6. This was the first of Kent Minor on the bells and by all excepting the ringer of the 3rd.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

MEETING AT DROGHEDA.

A joint meeting of the Northern and Eastern Districts was held at St. Peter's Church, Drogheda, on August 27th, and was attended by 80 members from Londonderry, Bangor, Holywood, Arklow, Bray, Dublin (St. George's, St. John the Baptist's and Christ Church Cathedral) and Drogheda. The Leicester ringers, who were on tour, led by Mr. Harold J. Poole, and Miss Rodwell, from Oxford, were also present.

Tea was provided. At the meeting afterwards there was no business, but Mr. W. Graham, president, welcomed the visitors to Drogheda, stating that he deputised for the Rector, who was on holiday.

Mr. W. Pratt, president of the Irish Association, also greeted the English ringers, especially Mr. Poole's party, saying he had himself been born not far from Leicester.

Mr. Dukes apologised for the absence of the chairman of the Eastern District, Mr. Daniel Kennedy, who was also on holiday. He said that they were very pleased to have the Leicester ringers, under the leadership of such a very capable and popular ringer as Harold Poole.

Mr. Poole, in his reply, said that the tour had been planned two years ago, and as a memento and appreciation for all the arrangements made in Ireland for their enjoyment, he presented Mr. Dukes with a suitably inscribed silver drinking mug. Mr. Dukes, who was taken by surprise, thanked the visitors for their gift, which would always be valued and be a reminder of 'happy days.'

Votes of thanks were passed to the local company and especially to the ladies under the leadership of Mrs. Emerson.

The gathering was then entertained to ringing on handbells (change ringing, tune ringing and 'rising and falling') by the Leicester visitors.

The bells of St. Peter's Church were put to good use from early morning until late evening, when Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, London and Bristol were rung.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild held a special meeting at Highweek Parish Church, Newton Abbot, on Saturday, August 27th, when members and friends attended from Braintree (Essex), Hurst (Berks), Broadclyst, Exeter, Axminster, Newton Abbot, Dartmouth and Buckfastleigh.

The bells were kept going throughout the afternoon, some very good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Minor and Major, and Kent Treble Bob Major being rung.

A service was later held in church, conducted by the Rev. E. W. F. Deacon, assistant priest, at which a collection was taken for the repairs fund of the church. Handbells were afterwards rung over the graves of Messrs. C. R. Lilley and C. R. Walker by Messrs. J. E. Lilley, A. L. Bennett, I. Suckling and F. Wreford.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Brasted, Sept. 10th. Brasted bells from 3 p.m. Ringing, Sevenoaks 3 to 4 and Sundridge after tea. Tea 5 p.m. 5690

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—The meeting arranged to take place at Boughton Monchelsea on Sept. 10th has been cancelled owing to serious illness near the church. 5669

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Half-yearly meeting, Grantham, on Sept. 10th. Tea 6 p.m. at the Angel Hotel. 5667

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Little Waltham (6), Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 5636

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at Kingswinford, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea (1s. 3d.) in Church Hall 5.30. 5664

SOUTHWELL GUILD (Nottingham District) and LEICESTER GUILD (Melton District).—Joint meeting, Colston Bassett, Sept. 10th. 5678

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Pakefield, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. 5660

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD —Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Goodworth Clatford (6), Sept. 10th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Vicarage. Ringing after tea and Abbotts Ann (5) 6—9. 5666

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Great Gaddesden (6) on Sept. 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 5687

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Church Stretton, Sept. 10th, 3. 5724

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Northill, Sept. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Numbers limited to 30. 5721

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District. — Next meeting, Old Brampton (6), Saturday, Sept. 10th, 3. Names to Mr. J. Collis, Old Brampton.—C. G. Briggs, Hon. Sec. 5722

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Elland, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 3s. 6d. per head. 5692

SWAINSWICK, NEAR BATH.—A ringers' service will be held on Sept. 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea after. 5709

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Hartfield (6), Sept. 10th. Tea at The Anchor. Names to Mr. A. L. Ryman, Perry Hill Cottages, Hartfield. 5702

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — Quarterly meeting, Keymer (6), Sept. 10th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Ditchling (8) available after tea if numbers warrant. 5699

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Enderby, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) 3. Tea at New Inn 5.—F. K. Measures, Hon. Sec. 5763

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at St. Mark's, Dalston, Sept. 10th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting to follow. Ringing to resume at 6.30 till 9.—R. H. Begrie. 5728

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-West District.—A meeting will be held at Clavering (6) on Saturday, Sept. 17th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Sept. 14th, please, to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 5700

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Feering (8), Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Kelvedon bells available during the evening.—H. A. Pratt, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5712

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Badgeworth (6), Sept. 17th. 3.30. Tea 5. Names required by 12th. — Charles Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Glos. 5663

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Quarterly, Topsham, Sept. 17th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Sept. 12th to Brian Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 5689

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A general meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. till 9 p.m. General Committee meet 3 p.m. in Memorial Hall, near church. Service, St. George's Parish Church, 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d. per head), Memorial Hall, 5 p.m., only to those who notify Mr. R. C. Westney, 96, Edlington Lane, Doncaster, by the 15th. General meeting follows immediately. All members are asked to note arrangements as no customary handbills will be issued. — L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 5694

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Orston, Sept. 17th, 2.30. Send me card for tea by 13th. Come and enjoy yourself! — J. W. Raithby, 145, Farndon Road, Newark. 5695

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Ipswich District. — Meeting, Henley, Sept. 17th. Bells 3. Bring own food.—Edward Ellenger, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5640

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — A joint meeting of the Cambridge and Hunts Districts at Bourn, Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Tea and cakes provided. Please bring some food. — H. L. Martin, S. Gilbert, Dis. Secs. 5726

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Iwerne Minster, Saturday, Sept. 17th, at 3 p.m. Visitors welcome. — Write Rev. Wm. Uphill, Hon Sec., Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham. 5734

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Wisborough Green (6), Sept. 17th, 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Sept. 14th to Hon. Div. Sec. 5733

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Woodchurch (6), Saturday, Sept. 17th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea (probably at small charge) only for those notifying me by 12th.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5765

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Wickwar (6), Sept. 17th, 3. Service 4.30 Tea 5. Notify by Sept. 14th to Miss Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall, Glos. 5760

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery.—Practice meeting at Middlezoy, Saturday, Sept. 17th, 6.30-9 p.m.—R. Short, Hon. Sec. 5761

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Sept. 17th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. 5753

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly business meeting Bolney (8), Sept. 17th, 3. Tea; names to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, by 14th. 5743

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of the Peterborough Branch at Maxey on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney St., Peterborough. 5738

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Macclesfield (10), Sept. 17th, 3 p.m. Tea provided for all who send names to J. Worth, 261, Peter Street, Macclesfield. 5737

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells at 2.30. Tea for those who send in names to Mr. F. G. Bradley, New Road Parade, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley, before September 14th.—W. H. Shuker and F. Dunkerley, Hon. Secs. 5736

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Fairford, Sept. 17th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Service 6. Card for tea, please, by Sept. 12th.—W. H. Hayward, 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester, Glos. 5757

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Publow, Sept. 17th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 5762

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. — Half-yearly meeting at Abergele, Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) 2. Service 3. Meeting and tea to follow. Names by Wednesday, Sept. 14th. —W. Catherall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 5767

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting at Northampton on Sept. 24th. St. Sepulchre's bells, 2.15 to 3 p.m.; St. Peter's 3.15 to 4.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Ringing at St. Giles' 7 to 8 p.m.; Moulton, 7.15 to 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. B. M. Valentine, Billing Arbours, Moulton, Northampton, not later than Tuesday, Sept 20th. All ringers welcome.—Jill Poole, Hon. Sec. 5732

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Drayton, Sept. 24th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 20th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon. 5730

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Monthly meeting at Westoning on Sept. 24th. Please note date. Bells (6) at 3. Tea at 5.—Valerie Willard, Hon. Sec., Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 5706

DEVON GUILD. — East Devon Branch. — Buckerell, Sept. 24th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea after by ticket only (2s.) to Mr. F. Parr, Butts, Buckerell, Honiton, not later than Sept. 19th. There is a good bus service from Honiton and Sidmouth Junction.—J. Arbury, Hon. Sec., 2, Paternoster Row, Ottery St. Mary. 5739

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual festival and dinner will be held at Durham on Saturday, Sept. 24th. The Association service will be held at 3 p.m. in conjunction with the Cathedral evensong, after which the bells will be available. Committee meeting in choirmen's vestry immediately after service. The dinner, followed by the meeting, will be held at the Three Tuns Hotel at 6, price 9s. each. Will persons intending being present please notify me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 21st?—John A. Brown, Hon. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham. 5759

OXFORD GUILD and LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting Saturday, Sept. 24th, Farnham Royal, 2.30. Tea 4.30. Stokes Poges 6. Names for tea by Sept. 19th. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 5758

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual district meeting Ashford, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea (5 p.m.) by Sept. 21st to T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 5764

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Leigh, Saturday, Sept. 24th, not 17th. Bells available 2.30. Cups of tea provided. Business meeting 6.30.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 5755

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—Meeting at Old Coulsdon, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Notice for tea essential to F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey, by Thursday, Sept. 22nd. Buses 166a, 409, 411, from West Croydon.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 5751

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Hadleigh District.—Meeting Nayland (6), Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cafes available.—J. T. Corder, Dis. Sec. 5748

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION and ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting of Stroud Branch and 263rd anniversary of the above society at Painswick on Sept. 24th. Bells (12) at 2.30. Tea (1s. 6d. each) 5, followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mr. C. D. Launder, Spring Cottage, Panswick, Glos, by Tuesday, Sept. 20th. Painswick Feast, Sunday, Sept. 25th. Ringing at 9.15, 2 and 5. 5744

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Old Hill on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells 2.45. Guild service 4.15. Tea 5. Numbers for same Sept. 20th, please.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec., Hall Park St., Bilston. 5747

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Halesworth District Branch.—Meeting at Wissett Sept. 24th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. R. S. Payne, 63, Pier Avenue, Southwold. Please give full support. 5746

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Colsterworth (6), Sept. 24th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to branch secretary before 17th, please.—Bernard H. Dalton, Branch Sec. 5741

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kingsbridge, Sept. 24th. Special coach from Plymouth, 2 p.m. Seats 7s. 6d. each. Names to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 5739

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. —Meeting at Uttoxeter postponed until Saturday, Sept. 24th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Roberts, 125, Smithfield Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 5735

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, King's Norton (10), Saturday, Sept. 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 5769

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Meeting, Whitechurch Canonicorum, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting follows. Please notify.—C. H. Lathey. 5768

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Quarterly meeting at Waltham Abbey (12), Sept. 24th. Bells available 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea by Sept. 22nd to Mrs. C. Roberts, 5, Monkswood Avenue, Waltham Abbey. 5756

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — A quarterly meeting and six-bell contest will be held at Lightcliffe on October 1st. Draw 2.45 p.m. For teas notify F. W. Bradley, 7, Holme Terrace, Lightcliffe, Halifax, by Sept. 24th.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 5731

SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District).—The annual combined meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (10) 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.45. A hearty welcome to all.—A. G. Hill and R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Secs. 5752

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner at Blossom's Hotel, Chester, Saturday, Oct. 1st, 7.30. Accommodation limited. Please apply for tickets (10s. 6d. each) and enclose remittance before Saturday, Sept. 24th.—Rev. J. Kingdon, 3, Grey Friars, Chester. 5745

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (7s. each) obtainable from branch and general secs. on receipt of remittance (not later than Monday, Sept. 26th). Bells available: All Saints' (10) and St. John's (8), from 3 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 5742

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 8th, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, at 6.30. Ringing arrangements will be published shortly. Tickets (12s. 6d.) each available from the undersigned. Accommodation limited. Send for your ticket now!—Peter N. Bond, Assist. Hon. Sec., 30, Elvaston Place, S.W.7. 5749

KINGSBURY, MIDDLESEX. — On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Southgate (first quarter) 1, W. D. Prockson 2, F. A. Barker 3, J. Goodall 4, A. E. Hoare 5, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 6, W. A. Theobald 7, A. F. Warren 8.

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A successful quarterly meeting of the above branch was held at Puddletown on August 13th and was attended by about 45 members and friends.

The six bells were rung prior to service, which was conducted by the Vicar, Canon A. L Helps, assisted by the branch chairman, the Rev. Canon A. W. Markby. The address was based on two simple words from the Parable of the Talents, 'Well done,' the Vicar emphasising that this phrase was the reward of courage and faithfulness.

The business meeting was conducted by the chairman. Two applicants, Miss H. Godley and Miss I. Cordier, both of Stratton, were admitted to membership of the branch. The meeting agreed that the branch should celebrate the 80th birthday of the president of the Guild (the Earl of Shaftesbury) by ringing wherever it was possible on August 31st.

A plan devised by the Deputy Ringing Master to divide the branch into three geographical areas (north, south and west) was left for discussion at the annual general meeting.

After the meeting the bells were kept going until 9 p.m., the methods rung including Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Thirteen towers were represented.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): R. Moore 1, P. Jones 2, R. C. Noon (cond.) 3, Rev. R. H. Palmer 4, L. H. Battison 5, F. Attewell 6. First quarter 1 and 6. In honour of the wedding of Mr. P. Booth and Miss A. Gower.

FISHTOFT, LINCS. — On Aug. 28th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Dawson 1, W. Bradley 2, F. Dewey 3, F. P. Harwood 4, H. Harper (cond.) 5, A. E. Flatters 6. Specially arranged for the dedication of a peal board recording the first peal on the bells.

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I REMEMBER vividly the difference between the ropes which moved quietly up and down in the hands of the ringers, and that spiteful rope which misbehaved and wouldn't do what I desired—the awe with which I heard that half a ton of bawling metal, very reluctant to obey my nervous jerk. I recall that I was scared to set it at backstroke because I feared it would pull me up to the ceiling, and how my little finger persisted in curling round the rope's end instead of round the sally.

Later on, I knew just when I should strike in rounds, but couldn't. The bell always seemed to thwart me, to drop when it should have balanced, and vice versa. Later still my mind was in such a fever trying to remember Grandsire dodges that I couldn't handle my bell properly. A lady stamped her foot at me for not double dodging. I must have been irritating! I remember the faintly disgusted look of the other five ringers with whom I tried to ring Kent Minor when I couldn't even ring Plain Bob!

I also recall more pleasant things—the first time I rang our tenor and made her throb to my gentle pull. There were amusing times, too. I had nearly rung my first course of Stedman Triples when my rope slipped wheel and refused to complete the course. 'Ah, yes!' you'll say, 'slack rope, tch tch!' But did not the bell in setting pay me a pretty compliment? It was lovely wallowing in 6-7 up for the first time in Stedman Caters, not quite sure with whom I was dodging but trying to look expert.

There was always the thrill of visiting a new tower, meeting new friends and those who were becoming old friends—a differently coloured sally, a novel feel of the balance, a strange sound, sometimes like old dustbins, sometimes incredibly musical and vivacious. Once there was a 35ft. draught without guides, while again the ceiling was so low we had to sit on the chairs provided! The thrill of the unknown is still as strong. I wonder what the bells will be like next Saturday?

I remember my first peal. The first third of it I spent in intense concentration. The second third was intolerably long, while during the last third I had given up hope of it ever ending. This is what hell is like—it just goes on and on. I felt that even if I did want to set my bell, I couldn't have done, so completely was I hypnotised.

On the other hand, I remember the delights of ringing tours, where I got the comradeship and keenness, unfettered by prejudice, that got me on rapidly.

Let us all remember the delights and difficulties of our early attempts, and, above all, let us recall that they were essential to our education. It is a joy to see our younger recruits (I say younger lest I be dubbed old) with the same enthusiasms and faults that make way for proficiency. We must be patient, and in watching their errors we must not think ourselves perfect. To admit one's own faults is the first step on the road to the improvement of the band.

Cambridge University Tour

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Washbrook's Variation of Middleton's.

F. E. HAYNES (Cath's)	*Treble*	REV. E. BENSON (Cath's)	5
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On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*A. S. WATT (Pembroke)	*Treble*	C. W. WOOLLEY (Sel.)	5
W. H. J. HOOTON (Qns')	2	†R. F. B. SPEED (Caius)	6
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On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
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Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

FRANK WILLIS-BETTS	*Treble*	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	5
ARTHUR FIRTH	2	RALPH G. EDWARDS	6
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On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
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A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM FISHER	*Treble*	FRANK L. FISHER	5
HENRY O. BAKER	2	ALAN A. POTTS	6
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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

ALAN A. POTTS	*Treble*	ARTHUR FIRTH	5
C. KENNETH LEWIS	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	6
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FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 28, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.

WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	*Treble*	T. EDWARD CAWSER	5
C. KENNETH LEWIS	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	3	ARTHUR FIRTH	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

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HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 28, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

LESLIE G. BRETT	*Treble*	*WILFRID F. MORETON	5
*HENRY O. BAKER	2	WALTER ALLMAN	6
PETER LAFLIN	3	JOHN WORTH	7
ALAN A. POTTS	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in the method.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 24¼ cwt. in E flat.

*HENRY O. BAKER	*Treble*	ALAN A. POTTS	6
ARTHUR FIRTH	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	*WILFRID F. MORETON	8
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	WALTER ALLMAN	9
JOHN WORTH	5	PETER LAFLIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
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STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF LIVERPOOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

*†GEORGE W. PIPE	*Treble*	WALTER ALLMAN	5
†C. KENNETH LEWIS	2	†J. EDWARD CAWSER	6
†W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	3	†WILFRID F. MORETON	7
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A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¾ cwt.

GEORGE A. FLEMING	*Treble*	PETER LAFLIN	5
HENRY O. BAKER	2	ARTHUR FIRTH	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
ALAN A. POTTS	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 30, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	5
J. EDWARD CAWSER	2	ALAN A. POTTS	6
RALPH G. EDWARDS	3	C. KENNETH LEWIS	7
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Leslie W. G. Morris...	*Treble*	*W. Eric Critchley ...	5
George W. Pipe	2	Arthur Firth	6
Henry O. Baker	3	Walter Allman	7
John E. Bibby	4	James C. E. Simpson...	*Tenor*

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SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Aug 30, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

George E. Symonds ...	*Treble*	J. Edward Cawser ...	5
Alan A. Potts	2	Wilfrid F. Moreton ...	6
*C. Kenneth Lewis ...	3	Peter Laflin	7
Leslie W. G. Morris...	4	John Worth	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by John Worth
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 30, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

George W. Pipe	*Treble*	Arthur Firth	5
James C. E. Simpson ...	2	W. Eric Critchley ...	6
Henry O. Baker	3	Walter Allman	7
John E. Bibby	4	Ralph G. Edwards ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by John E. Bibby.
First peal in the method on the bells. Tenor 23¼ cwt.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Being 1,312 changes Bristol, and 1,280 changes each of London, Superlative and Cambridge with 109 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt.

*George W. Pipe	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis ...	5
John E. Bibby	2	Arthur Firth	6
James C. E. Simpson...	3	Ralph G. Edwards ...	7
*W. Eric Critchley ...	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt. in E.

George E. Symonds ...	*Treble*	Leslie W. G. Morris ...	5
Walter Allman	2	Alan A. Potts	6
J. Edward Cawser ...	3	Peter Laflin	7
*Henry O. Baker ...	4	John Worth	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by John Worth.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

*Arthur Firth ..	*Treble*	Joseph W. Whittaker	6
C. Kenneth Lewis ...	2	*J. Edward Cawser ...	7
John Worth	3	Walter Allman	8
John E. Bibby	4	Ralph G. Edwards ...	9
Peter Laflin	5	James C. E. Simpson...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by James C. E. Simpson.
* First peal of Royal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Tenor 25 cwt. in D flat.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Thomas-of-Canterbury,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

J. Edward Cawser ...	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis ...	5
Alan A. Potts	2	Leslie W. G. Morris...	6
Henry O. Baker	3	Ralph G. Edwards ...	7
John E. Bibby	4	Joseph W. Whittaker...	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

C. Kenneth Lewis ...	*Treble*	Walter Allman	7
Alan A. Potts	2	Leslie W. G. Morris...	8
Ralph G. Edwards ...	3	Peter Laflin	9
John E. Bibby	4	Joseph W. Whittaker...	10
*Arthur Firth	5	James C. E. Simpson ...	11
J. Edward Cawser ...	6	John Worth	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by James C. E. Simpson.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus. Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Containing 1,440 London, 1,440 Rutland, 640 Bristol, and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 160 changes of method. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

Henry O. Baker ...	*Treble*	Walter Allman	5
J. Edward Cawser ...	2	Leslie W. G. Morris ...	6
C. Kenneth Lewis ...	3	John Worth	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 in eight methods by all the band, for the Association and in the county.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
In the Norman Tower of the Cathedral Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF LINDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

James C. E. Simpson ...	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis ...	6
Alan A. Potts	2	John Worth	7
Arthur Firth	3	Peter Laflin	8
John E. Bibby	4	Joseph W. Whittaker...	9
J. Edward Cawser ...	5	Ralph G. Edwards ...	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Guild. Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Peter Laflin	*Treble*	John Worth	6
John E. Bibby	2	*Henry O. Baker... ...	7
C. Kenneth Lewis ...	3	Ralph G. Edwards ...	8
Alan A. Potts	4	Walter Allman	9
Leslie W. G. Morris ...	5	Joseph W. Whittaker	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Leslie W. G. Morris.
* First peal of Surprise Royal away from treble. First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells. Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, *in* 4 *Hours.*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, Southwark,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5103 CHANGES;
Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb.

Donald C. Clift ...	*Treble*	Peter A. F. Chalk ...	7
Herbert Langdon ...	2	John E. Chilcott ...	8
Alfred B. Peck	3	Richard F. Deal ...	9
David E. Parsons ...	4	Anthony A. F. Appleton	10
Horace Belcher	5	John Phillips	11
J. Frank Smallwood ...	6	James G. A. Prior ..	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. Deal. Conducted by Herbert Langdon.
A birthday peal for Rt. Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes.*
In St. Hugh's Tower at the Cathedral.
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Albert W. Coles ...	*Treble*	Walter Tomlinson ...	7
William H. Hewett ...	2	John A. Freeman ...	8
*Stanley E. Bennett ...	3	*Thomas W. Sheppard	9
Albert Walker	4	H. Leslie Pask	10
Kenneth W. Mayer ...	5	†George E. Feirn ...	11
Frank E. Pervin ...	6	John Freeman	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Freeman.
* First peal of Yorkshire Maximus. † First of Yorkshire Maximus 'inside.' First of Yorkshire Maximus as conductor. Tenor 24 cwt.

TEN BELL PEALS

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*Alfred Ashton	*Treble*	William Barton	6
†Edward Jenkins	2	Alfred Smith	7
C. Kenneth Lewis	3	Joseph W. Whittaker	8
John E. Bibby	4	Walter Allman	9
Peter Laflin	5	James C. E. Simpson	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Edward Jenkins.
* First peal of Surprise. † 300th peal of Surprise. First peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal in the county, by the Association and by all the band. Tenor 35¼ cwt.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*Cyril H. Godfrey	*Treble*	Arthur H. Smith	6
*William S. May	2	Frank C. May	7
*Donald Coombes	3	Frederick Souter	8
Arthur Hubble	4	*Sydney C. Easter	9
William Perry	5	†Frank B. Lufkin	*Tenor*

Composed by Chas. W. Roberts. Conducted by F. B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Royal. † 200th peal. Tenor 18½ cwt.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Sept. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Matthew.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5094 CHANGES;
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

Alan Elsmore	*Treble*	‡J. Norman Hadley	6
P. George Golder	2	†Maurice G. Turner	7
*James S. Eastwood	3	John N. Lindon	8
†George W. Hughes	4	Howard Howell	9
Arthur Botterill	5	Derick J. Tranter	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Moorehouse. Conducted by M. G. Turner.
* 50th peal and first of Grandsire Caters. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal on ten bells. 250th peal for Howard Howell. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Eastwood.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BURWASH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minuets,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
J. A. Lambert's Variation of Pritchard's.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G sharp.

Fredk. J. Lambert, sen.	*Treble*	*Arthur Lewry	5
Frank H. Hicks	2	†Wm. A. Kitchenside	6
William Gorringe	3	Fredk. J. Lambert, jun.	7
Reginald E. Lambert	4	Robert J. Lambert	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick J. Lambert, jun.
* 125th peal. † 150th peal. First peal on the bells since being rehung and augmented to eight. In honour of the wedding of Miss Beryl Ford and Mr. Herbert Hayes.

WALESBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 28, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF WORDSWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Charles E. Brown	*Treble*	John A. Freeman	5
Chrales McGuiness	2	H. Leslie Pask	6
Fredk. W. Stokes	3	John Walden	7
John Freeman	4	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by J. L. Millhouse.
First peal in this method. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF WHITMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

Antony W. T. Cleaver	*Treble*	Henry H. Fearn	5
G. William Critchley	2	Arthur D. Cook	6
Edgar C. Shepherd	3	Arthur V. Pearson	7
Terry R. Hampton	4	Arthur Pritchard	*Tenor*

Composed by George Lewis. Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.
First peal in the method by all and for the Society.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew, Hampton,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Wilfred J. Newman	*Treble*	Ralph Harris	5
Joseph D. Johnson	2	Patrick Harris	6
Robert G. Freeman	3	Vincent A. Hemming	7
Frederick G. Nurden	4	Geoffrey J. Hemming	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.

TOWEDNACK, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 21, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Tewennoc,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow	*Treble*	Thomas G. Myers	5
*John D. Niblett	2	George E. Fearn	6
Mrs. A. S. Roberts	3	E. Vivyan Williams	7
Mrs. J. D. Niblett	4	Herbert C. Spencer	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas G. Myers.
* First peal 'inside.' First peal of Triples on the bells.

ST. AUSTELL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18½ cwt.

Mrs. J. D. Niblett	*Treble*	Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow	5
Mrs. A. S. Roberts	2	Thomas G. Myers	6
Marie R. Cross	3	Rev. A. S. Roberts	7
Cyril E. Lanxon	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Conducted by Rev. A. S. Roberts.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paulinus,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

Edwin Barnett	*Treble*	Maurice Hodgson	5
Edwin H. Lewis	2	Frank I. Hairs	6
Mrs. F. I. Hairs	3	Geoffrey V. Murphy	7
J. Frank Smallwood	4	Philip A. Corby	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt.

Arthur Bellamy	*Treble*	Harry Richardson	5
Mrs. G. E. Watson	2	William J. Whitmore	6
Burley P. Morris	3	Geoffrey E. Watson	7
John King	4	*John E. Skerritt	*Tenor*

Conducted by John E. Skerritt
* First of Cambridge Surprise Major. First in the method as conductor. To celebrate the wedding on August 20th of Miss M. E. Peacock to Mr. D. A. Richardson.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

Oliver Sippetts	*Treble*	James W. Jeffery	5
Mary Howell	2	Kenneth Snelling	6
George Apps	3	Tom Mitchell	7
James H. Lilley	4	Edwin J. Brett	*Tenor*

Conducted by Oliver Sippetts.
Rung on the 25th wedding anniversary of the ringer of the 5th.

SELBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Abbey (SS. Mary and Germanus),
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb

John Silk	*Treble*	*Ronald Coldwell	5
Charles Wm. King	2	Fred Terry	6
Horace S. Morley	3	Leslie M. Woodhead	7
Thomas H. Foster	4	†George Stephens	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie M. Woodhead.
* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal. In memoriam Mrs. Margaret Magdalene Read, wife of the Vicar and Rural Dean of Selby.

QUARTER PEALS

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Ford (first quarter) 1, J. Hayne 2, W. Trevett 3, C. Ford (first quarter 'inside') 4, H. Ford (cond.) 5, A. Ellery 6. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to the Ven. W. S. Moule, for 17½ years Vicar of Abbotsbury, whose funeral took place on the same day.

APPLEBY MAGNA, LEICS.—On Aug. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. H. Curson 1, G. Hair 2, P. Beedie 3, J. W. Cotton 4, W. F. Woodward 5, P. W. Grice (cond.) 6.

BRISTOL.—On Aug. 25th, at St. Michael's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Bennett 1, Miss M. Bliss 2, W. J. Rawlings (cond.) 3, A. Bennett 4, F. Leaker 5, C. Barwick 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Peter Draper.

BROADCHALK, WILTS. — On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Bob Minor: L. Harris 1, Miss J. Brown 2, J. Mussell 3, R. N. Marlow 4, F. L. Harris (cond.) 5, A. P. Cannon 6. First quarter-peal on the bells.

CHESTER.—On Sept. 4th, at the Cathedral, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: J. E. Bonney 1, Miss N. P. Birks 2, R. G. Corby 3, D. H. B. Millward 4, A. B. Close 5, F. H. Birks 6, J. W. Griffiths 7, P. Swindley (cond.) 8. First quarter in method for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

DEENE, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Armstrong 1, Miss E. Sharp 2, C. Sharp (cond.) 3, F. Stanton 4, O. G. Warren 5. First quarter-peal on the bells after rehanging and hanging silent for 31 years.. — Also 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): F. Stanton 1, Miss E. Sharp 2, A. Armstrong 3, E. Shouler 4, C. Sharp (cond.) 5.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.—On Sept. 4th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,280 Little Bob Major: R. C. Beckett 1, I. J. Attwater 2, P. J. Coward 3, D. H. Langdon 4, A. Wallman 5, J. Roberts 6, J. Towers 7, A. J. House (cond.) 8.

HAYES, KENT.—On Sept. 4th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. L. Sills (cond.) 1, J. L. Morris 2, Edna M. Sills 3, Miss Hilda Oakshett 4, M. F. Oakshett 5, F. C. W. Knight 6.

HITCHIN, HERTS. — On Sept. 4th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. F. Todd 1, G. Cherry 2, A. E. Symonds 3, A. C. Harris (first in method) 4, W. J. Croft 5, E. W. Winters 6, C. V. Hare 7, F. W. Croft (cond.) 8.

HUNTINGDON.—On Sept. 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. B. Bull 1, R. Peacock (first quarter 'inside') 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, C. J. Young 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

LEICESTER.—On Sept. 4th, at the Church of St. John the Divine, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Myatt 1, S. Harrison 2, G. Hebborn 3, Miss J. M. Ward 4, C. Kirk 5, J. B. Bennett 6, A. Cattell 7, W. Clarke 8, Alan Cattell 9, T. A. Thornber (first quarter as cond.) 10.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Hair 1, P. Beedie 2, W. F. Woodward 3, A. Beadsmoore 4, S. H. Jones 5, E. W. Beadsmoore 6, J. W. Cotton (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, P. W. Grice 8.

OVERSEAL, DERBYS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Cotton 1, D. Sankey 2, P. Beedie 3, H. Carter 4, J. W. Cotton 5, H. C. Adams 6, W. H. Curson (cond.) 7, H. Shaw 8. A farewell to D. Sankey, who was on embarkation leave.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX. — On Aug. 28th, 1,264 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. V. Lathbury 1, Miss N. Shorter 2, E. Fisk 3, D. Sleet 4, W. J. Parker 5, W. Goldstone 6, R. Lathbury (cond.) 7, A. J. Mitchelson 8.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 4th, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Cockings 1, H. Price 2, V. B. Hunt 3, F. Kinchin 4, H. Huxley 5, F. E. Lyne 6, J. F. Lyne (cond.) 7, J. Findon 8. A farewell to J. F. Lyne upon his joining the Forces.

THRYBERGH, YORKS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Cynthia Edmondson 1, Shirley Bampton 2, D. Elaine Wright 3, Robin Rhodes 4, Tom Cutts 5, Norman Chaddock (cond.) 6.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Norrish 1, R. J. Bowden 2, P. Mayne 3, S. Green 4, L. J. Parris (cond.) 5, E. J. Taylor 6, J. D. Upton 7, A. Kerslake 8.

Round Churches

Dear Sir,—These round churches which are being discovered need a little qualification, i.e., present use as place of worship and mediæval date. I remember, when I was a Lambeth curate in 1908, often seeing in the Blackfriars Road the Rev. Rowland Hill's round church, since used as a boxing ring. And when I went on a hiking tour through Lincolnshire in 1928 I passed through a little village near Spalding which had a round church; I think it was the parish of Moulton. The villagers seemed proud of their round church as I paused to admire it. I asked them why it was built round, but they did not know. I told them it was because the devil could not get in the corners and hurried on! Upon looking back from a considerable distance they were still gazing after me in astonishment.

Tiverton. J. M. TURNER.

Dear Sir,—May I be permitted, in answer to your correspondent, Mr. A. St. J. M. Boyack, to say how happy I am to learn that the rotunda of the Temple Church, London, suffered comparatively little as a result of the Blitz, which did so much damage to the nave, etc., and to welcome the assurance that it will, when conditions permit, be restored.

I certainly had no desire to write off this fine example from the list of round churches remaining in the country, in order to increase the rarity, as suggested.

There were, I believe, at least eight round churches erected in England in early days.

With regard to Mr. Edwin H. Lewis' contribution to this interesting correspondence, my studies have led me to conclude that the chapel of St. Mary Magdalen in the middle ward of Ludlow Castle has for very many years been in ruins, and I should be grateful to him for any information he is able to give in this connection.

Perhaps Mr. F. E. Collins would also furnish us with some details of the Church of All Saints, Newcastle-on-Tyne.—Yours sincerely,

Northampton. W. H. ASHBY.

John Taylor & Co.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Ernest Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, just 'dropped in' on the Leicestershire tour whenever his church and vestry duties allowed. He took part in five of the peals, conducting one. In addition he rang in a handbell peal of Stedman Cinques on the Tuesday evening, and on Friday evening called a peal of Grandsire Triples at Burton Latimer, Northants (seven in all). He was also able to put in a certain amount of genealogical research.

During the tour in Suffolk and Norfolk last month not one peal attempt was lost. The story of the tour should make interesting reading.

Congratulations to Mr. A. D. Cook on ringing his 100th tower-bell peal, which he achieved shortly before his 23rd birthday

Messrs. U. W. Wildney and G. Waterman have now both 'circled' the tower at St. Nicholas', Harwich.

An advertisement in Leominster Parish Magazine states that there are situations vacant in the local bellringing team. Keenness and determination are the requirements—not muscle.

Three silver wedding peals are recorded this week, rung at Cuckfield for Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jeffery, at Walsall for Mr. and Mrs J. S. Eastwood, and at Kinver for Mr. and Mrs. Sutton.

Mr. J. Gibson, who took part in the quarter-peal rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Flint, is the only living member of the band that rang for the wedding 50 years ago. Mr. Flint has been a ringer for 50 years.

The claim that the peal at Bottesford on August 4th was the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major on the bells is refuted by a report that the method was rung there on August 22nd, 1931, conducted by the late John Flint, of Bolsover.

On June 19th, Mr. John Clark, of Heckington, Lincs, celebrated his 82nd birthday, also completing 60 years as a ringer at Heckington Church and captain of the band for 40 years. Mr. Clark still rings for services and nothing gives him more pleasure than a touch of Stedman and to turn the tenor in to Double Norwich. Mr. Clark is one of the few foundation members of the Lincoln Guild alive to-day. On August 27th a peal of Bob Major was rung in honour of this event at St. Andrew's, Heckington.

So far this year Mr. A. V. Pearson has scored 20 peals of Surprise Major, which include 12 different methods.

Mr. M. P. Moreton, conductor of the peal of Double Norwich at Great Bentley, Essex, had not previously called any touch in the method.

A ringer's silver badge of the London County Association has been found near Harrow Weald Church. The loser should apply to Mr. H. G. Hart, Woodside, Uxbridge Road, Harrow Weald, Middlesex.

Congratulations to the band at St. Oswald's Church, Bidston, Cheshire, who, although only starting to ring since the 'ban,' have already reached Surprise status, and have three budding conductors who have called peals.

Mr. A. Roberts is one of the two surviving members of the band which rang a peal of Plain Bob Minor in 1889 at St. Mary-de-Lode Church, Gloucester. This refutes the claim that the peal on August 13th was the first of Minor on the bells.

At Bourn, Cambs, on August 31st, was rung a peal of Kent Treble Bob to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the restoration of the bells and addition of the two trebles. The method, time taken and conductor were the same as 25 years ago. Messrs. Dennis and Cook also took part in the original peal.

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A LEICESTERSHIRE RINGING TOUR

LEICESTERSHIRE — a land of green pastures and running waters, covering an area of 820 square miles in the heart of England.

If we run down its 20 centuries we glean a romantic tale. Its capital was the chief town of Central Britain in Roman days. Its glory passed away and the town faded into the background until the arrival of a Norman lord, who married the Earl of Leicester's sister. His name was Simon, and from this alliance sprang that Simon de Montfort who married the King's sister, but put himself on the side of Magna Carta and the barons, and founded the first Parliament in the world before he fell on the battlefield of Evesham. Then came the blood-stained Richard on his way to Bosworth, being slain there, buried in Grey Friars Church, and then thrown into the river to pollute its waters. One noble man and one ignoble man the rivers of Leicestershire have received in death—it was the Swift which carried the ashes of Wyclif to the sea and the Soar that was stained with the dust of the last Plantagenet.

So with this heritage as a background the Leicestershire tour opened. For the entire week the meeting place was in the shadow of St. Margaret's, whose tower contains the heaviest ring of bells in the diocese.

On Saturday morning the party struck off in a northerly direction via Belgrave, Birstall, Mountsorrel and Quorn, all with rings of eight, the last-named tower reminding one of the 9,000 odd changes of Treble Bob Major rung with a single in the late 1890's.

At the bell foundry at Loughborough an attempt for New Cambridge Major went well until, alas, after an hour's ringing, down came Fred Grocott's rope—a repetition of last year's tour. However, young Alan soon had another rope fixed and this splendid light eight poured out music equal to some of twice their mettle and metal. Frank Trotman called the bells into rounds under 2½ hours.

A very quick run of 30 miles S.S.W., calling at Barwell for refreshment, brought us over the border to Chilvers Coton, the home of George Eliot, the famous writer. Coton has a history all on its own, and the rebirth of the church in recent years will form a large part of its history in the future. The tower only survived complete devastation by the war and some grand work by German P.O.W.'s under the guidance of the Rev. — Murray has given back to Coton a church worthy of its tradition.

A quick peal of Stedman Caters was brought round by W. P. Whitehead, but ringing here would be a greater pleasure if the new trebles were more audible. As there was still time for another peal, it was decided to ring for three associations in one day, but as the petrol gauge of J.W.F.T.'s cab read O, and would not permit ringing in three counties, a peal of Bob Major 'in hand' at the home of Frank Trotman brought a busy day to a close.

Sunday morning found the party in their rightful place, ringing a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples at Barwell, where holidays had depleted the local band for the day. Barwell was put on the map by the first peal of Major for the old M.C.A. in 1889, in the late Arthur Aldham's day, and since the addition of two trebles in 1902 Barwell has maintained its position in the world of ringing.

After service a pleasant run through wooded country found Gilmorton nestling under tall elms. The local worthy, Mr. Broughton, met the party at the church, which is dedicated to All Saints and boasts 19 stained glass windows and a broach spire.

From the ground floor a peal of Bristol was successfully concluded, being the first in the method for the 'twins' from the Potteries. While an impromptu tea was being prepared the party indulged in handbell ringing and 'Twenty Questions.'



Left to right: F. W. Grocott, local verger, J. W. F. Trotman, F. E. Wilshaw, A. Cattell, W. P. Whitehead, E. Morris, A. Mould, J. Bramley.

Monday saw the party at Sileby. Here the genial Mr. Draper, of the local band, gave every assistance before another attempt of Bristol. Back again to Mountsorrel, pleasantly situated on rising ground on the west side of the navigable River Soar; and noted for its enduring red granite. Arriving at St Peter's with its interior tower measurements of 8ft. square, Frank had the satisfaction of bringing a peal of Cambridge Major to a conclusion—the first on the bells and only the third Surprise peal on the bells in 40 years!

Syston St. Peter's had been arranged for the evening, and the local verger and ringer, Mr. Ernest Payne, was met at 6 p.m. half an hour behind schedule. So it was decided not to start for a peal and so avoid being caught in the net of late pealers.

A visit to Earl Shilton was arranged for Tuesday morning, but owing to a funeral service being held an attempt at Bob Royal 'in hand' was started. After a quarter-peal had been rung a dropped shilling caused 'curtains up.' Then followed a four-course lunch at Barwell, where Dick Belton raided hen-house, greenhouse, garden and larder in the absence of his wife. Fred had charge of the mashing and it was probably this which caused the downfall of the attempt at Earl Shilton in the afternoon after 1½ hours of Bristol.

Frank's cab was again commissioned for the evening's visit to Ratby, notable for its massive tower. The tuneful eight were set off at a brisk pace to Stedman Triples and rounds came up five minutes before curfew hour.

Wednesday morning's agenda was Belgrave St. Peter's, where the south doorway of the Norman period attracted the attention of the 'cultured.' Yorkshire was chosen, and this method was adhered to for the remainder of the tour.

Oakham, in Rutland, presented a problem of transportation. Three teen-agers got in some useful pre-Army training by hitchhiking the whole way, the remainder relied upon Frank's 'old faithful.' Mr. Higgs met the first arrivals and it was found the responsible person had gone away for the day, leaving the key locked in his own house. Thereupon Mr. Higgs, seeking permission from the Vicar, scaled the church wall so that entrance was effected from above, and he was able to take the lock from the door. High above Oakham's lovely church, with its big windows, handsome pinnacles and richly buttressed canopies, is something which can be seen wherever one goes in these old streets. It is Cock Peter watching over the town, a weathervane which must be one of the oldest in England, for it is said to have shown the way of the wind to men travelling to Agincourt. Peter crowns the graceful 14th century spire, the glory of Oakham's noble tower, which bears the figure of Christ and two saints. The name is its great pride, its arches resting on slender clustered pillars, the admiration of all who visit All Saints'. Here are figures of angels singing, a fox running off with a goose, a monkey with a heavy weight round its neck, the crowning of the Madonna, a beast playing an instrument, a man with foliage springing from his mouth, and an angel driving Adam and Eve from the Garden.

This ring of bells must be the admiration of all ringers, when rung at a 3½ hours' pace its full beauty is heard. The teen-ager from the Potteries must be congratulated on turning in this 23 cwt. tenor to Yorkshire and also conducting his first Surprise peal. The return journey was memorable for its beautiful scenery.

Thursday's venue was to Bottesford in the northernmost tip of the county, 25 miles north-east of Leicester. Here again in this rich agricultural district an excellent ring of bells with a tenor of 22 cwt. was rung to Yorkshire Major. What a grand church is here, with its Rutland family tombs giving connection with Belvoir Castle, which stands on high ground some three miles to the south-east. St. Mary's graceful spire is a landmark for miles around the vale of Belvoir. The peal was rather slow, taking 3 hours 45 minutes, forming a contrast to the usually fast speed maintained by Guild ringers.

Friday was the final day of the tour and the party confined activities to the precincts of the Bell Foundry at Loughborough. In the morning and afternoon two peals of Yorkshire were successfully concluded, but in the evening the fatigue of the hectic week was beginning to show, and owing to indifferent striking the bells were set with only several minutes to go.

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OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

MRS. E. E. EDWARDS.

Many ringers, and particularly those of Portishead (Somerset) Parish Church, will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Ellen Elizabeth Edwards, aged 59, after a short illness, on August 22nd. She commenced a distinguished ringing career in 1905, being taught to ring by her father, the late Mr. W. Gillingham, captain of the Portishead ringers for 45 years.

In 1909 she became the first woman in the country to conduct a peal, and among other peals took part in 1912 in the first ladies' peal at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, London. She was a foundation member of the Ladies' Guild and hon. secretary to the Western District for many years, and took part in the first peal for the Ladies' Guild, rung in her own tower.

At the burial in the Parish Churchyard many ringers were present. A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside, followed by the 'whole pull and stand,' and change ringing on the tower bells, half-muffled.

She will be greatly missed in her own tower, and remembered with affection and respect for her loyalty and devotion to the service of the Church. She leaves one son, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

MR. WALTER YEEND.

After suffering indifferent health, which caused him to give up the secretaryship of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, Mr. Walter Yeend died on August 25th, aged 61, and was buried on the following Monday at Swindon Village.

Many members of the Association were present at the interment, and short touches were rung on the five bells in the tower of which Walter had been a ringer for many years.

Mr. Yeend became secretary of the branch in February, 1923, and resigned in March, 1946. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, took part in several peals and once called Holt's Original at Prestbury, but his greatest pleasure was in the teaching of others, and many owe much to his ability as a tutor. An in memoriam peal was rung at Leckhampton on September 10th. C. R.

LEICESTERSHIRE TOUR—continned

So the tour ended with eleven tower-bell peals and one handbell peal scored. Six members shared the conducting, there were 12 instances of 'first in the method' and six instances of 'first in the method as conductor.' Alan Cattell must be complimented on ringing his 100th peal at the age of 18. One peal was rung for the North Staffordshire Association, one for the Coventry Guild and the remaining ten for the Midland Counties Guild.

Those taking part in the tour were Fred E. Wilshaw and Fred W. Grocott, both of the North Staffs Association, who were responsible for the outcome of the tour in the first instance; Frank Trotman, of the Coventry Guild, without whose vehicle the 'movement of troops' would not have been possible; Alfred Mould, of the Derby Association, whose 500 c.c. proved invaluable; Ernest Morris, Walter Whitehead, Alan Cattell, John Bramley and John Morris, all of the Leicester Guild.

Sincere gratitude is extended to all incumbents and local captains of the towers visited, Messrs. Taylor and Co. for the use of the foundry bells, and the hospitality of all who helped to make the tour a happy and successful one. T. C. B.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Wacev 1, P. Warboys 2, W. T. Prior 3, E. Garbett 4, F. Springham 5, H. M. White 6, F. Bird (cond.) 7, T. Camp 8. First quarter of Triples for 2 and 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Rev. Wm. McCarthy.

MR. WILLIAM TAYLOR.

AN APPRECIATION.

Mr. William Taylor was not quite 65 when he passed away, but up to his fatal illness he had lived a full life and found time to be interested in many things. In addition to his trade as a carpenter, he was a teacher at the Harris Technical College, Preston, for many years. He was a Freemason and an active Oddfellow.

Mr. Taylor learned to ring on the old six at Penwortham under his father, the late Mr. J. R. Taylor, and joined the Lancashire Association in 1902. Being gifted with a mathematical mind, he soon made rapid strides and rang peals when they were not as common as they are to-day. The theoretical side began to attract him and he retained his interest up to his death. In passing, an amusing incident happened between him and the Rev. H. Law James. He had written a long treatise to the latter on method construction and sent it proudly to H.L.J. for his perusal and approval. A curt reply ran: 'Some of your statements are new but not true, whilst others are true but not new.' Nothing daunted by this rebuff, Taylor carried on his researches and later became a firm friend and correspondent of Mr. J. A. Trollope.

Teaching beginners was also one of his hobbies and the present-day Penwortham band contains several of his pupils. It was a great grief to him that after being elected vice-president of the Lancashire Association he could not get to meetings.

Mr. Taylor suffered from gas poisoning in World War I. and never seemed the same man physically after that. In March, 1948, he was hurrying for a bus to attend night school when he fell in the road. A broken fibula was the result, but later Parish's disease was diagnosed, and though he kept cheerful up to a month ago, he had to take to his bed in late July and rapidly worsened.

Mr. Taylor had rung just 100 peals, ranging from Plain Bob to Superlative, and will be very much missed in the Preston area of Lancashire. May he rest in peace.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral of Mr. Taylor took place on September 5th amidst many signs of esteem.

The family mourners were the widow, Mr. C. B. Taylor (brother), Major and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. R. W. Collet (nephews and niece), Mr. and Mrs. Barlow (brother and sister-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. J. Taylor (cousins) and Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Collet.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Penwortham, assisted by the Rev. F. F. Rigby, president of the Lancashire Association. The Freemasons' service at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. — Goodall, of Singleton. The Lancashire Association was represented by Messrs. P. Crook and A. Tomlinson (C.C. representatives), F. G. Bradley and L. Walmsley. Many ringers were present from nearly every branch, whilst the Masonic brethren attended in very large numbers. Half-muffled ringing took place before and after the service, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by Messrs. E. Cowperthwaite 1-2, E. R. Martin 3-4, P. Crook 5-6, H. Lloyd 7-8.

And so passes to his rest a very worthy member of the Exercise, one who for all his great gifts never sought any publicity and had a complete absence of 'side' or affectation.

E. R. M.

MR. W. R. MELVILLE.

Mr. William R. Melville, of Kingsworthy, near Winchester, died suddenly on September 7th following a heart attack. A ringer for 63 years, he was associated with Holy Trinity Parish Church, Guildford, for 21 years. The funeral was at Kingsworthy Parish Church on September 12th. A memoir will appear in our next issue.

MR. CHARLES PETTY.

His many friends will learn with regret of the death of Mr. Charles Petty, of Christ Church, Wanstead, Essex. Mr. Petty passed away on August 25th at the age of 67.

The funeral service took place at Christ Church, Wanstead, the bells being rung half-muffled as the cortege entered the church. Among those attending the service were Messrs. J. Chalk, W. Nelder, C. Hughes and C. Morss, representing the Essex Association. At the interment, which took place at the Old Churchyard, Wanstead, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by G. Dawson 1-2, F. V. Gant 3-4, A. W. Brighton 5-6, G. W. Faulkner 7-8.

Mr. Charles Petty had been connected with Christ Church for about 50 years. He was a keen and ardent churchman and had taught all his family to ring—his daughter, Mrs. J. Crampion, was for many years secretary of the S.W. Division of the Essex Association.

No great peal ringer, Sunday ringing and service to the Church were the essence of Mr. Petty's life. Of a cheery disposition, he had been in failing health for the past twelve months, having never recovered from the loss of his wife a few years ago.

May they rest in peace together.

MR. HAROLD SIMS.

The death occurred on September 3rd of Mr. Harold Sims, 37, Lower Church Street, Chepstow, Mon., at the age of 58 years. Although not a peal ringer, he was at one time a regular service ringer and towerkeeper at Chepstow. He had not rung in recent years, but his son has been doing a good deal with new entrants to keep the bells going for Sunday services, which they attend.

Testimony to the high respect in which he was held was evident from the large number present at Chepstow Cemetery. The ringers present included Messrs. Hobbs and T. Lewis, S. Jones (Newport), B. Tamplyn (Tidenham), who walked to the cemetery with his own grown bunch of flowers and is in his 75th year. Among the many wreaths was one from the ringers.

The bells were rung half-muffled in the evening, when upwards of 20 ringers were present, Mr. S. Jones acting as conductor.

MR. ARTHUR HARWIN.

A ringer for over 30 years at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, Hampstead, Mr. Arthur Harwin, of 70, Colchester Road, Burnt Oak, Edgware, Middlesex, died on September 9th, aged 79. He formerly lived at Saxlingham Nethergate, Norfolk.

MR. JAMES MORGAN.

An original member of the Chester Diocesan Guild, Mr. James Morgan, of Pulford, died on September 4th, aged 81 years. The funeral was at Pulford on September 7th. A memoir will appear in our next issue.

MR. F. W. ROGERS' 400 SURPRISE PEALS

The following is a list of Mr. Rogers' peals:—Cambridge Surprise Maximus 5; York Surprise Maximus 1; Cambridge Surprise Royal 49 (conducted 18); Yorkshire Surprise Royal 12 (6); Spliced Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal 3; New Cambridge Royal 1; Cambridge Surprise Major 71 (38); New Cambridge Surprise Major 7 (5); Superlative Surprise Major 61 (29); London Surprise Major 80 (33); Bristol Surprise Major 47 (21); Yorkshire Surprise Major 27 (16); Painswick Surprise Major 4 (4); Lincolnshire Surprise Major 4 (2); Pudsey Surprise Major 1 (1); Norfolk Surprise Major 1; Rutland Surprise Major 1 (1); Ashtead Surprise Major 1 (1); Spliced Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major 1; Spliced (4 methods) 20 (6); Cambridge Surprise Minor 3 (3); total 400 (184).

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Helena,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*John G. Gipson	*Treble*	Charles W. Cook	5
Ernest G. Hibbins	2	Henry Dunnington	6
Christine Dunnington	3	T. Reginald Dennis	7
Francis G. Gleaves	4	Mansfield Ginn	*Tenor*

Composed by Fred Dench. Conducted by Ernest G. Hibbins.
* First peal of Treble Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

Madeleine G. Campbell	*Treble*	Thomas W. Crowe	5
Margaret Fidell	2	Gordon Johnson	6
John Anderson	3	Richard A. Gofton	7
Joyce P. Gaymer	4	Denis A. Bayles	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Fred Orriss	*Treble*	George W. Moss	5
Edward B. Smith	2	Ronald G. Bugg	6
Urban W. Wildney	3	Michael P. Moreton	7
Edward E. Davey	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Law James. Conducted by Michael P. Moreton.

SIX BELL PEALS

HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four different extents of Kent Treble Bob and three different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 22 cwt.

Robert B. Smith	*Treble*	Ronald Coldwell	4
Charles Wm. King	2	Herbert Cooper	5
John J. Taylor	3	Leslie M. Woodhead	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie M. Woodhead.
Rung on the back six

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8¾ cwt. Frequency 865 c.p.s.

Ernest Morris	*Treble*	†T. A. Thornber (17)	4
*John M. Myatt (18)	2	Alan Cattell (18)	5
†Colin A. Kirk (18)	3	John B. Bennett (17)	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan Cattell.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods.

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Morning Star, five each of Old Doubles and Plain Bob, ten extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 20 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

Diana E. Rayner	*Treble*	Fredk. R. Harris	4
Thomas E. Stead	2	Leslie Evans	5
E. Peter Rock	3	John D. Rock	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie Evans.

SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Double Oxford Bob and St. Clement's Bob, two extents of Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.

*Gordon F. Pickthall	*Treble*	Ernest T. Carvell	4
†Stanley D. Sutton	2	John Cooke	5
A. Lennard Shepherd	3	Alexander J. Martin	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.
* First peal in four methods. † First peal. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Oswald,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, viz., London, Alnwick, Chester, Carlisle, York, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

*James M. Pemberton	*Treble*	†Thomas Smith	4
*A. Trevor Sutton	2	Charles B. Pemberton	5
Alfred W. Cusick	3	‡Arthur K. Humphreys	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur K. Humphreys.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in seven Surprise methods. ‡ First peal in seven Surprise methods 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal in seven Surprise methods on the bells by a local band. A birthday compliment to Sylvia D. Pryce.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Cuthbert,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Miss E. Rice	*Treble*	J. Pounds	4
Miss V. Draper	2	C. Ackers	5
R. Critchley	3	A. Mawdsley	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Mawdsley.
To commemorate the 71st birthday of R. Critchley.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denys,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being twenty-one 240's (eight by Morris, seven by Price and six by Pitman). Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

Joan Wright	*Treble*	Henry P. Collin	4
Mary Smith	2	James H. Musson	5
*James W. Haw	3	Frank R. Mitchell	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.
* First peal. Arranged for James W. Haw, who is shortly leaving the district.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Herbert G. Goddard	*Treble*	Charles Harrington	4
John Sitch	2	Dennis A. S. Symonds	5
Stedman H. Symonds	3	Harry Turner	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Turner.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sun., Aug. 28, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 47 *Minutes,*
On Top of the Tower of the Church of St. Margaret.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten callings. Tenor size 17 in A.

*John B. Bennett	1-2	Alan Cattell	3-4
		Terrance A. Thornber	5-6

Conducted by Alan Cattell.
* First peal 'in hand.' First of Grandsire Doubles 'in hand' for all.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Brian G. Warwick	1-2	Daniel T. Matkin	5-6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3-4	Derek G. Goodman	7-8

Composed by Geo. Williams. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
First peal as conductor. Arranged for Messrs. Warwick and Goodman, of Leicester. Tenor size 17 in A.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At 11, Exton Road.
A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Comprising 1,024 each of Reverse Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob; 768 each of Wellington Little Court and Gainsborough Little Bob; 512 Little Bob. 383 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

William G. Young	1-2	Daniel T. Matkin	5-6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3-4	Roy C. Hurst	7-8

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
First peal in six spliced methods by all and for the Guild 'in hand.'

Cambridge University Guild

A SUSSEX TOUR.

Brighton was the headquarters this year for the annual tour of the Cambridge University Guild. Fifteen members took part, including Miss Benedicta Whistler, the first lady member to attend the tours. The nucleus stayed at the Central Hotel, the party being organised by B. D. Price.

On Monday, August 29th, we met at the Good Shepherd, Brighton, where there were just enough to ring the octave. After dinner, a larger party rang at Aldrington, and ten methods were rung on the pleasant six. Tuesday saw an unfruitful excursion to Cuckfield, where two attempts at Double Norwich came to grief. However, we joined the 'extras' at Bolney, and the mellow eight soon swayed to Surprise. After a good lunch at Cuckfield we hared off to ring at Hurstpierpoint, and then on the spur of the moment decided to ring at Ditchling, where the 4th is the lightest of the eight, and the 6th is lighter than the 2nd. There followed a dash into Brighton (certain members were alleged to reach 53 m.p.h. through Preston!) for tea and a successful peal attempt for Kent Royal at St. Peter's.

Wednesday started with a highly illegal dash to the beach before breakfast, and an excursion to Ringmer, where a peal of Cambridge was scored. In the afternoon we visited two eights in Eastbourne (St. Mary's and Christ Church), where we were honoured by the company of ladies of the Universities Association. Again more illegal bathing, a rush back to dinner, and we joined in the practice on the ten at St. Nicholas', Brighton.

We held our Corporate Communion at St. Peter's, Brighton, on Thursday morning, the Rev. B. F. Sheppard officiating. We owe our best thanks to the verger, who helped in making the service so beautiful, and to the lady helper who gave us tea afterwards.

After breakfast, the organiser got in the wrong train, and half the peal party saw their train sail out of the station. We met late at Chichester Cahedral, but scored a peal of Superlative Surprise. We were by now 50 minutes behind, and a certain well-known clergyman was observed running down West Street eating a meringue on the way to the station! Unfortunately we had to omit Fittleworth (Canon Simpson's bells), but soon the eight of St. Mary's, Pulborough, were tapping round, and a touch of Cambridge was brought round by a s-ngl-. Later in the day, at the annual meeting, it was decided to hold the next tour at Cambridge, it being the fifth year after the last Cambridge meet.

Friday saw some concentrated tower-snatching to the disgust of the more peal-minded. The fine eight at St. Peter's, Henfield, were soon ringing Double Norwich and Bristol, then on to Steyning and Upper Beeding. At lunch, attendance reached its maximum of 14. Shoreham made the fourth octave of the day. Here, midst electricians and water-pipe engineers, the first course by all of Double Coslany was rung (not without snapping!). In the afternoon we sampled the heavy six at Goring and the lighter six at Tarring.

On Saturday, unfortunately, we met one short at Fairwarp, but various Minor methods were rung on the fine back six. In all we rang at twenty towers, the methods rung being Cambridge, London, Bristol, Yorkshire, Superlative Surprise, Kent and Oxford, St. Clement's, Avalon Court, Double Coslany, Little Bob, Double Court, Woodbine, Plain Bob, Stedman, Grandsire. We are indeed indebted to the tower leaders and clergy for so kindly granting the facilities we enjoyed so much.

B. D. P.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Gibson 1, F. Littlewood 2, J. H. Cook (cond.) 3, H. Bell 4, H. Clayton 5. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Flint and for Mr. Flint's 71st birthday.

Midland Counties Guild

Rolleston-on-Dove, situated in the northern part of the Diocese of Lichfield, was the venue for the Guild meeting on September 3rd.

Bells were available from 3 p.m. onwards, and methods rung included Double Norwich, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Little Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman, Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples, whilst other requests were met by the Ringing Master (Mr. B. G. Key).

Through the kindness of the churchwardens and the local members, all present were entertained to an excellent tea, for which the chairman (Mr. W. H. Curson) offered appreciation, also adding thanks to the Rector — absent through illness—for use of the bells, with a wish for his speedy restoration to health. A collection for the Bell Repair Fund amounted to 16s. 6d.

Visitors were welcomed from Derby, Norton-in-the-Moors and Copt Oak, whilst members attended from Burton (St. Paul's and St. Modwen's), Ashby, Repton, Measham, Lullington, Ticknall, Overseal and Netherseale.

70th BIRTHDAY PEAL

Mr. Frederick Sheraton, of Chester-le-Street, learnt to ring at the local tower over fifty years ago and he has been associated with it throughout his ringing career, except for a break of a few years when he was working and living near Hexham. On his retirement about two years ago he returned to reside in Chester-le-Street and a recent removal has brought him to live almost on the doorstep of the belfry.

Fred is well known as a ringer in this area, as he was for many years vice-president of the Western District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. His first peal was on the original six at Chester-le-Street in June, 1897, with his brother as conductor. Chester-le-Street was the obvious choice for a peal to celebrate his 70th birthday, and arrangements were made to ring Stedman Triples. After this failed plans were hurriedly revised and a substitute was called up by telephone. While awaiting his arrival the band partook of refreshment it had not earned, which was generously provided by Mr. and Mrs. Sheraton The band tenders its thanks for the hospitality, the quality of which may well account for the energy with which the ringers returned to the tower to tackle Kent Major and ring what is believed to be the quickest peal on the bells.

Incidentally, Mr. William Sheraton, who conducted the 1897 peal, is still ringing regularly at Houghton-le-Spring at the age of 82. Fred Sheraton at 70 was not the 'father' of the peal band, that honour belonging to Mr. J. E. R. Keen, Ringing Master at Newcastle Cathedral.

Leaving this longevity, it may be mentioned that the youngest member of the band (Mr. Denis A. Bayles, the conductor) scored his 100th peal, which appropriately enough was in his home tower.

D. A. B.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

BICESTER DEANERY BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting was held on September 3rd at All Saints', Middleton Stoney. This beautiful old church is ideally situated in Middleton Park.

The ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until 7.30 p.m. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. Sawyer) and the sermon was preached by the Rev. H. E. Jones (Rector of Fringford), who pointed out that ringers were the first 'broadcasters' and that their work was not only to call the worshippers to church, but to enable those who were unable to attend the service to join in in spirit.

The business meeting followed tea and was presided over by the Rector. There were present Mr. W. Hibbert (Guild secretary), Miss M. Cross (Guild librarian), Mr. C. Kinch (branch secretary) and 23 members and friends.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

UDALL. — On Sept. 11th, 1949, at School House, St. Luke's Street, Chelsea, to Jane (née Justice), wife of Albert Frank Udall, a son (Rodney William). A brother for Roger. 5795

DEATH

FORDHAM.—On Sept. 5th, 1949, at 8, Kingsway, Mildenhall, Mary Louisa (Millie), dearly loved wife of Percy and mother of Phyl and Bubbles, passed peacefully away. 5783

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BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — Will any ringers coming up in October please contact Miss Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Elkstone, near Cheltenham. 5770

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER, IPSWICH. — All ringing temporarily suspended owing to danger of masonry falling.—G. E. Symonds, Hon. Sec. 5779

PUBLICATIONS

SURPRISE METHODS.—350 Surprise Royal and Maximus, 2s.; second edition, 370 Surprise Major, 2s.; post free. 160 Unnamed Methods sold out. Postal orders to A. J. Corrigan, Bitton, near Bristol. 5796

'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.

No better pen picture of early ringing societies has been published than J. Armiger Trollope's 'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' illustrated, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

The reprint of 'THE COLLECTION OF DOUBLES AND MINOR METHODS" will be welcomed by many who have shown interest in the recently published four-way Table of Minor Methods. This table is for use with the collection, which can now be obtained from the Librarian (3s. 3d. post free), Osmington School, Tring, Herts.

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MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-West District.—A meeting will be held at Clavering (6) on Saturday, Sept. 17th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. 5700

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Feering (8), Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Kelvedon bells available during the evening.—H. A. Pratt, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5712

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells at 2.30. —W. H. Shuker and F. Dunkerley, Hon. Secs. 5736

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — A joint meeting of the Cambridge and Hunts Districts at Bourn, Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Tea and cakes provided. Please bring some food. — H. L. Martin, S. Gilbert, Dis. Secs. 5726

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Iwerne Minster, Saturday, Sept. 17th, at 3 p.m. Visitors welcome. — Write Rev. Wm. Uphill, Hon. Sec., Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham. 5734

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly business meeting Bolney (8), Sept. 17th, 3. 5743

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Macclesfield (10), Sept. 17th, 3 p.m. Tea provided for all who send names to J. Worth, 261, Peter Street, Macclesfield. 5737

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry District.—Meeting at Brinklow, near Rugby, Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. — F. Pervin. 5775

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting at Northampton on Sept. 24th. St. Sepulchre's bells, 2.15 to 3 p.m.; St. Peter's 3.15 to 4.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Ringing at St. Giles' 7 to 8 p.m.; Moulton, 7.15 to 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. B. M. Valentine, Billing Arbours, Moulton, Northampton, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 20th. All ringers welcome.—Jill Poole, Hon. Sec. 5732

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Drayton, Sept. 24th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 20th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon. 5730

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Monthly meeting at Westoning on Sept. 24th. Please note date. Bells (6) at 3. Tea at 5.—Valerie Willard, Hon. Sec., Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 5706

DEVON GUILD. — East Devon Branch. — Buckerell, Sept. 24th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea after by ticket only (2s.) to Mr. F. Parr, Butts, Buckerell, Honiton, not later than Sept. 19th. There is a good bus service from Honiton and Sidmouth Junction.—J. Arbury, Hon. Sec., 2, Paternoster Row, Ottery St. Mary 5739

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual festival and dinner will be held at Durham on Saturday, Sept. 24th. The Association service will be held at 3 p.m. in conjunction with the Cathedral evensong, after which the bells will be available. Committee meeting in choirmen's vestry immediately after service. The dinner, followed by the meeting, will be held at the Three Tuns Hotel at 6, price 9s. each. Will persons intending being present please notify me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 21st?—John A. Brown, Hon. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham. 5759

OXFORD GUILD and LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting Saturday, Sept. 24th, Farnham Royal, 2.30. Tea 4.30. Stokes Poges 6. Names for tea by Sept. 19th. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 5758

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION and ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting of Stroud Branch and 263rd anniversary of the above society at Painswick on Sept. 24th. Bells (12) at 2.30. Tea (1s. 6d. each) 5, followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mr. C. D. Launder, Spring Cottage, Panswick, Glos, by Tuesday, Sept. 20th. Painswick Feast, Sunday, Sept. 25th. Ringing at 9.15, 2 and 5. 5744

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Old Hill on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells 2.45. Guild service 4.15. Tea 5. Numbers for same Sept. 20th, please.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec., Hall Park St., Bilston. 5747

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Halesworth District Branch.—Meeting at Wissett Sept. 24th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. R. S. Payne, 63, Pier Avenue, Southwold. Please give full support. 5746

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Colsterworth (6), Sept. 24th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to branch secretary before 17th, please.—Bernard H. Dalton, Branch Sec. 5741

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Kingsbridge, Sept. 24th. Special coach from Plymouth, 2 p.m. Seats 7s. 6d. each. Names to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 5739

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, King's Norton (10), Saturday, Sept. 24th. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 5769

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Whitechurch Canonicorum, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting follows. Please notify.—C. H. Lathey. 5768

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—Meeting at Old Coulsdon, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Notice for tea essential to F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey, by Thursday, Sept. 22nd. Buses 166a, 409, 411, from West Croydon.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 5751

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Hadleigh District.—Meeting Nayland (6), Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cafes available.—J. T. Corder, Dis. Sec. 5748

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual district meeting Ashford, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea (5 p.m.) by Sept. 21st to T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 5764

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Quarterly meeting at Waltham Abbey (12), Sept. 24th. Bells available 3.30. Service 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea by Sept. 22nd to Mrs. C. Roberts, 5, Monkswood Avenue, Waltham Abbey. 5756

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Marple, Sept. 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Miss D Way, Romford, Parkfield Avenue, Marple, near Stockport.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 5791

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at Churchtown, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—J. H. Foster, Hon. Sec. 5792

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch. — Combined practice at Thame on Saturday, Sept. 24th, at 6 p.m.—H. Badger, District Sec. 5793

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting at Weston-super-Mare, Saturday, Sept. 24th, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 5777

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Norton (8) on Sept. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Werrett, 245, Glebe Road, Letchworth, by Sept. 21st.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 5778

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Campsall, Sept. 24th. 3. Own arrangements for tea.—W. E. Critchley. 5784

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, St. George's, Fordington, Dorchester, Sept. 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea and meeting, Buglers Restaurant, South Street. Please notify by Sept. 20th, Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 5785

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Mildenhall (10), Saturday, Sept. 24th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss D. Reeve, Hockwold. 5788

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Wigston Magna (8), Saturday, Sept. 24th (Belgrave not available). Bells 3. Tea and meeting 5. Names by Tuesday, Sept. 20th, to W. Root, 70, New Parks Boulevard, Leicester. 5787

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Cranford, Saturday, Sept. 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at nearby cafe. Look up London and York Surprise.—F. Finch. 5789

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District. — Monthly meeting, Melbourne, Sept. 24th, 2.30. Names for tea to Rev. R. J. Morris, The Vicarage, Melbourne, by Sept. 21st.—J. T. Wilkinson. 5790

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Stapleton (6), Sept. 24th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss M. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 5776

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Tea will be arranged (1s. 6d. per head) for all who notify Mr. H. Homer, 37, Temple Avenue, Rothwell, by Sept. 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 5774

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District. — Hugglescote, Sept. 24th. Ringing 3.30. Tea and meeting in School 5. Names to Mr. Over, 130, Arshburton Road Hugglescote, by Sept. 20th.—C. W. Hall. 5772

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch. — Astbury (6 bells), Sept. 24th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by 20th, please.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 5797

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — A quarterly meeting and six-bell contest will be held at Lightcliffe on October 1st. Draw 2.45 p.m. For teas notify F. W. Bradley, 7, Holme Terrace, Lightcliffe, Halifax, by Sept. 24th.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 5731

SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District).—The annual combined meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (10) 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.45. A hearty welcome to all.—A. G. Hill and R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Secs. 5752

STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.—Dedication of the new treble bell in memory of the Rev. E. S. Powell and of the restored five will take place on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Ven. C. J. Grimes, D.D., Archdeacon of Northampton. The bells have been tuned and rehung with new bearings, etc., in an entirely new frame by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Numbers for tea (1s. 6d.) to Mrs. E. S. Powell, East Stoke Lodge, Stoke-under-Ham, by Sept. 26th, please. 5740

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Annual general meeting, Tonbridge (8), on Oct. 1st at 3. Service 4.30. Tea at Oak Tea Rooms at 5.15 (approx.). Names for tea not later than Sept. 27th to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, Kent. 5766

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Coleorton, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Schoolroom 5. Names for tea to Mr. A. Lord, nr. Miners' Institute, Peggs Green, Leics. by Tuesday, Sept. 27th. Buses from Coalville and Ashby.—W. A. Wood. 5771

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Beverley Minster on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (10) from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Beverley Arms Hotel at 5.15. Names to Mr. L. Haggitt, 82, Minster Moorgate, by Sept. 29th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5773

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A commemoration dinner will be held at the King George Hotel, Barnsley, on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 6 p.m. Tickets 8s. each. Names for tickets must be received not later than Sept. 24th. Further ringing arrangements later.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 5794

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Liverpool Branches. — Joint meeting, St. Peter's, Newton-le-Willows, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.30. Tea will be provided at a charge of 2s. 6d. to those who notify Mr. J. Mawdsley, 51, Birley Street, Newton-le-Willows, by Saturday, Sept. 24th.—J. Burns. 5780

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PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch. — A quarterly meeting at Easton Maudit, Oct. 1st. Service 4.15. Notify A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 5786

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (7s. each) obtainable from branch and general secs. on receipt of remittance (not later than Monday, Sept. 26th). Bells available: All Saints' (10) and St. John's (8), from 3 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 5742

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting, Broxbourne, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells from 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. No service. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Sept. 28th, to Mr. G. Radley, Wallbury, St. David's Drive, Broxbourne, Herts.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 5782

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 8th, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, at 6.30. Ringing arrangements will be published shortly. Tickets (12s. 6d.) each available from the undersigned. Accommodation limited. Send for your ticket now!—Peter N. Bond, Assist. Hon. Sec., 30, Elvaston Place, S.W.7. 5749

CLAPHAM, S.W. — On Sept. 4th, at St. Mary's (R.C.), 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. E. Powell 1, J. Rea 2, S. Howard 3, R. Charge 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, J. W. Chapman (cond.) 6, C. D. Nichols 7, J. E. Twiggs 8. First quarter-peal by 1 and 8.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Shepperd 1, T. Pritchard 2, G. Latham 3, B. Latham 4, L. Edwards 5, T. Price 6, T. Witts (cond.) 7, R. Sharpe 8. A birthday compliment to Miss C. Aldridge, a local ringer.

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TRADITIONAL from the days of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson has been the arranging of ringing tours. Primarily organised for the enjoyment of the participants, these ringing holidays undoubtedly serve a useful form of propaganda. In a recent issue Mr. L. A. Wilson, of Wootton Bassett, told how his ambition was fired after a visit by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. It seemed absolutely outside his grasp to reach their standard, but he won through and rang peals with the mighty. There must be many others who have received similar encouragement.

This year the number of tours has been quite equal to previous years. Some have contained elements of missionary enterprise as in Yorkshire and Ireland. The latter tour, led by Mr. Harold J. Poole, limited peal ringing to not more than one a day, the evenings being spent in social engagements, at which local ringers frequently joined the party. Knowing the gift of Leicester ringers to stage a party that will appeal to ringers, we feel sure that their visit provided an encouraging fillip to Irish ringing.

What has impressed us is the way the local press has co-operated to feature some of these tours. When the Universities Association visited Tiverton, a five-column picture appeared in the 'Devon and Somerset News.' There are critics who regard ringers as having 'one-track' minds, and to read that the visitors included 'Doctors of Science and Literature,' M.A.'s and B.A.'s and students of the arts and sciences' is indeed refreshing. The ringing family embraces all classes who love bells and ringing. Inside the belfry there is a common denominator, the ability of the individual to strike his bell true and to be the master of the method. All other honours count as nought.

Many of the tourists are young people. Perhaps a striking example of youthful enterprise is the Society of Roving Ringers, who for three years have carried out an extensive programme on cycles, spending nights at youth hostels. Their programmes were designed not for peal ringing but the privilege of adding to their list of towers. It was interesting to observe that in their second week a 12-bell tower was visited each day. The experience gained was invaluable, and there is no question that each returned to his home tower with added knowledge of the art.

Some of this year's tours have a particularly meritorious list of peals. The finest list was that of Mr. J. E. Cawser's party, who toured Suffolk and Norfolk, ringing 20 Surprise peals in a week without a futile attempt. Their Somerset tour of last year is still fresh in mind. Conducting on this tour was shared by Dr. J. C. E. Simpson, Messrs. Leslie W. G. Morris, John Worth, John E. Bibby, C. Kenneth Lewis and J. Edward Cawser. Another higher method tour was that arranged by Mr. Philip A. Corby in Devon and Cornwall with eleven Surprise peals brought home.

It has invariably been the custom on ringing tour for peals to be credited to the Association or Guild in which the peals were rung. An exception to this unwritten rule was provided by the recent Leicestershire tour, when not one peal was rung for the Leicester Diocesan Guild. While our attention has not been drawn to what might be regarded as an act of discourtesy to the Guild in question, we feel certain that others have noted this departure from what is generally regarded as a fundamental principle when ringing in a Guild's territory, unless there are exceptional circumstances. No explanation has been given for the departure, but we hope in future that those organising tours will give due acknowledgment to the area in which they ring.

The Universities Association's Week

ALL RUNG FOR THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

IDE, DEVON.

On Sat., Aug. 13, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Ida,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Oxford T.B., one of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*Rognvald Wilson	*Treble*	Marie R. Cross	4
†Mary Kennelly	2	†Christopher T. Brown	5
†Pamela Woolley	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Marie R. Cross.
* First peal. † First peal in more than one method.

EXETER.

On Tues., Aug. 16, 1949, *in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,*
At Thomas' Hall, University College of the South-West,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Ruth M. K. How	1-2	Geoffrey Dodds	5-6
Julia M. Preston	3-4	Anne B. Stockdale	7-8

Composed and Conducted by Geoffrey Dodds.
Fastest peal of Major by all. Tenor size 14 in D.

CULLOMPTON, DEVON.

On Wed., Aug. 17, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*Eric Dodds	*Treble*	E. S. John Hatcher	6
*Denis N. Layton	2	†William E. Court	7
Julia M. Preston	3	Stanley E. Darmon	8
†Ivor H. Trueman	4	§Richard F. B. Speed	9
‡Rodney B. Meadows	5	‡E. Peter Rock	*Tenor*

Composed by George Hayward. Conducted by Denis N. Layton.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Caters. ‡ First peal on ten bells. § First peal of Grandsire Caters on tower bells.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.

On Wed., Aug. 17, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

A. York-Bramble	*Treble*	John D. Rock	5
Harry Miles	2	Geoffrey Dodds	6
*Ruth M. K. How	3	Jack R. Worrall	7
R. W. M. Clouston	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Law James. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 19 cwt.

Leicester Ringers' Irish Tour

BANGOR, CAERNARVON.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. David, Glanadda,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Dorothy M. Udale	*Treble*	Harold J. Poole	5
*Elizabeth Faulknall	2	John R. Smith	6
*Kathleen V. Tilley	3	J. Frederick Milner	7
Mrs. H. J. Poole	4	*G. Stedman Morris	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Law James. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells and for the Association. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

DUBLIN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Patrick,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Kathleen V. Tilley	*Treble*	Redvers F. Elkington	7
John R. Smith	2	J. Frederick Milner	8
*Alan Jacques	3	Alfred Ballard	9
*Joseph S. Carter	4	Thomas H. Francis	10
Harry G. Wayne	5	G. Stedman Morris	11
Herrick B. Bowley	6	Harold J. Poole	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus. First peal in this method to be rung in Ireland. Tenor 45 cwt.

DUBLIN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 28, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

*Fred E. Dukes	*Treble*	*G. Stedman Morris	5
*Thomas H. Francis	2	J. Frederick Milner	6
Harold J. Poole	3	Alan Jacques	7
Sidney O. Cheney	4	Alfred Ballard	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal in the method and first to be rung in Ireland.

ARKLOW.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 29, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Saviour,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 22½ cwt.

Alan Jacques	*Treble*	Alfred Ballard	5
G. Stedman Morris	2	Herrick B. Bowley	6
Redvers F. Elkington	3	*Fred E. Dukes	7
J. Frederick Milner	4	Harold J. Poole	*Tenor*

Composed by Fred Dench. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal in the method and first on the bells. Rung for the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, which was rung by a band from Loughborough, Leicestershire, England.

KILKENNY.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 30, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Canice,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 22½ cwt.

Mrs. H. J. Poole	*Treble*	Joseph S. Carter	5
*Elizabeth Faulknall	2	G. Stedman Morris	6
Harold J. Poole	3	J. Frederick Milner	7
John R. Smith	4	Alfred Ballard	*Tenor*

Composed by Fredk. H. Dexter. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells.

WATERFORD.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 31, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Trinity,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part.

G. Stedman Morris	1-2	*J. Frederick Milner	5-6
Alfred Ballard	3-4	*Fred E. Dukes	7-8

Conducted by Alfred Ballard.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells.

WATERFORD.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 31, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Trinity,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*Frank S. Cheney	*Treble*	Sidney O. Cheney	5
Dorothy M. Udale	2	Redvers F. Elkington	6
†Kathleen V. Tilley	3	Harold J. Poole	7
†Elizabeth Faulknall	4	Thomas H. Francis	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by R. F. Elkington.
* First peal in the method. † First of Yorkshire Major on 'inside' bell.' First of Yorkshire Surprise Major as conductor. First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major on the bells, for the Association and in Ireland. Tenor 20 cwt.

LIMERICK.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 24 cwt.

Fred E. Dukes	*Treble*	Alfred Ballard	5
Thomas H. Francis	2	John R. Smith	6
G. Stedman Morris	3	Alan Jacques	7
J. Frederick Milner	4	Harold J. Poole	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas H. Francis.
First in the method as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells.

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LIMERICK.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Mount St. Alphonsus Monastery,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*Alan Jacques ...	...*Treble*	Redvers F. Elkington	6
Harold J. Poole ...	2	Sidney O. Cheney ...	7
Mrs. H. J. Poole ...	3	J. Frederick Milner ...	8
G. Stedman Morris ...	4	Alfred Ballard	9
Harry G. Wayne ...	5	Thomas H. Francis ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. S. Sedgley. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. First peal on the bells. First of Yorkshire Surprise Royal for the Association and to be rung in Ireland. Tenor 23 cwt.

DUBLIN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of St. George's Church,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Redvers F. Elkington...	1-2	G. Stedman Morris ...	5-6
Harold J. Poole	3-4	Alfred Ballard	7-8
*Harry G. Wayne... ...	9-10		

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
Witnesses: Joseph S. Carter and Harry Scott.
* First handbell peal. First handbell peal on ten bells to be rung in Ireland. Tenor size 15 in C.

LLANFAIRPWLLGWYNGYLLGOGERYCHWYRNDROBWLL-LLANDYSILIOGOGOGOCH, ANGLESEY.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 4, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Dysilio,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's Variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

Harold J. Poole	1-2	G. Stedman Morris ...	5-6
Alfred Ballard	3-4	*Vincent Childs	7-8

Conducted by Harold J. Poole. Witness: Albert J. Hughes.
* First peal of Stedman and first handbell peal. This is the first handbell peal to be rung for the Association, on more than six bells.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes.*
At the Cathedral Church of Martin,
A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Brian G. Warwick	...*Treble*	Ernest W. Rawson ...	7
Alan Jacques	2	Harry G. Wayne	8
Harold J. Poole ...	3	Sidney O. Cheney ...	9
John R. Smith	4	Herrick B. Bowley ...	10
Jill Poole	5	Peter J. Staniforth ...	11
Shirley Burton	6	William J. Root ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold P. Poole.
First peal in the method by all the band. Tenor 25 cwt.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

F. Bernard Ditcher...	*Treble*	W. Eric Critchley ...	6
*Leslie W. G. Morris	2	Alfred Smith	7
†Margaret Fidell ...	3	Ernest A. Thorpe ...	8
John E. Bibby	4	Ralph G. Edwards ...	9
William Barton	5	*Edward Jenkins ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Leslie W. G. Morris.
* 100th peal together. † First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. First peal in the method on the bells. A wedding compliment to the Succentor, the Rev. G. H. W. Bevington, and Miss Eileen Carr.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 33 cwt.

*J. Dennis Holden	...*Treble*	†George A. Packer ...	6
*Fredk. E. Wilshaw...	2	*Richard J. Warrilow	7
Richard D. Langford	3	†Arthur V. Pearson ...	8
John E. Bibby	4	†Arthur Pritchard ...	9
*Francis Brotherton ...	5	James C. E. Simpson...	*Tenor*

Composed by Chas. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First of New Cambridge Surprise Royal. First of New Cambridge Surprise Royal for the Society.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Alkmund,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*John F. Wilkinson	...*Treble*	William Lancaster ...	6
Edward F. Gobey ...	2	*Harold Taylor	7
*Herbert E. Taylor ...	3	William A. Parsons...	8
Denis R. Carlisle ...	4	Francis R. Lowe ...	9
Wilfred H. Buxton ...	5	John E. Turley ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by William Willson. Conducted by Wm. A. Parsons.
* First peal of Royal. First peal of Oxford Royal by all except the ringer of the tenor, and first for the Association. In memoriam Mr. Albert E. Thompson, an old Derby ringer.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

W. Harry Duncombe	...*Treble*	Alan Cattell	5
Walter P. Whitehead...	2	Alfred Mould	6
Ernest Morris	3	Denis R. Carlisle ...	7
John J. Morris	4	J. W. Frank Trotman...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. F. Trotman. Conducted by W. P. Whitehead.
To mark the centenary of the birth of Canon H. E. Broughton, for more than 50 years Vicar of this church.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Ronald W. Gibbon	...*Treble*	Hector A. Knights ...	5
E. Charles Turner ...	2	William A. Wood... ...	6
Alfred Ballard	3	Cecil E. Carr	7
Ernest W. Tippler ...	4	George A. Newton ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Geo. A. Newton.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

*Frederick W. Bishop	*Treble*	John J. Taylor	5
Thomas H. Taffender	2	John G. Hobson	6
*Anthony E. Cox ...	3	John A. Brown	7
Philip H. Speck ...	4	Bert Sutton	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. Day. Conducted by Thomas H. Taffender.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. An 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. George Halksworth, a member of the local company and previously of St. George's, Doncaster.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

*John P. Morriss	...*Treble*	Cyril Wander	5
*Norman B. Forvague...	2	Albert Bennett	6
†Robert Brown	3	Jack Petch	7
*Walter Weston	4	William E. Clarke ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Wm. E. Clarke.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' Rung in honour of Mr. John Clarke, who has been a ringer at this church for 60 years.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Deane,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

James L. Wright	...*Treble*	Albert Heywood ...	5
Muriel A. Reay	2	*William Smalley ...	6
Edward Iddon	3	Peter Crook, sen ...	7
Everest Ford	4	Albert Greenhalgh ...	*Tenor*

Composed by T. Day. Conducted by Peter Crook.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell. In memoriam William Taylor, of Penwortham, vice-president of the Lancashire Association.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 2, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 changes each of Double Norwich, Double Bob, Little Bob, Plain Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and 1,440 of Double Oxford Bob; 315 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

CHARLES H. MOORE	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
WILLIAM CLOVER	2	CECIL V. EBBERSON	6
HENRY TOOKE	3	THOMAS R. SIMMONS	7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	4	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
First peal in six Major methods for the Association by resident members. Composition, a 90 course two-part, contains extent of 4th, 5th and 6th in 6ths with 2nd never in 6ths and 450 7-8's.

BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES F. SAYER	*Treble*	*W. JOHN SOUTHAM	5
*PAMELA A. MARTIN	2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	6
*OLIVE M. MARTIN	3	*BERTRAM C. JOHNSON	7
*DEREK E. LATCHFORD	4	BERTIE A. CORNELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERTRAM C. JOHNSON.
* First peal in the method.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN PAGETT	*Treble*	*ERNEST TURNER	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	SIDNEY THOMPSON	6
JOHN BASS	3	JOHN LLOYD	7
*FREDERICK HANDLEY	4	THOMAS HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by THOMAS HEMMING.
* First peal in the method. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Sutton, of Wollaston.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 2 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*	REGINALD WOODYATT	5
WILLIAM C. DOWDING	2	CYRIL TANSELL	6
GEORGE E. LARGE	3	*THOMAS J. SETTER	7
WILLIAM LEWIS	4	SIDNEY T. HOLT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*BRIAN GOULD	*Treble*	RONALD N. MARLOW	5
†MICHAEL J. BEST	2	ALAN J. BUTLER	6
HERBERT A. MITCHELL	3	GEORGE E. EVENDEN	7
‡JAMES E. DANIELS	4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major. ‡ First in the method. A compliment to Miss Barbara J. Adlam and Sgt. Peter Goldsworthy, members of St. John's company, on the occasion of their engagement.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*ROY C. HURST	*Treble*	*WILLIAM G. YOUNG	5
HAZEL DALE	2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	6
†MRS. E. F. SALMONS	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
MRS F. J. MARSHALLSAY	4	ERNEST F. SALMONS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Cambridge. † 50th peal. The conductor's 400th Surprise peal.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's transposed by Ernest Stitch. Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.

*B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	2	ERNEST F. PAYNE	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	SIDNEY HARRISON	7
ROWLAND BARROW	4	FREDERICK WATSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest F. Payne, who were married at this church. Also a birthday peal for the tenorman.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

*HARRY KEELEY	*Treble*	PETER D. HUCKSTEPP	5
*PERCY PAGE	2	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	6
MARK S. LANCEFIELD	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	7
WILFRED W. KING	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN A. BARNETT. Conducted by HARRY PARKES.
* First peal of Bristol. First peal of Bristol as conductor.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

RONALD G. BUGG	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. ROUSE	5
URBAN W. WILDNEY	2	GEORGE WATERMAN	6
ERNEST H. SCARFE	3	MICHAEL P. MORETON	7
JEAN CONSTANCE	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARB. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9¾ cwt

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	†DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5
JOHN W. BEST	2	PERCY SWINDLEY	6
*NANCY P. BIRKS	3	*R. GORDON CORBY	7
GEORGE F. SPERRING	4	‡JOHN HAYES, JUN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN ANDERSON	*Treble*	JOHN A. BROWN	5
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN	2	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON	6
MARGARET FIDELL	3	SAMUEL C. WALKER	7
FREDERICK SHERATON	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
The conductor's 100th peal. Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Frederick Sheraton.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part.

*MURIEL WILLETTS	*Treble*	FRANK LAWRENCE	5
WILLIAM RANFORD	2	ERNEST C. CUBBERLEY	6
HAROLD WILLETTS	3	CHARLES CAMM	7
FRED HAWKS	4	HENRY BISHOP	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.
* First peal on eight bells. Rung for the 70th anniversary of the church.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLIFIELD	*Treble*	WILLIAM JUDGE	5
JAMES BENNETT	2	WILLIAM C. PORTER	6
PHILIP WALKER	3	MAJ. J. H. R. FREEBORN	7
EDWIN G. MOORE	4	WALTER F. JUDGE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES HODGSON	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
ERNEST H. SIMPSON	2	ALFRED SMITH	6
PATRICIA E. M. BARTON	3	FRED HODGSON	7
MOLLY AMBLER	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
First peal in the method as conductor and on the bells.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 4, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*SIDNEY A. WHITE	*Treble*	PETER T. ROBBINS	5
BETTY SPICE	2	WALTER G. DOBBIE	6
DORIS G. DOBBIE	3	GEORGE KENWARD	7
GEORGE A. NAYLOR	4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by BETTY SPICE.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 21 cwt.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OB ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MRS. A. DISERENS	*Teble*	MRS. J. D. NIBBLETT	5
ALBERT DISERENS	2	MRS. A. S. ROBERTS	6
AUDREY B. DISERENS	3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS	7
FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT	4	GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.
Rung fully muffled in memoriam Bishop John Holden, Assistant Bishop of Truro, Archdeacon of Cornwall and a vice-president of the Guild.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., Sept. 6, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Grove's Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

JUNE BRINDLEY	*Treble*	JOAN BERESFORD	5
GEORGE E. OLIVER	2	WALTER J. COPE	6
PETER BERESFORD	3	DENNIS BERESFORD	7
*JOHN A. NEWELL	4	†HENRY WM. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor. A farewell peal to J. Newell upon his demobilisation.

ASHFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 6, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HILDRED S. WICKENS	*Treble*	WILFRED W. RING	5
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD	2	*HENRY G. KEELEY	6
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	3	HARRY PARKES	7
PERCY PAGE	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by T. CULLINGWORTH.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 6, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS	*Treble*	CHARLES C. RAWDING	5
WILLIAM H. HEWETT	2	*REV. A. A. MUXLOW	6
MAURICE BENNETT	3	JOHN G. AMES	7
CYRIL WANDER	4	STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 7, 1949, *in Three Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Comprising 1,440 London, 1,120 Rutland, 480 Bristol, 320 Cambridge, 320 Superlative, 320 Lincolnshire, 320 Yorkshire, 320 Pudsey, 320 Norfolk and 320 New Gloucester, with 144 changes of method.
Tenor 7½ cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE	*Treble*	*PHILIP M. J. GRAY	5
ALAN R. PINK	2	WILLIAM C. PORTER	6
JAMES HIGGINS	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
MARIE R. CROSS	4	WALTER F. JUDGE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN (No. 2). Conducted by W. F. JUDGE.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in ten methods.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

EDWARD BARKER	*Treble*	CECIL V. EBBERSON	5
ERNEST H. MASTIN	2	ARTHUR ROLFE	6
JOHN THOMAS	3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM	7
WALLACE W. COUSINS	4	CLAUDE COUSINS	*Tenor*

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

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 9, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	*Treble*	JAMES M. BAILEY	5
MRS. F. I. HAIRS	2	FRANK I. HAIRS	6
JAMES BENNETT	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. M. Bailey, wife of the ringer of of the 5th.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Transposition. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

*GERALD P. SMERDON	*Treble*	NORMAN HOBDEN	5
DENIS N. LAYTON	2	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN	6
JILL BRITTAIN	3	ALBERT J. ADAMS	7
HAROLD N. PITSTOW	4	EDWIN T. WOOLLOFF	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT J. ADAMS.
* First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung for the birth of Jeremy David, son of Winifred and Harry Cheesman, and on the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cheesman, the infant's grandparents.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCY SWINDLEY	*Treble*	*FREDERICK H. BIRKS	5
*NANCY P. BIRKS	2	*R. GORDON CORBY	6
HENRY O. BAKER	3	*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	7
JOHN W. BEST	4	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.
* First peal in the method. A 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Birks, parents af the ringers of the 2nd and 5th.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

WALLIS J. LEMON	*Treble*	DAVID BEVERIDGE	5
JAMES W. EDEN	2	ALFRED G. WILLIAMS	6
*ALFRED C. PATTEN	3	FRANK I. HAIRS	7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by G. V. MURPHY.
* First peal. The conductor's 250th peal for the Association.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

Ernest Whiting ...	*Treble*	Ernest C. Staff	5
Cecil A. Thompson ...	2	William J. Flatt	6
Ernest A. Head	3	L. Edward Etheridge...	7
Charles Catchpole ...	4	Charles W. Loome ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Edwin H. Lewis. Conducted by Ernest Whiting.
First of Little Bob on the bells.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 8 cwt.

Wilfred Newman ...	*Treble*	Frederick G. Nurden...	5
John Thomas	2	George Kilminster ...	6
Mrs. J. Thomas	3	Edwin T. Newbury ...	7
Charles Rouse	4	Leslie Tibbetts ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Thomas.
In memoriam Walter Yeend, 23 years secretary of Cheltenham Branch.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt. in F.

Arthur W. Dickerson	*Treble*	Nolan Golden	5
*Margaret Addison ...	2	George Sayer	6
Henry Tooke	3	Thomas R. Simmons ...	7
Charles Bailey	4	Thomas H. Francis ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung to celebrate the engagement of the ringers of the second and tenor.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*†John L. Morris ...	*Treble*	Frank P. Wright ...	5
‡Geoffrey W. Ashdown	2	Reginald L. Sills ...	6
William R. Manser...	3	†Frank C. W. Knight...	7
Edna M. Sills	4	Anthony V. Kemp ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald L. Sills.
* 25th peal (age 13). †25th peal together. ‡ First peal in the method and of Triples. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 2, 6 and 8.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

Ernest C. Lambert ...	*Treble*	*Maurice T. Cook ...	5
*Cecil Sharp	2	*Victor S. Adams... ...	6
Frederick C. Case ...	3	William Yates	7
*Arthur R. Armstrong	4	Reginald H. Howson	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by E. C. Lambert.
* First peal of Major. A birthday compliment to C. Sharp, also to Mr. E. Lathal, who has completed 42 years as a Sunday service ringer at this tower.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

*Percy Page	*Treble*	Wilfred W. Ring ...	5
†Doris E. Colgate ...	2	*Thomas E. Sone... ...	6
†Robert Collins ...	3	Henry G. Keeley ...	7
Benjamin F. Baker ...	4	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.
* 25th peal together. †First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mrs. C. H. Sone, mother of the conductor.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Harry Richardson ...	*Treble*	Ernest E. Whitmore...	5
Mrs. G. E. Watson ...	2	*Albert Wilson	6
Arthur Gibbs	3	Geoffrey E. Watson...	7
John King	4	William J. Whitmore...	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff (C.C.C. 172).
Conducted by William J. Whitmore.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 10½ cwt.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sept. 10, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's. Tenor 10 cwt.

Geoffrey W. Hair ...	*Treble*	Sydney F. Jones ...	5
Walter P. Whitehead...	2	Joseph W. Cotton ...	6
Alfred B. Beardsmore	3	J. W. Frank Trotman...	7
W. Harry Duncombe ...	4	Wm. F. Woodward ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. W. Frank Trotman.
A birthday compliment to Miss Ida B. Thompson, of Nottingham.

NETHERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Joseph W. Cotton ...	*Treble*	Ernest Morris	5
*W. Harry Duncombe...	2	J. W. Frank Trotman..,	6
Walter P. Whitehead	3	Alan Cattell	7
Alfred Mould	4	John J. Morris	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.
* First peal of Bristol Surprise. Tenor 11½ cwt.

NEWCHURCH, ROSSENDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Grove's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

George Brown	*Treble*	Charles W. Blakey ...	5
A. Victor Williams ...	2	Eric Brunton	6
Arthur Tomlinson ...	3	Lawrence J. Williams...	7
Charles Clegg	4	Albert Mills	*Tenor*

Conducted by Lawrence J. Williams.
To celebrate the 65th birthday of the treble ringer.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Joseph W. Cotton ...	*Treble*	Walter P. Whitehead...	5
Alfred Mould	2	Alan Cattell	6
W. Harry Duncombe ...	3	Ernest Morris	7
John J. Morris	4	J. W. Frank Trotman...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. W. Frank Trotman.
The first peal of Bristol Surprise on the bells. Tenor 10 cwt.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*Margaret E. Ridyard	*Treble*	Thomas Hammond ...	5
William H. Deacon ...	2	Thomas W. Hesketh...	6
Ronald Kenrick ...	3	*Norman Heaps	7
Thomas S. Horridge...	4	Joseph Ridyard	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal in the method. In memoriam Mr. William Taylor, of Penwortham. Tenor 13 cwt.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Sept. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

*J. Norman Hadley ...	*Treble*	Richard C. Ingram ...	5
Morris J. Morris ...	2	Maurice G. Turner ...	6
P. George Golder ...	3	George W. Hughes ...	7
Edric J. Franklin ...	4	Howard Howell ...	*Tenor*

Composed by M. J. Morris (No. 26). Conducted by M. G. Turner.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 26, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Court, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Oxford Bob, and (7) Double Oxford. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	JOHN E. SKERRITT	4
GEOFFREY E. WATSON	2	BRIAN AUSTIN	5
MRS. G. E. WATSON	3	BURLEY P. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

First peal in nine Minor methods by all the band.

STOTFOLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 six-scores of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

SYDNEY W. SHARMAN	*Treble*	*PHILIP MEHEW	4
*STUART E. COOPER	2	*JOSEPH V. LIVOCK	5
R. THOMAS NEWMAN	3	*ERNEST W. GENTLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. THOMAS NEWMAN.

* First peal. First peal by an entirely local band.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 30, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, viz.: (1) Oxford and Kent T.B., (2) Oxford, (3) Kent, (4) Cambridge, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Single Oxford Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

MONICA DUTTON	*Treble*	JOHN A. WEBSTER	4
JOAN WEBSTER	2	ALEX J. WEBSTER	5
MARJORIE WEBSTER	3	ERIC J. GILBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC J. GILBERT.

First peal on the bells since retuning and rehanging by John Taylor and Co.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 1[illegible] cwt.

LESLIE EVANS	*Treble*	REGINALD T. JONES	4
F. ERIC ROBERTS	2	FREDK. R. HARRIS	5
JOHN D. ROCK	3	E. PETER ROCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. PETER ROCK.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*DOUGLAS SHEPHERD	*Treble*	WALTER D. POOLEY	4
HORACE E. WERRETT	2	ROY V. WEBB	5
JACK S. DEAR	3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROY V. WEBB.

* First peal. First peal in seven methods for all except the ringer of the 6th.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HIPPOLYTUS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob Double Oxford, Cambridge, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

*ALFRED C. HARRIS	*Treble*	GEORGE CHERRY	4
EDGAR W. WINTERS	2	WILLIAM J. CROFT	5
LEWIS R. RUNNACLES	3	FRANK W. CROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

* First peal in seven methods. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Symonds, district secretary.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The longest peal of Surprise ever rung in Leicestershire was scored at Gilmorton last Saturday—13,024 Bristol Surprise Major in 7 hours and 28 minutes, being composed and conducted by Mr. W. P. Whitehead. This 13,024 Bristol supplants the 12,896 Cambridge rung at Stoney Stanton.

Mr. William Ranford has 'completed the circle' of Upton-on-Severn tower.

The peal of Cambridge at St. Mary's Church, Burghill, was not the first of Surprise on the bells as claimed. A peal of Bristol was rung there in 1932.

Mr. G. W. Ashdown, not Watson, rang the 2nd in the peal at Robin Hood's Bay on Aug. 13th. He appears in the picture of the Yorkshire tourists in our issue of Sept. 2nd, in the third row, fifth from the left.

It was a family affair at the recent practice at South Wingfield Church, Derbyshire. Mr. J. P. Tarlton (formerly of North Wingfield), aged 87, rang with his two daughters and son-in-law (Mr. B. Wheeler) and his granddaughter, Pat Wheeler, aged 12. Mr. Tarlton only gave up Sunday ringing this last year.

Special mention should be made of Miss Shirley Bampton, who in the course of her first peal at Thrybergh, Yorks, found that her rope was unthreaded in the fifth 720. She wrapped the spare rope round her hand and finished the peal. Miss Bampton, who is 15, and Miss Cynthia Edmondson, another first pealer, have been ringing for 10 months.

Mr. R. W. Stannard was unable to take part in the peal at North Ockendon in honour of his 80th birthday owing to the after effects of a sprained ankle. He rang his first peal 63 years ago and hopes to ring a few more yet. The peal was in the nature of a tribute from youth to old age, being conducted by David W. Beard, aged 16 years. Well done, Dave!

The genial secretary of the Midland Counties Guild (Mr. Joseph W. Cotton) had the pleasure of taking part in three peals in one day. The peal of Bristol at Netherseal was the second in the method on the bells. The first was rung over 35 years ago by the famous Pye brothers and company. A footnote on a tablet recording this peal disposes of the view of a ringer some weeks ago in 'The Ringing World' that an incentive is needed for peal ringing. The tablet gives each ringer's total peals, which add up to 3,000!

Mr. R. Davies was erroneously stated as hailing from Nutfield in Belfry Gossip of Sept. 9th. He lives at West Croydon.

During his first two years of ringing, John L. Morris (13) has rung 25 peals—and, comments his mentor, Mr. Frank C. W. Knight, 'all without a medical certificate.'

Mr. T. Fowler, now in his 82nd year, has been a regular service ringer at St. Mary's, Wilby, Northants, since 1893 and is still going strong.

After the 'silver-wedding' peal at Syston for Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Payne, the company were entertained to an excellent tea. The conductor proposed the continued health of the 'happy pair' and made a small present on behalf of all the ringers. Mr. Payne's son, Bernard Stedman Payne, rang in this, his first peal.

The visit of Mr. John Thomas to Wigtoft, near Boston, for the purpose of hanging a new treble bell to the existing ring of five was made the occasion of a peal attempt at the Parish Church, Spalding. The band successfully rang a peal of Stedman Triples. This was the first peal to be rung by the Vicar of Wigtoft, the Rev. A. A. Muxlow, who is president of the Eastern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

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LEICESTER RINGERS' MEMORABLE IRISH TOUR

A Cordial Welcome

FOR the first time in history a party of ringers from the Midlands have toured Southern Ireland. The tour was organised by Harold Poole and the party consisted mainly of members of the service band at Leicester Cathedral. Arrangements in Ireland were made by Fred E. Dukes, secretary of the Irish Association.

This was not the generally accepted peal tour of two or three peals each day. Only one peal each day had been arranged and sufficient time allowed for meeting and spending some time socially with the local ringers.

The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Milner, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Morris and Barbara, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Cheney, Kathleen Tilley, Dorothy Udale, Betty Faulknall, John Smith, Frank Cheney, Joseph Carter, Harrison Carter, Percy Carter, Redvers Elkington, Herrick Bowley, Harry Wayne, Alan Jacques, Tom Francis and Fredk. Dukes.

The advance party left Leicester for North Wales on August 25th and were met at Bangor by Vincent Childs. A peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major was rung at St. David's Church, Glanadda, on Thursday evening.

On Friday morning we travelled over the Menai Bridge to Anglesey and rang at Beaumaris. We met once again Albert Hughes and were glad to see he was making progress from his recent illness, sufficiently so to ring in courses of Bristol and London Surprise. He reminded the writer and Mrs. Poole of peals together some 24 years ago, and upon reflection we all began to realise how 'time marched on.' Vincent Childs very kindly piloted us through to Holyhead, where we met the remainder of the party (except Tom Francis) in the queue for the customs shed.



THE TOURISTS OUTSIDE CASHEL CATHEDRAL, THE CHOIR OF WHICH OFFICIATED AT THE SPECIAL SERVICE HELD THERE.

Left to right: Verger, Mrs. J. F. Milner (organist), Betty Faulknall, Fred E. Dukes, G. S. Morris, H. J. Poole, Alan Jacques, Redvers Elkington, Dean of Cashel, Kathleen Tilley, Mrs. S. Cheney, Harry G. Wayne. Barbara Morris (daughter of G. S.) is the centre choir girl.

FOG STOPS PEAL.

Tunes on handbells on the deck of SS. 'Cambria' provided great interest for the passengers, and then four of the party settled down for a peal of Bob Major. Some of the passengers—uninitiated in the art—appeared to be spellbound by the ringing and one or two stood with their eyes glued on the ringers for half an hour at a time. The half-way came up in grand style and the peal appeared to be well in the bag. Alas! after 1 hour and 48 minutes' ringing an order came down from the bridge that the fog signals from land (it had turned very foggy) could not be heard and that the ringing must stop. This surely must be the first time in history that a peal in progress has had to be stopped owing to fog.

A seasick sweepstake had been arranged—first casualty the winner — but the proceeds were still intact upon arrival 'yon' side. (Any person found with fingers down his throat was liable to fine of one dollar.)

We were met by Fred Dukes at West Row Station, Dublin, and, believe it or not, all luggage for the whole party was loaded into or on to his little Ford 8 car. It was a very happy Fred Dukes who greeted us with 'Welcome to Ireland—this is the day we have been awaiting.'

Saturday morning found us all at St. Patrick's National Cathedral facing the Press photographer in the belfry. We met here Pat Murphy and other members of St. Patrick's band. St. Patrick's dates back to the 13th century. There was a ring of eight bells in the tower (by Perdue with some recast by Murphy, Dublin) since 1670. In 1897, 10 bells (45 cwt.) were presented by Lord Iveagh and the original eight bells were preserved. In 1909 Sir Richard R. Cherry, LL.D., then Attorney-General (afterwards Lord Chief Justice of Ireland) and a ringer at St. Patrick's, presented two trebles and hung the semitone for ringing. In 1923 a further treble was added—the gift of Lady Seeds-Kaye in memory of her husband, the Queen's Advocate-General. St. Patrick's, therefore, has two rings of twelve—major 45 cwt. and minor 30 cwt.

SWEATED LABOUR.

Now for the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus — tenor 25 cwt., the heaviest yet tackled by the band. Sidney Cheney reported sick and was unable to ring. An application by him for the sweepstake prize was turned down. Tom Francis had not arrived by 9 20 a.m. and the substitutes, Kathleen Tilley and Mrs. H. J. Poole, had tried their ropes. 'All ready,' says Kath, when a banging on the belfry door in no uncertain manner announced the arrival of Tom Francis. His boat was 2 hours late. The peal was brought in 3 hours and 41 minutes, and as this was the first experience for several members of the band on bells over 25 cwt., some of the striking was not up to the usual Leicester standard. The tenorman had some sweated labour, but as he remarked afterwards, 'A good sweat in between two good meals hurts nobody.' Whilst this peal was in progress the remainder of the party were taken on a sight-seeing tour of the city.

On Saturday afternoon we journeyed by train to Drogheda, where a meeting of the Irish Association had been arranged. The ring of eight at St. Peter's Church is in need of urgent attention and our best wishes go out to the local ringers and others in the special effort they are making to get them done. To turn in the tenor was a herculean effort, but three of our boys did it, including the baby of the party—the youth from Wood'us. An excellent tea was provided by the local ringers and their ladies, and a great welcome to the visitors was extended on behalf of the Irish Association and the local company. Fred Dukes was presented with a silver plated tankard, suitably inscribed, by the tourists in appreciation of his efforts on their behalf.

On Sunday morning some rang at St. Patrick's Cathedral and others at Christ Church (Diocesan) Cathedral on the peal of ten—tenor 43 cwt. Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise Royal were rung.

In the afternoon a peal of Dublin Surprise Major was rung at St. George's Church, Dublin. These are a Mears eight, dated 1828, the gift of Francis Johnston, architect of this church (who was a practical ringer, having had a ring of bells in his own back garden), and his wife. The bells were rehung in 1928 by Taylors. After the peal the tourists were entertained to tea in the parochial hall by the local ringers. In the evening a visit to Bull Wall Dolymount, a few miles from Dublin, proved interesting, and some of the boys and girls enjoyed a swim.

FINEST SCENERY.

Monday morning found us astir early, and the five members of the party who had been licensed to drive in Ireland collected the five cars which had been hired. The whole of the party was assembled and we left Dublin in convoy with all six cars duly labelled. We travelled via Kingstown, Dalkey and Killway—'Ireland's Bay of Naples—and into Bray, where the bells of Christ Church were put to good use for about half an hour. When this church was completed the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone happened to be staying with the Earl of Neath nearby in the late 1870's and admired the tower and spire of this fine church. He expected to learn that there was a ring of bells there, and on learning to the contrary at once gave a cheque of £50 to start a fund for a ring of bells. The subscription list soon mounted up, which enabled Taylor's to put in a ring of eight bells (tenor 28 cwt.). They have been ringing ever since (1880) and dry rot has now necessitated a rehanging job for which a subscription list has been opened. The bells are expected to be taken down shortly.

The finest scenery in Ireland was passed through on leaving Bray. The six cars went by the Rocky Valley, which is situated between Sugar Loaf and Douce Mountains, both the highest in the North Wicklow hills. Passing around Sugar Loaf, we passed through Roundwood, the site of the Dublin City water reservoirs. From here the scenery became entrancing, with hills sweeping down to the valleys, forests on the hills and rivers rippling over

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Irish Tour—continued

the rocks as they made their way down to the sea. We turned at Laragh, up to Glendalough, where the remains of the seven churches, St. Kirins Kitchen, the Ancient Cross and Round Tower were seen. Leaving Glendalough, we travelled by the Vale of Laragh and Vale of Clara to the Meeting of Waters, and saw Tom Moore's Tree, under which, tradition says, this famous poet sat when he wrote the 'Meeting of the Waters.' County Wicklow has every reason to claim the title of the 'Garden of Ireland.' We arrived in Arklow on time—for lunch.

A good peal of London Surprise Major was rung at St. Saviour's Church (tenor 22 cwt.), and was Fred Duke's first peal in the method. This peal was rung for the Leicester Diocesan Guild and was the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, which was rung by a band from Loughborough, Leics. The church was built by Lord Carysfort, who also presented the bells. During this peal other visitors went to the Arklow Pottery, which proved to be very interesting. In the evening the whole party paid a visit to Beatrice, Countess of Wicklow's residence to see Titania's Palace. This is a model fairy queen's palace, the furnishings being in miniature, and was built by the Countess of Wicklow's first husband, Sir Neville Wilkinson. The miniature belfry contains a ring of 12 handbells by Mears, and tunes are played mechanically on them. Fred Dukes had his handbells with him and tunes and change ringing proved of great interest to the Countess. The journey back to Arklow on the pot-hole pitted by-roads proved too much for 'Gaffer's' car. The exhaust pipe became detached and for safety had to be removed. It was in this capacity that Mechanic Wayne and Blacksmith Milner proved their worth.

HANDBELLS TO 1 A.M.

Upon returning to the Royal Hotel, Arklow, where we all stopped, we were requested by the landlord to ring the handbells. This greatly interested not only the residents, but also many who had come to the hotel from the street upon hearing the bells. All sorts of special requests were complied with and it was after 1 a.m. when the party closed down.

Tuesday morning brought a division in the party. One peal band remained at Arklow and attempted a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. This unfortunately came to grief after about three-quarters of an hour's ringing.

The remainder of the party travelled by Aughrim Valley, Tinahely, Carnew, to Clonegal. The traditional transport of donkey and cart was much in evidence, and three calves which obviously had never seen a motor-car before provided a rodeo show before their owner was able to overtake and stop them. At Clonegal (a small hamlet) we stopped for a drink and adjoining the licensed premises was a small general store. The first visitor in the shop found nylons and a shout went up to the other ladies. To our surprise it was found that the nylons on sale were manufactured at Burbage, Leics.

Continuing the journey we travelled over very rough roads to Newtownbarry and Mysha1 (here the Parish Church is a miniature of Salisbury Cathedral), Fenagh, Bagnalstown to Kilkenny. A lunch was awaiting the visitors here arranged in the parochial hall by the local ringers, and we were also received by the Dean of Kilkenny and Dr. Seaver, the Dean's Vicar.

A peal of Bristol Surprise Major was rung on the eight (tenor 20 cwt.) at St. Canice's Cathedral, this being the first peal on the bells. Originally there were six bells here in 1670 by Perdue and Covey. Two others were added by Murphy, of Dublin. The bells were rehung by Mears in 1925. Non-ringers visited Kilkenny Castle, the seat of the Marquis of Ormonde. This dates back to the 12th century. An excellent tea was enjoyed in the same hall and after thanks of the party had been expressed and some entertainment on the handbells, we journeyed on to Waterford.

(To be continued)

Society of College Youths

By the kind invitation of Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council and a loyal and enthusiastic College Youth, the September meeting was held at Brasted, Kent. Ringing took place at three towers, and it was interesting to see how twelve-bell ringers shaped at six-bell ringing. The results were quite satisfactory, and good striking, well up to College Youths' standard, was achieved in various methods. The fact that Brasted bells are hung anti-clockwise proved to be no deterrent.

A goodly company of members were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and family to a most sumptuous tea at their home at Moorcocks. It is exactly ten years since the Society visited this lovely place, owing to its occupation by the military. The Society has, however, been entertained by Mr. Lewis at Pitstone, and his invitation each year always ensures a popular and well-attended meeting.

At the business meeting, held on the lawn, several new members were elected, and the Master, Mr. J. A. Waugh, gracefully expressed the thanks of all present to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis for their kind hospitality. Mr. Lewis responded and expressed the hope that they would be able to meet in similar fashion for many more years. College Youths are certainly 'going places.' J. F. S.

A NOTABLE BIRTHDAY PEAL

When the Ancient Society of College Youths held their summer meeting at Henfield, a suggestion was made by Mr. Alan R. Macdonald that the September peal at Southwark should be rung as a birthday peal for the Earl of Shaftesbury. This was received enthusiastically, and so on September 3rd a peal of Grandsire Cinques was successfully accomplished on the Earl's birthday.

The Earl of Shaftesbury is a very highly respected member of the Ancient Society and is a practical ringer. He is also H.M. Lieutenant of Dorset, a vice-president of the Royal Choral Society, Prov. Grand Master of Dorset and president of the Shaftesbury Society. He was chairman of the Dorset County Council 1924-1946 and one time president of the English Church Union. It, therefore, was a great pleasure for those who took part in the peal to pay a compliment to this great man, and by a happy coincidence Sept. 2nd was the birthday of the conductor, and Sept. 1st the birthday of the ringer of the 6th.

MIDDLESEX AND OXFORD

JOINT MEETING AT HILLINGDON.

Ideal weather and a goodly company of 70 enjoyed this annual event on September 3rd, which was the 19th occasion the two societies had met at this beautiful Middlesex church.

A warm welcome to St. John's was accorded to the gathering by that distinguished member of the Middlesex Association, Sir Guildford Craig. Some very pretty striking was heard on the ten at St. John's, and also on the eight at St. Andrew's.

At the service, which was conducted by the Rev. E. S. C. Lowman, Vicar of Bray, the new form of service of the Middlesex Association, arranged by its president, the Rev Percival Gough, was used for the first time, Miss Gutteridge, of the Oxford Guild, being at the organ.

At the meeting, which followed tea, the Rev. Lowman presided, and the secretary drew attention to the passing of the Rev. A. M. Bashford. An appreciation of his life and work in the parish was given by Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, and the meeting observed silence.

Proceedings closed with a social held in the Church Hall, Mr. Tony Price rendering a course of Double Norwich on the piano. F.A.F.

OUTINGS

CARBIS BAY.

The Carbis Bay ringers had an outing on September 3rd, in which they were joined by the church choir and servers. The party visited Fowey, Lostwithiel and St. Austell. There was ringing on the six bells (tenor 9½ cwt.) at Lostwithiel, recast and augmented in 1924 by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The tower and spire of the church are unusual for Cornwall, an octagonal lantern being surmounted by an octagonal spire 110ft. high. The tourists were accompanied by Mr. F. W. Elliott, of Rickmansworth.

SS. PHILIP AND JACOB GUILD, BRISTOL.

On Saturday, August 27th, the SS. Philip and Jacob Guild set out by coach for a trip over the fine Wiltshire Downs.

The weather left nothing to be desired and the shortage of cigarettes was never apparent, being constantly produced from a seemingly inexhaustible box by Annie Brown, who, strangely enough, was never once caught having a whiff herself.

A pleasant run brought the party to Warminster and some good ringing followed on the Minster bells, to the tune of Cambridge, Yorkshire and London Surprise Major. Then followed tea on the lawn, during which the Rev. T. P. Tindall could not resist a mighty swipe at an over-indulgent wasp and upset the tea; result, a mad scramble and, of course, the escape of the wily wasp.

The next destination was Westbury, and what delight it was to ring and listen to the glorious bells at All Saints' Church. Some excellent touches of Stedman, Double Norwich and Bristol Surprise Major were rung and the party was sorry to leave.

The last port of call was Trowbridge, where the Guild was met by that ever genial friend of ringers, Sam Hector. The twelve bells were raised in peal and a very pleasant time was spent ringing Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus. To cool the ringers off, Treble Ten and Grandsire Cinques were rung on handbells in the churchyard, to the enjoyment and apparent mystification of a small crowd of passers-by. The conducting was shared by Annie Brown, E. J. Brown, R. C. Seager, T. Harris, A. E. Reeves, R. G. Bryant and H. Knight. E. J. B.

SLYMBRIDGE, GLOS.

The annual outing was held on August 27th, towers in the home county and Somerset being visited. The ringers, accompanied by the Rector, church officers and friends, reached Bath at 9 a.m. and were welcomed by the Vicar of St. Mary's, Bathwick (the Rev. W. Jennings). A short service was conducted by Canon W. H. Thomas, after which the bells were rung for an hour After visits to the Abbey, Roman baths and other places of interest, the party left for Longleat, where there was a conducted tour of the mansion. Lunch was enjoyed in the beautiful grounds, after which the party left for Frome for an hour's ringing.

Shepton Mallet was the next stop, for tea, at which the Rector voiced the thanks of all to the captain and secretary of the Slymbridge tower for making the arrangements. He welcomed visitors from neighbouring towers in Gloucestershire. He regretted the absence of Mr. J. Shipp, churchwarden, through illness, and Mrs. Shipp, both of whom had looked forward to the outing. The best wishes of the party were extended to Mr. Shipp for a complete recovery. Mr. H. J. Hobbs (captain) responded. Mr. T. Price, of Stonehouse, also spoke of the pleasure it gave him to be there.

Glastonbury was the next stop, where an hour was spent at St. Benedict's Church and the Abbey ruins were visited. The journey was continued through Wells, Cheddar, to Axbridge for the last ringing of the day. Slymbridge was reached in the very late evening. H. J. H.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION

EXETER WEEK, AUGUST 12th-20th, 1949.

The Universities Association fifth summer ringing week was centred at Exeter (headquarters, Thomas Hall), where early on Friday afternoon the company of nearly 40 started to arrive, representatives of nine universities: Bristol, Cambridge, Edinburgh, Liverpool, London. Nottingham, Oxford, Reading and Wales. That evening we had our first taste of Devonshire bells, the fine eight at Heavitree (tenor 26 cwt.), and found it highly palatable.

Another Taylor eight of similar weight rewarded various Saturday morning exertions at St. Peter's, Tiverton, where we received a great welcome, complete with photographer and reporter. In the afternoon two peal attempts were made, successfully in three Minor methods at Ide, unsuccessfully at Alphington, where Cambridge Major was the method. Non-pealers enjoyed the recently augmented eight (tenor 18 cwt.) at Exminster and the six at Kenn.

As is our custom, on Sunday we divided into two groups for service ringing: in the city at St. David's (8), St. Thomas' (8) and Heavitree, and further afield at Alphington and Newton St. Cyres (6). Of three quarter-peal attempts, only one came round, Double Norwich at Heavitree, this being greatly enjoyed, even if slightly hurried in 49 minutes to finish by service time. Our guest at supper was Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Devonshire Guild, and a U.A. member, and for coffee afterwards we were joined by E. J. Taylor and A. Payne, from Tiverton.

THE HARDEST DAY.

Monday proved to be the hardest and longest day of the tour, especially for the cyclists, with a choice selection of Devon hills and lanes in reaching Dunsford and Cheriton Bishop, both sixes. Crediton was reached by lunch time (sandwiches and cider), and regaled we climbed to the spacious ringing chamber of the Church of the Holy Cross for an hour on the glorious bells (tenor 27 cwt.). Two more eights followed at Thorverton and Silverton, the latter being quite musical, with a 16 cwt. tenor of noticeable richness. By 6.30 p.m., we were back at the Cathedral for the long-anticipated ring on these famous bells, tenored by 72½ cwt. 'Grandison.' The Thomas eight was rung up in peal, and when all was ready a well-struck bobbed course of Stedman Cinques was achieved, this bringing words of admiration from two members of the Cathedral band. Then followed Grandsire and Stedman Cinques, and three leads of Treble Twelve. The visitors' book duly signed, noting the names of the recent Cambridge Maximus peal band (to which, incidentally, we heard several tributes paid), we descended to the nave with a feeling of having experienced an occasion which would not quickly fade from the memory. At 9.30 p.m. we embarked on a lecture, given by Mr. A. Yorke-Bramble, on 'Grid Analysis,' illustrated with over twenty carefully-prepared lantern slides. But for the lateness of he hour, an exciting discussion would have ensued.

Tuesday, by contrast, was easy, spent southwards towards Exmouth, first call being at Topsham (6), and second at Woodbury (8). At East Budleigh (6) we were met by enthusiastic Brian Pidgeon, who rang with us a course of London Minor, and told us of his keen local band. Before tea, we rang on the eight at Littleham, afterwards on the fine octave at Withycombe Raleigh (tenor 14¼ cwt.), and to complete the day's bag on the six bells at Lympstone. In the evening the committee met, their deliberations coinciding exactly with a handbell peal tapped round in 115 minutes.

The next morning we attended a corporate Communion service at the Cathedral, and after breakfast divided up for peal attempts, Grandsire Caters being scored on the lovely ring of 10 at Cullompton (except for St. Andrew's, Plymouth, the only one still ringable in Devon) and Double Norwich at Clyst Honiton. Non-pealers were well entertained at Stoke Canon (6), where the Vicar, the Rev. H. W. Gardiner, provided refreshments, and on the beautiful bells of St. John-the-Baptist, Broadclyst, where Brigadier Penrose was equally hospitable. The afternoon towers were Clyst Hydon (6) and Braduinch (8), and, homeward bound, a call was made at St. Michael's, Pinhoe (6). Wednesday ended with a general meeting of the Association, at which it was agreed to accept an invitation to hold the 1950 week at Nottingham.

Thursday may justifiably claim to have been the peak day of the whole tour, when cars, motor bikes, tandems and cycles were forsaken, and all piled into a coach. First ring was at Chudleigh (8), then to Bovey Tracey (8), when, after a quick 'touch,' about a dozen of us were taken on to ring for the wedding of Philip Gray (London) and Joan Houldsworth (Oxford) at Wolborough Church (8), the wedding 'touch' being spliced London and Oxford. Meantime the coach had returned to transport the main party to enjoy the Gillett and Johnston octave (installed in 1929) at St. Michael's, Kingsteignton, reunion being effected outside the Courtenay Restaurant, Newton Abbot, as bride and groom left the reception to the sound of handbells.

AT BUCKFAST ABBEY.

Buckfast Abbey was the next rendezvous, and here we had the privilege of ringing on a modern twelve, tenor 41 cwt., hung and fitted out in fashion par excellence. The 7½ ton bourbon bell, with its balanced clapper, was also a great attraction. Tea had been arranged for us by Mr. A. L. Bennett, and we were sorry not to meet him in person. Then came the wild beauty of Dartmoor, first as we drove to Widecombe-in-the-Moor (where we found a lovely six), again as we went on to Moreton Hampstead (8), and it was a very happy company that sped home to Exeter. At 10 u.m. we sang Compline at the tiny mission church of St. Anthony's, Cowley (by invitation of the Rev. Blakeman Ball), this being conducted by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, with Wilfrid Moreton at the organ.

Friday was spent 'free lance' and relatively unorganised in the Torquay district. True, there was a ringing programme, but with St. Marychurch bells 'blitzed,' and Paignton bells under repair, the number of towers was reduced to three, Babbacombe (8), Upton (8) and Cockington (6), with Teignmouth (St. Michael's) being 'grabbed' by some.

Back at Thomas Hall, we indulged in farewell antics, a barrel of Devonshire cider having been duly installed, and the carpet rolled up for dancing It was real fun, and our only relaxation from bells the whole week through. There was one awful moment when we feared Jack Worrall was about to part company from his beard, and another much-appreciated one when 'Daisy Bell,' after being sung in traditional manner, was transposed by 'grid analysis.' Miss Margery Pairpoint, the warden, and Miss Elsie Green, the matron, joined in our merriment, and somewhere during proceedings were entranced by the eloquence of Gilbert Thurlow, who in inimitable manner expressed the high appreciation of all of us for the wonderful hospitality we had received at their hands, and presented each with a book as a lasting momento of our stay.

At Saturday's breakfast, Denis Layton, supported by Wilfrid Moreton, proposed votes of thanks to those of our own party who had done so much to make the Exeter week such a happy and successful one; to John Hatcher, its organiser and administrator; to Marie Cross for once more assuming the unenviable job of controlling the ringing; to Geoffrey Carter for being himself and for producing that barrel of cider; and to A. York-Bramble for giving us 'first hearing' of 'Grid Analysis.' To him must now be added in this printed record the thanks of the University Association to Devonshire for a really wonderful time; to the principal of University College for giving us first priority to Thomas Hall; to all the incumbents of the churches we visited; to many members of the Devonshire Guild, including its general secretary, Mr. F. C. Smale, and Central Council representative, Mr. A. L. Bennett; and to Peter Semmens, until recently Master of the Oxford University Society, who planned and arranged our visits to most of the towers.

E. S. J. H.

APOLOGY TO MR. J. R. WORRALL

'Eglwys Newydd.'

Dear Sir,—I regret I erred in spelling Mr. Jack Worrall's name. Having sported his beard in public, I should be grateful if you would publish my apology as above.—Yours faithfully, F. J. BAILEY.

Cardiff.

THE LATE MR. R. T. HIBBERT

Dear Sir,—The recast tenor in memory of the above was dedicated in December last, and a very beautiful brass plate is to be dedicated (D.V.) at Ilsley Church on October 29th at 3.30 p.m.

It was suggested at the annual meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild that old friends and new ringers might like to forgather for the short service, ring and talk over a cup of tea of old times.

Anyone wishing to be present will be sure of tea if they notify me:—

C. J. HIBBERT.

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ST. MARY'S, WHITBY

Dear Sir,—Mr. P. Cannon may be well versed in the art and science of change ringing, but in my opinion wholly incompetent to define between that which is beautiful and that which is hideous. His statement, relative to the interior of St. Mary's Parish Church, Whitby (Yorkshire tour), is, to say the least, grossly insulting, made without any regard for the architectural beauty or the historic past; certainly without feeling or respect for those devoted people who make the tedious climb up the 199 steps to worship there.

St. Mary's possesses a grandeur and beauty peculiar to itself, appreciated not only by our townspeople, but by thousands of others who visit it annually, when seeking the charm that nature has so ungrudgingly bestowed upon our district.

I would respectfully request our brother campanologist (for I, too, am a ringer, though seafaring) to refrain in future from making such unwarranted statements, and confine himself to that sphere of the Church in which his knowledge is more respected.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE H. CORNER, Chief Steward.

S.S. 'Egton,' at Swansea.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—On Sept. 11th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, 1,325 Stedman Cinques: J. E. Chilcott 1, A. W. J. Appleton 2, Miss Joyce England 3, H. Langdon 4, A. B. Peck 5, M. O. Thomas 6, M. V. Chilcott 7, R. Congreve-Pridgeon (cond.) 8, H. Belcher 9, R. F. Deal 10, J. Phillips 11, T. J. Setter 12.

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

MR. W. R. MELVILLE.

Mr. William R. Melville, whose sudden death at Kingsworthy, near Winchester, on September 7th, at the age of 77 years, was recorded in our last issue, was one of those stalwarts who form the backbone of English ringing. The message of the bells was very real to him; it was part of his churchmanship, and he brought a strong Christian character to bear in all he undertook.

Mr. Melville started ringing at Wooburn, Bucks, at the age of 14, where his father was also a ringer. For a number of years he was a stoney ringer, and it was not until the advent of 'The Ringing World,' when he was living at Tring, Herts, that he decided, at the age of 40, to take up change ringing.

In 1916 he moved to Guildford and joined the band of Holy Trinity Church. Here, under the leadership of Mr. A. H. Pulling, and in the company of the rest of the band, he made progress and rang a number of peals, including many in Surprise methods. His longest peal was one of Guildford Surprise, 6,144 changes, on December 31st, 1930, at Holy Trinity, Guildford. In this tower he was steeplekeeper for a number of years, bestowing a loving care on the bells and the ringing chamber. He also held the office of Ringing Master for the Guildford District.

In 1937 he retired from his employment at Dennis Bros., and moved to Hampshire. Here he settled at Kingsworthy, near Winchester, and joined the band at Wonston. He rang frequently at Winchester Cathedral, and formed many new friendships, ringing more peals, many with Mr. George Williams.

The interment took place at Kingsworthy on September 12th. In addition to his wife, daughters, son-in-law and close relatives, there were a number of ringers present. These included Messrs. A. Goulding, H. T. Cook, R. Paine, G. Noice (Winchester Cathedral), R. Smith, C. Pritchard, H. Froome, B. Bowers (Holy Trinity, Wonston), R. Dolton (Micheldever), Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hazelden, A. H. Pulling, H. Hutton (Guildford), H. Newnham, L. A. Tremeer (Alresford), R. Brown (Southampton), D. Cooper (Croydon) and N. V. Andrews (Andover).

There were many floral tributes, including one from the Wonston band.

On the evening of the same day a peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Wonston, with the bell half-muffled, by past and present members of the band.

HIS PEALS.

Minor, 25; Grandsire Triples, 59; Stedman Triples, 61; Bob Major, 19; Kent Treble Bob Major, 13; Little St. Lawrence, 1; Double Norwich C.B. Major, 22.

Superlative Surprise Major, 10; Cambridge Surprise Major, 17; London Surprise Major, 14; Bristol Surprise Major, 6; Guildford Surprise Major, 4; Norfolk Surprise Major, 2; St. Blaize Surprise Major, 1; Surrey Surprise Major, 1; Dublin Surprise Major, 1.

Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; Grandsire Caters, 6; Stedman Caters, 5; Bob Royal, 2; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 8; Cambridge Royal, 1. Total, 279.

MR. E. WILLIAMS.

Mr. Ernest Williams, ringer and towerkeeper at the ancient Parish Church, Porthcawl, for 40 years, died on September 9th. 'Old Ernie,' as he was known, had loved and tended his bells for longer than most of his fellow-ringers can remember, he having taught them all at some time during his long service to handle a rope. His absence from service ringing was unknown, right up to the Sunday preceding his last short illness.

He had rung only six peals of Doubles but his recruits to bellringing were many. He was in his 77th year. T. M. R.

MR. JAMES MORGAN.

Within the shadow of the tower where he first handled a bell, rang and called his first 720 of Minor and his first peal, James Morgan was laid to rest on September 7th, aged 80. In this parish of Pulford, which looks out towards the hills and mountains of Wales, he had lived all his life and had served the Eaton Estate as apprentice, joiner and later as clerk of works for well over sixty years.

He began his ringing career in the 80's when the church, but a few years rebuilt, possessed a light ring of six bells. Fired by his enthusiasm and with the encouragement and help of the schoolmaster, an energetic young band were soon ringing extents of Minor, and they scored their first peal of seven different callings of Bob Minor in December, 1887. This was followed on Christmas Day with a peal of Treble Bob.

In November, 1887, James Morgan was among those present in the Refectory of Chester Cathedral when the Diocesan Guild was formed, and he rang his first peal for the newly-formed Guild early the following year when he called 5,056 of Kent Major at St. Mary's, Handbridge. The succeeding years brought concentration on Minor ringing at Pulford, and he conducted a number of peals in a variety of methods. This was naturally followed by an interest in Major, and he regularly made the six-mile walk to Chester for practice. In later years he often spoke of these walks on pitch black nights with roads inches deep in mud, but his enthusiasm remained undaunted.

In 1903 the keenness of the Pulford ringers came to the notice of the Duke of Westminster, who showed his appreciation by presenting the church with two trebles. It was J. M. who made the frame, and it still stands as a fine piece of work for all to see. From that time onwards his peal book, kept with meticulous care, indicates the extent of his activities. Many methods from Maximus to Doubles are recorded in it, the compositions, many of which are his own, always noted. Many famous names in ringing are found in its pages, and the great variety of methods points plainly to his ability and interest. Turning over the pages the eye is caught by a footnote beneath a peal of Bob Minor rung in December, 1937: 'The calling of this peal,' he writes, 'was the same as No. 1 rung 50 years ago.' The peal was arranged by way of celebration, and one other member of the original band stood in the band, the late Mr. Walter Thomas.

MR. EDGAR WHITELEY.

The local company at Queensbury have suffered a sad loss through the sudden death, at the home of his nephew at Darlington, of their oldest member, Mr. Edger Whiteley. He was the last remaining link with the old six-bell tower.

Mr. Whiteley had been a ringer at Queensbury for well over 50 years, and joined the Yorkshire Association in 1898, and rang his 70th peal only a few days ago to mark his 74th birthday. He was a regular visitor to meetings, and ringers were always sure of warm hospitality at his residence when visiting Queensbury.

Besides ringing, other branches of church work claimed his attention, and he held the office of people's warden for a number of years. He was also day school manager, secretary C.E.M.S., and during his years of retirement he undertook the care of the garden round the church. He was also a keen amateur gardener and homing pigeon fancier. His loss will be keenly felt, but his memory will long be preserved by his many friends and more especially in the belfry he loved so well and worked for so untiringly. To his widow we extend our deepest sympathy. W. A.

MR. A. W. HUMPHRIS.

Mr. Albert William Humphris passed peacefully away at his home on September 10th, aged 84. One of Gloucestershire's oldest ringers, he learned in Swindon Village tower at 17 and then joined the Cheltenham band, with whom he rang for 64 years.

Mr. Humphris rang in many peals, including the record length of Grandsire Caters, 15,227, in 1889, and the then record of Stedman, 13,054, in 1888. It must surely have been more than a coincidence that I visited Mr. Humphris on the evening before his death to give him news of and greetings from friends, including Canon Coleridge, who had known and rung with him.

The bells at Swindon Village were rung half-muffled before and after the funeral service on Wednesday, but an attempt for a quarter of Stedman Caters at Cheltenham the next day failed. Mr. Humphris was well known also as a market gardener, and leaves one daughter, Mrs. H. S. Millard. C. R.

MR. C. W. SMITH.

The death occurred on September 13th of Mr. C. W. Smith, of Simpson, Bletchley, Bucks. 'Billy,' as he was known, was a big supporter of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and had many friends.

He was a member of the Bedfordshire Guild, and in past years had been a keen peal ringer. Simpson village church will miss a great foreman, a post he had held for the past 30 years.

A memorial service was held in St. Thomas', Simpson, last Sunday.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

WESTERN DIVISION AT ELLAND.

The quarterly meeting was held at the ancient Parish Church of St. Mary, Elland, and about 30 members were present from the following towers: Almondbury, Brighouse, Drighlington, Guiseley, Haworth, Headingley (St. Michael's and St. Chad's), Huddersfield, Lightcliffe, Lindley, Liversedge, Mirfield, Mytholmroyd, Pudsey, Queensbury, Rippondon, Rothwell, Sowerby, Woodlesford and the local company.

The bells, which were cast by Chapman, of Norfolk, do not go too well, but under the guidance of the Ringing Master, Mr. S. W. Strangeways, ringing was so arranged that the best was got out of them, and everyone had his or her particular method, which ranged from Plain Bob to Superlative Surprise with Duffield Major to finish off the evening ringing.

It was hoped that this visit would arouse enthusiasm in the district and so enable Elland ringers to emulate their predecessors of years gone by when a flourishing band operated here.

The business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

CHELTENHAM BRANCH.

Thirty members and visitors attended the meeting at Badgeworth on September 17th. The service was conducted by Canon T. W. Lambert, who referred to the branch's loss of two of its oldest members, Walter Yeend and Albert Humphris. Tea was provided by Mr. W. Oakey, the local captain, and greatly enjoyed by all, especially the four young learners from Prestbury. Ringing ranged from rounds to Kent Treble Bob. C. R.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Twenty-one touches in 12 different methods, including the four standard Surprise methods, were rung at the meeting of the Wigan Branch at St. Peter's, Hindley, on September 3rd. Mr. Tom Marshall, the newly-appointed Ringing Master, took up his duties for the first time. One lady rang her first course of London and two others their first in a Surprise method. Tea was provided by the local band.

BREDFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of one 720 each of Double Court, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob and two 720's of Kent T.B.

Lewis J. Last ... ...*Treble*	William J. Button ... 4
Ronald W. Steward ... 2	George W. Pipe 5
George A. Fleming ... 3	Cecil W. Pipe ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by George W. Pipe.
First peal of Minor as conductor. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 5, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Christopher R. Packer *Treble*	John E. Lyddiard ... 4
John L. Morris 2	Frank C. W. Knight... 5
Edna M. Sills 3	Reginald L. Sills ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald L. Sills.
Rung to commemorate the 700th anniversary of the church.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 5, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Andrew J. Salisbury...*Treble*	George W. Faulkner... 4
Albert W. Beard ... 2	†Alfred R. Chapman ... 5
David W. Beard ... 3	Frank V. Gant ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by David W. Beard.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. A compliment to Richard W. Stannard, life member of the Essex Association, on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being thirty six-scores, ten callings, and six 240's Morris' Arrangement. Tenor 6½ cwt.

William Richings ...*Treble*	Joan Bussey 4
Leslie Barry ... ... 2...	Charles Rouse 5
*Gordon Lane 3	Charles Larner ... ...*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by Leslie Barry.

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 5, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire, 8 of St. Dunstan's, eight 240's of Morris' and four 240's of Pitman's Arrangement..

Marjorie Parsons ...*Treble*	William Rickings ... 4
Joan Bussey 2	Leslie Barry 5
Charles Rouse 3	Charles Larner ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie Barry.
A birthday compliment to the ringers of treble and second.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 6, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*Cynthia Edmondson(14) *Treble*	‡George S. Lee 4
*Shirley Bampton (15)... 2	‡Peter E. North ... 5
†Herbert O. Chaddock 3	†Norman Chaddock ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal. † 100th peal. ‡ First peal of Bob Minor.

WADENHOE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 9, 1949, *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 Oxford T.B., and two each of Kent T.B., Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

Arthur Bellamy ... ...*Treble*	Arthur Gibbs 4
William J. Whitmore... 2	*Edward Briggs 5
*Leslie Witten 3	Ernest E. Whitmore... *Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest E. Whitmore.
* First peal in four methods. A birthday compliment to Messrs. Witten and Gibbs.

BLACK NOTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Frank Partner ... ...*Treble*	Deryck Talbot 3
Mrs. L. D. Suckling ... 2	Henry Pratt 4

Ronald Suckling ...*Tenor*
Conducted by Ronald Suckling.
A wedding compliment to the Rev. J. R. Southern, a former Rector and ringer, and Miss Hopkins.

CROMHALL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*Roy Holpin (14) ...*Treble*	Leslie Barry 4
*Mary Drew 2	†Frederick Roberts ... 5
†Horace V. Robinson... 3	*Charles Watts ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie Barry.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 12, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Fredk. E. Wilshaw ... 1-2	Robert S. Anderson ... 5-6
Fred W. Grocott 3-4	Neville R. Holland ... 7-8

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Robert S. Anderson.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 22, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.*
In the Study, St. Margaret's Vicarage,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5059 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

Ernest Morris 1-2	Walter P. Whitehead ... 5-6
Alan Cattell 3-4	Frederick E. Wilson ... 7-8

Josiah Morris 9-10
Composed and Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 4, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

Albert H. Ward 1-2	Daniel T. Matkin 5-6
Clement Glenn... 3-4	Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 7-8

*Roy C. Hurst 9-10
Composed by M. J. Morris. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
* 50th peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 6, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Davies's Transposition. Tenor size 17 in A.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay... 1-2	Daniel T. Matkin ... 5-6
Clement Glenn 3-4	*Roy C. Hurst 7-8

Conducted by Clement Glenn.
* First peal in the method.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 4, 1949, *in 2 Hours,*
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's.

Albert Catterwell ... 1-2	Ernest W. Pye 3-4
Olave Broyd 5-6	

Conducted by Ernest W. Pye.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 6, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*
In the Cathedral Belfry,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in B flat.

Jill Poole 1-2	Peter J. Staniforth ... 5-6
Harold J. Poole 3-4	*Harry Poyner 7-8

*Terence A. Thornber 9-10
Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal of Stedman on handbells.

QUARTER PEALS

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. V. Webb 1, S. Bonnett 2, I. Werrett 3, H. Werrett 4, W. D. Pooley 5, E. G. Buck 6, J. S. Dear (first in method as conductor) 7, L. Croft 8. First in method for 2 and 8.

BIRLING, KENT.—On Sept. 9th, 1,290 Bob Triples: Edna M. Sills 1, J. L. Morris 2, L. Honess 3, G. W. Ashdown 4, F. C. W. Knight 5, R. L. Sills 6, P. C. Wright (cond.) 7, F. P. Wright 8. First of Triples in the method by 2, 4 and 5.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On Sept. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Sangwin 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, A. J. Hicks 3, C. E. Taylor 4, C. W. Sharples 5, C. Sangwin 6, F. Sangwin 7, F. E. Collins (cond.) 8. First of Major by 3 and 4.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK. — On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Rev. E. H. Payne (first quarter) 1, R. S. Payne 2, W. Kerrison 3, J. Thurlow 4, J. W. C. Blythe (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, J. B. Parling 6.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—On Sept. 4th, at the Church of the Annunciation, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: W. J. Lemon 1, Mrs. E. L. Hairs 2, Edna M. Sills 3, J. L. Morris (first in method) 4, A. G. Williams 5, F. J. Hairs 6, R. L. Sills (first as cond.) 7, F. C. W. Knight 8.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—At the Annunciation Church on Sept. 11th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. F. Oakshett 1, Miss H. Oakshett 2, L. J. Hall 3, G. W. Ashdown (first in method) 4, J. L. Morris 5, C. Cullen 6, F. C. W. Knight 7, R. L. Sills (cond.) 8.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON. — On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. E. Lidbetter 1, A. W. Coles 2, Miss M. A. Prockson 3, F. A. Barker 4, W. Prockson 5, G. A. Parsons (cond.) 6, R. H. Begrie 7, Miss M. Lidbetter 8.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Sept. 13th, at the Church of St. James, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): M. Hunt 1, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 2, A. T. Weeks 3, G. Bevan 4, W. Mortimer 5, J. Culley 6. To celebrate the centenary of rededication of the sanctuary of the church.

GLASGOW.—On Sept. 4th, at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. W. Sear (first 'inside') 1, J. Hutchinson 2, H. Sargent 3, R. M. Preston 4, E. Bounphrey 5, E. A. Stafford 6, C. Barker (cond.) 7, T. C. Winderam 8.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Ainger 1, G. Green 2, P. J. Eves 3, E. W. Furbank 4, Dr. P. J. Spencer-Phillips 5, H. Carter 6, P. Green (cond.) 7, F. Payne 8.

GREAT BARRINGTON, GLOS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Stratford 1, F. Soden 2, Miss N. Honey 3, F. W. Soden 4, B. S. Nichols (cond.) 5, T. W. Timms 6.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Whitney (first quarter) 1, H. S. Peacock 2, C. Young 3, R. F. Baker 4, S. Gilbert 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX. — On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. L. Barton (first quarter) 1, Miss E. K. Fulton (cond.) 2, Miss F. Clayton 3, P. D. Beedie 4, H. G. Hart 5, C. C. Mayne 6, J. R. Mayne 7, H. D. Butler 8.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Francis Wood 1, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 2, Helen Gorringe 3, A. H. Kemp 4, T. Relf 5, G. Billenness 6, D. Beveridge 7, S. G. Waters 8. On Sept. 4th, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. C. A. Hannington 1, Helen Gorringe 2, J. O. Santer 3, L. T. Pope 4, W. Gorringe 5, G. Billenness 6, G. Waters 7, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 8. Farewell quarter to the conductor.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On Aug. 14th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss J. Southerst 1, H. Miles 2, Miss R. M. K. How 3, R. B. Meadows 4, E. S. J. Hatcher 5, W. E. Court 6, D. N. Layton (cond.) 7, S. E. Darmon 8. First in method by 3 and 4.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. G. Bywaters 1, Miss D. J. Hare 2, C. Smith 3, H. Smith 4, S. W. Wallis 5, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 6.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: N. Thomas (first of Major) 1, W. A. Lewis 2, J. B. Sansom 3, E. R. Gladman 4, W. T. Godfrey 5, M. V. Chilcott 6, J. E. Chilcott 7, B. A. Rose (first of Major as cond.) 8.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 10th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. S. Bedford 1, J. Pilgrim 2, R. Peck 3, C. F. Bailey (cond.) 4, J. W. C. Blythe 5, Wm. Smith 6, R. C. Kersey 7, N. R. Bailey 8.

KESWICK, CUMBERLAND. — On Sept. 11th, at Crosthwaite Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Grisdale 1, T. Wilson 2, Miss M. Legg (first in method) 3, R. F. Grisdale 4, F. Barnes 5, C. W. Woolley 6, J. W. Brownrigg (first in method as cond.) 7, H. S. Grisdale 8. Twelfth wedding anniversary compliment to conductor.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—At St. Mary's on Sept. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Beauchamp 1, T. H. Taffender 2, A. M. Castle 3, W. A. Theobald 4, W. D. Grainger 5, R. Begrie 6, J. Bullock (cond.) 7, P. Hutchings 8.

LAUNCELLS, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 6th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Sangwin 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, A. J. Hicks 3, C. E. Taylor 4, C. W. Sharples 5, F. E. Collins (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob for 1, 3 and 4.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 11th, 1,264 Bob Major: V. Ambrose (first quarter) 1, S. H. Symonds (cond.) 2, E. Ambrose 3, M. T. Symonds 4, D. Reeve (first quarter) 5, F. Boreham 6, L. Offord 7, L. Pryke 8.

NORTON, HERTS. — On Sept. 4th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: P. Mehew (first of Major) 1, J. S. Dear 2, F. G. Buck 3, I. Werrett (first in method) 4, W. D. Pooley 5, R. V. Webb 6, H. E. Werrett 7, R. T. Newman (cond.) 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Miss G. K. Jarrett 1, F. J. Cheal 2, G. A. Naylor 3, Miss P. Smee 4, T. A. Cross (first as conductor) 5, C. S. Jarrett 6, W. J. Walker 7, V. A. Jarrett 8. In honour of the wedding of Miss P. J. Cross (conductor's sister) and Mr. E. C. Filmer.

SHEFFIELD.—On Sept. 11th at the Church of All Saints, 1,440 Bob Minor: A. Crook 1, W. Holland 2, F. Brightmore 3, J. S. Woodhouse 4, P. Sampson 5, D. Holland (first as cond.) 6. First quarter by 1, 4 and 5. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Woodhouse on the birth of a son.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. E. Taylor 1, Mrs. F. E. Collin 2, Miss J. Hill 3, C. Sangwin 4, W. R. Hill 5, F. Sangwin 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, J. W. Sangwin 8.

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DARMON—SOUTHERST.—The engagement is announced between Stanley Edward Darmon, of Spilsby, Lincolnshire, and Jean Agnes Southerst, of Headingley, Leeds. 5813

ROBBINS—SPICE. — The engagement has been announced between Peter Tyndall, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Robbins, of 30, Henleaze Gardens, Bristol, and Betty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Spice, of 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne, Kent. 5900

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MEETINGS

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, King's Norton (10), Saturday, Sept. 24th. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 5769

OXFORD GUILD and LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting Saturday, Sept. 24th, Farnham Royal, 2.30. Tea 4.30. Stoke Poges 6. 5758

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual district meeting Ashford, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea (5 p.m.). 5764

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Quarterly meeting at Waltham Abbey (12), Sept. 24th. Bells available 3.30. Service 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. 5756

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Marple, Sept. 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Miss D Way, Romford, Parkfield Avenue, Marple, near Stockport.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 5791

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch. — Combined practice at Thame on Saturday, Sept. 24th, at 6 p.m.—H. Badger, District Sec. 5793

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, St. George's, Fordington, Dorchester, Sept. 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea and meeting, Buglers Restaurant, South Street. 5785

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Mildenhall (10), Saturday, Sept. 24th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss D. Reeve, Hockwold. 5788

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Cranford, Saturday, Sept. 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at nearby cafe. Look up London and York Surprise.—F. Finch. 5789

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District. — Monthly meeting, Melbourne, Sept. 24th, 2.30. 5790

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Much Wenlock on Saturday, Sept. 24th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 followed by meeting. Those requiring tea notify H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 5799

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION. — A quarterly meeting and six-bell contest will be held at Lightcliffe on October 1st. Draw 2.45 p.m. For teas notify F. W. Bradley, 7, Holme Terrace, Lightcliffe, Halifax, by Sept. 24th.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 5731

SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District).—The annual combined meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (10) 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.45. Names for tea to Mr. T. A. Blow, 1, Edgar Road, Sanderstead, Surrey, by Thursday, 29th. A hearty welcome to all.—A. G. Hill and R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Secs. 5752

STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.—Dedication of the new treble bell in memory of the Rev. E. S. Powell and of the restored five will take place on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Ven. C. J. Grimes, D.D., Archdeacon of Northampton. The bells have been tuned and rehung with new bearings, etc., in an entirely new frame by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Numbers for tea (1s. 6d.) to Mrs. E. S. Powell, East Stoke Lodge, Stoke-under-Ham, by Sept. 26th, please. 5740

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Annual general meeting, Tonbridge (8), on Oct. 1st at 3. Service 4.30. Tea at Oak Tea Rooms at 5.15 (approx.). Names for tea not later than Sept. 27th to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, Kent. 5766

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Coleorton, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Schoolroom 5. Names for tea to Mr. A. Lord, nr. Miners' Institute, Peggs Green, Leics., by Tuesday, Sept. 27th. Buses from Coalville and Ashby.—W. A. Wood. 5771

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch. — A quarterly meeting at Easton Maudit, Oct. 1st. Service 4.15. Notify A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 5786

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Hurst (8) on Saturday, Oct. 1st, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 5801

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Beverley Minster on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (10) from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Beverley Arms Hotel at 5.15. Names to Mr. L. Haggitt, 82, Minster Moorgate, by Sept. 29th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5773

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (7s. each) obtainable from branch and general secs. on receipt of remittance (not later than Monday, Sept. 26th). Bells available: All Saints' (10) and St. John's (8), from 3 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 5742

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting, Broxbourne, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells from 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. No service. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Sept. 28th, to Mr. G. Radley, Wallbury, St. David's Drive, Broxbourne, Herts.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 5782

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Meeting, Twyford (8), Oct. 1st, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, Village Hall, 5. Names by Sept. 28th to L. A. Tremeer, 34, The Dean, Alresford. 5806

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Norton (Malton), Saturday, Oct. 1st. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. H. Rowsby, 2, Park Road, Norton, Malton, before Sept. 29th.—Edward Hudson, District Sec. 5802

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — W.W.H. Branch. — Meeting, Uffington, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Sept. 28th.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 5814

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (North Bucks Branch).—A joint meeting at Woburn on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea (price 1s. 6d.) 5.45 p.m. Names by Sept. 27th to Mr. H. D. Harris, 37, Leighton Road, Woburn, Bletchley.—Valerie Willard and R. H. Howson, Hon. Dis. Secs. 5815

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway Road, N.7, on Saturday, Oct. 1st, 2.30 p.m. Tea and business 6 p.m.—T. J. Lock, District Sec. 5816

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at Watlington. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by Sept. 27th to H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame. Tel. 193. 5819

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Meeting, Watton (6), Saturday, Oct. 1st. No business. Names for tea, please, to W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, Kings Lynn. 5821

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Westbury (8), Oct. 1st. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 5823

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A commemoration dinner will be held at the King George Hotel, Peel Street, Barnsley, on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 6 p.m. prompt. Tickets 8s. each. Ringing at Barnsley 2.30 to 5.30 p.m., Silkstone and Monk Bretton 2 to 5 p.m. Names for tickets much reach me not later than Sept. 24th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 5828

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Gainsborough District. — A meeting will be held at Lea on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Women's Institute for those who send their names to Mr. H. Morgan, Green Lane, Lea, by Tuesday previous. — George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea. Tel 693. 5831

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Ripley, Oct. 1st, 2.30. Service 5.15. Tea 5.30. Names to F. Shaw, 38, Inglefield Road, Ilkeston, by Sept. 28th latest. 5825

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting, Yarnton, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Sept. 26th, to H. Farmer, Standlake, Witney, Oxon. 5822

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Heathfield, Oct. 1st. Tower open 2.30. Tea and business meeting 5. Names for tea not later Sept. 28th.—P. H Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec., 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 5809

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Great Bromley (6) on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 3 p.m. Anything from rounds upwards. Own tea arrangements.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. District Sec. 5826

LADIES' GUILD.—Practice meeting, Seale, Farnham, Saturday, Oct. 1st, 3.30 p.m. and in evening. Tea, Doone Cafe, 5 p.m. All gentlemen willing to help cordially invited. Names for tea by Sept. 28th to Miss A. B. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford. 5837

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Whalley, Oct. 1st. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 5833

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Saturday, Oct. 1st, 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Mary's, Putney, and All Saints', Fulham, afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 5834

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The memorial to the late Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, erected by the Dean and Chapter, will be dedicated in Canterbury Cathedral on Sunday, Oct. 2nd, at 2.30 p.m. 5817

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Mary's, Lambeth, Monday, Oct. 3rd, 7.15. Saturday, Oct. 8th, Colliers Wood 2.30 to 3.30, Clapham Common R.C. 4.45 to 6, St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 6.15 to 7.45. Business. St. Stephen's Mission Hall, 8 p.m. — Rogers, HOU 3921. 5832

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 8th, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, at 6.30. Ringing arrangements will be published shortly. Tickets (12s. 6d.) each available from the undersigned. Accommodation limited. Send for your ticket now!—Peter N. Bond, Assist. Hon. Sec., 30, Elvaston Place, S.W.7. 5749

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch.—Meeting at Stoke Bruerne, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Names for tea by Oct. 3rd to W. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, near Buckingham. 5798

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival dinner, social and dance, Loughborough, Oct. 8th. Ringing, All Saints', 3.30 to 4.30. Bell Foundry 3 to 5.30. Dinner, 6.15, at Bull's Head, Shelthorpe Estate. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) on application, with remittance, by Wednesday, Oct. 5th, to W. A. Wood, Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester. Social and dancing until 12. 5807

STAVERTON.—Oct. 8th, meeting and dedication of memorial to the late Rev. E. S. Powell. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Jackson, The Red House, Staverton, Rugby, by Wednesday, Sept. 28th. — F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 5820

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual, Newbury, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Wednesday, Oct. 5th, to Mr. H. Curtis, 2, Church Road, Shaw, Newbury. 5824

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Wellington, Somerset.—Open ringing day, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 in the Vicarage Room. Further ringing till 9 p.m. Names for tea essential to D. T. North, 18, Victoria Street, Wellington, by Oct. 4th.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 5808

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Annual district meeting, Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (10) 2.30. Tea in College Room 4.15 by invitation of the Vicar and Churchwardens. Evensong 6. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 5818

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting, Dunholme (6), Oct. 8th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 5811

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DEVALUATION

A WORD uppermost in the nation's mind this past fortnight has been 'devaluation.' This column is not the place to discuss the fiscal implications of the word. Devaluation arises when the credit of a country is greatly in excess of its assets, and the same word and principle might be applied to ringing or anything else.

If, peradventure, everybody can ring a particular method to a peal then its value as a performance is undermined; it is devalued in the eyes of the ringing community. The progress since the war has created new standards, and most weeks it is our pleasure to record new methods or complications of 'splicing' of a very high order that make much of the past sound commonplace. But if there has been this devaluation in the realm of performance, surely it is equally applicable in the number of peals rung. Except for one week in the very hot weather the average number of peals has been well maintained, and the facility with which some bands score peals indicates either conductorship of a very high level or particularly safe ringers.

Is there any method that can be usefully introduced to ensure that all the peals rung are of good value and true in every respect? A suggestion has been made that umpires should be appointed. We would be so bold as to assert that the number of competent umpires in the Exercise is very few, and it would be practically impossible to arrange for the whole of every peal to be checked.

The correction of 'trips' is another matter. We do not believe that the ruling of the Central Council is fully appreciated. It states that 'any shift or error in ringing be immediately corrected and that no call be made, or having been made, be altered or withdrawn, later than during the change at which a call would properly take effect.' Much depends upon the interpretation of the words 'immediate correction.' Instances have been reported to us where the process of 'correction' has taken an unconscionable time, and to those outside the belfry the sound has been very much like firing. There are conductors who pride themselves on the purity of their peals and will not hesitate to call 'stand' when such circumstances occur. Others treat the subject differently, and by their dexterity eventually sort out these tangles and regard the situation as an instance of masterly conducting.

Is there any method by which a higher standard can be introduced or any check made on such peals? The crux of the question is one of personal integrity. We met the other day a ringer who refused to record in his personal peal book any peal which had doubtful qualities. Certain of these peals had been published in 'The Ringing World' and recorded in the annals of his Guild or Association. His conscience was however not clear. What should such an individual do? Should he report the circumstances to his Guild or the appropriate committee of the Central Council? Undoubtedly this would be the correct procedure. But there would be repercussions. It would probably result in a limitation of invitations to him to stand in peals, and it would certainly not lead to harmony in his Guild. At the risk of unpleasantness we would implore the Exercise not to 'devalue' in any sense its peals. A high standard means a hard path for the beginner struggling for his 'first,' and even if there are failures it is far better to have the laurel wreath untarnished.

A Devon Tour

The following peals in Devon and Cornwall were rung for the Guild of Devonshire Ringers except where otherwise stated.

BRIXHAM, DEVON.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

Philip A. Corby	*...Treble*	John Pinfold	5
William Rogers	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
T. Mark White	3	Frederick J. Cullum ...	7
Edgar R. Rapley	4	William T. Beeson	*...Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Fredk. J. Cullum.
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DARTMOUTH, DEVON.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Saviour,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

Edgar R. Rapley	*...Treble*	Thomas J. Lock	5
William Rogers	2	T. Mark White	6
William T. Beeson ...	3	George E. Fearn... ...	7
Frederick J. Cullum ...	4	Philip A. Corby ...	*...Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
First peal of Major on the bells.

KINGSTEIGNTON, DEVON.
On Sun., Sept. 4, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.

Frederick E. Dukes...	*Treble*	W. Norman Park... ...	5
John Pinfold	2	T. Mark White	6
*Alick Cutler	3	C. Edward Jeffries ...	7
Ronald H. Bullen ...	4	George E. Fearn	*...Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by C. E. Jeffries.
* First peal in the method and 100th peal. First in the method on the bells.

WOLBOROUGH, DEVON.
On Sun., Sept. 4, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

*Aubrey L. Bennett	*...Treble*	Thomas J. Lock	5
William Rogers ...	2	Maurice Hodgson ...	6
Leonard H. Bowler ...	3	William T. Beeson ...	7
Edgar R. Rapley ...	4	Philip A. Corby ...	*...Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal in the method.

SOUTH MOLTON, DEVON.
On Mon., Sept. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in D.

T. Mark White	*...Treble*	Maurice Hodgson ...	5
Thomas J. Lock	2	William T. Beeson ...	6
Leonard H. Bowler ...	3	George E. Fearn ...	7
William Rogers	4	Philip A. Corby ...	*...Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
First peal in the method on the bells.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.
On Wed., Sept. 7, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 25 lb. in E flat.

Frederick E. Dukes	*...Treble*	Alick Cutler	5
Leonard H. Bowler ...	2	T. Mark White	6
William Rogers	3	William T. Beeson ...	7
Maurice Hodgson ...	4	Philip A. Corby ...	*...Tenor*

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

ST. STEPHEN-BY-LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Stephen,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

Frederick E. Dukes	*...Treble*	Ronald H. Bullen ...	5
William Rogers	2	Philip A. Corby	6
John Pinfold	3	George E. Fearn	7
Maurice Hodgson ...	4	Frederick E. Collins...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

LIFTON, DEVON.
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 16 lb. in E flat.

T. Mark White ...	*...Treble*	Edgar R. Rapley	5
Leonard H. Bowler ...	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
Alick Cutler	3	W. Norman Park ...	7
William T. Beeson ...	4	C. Edward Jeffries	*...Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by C. E. Jeffries.
First peal of Major on the bells.

TAVISTOCK, DEVON.
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Eustachius,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 24 cwt. 5 lb. in E flat.

Frederick E. Dukes	*...Treble*	Thomas J. Lock	5
C. Edward Jeffries ...	2	W. Norman Park	6
Ronald H. Bullen ...	3	George E. Fearn ...	7
John Pinfold	4	Philip A. Corby ...	*...Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
First peal of Major on the bells.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.
On Fri., Sept. 9, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in D.

Frederick E. Dukes	*...Treble*	Cuthbert W. Powell ...	5
Alick Cutler	2	John Pinfold	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	C. Edward Jeffries ...	7
Ronald H. Bullen ...	4	W. Norman Park	*...Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.
First peal in the method as conductor.

BERRY POMEROY, DEVON.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

Frederick E. Dukes	*...Treble*	Alick Cutler	5
C. Edward Jeffries ...	2	Maurice Hodgson ...	6
T. Mark White	3	Ronald H. Bullen ...	7
W. Norman Park... ...	4	William T. Beeson	*...Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.

TEN BELL PEAL

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Howard Howell	*...Treble*	Charles H. Page ...	6
Maurice G. Turner ...	2	†Arnold G. Moore ...	7
*Arthur Peake	3	Fredk. W. Grocott ...	8
†Margaret Flackett ...	4	John N. Lindon ...	9
Neville R. Holland...	5	Fredk. E. Wilshaw...	*Tenor*

Composed by James E. Groves. Conducted by Howard Howell.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman. 50th peal of Stedman as conductor. Tenor 16 cwt.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 9 cwt.

WALTER A. SOUTHGATE	*Treble*	EDWARD E. DAVEY	5
RONALD G. BUGG	2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	6
URBAN W. WILDNEY	3	MICHAEL P. MORETON	7
CHARLES E. FISHER	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
Quickest peal on the bells.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 12, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 23½ cwt.

PHILIP WALKER	*Treble*	WALTER F. JUDGE	5
RUTH M. K. HOW	2	FRANCIS A. WHITE	6
JOHN E. JUDGE	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
EDWIN G. MOORE	4	WILLIAM JUDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
An 86th birthday compliment to Mrs. H. G. Judge, mother of ringers of 3, 5 and tenor.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 13, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
C.C.C., No. 42, reduced. Tenor 15 cwt.

FRED ORRISS	*Treble*	MICHAEL P. MORETON	5
EDWARD B. SMITH	2	RONALD G. BUGG	6
WILLIAM A. ROUSE	3	EDWARD E. DAVEY	7
URBAN W. WILDNEY	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 13, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

GERALD F. BALL	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
HARRY POYNER	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	ALAN JACQUES	7
BRIAN G. WARWICK	4	ALFRED BALLARD	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal of Major in the method by all the band and for the Guild. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer. Tenor 14 cwt.

BRIGHOUSE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 14, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

ERNEST H. SIMPSON	*Treble*	HARRY WILDE	5
ERNEST BETTS	2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	FRED HODGSON	7
ROY BETTLEY-COOKE	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.
First peal of Yorkshire on the bells. 300th peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to E. H. Simpson. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., Sept. 14, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

PAUL L. TAYLOR	*Treble*	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	JOHN R. SMITH	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
*REV. W. H. K. FELSTEAD	4	ALAN JACQUES	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 16, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

HUGH ROBERTS	*Treble*	RALPH G. EDWARDS	5
*ERNEST T. CARVELL	2	ERIC J. GILBERT	6
HENRY O. BAKER	3	CYRIL VALENTINE	7
WALTER ALLMAN	4	†JOHN E. BIBBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
*** First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal on the tenor.**

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 16, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM AMBLER	*Treble*	HARRY WILD	5
WILLIAM BARTON	2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	6
PAUL BIRKETT	3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	7
EDWARD JENKINS	4	SAM LONGBOTTOM	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.
Rung fully muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. E. Whiteley, for over 50 years a member of the local company.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SOULS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Davies' Transposition. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

*FREDERICK G. HOOPER	*Treble*	HENRY ROGERS	5
SIDNEY BRIGGS	2	JOSEPH A. FENTON	6
HAROLD PAILING	3	FREDERICK A. SALTER	7
CLEMENT GLENN	4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* 50th tower-bell peal. First peal on the bells since their augmentation from six in 1920.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Comprising 2,304 London, 1,568 Bristol and 576 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 118 changes of method.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

JOYCE A. ENGLAND	*Treble*	HAROLD A. MAY	5
JILL R. BRITTAIN	2	RALPH BIRD	6
DENIS N. LAYTON	3	*DAVID E. PARSONS	7
FRANK E. DARBY	4	HAROLD N. PITSTOW	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. Cambridge and Superlative were rung in alternate courses.

HERTFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT	*Treble*	A. STANLEY CARTER	5
ERIC EDMONDS	2	ROBERT H. BEGRIE	6
DAVID BEVERIDGE	3	SIDNEY CARTER	7
J. MARTIN PAGE	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.
Rung for the 86th birthday of Mr. A. Purkiss-Ginn, Master of the Hertford College Youths. Also for the wedding of John Phillips, a local ringer.

KINGHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Comprising 2,496 Superlative and 2,592 Cambridge, with 71 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

EDWIN G. MOORE	*Treble*	*AUDREY B. DISERENS	5
MARIE R. CROSS	2	NOEL J. DISERENS	6
*KATHLEEN HIGGINS	3	WILLIAM J. PORTER	7
*JOAN GRAY	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Nora Honey and Bernard S. Nichols.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

E. GAVAN D. TONKIN	*Treble*	CHARLES A. BASSETT	5
LESLIE W. JARVIS	2	†FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	6
A. PATRICK CANNON	3	†FRANK H. HICKS	7
*LEONARD W. GILES	4	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Major. † 25th peal together. A 78th birthday compliment to Mr. A. R. Miles, local captain for 54 years.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 7½ cwt.

John Phillips ...	...*Treble*	Anthony W. J. Appleton	5
J. Frank Smallwood ...	2	Michael V. Chilcott ...	6
Horace Belcher	3	Thomas J. Setter	7
Herbert Langdon ...	4	John E. Chilcott ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert Langdon.

WARBURTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Werburgh,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 23 cwt (approx.).

William E. Allman	...*Treble*	George H. Randles ...	5
Norah M. Bibby	2	Eric J. Gilbert	6
Walter Allman	3	David Vincent	7
Denis Maddock	4	Ralph G. Edwards	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter Allman.

SIX BELL PEALS

BREDON'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
On Tues., Aug. 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Chapel of Ease to St. Giles', Bredon,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of Oxford Bob and two each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

Patrick Harris ...	...*Treble*	James Attwood	4
Robert G. Freeman ...	2	Edwin T. Newbury ...	5
John Thomas	3	Oliver Attwood ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by John Thomas.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double and Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*C. Henry Harding	...*Treble*	Ronald J. Sharp ...	4
Clifford W. Izzard ...	2	John E. T. Wiseman ...	5
L. Michael Callow ...	3	Andrew C. Sinfield	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Henry Harding.

* 150th peal. A farewell to the ringer of the 5th, who is leaving the district.

COPDOCK, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 9, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford T.B., Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Ronald W. Steward	...*Treble*	George W. Moss	4
George Waterman ...	2	Ronald G. Bugg	5
Frank G. Bloomfield...	3	Urban W. Wildney	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Urban W. Wildney. Tenor 10 cwt.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of St. Clement's and two 720's each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Fred Brightman	...*Treble*	*Maurice Bennett ...	4
*Gwen. D. Robinson ...	2	*Aubrey A. Pepper ...	5
*Herbert M. Brown ...	3	Frank Taylor ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Taylor.

* First peal in four methods. A 21st birthday compliment to Kenneth W. Duffy, one of the local ringers.

ROYSTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 11, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*Douglas Hall ...	...*Treble*	*Stanley Dance	4
Arthur Champion ...	2	†Edwin Atkinson ...	5
Arnold Cole	3	Daniel Smith ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Daniel Smith.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. A farewell peal to Dr. H. B. Pare, who is retiring after being in practice at Royston for 39 years.

HIGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Fred Orriss	...*Treble*	Michael P. Moreton ...	4
George Waterman ...	2	Ronald G. Bugg	5
Wilfrid F. Moreton ...	3	Urban W. Wildney	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Urban W. Wildney.

WONSTON, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Herbert Froome	...*Treble*	Charles Pritchard ...	4
Mary Tanner	2	Richard Smith	5
Nesta D. Smith	3	Charles H. Kippin	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles H. Kippin.

* First peal. In memoriam W R. Melville.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 13, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire.

*Arnold Worth ...	...*Treble*	Ernest Pimlott	4
*Leonard Copenall ...	2	Wilfred Stevenson ...	5
John Worth	3	*Harry Callwood	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfred Stevenson.

* First peal.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 14, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 16 240's, four variations, and 10 six-scores.

*Barry Cowper	...*Treble*	†Henry Weaver	4
*Ansley Bowers	2	Raymond P. Wood ...	5
Sidney Ansell	3	Leonard Ward ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Raymond P. Wood.

* First peal. † 25th peal.

BARNBY DON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Single Oxford Bob and two different extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Rosa Lamb	...*Treble*	Ernest J. Padgett ...	4
Peggy M. Lamb (14) ...	2	Frank Lamb	5
Roland Hirst	3	Leslie M. Woodhead	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie M. Woodhead.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Lamb, Barnby Don.

DAMERHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 16, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*Elizabeth Brown	...*Treble*	Jean M. Brown	4
Ronald N. Marlow ...	2	William C. Shute ...	5
Jack Mussell	3	Frank L. Harris	...*Tenor*

Conducted by William C. Shute.

* First peal. A birthday peal for Rev. H. W. Moule, Vicar of Damerham.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

Miss E. M. Suart	...*Treble*	John Bagnall	4
*Robin Shuttleworth ...	2	†Alan Capstick	5
James E. Burles	3	Nicholas M. Newby	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Nicholas M. Newby.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung for the golden wedding and to commemorate 50 years' church work of Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker, of Hawkshead.

HANDBELL PEALS

HORSHAM ST. FAITH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 7, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,*
At 26, Brabazon Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

Christopher Moor	1-2	Walter J. Ford	5-6
Nolan Golden	3-4	Eric Durrant	7-8

Composed by F. E. W. Meadows. Conducted by Nolan Golden.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 11, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 17 in A.

William G. Young	1-2	Albert H. Ward	5-6
Daniel T. Matkin	3-4	Roy C. Hurst	7-8

Conducted by William G. Young.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 12, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Comprising 1,536 Plain Bob, 1,440 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 384 each of Double Bob, Reverse Bob and St. Clement's College Bob, 288 Wellington Little Court and 192 Crayford Little Bob, with 407 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

William G. Young	1-2	Daniel T. Matkin	5-6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3-4	Roy C. Hurst	7-8

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
First peal in eight spliced methods by all and for the Guild 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 13, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

William G. Young	1-2	Daniel T. Matkin	5-6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3-4	Roy C. Hurst	7-8
		Albert H. Ward	9-10

Composed by James George. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 14, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Albert H. Ward	1-2	Daniel T. Matkin	5-6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3-4	*Roy C. Hurst	7-8
		Edwin Barnett	9-10

Composed by M. J. Morris. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
* First peal of Caters away from the tenors. Arranged for Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, Kent. Tenor size 17 in A.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 16, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 17 in A.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	1-2	Albert H. Ward	5-6
Daniel T. Matkin	3-4	John Bass	7-8

Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin. Witness: Chas. Wm. Cooper.
Arranged for Mr. J. Bass, of Stourbridge, it being 34 years since he rang a peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.'

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 16, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,*
At 39, Southcote Avenue,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*†Frank C. Price	1-2	*Walter Sparrow	5-6
Geoffrey Dodds	3-4	*G. William Morris	7-8
		‡H. William Barrett	9-10

Composed and Conducted by Geoffrey Dodds.
* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal of Royal 'in hand.' Tenor size 14 in D.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 16, 1949, *in 1 Hour and 36 Minutes,*
At Newstead, Stoke Road,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Edgar Vallance	1-2	Alfred Ballard	3-4
		Hector A. Knights	5-6

Conducted by Alfred Ballard.
First peal of Grandsire Doubles 'in hand' by all.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Eighteen-year-old Alan Cattell, son of Mr. Arthur Cattell, churchwarden of All Saints', Leicester, is the first ringer in Leicestershire to ring two tower bells double-handed to a peal. The party met short for a peal of Minor and Alan volunteered to 'have a go.' It was an excellently struck peal. At the conclusion a note was found under the belfry door for the six ringers to meet next day for a peal. The writer, Mr. W. P. Whitehead, was unaware that there were only five men ringing.

The Sussex peal tour, which started on September 10th, resulted in eight peals being scored. The eleven participants came from Ashford, Swindon, Nottingham, St. Ives, Daventry and Wendover. A report of the tour and peals will appeal next week.

Royston, Yorks, ringers have a warm spot for Dr. H. B. Pare, who was chiefly instrumental in getting the bells recast. A farewell peal on his retirement from practice was rung.

His two daughters, Rosa and Peggy, participated with Mr. Frank Lamb in the peal at Barnby Don, Yorks, in honour of his silver wedding.

When the bells at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, were rung, the weather-cock at the top of the steeple revolved. Steeplejacks have investigated and found that the spindle holding the weather-cock is moulded into the steeple and, being made of iron, has rusted, causing a crack round the top of the steeple. Bellringing will not be resumed until the repair work is finished.

Regarding the peal of Yorkshire Major at Waterford, Ireland, on August 31st, Mr. F. Bennett writes: 'The first peal in the method for the Irish Association was rung at Holywood on September 17th, 1936, by a tour arranged by the late Mr. Gabriel Lindoff and Mr. C. T. Coles, and which I had the privilege to conduct.'

National publicity has been given to the peal of Stedman Triples at Bulwell, Notts, where the first peal was rung on the bells. The regular ringers in this tower went on strike as a protest. Their action is characterised by the Rector, the Rev. G. Sprittle, as 'dog-in-the-manger.' 'Southwell Diocesan Bellringers' Association asked me if they might ring a peal on our bells and I gave them permission, thinking our ringers would be glad to co-operate.' The attitude adopted by the Bulwell ringers is: 'This is our church, not theirs.'

Mr. E. Jenkins conducted his 300th peal at Brighouse, Yorks, on Sept. 14th and his 100th peal for the Yorkshire Association at Queensbury on September 16th.

Ringing friends of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow, both members of St. John's, Hillingdon, band, will be glad to learn that Mrs. Goodfellow has made a successful recovery from her recent operation, and has returned home from Iver Hospital.

The North Wales Association certificates were previously printed by Messrs. A. Falkner and Sons, Manchester and London. Mr. A. J. Hughes appeals to our printing friends to help him trace the firm for a renewal order and to save the expense of a new block.

Mr. T. Trollope, of Oxford, attended the Bicester Branch meeting of the Oxford Guild on September 3rd, and visited old friends in Middleton, where he had worked some years ago. He is the only survivor of a band who visited Middleton Stoney with the 'ate J. W. Washbrook in 1887.

By ringing the tenor Mr. John E. Bibby has 'completed the circle' of his own tower, Frodsham, where he has been ringing for 30 years and has scored nearly 100 peals on the bells. The band congratulate him on the capable manner he turned in this 'very odd struck' bell.

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A RETURN VISIT TO DEVONSHIRE

Tourists Score Eleven Peals

IN beautiful weather, twenty-three tourists assembled on September 3rd at Buckfastleigh, Devon, for a week's ringing tour amidst some of the finest scenery Great Britain has to offer. For many of the party it was their second tour in this district. There were 15 peal ringers and eight wives, of whom two were also ringers, and a young man of nine months old.

The week's activities resulted in eleven peals in eight methods, as recorded elsewhere. In addition, peals were attempted at Uffculme, Babbacombe, Moretonhampstead, Cullompton, Chudleigh, Exminster and Buckfast Abbey. There was also ringing during the week at Buckfastleigh, Bradninch (where the 'go' of the bells left much to be desired), Chagford, Brent Tor and Ashburton.

On the first Saturday an advance party was joined at Brixham and Dartmouth by Mr. F. J. Cullum, of Erith, Kent, who was on holiday in the district. Mr. Cullum has family associations with Brixham and was very glad to call a peal of Rutland there, the first in the method for the Devon Guild.

Other 'occasional visitors' during the week were Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, of Croydon, Mr. Sangwin, of Bude, and Mr. H. C. Spencer, formerly of Birmingham, and now of the back of beyond in Cornwall, who joined the party at Launceston and Tavistock. Mr. Collins rang the tenor to a peal at St. Stephen-by-Launceston and in the afternoon conducted those not in the peal at Tavistock on a very pleasant jaunt to Brent Tor, where the Church of St. Michael stands high on a rock. On Friday, Mr. C. W. Powell, of Lyme Regis, took part in the peal of Superlative at Heavitree, and Mr. E. J. Taylor and Mr. Collins were in the attempt for Stedman Cinques at Buckfast Abbey on the last day of the tour. Mr. Stafford Green came along to listen to this attempt.

A great disappointment was the withdrawal of permission for a peal attempt at Tiverton. Thanks to the good offices of Mr. E. J. Taylor, permission was, however, obtained at short notice for a peal at South Molton instead. Other local arrangements were made by Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, with his usual kindness and efficiency.

CHURCHWARDEN'S ALARM.

The Collompton attempt had to be abandoned as a result of panic-stricken banging on the belfry door by the churchwarden, who thought one of the tower pinnacles was in danger of collapse. This gentleman applied an additional method of interruption in the form of a long piece of wire waved wildly round the feet of the ringers nearest the door. It afterwards transpired that the tourists' visit was considered a very suitable opportunity to test the reaction of the tower to the bells!

Transport for the week was in the form of a coach hired locally with the addition of a hired car as necessary. There were many narrow lanes and steep hills to be negotiated, particularly on the ride over Dartmoor to Tavistock and Launceston. This run included distant glimpses of the well-known convict prison, which, even on a beautiful September day, was not without its usual shroud of mist and cloud.

A pleasing feature of the ringing was the ungrudging enthusiasm of the local round ringers for good striking. Some good peals were rung and there was good ringing in many of the abortive attempts. Some really fine rings of bells were encountered and the difficulty was to decide which were the best bells of the week. The writer doesn't know, but he thinks South Molton's want some beating and he has heard worse ringing than some of the Bristol that rolled out that day.



The Devon Tourists: Back row, Messrs. L. H. Bowler, W. N. Park, W. T. Beeson, W. Rogers, J. Pinfold, Mrs. J. Millman (car driver), Mr. A. Millman (coach driver); next row, Mrs. Bowler, Mr. C. E. Jeffries, Mrs. Hodgson, Mrs. Fearn, Mrs. Dukes, Mrs. Bullen, Mrs. Cutler, Mrs. Jeffries; seated, Messrs. M. Hodgson, E. R. Rapley, P. A. Corby, T. J. Lock, A. Cutler; front row, Messrs. F. E. Dukes, R. H. Bullen, Mrs. Corby and Andrew, Messrs. T. M. White and G. E. Fearn.

OBITUARY

MR. J. G. CARTLIDGE.

The death occurred on Sept. 10th of Mr. John G. Cartlidge, vice-captain of the Cheadle, Staffs, R.C. ringers, at the age of 53 years 'Jack,' who had been in failing health for about four years, was a regular Sunday service ringer almost to the last. He died about a fortnight after his operation.

Mr. Cartlidge was a very keen ringer and good striker and in the Surprise class. He had rung about 70 peals, chiefly for the North Staffordshire Association. He was also a parish councillor and a keen exponent of chess.

The funeral took place on September 13th following Solemn Requiem Mass, after which several members of the Association rang half-muffled touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples on the bells. On Sunday the bells of the Parish Church were also rung half-muffled as a token of respect.

A. W. H.

Three Guilds Festival

The festival of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Guild, the Basingstoke Branch of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, and the Farnham District of the Guildford Guild was held this year at Hawley as the main centre, with Bagshot, Finchampstead, Farnborough, Yateley, Sandhurst and Yorktown available at periods during the afternoon and evening.

A company of 90 sat down to tea in the Memorial Hall, representing some 34 towers. They were welcomed to Hawley by the Rev. K. C. Davis and by Mr. C. W. Denyer (Ringing Master, Farnham District). Mr. Castle and Mr. Chesterton replied briefly for the Sonning Deanery and the Basingstoke branches respectively.

It was a very great pleasure for the meeting to be able to welcome Canon Coleridge, both to the service and later to the tea, where the Canon proved that he is able to tell a good ringing story with the best of the younger generation, although he certainly has an advantage of a lifetime of ringing to draw upon.

Full advantage was taken of the facilities for ringing at all towers, although the coach running from tower to tower always had room to spare, as many members had come by car.

The festival was voted a great success by all who attended, while the glorious weather helped to make conditions easy for travelling between the towers (in contrast to last year, when it poured in torrents.

It is hoped that, to make a change, the centre of the 1950 Festival may be either at Wokingham or at Basingstoke.

MARRIAGE OF TWO RINGERS

Following upon the recent marriage of Mr. John Quimby and Miss S. Cox, two members of St. Matthew's Society, Overseal, their colleagues presented them with an inscribed barometer on September 13th.

In opening the proceedings, Mr. J. W. Cotton expressed best wishes on behalf of the St. Matthew's members before asking the Rector of Seale (the Rev. Dr. W. J. Beale) to make the presentation.

The Rector, before asking the happy couple to accept the barometer, thanked them for their work in all church activities, especially in the tower since the lifting of the ban, and trusted that the barometer would be set at 'fair' throughout their married life.

In a very brief reply, Mr. Quimby thanked everyone for the handsome gift and spoke of the pleasure it gave them to be members of the tower.

Immediately afterwards the happy couple joined in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples to mark the occasion: Mrs. J. Quimby 1, W. H Curson 2, Miss J. Cotton (first 'inside') 3, H. Carter 4, J. Quimby 5, W. Brooker 6, P. Grice (cond.) 7, H. Shaw 8.

LEICESTER RINGERS IN IRELAND

(Continued from page 545)

WE all stayed together at the Adelphi Hotel, Waterford, and Wednesday morning gave us our first experience of Irish rain. The peal team assembled at the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Trinity and rang a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major, whilst underneath the belfry four others rang a handbell peal of Grandsire Triples. It was the first handbell peal of Grandsire Triples to be rung outside Dublin.

The ring of eight in the Cathedral is by Mears, dated 1872. They were rehung in 1939 by Gillett and Johnston. The peal of Yorkshire was the first peal on them since the rehanging. We were pleased to meet Mr. Walsh and other local ringers, who had a peep at the peal ringers from the belfry balcony.

Following luncheon, the convoy moved off on schedule along the River Suir, via Carrick-on-Suir and Clonmel to Cashel, seat of the ancient Kings of Munster. We were received here by the Dean of Cashel. By now the sun had replaced the rain, and in the beautiful sunshine the Dean conducted us round the ancient buildings of St. Patrick's Rock, and gave an interesting exposition of its history.

It was at Cashel that one of the unexpected joys of the tour was experienced. Following tea, we were privileged to hold a special service at the Cathedral It was conducted by the Dean, Mrs. J. F. Milner was the organist and the choir was made up of members of the touring party. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung in the chancel during the service by Messrs. R. F. Elkington, G. S. Morris, A. Ballard and H. J. Poole. In the short address of welcome the Dean commented on the bells and said it was the first time that they had been heard in the Cathedral. The two small choir girls were accompanied by Barbara Morris, who had been invited to robe with them.

Tipperary was our next call and it was not such a long way as the song would suggest. A brief halt here for a drink and look round and then on to Limerick. We were accommodated in two hotels at Limerick. The married couples and girls in one and those with little or no responsibilities in the other.

Thursday morning commenced with attempts for two peals, which both came to grief. Cambridge Surprise Major at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary was halted by a shift course after about an hour, whilst Stedman Caters on handbells was stopped after about an hour and a half by a clapper falling out of one of the bells.

A SENSATION.

It was now 11 a.m., and the 'gaffer,' on learning the verdict of the Cambridge failure, decided we were going to ring that peal at the Cathedral then. 'Up those steps' was the order, and those taking part forfeited their lunch and made shift with some sandwiches after the peal.

This peal provided one of the sensations of the week. After about an hour the tenorman was seen to be fiddling with the tops of his flannels, which shortly afterwards descended to his feet. This effort to keep cool certainly paid dividend towards the end of the peal.

After the peal the ringers were met by Mr. J. A. Haydn, whose great interest in the Cathedral and the bells was referred to later by the Dean of Limerick. In Mr. Haydn's historical survey it is recorded that a certain John Budston, a wealthy citizen of Limerick, made a gift to the church of four brass bells. In 1670 six bells were presented by a William Yorks. The present tenor was originally cast in 1673 and recast by Taylors in 1930, four other bells were recast in 1938, when the peal was rehung on ball bearings. They are now an excellent ring and go like 'tops.'

The remainder of the party had lunch in Limerick and then journeyed on to Ardnacrusha, where the now famous electricity plant —driven by water from the Shannon River— was inspected. The pealers caught up with the party here and travelled on with them to Killaloe. In the picturesque setting of the Lakeside Hotel we were met by the Dean of Killaloe, who joined us at tea. It was here that a 'Killaloe Surprise' was introduced. Fred Dukes, who had been taken by surprise at Drogheda when presented with the tankard, revelled in the opportunity to get even in presenting—on behalf of the tourists—a wristlet watch to 'H.J.' He conveyed the thanks of everyone for the wonderful time they were having and for all that had been done in the arranging of the tour. 'H.J.' suitably replied in acknowledgment.

The Dean extended a hearty welcome to the visitors and later conducted the party to the Cathedral, where he explained in detail its ancient history. We found here a set of eight bells, but alas! they were a fixed unit. 'H.J.' soon made himself at home on the chiming apparatus with hymn and song tunes, and afterwards four of the party tapped off a course of Grandsire Triples.

AT LIMERICK.

Our next call was at Mount St. Alphonsus for a pull on the ring of ten. These bells were seen by many of the party in the Loughborough Foundry, but few thought at that time they would have the privilege of ringing on them. We were welcomed by the Rev. Father Kelly and received in the belfry by some dozen or so local ringers. A course of Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise Royal proved of great interest to the local people, and a message was received from the priest that we could come back after the service at 8 p.m. and ring on until 10.15 p.m. This was not possible as a social evening had been arranged with the ringers.

A meal was waiting at the local Youth Association headquarters and we were received here by the Dean of Limerick and the local ringers. A great welcome was extended by the Dean, Mr. Haydn and others, and on behalf of the tourists Harold J. Poole thanked those responsible for the hospitality.

At the social handbell ringing formed a prominent feature, to the great joy of the Limerick ringers and friends, and the tourists had lessons from their local partners in Irish dancing. It was indeed a great occasion—the like of which had seldom if ever been experienced before.

It was during the social that a feeler was put out about the possibility of ringing a peal on the grand ten at Mount St. Alphonsus. To our great delight we received the 'O.K.' to start at 9 next morning.

Prior to the start of the peal we said goodbye to Fred Dukes, who returned to Dublin en route to join Phil Corby's touring party in Devon. A first-class peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal was rung at Mount St. Alphonsus, and Mr. L. Benson, ringer and son of the local captain, sat in the belfry throughout. We were thankful indeed he was present, because someone about half-way through the peal tried to enter the belfry, and whilst they succeeded in raising Redvers on the trap-door a few inches, they did not otherwise disturb us. Outside the monastery we received congratulations on all sides on the ringing, and then we said goodbye to our Limerick friends.

On the journey back to Dublin we called at Kildare for a look round St. Brigid's Cathedral. Our arrival at Dublin was rather late.

A GRAND FINALE.

As a grand finale we all assembled at the Green Rooster, a restaurant near the famous O'Connell Bridge, for supper. The last opportunity to supper regardless of ration restrictions. Chicken and ham was the favourite dish and two of the weaker sex tried to strengthen up a bit with repeat orders. Saturday morning was devoted to shopping. In the afternoon the first handbell peal to be rung on ten bells in Ireland was accomplished in St. George's belfry. Several were tried out for 9-10; the result, Harry Wayne retained and the others placed on the 'open to transfer' list.

We assembled on the quayside at Kingstown, and after some delay boarded the SS. 'Hibernian' for home. It was a grand crossing, starlight with the moon reflecting in the water. The parting of the ways came at Holyhead, where we said goodbye to those continuing the journey by train. The remainder stayed the night at Holyhead.

On Sunday morning we renewed acquaintance with Vincent Child and Albert Hughes at Llanfair P.G., where in the small church on the island adjoining Menai Bridge we rang a peal of Stedman Triples on handbells. This was Vincent Child's first handbell peal.

So came to an end one of the most interesting tours ever to be undertaken. History was made in several directions in regard to first peals, and the social events of the tour were such that many happy memories will be retained by the tourists and by those who received us and made us so welcome.

Our thanks are due to Fred Dukes, who made all arrangements in Ireland; to the ecclesiastical authorities for the use of the bells; to the Deans of Limerick, Kilkenny and Killaloe, and to the Rev. Father Kelly, of Mount St. Alphonsus, for their exceptional interest; to the ringers of Ireland for their wonderful welcome and hospitality; and to the Dean of Cashel for his attendance upon us and for the beautiful service at Cashel Cathedral.

H. J. P.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

QUARTERLY MEETING AT LLANBADARN FAWR.

Travelling 55, 72 and 80 miles were necessary for bands in the St. David's Guild to reach the 12th century church of St. Padarn at Llanbadarn Fawr in the suburbs of Aberystwyth for the quarterly meeting on September 10th.

The journeys were well worth while for ringers from Haverfordwest and Tenby enjoyed the trips over Prescelly mountains to Cardigan, after which they followed the undulating coast up to Aberavon, where the road was shared with ringers coming from Carmarthen, Llanelly and Swansea by way of Lampeter.

By 2.30 the eight bells were ringing to proclaim their 200th birthday. After a groping climb up the dark spiral the writer was amazed by his first impression of the size of the ringing chamber. Four shafts of light showed the heads of three dozen people and the ropes well away in the centre. How different from the little church at Sowton, Devon, with its ring of eight and all elbows touching against the walls where the writer first rang on his box.

At the service Dr. H. Islwyn Davies sketched a brief history of the bells and church and referred to the fact that owing to absence of railways and good vehicles the bells were cast in the churchyard and that such craftsmanship could be an example of the kind of skill that church service demanded. During tea ringers shared the bells' birthday cake, which was cut by Mrs. Bonsall.

Sir George Forsett Roberts acted as chairman for the business meeting, during which it was decided to hold the next meeting at Llandovery on December 10th. New members were elected and a collection made to the Guild Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 10s. 1d. Mr. Robert Pateman (grandfather and father of ringers) was elected an honorary member with Sir George. Llansteffan band were elected as probationary members.

After the meeting touches were attempted until group by group the visitors set off on their long journeys, leaving the young Llanbadarn ringers to round off a successful bi-centenary.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

6,400 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—Dr. Slack has certainly surprised me by his revelation that the 6,400 of Cambridge is 'of age' now. On January 12th, 1947, I had a long train journey from Euston to Penrith. The evening before I had prepared a large number of pieces of card representing blocks of leads in 5 and 3-part assembly, and I spent the whole journey sorting these on a train table. Certain card pairs were coloured as being false with one another. Fellow travellers probably thought I was 'nuts' (not for the first time), but the journey produced five distinct five-part peals and one three-part peal (barring reverses or shunt bobs). The 6,400 came out twice, backwards and forwards, with every card used except certain coloured false ones.

Dr. Slack's 5,760 is one of the five. Incidentally I make its correct length 5,920. None of the five-part peals are shorter than 5,600. The 3-part is 5,280, and presumably the only possible one as the method was exhaustive.

I would strongly disagree with Dr. Slack that the three-part is not worth ringing. The course-ends have no special musical worth, as 78 seems to me to be quite as musical in the interior of the course as in the first and last leads. In fact the 6 is six times home and the fifth is six times in 6ths.

I give below the offending three-part, a 5,024 of my own, and a quarter-peal:—

5,280.

B	I	5	H	23456
—			—	23645
			—	62534
	—		—	52436
	—	—	—	26435
		—	—	25463
			—	42356

Repeat twice.

5,024.

5	B	I	H	23456
—	—			32654
—	—	—	—	43652
		2	—	65243
		—	—	25346
		2	—	34625

Call long part thrice.
Call short part twice.

1,248.

5	B	I	5	B	23456
—	—	—	—	—	52436

Repeat twice,
6th home 60 per cent.
Yours, etc.,
Worthing. BRIAN D. PRICE.

CAMBRIDGE AND PRIMROSE SPLICED

Dear Sir,—The composition published on pages 345 (6,400 Cambridge Surprise) and 404 of 'The Ringing World' are not Cambridge. They are Cambridge and Primrose spliced, the bob leads being Primrose.—Yours truly,
Ipswich. CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

CARE OF BELLS

Dear Sir,—I was saddened in reading the well-written article of the Yorkshire Tour (September 2nd issue) at the number of rings that were not only in very bad condition but unringable. I cannot but think that there is a little indifference here to church fittings, and bells are often more valuable from the historic point of view than the organ and squire's pew.

Parochial church councillors and incumbents should be alive to the needs of both ringers and bells. I feel that this failing is by no means confined to the county of Yorkshire.

May I commend to secretaries of Parochial Church Councils that illuminating and most instructive pamphlet on 'The Installation, Preservation and Repair of Bells,' published by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, price 1s., and may they read, mark, learn and, I trust, inwardly digest.—Yours truly,
F. C. CHAMPION.
Hinton Rectory, Evesham.

PEAL RINGERS AND TEACHING

Dear Sir,—In your leading article of July 29th, now to hand after the holidays, you refer to a man who 'is very conscious that English ringing will not retain its pre-eminent position without the incentive of a peal.'

As no names are mentioned, one can proceed without bias, but I most emphatically suggest that no incentive is required for peal ringing, but rather for Sunday service ringing. Most captains will agree that it is far harder to encourage a ringer to be regular in his Sunday ringing than it is for him to ask him to accept an occasional peal.

We see evidence of this every day. I myself have had occasion to visit places which, according to our journal, boast 'crack' bands, and whose towns and cities are common names in the world of ringing simply because peals are brought to the front of everything and given prominence over most activities in our towers. But only recently the tune of five bells came from a tower boasting 12, while on the same day a peal was being rung by some of the band.

In the same well-known city there is a ring of ten bells which can only boast a Grandsire Doubles band, but which is striving manfully along without any help from our household names. In another city the bells are only rung once a week, and at another Cathedral I was told that they were fortunate if they ring eight of the twelve for Sunday service.

Yet for peals no incentive is required to get a band together. What a difference there must be if more time was spent by the 'crack' bands to teach instead of ringing peals which are a foregone conclusion. And when I mean teach I mean from the beginning, with the silencer on the bell and hours of patient instruction; not taking over a man when he appears to be making good at the expense of another tower captain. I once asked a member of a city band when they were going to teach someone with a silencer on the bell, and he was shocked at the suggestion.

There must be many towers in our towns and cities who simply rely on an influx of ready-made ringers from the villages instead of rolling up their own sleeves.

I once heard a guild secretary boast that because more peals had been rung than the previous year the Guild was flourishing! How wrong this all is. Let us see in our reports beside each ringer's name not the number of peals he has rung, but the number of attendances at Sunday services throughout the year. Then we might bring to the forefront the names of the men who are really maintaining English ringing in its pre-eminent position without any incentive at all except that for which bells are hung, for the glory of God.

All this, of course, involves the type of ringer who is a pretty good chap and who rings regularly for Sunday service, but who never attends one only on special occasions. Many words have been said and written of this character, who has a unique idea that he is doing a good turn for the church to which he attaches himself by helping to ring the bells. Nothing is so far from the truth, for I have yet to hear of a church whose congregations suffer because the bells are not rung, and the sooner this type of ringer associates himself sincerely with the purpose for which he is ringing the better it will be, both for the band and for himself.

About a year ago I had the privilege of showing a man around our belfry and bells and explaining to him something of what change ringing meant. He was a well-educated man and would probably have taken to ringing quite easily in the light of the suggestions he made to me. When he asked what the qualifications were to become a ringer I replied that foremost he must be a member of the church from which source our supply came. He immediately became disinterested, having, of course, no room for our beliefs. And so he went away. 'TRAVELLER.'

A Patron Saint?

Dear Sir,—Can you or any of your readers inform me whether there is a patron saint of bellringers? The question was raised in our belfry, our Vicar was approached and ringers from several other churches have been asked, without an answer. The date could become of special importance to all ringers. — Yours sincerely, G. CARSE.
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

LADY RINGERS' 50 YEARS' SERVICE

Mrs. Reeves, of Bradfield, Berkshire, has this year accomplished 50 years as a bellringer, ringing regularly for church services each Sunday.

She has the unique record of being a member of the first band of women ringers in the country and has rung about 12 peals in various methods. Mrs. Reeves rang her last peal at Goring-on-Thames in 1935, all those taking part being members of the College Youths Society. This honour, we believe, is shared by only one other woman.

Mrs. Reeves was a member of an all woman band at Bradfield, who had learnt to ring in rounds just in time to ring in the new century. She also created another record in 1916, when on marrying Capt. Reeves, then secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, conducted her own wedding touch of 720 Plain Bob. Other ringers in this touch were the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Guild at the time, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge.

OUTING

BURES AND DISTRICT.

A party of nearly 50, of whom half were ringers, participated in the outing on Sept. 10th. Leaving Bures at an early hour and picking up a strong Essex contingent at Colchester, the party proceeded to Gravesend, via Tilbury Ferry, where some had the novel experience of ringing handbells over 'Father Thames.'

At St. George's, Gravesend, Mr. Constant awaited the visitors, who soon tested this good eight to various methods. The single line traffic over the Medway Bridge delayed arrival at Rochester Cathedral, where ringing was consequently curtailed, but all had a pull on this fine ten (tenor 30 cwt.). They were welcomed by Mr. E. Allen, who acted as guide through the tricky ascent to the spacious belfry.

After an enjoyable lunch in Rochester, there was a short run to Chatham, where Mr. Jarrett had St. Mary's bells ready, and some good touches were had in the standard methods. At St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, the Dobbie brothers met the party, and the pleasure of ringing for two weddings was included in the programme. Then to Maidstone, with Mr. Louis Head and Mr. Wallace waiting to welcome them. The circle of ropes here is anti-clockwise; however, Grandsire Caters were quite successful. After tea, last call was at Wrotham, where they were met by Mr. and Miss Sills and Mr. F. G. Knight, and found a delightful ring of eight in a tower with a passageway through the bottom.

The homeward journey was under the Thames via Blackwall tunnel, Bures being reached about 11.30 p.m. The thanks of the party are due to Mr. Leslie Mills for organising the outing, and to Mr. A. Andrews, who was in charge of the ringing arrangements.
H. J. M.

CARLISLE.—On Sept. 11th, the Carlisle Guild of Change Ringers at the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, 720 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Bousfield 1, J. R. Porter 2, C. Lightning 3, Brenda Littlefield 4, J. W. Ayre (of St. Mark's, Oldham) 5, J. Butterfield 6, J. Ling (cond.) 7, A. Harvey (cover) 8. A compliment to Miss Brenda Littlefield, who is leaving Carlisle to study at St. Mary's Hesp School of Physcotherapy, London.

QUARTER PEALS

ASFORDBY, LEICS. — On September 17th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 240 April Day, 240 Canterbury, 240 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): E. Littlewood 1, J. H. Cook 2, R. Looker 3, E. Lomas 4, D. Toon (cond.) 5, A. Thompson 6.

BRISTOL.—On Sept. 18th, at St. Ambrose's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Elliott 1, C. Baker 2, Mrs. D. Bennett 3, C. Harding 4, N. Denson 5, V. Lucas 6, E. Ridler (cond.) 7, J. Cox 8. First quarter and birthday compliment for G. Elliott.

BUCKINGHAM. — On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Townsend 1, H. Jones 2, G. Holland 3, C. Gough 4, H. G. Keeley 5, E. Nichols 6, W. Yates (cond.) 7, W. Yates, sen. 8. —On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Green 1, F. C. Case 2, G. Burton (first of Stedman) 3, T. E. Roberts 4, W. Yates 5, F. Vickers 6, G. Holland (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, W. Yates, sen. 8. For the dedication of the R.A.F. memorial.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 18th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Piper 1, R. E. Lambert 2, F. J. Lambert, sen. 3, F. Bromley 4, E. G. Tonkin 5, F. J. Lambert, jun. 6, P. Rollison 7, R. T. Lambert (cond.) 8.

CALNE, WILTS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss Maundrell 1, Miss Hacker 2, H. Parsons 3, W. Hacker 4, H. Burry 5, F. Walker 6, R. Barry (cond.) 7, W. Haines 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sept. 18th, at Great St. Mary's, 1,331 Grandsire Caters: R. Iredale 1, A. E. Austin 2, J. A. Acres 3, C. W. Cook 4, C. A. Hurst 5, E. G. Hibbins (composer and cond.) 6, C. W. Smith 7, T. R. Dennis 8, J. W. R. Quinney 9, J. G. Gipson 10. First quarter of Caters 1, 4 and 10.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Lemon 1, J. Wheadon 2, Mrs. Hairs 3, F. Hairs 4, A. Hall 5, R. G. Rayfield 6, A. Williams (cond.) 7, R. A Jenkins 8.

DINDER, WELLS, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Morgan 1, R. Thorne 2, E. Hill 3, P. Hull (cond.) 4, H. Hill 5, C. Dinham 6. For the marriage of Miss R. Somerville to Mr. J. Millen.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Hills (first quarter) 1, G. Green (cond.) 2, P. Green 3, L. Ainger 4, Dr. P. J. Spencer-Phillips 5, H. Carter 6, E. W. Furbank 7, F. Payne 8. To commemorate Mr. F. Payne's 50 years as a ringer.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,320 Netherseale Surprise Minor: W. F. Todd 1, G. Cherry 2, A. E. Symonds 3, E. W. Winters 4, W. J. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6.

HENDON, MIDDSX.—On Sept 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Pitman 1, F. Goodall 2, E. Prior 3, D. J. Corning 4, E. Pratchett 5, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 6. A 74th birthday compliment to E. Pratchett and to honour his 60 years of service ringing at St. Mary's, Hendon.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Jemmett 1, J. Apnleby 2, P. Aldridge 3, G. Cleave 4, J. Cook 5, A. Street 6, E. Nash (cond.) 7, J. Smith 8. Birthday compliments for 1, 4 and 5, also Roger Anthony, grandson of the conductor.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. A. Bywaters 1, R. G. Bywaters 2, Miss D. J. Hare 3, A. W. Dilley 4, M. L. Callow 5, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 6.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (240 of Plain Bob and 1,020 of Grandsire): E. Duckers (first quarter) 1, Stella Kingdon 2, Beryl Hughes 3, B. Harris 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, J. Payne 6. For the silver wedding of the churchwarden and his wife, the parents of the ringer of the 4th.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX. — On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Erin Triples: R. Joyce Pett 1, Sheila E. Harris 2, Eileen D. Farrell 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, S. Croft 5, F. D. Bishon 6, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, A. Tomblin 8. First quarter of Erin Triples for all the band.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 20th, 1,264 Bob Major: C. Whiting (73) 1, A. R. Bridges 2, E. C. Pizzey 3, E. S. Bailey 4, J. G. Rumsey 5, J. L. Geater 6, L. P. Bailey 7, J. M. Bailey (cond.) 8. First quarter by 2 and 6.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICS. — On Sept. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Barrow 1, W. Wallington 2, C. Windram (first quarter) 3, F. Wallington 4, J. W. Rawson 5, E. J. Sharp 6, G. Hollick 7, W. Hector (cond.) 8.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK. — On Sept. 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Beals 1, R. Owen 2, F. Beals 3, A. Leet 4, R. Alcock 5, T. Owen (first as cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 5.

PENTRE, RHONDDA, GLAM. — On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Williams (first of Triples) 1, R. Brabham (first of Triples) 2, J. Edwards (first 'inside' of Triples) 3, J. Evans 4, T. Page (cond.) 5, F. Lasbury 6, J. Lovett 7, H. Crabb 8. A 70th birthday compliment to the conductor.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET. — On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. C. Cluett 1, Ben Ridout 2, F. Hillier 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, A. H. Chant 5, W. E. Trevett 6.

PURTON, WILTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Griffin (first as cond.) 1, F. Strange 2, C. R. Shailes 3, J. Sorsby 4, R. Shailes 5, W. Dash 6.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—At St. Mary's on Sept. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Beauchamp 1, T. H. Taffender 2, A. H. Castle 3, J. Bullock (cond.) 4, F. Udell 5, W. A. Theobald 6, C. W. Ottley 7, F. W. Wicks 8. To celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. F. Udell.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 12th, at the Church of St. Andrew, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Grandsire, April Day and Plain Bob): R. Spedding (first quarter) 1, W. Vann 2, D. Pitstow (cond.) 3, P. Fisher 4, A. Barlow 5.

SANDY, BEDS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob: H. Gurney 1, R. Gaylor 2, C. Blain 3, D. Munns 4, J. Ashton 5, C. Ball (cond.) 6. A compliment to the Squire, Mr. Francis Pym, and his wife at the time of their wedding celebrations.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Street 1, E. Smith 2, Miss I. Cox 3, D. Neale 4, E. Nash 5, L. Bune 6, N. Tanner (cond.) 7, I. Smith 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. E. Freeman and Miss K. Brown.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. P. Stocker 1, G. Nicholls 2, H. W. Pratt 3, F. Warrington (cond.) 4, L. W. Fisher 5, G. H. Dunnington 6.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS. — On Sept. 13th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor: (720 each of Kent and Oxford): J. H. Hunt 1, P. Page 2, G. H. Whitemore 3, F. C. Love 4, G. Barton 5, T. Page (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON. — On Sept. 11th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: K. S. Seeger 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss J. H. Friswell 3, Miss I. B. Cording 4, D. Neal (cond.) 5, D. A. Sydenham 6. First quarter by all the band. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

WITNEY, OXON. — On Sept. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Knight (first in method) 1, J. Keyte 2, F. W. Soden 3, L. Olliffe 4, G. Wright 5, T. W. Timms 6, J. Coggins 7, I. D. Harris (first in method as cond.) 8. A compliment to Miss N. Honey and B. S. Nichols, who were married on that day.

LATE NOTICE

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Monthly meeting at St. Mary's (6), Hale, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available 2.30 to 5 only. Service 5. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5.30. Those requiring tea must send their names before Wednesday, Oct. 5th, to me at 3, The Rooley, Huyton.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 5879

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PUBLICATIONS

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MEETINGS

SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-Western District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District).—The annual combined meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (10) 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.45. A hearty welcome to all.—A. G. Hill and R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Secs. 5752

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Annual general meeting, Tonbridge (8), on Oct. 1st at 3. Service 4.30. Tea at Oak Tea Rooms at 5.15 (approx.).—R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, Kent. 5766

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (7s. each) Bells available: All Saints' (10) and St. John's (8), from 3 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 5742

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting, Broxbourne, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells from 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. No service.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec. 5782

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—Meeting, Twyford (8), Oct. 1st, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, Village Hall, 5. 5806

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — W.W.H. Branch. — Meeting, Uffington, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 5814

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway Road, N.7, on Saturday, Oct. 1st, 2.30 p.m. Tea and business 6 p.m.—T. J. Lock, District Sec. 5816

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at Watlington. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. 5819

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Meeting, Watton (6), Saturday, Oct. 1st. No business. Names for tea, please, to W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 5821

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Ripley, Oct. 1st, 2.30. Service 5.15. Tea 5.30. 5825

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Great Bromley (6) on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 3 p.m. Anything from rounds upwards. Own tea arrangements. —H. J. Millatt, Hon. District Sec. 5826

LADIES' GUILD.—Practice meeting, Seale, Farnham, Saturday, Oct. 1st, 3.30 p.m. and in evening. Tea, Doone Cafe, 5 p.m. All gentlemen willing to help cordially invited. Names for tea to Miss W. A. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford. 5837

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Saturday, Oct. 1st, 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Mary's, Putney, and All Saints', Fulham, afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 5834

OXFORD GUILD. — Reading Branch. — Monthly practice, Mortimer, Oct. 1st, 6 to 9 p.m.—T. N. Lanaghan. 5832

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Mary's, Lambeth, Monday, Oct. 3rd, 7.15. Saturday, Oct. 8th, Colliers Wood 2.30 to 3.30, Clapham Common R.C. 4.45 to 6, St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 6.15 to 7.45. Business. St. Stephen's Mission Hall, 8 p.m. — Rogers, HOU 3921. 5832

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 8th, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, at 6.30. Ringing arrangements will be published shortly. Tickets (12s. 6d.) each available from the undersigned. Accommodation limited. Send for your ticket now!—Peter N. Bond, Assist. Hon. Sec., 30, Elvaston Place, S.W.7. 5749

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival dinner, social and dance, Loughborough, Oct. 8th. Ringing, All Saints', 3.30 to 4.30, Bell Foundry 3 to 5.30. Dinner, 6.15, at Bull's Head, Shelthorpe Estate. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) on application, with remittance, by Wednesday, Oct. 5th, to W. A. Wood, Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester. Social and dancing until 12. 5807

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual, Newbury, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Wednesday, Oct. 5th, to Mr. H. Curtis, 2, Church Road, Shaw, Newbury. 5824

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Wellington, Somerset.—Open ringing day, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 in the Vicarage Room. Further ringing till 9 p.m. Names for tea essential to D. T. North, 18, Victoria Street, Wellington, by Oct. 4th.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 5808

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District. — Meeting at Waltham, Oct. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Oct. 5th to J. J. Willows, Snowden, Grimsby Road, Waltham, Grimsby. 5812

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Annual district meeting, Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (10) 2.30. Tea in College Room 4.15 by invitation of the Vicar and Churchwardens. Evensong 6. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 5818

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting, Dunholme (6), Oct. 8th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 5811

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Meeting at Eastnor (6 bells), Oct. 8th, 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to K. Hill, Hon. Sec., The Village, Bosbury, Ledbury. 5803

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Chailey (6), Oct. 8th, 3. Tea; names by 5th to B. W. White, 14, Southview, Henfield. 5846

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—Quarterly, Burton Latimer (8), Oct. 8th, 3. For tea please notify me by Tuesday previous.—G. E. Watson, 81, Church Street, Burton Latimer. 5849

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Roker, St. Andrew's, Oct. 8th, 3. Tea provided for all who notify Mr. M. Richardson, 2, Mansfield Crescent, Roker, Sunderland, by Oct. 6th.—W. Sheraton, Sec. 5848

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. — Quarterly meeting, Shirley (8), Oct. 8th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Notify for tea.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. SPR 1025. 5845

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Chard, Oct. 8th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify early.—J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton. 5847

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Broughton, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bring own food. Frequent bus service from Preston town centre. 5844

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Spaldwick, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea available. Bring own food.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 5843

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Newcastle, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Names for tea to Mr. A. Gaunt, 125, Orme Road, Newcastle, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 5842

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Runcorn, Oct. 8th. Advise E. H. Hughes, 18, Cynthia Road, Runcorn, by the 6th if requiring tea.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec. 5872

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Oct. 8th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names to E. W. Beadsmoore, Packington Road, Ashby, by Oct. 6th.—J. Cotton. 5873

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Ash (6) on Saturday, Oct. 8th, at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 4840

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — Meeting at Northchurch (8) on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 5th to Mr. R. Ashby, 38, High Street, Northchurch.—Pamela A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 5839

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Kempston (8), Oct. 8th, 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5835

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Barrow-in-Furness on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. E. Burles, 2, Rand Villas, North Scale, Walney, Barrow-in-Furness, by Oct. 5th.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 5830

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Purton (6), Oct. 8th. Tea. — W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 5805

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at East Crompton on Oct. 8th. Cups of tea provided. —I. Kay. 5851

SOUTHWELL GUILD (North Notts Branch) and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting at Mansfield Woodhouse (6), Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available from 3.30. Please send names for tea to Mr. A. Brown, 4, Ferguson Avenue, Mansfield Woodhouse, by Oct. 4th.—H. Denman and G. Briggs, Dis. Secs. 5853

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Nunney, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea to E. H. Nash, Hon. Sec., The Talbot, Mells. 5863

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Autumn meeting at Tattenhall, Oct. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea not later than Oct. 5th.—Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 5861

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be at St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Business 6.30 p.m. No tea arrangements.—V. Wilson Sykes, Hon. Sec. 5859

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Oct. 8th. Ringing arrangements will be as follows: St. Mary's, Lambeth (Lambeth Bridge) (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. George's, Borough High Street (8), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; St. Giles-in-the-Fields (8), 4.30 to 5.30 p.m.; St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12), 3 to 5 p.m. Service to follow at St. Martin's.—Peter N. Bond, Assistant Hon. Sec. 5860

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Cuckfield (8), Oct. 8th. Names for tea to Mr. G. Apps, 24, Chatfield Road, Cuckfield, Sussex. — C. A. Bassett. 5852

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Doddington (6), Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring own food.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 5856

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Netley, Oct. 8th, 2.30. Names for tea by Oct. 4th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh. 5865

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Ault Hucknall (5), Saturday, Oct. 8th. Names for tea to Mr. J. Cooper, Hardstoft, near Chesterfield, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 5th. 5866

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Corston, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Oct. 5th to Mr. King, Wells Road, Corston, Bath. 5869

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Salle (8), Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for all who send names by Tuesday, Oct. 4th, to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 5868

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting at Ravensthorpe, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Names for tea to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby, before Oct. 4th. 5870

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Rusper (8), Saturday, Oct. 8th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names for tea by Wednesday, 5th, to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 5878

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District. — Quarterly meeting, Daybrook, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names by Wednesday, Oct. 5th, latest, to Mr. H. Pailing, 6, Charles Street, Arnold, Nottingham. No name, no tea.—W. Thornley. 5877

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Middlewich, Oct. 8th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by Oct. 3rd to H. Howard, 5, Green Lane, Davenham. 5876

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Kibworth, Saturday, Oct. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 at Railway Hotel.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 5875

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting, Pencombe, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (6) 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those who let me know by Wednesday, Oct. 5th.—A. S. Tomkins, Harn Cottage, Bredenbury, Hereford. 5874

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—First practice and meeting of term, St. Bene't's, Wednesday, Oct. 12th, at 8 p.m. Freshmen wishing to join contact A. S. Watt, Pembroke, after Oct. 4th. 5838

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division. — Meeting at Thorpe-le-Soken on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by 12th to H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec., 106, Hythe Hill, Colchester. 5827

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Heckington, Oct. 15th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Tea only to those who notify Mrs. D. Wray, 16, Eastgate, Sleaford, by the Monday previous.—F. Lord, Hon. Branch Sec. 5781

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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — Meeting at Bengeo, Hertford, on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Meeting to follow. Names or tea by 12th.—A. S. Carter, Sec., 93, North Road, Hertford. 5862

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, Bethersden, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Oct. 12th to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 5855

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Deanery.—Meeting, Street, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells 3. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting, Star Rest. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 11th. — W. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street, Somerset. 5864

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Annual meeting, Canterbury, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Usual bells available afternoon and evening. Service, St. Stephen's, 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, with cost enclosed, and nominations for officers to reach me first post Wednesday, Oct. 12th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 5854

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting at Soberton, Oct. 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business meeting, White Lion, 4.30. Names by Oct. 12th to Mr. H. Dudman, Priestfield, Station Road, Droxford.—John H. Hunt, District Sec. 5857

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary notice. Dinner and social evening, Selston (6), Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Dinner 6.30 p.m. Price 7s. 6d. Applications for tickets not later than Saturday, Oct. 29th, together with remittance, to Mr. J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross, near Chesterfield, Derbys. 5867

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IT is the little things in life that count. The art of understanding what your friend and neighbour wants, so that you dovetail into the scheme of things, adds so much to the home and well-being of an ordered society. Most of these little things are simple, almost trivial but they make a big difference to many individuals. Probably it all devolves on your approach to life, whether centred in self or the community at large.

Editorially we are constantly meeting instances of thought for others and alas, an indifference to the general scheme of things. Take a simple matter like a quarter peal. Relatively few of our contributors to this column have grasped the concise and simplified manner in which they are written. Place name and county first, date, number of changes, method, name of ringer, then number of bell, and very brief footnote if personal. Footnotes that are commonplace and regular, such as church festivals and harvest festivals are not recorded; similarly when a quarter peal precedes a regular Sunday service of the church, it is assumed that Sunday ringing is in the service of the church.

Conductors of peals of late have shown an improvement in the presentation of copy, and many peals appear as written. On an average four peals a week omit some essential detail necessitating a postcard. Another point is writing peals on both sides of a sheet of paper or a quarter peal on the same sheet as a peal. Copy is filed and handled in different sections, i.e., peals, quarter peals, reports, notices, etc., and when mixed entails copying. It is a great advantage if the address also accompanies the name of the sender, so as to simplify communications.

Mathematics is still a weak subject with many branch secretaries in the matter of notices of meetings. The charges are clearly stated: a penny a word with a minimum of 2s., and half rate for subsequent insertions. Everything that appears is charged for. If the address of the secretary is given, then it has to be paid for. The most simple method, and one adopted by very many Guilds, is to deposit a sum with Mrs. Fletcher, and charges are automatically made and statements of the Guild's accounts can be presented when requested.

On the question of reports of meetings, we are always on the look-out for the unusual. Votes of thanks to the vicar, organist and choir are assumed. It is common courtesy, and no body of ringers would think of neglecting a word of appreciation and thanks. By omitting such sentences from reports additional space is available. Belfry Gossip items should be understandable to the ordinary reader and not to five or six ringers in the particular locality. 'Young Alf' or 'Mary' conveys nothing to the general reader, and frequently leaves the Editor gasping.

'The Ringing World' is not the work of one man. Probably in every issue more than 200 people have made contributions in one way or another to its columns. To all who write the Editor is, indeed, grateful, as it is through them that the trend of events and happenings can be followed. The journal is progressing, but we are still in a position to take new subscribers, either through the post or the newsagent. We ask Guild and district secretaries to continue their good work in making the ringers' own family paper known to newcomers and others.

A Sussex Tour

PEALS RUNG FOR THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

WILLIAM A. T. CARTER	*Treble*	FRANK H. HICKS	6
*G. HENRY DUNNINGTON	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	7
*MARK W. MARSHALL ...	3	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP...	8
SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ...	4	WALTER LEE	9
*PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ...	5	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Conductor M. S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal on ten.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

On Sun., Sept. 11, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

*PATRICK PRESTON ...	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	5
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP...	2	G. HENRY DUNNINGTON...	6
MARK W. MARSHALL ...	3	WALTER LEE	7
PETER D. HUCKSTEPP...	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by F. G. HUCKSTEPP.
* First peal in the method.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

On Mon., Sept. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

*PATRICK PRESTON	*Treble*	*WILLIAM A. S. CARTER	5
*MARK W. MARSHALL ...	2	*G. HENRY DUNNINGTON	6
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP...	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD...	7
WALTER LEE	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by M. S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal in the method.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.

On Tues., Sept. 13, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

*SYDNEY G. OSBORNE	*Treble*	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ...	5
†PATRICK PRESTON ...	2	WALTER LEE	6
MARK W. MARSHALL ...	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	7
PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ...	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by M. S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

TURNERS HILL, SUSSEX.

On Wed., Sept. 14, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*G. HENRY DUNNINGTON	*Treble*	WALTER LEE	5
MARK W. MARSHALL ...	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	6
*WILLIAM A. S. CARTER...	3	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ...	7
PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ...	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by F. G. HUCKSTEPP.
* First peal in the method.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

On Thurs., Sept. 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	WALTER LEE	5
MARK W. MARSHALL ...	2	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ...	6
PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ...	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	7
*SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ...	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by M. S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

On Fri., Sept. 16, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL...	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	5
WILLIAM A. S. CARTER...	2	MARK W. MARSHALL ...	6
PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ...	3	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ...	7
*G. HENRY DUNNINGTON	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by F. G. HUCKSTEPP.
* First peal in the method.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ...	5
*MARK W. MARSHALL ...	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	6
WILLIAM ROGERS	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	7
PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ...	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by M. S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal in the method. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Rogers on the 22nd anniversary of their wedding.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES. 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

*JOHN SCOTT	*Treble*	†ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON ...	8
WILLIAM C. DOWDING	3	ARTHUR D. COOK ...	9
HENRY H. FEARN ...	4	FRANK E. HAYNES ...	10
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	5	ALBERT WALKER	11
THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	6	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques 'inside.' † First peal of Stedman and first on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 16, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

TERENCE A. THORNBER	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ...	7
DOROTHY M. UDALE ...	3	J. FREDK. MILNER ...	8
ERNEST W. RAWSON ...	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ...	9
JOHN R. SMITH	5	ALAN JACQUES	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.
First peal of Royal in the method by all.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

GERALD DARE	*Treble*	HERBERT BARLOW ...	6
DREEK OGDEN	2	†IVAN KAY	7
*SELWYN H. DEARDEN...	3	VERNON SYKES	8
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	4	FRED DUNKERLEY ...	9
*STEPHEN LL. PARRY ...	5	‡S.S.M. P. H. TOCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	*Treble*	BERT GOGLE	6
HARRY D. LISTER	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	7
ERNEST G. SHORTING ...	3	GEORGE SAYER	8
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	HENRY TOOKE	9
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ...	5	OLIVER G. BARNARD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 23, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 6¼ cwt

*PAUL L. TAYLOR ...	*Treble*	*JILL POOLE	6
ALAN JACQUES	2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ...	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	J. FREDERICK MILNER...	8
*PETER J. STANIFORTH ...	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ...	9
SHIRLEY BURTON	5	*ALAN R. PINK ...	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.
* First peal of Belgrave Surprise Royal.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 8¾ cwt.

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	6
WILLIAM TILLETT	2	FRANK BLOOMFIELD ...	7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...	3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	8
GEORGE W. PIPE	4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	9
FRANK L. FISHER	5	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. R. FARDON. Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.
First peal of Caters on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

STOKE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

REGINALD WOODYATT	*Treble*	*CHARLES J. CLARKE ...	5
*CLAUDIA A. HARDING ...	2	*ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES...	6
ALLEN MORGAN	3	CYRIL TANSELL	7
GEORGE E. LARGE ...	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal of Major. The first peal on the bells since their restoration by Taylor's earlier this year.

PRESTEIGNE, RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK R. HARRIS	*Treble*	E. PETER ROCK	5
MICHAEL P. MORETON ...	2	*WILLIAM THOMPSETT ...	6
*REGINALD T. JONES ...	3	LESLIE EVANS	7
JOHN D. ROCK	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Surprise Major. †First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method by all the band, except the conductor, on the bells and for the Guild.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

MRS. JOHN E. TURLEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. PARSONS ...	5
EDWARD C. GOBEY ...	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	6
DENIS R. CARLISLE ...	3	EDWARD F. GOBEY	7
*HERBERT TAYLOR	4	JOHN E. TURLEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by EDWARD F. GOBEY.
* First peal in method. Rung for a 21st birthday peal for Mr. Ivan Wheat, a local ringer, also as a wedding peal for Miss Doreen Berry and Mr. Charles Ashford.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

JACK MUSSELL ...	*Treble*	BRIAN R. TILLER	5
FRANK L. HARRIS	2	GEORGE E. EVENDEN ...	6
JEAN M. BROWN	3	HERBERT A. MITCHELL...	7
JAMES E. DANIELLS ...	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in* 7 *Hours* and 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR,13024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

HECTOR A. KNIGHTS	*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	5
JACK BAILEY	2	ALAN CATTELL	6
ALFRED MOULD	3	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ...	7
JOHN J. MORRIS	4	FREDK. W. GROCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
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SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

EDWARD BARKER ...	*Treble*	G. WILLIAM MORRIS ...	5
CLAUDE COUSINS	2	BERT GOGLE	6
GEOFFREY DODDS	3	RICHARD E. PRICE	7
FRANK C. PRICE	4	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by TONY PRICE.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 18, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Treble*	KENNETH SNELLING ...	5
*GEORGE W. CECIL ...	2	*LEONARD STILWELL ...	6
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY ...	3	*FRANK B. LUFKIN ...	7
RAYMOND OVERY	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 14 cwt.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Treble*	FRANK B. LUFKIN ...	5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	LEONARD STILWELL ...	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ...	3	*BASIL W. WHITE ...	7
*JAMES H. LILLEY ...	4	KENNETH SNELLING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DONCASTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

JAMES THORLEY ...	*Treble*	ERNEST A. THORPE ...	5
ARTHUR FIRTH	2	*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ...	6
MILTON C. FOWLER ...	3	J. EDWARD CAWSER ...	7
F. BERNARD DITCHER ...	4	JOHN E. TURLEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. E. CAWSER.
* 100th peal for the Yorkshire Association. The first peal rung in this method.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Mon., Sept. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	*Treble*	PETER J. STANIFORTH ...	5
ELIZABETH FAULKNALL ...	2	JOHN R. SMITH	6
JILL POOLE	3	†WILLIAM BOTTRILL ...	7
*NORMAN G. MCCRUM ...	4	‡ALAN E. JACQUES ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by R. F. ELKINGTON.
* First peal in the method. †150th peal. ‡50th peal. Compliment to tenor ringer on his 18th birthday and quickest peal on the bells.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 21, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Albert Greenhalgh	*Treble*	Fred Brownlow	5
Arthur Tomlinson	2	James Grounds	6
Muriel Reay	3	John Gartside	7
*Ruth Bradley	4	John Ashcroft	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Arthur Tomlinson.
* First peal of Bob Major. A tribute to the Boothstown rescue teams. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Paulinus,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

John O. Weller	*Treble*	Maxwell F. Oakshett	5
John L. Morris	2	Jack Dafters	6
Edna M. Sills	3	Frank I. Hairs	7
John E. Lyddiard	4	Frank C. W. Knight	*Tenor*

Composed by F. C. W. Knight. Conducted by J. L. Morris (13).
A birthday compliment to Miss J. Oakshett.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. Parker's Variation, No. 3. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

Grace Burchnall	*Treble*	Frederick G. Hooper	5
Kathleen Burchnall	2	Frederick A. Salter	6
Patrick Preston	3	Walter Nichols	7
Clement Glenn	4	Arthur E. Hoodless	*Tenor*

Conducted by Clement Glenn.

HORBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Leonard,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

Ronald H. Dove	*Treble*	*Irvin Slack	5
Fred Bennett	2	Arnold Cole	6
Edward Smith	3	Mark L. Lockwood	7
John T. Duffin	4	John E. Turley	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by John E. Turley.
* First peal.

LYMM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1949, *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.

William Allman	*Treble*	John Worth	5
Walter Allman	2	Ralph G. Edwards	6
John E. Bibby	3	Joseph W. Whittaker	7
Leslie W. G. Morris	4	James C. E. Simpson	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by James C. E. Simpson.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

Bernard Madeley	*Treble*	†Thomas Price	5
George A. Packer	2	Arthur V. Pearson	6
*William H. Tyler	3	Frederick Price	7
Richard J. Warrilow	4	Arthur Pritchard	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.
* First peal of Cambridge Major. † First peal of Cambridge Major 'inside.' Birthday compliment to 5th ringer.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

J. W. Frank Trotman	*Treble*	Arthur H. Beamish	5
James F. Clarke	2	*Hubert Ashley	6
John E. S. Moreton	3	John A. L. Thompson	7
Frank E. Pervin	4	Leonard Trevor	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Leonard Trevor.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ASTON-ON-TRENT, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

Denis R. Carlisle	*Treble*	Harold Taylor	4
Walter Soar	2	John F. Wilkinson	5
*Francis R. Lowe	3	John E. Turley	*Tenor*

Conducted by John E. Turley.
* 50th peal. First of Minor as conductor.

BILLESDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Kent T.B. and Single Oxford and three Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

George Slaughter	*Treble*	J. Geoffrey Geary	4
John M. Myatt	2	Percy D. Baldock	5
Ronald Russell	3	Ernest Morris	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Morris.

GREAT CROSBY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Luke,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents of Plain Bob, seven callings. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Sidney Flint	*Treble*	John McKee	4
*John Webster	2	Thomas S. Horridge	5
Margaret Ridyard	3	William H. Deacon	*Tenor*

Conducted by William H. Deacon.
* First peal. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Joseph Ridyard.

HORSHAM ST. FAITH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Andrew,
A PEAL OF MINOR. 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents in 11 methods: London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford T.B., Double Oxford and St. Clement's. Plain and Double Bob, Double Court and Reverse Bob and Fulbeck Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Thomas R. Simmons	*Treble*	George Sayer	4
F. Charles Goodman	2	Arthur G. Bason	5
Nolan Golden	3	Henry Tooke	*Tenor*

Conducted by Nolan Golden.

BISHAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *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 10½ cwt.

*Mark Rylance	*Treble*	†Arthur Jopp	4
Charles J. Camm	2	Ernest F. Cubberley	5
Francis J. Cubberley	3	Harold Willett	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest F. Cubberley.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

CODDINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 18, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes.*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 6 six-scores of April Day, 15 six-scores of Plain Bob, 15 six-scores of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and 6 six-scores of Grandsire.

James Ward	*Treble*	Thomas Cooper	4
C. William Nutt	2	Roland Lewis	5
H. Kitchener Hill	3	Frederick Merrick	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. William Nutt.
First peal of Doubles in four methods on bells. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

COOKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

John Bass	*Treble*	William C. Dowding	4
James F. Harvey	2	Clifford Skidmore	5
*Monica Davis	3	Thomas Hemming	*Tenor*

Conducted by Clifford Skidmore.
* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since being rehung. To commemorate the centenary of the church.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS. — On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples Tom Chapman (age 13 and first quarter) 1, G. Pullinger 2, Mrs. Salmons 3, R. Burford 4, G. Hutchingson 5, E. Wheeler 6, E. Salmons (cond.) 7, W. Trill 8.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. French 1, J. E. Whitlock (cond.) 2, A. May 3, G. F. Burton 4, W. Yates 5, A. Lathall 6. First quarter Stedman Doubles by 4 and 5.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—At the Annunciation Church on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. R. Packer 1, Miss E. M. Sills 2, J. L. Morris 3, D. Ford 4, R. W. Dent 5, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 6.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE. — On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Mclean 1, D. Mclean 2, R. Evans 3, J. L. Stanier 4, J. Halley 5, G. L. Hewitt 6, A. S. Bayley (cond.) 7, A. Mclean 8. Rung for the induction of the Rev. F. W. Hickling.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Sept. 4th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Humphries (first quarter) 1, R. Davies 2, E. Razzell 3, C. Parks 4, G. H. Humphries 5, W. Oatway (cond.) 6, F. E. Mitchell 7, H. G. Pratt 8.

DODDERHILL (DROITWICH), WORCS. — On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Wilson 1, G. E. Large (cond.) 2, Miss J. A. Southerst 3, A. Morgan 4, A. E. Humphries 5, R. W. Sayers 6, R. Woodyatt 7, F. G. Yates 8. For the harvest festival.

EGHAM, SURREY. — On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Harling 1, R. Shepherd 2, L. Knowles 3, Mrs. Hiscock 4, E. Turner 5, A. S. Watt 6, W. A. Peck (cond.) 7, J. Greenough 8.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX. — On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Spliced Oxford Bob and Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Smith 1, J. J. Attwater (cond.) 2, S. Scott 3, A. Wallman 4, P. J. Coward 5, J. Roberts 6, J. Towers 7, R. F. Bootman 8. First quarter of Spliced Triples by all the band.

QUARTER PEALS

FORDINGTON ST. GEORGE, DORSET.— On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. G. Mills (first quarter) 1, Miss M. G. Cottrell (first quarter 'inside') 2, Miss J. M. Day 3, C. A. E. Treasure 4, E. F. Marlow (cond.) 5, K. W. Hewitt 6.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX. — On Sept. 25th, 1,344 Bob Major: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, Miss E. K. Fulton (first in the method as cond.) 2, P. D. Beedie 3, W. Wenban 4, H. D. Butler 5, H. G. Hart 6, J. R. Mayne 7, C. C. Mayne 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Wenban on the birth of a daughter.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judy Dodson (first quarter) 1, W. Simmonds 2-3, F. J. Dodson 4, Pamela Collis (first quarter 'inside') 5, I. Emery 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, H. Colcombe 8. R. F. B. Speed took over the 2nd at half-way.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON. — On Sept. 18th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: D. Harman 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, E. Prior 3, W. A. Theobald (first in method as cond.) 4, R. Harman 5, G. Charge 6, R. H. Begrie 7, A. Warren 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. G. Janes 1, R. Biggs 2, Ian Biggs (first attempt 'inside') 3, A. E. Cox 4, P. Newton 5, J. Kape (cond.) 6, R. Blaby 7, N. Cornwall 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX. — On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Sheila E. Harris 1, R. Joyce Pett 2, Jeanne Askew (first of Stedman) 3, Eileen D. Farrell 4, S. Smith 5, H. W. Rogers 6, D. J. Charnley (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, E. Dodds 8.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. G. Townsend (first quarter) 1, C. Green 2, H. Haynes 3, A. R. Wykes 4, E. G. Orland (cond.) 5. For the wedding of Miss Cynthia Muddiman and Mr. Arthur Gibson.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL. — On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Sheppard 1, Miss N. Gardiner 2, Miss B. Poole 3, M. Jefferies 4, C. E. Jefferies 5, E. Palmer 6, J. G. Jefferies (cond.) 7, E. Cooksley 8. First quarter for 1 and 3.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Wm. B. Cartwright (cond.) 1, K. Haslam 2, Ed. Large 3, H. W. Haslam 4, H. H. Fearn 5, H. J. Turner 6, N. J. Goodman 7, F. Walters 8.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX. — On Sept. 25th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Catterwell (cond.) 1, E. Brown 2, F. Wiseman 3, C. J. Barker 4, S. Dace 5, R. Rippingale 6, O. E. Broyd 7, T. Bird 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS. — On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. D. Rivers 1, F. V. H. Sinkins (84) 2, Miss F. Murkett 3, W. E. Judd 4, B. T. Lister 5, E. L. A. Hudson 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, E. H. Preston 8. A compliment to the conductor on his birthday, and part of the church's Battle of Britain commemoration.

SOUTHAMPTON. — On Sept. 25th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Nicholas (first quarter) 1, Miss N. Leahy 2, Miss J. Cox (first 'inside') 3, Mrs. R. Faithful 4, F. White 5, D. Cecil Williams (cond.) 6, J. W. Faithfull 7, M. Butler 8.

TWYFORD, BERKS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Janet Cudby (first of Triples) 1, Miss Pat Holloway (first of Triples) 2, T. Pomeroy (first quarter) 3, Miss Winifred Hunt 4, Mrs Elsie Smith 5, W. Hunt 6, H. Smith (cond.) 7, F. Wigmore 8.

WOOL, DORSET. — On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Williams 1, F. Precey (cond.) 2, W. Sturmey 3, A. Dorey 4, H. Runyard 5, H. Stevens 6.

YATELEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss I. Butler (first quarter) 1, B. Elliott (first in method) 2, A. Hearmon 3, C. Butler 4, B. Goodall 5, C. Bunch 6, G. Butler (cond.) 7, A. Gibbs (first quarter) 8.

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A FINAL REMINDER

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BELFRY GOSSIP

There are three ladies other than Mrs. Reeves who are members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, viz., Mrs. Shurtliff, of Boston, U.S.A., Mrs. R. J. Wilkins, of Bristol, and Mrs. F. I. Hairs.

Mr. P. Swindley has recently completed Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus and Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

Mr. C. J. Sedgley has now 'circled' Grundisburgh tower, and Mr. F. Price Market Drayton, Shropshire.

The ringer of the 6th in the peal of Dublin Surprise Major at St. George's, Dublin, was John R. Smith and not J. Frederick Milner as reported.

The five bells in the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Clevedon, recently rehung with new bearings and fittings by Mr. W. A. Osborn, the Bath and Wells diocesan advisory expert, were rededicated by the Vicar (the Rev. Edmund Sheppard) on October 1st after evensong. Visiting ringers pronounced the 'go' excellent.

The peal of Belgrave Surprise Royal at the Loughborough Bell Foundry was specially arranged for Alan R. Pink, of Oxford, to enable him to turn in the tenor. He has already rung a Surprise peal on the tenors at Wells Cathedral, Sherborne Abbey and Lye, and therefore has the unique distinction of having turned in the tenors to Surprise peals on the heaviest and lightest rings of ten and the heaviest and lightest rings of eight.

The peal at Titchfield, Hants, on September 23rd, was the first peal ever attempted by Mr. F. C. Love, the local captain, who celebrated his 65th birthday three days previously. It was the second peal on the bells, the first having been rung in 1908, conducted by Mr. George Williams.

The many ringing friends of Fred Dexter will be pleased to know that he has made good progress following his recent illness and has now been discharged from the Leicester Royal Infirmary. For the time being he is convalescing with his son at Leamington.

Mr. E. J. Oliver, treasurer of the East Grinstead and District Guild, has rung peals of Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

Mr. W. H. Barber informs us that the first peal of Stedman Caters to be rung on handbells in Ireland was by members of St. Martin's Guild in St. Patrick's belfry, Dublin, on May 25th, 1901. The ringers were G. R. Pye 1-2, W. Pye (conductor) 3-4, W. H. Barber 5-6, Ernest Pye 7-8, W. Short 9-10. Will Leicester tourists please note?

Lincoln ringers had a successful tour in the Vale of Evesham, scoring 15 peals in the week. A number of the party also stood in a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus at St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, on September 24th, conducted by Mr. John A. Freeman. Conductors of the tour were Messrs. Jack Bray, Jack L. Millhouse, John A. Freeman, John Freeman, George E. Feirn and John Thomas. There was only one tower-bell failure during the week—an attempt of Bristol at Hallow.

A serious accident befell Alan P. Cave, son of the Liverpool branch secretary, during a cycling tour in France. He collided with a car about 50 miles from the Swiss border and sustained a fracture of the right thigh. A doctor was on the scene almost immediately and rendered first aid before sending him to a private nursing home at Dôle-Jura 15 miles away. Here the bone was set and after ten days he was able to travel home. The journey involved two ambulances, a long train journey and by an Air France plane from Paris to Manchester.

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A SUCCESSFUL peal ringing tour was enjoyed this year in East Anglia, and began with headquarters at Ipswich. The party, which finally numbered 12 full-time members and two part-timers, met at the Great White Horse Hotel, Ipswich, on the Friday evening, August 26th, to begin a fairly extensive programme. Twenty peal attempts were arranged and all were successfully concluded.

On Saturday morning two parties set off in more or less opposite directions, one to Hadleigh and the other to Hollesley. The Hadleigh party of seven were met by the Vicar, who gave them a warm welcome before starting, and Mr. Frank Betts, the local leader, joined them to make the number up to eight. It soon became evident that there was to be a great deal of 'collar work' that morning, and ringers from the 4th to the tenor had to put their backs into the job of work in hand. However, a reasonably good peal of Guildford Surprise Major came round in rather faster time than had been expected. The reputed weight of the tenor, 28 cwt., had created a few doubts!

The Hollesley party, which was made up by the inclusion of Messrs. Frank and William Fisher, of Ufford, scored a good peal of Bristol, ably conducted by Mr. John E. Bibby, who, by way of a change, forsook C. H. Hattersley's composition for one of G. Lindoff's. After the peal the party was met by the Vicar, who congratulated them upon their first success of the tour.

After lunch both parties met at Ipswich in order to go 'in convoy' to Chelmsford, as an attempt at St. Mary-le-Tower had had to be cancelled owing to falling masonry. Unfortunately, by the time both parties had arrived back in Ipswich it was too late to travel the 40 miles to Chelmsford and start for a peal of Maximus, so a hurried telephone call was put through to the Vicar of St. Peter's, Henley, for permission to ring there. This request being kindly granted, a peal of London was successfully brought round on this pleasant light eight. Two or three of those not ringing in this peal went over to Grundisburgh to listen to a peal of Stedman Caters, which was being attempted by a resident Suffolk band. Unfortunately, the bells ran round after an hour and a half, but it did give those who went to listen an opportunity to ring on this remarkably grand light ring of ten.

On Sunday morning six of the tourists went off to Framsden, where apparently no morning service is held, and were met by Messrs. Leslie and William Whiteman and Leslie Brett. The brothers Whiteman made the band up to eight and a rather fast peal of London was scored on these old bells, the tenor of which still having plenty of breath left in her. The remaining tourists called at Grundisburgh to ring for morning service before going on to Helmingham, and were met by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pipe and young George. Courses of Yorkshire Royal and Rochester Major were brought round in good style. A good peal of Rochester was scored at Helmingham, part of which the Framsden party were able to hear on their way back to Ipswich for late lunch before they too set off for evensong ringing at Grundisburgh. This delightful ring of ten was greatly admired by all the tourists, who, after having rung on them, wished that these bells had been included in the week's peal ringing programme. Possibly the best ringing of the week was a 720 of Cambridge Minor on the front six before the local band arrived, after which courses of Yorkshire Royal, Grandsire Caters and a touch of Spliced Surprise Major were brought round. Messrs. Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated upon their excellent splice, retuning and rehanging of these bells.

THE MONSTROSITY.

The novelty of the week as the tourists at first thought was a peal attempt on the ten old bells at Stonham Aspel. Local legend says that only two bells actually hang in this tower, which to some extent is quite correct, for the tourists found upon close inspection that the bell frame was mounted on the top of the walls of the tower, the front eight bells being all on the outside of the frame, with the ninth and tenor hanging in the centre. To save the bells from the weather a wooden structure (well riddled with worm) has been built round and over them. To many of the older Suffolk ringers this tower is known as the 'Monstrosity,' but as the peal went on the writer had cause to think that the late Theodore Eccleston, who put the bells in during the 18th century, knew a thing or two. It was quite befitting that the tenor should be rung by a Suffolk man, and a grand job Peter made of it too. A peal of Yorkshire Royal came round in the fast time of 3 hours and 13 minutes, but it can be safely said that those listening outside were at a far better vantage point than those ringing inside.

The afternoon found the tourists divided into two parties again, one going to Debenham and the other to Stowmarket. Those fortunates who rang at Debenham enjoyed one of the finest eights in the county, the Loughborough foundry having produced a really excellent splice. Apart from doing a little maintenance with ropes, Mr. Peter Laflin enjoyed yet another peal in his home tower where he first learned to ring. The tourists were cordially welcomed by the Vicar before the peal and were exceptionally pleased with the assistance of Mr. George Flemming, who rang the treble. The Stowmarket band were equally fortunate in having the assistance of the youthful George Pipe, who rang the treble very well indeed to a good peal of Liverpool Surprise.

Tuesday proved itself to be a more tiring day than had been anticipated, for one party started off in grand style on the light eight at Henley to an excellent peal of Bristol. Here they were kindly assisted by Mr. W. J. G. Brown on the treble. The other party, again made up by young George, went out to Clare to help Mr. Simpson ring yet another tenor which had been on his waiting list for some years. London at Clare proved such hard work that it was a very tired band that met rather late at Lavenham, but once they heard the beautiful tone of Lavenham tenor they really got down to it and scored a peal of Bristol, which ended practically in darkness. Fortunately Lavenham belfry is very light, which just enabled the ringers to see each other as silhouettes. The party were pleased to meet Mr. Stedman Symonds, whose care and attention keep this famous ring of bells going so well. What a magnificent spectacle Lavenham Church makes to any visitor! Whilst the Lavenham party were enjoying listening to Miles Grey's masterpiece pouring out its beautiful rich note, Mr. John Worth and his party were having a really rough time on the heavy eight at All Saints', Sudbury, which badly require the attention of the bellhangers. However, they managed to score a respectable peal of Pudsey with the help of that grand veteran, Mr. George E. Symonds, of Ipswich.

At this juncture the tourists bade farewell to their Ipswich friends and comfortable headquarters and journeyed northwards towards Norwich, calling at Ufford, Halesworth and Beccles en route. At Ufford the party were met by Mr. Frank Fisher, who had everything in readiness for the morning attempt. Here again is an excellent Taylor splice, the front four being new bells, whilst the old back four have been retuned and rehung in special headstocks to take the cannons. Apart from one nasty trip, a good peal of Spliced Surprise was rung, conducted by Mr. C. K. Lewis from the fifth, and again young George honoured us by putting the treble where it belonged. After the peal we were sorry to lose the valuable services of Messrs. Wilf Moreton and Eric Critchley, who both returned home, but we were fortunate to find Joe Whittaker waiting for us at Beccles, having travelled all night to get there. Some of the 'back enders' welcomed Joe into their midst, for the warm, close weather had been the cause of many blisters.

A PETROL INCIDENT.

The Ufford party, although very late starting in the morning, got to Halesworth in time to hear the finish of a peal of Lincolnshire, for one of their members had failed to fill up with petrol and, of course, had to run out a long way from the nearest garage. However, whilst the owner of the car was enjoying Spliced Surprise at Ufford, those who had borrowed his car managed to buy a gallon of petrol without a coupon. What honest faces they must have! The tourists were very pleased to meet Mr. Charles F. Bailey, leader of that very famous Leiston band, who had come over to hear the peal at Halesworth and renew his acquaintance with old friends. Unavoidable delays by both parties caused a rather late start for Rochester Royal on the grand ten at Beccles, and some ringing for 20 minutes made the eventual start even later, but a good peal was brought round in 3¼ hours. After a good meal, Norwich was reached at a late hour.

For the peal attempt at Wymondham Abbey on Thursday morning volunteers were asked for, as some of the party were feeling somewhat jaded by this time. However, Joe Whittaker was automatically 'detailed' to ring the tenor and seven volunteers were soon obtained to ring with him. Fortunately a simple peal of Yorkshire had been decided upon, for ringing had only been in progress a short time when the 6th ran dry, soon to be followed by the 7th and tenor. It was not the kind of peal one would normally tackle preceding a peal of Cambridge Maximus. For their weight these bells are not quite what they should be as regards tone, and probably a drop of oil before the start would have saved a lot of unnecessarily hard work for the back-enders.

MAXIMUS A SPECIALIST'S ART.

In the afternoon a good start was made for Cambridge Maximus at St. Peter Mancroft, but after about an hour's good ringing a trip occurred which caused the band to lose the beat and they never really picked it up again throughout the peal. This proved to some of the party that Maximus ringing is more or less a specialist's art as well as being an acquired taste, and those who do not care for it are well advised to leave it alone and by doing so not in any way to upset those few who thrive on it. The tourists were happy to meet Mr. Nolan Golden at Norwich, and some expressed regret that he had not taken a rope in a peal in his district.

(To be continued)

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

SOUTH-WEST DIVISION.

One of the most successful meetings of recent years was that which was held at Waltham Abbey on September 24th, when over 90 sat down to tea.

Admirable arrangements had been made by Mrs. C. Roberts, and ringing on the twelve bells was much enjoyed by the large company present.

The Vicar, Canon Cleal, gave everybody a warm welcome, and in his address gave an interesting account of the church—a fine specimen of Norman architecture. Instead of the usual lesson, the Master, Mr. J. Chalk, read some of the verses from Tennyson's 'In Memoriam,' the bells of Waltham Abbey being the inspiration behind this poem.

Altogether, a very enjoyable meeting.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Patron Saint

Dear Sir,—Replying to query by Mr. G. Carse (page 469), it will be remembered that in the early days of Christianity in this land nearly all the missionaries carried around with them very crude handbells with which to call together the people in scattered homesteads. In later days these bells became much venerated and held with superstitious awe. Many legends and traditions attach to them and some are quoted in my book, 'Legends o' the bells,' as well as in an illustrated article I wrote for 'Apollo' on 'Ancient Bells of Celtic Saints.' The most famous example is that of St. Patrick, whose bells is still preserved in Dublin. Many of these missionaries were afterwards canonised and became saints, and their bells are to be found in museums and in private hands in Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

What I should say the most suitable for such a purpose under discussion is that of St. Anthony, among whose emblems is a bell, usually attached to his 'tan-staff,' and even to-day many ting-tangs or sanctus bells are called 'Tantony bells' I believe there was one at Lichfield Cathedral. A stained glass window at Stanford Church, Northants, has a Tau-cross, to which a bell is attached inscribed 'San Anthon.' ERNEST MORRIS.

St. Margaret's, Leicester.

ST. PAULINUS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Carse, I have never heard of a patron saint of bellringers, but if there is one it will probably be St. Paulinus, who when Bishop of Nola in Campana is credited with first introducing the use of bells into Christian worship.

Paulinus afterwards came to Britain, where he assisted St. Augustine for a time, after which he went north and founded the See of York and Lincoln Cathedral.

Having to flee South, later he became Bishop of Rochester, where he died in 644.—Yours faithfully, E. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

ST. DUNSTAN'S CLAIM

Dear Sir,—In reply to the query in last week's 'Ringing World' as to whether there is a patron saint of bellringers, I remember reading some time ago, though where I cannot remember, that St. Dunstan is the patron saint of ringers. He was born near Glastonbury in 924 A.D., and became a monk, occupying a cell 5ft. long by 2½ft. broad, where he led a life of great devotion. He also gave a great deal of time and attention to metal work, in which he became very skilful. There is a legend belonging to this period of his life which states that when the devil appeared to him and tempted him, Dunstan seized the fiend's nose with his red-hot tongs!

J. R. Nichols, in his book, 'Bells thro' the Ages,' states that St. Dunstan was 'an artificer in metals of no mean order (including that of bell-founder),' and that he drew up rules for the ringing of bells in 977 A.D. This would be an obvious reason for his choice as patron saint.

He became Archbishop of Canterbury in 961 A.D., and died on May 19th, 988 A.D., and is commemorated on this day.—Yours sincerely,

DOROTHY R. FLETCHER.

Beaconsfield, Bucks.

ST. MARY'S, WHITBY

Dear Sir,—If Mr. G. H. Corner would refrain from unjustified personalities and explain *why* he considers the interior of St. Mary's, Whitby, so beautiful, I will explain why I still think it one of the ugliest amongst the 2,500 odd churches I have visited.

Constructive personal reasons, please, Mr. Corner, not sentimental ones.

Betchworth. A. PATRICK CANNON.

Llanfair P.G.

Dear Sir,—Surely the report of the peal rung in Anglesey should have read 'At the Church of St. Tysilis.' By the rule of mutation in the Celtic languages the initial T becomes a D in the Welsh genitive. My father-in-law was sometime Vicar of Saintedithmonkskirkbywithallsaintswithybrookandsaintjohnthebaptistcopstonmagna, Warwickshire.—Yours, etc.,

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

Brasted, Sevenoaks, Kent.

AUSTRALIAN BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—Our friends 'down under' might like to know that the transmission on the 31 metre band from Radio Australia at 10 p.m. on September 27th was well received in England. I only heard about 10 minutes of the programme, but it would be interesting to know the name of the lady who had been a ringer for 32 years, and who 'would go anywhere in Australia to ring in a peal of 5,040 changes.' Had I known this particular broadcast was coming over I would have tuned in earlier.—Yours sincerely,

C. E. JEFFRIES.

Bedford.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The annual festival and dinner of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Durham on September 24th. The bells of the Cathedral were available, and the festival service was held in conjunction with the Cathedral evensong.

Dinner was served at the Three Tuns Hotel, after which the general meeting was held with Mr. W. N. Park (president) in the chair. Mr. Park, in welcoming members and friends, said that as an excellent entertainment programme had been arranged, he did not wish for any delay in the business, and asked members to be as brief as possible. In his remarks Mr. Park referred to the death of Mr. Adam Deas, who was vice-president of the Northern District, and also secretary of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild. The company stood in silence as a mark of respect.

All the officers were re-elected, Mr. K. Arthur, of Fenham, being elected to fill the vacancy in the Northern District. Mr. D. A. Bayles thanked the officers for the work they had done during the year just closed. Mr. W. N. Park suitably replied.

Entertainment provided by Mr. Lakey and party was very much appreciated by all present.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

EAST NORFOLK BRANCH.

Pakefield, three miles from Lowestoft, an old church about 50 yards from the edge of the cliff, was selected for the meeting on September 10th.

During the war the church was burnt out by enemy action, but the tower and five bells (tenor 10 cwt.) escaped damage. Restoration is going on, the roofs, which are thatched and all new oakwood, are nearly completed.

About 50 ringers were present, Canon Stather Hunt conducting the service. The company were the guests of Mr. J. Kindred, a local ringer, to tea.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher presided at the business meeting, supported by the Rev. A. St. J. Heard (president) and Mr. J. Harwood (branch sec.). Belfry elections of Miss M. Addison (Thornaby-on-Tees), Messrs. R. Woodhouse (Winterton), F Price (Hethersett) and O. Barnard (Stowmarket) were ratified, and Mr. J. W. Forder (Norton Subcourse) was elected a member. The next meeting will be at Acle on November 12th. A collection for the Restoration Fund amounted to £4 13s.

Ringers' Wedding at Oxford

On September 17th, the wedding took place at St. Aldate's Church, Oxford, of two well-known local ringers, Mr. Bernard S. Nichols and Miss Nora K. Honey.

There was a goodly gathering of friends and relatives at the church, where the ceremony was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. E. Lunt), assisted by the Vicar of Burford (the Rev. F. S. Tucker). The best man was Mr. G. Nichols, brother of the bridegroom, and the bride was attended by her twin sister, Miss Pamela Honey, and was given in marriage by her father. Some well-struck Grandsire Doubles greeted the happy couple as they left the church and added to the joy of a sunny morning.

The reception was held at St. Aldate's Rectory Room, where the health of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by the Vicar of Burford. He took the opportunity of thanking the bridegroom for his years of devotion to church work in Burford, both as organist and as leader in the belfry. The bride has been a member of St. Aldate's Church for a number of years, and has been a keen member of the local band of ringers. Both are well known and respected as talented peal ringers in Oxford and district.

The two peals attempted in honour of the event were both successful. On September 17th a peal of Spliced Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major was rung at Kingham, and on September 19th a peal in seven Doubles methods was successfully brought round at Sunningwell, where the bride has done much service ringing. Unfortunately, a peal could not be attempted in the bridegroom's own tower as the bells are at present under restoration.

A RINGING AFTERNOON

Seven Middlesex ringers in two cars spent an enjoyable Saturday afternoon in Oxfordshire. At Bicester, Mr. C. H. Kynch joined the party. St. Mary's, Kirtlington, was the first tower visited, where 1,600 Plain Bob Major was brought round. Then came Middleton Stoney, set amidst sylvan scenery, where a well-struck 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor was conducted by A. W. Coles.

After a sumptuous tea at Bicester, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung at the Church by E. Thurlow 1, G. W. Kilby 2, Elsie Fulton 3, G. Hart 4, N. Genna 5, C. H. Kynch 6, W. Wenban (cond.) 7, A. W. Coles 8.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

DORCHESTER BRANCH.

The quarterly branch meeting at Fordington on September 24th was the first visit to this tower in 19 years. The Rev. G. L. O. Jessop (Vicar) conducted the Guild service, Canon A. W. Markby (branch chairman) reading the lesson.

There were 49 members at tea, and at the business meeting, presided over by Canon Markby, the Rev. G. L. O. Jessop expressed the hope that when the branch next came to Fordington the bells would have been rehung. One new member was elected and Bere Regis was selected for the next meeting on Nov. 12th.

NORTH DORSET BRANCH.

Iwerne Minster was selected for the quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch on September 17th. The Guild service was conducted by the secretary (the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards), and the Rev. H. J. Edmonds (Vicar) gave the address. Tea was served by ladies of the congregation.

At the meeting the vice-chairman presided and Mr. W. J. Foot (Manston) was elected a member. Invitations had been received from the Rectors of Fontwell Magna and Compton Abbas to ring in their respective churches, and after the meeting ringing took place in both towers as well as Iwerne.

WILBURTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 19, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

MAURICE J. THURMOTT *Treble*	*ROBERT H. BROOKER... 4
OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... 2	CLAUDE GIMBERT ... 5
MARION GRAIN 3	RONALD H. BULLEN ... *Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE J. THURMOTT.
* First peal.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 19, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 49 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 10 cwt.

*JEAN BARHAM ... ...*Treble*	PETER J. EVES 4
REGINALD C. THRIFT ... 2	ARTHUR H. EDWARDS ... 5
ERNEST J. RUNTER ... 3	HENRY W. SHADRACK ... *Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY W. SHADRACK.
* First peal of Minor. To celebrate the wedding of Georgina Pomroy and Alan Shadrack, both members of the local band.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 19, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being six extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, Plain Bob, Old, April Day, Grandsire and Antelope.

ALAN R. PINK ... ...*Treble*	DOUGLAS O. WILKS ... 4
*M. ANGELA CARTER ... 2	†WILLIAM G. CUDD 5
*AUDREY J. WEST 3	GRAHAM H. WEBB ... *Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS O. WILKS.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in more than one method. First peal as conductor. A wedding compliment to Miss N. K. Honey and Mr. B. S. Nichols. Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 20, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, HOOLE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 120's, 15 callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ...*Treble*	JOHN W. BEST 4
HENRY O. BAKER... ... 2	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 5
FREDERICK H. BIRKS ... 3	JOHN PAYNE ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
First peal of Stedman Doubles by all.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 21, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 10 different callings.

*LEONARD REYNOLDS ...*Treble*	FRANK REYNOLDS ... 4
REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH 2	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE 5
GEORGE A. BELL ... 3	†ARTHUR LEIGHTON ... *Tenor*

Conducted by REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.
* First peal other than covering. † First peal. First peal of Doubles by all except the conductor. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 23, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

ALAN CATTELL ... { *Treble* / 2	COLIN A. KIRK 4
	ERNEST MORRIS 5
JOHN M. MYATT 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST *Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
This is the first time two tower bells have been rung by one ringer to a peal in Leicestershire.

STOKE PRIOR, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 21, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three extents each of Reading, Reverse Grandsire, Reverse Bob, Stedman, Old Bob, Morning Star and St. Simon's, and seven extents earh of Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

FREDERICK A. JAINE ...*Treble*	*JOHN D. ROCK 3
*LESLIE EVANS 2	*MICHAEL P. MORETON... 4

*WILFRID F. MORETON *Tenor*
Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in ten Doubles methods. Tenor 6 cwt.

HANDBELL PEALS

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,*
AT 39A, HIGH STREET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 16 in B.

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.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 19, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,*
AT THE AFRICAN OIL MILL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

WILFRID F. MORETON ... 1-2	*FRANK VARTY 5-6
JULIA M. PRESTON 3-4	JOHN E. SPICE 7-8

RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 9-10
Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.
* First handbell peal of Royal. Tenor size 17 in A.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 20, 1949, *in 2 Hours,*
AT 18A, MARKET STREET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 6060 CHANGES;
Being eight extents and a 300. Tenor size 16 in B.

OWEN A. NEEDHAM 1-2	MAURICE J. THURMOTT ... 3-4

RONALD H. BULLEN 5-6
Conducted by MAURICE J. THURMOTT.
Longest length by all.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 20, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,*
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*HARRY POYNER 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD 3-4	*DEREK G. GOODMAN ... 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 23, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 14 in D.

HERBERT A. MITCHELL ... 1-2	ALBERT H. WARD 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3-4	JAMES E. DANIELS... ... 7-8

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
A 16th birthday compliment to Margaret E. Mitchell, daughter of the ringer of 1-2.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 25, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,*
AT 39, SOUTHCOTE AVENUE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

*WALTER SPARROW 1-2	GEOFFREY DODDS 5-6
*G. WILLIAM MORRIS ... 3-4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.
* First of Major 'in hand.'

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National Police Guild

September 17th, 1949, goes on record as another red-letter day in annual meetings of the Guild. On this occasion Loughborough was the venue, the original choice of Derby having proved impracticable.

A goodly company met at the bell foundry, where they were conducted round the works by Mr. C. Harrison and Mr. J. Fidler in two parties. A lucid talk on the various aspects of the work was given. We saw large, small, old and new bells, some with the grime of centuries. We were privileged to see and hear the beautiful 15 ton bell destined to find a permanent home in the tower of Liverpool Cathedral. This bell is a fine example of the founder's art. Many visitors had their first experience of the light ring of ten at the foundry, and much amusement was forthcoming from the early efforts to control them.

Lunch was taken at the Bull's Head Hotel in a pleasing environment. The president, Insp. H. Poole, extended a welcome to the guests, who included Mr. O. J. B. Cole (Chief Constable of Leicester), the Ven. W. J. Lyon, Archdeacon of Loughborough, the Rev. A Hunt, of Shepshed, and Mr. Paul Taylor.

Mr. Cole replied and spoke of his long association with the Guild and of his continued interest in its progress and activities. Eighty sat down and the only critics were some of the gourmands back from the high living of the Irish tour, who appeared to have greater regard for the roast beef of Ould Ireland to that of Old England. Dyspepsia was the real cause of the moan!

After lunch a recital was given on the war memorial carillon—a novelty in bell music to most of the Guild—and was much appreciated. Ringing followed at the foundry and the Parish Church (10 bells each) and on a fine ring of eight at Shepshed.

Back for tea, when 94 partook and where the critics sought a cure for the Irish ailments.

In opening the business meeting, the president spoke of the good fellowship that had been maintained since the Guild was formed and although there was not any great activity in between, the annual meetings were looked upon in the nature of a family reunion. Reference was made to the absence of Messrs. W. J. Jones, of Newport, and F. H. Dexter, who were unable to be present through illness, the latter being in Leicester Royal Infirmary. It was decided to send telegrams wishing them speedy recovery.

Reference was also made to the death of ex-Sgt. A. Lawrence, of Hatfield, whom the president described as a most enthusiastic member and who, in conjunction with ex-President C. P. Hilton, donated the president's insignia of office. All stood in silence as a tribute to his memory.

With the exception of the substitution of R. L. Gilbert for L. Tuffrey, of Birmingham, on the committee, the whole of the officers were re-elected. On the motion of ex-Chief Inspector W. Bottrill, it was resolved that the annual subscription be increased to 2s. 6d., commencing in 1950. Insp. T. R. Butler, of Liverpool, will represent the Guild at the next Central Council meeting.

It was decided to hold the next meeting in London on September 16th, 1950. The first lady member to be proposed and accepted with great pleasure is Miss Betty Lee, of Manchester City Police. It is hoped to make the lady's acquaintance at London next year, if not earlier.

A social evening followed, which provided good fun and melody until the time came for long distance travellers to say farewell and 'Here's to the next time.' H. G. J.

LATE NOTICE

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual meeting at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 19th, to B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 5910

Leicester Youth's Century

By conducting a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Bottesford while on the Leicestershire tour, Alan Cattell reached, a week after his 18th birthday, his century of peals.

Coming from a ringing family who are also devoted church workers at All Saints' (Leicester's second oldest church), it was quite natural young Alan should be taught to ring by his father on the handy ring of six there. It became apparent that he would soon claim the honour of being Leicester's most brilliant young ringer, whether on tower or handbells. Credit is due to himself for his aptitude and hard study.

Alan's peals this year touch the 50 mark, 25 of which have been Surprise. His 100 peals to date are as follows:—

Doubles: Grandsire 6 (conducted 4), Plain Bob 1, five methods 1. Minor: Plain 6 (5), Cambridge 5, three methods 1 (1), four methods 3 (1), St. Clement's 1. Triples: Grandsire 4 (1 in hand), Stedman 7 (1), 5 (1), Plain Bob 1 (1). Major: Plain Bob 3, Kent 1, Double Norwich 5, Cambridge 12, New Cambridge 6, Superlative 1, Yorkshire 9 (1), Bristol 9 (including 9,344 and 10,976), Stanton 1. Caters: Erin 1, Stedman 2 (1 in hand). Royal: Cambridge 3, New Cambridge 2. Cinques: Stedman 1. Maximus: Cambridge 1, Yorkshire 1. Rung in 32 towers.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

A quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Ashton Keynes on September 10th. These bells are seldom rung and the tower was in a very dirty state. Spanners and oil can worked wonders with the bells, and after an argument with a chiming hammer, some good ringing was had on the five bells.

Tea was on the Vicarage lawn, and the Vicar (the Rev. R H. Wells), in welcoming the visitors, said he hoped the sound of the bells would stir up interest in the village. At the business meeting it was proposed to visit Purton, Stratton St. Margaret and Swindon during the next three months. Visitors were present from the Stroud and Cirenceser branches.

TEWKESBURY BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Tewkesbury Branch was held at Chaceley on Sept. 3rd and was very well attended, nearly all the towers being represented.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Sanger Davies, and the address was given by the Rev. H. C. Vial, Vicar of Berrow, Worcs. One new member was elected and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Ashchurch.

An excellent tea was served in the schoolroom, for which the ladies responsible received a hearty vote of thanks. The Tewkesbury Branch is noted for its excellent teas, and Chaceley certainly lived up to its reputation.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

The Northern District held a meeting at Feering on Sept. 17th, when 47 members and friends were present from 24 different parishes and Mr. Farrant, from Martock, Somerset.

The Vicar (the Rev. T. A. Everitt) conducted the Association's service and gave an address. Tea was served at the Bell Inn and the Vicar presided at the business meeting. Four new members were elected and Great Bardfield was chosen for a meeting in November. Mr. Pratt thanked the Vicar for his address and for the use of the bells, and Mr. Newman for his assistance.

Ringing was resumed on the church bells, whilst some members went to Kelvedon to try their hand on the heavy six there.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Hillman 1, S. S. Scattergood 2, F. Sharpe 3, G. W. Hair 4, W. F. Woodward (cond.) 5, S. T. Scattergood 6.

A Peal Tour in Sussex

On September 10th, eleven ringers from Ashford, Swindon, Nottingham, St. Ives, Daventry and Wendover met at Brighton to spend a week visiting various towers in Sussex and attempting peals in the standard Surprise methods.

With regard to peal ringing activities, the week began somewhat unfortunately. Partly due to the fact that most of the members of the band were strangers to each other, Superlative was lost at Burgess Hill after 2 hours and 20 minutes.

Enthusiasm being in no wise damped, however, the party proceeded to St. Peter's, Brighton, to attempt a peal of Cambridge Royal, stopping on the way at a six-bell tower at Keymer, where a meeting was in progress After a disappointing start, it was decided to substitute Bob Royal for Cambridge Royal, and the decision was justified when a good peal was brought round after 3 hours and 25 minutes.

On Sunday morning the band, in conjunction with the local ringers, rang for Communion service at the Church of St. Nicholas, Brighton, and in the afternoon, despite one or two anxious moments, a peal of Cambridge was scored at Withyham.

Yorkshire was inexplicably lost at Shoreham on Monday morning. Atonement was made for the morning's failure, however, by a peal of Superlative at Steyning.

Tuesday morning's ringing resulted in another failure after an hour of almost perfect ringing at Uckfield, when another attempt on Yorkshire was lost. In the afternoon the close proximity of the village school prevented an early start at Christ Church, Fairwarp, and the interval was filled by a visit to the church at Coleman's Hatch, where the handy eight were rung. The band made a determined start on Superlative at Fairwarp and a fairly decent peal was rung.

The inexplicable run of bad luck experienced in morning peals continued on Wednesday at Sinfield, where the trebles are somewhat difficult to hear inside. This time Cambridge was the unlucky method.

East Grinstead was to have been the venue for the afternoon peal, but due to the death of the verger the attempt had to be cancelled. However, the band assisted the local ringers in ringing rounds and Stedman Triples on the half-muffled bells for the funeral service. Turners Hill was, therefore, substituted for East Grinstead, and the method chosen was Yorkshire, unsuccessful up till this. A very fine peal was rung.

Thursday morning saw a complete change of luck, for a peal of Cambridge was rung at St. Peter's, Henfield, at the third attempt. Refreshed in body by an exceedingly good lunch at the restaurant of Mr. Cruttenden, a local ringer, the party returned to Brighton, but failed miserably in an attempt for Stedman Caters at St. Nicholas'.

The success of morning peals continued on Friday, when a very fine peal of Yorkshire, considered by many to be the best peal of the week, was rung at Cuckfield, and Bolney was visited after lunch and the bells utilised to ring once again the standard Surprise methods Cambridge was the method chosen for Hurstpierpoint in the afternoon, but the peal came to grief after 2 hours and 10 minutes.

Yorkshire fared no better on Saturday morning, being lost after 1 hour 40 minutes, but a peal of Bristol at Rotherfield brought the tour to a successful conclusion.

Ringers deserving special mention are Harry Parkes, the organiser, who turned the tenor in in every attempt, although his hands bore signs of severe punishment, the two conductors, Mark Lancefield and Fred Huckstepp, and Mark Marshall, the youngest ringer, who was the only one besides Harry Parkes to stand in every attempt.

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MEETINGS

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Oct. 8th, Colliers Wood. 2.30 to 3.30; Clapham Common R.C. 4.45 to 6; St. Stephen's Clapham Park, 6.15 to 7.45. Business, St. Stephen's Mission Hall, 8 p.m. — Rogers. HOU 3921. 5832

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Annual district meeting, Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (10) 2.30. Tea in College Room 4.15 by invitation of the Vicar and Churchwardens. Evensong 6. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 5818

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Chailey (6), Oct. 8th. 3. 5846

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. — Quarterly meeting, Shirley (8), Oct. 8th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Notify for tea.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. SPR 1025. 5845

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Chard, Oct. 8th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify early.—J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton. 5847

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Spaldwick, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea available. Bring own food.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 5843

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Oct. 8th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. —J. Cotton. 5873

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — Meeting at Northchurch (8) on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 3 p.m.—Pamela A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 5839

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Ash (6) on Saturday, Oct. 8th, at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. — G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 4840

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Oct. 8th. Ringing arrangements will be as follows: St. Mary's, Lambeth (Lambeth Bridge) (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. George's, Borough High Street (8), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; St. Giles-in-the-Fields (8), 4.30 to 5.30 p.m.; St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12), 3 to 5 p.m. Service to follow at St. Martin's.—Peter N. Bond, Assistant Hon. Sec. 5860

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Cuckfield (8), Oct. 8th. Names for tea to Mr. G. Apps, 24, Chatfield Road, Cuckfield, Sussex. — C. A. Bassett. 5852

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Doddington (6), Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please bring own food.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 5856

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Rusper (8), Saturday, Oct. 8th, 3 p.m. Tea. — G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crewley. 5878

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting, St. Martin's, Epsom, Oct. 8th. Bells from 3. Service 5. Tea in Church Room. Ewell available afterwards.—A. Smith. 5895

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division. — Meeting at Thorpe-le-Soken on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by 12th to H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec., 106, Hythe Hill, Colchester. 5827

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Heckington, Oct. 15th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Tea only to those who notify Mrs. D. Wray, 16, Eastgate, Sleaford, by the Monday previous.—F. Lord, Hon. Branch Sec. 5781

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — Meeting at Bengeo, Hertford, on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Meeting to follow. Names or tea by 12th.—A. S. Carter, Sec., 93, North Road, Hertford. 5862

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, Bethersden, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Oct. 12th to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 5855

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Deanery.—Meeting, Street, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells 3. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting, Star Rest. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 11th. — W. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street, Somerset. 5864

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Annual meeting, Canterbury, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Usual bells available afternoon and evening. Service, St. Stephen's, 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, with cost enclosed, and nominations for officers to reach me first post Wednesday, Oct. 12th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 5854

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting at Soberton, Oct. 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business meeting, White Lion, 4.30. Names by Oct. 12th to Mr. H. Dudman, Priestfield, Station Road, Droxford.—John H. Hunt, District Sec. 5857

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Acton (6 bells), Oct. 15th, 2.30. Important: Names for tea by 12th.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 5905

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District), SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Joint meeting, Sheffield, Saturday, Oct. 15th. St. Marie's bells (8) 2 to 5 p.m.; Cathedral (12) 6 to 9 p.m. Tea and meeting, Parish Hall, Bailey Street, 5 p.m. Notify Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield 8, by Wednesday, 12th. 5906

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hanwell, near Banbury, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 5887

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Thrapston, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Quarterly meeting and dedication of memorial to the late James Nickerson during service at 4.15 p.m. Tea if ordered by Tuesday.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 5886

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Langford Budville, Oct. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea early, please.—A. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 5890

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at St. John's, Alloa, on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Ringing commences 2.30 p.m. 5907

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Kirkthorpe, near Wakefield, Saturday, Oct. 15th, at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify me not later than Oct. 12th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 5908

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Meeting, Marham, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided —J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 5888

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Christ Church, Port Sunlight (8), Saturday, Oct. 15th, 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. each) for those notifying me by 11th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5889

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Nailsea, Oct. 15th. Bus 24B from Bristol. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5.—Percy G. Yeo. 5882

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —Practice, Steyning (8), Oct. 15th, 3. Names for tea by Oct. 12th to E. Treagus, 18, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 5883

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District. — Barwell, Oct. 15th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Institute 5. Notify Mr. Belton, Arden Cottage, Hinckley Road, Barwell, by Wednesday, Oct. 12th. 5904

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford Branch. — Meeting, Fownhope (6), Oct. 15th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Tuesday, 11th. —J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 5894

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting at Hemingbrough, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in Schoolroom 5. Names to Mr. F. Terry, Water Lane Farm, Hemingbrough, by Oct. 12th.—L. M. Woodhead, Act. Hon. Sec. 5897

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 5899

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.— Meeting, Biddenden, Oct. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names, tea, to Mr. A. Beaney, Stede Quarter Farm, Biddenden.—H. Gorringe, Hon. Sec. 5900

COVENTRY GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Monk's Kirby, near Rugby, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea is being arranged. Names by Wednesday previous to Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nuneaton 3296. 5901

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Sandridge (6), Saturday, Oct. 15th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis. SSec. 5902

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Ashby Folville, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. For tea please notify Mrs. R. Spencer, Twyford, by Oct. 11th.—F. Key, Hon. Sec. 4893

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION and CHESTER GUILD (Chester Branch). — Combined meeting at Gresford, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (8) available 2. Service 3. Names for tea by Oct. 12th to W. Catherall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 5913

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. — Next meeting at Newchurch on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells from 3. Meeting in the tower at 6.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec. 5898

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting, Bramley, Oct. 22nd. Usual arrangements. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, by Oct. 17th. Shalford bells (8) available after tea.—A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 5903

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Galleywood (8), Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham.

OTTERY ST. MARY.—The Bishop of Crediton will bless the recast ring on Oct. 29th at 2.30. Will bands and individual ringers notify me before Oct. 20th? Buffet refreshments.—J. Arbury, 2, Paternoster Row, Ottery St. Mary. 5896

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Allendale, St. Cuthbert's, Saturday, Oct. 29th. Names for bus and tea by Oct. 20th to Mr. C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill. 5885

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX.—Ringers' Sunday, Oct. 30th. Bells available 2.30. Meat tea 4.30. Special service 6.30. A nominal charge of 1s. 6d. will be made for tea, and names must be sent to the undersigned not later than Oct. 22nd. All ringers welcome. — W. G. Turner, 4, Marldon Road, Northowram. 5884

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — 312th anniversary dinner, Saturday, Nov. 5th, Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopsgate, 6.30 p.m. Tickets 12s. 6d.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5891

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REVALUATION

BY CORN. R. STONE.

THE recent leading article entitled 'Devaluation' asks if there is any means of sifting peal performances for 'clean' ones only to be recorded. This old question of 'quality' in the ringing of peals has always seemed to me to have a fairly straightforward answer, and to have needed the remedy in that answer to have been rigidly applied. After all, honesty forces us to admit that anything more than a slight trip immediately corrected brings up falsity in performance, and who would start for a peal known to be 'false'?

The practical reasoning out of the whole matter seems to run something like this:—

(1) As opposed to ringing for Divine Service, peal-ringing is, of course, a species of sport. Even peals in memoriam are, surely a sporting tribute? Like all sports, peal-ringing is subject to the 'rules of the game.' The average peal-ringer is a clean sportsman with decent principles and will want to 'play the game,' providing the rules of such games are **universally understood and practised.**

(2) The criterion is, as we known, not less than 5,000 true and unrepeated change-rows, beginning and ending with rounds. (Except below Triples.) No peal record may stand if the composition is false; and this holds equally good if there should be found only one misplaced or repeated change-row in the composition.

(3) Even with a true composition properly called falsity may arise through a mistake in the ringing. The question therefore turns on the simple fact of **error in performance.** How is this to be adjudged?

(4) Now peal-ringing is essentially team-work and every true change-row is produced by intentional effort on the part of all the ringers; and, although a bell may be struck so badly as to sound out of its place among the others, yet, providing its intended position amongst them is **never lost sight of,** that is, providing its correct path or position is never lost to mind by someone in the band (i.e. conductor), then custom will accord the performance as true enough for recording as a peal.

(5) In all peals except those omni-conducted ('silent), and those which may be refereed, there is one person and one only who is ultimately responsible for the integrity of the record—the conductor.

(6) So it comes to this: If in a peal attempt, based on a true composition, bells may occasionally strike not precisely in their proper places, that is to say, if there be a momentary lapse on a ringer's part, or if two bells should 'swap' paths, then, providing the correction be **immediate** (within the next whole pull) the true bell-paths or positions will have been kept in mind. If, on the other hand, the lapse causes others to go wrong, or if the swap-over runs on, then a series of wrong change-rows will have been brought in, rendering the performance quite false. Since, no matter how clever the 'sorting out' may ensue, the falsity is positively there, the honest conductor can only call stand, **and show the offenders why this was necessary.**

If this reasoning is right and fair then the standard of ringing for peal-recording should never fall below what may be summarised thus:—

(a) Trips or 'overs' spotted in ensuing change-row, and 'held right' from there, shall **not** be considered as having lost the performance of the true composition.

(b) Errors discovered and corrected at next lead-end, and anything requiring what is commonly known as 'sorting 'em out,' shall invalidate the attempt.

(c) For a performance put forward for record as a peal the conductor (or referee if standing) is always to be understood as guaranteeing no occurrence as in (b) above.

The expression 'held right' in (a) above may be taken to mean that the delinquent's bell-position or bell-path was properly kept in view from the moment the mistake occurred until the ringer

himself is right again. In point of fact all this will be realised as merely complying with what was laid down years ago by the Central Council; but as an attempt to carry the mandate into practical rules.

Here then is the consequential suggestion: Let us, say, from the date of the New Year, having revalued our standards in peal-ringing, resolve that future peal attempts begin only on the clear understanding, by all participants, that any recording of the performance will have to be subject to a guarantee covering (b) above; and that every attempt shall reach this standard!

Vale of Evesham and District Tour

The following peals were rung for the Worcestershire and Districts Association :—

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

Maurice Bennett	*Treble*	Joseph D. Johnson	5
Stanley E. Bennett	2	John Freeman	6
Mrs. A. Richardson	3	John A. Freeman	7
Charles E. Brown	4	Jack Bray	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Jack Bray.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew, Hampton,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*Robert G. Freeman	*Treble*	*P. Michael Freeman	5
Mrs. John Thomas	2	John Walden	6
*Charles McGuiness	3	John Thomas	7
*George E. Feirn	4	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Composed by Chas. W. Roberts. Conducted by J. L. Millhouse.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First Surprise peal on the bells. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
On Sun., Sept. 18, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,*
At the Bell Tower,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Mrs. A. Richardson	*Treble*	John A. Freeman	6
Charles McGuiness	2	Jack Bray	7
*George E. Feirn	3	Jack L. Millhouse	8
John Walden	4	John Freeman	9
Stanley E. Bennett	5	Charles E. Brown	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by J. A. Freeman.
* First peal of Stedman Caters on tower bells. Tenor 31½ cwt.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
On Sun., Sept. 18, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,*
At 29, Hinton-on-the-Green,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

P. Michael Freeman	1-2	John Freeman	5-6
Jack L. Millhouse	3-4	*Stanley E. Bennett	7-8

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by John Freeman.
* First handbell peal. Tenor size 15 in C.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
On Mon., Sept. 19, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Stanley E. Bennett	*Treble*	John Walden	5
Jack Bray	2	Wilfred Williams	6
Jack J. Millhouse	3	George E. Fearn	7
John Freeman	4	George E. Feirn	*Tenor*

Composeed by Fredk. Dench. Conducted by George E. Feirn.
First peal of London Surprise Major as conductor. Tenor 12½ cwt.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
On Mon., Sept. 19, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthias,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Transposition. Tenor 16½ cwt.

Mrs. E. M. Wayman	*Treble*	Charles McGuiness	5
Maurice Bennett	2	Mrs. A. Richardson	6
Mrs. John Thomas	3	John A. Freeman	7
John Thomas	4	Charles E. Brown	*Tenor*

Conducted by John A. Freeman.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.
On Tues., Sept. 20, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.*
In the Vestry of the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs J. Bray	1-2	John Thomas	5-6
Mrs. John Thomas	3-4	Jack Bray	7-8

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by John Thomas.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.
On Tues., Sept. 20, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Being 2,016 Bristol, 1,824 London, 768 Superlative, and 480 of Cambridge, with 122 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*Stanley E. Bennett	*Treble*	John A. Freeman	5
Charles McGuiness	2	John Walden	6
*George E. Feirn	3	George E. Fearn	7
John Freeman	4	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced Surprise as conductor. First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells.

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.
On Wed., Sept. 21, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*Charles E. Brown	*Treble*	*John Walden	5
*Patricia Holmes	2	*John A. Freeman	6
*Charles McGuiness	3	George E. Fearn	7
*Stanley E. Bennett	4	*George E. Feirn	*Tenor*

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by George E. Feirn.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

STOW-IN-THE-WOLD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
On Wed., Sept. 21, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Edward,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

Jack Bray	*Treble*	George E. Feirn	5
Mrs. John Thomas	2	Jack L. Millhouse	6
John Thomas	3	George E. Fearn	7
Stanley E. Bennett	4	John Freeman	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by John Freeman.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
On Thurs., Sept. 22, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

Charles E. Brown	*Treble*	John Freeman	5
P. Michael Freeman	2	*Stanley E. Bennett	6
*Mrs. John Thomas	3	*John Walden	7
Charles McGuiness	4	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by John Freeman.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
On Thurs., Sept. 22, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

John Thomas	*Treble*	John A. Freeman	6
*Patricia Holmes	2	Jack Bray	7
*Stanley E. Bennett	3	John Walden	8
*George E. Feirn	4	Jack L. Millhouse	9
John Freeman	5	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by Chas. J. Sedgley. Conducted by John A. Freeman.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal as conductor.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
On Thurs., Sept. 22, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,*
At, 29, Hinton-on-the-Green,
A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Plain Bob; 540 Wellington Little Court, Gainsborough Little Bob; 360 Little Bob; 864 St. Clement's Bob; 576 Crayford College Bob, with 306 changes of method. Tenor size 13 in E.

Mrs. Jack Bray	1-2	Jack Bray	5-6
George E. Feirn	3-4	*Jack L. Millhouse	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by George E. Feirn.
* First peal in eight methods in hand. First peal in eight methods in hand for the Association.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
On Fri., Sept. 23, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

*Maurice Bennett	*Treble*	*Stanley E. Bennett	5
Charles McGuiness	2	John Walden	6
†P. Michael Freeman	3	*George E. Feirn	7
Mrs. John Thomas	4	*Jack Bray	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Jack Bray.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major. † First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major 'inside.'

NORTHLEACH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
On Fri., Sept. 23, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

CHARLES E. BROWN	*Treble*	JOHN A. FREEMAN	5
PATRICIA HOLMES	2	*JOHN FREEMAN	6
CHARLES MCGUINESS	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
JOHN THOMAS	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* 200th peal. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Hewett's Variation of Fearn's Two-Part. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

EDGAR G. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	JOHN FREEMAN	7
*MRS. R. F. DEAL	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	8
†PATRICIA HOLMES	3	HENRY H. FEARN	9
CHARLES MCGUINESS	4	JOHN PINFOLD	10
FRANK W. PERRENS	5	FRANK E. HAYNES	11
JOHN A. FREEMAN	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus. † First peal of Maximus. First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

DENIS N. LAYTON	*Treble*	*VERNON BOTTOMLEY	6
JILL BRITTAIN	2	THOMAS G. BANNISTER	7
*JOYCE A. ENGLAND	3	FRANK JENNINGS	8
ROYDON DAVIES	4	ALBERT E. CHEESEMAN	9
DAVID E. PARSONS	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal. A birthday compliment to Jill Brittain (21) and Alfred Arnold (80). Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN D. ROCK	*Treble*	*REGINALD T. JONES	6
CHARLES GREEDY	2	†E. PETER ROCK	7
GEORGE LARGE	3	‡JACK R. WORRALL	8
MICHAEL P. MORETON	4	§WILFRID F. MORETON	9
*WILLIAM THOMSETT	5	LESLIE EVANS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. F. MORETON.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters 'inside.' ‡50th peal. § 200th peal. Rung after the ordination of Rev. Roy Hallett, B.A.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL OF SS. MARY, GEORGE AND DENYS,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt.

*BARBARA SMEDLEY	*Treble*	†PETER COXALL	6
*MARGARET E. RIDYARD	2	RONALD KENRICK	7
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE	3	*RICHARD LONGDEN	8
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	4	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	9
JAMES W. GROUNDS	5	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method. † First peal on ten bells. A twenty-first birthday compliment to Miss Joan M. Webster and a birthday compliment to Miss Barbara Smedley, Miss Vera Draper, Miss Margaret E. Ridyard and Mr. James W. Grounds.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

TERENCE A. THORNBER	*Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	†MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	7
DOROTHY UDALE	3	†NORMAN G. MCCRUM	8
JILL POOLE	4	‡ALAN JACQUES	9
*ELIZABETH FAULKNALL	5	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. † First peal on 10 bells. ‡ 50th peal this year. Average age of band is 20 years 4 months.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

ALAN R. PINK	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. PORTER	6
MICHAEL E. H. BARROW	2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD	7
EDWIN G. MOORE	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	8
PHILIP WALKER	4	FREDK. C. WHITE	9
*NOEL J. DISERENS	5	WALTER F. JUDGE	*Tenor*

Composed by the late G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by W. C. PORTER.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

ALFRED E. REEVES	*Treble*	THOMAS W. KIMBER	6
RONALD W. HAYWARD	2	HERBERT W. KNIGHT	7
HENRY J. SANGER	3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	8
ARTHUR H. REED	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	9
FREDK. A. TARGETT	5	RONALD G. BECK	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.
First peal on the bells. Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5025 CHANGES;

HERBERT J. ELDRED	*Treble*	A. ST. JOHN BOYACK	6
NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH	2	ERIC DODDS	7
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	3	*EDWIN C. HYNARD	8
DAVID J. CHARNLEY	4	HAROLD W. ROGERS	9
SQUIRE CROFT	5	THOMAS E. DAVIES	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Stedman 'inside.' Tenor 16½ cwt.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

*JOYCE COX	*Treble*	A. YORK-BRAMBLE	6
†E. JOAN SALMONS	2	MAURICE J. BUTLER	7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	8
NELIA LEAHY	4	FREDK. W. ROGERS	9
CHARLES H. KIPPIN	5	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters 'inside.' Rung for the patronal festival. Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

STAFFORD.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	DENNIS BERESFORD	6
*MAURICE G. TURNER	2	ALAN ELSMORE	7
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	3	GEORGE W. HUGHES	8
MARY ELKINGTON	4	JOHN N. LINDON	9
PETER BERESFORD	5	†FRANK H. ELEY	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by H. HOWELL.
* 50th peal. † First peal on 10 bells. Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS

BENSON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 15 cwt.

*RICHARD D. WELLS	*Treble*	GEORGE W. BISHOP	5
JAMES GORDON	2	ROBERT B. BLOND	6
JAMES P. BLOND	3	*THOMAS H. SELWOOD	7
HENRY L. BISHOP	4	*WILLIAM H. TAME	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.
* First peal.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 14, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS	*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
*NELIA M. LEAHY	2	ERNEST F. SALMONS	6
HAZEL DALE	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
MRS. E. F. SALMONS	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Yorkshire.

BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN COOKE	*Treble*	A. TREVOR SUTTON	5
ALFRED W. CUSICK	2	‡CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	6
*JAMES M. PEMBERTON	3	‡ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	7
†STANLEY D. SUTTON	4	§FRANK T. PARRY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. J. MARTIN.
* First peal of Major and first peal away from the treble. † First peal of Major. ‡ 25th peal together. § First peal in the method 'inside.' A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Joan M. Webster, of Wallasey.

HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

LEONARD RODMELL	*Treble*	FRED TERRY	5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	2	PHILIP H. SPECK	6
HORACE S. MORLEY	3	FRED OSGERBY	7
*FRANCIS W. DALE	4	CHARLES BARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major and in honour of the birth of J. P. W. Lavington, great-grandson of this ringer.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

LESTER L. GREY	*Treble*	ERNEST T. CARVELL	5
*HUGH ROBERTS	2	GEORGE LEDSHAM	6
†JULIA M. PRESTON	3	ERIC J. GILBERT	7
*ALEX. J. WEBSTER	4	FRANK VARTY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK VARTY.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal of Surprise.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

VERNON SYKES	*Treble*	FRED MELLOR	5
DEREK OGDEN	2	*STEPHEN L. PARRY	6
*IVAN KAY	3	FRED DUNKERLEY	7
HAROLD ARMSTEAD	4	S.S.M. PHILIP TOCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.
* 50th peal together. A compliment to Lilian M. Dare and Arnold Wrench on the occasion of their wedding at above church this day.

BEXLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Treble*	ALFRED G. WILLIAMS	5
DAVID BEVERIDGE	2	JAMES BENNETT	6
*RICHARD G. CROSLAND	3	T. MARK WHITE	7
†BARNABAS G. KEY	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

*ALBERT H. BOOTH	*Treble*	DAVID SMITH	5
*DOROTHY C. OSBORN	2	CECIL RADDON	6
*ERIC HORNBY	3	*R. GORDON CORBY	7
ELIZABETH MORTON	4	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
* First peal of Little Bob Major. Believed first peal Little Bob on the bells. A wedding compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

ARTHUR W. DICKERSON	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	2	HENRY TOOKE	6
SIDNEY MARSHALL	3	THOMAS R. SIMMONS	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Treble*	EDGAR R. RAPLEY	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
RAYMOND OVERY	3	KENNETH SNELLING	7
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

TARLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN H. GARTSIDE	*Treble*	ERNEST J. GOWER	5
THOMAS BARKER	2	JAMES BLACKBURN	6
E. ROGER MARTIN	3	JOHN CHARNOCK	7
G. ALEC DIMMOCK	4	ARTHUR HATCH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN CHARNOCK.
First peal of Surprise as conductor.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 27, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*JOHN A. ETHERINGTON	*Treble*	*HAROLD A. MAY	5
*FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	2	C. ERNEST SMITH	6
*WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	3	*T. MARK WHITE	7
*GEORGE L. GROVER	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
* First peal of New Cambridge. Also first peal of New Cambridge on the bells and as conductor. To mark the retirement of Bishop J. V. Macmillan, second Bishop of Guildford.

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

*G. STANLEY BREWIN	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	6
*NORMAN G. MCCRUM	3	JOHN R. SMITH	7
*MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	4	*ALAN JACQUES	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

BURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 29, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

A. V. WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	JOSEPH PORTER	5
MURIEL REAY	2	CHARLES BLAKEY	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ...	7
ROGER LEIGH	4	ALBERT GREENHALGH ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

A transposition of a peal given in the 'Clavis.' Rung for the wedding of the Rev. G. A. Williams, curate of the church, to Miss Annie Brindle.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 30, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL DF HEREFORDSHIRE LITTLE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5064 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

*REGINALD T. JONES	...*Treble*	† E. PETER ROCK	5
JOHN D. ROCK	2	LESLIE EVANS	6
MICHAEL P. MORETON...	3	REV. E. G. BENSON ...	7
FREDERICK R. HARRIS...	4	WILFRID F. MORETON...	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by W. F. MORETON.
* 25th peal. † 50th peal. The first peal of Little Surprise.

ARKSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

JAMES THORLEY ...	...*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ...	5
F. BERNARD DITCHER ...	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	6
MILTON C. FOWLER ...	3	J. EDWARD CAWSER ...	7
*LUCY MOTTISHAW ...	4	ERNEST A. THORPE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. F. Milner, of Kirklington, Notts.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 11 cwt.

C. ROUSE (Cheltenham)...	*Treble*	S. T. PRICE (Stroud) ...	5
C. R. HARDING (Gen. Sec.)	2	W. KYNASTON (Swindon)	6
E. NEWBURY (Tewkesbury)	3	W. HAYWARD (Cirencester)	7
MARY HILLIAR(Bristol Rural)	4	C. LARNER (Gloucester)	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

Rung by the General Secretary and Branch Secretaries of the Association as a compliment to Miss Hilliar on her coming-of-age and engagement.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,*
IN THE CAMPANILE OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

MARIE R. CROSS	...*Treble*	GEOFFREY DODDS ...	5
FRANCES A. EDGAR ...	2	*BRIAN D. PRICE	6
*†DENIS N. LAYTON ...	3	*†PHILIP M. J. GRAY ...	7
JOAN GRAY	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung for the dedication of the new windows replacing those broken during the war.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,*
AT THE NORMAN TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

CHARLES E. G. BANHAM...	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ...	2	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	6
HARRY D. LISTER	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
WILLIAM STANNARD ...	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

J. CHESTERMAN ...	...*Treble*	E. P. AUSTIN	5
*MISS O. OSLER	2	*J. WEAVER	6
C. OSLER	3	A. E. A. SMITH	7
S. WEBB	4	*E. F. GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by E. F. GILBERT.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 14 cwt.

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 52 minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH THORNLEY ...	...*Treble*	ROY COLLIER	5
WILLIAM AARON	2	PETER CROOK, SEN. ...	6
WILLIAM KAY	3	THOMAS BRATBY	7
FRED BROWNLOW	4	HENRY PRESCOTT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

A silver jubilee compliment to the Rev. J. J. Robinson, parish priest of All Saints' for 25 years, and for the jubilee of the bells, hung in September, 1899.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

RONALD W. STEWARD	...*Treble*	*FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	5
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ...	2	†FRANK L. FISHER ...	6
GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	3	CHARLES E. FISHER ...	7
WILLIAM J. BUTTON ...	4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by GEO. E. SYMONDS.
* First peal of Surprise. † 200th peal. Tenor 16 cwt.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

ALLEN MORGAN ...	...*Treble*	DENIS R. MORRIS... ...	5
*GEORGE E. LARGE ...	2	ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES	6
CLAUDIA A. HARDING ...	3	*REGINALD WOODYATT ...	7
†R. GEORGE MORRIS ...	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* 150th peal together. † First peal of Major. Tenor 21½ cwt.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Being 1,312 Bristol, 1,312 Superlative, 1,280 London, and 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major, with 110 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt.

*HAROLD WALKER ...	...*Treble*	WALTER TOMLINSON ...	5
JOHN FREEMAN	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	6
*RAYMOND F. SMITH ...	3	JOHN WALDEN	7
CHARLES MCGUINESS ...	4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

A. REGINALD BLABY	...*Treble*	*EDWARD TIMPSON ...	5
*SYLVIA COKER	2	†ARTHUR NEWTON	6
WALTER LEE	3	PERCY NEWTON	7
*ANTHONY E. COX	4	ROLAND BIGGS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.
* First peal of Superlative. † First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Superlative as conductor. Tenor 12½ cwt.

OXTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*ERNEST T. CARVELL	...*Treble*	ERIC J. GILBERT	5
*JULIA M. PRESTON ...	2	GEORGE LEDSHAM	6
FRANK VARTY	3	ERNEST F. BENNETT ...	7
*ALEX. J. WEBSTER ...	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK VARTY.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

ALBERT DISERENS	*Treble*	REGINALD W. REX ...	5
BRYAN C. STIRLING ...	2	†GILBERT J. TOWNSEND	6
*GEOFFREY K. DODD ...	3	A. PATRICK CANNON ...	7
ROBERT WAKE	4	‡WILLIAM KEWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' ‡ First peal. Rung for the 1,200th anniversary of the parish, and also as a wedding compliment to Raymond Rex, son of the 5th ringer, and Miss Iris R. Robinson.

KNIGHTON. RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS	*Treble*	E. PETER ROCK	5
MICHAEL P. MORETON ...	2	LESLIE EVANS	6
REGINALD T. JONES ...	3	JOHN D. ROCK	7
WILLIAM THOMSETT ...	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN D. ROCK.

First peal of Surprise and of Major as conductor. First peal of New Cambridge Major for all the band, in the county and for the Guild. Tenor 10 cwt.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK M. MITCHELL	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. BUDGEN ...	5
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL	2	FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP	6
FREDERICK R. WELLER ...	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	7
FREDERICK S. MACEY ...	4	FREDERICK A. CLUETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. M. Mitchell and to commemorate his 40 years as leader of the above tower. A 'Frederick' peal by Men of Kent and Kentish Men.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS AND THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Morris's Twelve-part. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*DORIS SHEPPARD ...	*Treble*	RAYMOND THAIN	5
TREVOR PRITCHARD ...	2	†HAROLD HOBBS	6
GEORGE LATHAM	3	LESLIE BARRY	7
THOMAS WITTS	4	*MARLOW SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' First peal on the bells since being rehung by Mears and Stainbank, April, 1949.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HARTFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 23, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and one of Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B. Tenor 12 cwt.

A. L. RYMAN (auditor)	*Treble*	E. J. OLIVER (Treas.) ...	4
A. RELFE (C.C. rep.) ...	2	C. A. BASSETT (Sec.) ...	5
A. F. LEWRY (Comm.)...	3	E. J. LADD (Chairman)	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

A farewell peal to Mr. A. L. Ryman, who is leaving the district. Mr. E. J. Oliver has now rung peals of Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

RUMNEY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 23, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 40 six-scores, 10 callings, and one Morris' 240. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*RONALD C. LUCAS	*Treble*	*LEONARD F. FARR ...	4
*WALTER R. SPEAKE ...	2	JACK R. WORRALL ...	5
*F. GRAHAM SMITH ...	3	*SIDNEY SHACKELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal. Rung for the enthronement of the Archbishop of Wales at Llandaff Cathedral on September 21st.

TITCHFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 23, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent of Oxford T.B. and two each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*AUDREY MORRISON ...	*Treble*	*FREDERICK C. LOVE ...	4
†PATRICK PAGE	2	†JOHN H. HUNT	5
GEORGE H. WHITEMORE	3	‡TOM PAGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor in four methods. ‡ First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

BODIAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 extents each of April Day and Plain Bob and two 240's (Morris' and Pitman's Arrangement), and 14 extents of Grandsire.

*EDITH BASSETT	*Treble*	CHARLES A. BASSETT ...	3
*LEONARD W. GILES ...	2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	4

*FDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

* First peal on five bells. First peal in three Doubles methods by all the band. Tenor 7 cwt. 23 lb.

COMBE FLOREY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*FRANK MORRIS ...	*Treble*	†RAYMOND WINTER ...	4
†PAMELA WOOLEY ...	2	†FRANK BRANCHFLOWER...	5
‡GILBERT DAVIS	3	CLAUDE TARR ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLAUDE TARR.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Treble Bob Minor.. ‡ First peal. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Double Oxford, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Single Oxford, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

CLAUDIA A. HARDING	*Treble*	DENIS R. MORRIS	4
GEORGE E. LARGE	2	THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	5
ALLEN MORGAN	3	REGINALD WOODYATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

SANDHURST, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of Oxford T.B. and two each of Kent T.B., Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

*ROYSTON PURCHASE	*Treble*	*CHARLES FENNELL ...	4
WM. H. J. PARKER ...	2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ...	5
ROGER POSNETT	3	WILLIAM BUTLER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* First peal in four methods. A birthday compliment to Mrs. R. Posnett, wife of the ringer of the 3rd.

OLD BRAMPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, differently called. Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

CYRIL WRIGHT ...	*Treble*	SAM SCATTERGOOD ...	4
HAROLD WAGSTAFFE ...	2	JOSEPH SAXTON	5
*WILFRED ROBINSON ...	3	†GORDON C. BRIGGS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

* First peal and 15th birthday. † 50th peal.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:
Being seven different extents. Tenor 24 cwt.

*LEONARD REYNOLDS	*Treble*	FRANK REYNOLDS ...	4
*WILLIAM SIDWELL ...	2	REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH	5
A. EDWARD REEVES ...	3	†PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise Kingston, Sandal, London, Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford and Kent T.B.
Tenor 15 cwt.

*DORIS MARSHALL	*Treble*	DONALD CHADWICK	4
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE ...	2	FREDERICK FLINT	5
ROLAND T. FLINT	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band. A welcome to the Rev. W. C. and Mrs. Morgan.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 27, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, RODBOURNE CHENEY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

JOHN E. MANNERS	*Treble*	ANTHONY R. PEAKE ...	4
BERYL J. STRANGE	2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON...	5
BERNICE M. STRANGE ...	3	THOMAS I. HOLBOROW	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

First peal of Stedman by all except the conductor. A farewell to Rev. H. E. Watkins (curate) and Mrs. Watkins on leaving for Nottingham.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 6½ cwt.

GWENDOLINE ROBINSON	*Treble*	KENNETH W. DUFFY ...	4
*BETTINA A. DUFFY ...	2	*AUBREY A. PEPPER ...	5
WILLIAM DUFFY	3	FRANK TAYLOR ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

* First peal in 7 methods. A birthday compliment to Miss B. A. Duffy.

DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *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.

*DENIS AIREY	*Treble*	HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS...	4
WILLIAM OLIVER	2	THOMAS COOKE	5
RICHARD BUSBY	3	W. NORMAN PARK	6

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

* First peal of Surprise. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Titt.

BONVILSTON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 30, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK J. BAILEY	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. BAILEY ...	4
*FREDK. J. HANNINGTON	2	*ROBERT E. COLES	5
ALFRED HANNINGTON ...	3	JACK R. WORRALL...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal in three methods. First peal in three methods as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Frank J. Bailey, wife of the treble ringer and mother of the ringer of the 4th.

TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

MOSES BILLINGS ...	*Treble*	LOUIS WILDERS	4
*FRED INGALL	2	*PETE MASON	5
AMOS INGALL	3	JOHN E. COOK ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

* First peal in five methods and first 720 of Double Court.

Other peals on page 497.

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LATE NEWS.

A re-broadcast of 'From Tower and Steeple' will be given on the West of England Home Service on October 25th at 6.30-7 p.m.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Six members of the Woods family composed the band which rang 1,260 Plain Bob Minor at Donington, Lincs, on September 20th, viz., Ronald Woods 1, Denis Woods (first 'inside,' age 15) 2, C. G. Woods 3, S. W. Woods 4, E. A. Woods 5, H. R. Woods (cond.) 6.

Mr. J. Chesterman has 'completed the circle' at St. Michael's, Basingstoke.

The ringer of the second bell in the peal at Heydour, Lincs, on Sept. 24th was Miss Katharine Burchnall.

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise at Cuckfield, reported in our last issue, was the 100th peal for Mr. Fredk. G. Huckstepp, Congratulations!

'The City Press,' London, recently gave a page article introducing the Ancient Society of College Youths, entitled 'The Bellringers' M.C.C.' Among the illustrations is one of the ancient shop-front of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

Writes 'Delight': Should any ringers visit the beach at West Wittering, near Chichester, and be so misguided as to think they can get out a set of handbells (tenor 2⅝ inches across in C) and ring some Grandsire, Bob Major or Stedman I should like to warn them—it is not allowed.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild will hold their Jubilee dinner on the first Saturday in December. It is hoped to organise various peal attempts on Friday night and Saturday morning and a room will be reserved in a local hostelry for a Friday evening 'get together.'

It was a graceful compliment that the branch secretaries and the general secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association paid to Miss Mary P. Hilliar on her coming-of-age and engagement in all standing in a peal together.

The 'Freds' peal at Milton, near Gravesend, by Men of Kent and Kentish Men, as recorded in the peal columns, was specially arranged to commemorate the birthday and 40 years' service as leader at Milton-next-Gravesend, by Mr. F. M. Mitchell. He has been an officer of the Kent Association for 33 years, 17 of which he was general secretary and treasurer, and he still holds the office of hon. treasurer. He has also served as County Representative on the Central Council for the past 20 years. The ringers came from all parts of the county, and were entertained to tea after the peal by Mrs. Mitchell.

August issue of 'Ringing Towers' from Australia records the first quarter of Triples at St. Mary's, Sydney, after a period of 30 years. Six of the band scored their first quarter of Triples.

The first prize in the competition to raise funds for Talgarth Bell Restoration Fund was won by Mrs. Ford, of Northwich. The committee express their sincere thanks to all who supported the venture.

'There really is a boom in bells' was a 'Daily Mail' feature article. Interviewed were Mr. A. B. Peck and Mr. F. C. W. Stevenson. 'Young men are turning to bell-ringing as a new hobby with plenty of interest and exercise,' was their opinion.

By ringing in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Loughborough Bell Foundry, Miss Elizabeth Faulknall, of Desford, Leics, now joins the select band of those having rung Cambridge Minor to Maximus on tower bells.

On Sunday, Oct. 2nd, Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham took part in the service ringing at St. Albans Cathedral. Readers who have climbed the 160 stairs to the ringing chamber there will agree that this is no mean feat for a man 83 years of age.

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LINCOLN RINGERS IN THE VALE OF EVESHAM

THE rather misty morning of September 17th saw the beginning of the first ringing tour organised primarily on behalf of members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. By 8 o'clock George E. Feirn and Jack Bray had reached Lincoln from North Lincolnshire, collected their passengers, and set off down the Fosseway towards Evesham. Soon after noon most of the party had made themselves comfortable in their hotels at Evesham, and greetings were exchanged with John Thomas, who had done such valuable work in organising the towers and contacting their respective incumbents in the Evesham area.

Lunch was brought to an end rather hurriedly by the sound of the Evesham Campanile bells being raised, and some of the party went along to renew acquaintance with the St. Albans ringers, who were visiting the tower. A three o'clock start for peals at Hinton-on-the-Green and Hampton denied us the chance of a pull, and away the party went to their respective towers to score the first peals of the tour. At Hinton the band was entertained to tea by the Rector, who expressed a cordial welcome to the party.

On Sunday morning, some went to the bell-tower, while others went to Hinton to ring for morning service, and again we were made welcome — and gifts of sweet William pears were pressed upon us.

After lunch ten of the party went along to the Campanile and prepared their ropes for the day's peal attempt. At a quarter to three the treble pulled off and rounds were heard again a little after six. An outside observer of Welsh origin, believed to be resident in the district, remarked that the first hour was pretty putrid! The writer cannot deny or substantiate his claim, as he was called upon to accompany the good ladies of the party upon a river trip.

SNOOKER, THE CAT.

That evening Stan Bennett persuaded three others to go out to the Thomas residence to ring a peal 'in hand.' After a successful conclusion a short rat-tat-tat was heard. Various conjectures were made as to who had been listening. Could it be the local Rector who had shown such interest? Or some member of the party who had come out from Evesham? However, when John Thomas opened the door the band were surprised to see Snooker, the cat, walk in. Apparently he has been trained not only to knock on the door, but also to wait until the peal comes round!

From Monday onwards it was arranged that we should travel to our selected towers in a private omnibus, and at half-past eight that morning we all clambered into the vehicle bound for the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Elburga at Pershore, with its unusual ringing room. The 'cage-like' ringing chamber was substituted for the more normal belfry as the floor of the latter had obscured the beauty of the lantern. To those who were rather afraid of heights, it was rather terrifying to find oneself seemingly suspended in mid-air. The brave ones of the party observed that though the supporting beams were much worm-eaten, they might hold out. Stan Bennett played for safety and planted himself firmly in the middle of the cage until someone suggested that there might be a trap door there, and as soon as the first touch ended abruptly with the sixth rope breaking, he disappeared down the stairs. The rope was repaired and after about half an hour's ringing the bells were lowered—and most agreed that a peal here would not have given much enjoyment to the ringers.

Upon arrival at Upton-on-Severn, we espied a figure, sitting upon the railings by the river —a figure whom we presumed to be a bargee of local origin; in fact, it turned out to be George E. Fearn, of Birmingham, who for once had found time to do a little ringing. A quick one, followed by the most excellent lunch of the week, and it was time to meet Charles Camin and proceed to the tower. A peal of London was scored here, while the remainder of the party travelled to Malvern Link to ring Stedman Triples.

The next morning brought the only tower-bell failure of the tour when Bristol was lost at Hallow, but this afforded an opportunity to all to look around Worcester Cathedral. At midday the carillon gave forth its tune—George Fearn suggesting that it was entitled 'The Whispering Pines of Nevada.' The afternoon saw us on the way to Dodderhill, where the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury stands high upon its hill. We were all curious about the unusual shape of the church. The Rector informed us that the original church had been some 60ft. longer before its partial destruction in the 17th century. The tower was rebuilt in 1700, but not at the crossing of the nave and transept as before, but over the south transept entrance. In the tower a peal of Spliced Surprise was rung, while in the vestry there took place a 'married couples' peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

Fortune did not favour the handbell ringers that same evening, for two peals of Caters were lost at Hinton-on-the-Green; but let it be noted that the Stedman band were disturbed by the delicious aroma of our hostess' coffee and the bells came to grief just beyond the turning course.

FEARN OR FEIRN?

While a peal of Lincolnshire was scored at Salford Priors on Wednesday, the remainder went for a pull at St. Nicholas', Alcester—a grand eight, but unfortunately right in the middle of the village and thus largely unavailable for peal ringing. The afternoon took us to Stow-in-the-Wold, where a peal of London was scored after two false starts. It was during this peal that one discovered the inadvisability of having two ringers with exactly the same name. A slight trip occurred and the conductor bellowed. 'Get down, George!' When this was repeated the seventh man enquired if he was the culprit. 'I mean George Feirn' shouted the tenorman. For the rest of the week the Fearns (or should it be Feirns?) were called by their second names, though no one was sure which was Edwin and which was Ernest.

In spite of the expert attentions of John Thomas before the start of the peal, the bells made the ringers work, and afterwards liquid refreshment was sought in a tavern hard by the church. The locals were so indignant at the ringers that pints were hastily swallowed and the band did not come to rest until they found a 'pub' which was well out of earshot of the bells.

Thursday saw visits to Hanbury and Claines, Belgrave Surprise Major and Yorkshire Surprise Royal being the peals rung. By now hands were becoming sore, and dusters for plaiting in the rope end were much in evidence at the beginning of peals. So much so that at Claines, George Large enquired whether we were used to the Yorkshire rope end sally. Meanwhile at Worcester, 'Cinema Major' was brought round by the ladies and others in time to catch the bus for Evesham; the band sat thus: Mrs. C. McGuiness, Mrs. J. Bray, Mrs. C. E. Brown, Mrs. J. Walden, Mrs. J. A. Freeman, Mrs. S. E. Bennett, Messrs. P. M. Freeman and M. Bennett.

At lunch we had welcomed Mrs. G. E. Fearn, who said that she liked to see her husband occasionally, and the best way to do this was to catch him either with rope in hand or with his nosebag on.

That same evening the more energetic rang eight methods 'in hand'—while the rest slaked their parched throats at the Woolpack, Evesham, with cider, under the able persuasion of Messrs. Charles Brown and John Walden.

Friday brought us to our last day and an early start was made for Prestbury, where Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung—by 'experts from Broadway,' said the locals. And in the afternoon we beheld the 'Cathedral of the Cotswolds,' the early 15th century Church of SS. Peter and Paul at Northleach, which undoubtedly holds its own with any in the kingdom. While the peal of London was rung here, the remainder visited Bourton-on-the-Water. An unsuccessful attempt was made for Double Norwich 'in hand,' and so the chance was taken to visit the 'model village.'

That evening the whole party gathered in the lounge of the Northwick Arms to talk over the week, to show off their blisters and to wonder where it should be next year. All agreed the week had been a great success—not only from the point of view of the number of peals scored, but even more because of the good fellowship and the happy times that had been spent outside the ringing chamber. It was fitting that all the hard work in arranging the tour should be recognised; John A. Freeman expressed the thanks of the whole party to Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas, without whose thorough preparations on the spot the tour would not have been possible, and asked them to accept a gift of a cheque as a mark of our appreciation. Jack Bray then spoke on behalf of the party when he presented a dressing case to John Freeman, who had arranged the bands and peals from the Lincoln end.

On Saturday morning the tour was nearly over, and except for those who had one more peal to ring at the Cathedral Church of St. Philip, Birmingham, the party made their way home, after a happy week marred by one incident best forgotten. A certain lady member of the party was the recipient of a postcard which she failed to hide from her husband.

Thanks to the kindness of the Birmingham ringers in making the Cathedral bells available and their assistance in making up the band, Yorkshire Maximus was rung, making a fitting end to the week.

By 10.15 p.m. on Saturday, September 24th, all the party had arrived home safely with but one question needing answering—the time and place for next year's 'do.'

P. M. FREEMAN.

A KENT DEDICATION

WESTERHAM BELLS RE-OPENED.

Sunday, October 2nd, marked the occasion of a double event at Westerham, Kent—the re-opening of the fine ring of eight bells, tenor 23¾ cwt., preceded by the dedication of St. Katherine's chapel in the church. For half an hour before the service the local band manned the ropes, captained by Mr. John O. Weller.

After the service a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, conducted by Mr. E. H. Lewis, M.A., but it came to grief after about 20 minutes' excellent ringing. This was caused by two church officials (non-ringers!) who tried to carry on official conversations with two members of the band during the ringing. However, lost honours were regained prior to evening service, when 1,260 Grandsire Triples were brought round by C. Taylor 1, Edna M. Sills 2, J. L. Morris 3, Miss M. Cosgrove (first on eight bells) 4, W. Theobald (cond.) 5, J. O. Weller 6, F. C. W. Knight 7, W. Cosgrove 8. Mr. W. Theobald, of Mears and Stainbank, is to be congratulated on his excellent workmanship in the rehanging of this grand eight.

F.C.W.K.

Mr. Howard Howell conducted his 50th peal of Stedman at Newcastle-under-Lyme on Sept. 10th.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

True Peals

'BAD RINGING DEFAMES OUR ART.'

Dear Sir,—I was much interested in your editorial in the last issue.

The accuracy and quality of peals rung must depend upon the ringers taking part, and principally upon the conductor. The only check upon bad striking and mistakes being allowed to go on too long is the possibility that some critical person may be in the neighbourhood and listening. Even so, that person might very well hesitate to confront the band as they emerged and say that the peal was false or that the ringing did not justify its being booked as a peal. It would almost certainly result in bad blood.

The last paragraph brings back to my mind one or two experiences that occurred to me in days when I was an active peal ringer.

About 40 years ago I went, with a good band, to All Saints', Hertford, for a peal of Stedman Caters. We had well over three hours of excellent striking with hardly a trip all the time, and were within a few changes of coming round. The bells were in the plain course, 8-6 behind and the 9th in 6-7 up. At the sixth end the 6th went down to 6-7, and I, on the 8th, laid the whole pull and waited for the 9th to come up to me. He, however, remained in 6-7. The conductor, Mr. G. N. Price, promptly called to him to go up, and I said, 'Come to me, Teddy.' He replied that he was making the Bob. (No Bob had been called.) We shouted again and he eventually came blundering up to me as the conductor said, 'That should have been all,' but we did not strike rounds until the following handstroke. The conductor declared it to be no peal as the bells did not come round clean.

I was bitterly disappointed as it would have been my first peal of Caters and the ringing up to then had been of such a high order, but I was convinced of the correctness of his decision, and the peal was never published. He was a ringer who demanded a very high quality of ringing and would never suffer a blunder to go on for more than a blow or two, and if too many mistakes were made he used to call 'Stand' and flay the offender. We used to lose more peals than we got, but those that we did get were worthy of record.

Some 20 years later I had a very unhappy experience in a peal of Stedman Triples. I was ringing the treble and the man on the 4th got tangled up with me in 6-7 and told me to go down first (or vice versa, I forget which). I protested, but he insisted, and as he was an experienced conductor and had conducted the peal a number of times, I gave way against my better judgment, but when I got to the front I felt sure we were wrong. I looked over at him, but he avoided my eye, and the conductor seemed satisfied and I carried on. Some time later, when we were behind together, he clashed with me and told me what to do, and again I felt sure he was telling me wrong. We went on and the bells came round all right. I challenged him when we had finished, but he held to it that he was in the right. I have never called any Stedman, so I could not argue, and the conductor, too, said that all was in order. I allowed the peal to be published, feeling that I had no alternative, but I always look at the record of it with misgivings.

In 1939, while on a tour, we had a bad mix-up at the very end of an attempt for Yorkshire Surprise. The conductor sorted it out very skilfully, but when he called 'That's all,' I, who was ringing the 7th, was in 5ths place and by no means sure what I was doing. There was some discussion as to whether or not it was a peal. I held to it that it did not come round, and was therefore no true peal, and that I would not have my name in it. This opinion was acceptable to the others and it was not booked.

This last, with the experience at Hertford, has salved my conscience over the Stedman Triples doubtful affair.

You ask, 'What should an individual do?' Your concluding remarks give the answer. Let every ringer endeavour, both by precept and example, to set and insist upon perfect integrity and a high standard of ringing and striking and resolutely set his face against anything below that standard. It is not nice to have to say, 'Don't ask me in a peal with so and so; his ringing is not up to my standard,' but it can be done tactfully. Bad ringing defames our art, and let us not forget that the public hears us and the public judges us.

I am one of the 'old faithfuls' of your paper. I had the first issue and have had it weekly ever since, except possibly for the period when I was overseas in 1915 and 1916.—Yours faithfully,

F. WHITE.

Tunbridge Wells.

RINGERS' STRIKE AT BULWELL

Dear Sir,—The Bulwell ringers appear to have a genuine grievance and a situation has arisen which might well have been avoided.

The fault seems to lie with the organisers of the peal in not first approaching the local band to ascertain whether they, as is undoubtedly their privilege, desired to ring the first peal on the bells. If the arrangements were made officially by the Southwell Diocesan Guild, it is indeed a surprising breach of etiquette on their part; and in any case an action savouring of peal grabbing tactics.

Whatever the true facts in this instance, peal organisers would do well to ascertain the wishes of the local band before making their arrangements, and incumbents would also be well advised to consult their own ringers before consenting to peal attempts, be the application in the name of an association or otherwise. Much dissatisfaction and grousing would undoubtedly be avoided if this were done.

The first peal at Bulwell has been rung, no continuance of the strike can alter this, and the locals would do well to forget their disappointment and return to their activities.—Yours faithfully,

L. J. CLARK.

Chelmsford, Essex.

BELLRINGERS' PATRON SAINT

Dear Sir,—Why not St. Dunstan? He drew up rules for ringing bells in 977, and as a craftsman of the first order he is believed to have cast some bells.

Tradition has it he also pinched the Devil's nose with some red hot pincers when he poked his head through the workshop window in order to suggest some evil to the holy saint. His feast day is May 19th, when ringers might have a perfect orgy of ringing in honour of their patron saint.—Yours truly,

F. C. CHAMPION.

Hinton Rectory, Evesham.

Dear Sir,—In reply to query of Mr. G. Carse, I pass this on for what it is worth.

At the Curfew Tower, Windsor Castle, I was informed by the late keeper of the tower (Mr. Such) that our patron saint is St. Antony not Anthony. The St. Antony cross can be seen on top of the Curfew and is a short topped cross, which is said to have been put there by St. Antony to make his peace with God after sheep stealing, hence the removal of the top of cross.

I'm afraid he would hardly warrant a ringers' day, and the least we say about our patron saint (if this is true) the better.

GEORGE GILBERT.

St. Peter's, Burnham, Bucks.

The Irish Tour

Dear Sir,—May I take up a few lines of 'The Ringing World' to say, on behalf of the many Irish local ringers who met Mr. Poole and his tourists, how grateful we are for the exhibitions of perfect ringing on our tower bells, the demonstrations on handbells and for the friendships made in such a sociable atmosphere.

The visit of the Leicester ringers has done an amount of good in our country towers, where they need contacts of this sort. A greater keenness has developed to improve the standard of ringing.

I, therefore, would simply say on their behalf, 'Thank you for a wonderful show,' and also on my own behalf, 'It was a week never to be forgotten.'—Yours faithfully,

FRED E. DUKES.

Jenkinstown, Dundalk.

CLAIM 48 YEARS LATE

Dear Sir,—Another claim by the Irish tourists is incorrect. Regarding the first peal on ten handbells in Ireland, they are 48 years too late. On May 25th, 1901, a peal of Stedman Caters 'in hand' was rung in St. Patrick's Cathedral belfry, conducted by William Pye. The particulars of the performance can be found in 'Bell News,' No. 1,000, June 8th, 1901, page 69.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN G. NASH.

228, Victoria Road, Wood Green, N.22.

Dear Sir,—You have given us a fine account of this ringing holiday. Memory calls me back 50 years. Was it not Arklow where a famous ringer of all time went and trained a band of ringers, rang two tower bells, also conducted peals of Stedman Triples at the same time?

Alas, how true: a man's good deeds oft are interred with his bones, the evil lives after him.—Yours faithfully, O. W. PORTER.

Shiplake, Oxon.

Dear Sir,—May I express profound regret in regard to any claim concerning first peals during the Irish Tour which have proved incorrect. The report was based on information received from the secretary of the Irish Association, on whose behalf I also express an apology.—Yours truly,

HAROLD J. POOLE.

Leicester,

LEICESTERSHIRE TOUR

Dear Sir,—Your editorial of Sept. 23rd mentions that in the recent Leicestershire tour ten peals were rung in the diocese and not one of them rung for the Leicester Diocesan Guild; further, that no explanation was given for the departure.

As one who had the pleasure of being amongst the band, I agreed beforehand (not thereby strengthening my inclusion in the tour) to credit any peals to the Guild chosen.

It is often said 'coming events cast their shadows before.' Undoubtedly readers of 'The Ringing World' have been well aware of these shadows appearing over the Leicester Diocesan Guild during the last twelve months, but I myself honestly believe the members do not wish to 'air' their grievances in public.

'ROBIN HOOD.'

CLAIM WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—It has been pointed out to me that our claim to the first peal of Bristol on the bells at Hollesley is not correct, as that was accomplished on June 17th, 1939, conducted by Mr. Lewis W. Wiffen. We withdraw our claim, and offer our sincere apologies to Mr. Wiffen and his band.—Yours faithfully,

J. E. CAWSER.

Braithwell, near Rotherham.

Suffolk and Norfolk Tour

(Continued from page 479.)

For the peal of Spliced Surprise in eight methods at Redenhall on Friday morning a select band was chosen overnight, which caused one or two of its members to stay up until a late hour studying the methods in which they were a little hazy. Although the striking was perhaps a shade slow for this fine ring of eight, a very good peal was brought round and was enjoyed by those who stood out. Three parts of this five-part peal were carefully checked by one keen listener, so perhaps the benefit of any doubts should be given about the other two parts.

TOWER DOOR LOCKED.

Arriving about 40 minutes late at Eye in the afternoon, the tourists found the tower door locked and all attempts to discover the key failed. After basking in the sunshine for about an hour, it was decided to go off for tea, and over this meal eight enthusiasts decided they would like to try the reputed rough-going eight at Stradbroke. The Vicar kindly granted the tourists permission to ring at very short notice, and several short touches were brought round. It was generally agreed that these bells were just about 'pealable,' but would be improved upon if they could be dropped to a lower level in the tower.

The party then left for the Everards Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds, where they stayed for one night only. On Saturday morning, the final day of the tour, the tourists visited the Norman tower of the Cathedral, the second detached campanile of the week, Beccles, of course, being the other one. A good peal of Lindsey Royal was rung here on this fine old ring of ten, cast by Thomas Osborne during the 18th century. A short pull on the eight at St. Mary's would have been appreciated, but probably the citizens of Bury would have thought otherwise, as the towers are only a stone's throw from each other.

The final peal of the tour was one of Cambridge Royal on the light ten at Mildenhall, two trebles having been recently installed by the Croydon foundry. Mr. L. W. G. Morris was called upon to conduct this peal, which came round in 3 hours and 27 minutes—much slower than had earlier been anticipated.

After such a tour there are many recollections—all happy ones—and in these figure Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pipe. They were most enthusiastic and helpful, and reflected in full that generous nature which we ringers like to think is our chief characteristic. Our joint thanks go to all the towerkeepers and incumbents, too, who made our visits so pleasant and easy and ('Tho' born to blush unseen') contributed so much to the success and harmony of the tour. Another memory left in our minds is of the winding Suffolk lanes—not 50 yards of straight road, we should think, and quite delightful at that.

Mr. J. E. Cawser again undertook the organising of the tour, and we offer him our sincere thanks—and congratulations, too—for the wonderful results he accomplished. This is the third tour he has organised, and as an earnest of our warm appreciation (but to his too modest embarrassment) we presented him at Norwich with a silver salver, suitably inscribed: 'J. E. Cawser, from his Ringing Friends, Suffolk, 1949.' He does indeed use his time and talent without stint, and our heartiest thanks are certainly his due. R. G. E.

C.C. COLLECTION OF PEALS

Dear Sir,—I would point out that in the C.C. Collection of Peals, Section III. (Double Norwich), peal No. 23, page 275, by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, the extra bob at 6 in every third part should be called in the 5th course and not in the 2nd course as stated. Also peal No. 85, page 295, by E. Wightman, there should be no bob at 4 in 3rd course as printed.

W. J. PAICE.

Kensington.

Dedications

STOKE-UNDER-HAM.

The Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Stoke-under-Ham, Somerset, gay with its harvest decorations, was the rendezvous of ringers from far and near on the occasion of the dedication of the bells on October 1st. A new treble of 6 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. has been added to the restored five in memory of the Rev. Everard Slade Powell. The bells have been tuned and rehung on ball bearings in a new frame by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. Ballard), and the bells were dedicated by the Ven. C. J. Grimes, D.D., Archdeacon of Northampton and president of the Peterborough Guild, whose masterly picture of the character and life work of the Rev. E. S. Powell was much appreciated. Prebendary E. V. Cox, president of the Devon Guild, the Rev. C. C. Cox, Master of the Salisbury Guild, and Prebendary G. W. Saunders, chairman of the Ilchester Deanery of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, also took part in the service. Ringers came from Staverton and Daventry in Northamptonshire, Leicester, Lyme Regis and London, with a party from Devon. Messrs. Taylor and Co. were represented by Mr. J. Fidler.

The opening rounds were rung immediately following the dedication by Mrs. E. S. Powell (donor of the new bell) 1, R. Beale 2, W. Warr 3, J. Fidler 4, V. J. Farthing 5, Jack W. Drew 6. The first touch on the bells was rung by Miss M. Clarke 1, F. Farrant 2, D. C. Birkinshaw 3, J. Glanville 4, J. Fidler 5, W. G. Gigg 6.

An excellent tea had been provided by Mrs. S. T. White and helpers on the delightful lawn which adjoins the church. Instructive and humorous speeches followed, and it is rumoured that the generosity of friends and visitors had an appropriate effect on the Vicar and that he is now 'walking on air'!

After tea a move was made to the belfry, which has been transformed, through the energy and generosity of local ringers and friends, from a rather dingy room into a bright cheerful place. Ringing followed up till nine o'clock, and ranged from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor, and the general opinion was that the bells are now excellent, and that the treble is a fitting memorial to a great gentleman, who did much to raise the general standard of change ringing. J.W.D.

NORTON, STOKE-ON-TRENT.

Two new trebles were dedicated by the Bishop of Lichfield at St. Bartholomew's, Norton, on September 18th, in memory of Prebendary J. G. Hamlett, who was Rector of the parish from 1921-1924. The cost, £760, was met by public subscription, the work being carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Included in the contract was a new steel girder frame to replace the old wooden one.

The original six bells at Norton were installed in 1826 and quarter turned in 1914. They were returned to the foundry again in 1931.

In preparation for the dedication the ringers had renovated the belfry and installed an electric clock, all at their own expense. Several gifts of furnishings were received, including ringing mats from Mr. and Mrs. H. Woolley, plush table cloth and linoleum by the late Mrs. W. C. Lawrence. The Bishop visited the belfry after the dedication.

Among the ringers present was Mr. J. E. Weeldon (82), who for 48 years was leader of the tower and had been a ringer there for 63 years. Under his guidance there has been for many years a successful six-bell band, with regular practice and service ringing.

WESTBURY, SALOP. — On Oct. 1st, 1 260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. A. Carter 1, C. A. Barron (cond.) 2, R. F. Davies 3, C. E. Overton 4, E. W. Colley 5, J. Colley 6.

OBITUARY

MR. H. C. BOND.

The death took place on September 24th of Mr. H. C. Bond, of Cirencester, who had been a ringer for about 60 years and had rung a good number of peals in the standard methods.

To his memory, 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung at the Parish Church by J. Hope 1, F. J. Lewis, sen. (cond.) 2, F. J. Lewis, jun. 3, V. R. Williams 4, H. L. Cooke 5, E. H. Jefferies 6, W. H. Hayward 7, W. Wrigley 8. Mr. A. W. Bond, of Brighton, is a son of the deceased.

F. J. L.

MR. R. HARRIS.

By the death of Mr. Robert Harris on Sept. 26th the Tewkesbury Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association lost its oldest member. He was 82 years of age.

Mr. Harris had been associated with the branch since its formation in July, 1924, but he had been a member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association much longer than that, having been connected with the Cheltenham Branch before the formation of the Tewkesbury Branch. For over 50 years Mr. Harris had been a member of the local band at Ashchurch and at the time of his death he was tower secretary.

The funeral service was taken by the Rev. P. N. Harvey (Vicar) on September 30th, and interment followed in the churchyard within sound of the bells that Mr. Harris loved so well.

In the evening fellow-members rang a well-struck quarter-peal of Bob Minor with the bells half-muffled. Those taking part were: J. Thomas (cond.) 1, A. Pulley 2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3, F. Nurden 4, E. T. Newbury 5, O. Attwood 6.

'BOB NOT PART OF METHOD'

Dear Sir,—I am afraid I must contradict Mr. C. J. Sedgley's statement that we rang a peal of Cambridge and Primrose spliced on the following grounds, viz.:—

(a) I called 'Go Cambridge.'

(b) None of the band has seen Primrose, let alone rung it.

(c) A bob is not part of the method—yet.

Yours faithfully,

CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

Southampton.

5,040 GRANDSIRE AND DOUBLE GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

By A. J. PITMAN.

234567

—672453	—743625	—465732
—346572	—567243	—274365
325746	532467	253674
—463572	—675243	—742365
—254763	—326475	S 357642
S 362475	S 573642	S 243765
S 573246	S 245367	S 562374
—465327	—672534	—745236
436752	657423	724653
S 724536	S 436257	S 637524
S 567324	S 274536	S 546237
—245736	—362457	—375624
S 632574	S 753246	S 423567
653427	725634	452736
—746253	—467325	—674352
724365	436572	637245
—537624	—254736	xS 256437
S 425763	S 632475	S 732645
—374625	—546732	—567432
356274	527346	524367

Five times repeated. Bob for Single at x in 3rd and 6th parts. When 2, 3 or 5 is in the hunt, ring Double Grandsire. When 4, 6 or 7 is in the hunt, ring Grandsire. Has all 4-6's, 6-7's and 7-4's at backstroke.

The first spliced peal in these methods. Rung at St. Mary's, Greasley, July 2nd, 1949, conducted by C. Glenn.

This is a good peal and eminently suitable for publication.

OUTINGS OF INTEREST

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.

Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and Huntingdonshire border towers were chosen by members of St. Peter's, Chatteris, for their day's outing on September 7th. Commencing at Gamlingay (Plain Bob and Cambridge were successful), Potton (a nice light ring), Stotfold (a handy Taylor six), on to Norton (8) before dinner at Letchworth.

Henlow, Clifton and Southill were visited; good ringing at each before tea at Bedford. Sharnbrook and Great Staughton after tea, with supper at the White Hart Hotel, Great Staughton.

It was at supper the summary of methods, good and indifferent, was announced, viz., five Surprise, five of standard, conducted chiefly by Mr. W. Seekings. Real disappointment was the absence of Mr. A. J. ('Pop') Abrams, father of the local company, who was slightly indisposed. Mr. Murphy made the arrangements. Everyone was very pleased with the outing, typical, perhaps, of many others, but this was 'ours.' F. W.

LADIES' GUILD (SOUTHERN DISTRICT).

The coach trip arranged for September 3rd by the district secretary turned out to be—at least in her opinion—chiefly remarkable for the celerity of its movement and the acceptability of its food.

Warnham, the first stop, was reached well before time and the extra quarter of an hour enabled everyone to ring. A delay at Horsham caused a late arrival at Goring-on-Sea. Ringing was followed by the half an hour ride along the coast in an anxious endeavour to get to Hove for lunch at 12 o'clock; the succeeding rush to eat all we could and the dash to Aldrington Parish Church to squeeze in some ringing between two weddings could really only truthfully be described as 'one mad scramble.'

The tempo then slowed down and one at least of the party was able to enjoy a swim before leaving for Seaford. Here Mrs. E. Osborn joined the party at tea and took them to the church for the final bout of ringing. The party arrived back in Guildford at about 9.30 and everyone seemed to have had a very nice day.

SWINDON.

Ringers of Swindon towers journeyed into Monmouthshire (or is it Gwent?) on Sept. 3rd, with the new ten at Abergavenny as the prime objective. The journey to Newport was made by train, and through the good offices of Stationmaster Nailor (a member of the branch), the party had reserved accommodation throughout. Passing Filton, a view was had of the Brabazon air liner, and Grandsire Triples and Doubles were rung passing under the Severn. Mr. J. W. Jones and a member of the Universities Association (very effectively disguised) met the party at Newport and accompanied them for the day.

Monmouth was the first call and some good ringing was had here, then on to Abergavenny for lunch and ringing on a grand ring of bells. (Are tenors of 3 and 4 tons really necessary when such music an be obtained with tenors of 25 cwt.?) Stedman Caters and Bob Royal (first of Bob Royal on the bells) were rung, and with regret the party moved on to Ebbw Vale. Another very good ring of bells and a well-appointed tower, the meter recording each revolution of the tenor being a subject of interest.

Part of the journey to Blaenavon was like travelling through No Man's Land due to open cast mining operations: it was utter desolation. The lively little eight here were much enjoyed, but time was limited and only two touches were rung. An excellent tea was provided at Newport, then it was good-bye to our Monmouthshire friends and home via Bristol.

IN RURAL OXFORDSHIRE.

With happy memories of a similar venture two years ago still fresh in their minds, a small band of enthusiasts from the Eynsham and Adderbury districts decided to repeat the performance in another part of the diocese. The chosen day, September 10th, turned out to be brilliant.

The first tower was Charlbury, where the six bells were raised in peal and rung to several Minor methods. We had expected a hard task here, as it is understood an order for rehanging will soon be placed, but perhaps the local foreman had oiled them specially, for they went fairly well. No doubt the longish draught, allied to the fact that the bells are hung right at the top of an unbuttressed 13th century tower, helps to create difficulty.

At Ascott-under-Wychwood the local foreman and the incumbent were waiting to greet us. The ring of six proved very pleasing in tone, but the tenor was thought to be loose on its stock. Some good touches were rung.

The next stop was at Shipton-under-Wychwood, where tea had been arranged. To his eternal disgrace the guide took the wrong turning and had to be led back by one with a keener sense of the good things to come.

Ringing followed on the pleasant eight at the Parish Church of St. Mary, and as this included a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples, at least one member from Eynsham was already guaranteed a perfect day. Major methods followed.

Chadlington, where we had the honour to be received by both the Vicar and the curate, has a ring of six, easy to handle, though not particularly tuneful owing to the 4th being sharp.

Our next tower, Spelsbury, only a short distance away, provided several surprises. The church is something of an architectural problem. It was formerly a Norman cruciform structure with a central tower. The nave and transepts of this church were subsequently demolished and the present church, like Topsy, 'growed'—eastward. The former central tower is now a western tower.

The first surprise was to find that the ring of six was hung in one half of the tower. So far as the bells are concerned, the tower could be cut in half without affecting them. The filthy condition of the ringing chamber should have prepared us for surprise No. 2, the shower of pigeon feathers which descended on the ringers when the bells were swung. The bells, a good ring of six, went surprisingly well, and one of our number will remember them with affection, for they provided him with his first touch of Cambridge Minor.

The time table, hitherto rigorously observed, was now out of hand, and Enstone, the last tower, was reached 20 minutes late. Everything was ready in this remarkably tidy ringing chamber, and here our Adderbury friends discovered how easy it is to ring Double Bob. A good fall in peal finished the day and brought about the parting of the ways. We were more than ever convinced that it does a lot of good to local ringing in these unfamiliar and not so popular towers to give them occasionally some well-struck change ringing.

A. R. P.

SUFFOLK GUILD

About 25 members attended the Halesworth Branch meeting at Wissett on September 24th. The Rector (the Rev. J. L. Cornell) conducted the service and tea was generously provided by local ladies.

Three new members were elected and two ratified at the business meeting, and it was decided to hold branch meetings quarterly in future, the next being at Halesworth in December.

Ringing took place at Wissett and also with the Halesworth company at their weekly practice.

ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, PAISLEY.

As a result of the recent correspondence on Minimus ringing in 'The Ringing World,' it was decided to hold an outing to the Church of the Holy Rood, Stirling. The tower of this church, which is near the Castle, contains four bells; the treble was cast by William Chapman, of Whitechapel, in 1781; the second is pre-Reformation, circa 1500, and the third was cast by Cornelis Ouderogge in Rotterdam in 1657. The tenor has been recast a number of times and is now the work of David Burges, of Glasgow; the weight is about 8 cwt.

On making a previous inspection of the fittings, it was found that though all the bells had stays and sliders (one had an iron stay!) the wheels had no garter holes and the ropes were bolted to the rim of the wheels. The rope on the tenor was one inch in diameter.

It was also discovered that on the only other recorded occasion when changes had ever been rung, in 1836, the Press had been notified and a warning notice had appeared in a local paper. With this in mind, the Press and the Chief Constable were duly notified that on the afternoon of October 1st strange noises might be expected to emerge from the church steeple.

The morning was spent preparing the fittings, garter holes were drilled, and ropes of a reasonable thickness were fitted, and by the afternoon all was in readiness. Two of the bells slipped wheel badly, but this was finally overcome, and the treble set extremely fine at handstroke, a fault which had to be endured. The bells are quite well in tune despite the fact that the third is 1½ inches smaller in diameter than the second; unfortunately, the treble is slightly cracked.

A number of Minimus methods were rung and a most enjoyable outing was had by all.

R. C.

ST. MARY'S, PUTNEY.

On September 10th, members and friends of St. Mary's, Putney, Society journeyed into Essex, Hertford and Suffolk for their annual outing. The first tower on the list, Harlow, was reached at 11 a.m., and on entering the ringing chamber the visitors observed two grim reminders of the passing of time—on one wall a figure of 'Father Time,' complete with scythe, and on another wall a complete skeleton carved in stone.

Undeterred by the presence of these two gentlemen (although some members of the band have already reached and others are rapidly approaching the 'three score years and ten'), the bells were soon set going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and a perfectly struck course of Cambridge Major.

Then on to Bishop's Stortford, with its fine ring of ten; here touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters were successfully brought round, but an attempt for a course of Cambridge Royal unfortunately came to grief.

After an excellent lunch we set off on a 30 mile trip to Clare in Suffolk. Here is a fine heavy ring of eight, but with a long draught which makes the going somewhat slow; but touches in various methods were successfully accomplished. Just inside the south door, carefully preserved in a glass case, is a relic, belonging to a past generation of ringers, in the form of a two-gallon earthenware jar, inscribed, 'Clare Ringers, 1729.'

The next objective was Thaxted, its beautiful tower and spire a landmark for miles around. Immediately on arrival we were met by Mr. Drane, who arranged an excellent tea at the Village Hall. The bells have been restored and rehung quite recently by the Croydon firm; they are indeed a lovely eight, a joy to ring and to listen to, and we heard them to full advantage in touches of Stedman and courses of Cambridge and Double Norwich.

Last, but not least, in the day's itinerary was Dunmow, with its fine ring of eight, where the day's ringing was rounded off with touches, including Stedman Triples, Cambridge Major and not forgetting a few 'rounds' in each tower for the beginners.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 28, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

*HUGH ROBERTS ... ...*Treble*	ERIC J. GILBERT 4
*ALEX. J. WEBSTER ... 2	GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 5
FRANK VARTY 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.
* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*REGINALD STONE ... ...*Treble*	PAMELA WOOLEY 4
†GILBERT DAVIS 2	CLAUDE TARR 5
RAYMOND WINTER 3	FRANK BRANCHFLOWER ... *Tenor*

Conducted by CLAUDE TARR.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kingston, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

DOUGLAS H. ROOKE ...*Treble*	DONALD CHADWICK ... 4
*GEORGE CHALLONS ... 2	FREDERICK FLINT 5
HAROLD DENMAN 3	HERBERT F. ROOKE ...*Treble*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal in seven methods.

BASTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 30 extents of Grandsire (10 callings) and 12 extents of Plain Bob (4 callings). Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

JAMES CLARE ... ...*Treble*	CECIL WADE 3
*MILLICENT HEMPSHALL... 2	LYDIA CROWSON 4
SAMUEL CLARE ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by CECIL WADE.
* First peal. For wedding of Miss Ella Brudenell and Mr. Ernest Brown.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 2,160 and four extents called differently. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

HERMAN J. OLIVER... ...*Treble*	DAVID W. BEARD 4
ALBERT W. BEARD 2	COLIN E. WRIGHT 5
GEORGE W. FAULKNER ... 3	FRANK V. GANT ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.
In honour of the visitation of the Bishop of Chelmsford.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*
AT THE MEMORIAL TOWER OF SS. ANDREW AND PATRICK,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of extents of Double Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Double Court, Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 17¾ cwt. in F.

CHARLES E. G. BANHAM...*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER 4
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 2	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 5
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW 3	NOLAN GOLDEN ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

HORSELL, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 240 (Morris') and 40 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ROBIN SIBBICK (13) ...*Treble*	FRANK UWINS 4
*PETER SIBBICK 2	†ALFRED E. BOYLETT ... 5
DAVID SLEET 3	ROY COLLINS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID SLEET.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

HANDBELL PEALS

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Fri., Sept. 23, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,*
AT HOLYWELL STORES, LONDON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part.

ALFRED JORDAN 1-2	*EDGAR VALLANCE 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD 3-4	HECTOR KNIGHTS 7-8

Conducted by EDGAR VALLANCE.
* First peal in hand as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 26, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD 1-2	MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY... 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3-4	ROY C. HURST 7-8

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 26, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,*
IN ST. PETER'S BELFRY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor size 13 in F.

*ERIC NIXON 1-2	†FREDK. W. GROCOTT ... 3-4
	‡RONALD BARLOW 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK W. GROCOTT.
* First peal in method. † First of Doubles 'in hand.' ‡ First peal 'in hand' and first of Doubles. First peal 'in hand' as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Grocott, mother of the conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 27, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 17 in A.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY... 1-2	ALBERT H. WARD 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3-4	FRANCIS S. WILSON 7-8

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 27, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

JILL POOLE 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD 7-8
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	*HARRY POYNER 9-10
PETER J. STANIFORTH ... 5-6	†DEREK G. GOODMAN ... 11-12

Composed by FREDK. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First of Stedman Cinques. † First peal of Stedman.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 28, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY... 3-4	ROY C. HURST 7-8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 29, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,*
AT NEWSTEAD, STOKE ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part.

EDGAR VALLANCE 1-2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD 3-4	WALTER J. CLOUGH 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 29, 1949, *in 2 Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
42 six-scores. Tenor size 17 in A.

ERIC NIXON 1-2	FREDK. WILLIAM GROCOTT 3-4
*GEOFFREY W. BEECH ... 5-6	

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.
* First peal 'in hand' and first of Plain Bob Doubles

QUARTER PEALS

AYLESFORD, KENT.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Wellman (first quarter) 1 Miss R. Upton 2, A. Lambert 3, J. Homewood 4, L. Wells 5, J. Upton 6, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher (cond.) 7, A. Green 8.

BALDERTON, NOTTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. C. Vessey 1, Miss B. N. White 2, Miss S. M. Harper 3, Miss P. A. Collins 4, P. N. White (cond.) 5. A farewell to the ringer of the 3rd, who is leaving for Darlington.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Sept. 25th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: H. J. Smerdon 1. P. R. Layton 2, Jill Brittain 3, V. Bottomley 4, N. Hobden 5, D. N. Layton 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 8. First in method by 1, 2, 3 and 4. For the golden wedding of Churchwarden Mr. W. Hampshire and Mrs. Hampshire, and a 21st birthday compliment to Jill Brittain.

BARWELL, LEICS. — On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: T. K. Deacon 1, R. Lord 2, W. P. Whitehead 3, H. Duncombe 4, C. R. Belton 5, A. H. Hough 6, T. C. Belton 7, G. P. Garner 8. First in method 1 and 2. First in the method by an active Barwell band.

BENSON, OXON. — On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. D. Wells 1, J. Gordon 2, J. P. Blond 3, H. L. Bishop 4, G. W. Bishop 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, T. H. Selwood 7, J. B. Cherrill 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. J. Lewis 1, J. Hope 2, A. Law 3, V. R. Williams 4, H. L. Cooke 5, E. H. Jefferies (first of Triples) 6, W. H. Hayward (cond.) 7, F. J. Lewis, jun. 8.

GRANTHAM, LINCS — On Oct. 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: S. Proctor (cond.) 1, W. Creasey 2, A. Ward 3, A. Mackears 4, H. Squires 5, J. Cragg 6, F. Proctor 7, L. Squires 8, H. Huxley 9, R. Woods 10.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX. — 1.260 Stedman Triples: P. D. Beedie 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, H. D. Butler 3, C. C. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart 5, W. Wenban 6, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 7, G. A. Hughes 8. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hughes, of Stanmore.

HENDON, MIDDLESEX. — On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Corning 1, W. D. Prockson 2, H. D. Newman 3, R. Newman 4, E. E. Pratchett 5, R. H. Begrie (first in the method in Minor as cond.) 6. A farewell to Mr. R. Biggs, verger, on his reparture to Australia.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON. — On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Erin Triples: G. A. Parsons 1, D. F. Harman 2, W. A. Theobald 3, W. D. Prockson 4, R. Newman 5, G. Charge 6, R. H. Begric (cond.) 7, H. W. Barnard 8. First in the method by the entire band.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. C. Marshall 1, J. Salway 2, Miss Q. Pring 3, J. Arbury 4, E. E. Retter 5, C. Turner 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Holway 8.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. S. Paice (first quarter) 1, Miss F. Wyman 2, J. Smart 3, O. Sippetts 4, S. A. Paice 5, C. Longhurst 6, L. Stilwell (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8.

ILKESTON, DERBYS.—On Sept. 21st, 1 260 Grandsire Triples: Raymond Taylor (first quarter) 1, C. J. Baker 2, Dorothy Templeman 3, F. Tarlton 4, E. C. Gobey 5, H. Beardsley 6, E. F. Gobey (cond.) 7, F. Shaw 8.

KINGSBURY, LONDON. — On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Southgate 1, Mrs. E. M. Eveleigh 2, Roy Stoddard 3, W. E. Eveleigh (first 'inside') 4, E. H. Eveleigh (first as cond.) 5, E. A. Southgate 6, F. J. Sills 7. First quarter 3, 6 and 7. First quarter by a local band.

KING'S SUTTON, OXON.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. L. McGinlay (first quarter) 1, E. E. Pearson 2. H. G. Lawn 3, E. Wyatt (first quarter 'inside') 4. H. Timms 5, J. Barber 6, J. Walton (cond.) 7, N. Wyatt 8.

LUTON, BEDS. — On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Caters: H. Burton 1, E. Conquest 2, A. J. Smith 3, A. King 4, J. Herbert 5, R. Kendall 6, L. A. Goodenough (cond.) 7, H. Wood 8, A. E. Rushton 9, D. Newman 10. First quarter on new bells and by a local band.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Marion E. Hunt (first quarter) 1, C. F. Andrews 2, A. W. Angel 3, J. Romain (age 15) 4, A. J. West 5, B. Sutton 6, W. O. West (cond.) 7, H. Cockle 8. A birthday compliment to A. W. Angel, who with A. J. West have completed 60 years' and 55 years' continuous service at this church respectively.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Howard 1, F. Uden 2, H. Allen 3, T. Miller 4, P. E. T. Allen (cond.) 5, C. Maidment (first quarter) 6.

OVERSEALE, DERBYS. — On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Yates 1, H. Carter 2, Miss J. Cotton 3, P. W. Grice 4, G. W. Clayfield 5, J. Quimby 6, W. F. Woodward (first of Grandsire as cond.) 7, H. H. Shaw 8.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX. — On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, F. G. Robbins 2, W. N. Genna 3, W. Picthall 4, W. Bunce 5, T. R. Mayne (cond.) 6, C. C. Mayne 7, H. Stratford 8. For the wedding of Miss Lewis and the Rev. Johnson.

POWICK, WORCS. — On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Cook 1, Miss G. Newman (first quarter) 2, A. F. Burley (first as cond.) 3, G. J. Lewis 4, H. Cole 5, F. Hyde 6. Farewell quarter to the conductor.

READING, BERKS.—On Sept. 25th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Diserens (cond.) 1, R. F. Diserens (first in the method) 2, Miss A. B. Diserens 3. Mrs. A. Diserens 4, J. S. Taylor 5, N. J. Diserens 6, P. J. Dyke 7, W. Maxted 8.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Perkins 1, A. G. Wood 2, J. Wormald 3, W. Ward 4, G. W. Steel 5, A. Marsh 6, E. Spencer 7, P. Massam (cond.) 8. First quarter 1 and 7. For the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Strangeway.

RUISLIP, MIDDLESEX. — On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Pidwell 1, G. M. Kilby 2, C. Poulter 3, P. Thrift 4, A. Hunter 5, W. S. Beaumont 6, T. Collins (cond.) 7, W. Bunce, jun. 8.

SALISBURY.—On Oct. 1st, at St. Thomas', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Roles 1, H. Bennett 2, J. Sutton 3, L. Harris 4. R. N. Marlow 5, J. Mussell 6, F. L. Harris (cond.) 7, E. J. Doel 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. D. Rivers 1, Miss G. Murkett 2, W. E. Judd 3, G. W. Limmer 4, Miss A. Ewins 5, B. T. Lister 6, E. L. A. Hudson 7, W. Birmingham (cond.) 8. First quarter 'inside' for 5 and 6.

SONNING, BERKS. — On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. G. Bune (first quarter, age 12) 1, L. Bune 2, N. Tanner 3, R. Vaughan 4 A. Street 5, N. Willis 6, E. Nash (cond.) 7, J. Smith 8. For the wedding of Mr. T. Cox (local ringer) and Miss Edna Underwood.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS. — On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Flackett 1, R. Barlow 2, G. D. Whalley 3, W. A. Fitchford 4, G. E. Kettle 5. G. Biddulph 6, D. R. Whalley (first as cond.) 7. A. Wood 8. First of Stedman Triples for 1, 2, 3. 5 and 8. A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. S. Snell.

WOOLWICH, LONDON. — On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Grove, jun. 1, A. Grove, sen. 2, R. Johnson 3, T. Culver 4, B. Aldridge (cond.) 5, C. Dann 6. To welcome the Rev. and Mrs. H. Boston on the former taking up his duties as assistant curate.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hart (first away from tenor) 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, R. H. Duke 3, Capt. E. F. M. Samson 4. F. B. Stedman 5, F. Precey (cond.) 6, H. R. Pink 7, G. Monk (first quarter) 8. A farewell to Capt. Samson, who is leaving the district.

Memorial to Rev. F. J. O. Helmore

Representatives from several towers in the Canterbury district and Mr. G. H. Spice, general secretary of the Kent County Association, were present at Canterbury Cathedral on October 2nd, when a memorial was dedicated to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore.

It took the form of a solid oak door leading to the belfry of the Cathedral, together with an inscription cut into the fabric over the door, which read: 'In memory of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 1851-1938. He served this Cathedral for 59 years. Minor Canon 1878-1937. Precentor 1883-1926. He was Honorary Secretary, Kent County Association of Change Ringers, from 1891-1929.'

The service was conducted by the Vice-Dean (the Archdeacon of Maidstone), and a procession formed by the choir and clergy, together with the Cathedral ringers, walked from the Treasury to the South Transept, where the ceremony took place. During the procession the Ringers' Hymn was sung.

Before the dedication the Vice-Dean spoke of Canon Helmore's long association with the Cathedral, his 59 years as a Minor Canon, his 43 years as Precentor and his 38 years as hon. general secretary of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers. He thought that the new door was fitting, as through that doorway he had passed many times on his way to the belfry.

The service was attended by Miss H. Helmore (daughter) and Sir John Helmore (grandson), as well as several old choristers, who served as boys under him in the choir.

OUTING

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP.

Shepton Beauchamp ringers for their annual outing on September 10th spent the day in Wiltshire. At Westbury they were met by P.C. Henry Gunner, their guide for the day, and the grand octave was set going to Grandsire Triples. Before lunch at Trowbridge an hour was spent on the handy six at North Bradley.

At Steeple Ashton, P.C. Gummer's home tower, the party was met by the Vicar; then came Seend, a grand little six, and Devizes, where some of the local ringers made the visitors most welcome. At tea Mr. Gummer was presented with a small token in appreciation of his services.

The long draught at Melksham made one or two people think. Trowbridge was the last tower of the day, where the inimitable Mr. Sam Hector and members of the Trowbridge and North Bradley towers awaited the party and the touch of Stedman Caters proved a great accomplishment for those of the visitors who stood in. There was a final stop at Frome for an hour's refreshment. A feature of the day was the competent way the two youngest members of the party handled strange bells. Mr. R. Beale assisted P.C. Gummer in organising the tour.

QUARTER PEALS

LAUGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Brett 1, F. Booth 2, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 3, R. E. Hughes 4, C. Booth 5. B. Booth 6.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's, on Oct. 2nd, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: Miss I. Arthur (first quarter) 1, D. Cecil Williams 2, Miss J. Cox 3, R. Faithfull 4, Mrs. R. Faithfull 5, J. W. Faithfull (cond.) 6. A. York Bramble 7. M. J. Butler 8, O. N. Curtis 9, R. Brown 10. Previous to the farewell service to Canon Spencer Leeson, Bishop Designate of Peterborough.

SPALDING, LINCS.—On Sept. 29th 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. F. Bennett 1, A. J. Farr 2. F. Taylor (first of Stedman) 3. G. W. Mills (first of Stedman 'inside') 4, M. Bennett 5, A. D. Mills 6, J. G. Ames (cond.) 7, D. Lawson 8.

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MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division. — Meeting at Thorpe-le-Soken on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. 5827

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Annual meeting, Canterbury, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Usual bells available afternoon and evening. Service, St. Stephen's, 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 5854

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District), SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Sheffield, Saturday, Oct. 15th. St. Marie's bells (8) 2 to 5 p.m.; Cathedral (12) 6 to 9 p.m. Tea and meeting, Parish Hall, Bailey Street, 5 p.m. 5906

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hanwell, near Banbury, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 5887

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Langford Budville, Oct. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea early, please.—A. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 5890

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at St. John's, Alloa, on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Ringing commences 2.30 p.m. 5907

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech District.—Meeting, Marham, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided —J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 5888

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford Branch. — Meeting, Fownhope (6), Oct. 15th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 5894

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Biddenden, Oct. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names, tea, to Mr. A. Beaney, Stede Quarter Farm, Biddenden.—H. Gorringe, Hon. Sec. 5900

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — Meeting, Soberton, Oct. 15th. Half-hour earlier than usual.—John H. Hunt, Dis. Sec. 5858

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Market Weighton, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., for all who notify Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw, Londesborough Road, Market Weighton, before Wednesday, Oct. 12th. 5918

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Highclere (8), Oct. 15th. Ringing 2.30 to 4 and after tea. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to J. A. Hill, Maesteg, Anna Valley, Andover. 5914

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual meeting at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 19th, to B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 5910

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting, Bramley, Oct. 22nd. Usual arrangements. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, by Oct. 17th. Shalford bells (8) available after tea.—A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 5903

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Galleywood (8), Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch.—Meeting at Bradninch, Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea by 17th to C. G. Dymond, Silverton. 5940

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Penzance Branch.—Autumn meeting, St. Mary's, Penzance (8), 3 p.m., Oct. 22nd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Gulval (8) and Madron (6), also 2.30 to 4, and after tea. — Rev. A. S. Roberts, Carbis Bay. 5922

LADIES' GUILD.—Wiltshire Branch. — Meeting, Sat., Oct. 22nd, at Wootton Bassett. Bells from 3 p.m. 5921

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch. — Meeting at Cossington (6; new treble), Oct. 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names please.—R. Short, Hon. Sec. 5920

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ross District.—Meeting, Bridstow, Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 3. Service 4. Tea in Parish Room 4.30. Names to W. T. Poston, Viewlands, Walford Road, Ross. 5919

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Oldham Road, Miles Platting, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells ready at 3. Cup of tea. Bring own food. Business: New branch secretary.—W. H. Shuker. 5915

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting Brockworth (6), Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided. — C. C. Larner, c/o 47, Massey Road, Gloucester. 5909

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Carv Branch.—Meeting, Henstridge, Oct. 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat. 5926

OXFORD GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Wooburn, Oct. 22nd, 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 17th. — Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 5928

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Horwich, Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available 2.30. Business 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 5929

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Mark on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (8) open 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Assembly Rooms. Names by Thursday, Oct. 20th.—E. J. Avery, Local Hon. Sec. 5942

ST. LUKE'S, DERBY.—Rededication of bells, Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Service 3. Ringing after service until tea, 5. After tea, ringing resumed until 7.30. Tea only for those who notify W. Parsons, 10, Ward Street, by Oct. 19th latest. All welcome. 5930

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — Bishop Auckland, Oct. 22nd, 2.30. Ringers attending, please bring own food.—J. T. Titt, 54, Newlands Road, Darlington. 5933

C. & N.W. ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — Quarterly business meeting, St. Mary's Church, Egremont, Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells available 2.30. Tea 4.30. Meeting 5.30. Names for tea to Mr. Eilbeck, 8, Central Avenue, Castle Croft, Egremont, before the 15th inst. 5937

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Odiham, Oct. 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Oct. 18th to G. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 5936

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Monthly meeting at Eversholt, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) 3. Tea 5.—Valerie Willard, Dis. Sec., Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 5944

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—St. James', Cowley. Dedication of the bells will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 23rd. All ringers welcome. Names for tea to Mr. A. R. Pink, 23, The Avenue, Kennington, Oxford, by Wednesday, Oct. 20th.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Sec. 5934

OTTERY ST. MARY.—The Bishop of Crediton will bless the recast ring on Oct. 29th at 2.30. Will bands and individual ringers notify me before Oct. 20th? Buffet refreshments.—J. Arbury, 2, Paternoster Row, Ottery St. Mary. 5896

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Oct. 29th. Ringing at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 3. Meeting 6. Tea at 'The Hole in the Wall' (opposite) 4.30. Names for tea to Miss Mattinson, 42a, Westerfield Road, Ipswich, by Oct. 26th. 5924

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Egham, Oct. 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Wednesday, Oct. 26th, to W. Peck, 19, The Hythe, Staines, Middlesex.—F. Hawthorne. 5925

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Coddenham, Oct. 29th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Names to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 5927

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. — Annual district meeting will be held Saturday, Oct. 29th. Details next week. —A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5931

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Harlow Common, Oct. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited. Green Line from Aldgate to Bishop's Stortford passes church every 30 minutes.—D. E. Lidbetter, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5932

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Frampton, Oct. 29th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, Church House, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. R. Young, Park Gates, Frampton, near Boston, by Monday, Oct. 24th.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec. 5939

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WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Meeting, King's Somborne (6), Oct. 29th, 2.30. Names by Oct. 25th.—L. A. Tremeer, 34, The Dean, Alresford. 5917

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Wilmslow, Oct. 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. G. Blackshaw, 4, Mill Street, Wilmslow.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Tredunnoc, Oct. 29th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Cups of tea only provided. Bus 2.30 from Newport Station.—F. J. Hannington. 5923

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, Saturday, Oct. 29th, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, 3. Towers available to members attending the dinner on Nov. 5th: Southwark Cathedral, 1 to 2.15; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 3 to 4.—A. B. Peck, 5945

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX.—Ringers' Sunday, Oct. 30th. Bells available 2.30. Meat tea 4.30. Special service 6.30. A nominal charge of 1s. 6d. will be made for tea, and names must be sent to the undersigned not later than Oct. 22nd. All ringers welcome. — W. G. Turner, 4, Marldon Road, Northowram. 5884

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — 312th anniversary dinner, Saturday, Nov. 5th, Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopsgate, 6.30 p.m. Tickets 12s. 6d.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5891

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'THE BELFRY'

WE accord a warm welcome to 'The Belfry,' the Maidstone District's quarterly magazine, which made its first appearance this month. The Editor, Mr. Frank Wright, has produced an interesting first number to meet the requirements of the 31 towers in this district with about 200 members of the Kent County Association.

Canon C. B. Sampson, Rural Dean of Sutton and Vicar of Maidstone, has provided the foreword, and an extract from his message we repeat for the benefit of a wider circle. 'Church-going, we have heard this said so often, is not what it was. You can and do play a real part in witnessing to its call of God, in a special sense, to the spirit of man on Sundays. It's a grand thing that an act of service to God and man should also be a real work of art: this is really true for you. Always remember this and prize your calling very highly.'

It is the proposal of the Editor of 'The Belfry' to feature one church in each issue. The choice for No. 1 issue is St. Nicholas', Leeds, whose huge squat Norman tower has made a big contribution to the Exercise. The peal boards in the belfry tell of the famous happenings here, the most venerable being the peal of 40,320 changes of Bob Major rung on April 7th and 8th, 1761. In the churchyard is the headstone to that famous ringer, James Barham, who, according to his MS., took part in about 115 peals, of which 61 were rung at Leeds.

The ring of 10 in Leeds Parish Church is hung in a wonderfully preserved oak frame dated 1751. The oldest bell is the 20 cwt. tenor in E, cast by Joseph Hatch, of Ulcombe, in 1617. The seventh, eighth and ninth were cast in 1638 by John Wilner, of Borden, Kent, and were recast by Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich.

Two pages are devoted to methods briefly explained with diagrams. There is, however, a light touch in the journal, and for the benefit of those who like to relax we cull from one of the letters: 'Dear Editor,—My name is Bob, and being Single am in love with a young Bell(e) to whom I would like to give a Ring so that we could Run in Double harness together. Being a Minor, this is a Major problem to me, so could you Place me on the Right Course, making it as Plain as possible, so that Before long we could make a Home together. I do not wish to go the Wrong way about it, as I may be told she can "Conductor" own affairs, as is rather Set and would tell me to Stand clear at the slightest Touch and Dodge away from me. Could you therefore compose an easy Method to use, that would "Bring Her Round" and so know where I Stand. That's all.—Yours sincerely, PLAIN BOB.'

The reply to this letter is equally to the point. 'You Start Off by taking the Lead, and after making a few Calls at Home take her Places, such as Oxford and Cambridge or London as well, if you can do it. By this time you will probably have Run Out of cash, and if she has not Come Round give her a bit of Rope's-end and Call the Attempt off.'

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 6, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF ALBANIAN SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES,
Tenor 25 cwt.

KATHLEEN V. TILLEY	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	7
HERRICK B. BOWLEY	2	*NORMAN G. MCCRUM	8
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	9
JOHN R. SMITH	4	WILLIAM J. ROOT	10
JILL POOLE	5	ALAN JACQUES	11
ERNEST W. RAWSON	6	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal on 12 bells. First in the method by all the band.

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANGES;

WILLIAM HIBBERT	*Treble*	ANTHONY W. J. APPLETON	7
DANIEL T. MATKIN	2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	8
HERBERT LANGDON	3	JOHN E. CHILCOTT	9
*MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	10
HORACE BELCHER	5	JOHN PHILLIPS	11
ALFRED B. PECK	6	JAMES H. RUMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. A birthday peal for W. Langdon. Tenor 23½ cwt.

TEN BELL PEALS

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb.

*BERTIE A. CORNELL	*Treble*	†W. JOHN SOUTHAM	6
HAROLD V. FROST	2	WILLIAM J. ARNOLD	7
FREDERICK J. SPICER	3	ALFRED J. HATTEN	8
ARTHUR DAY	4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	9
CHARLES F. SAYER	5	‡FREDERICK C. JACKLIN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by WM. J. ARNOLD.
* First peal in method 'inside.' † First peal in method. ‡ First peal on ten bells.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 9, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

WALTER C. MEDLER	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	*BERT GOGLE	7
BRYAN S. COPE	3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	8
N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY	4	WILLIAM CLOVER	9
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5	CECIL V. EBBERSON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in B.

HECTOR A. KNIGHTS	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	5
*JOHN M. MYATT	2	†W. HARRY DUNCOMBE	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3	ALAN CATTELL	7
MAVIS WHITEHEAD	4	EDW. V. RODENHURST	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Major and first peal of Surprise. † 25th peal. A birthday peal for Mrs. S. Pinder, of Old Basford, Notts.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. On the 'Margaret' eight. Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN J. MORRIS	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	5
JOHN M. MYATT	2	JOHN BRAMLEY	6
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	ALAN CATTELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.
A wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Belton, of Barwell.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 28, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

COLIN HARRISON	*Treble*	BRYAN AUSTIN	5
JOHN P. FIDLER	2	HAROLD MARCON	6
PAUL LEA TAYLOR	3	LESLIE W. STEVENS	7
JOHN OLDHAM	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.
The conductor's 100th peal on these bells.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 28, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*ALAN DUGDALE	*Treble*	CLAUDE S. BENWELL	5
†THOMAS H. MATHER	2	WALTER ALLMAN	6
†CHARLES WARD	3	†WILLIAM E. ALLMAN	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	†DENIS MADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* First peal. † First in the method. Rung for the centenary of the church. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
St. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	*Treble*	*ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
HENRY H. FEARN	2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	7
*TERRY R. HAMPTON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEO. E. FEARN.
* First peal of London.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G

GEORGE H. MOORE	*Treble*	*LEONARD G. TOOKE	5
RAYMOND G. LOFTY	2	CHARLES H. MOORE	6
MRS. FREWEN MOOR	3	HENRY TOOKE	7
EILEEN BRACEY	4	WILLIAM CLOVER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. For the Patronal Festival. Also a 72nd birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Lofty.

PENSNETT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 10½ cwt.

ROBERT COOPER	*Treble*	WILLIAM DAVIES	5
ERIC E. SPEAKE	2	J. RODERIC LEES	6
STANLEY PRESTIDGE	3	J. DENNIS HOLDEN	7
FRED HOLDEN	4	JACK WALKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. DENNIS HOLDEN.
First peal on eight as conductor. To celebrate the centenary of the dedication of this church.

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REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 18 cwt.

HECTOR A. KNIGHTS	*Treble*	*SIDNEY F. JONES	5
*JOSEPH W. COTTON	2	ALFRED MOULD	6
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE	3	JACK BAILEY	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	JOHN J. MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Cambridge on an 'inside' bell.

SUNDERLAND, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK SHERATON	*Treble*	DENIS A. BAYLES	5
JOHN ANDERSON	2	GORDON JOHNSON	6
JOHN A. BROWN	3	*WILLIAM E. CLARKE	7
MARGARET FIDELL	4	ERNEST WALLACE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Oct. 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH.
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN N. LINDON	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
*CHARLES T. RICHARDS	2	*ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	6
*JAMES F. HARVEY	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
TERRY R. HAMPTON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GEO. E. FEARN.
* First peal of Yorkshire. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

DEANE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

FRED BROWNLOW	*Treble*	PETER CROOK, SEN.	5
JOHN ASHCROFT	2	EDWARD IDDON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	7
H. WALKER	4	ALBERT GREENHALGH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES:

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	*Treble*	†DEREK WOOLDRIDGE	5
*ROBERT LEES	2	†ALFRED C. BOXLEY	6
†GEOFFREY WESTWOOD	3	ERNEST TURNER	7
RALPH MOORS	4	THOMAS HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. HUGHES. Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal of Bob Major.
A 74th birthday compliment to Ralph Moors, of the local band.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*CYNTHIA EDMONDSON	*Treble*	GORDON C. BRIGGS	5
*SHIRLEY BAMPTON	2	DENNIS HOLLAND	6
MRS. M. TURLEY	3	JOHN E. TURLEY	7
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal on eight bells, aged 15 years.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Morris' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.
Tenor 15 cwt. 11 lb. in F sharp.

*ROY COLEMAN	*Treble*	CHARLES R. BELTON	5
†RONALD LORD	2	GEORGE P. GARNER	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	ALAN H. HOUGH	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	HARRY DUNCOMBE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN H. HOUGH.
* First peal in the method away from tenor. † First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING	5
WILLIAM J. BUTTON	2	RONALD W. STEWARD	6
CHARLES E. FISHER	3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	7
GEORGE W. PIPE	4	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.
Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to William J. Groom, of Debenham. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 17¾ cwt.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS	*Treble*	ALFRED G. HILL	5
MRS. G. H. CROSS	2	FRANK I. HAIRS	6
WALTER J. LEMON	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
*ALFRED C. PATTEN	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal in the method. A welcome to the Rev. K. G. Horner, M.A., Vicar.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 6, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

WALTER ALLMAN	*Treble*	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	5
RALPH G. EDWARDS	2	ERIC J. GILBERT	6
HENRY O. BAKER	3	CYRIL VALENTINE	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	FRANCIS BIBBY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 7, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

PAUL L. TAYLOR	*Treble*	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	ALFRED BALLARD	6
*MARY WALSHAW	3	EDWIN JENNINGS	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	ALAN JACQUES	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 10½ cwt.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 7, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
*BRYAN S. COPE	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	3	HENRY TOOKE	7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN	4	ARTHUR G. BASON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in the method. Composition, a regular two-part, contains 6th extent home, 4-5-6-7 only in 6ths, and all the 8-6's, is believed to be the first to be rung in the method with these qualities. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb.

*BESSIE A. CARTER	*Treble*	‡CLIFFORD A. BARRON	5
A. EDWARD REEVES	2	‡FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	6
WILLIAM A. FARMER	3	THOMAS R. BUTLER	7
†EDW. V. RODENHURST	4	*HAROLD T. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.
* First peal in the method. †50th peal of Stedman Triples.
‡ First peal of Stedman Triples.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

BRIAN F. SIMS	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	5
*RONALD C. NOON	2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	6
C. HENRY HARDING	3	LEWIS HARRY BYWATERS	7
ALFRED BALLARD	4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by C. EDW. JEFFRIES.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

DURSLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

HARRY NEWMAN	...*Treble*	HARRY DANIELS	5
THOMAS NEWMAN ...	2	LESLIE BARRY	6
HAROLD AUSTIN	3	WILLIAM RICHINGS ...	7
PATRICK ALLEN	4	CHARLES LARNER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. THURSTANS. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

RONALD W. STEWARD	...*Treble*	ALAN R. ANDREWS ...	5
FRANK BLOOMFIELD ...	2	RONALD G. BUGG	6
*FRANK WILLIS-BETTS ...	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
URBAN W. WILDNEY ...	4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 28 cwt.

LEESFIELD, OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

OGDEN MOORES ...	...*Treble*	†STEPHEN LL. PARRY ...	5
*JOHN T. WALMSLEY ...	2	VERNON SYKES	6
IVAN KAY	3	ARTHUR F. TAYLOR ...	7
HERBERT BARLOW ...	4	S.S.M. P. H. TOCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by P. H. TOCOCK.
* First peal of Major. †125th peal for the Association. First peal of Major as conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 28, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*BRIAN CHAPMAN ...	...*Treble*	‡ERNEST MORRIS	4
HAROLD KILBY	2	§W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	5
†ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE	3	JOHN J. MORRIS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.
* First peal of Treble Bob. †First peal of Surprise Minor. ‡1,150th peal. §100th peal.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 720 each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

HAROLD S. PEACOCK	...*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...	4
FRANK WARRINGTON ...	2	C. HENRY HARDING ...	5
RONALD J. SHARP	3	BRIAN F. SIMS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
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 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lbs.

STANLEY V. RAYFIELD	...*Treble*	ERIC NAYLOR	4
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD	5
*WILFRED I. PALIN	3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
* First peal of Minor.

SMARDEN, KENT.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E.

HARRY BAKER	...*Treble*	CHARLES A. BASSETT ...	4
LEONARD W. GILES	2	JOHN O. WELLER	5
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL ...	3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

LEONARD H. HART ...	...*Treble*	JONES L. GWYNNE ...	4
DAVID J. GRIFFITHS ...	2	*DAVID H. BENNETT ...	5
WILLIAM G. SMITH	3	JAMES A. SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID H. BENNETT.
* 50th peal. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Harper, members of the Church.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*M. MORGAN-WYNNE	...*Treble*	†BRIAN HARRIS	4
RICHARD T. HOLDING ...	2	*J. DEREK SMITH	5
*KENNETH W. MACINTOCH	3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT CRAWLEY.
* First peal. †First peal of Bob Minor. A compliment to the conductor on his 71st birthday.

KING'S WALDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Cambridge, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

*HELEN V. GARDNER	...*Treble*	GEORGE CHERRY	4
LEWIS R. RUNNACLES...	2	WILLIAM J. CROFT ...	5
ALBERT E. SYMONDS ...	3	FRANK W. CROFT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.
* First peal of Minor. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

NECTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. approx. in F.

GORDON C. CHAMBERS	...*Treble*	GEORGE T. BUNNING ...	4
VINCENT R. OVENS ...	2	GEORGE P. ADAMS ...	5
SIDNEY MARSHALL ...	3	BERT GOGLE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE P. ADAMS.
To celebrate the birthday of the ringer of the fourth.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Kent T.B. and five of Plain Bob (different callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

L. EDGAR CHAPMAN	...*Treble*	NEVILLE MOYES	4
*BRIAN CHAPMAN	2	ERNEST MORRIS	5
RICHARD T. E. HUBBARD	3	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal away from treble.

BEOLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Oct. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

*ALBERT H. FITTER	...*Treble*	ARTHUR D. COOK ...	4
JAMES F. HARVEY ...	2	EDWARD T. LLOYD ...	5
†H. JAMES TURNER ...	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
* First peal with Treble Bob hunt. †First peal of Cambridge Minor.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 7, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 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.
* 25th peal together. Rung half-muffled in memoriam to J. G. Cartlidge, of Cheadle.

HANDBELL PEALS

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 30, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 41 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of St. Peter's Church,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
12 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor size 12 in F.
Eric Nixon ... ... 1-2 | *Fredk. William Grocott 3-4
*Geoffrey W. Beech ... 5-6
Conducted by Frederick William Grocott.
* First peal of Grandsire Doubles 'in hand.' First peal of Grandsire Doubles 'in hand' as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Fri., Sept. 30, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 50 *Minutes,*
At 11, Exton Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 17 in A.
Albert H. Ward ..... 1-2 | Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay... 3-4
Daniel T. Matkin 5-6
Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 2, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 20 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of St. Peter's Church,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
42 six-scores. Tenor size 12 in F.
*Fredk. E. Wilshaw ... 1-2 | Fredk. William Grocott 3-4
Geoffrey W. Beech 5-6
Conducted by Frederick William Grocott. Umpire: E. Nixon.
* First peal of Plain Bob Doubles 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 4, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
In the Cathedral Belfry,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.
Alfred Ballard ... ... 1-2 | Harold J. Poole 5-6
Derek G. Goodman ... 3-4 | *Brian G. Warwick ... 7-8
Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal in the method.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5004 CHANGES;
In eight methods, comprising 1,456 Plain Bob, 1,380 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 464 Reverse Bob, 304 each of Double Bob and St. Clement's College Bob, 288 Wellington Little Bob, and 232 Crayford Little Bob, with 397 changes of method.
Tenor size 17 in A.
William G. Young ... 1-2 | Daniel T. Matkin 5-6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 3-4 | Roy C. Hurst 7-8
Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 4, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At 52, Acacia Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.
*David G. Horn ... ... 1-2 | Michael Stephens ... 3-4
Chris. G. Woodhead ... 5-6
Conducted by Christopher G. Woodhead.
* First peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 7, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
No. 92. Tenor size 14 in D.
William G. Young... ... 1-2 | Daniel T. Matkin ... 5-6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 3-4 | *Kathleen E. Fletcher 7-8
Composed by M. J. Morris. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
* First peal 'in hand.'

CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 7, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *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 H. Dains. Conducted by Frank L. Fisher.

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LATE NEWS.

Nearly every tower in the Dunster Deanery of the Bath and Wells Association rang on the night of October 10th in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. John Pugsley, who for the past 20 years has been Ringing Master of the Deanery. Mr. Pugsley, who is now 77, has been a ringer for 61 years and is a foundation member of the Association.

BELFRY GOSSIP

When the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild met at Westbury on October 1st, a warm welcome was accorded to Mr. Hart, a former chairman, who is now in his 89th year. Five new members were elected. Ringing included Double Norwich and Cambridge Major.

Mr. Alfred Bolland has now rung 100 peals 'in hand.'

Mr. W. J. Button has 'circled' Debenham, Suffolk, tower.

Miss Kathleen E. Fletcher, of Beaconsfield, who is now a resident of Bournemouth, has scored her first peal 'in hand.' Another recruit to Mr. D. T. Matkin's ever-growing band.

A Leicester Guild landmark.—Mr. Ernest Morris rang his 1,150th peal and 61st this year, and Mr. W. A. Riddington his 100th, at Whetstone on September 28th.

The bells (6) of St, John's, Duxford, Cambridge, have been re-installed at St. Peter's, Duxford, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, after receiving attention at their foundry. They will be dedicated on October 28th at 7 p.m. by the Archdeacon of Ely.

The peal at Dodderhill of Spliced Surprise Major, published last week, was not the first peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells. The first of Spliced Surprise was rung by members of the Worcestershire Association on April 10th, 1948, conducted by Mr. S. T. Holt.

Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst, of Whitchurch, will remember his peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Loughborough Bell Foundry. The peal appeared to be lost when it was realised that the band started without first putting on the light. Hopes were not abandoned, and rescue came from the gas lamp on the wall of Cobden Street, which gave sufficient light to discern the ringers.

Owing to dangerous cracking of the apex of the spire of St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, London, ringing has been ordered to cease until further notice. It is hoped to have the spire repaired as soon as possible and also attention to the bells, the fittings of which are not all than can be desired.

One of London's most promising youngsters, Michaël V. Chilcott, has recently succeeded in ringing his first peal of Stedman Cinques at Reading. It was at the third attempt, the first failing owing to a shift course, and the second owing to the eleventh clapper breaking.

The band was welcomed by the father of the College Youths, that grand veteran, Canon G. F. Coleridge, who came specially to wish them luck, and to hear the start of the peal. The newly-appointed Vicar of St. Laurence's also added his good wishes. The peal was rung as a 74th birthday compliment to William Langdon.

A company of 53 attended the quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Guild at Easton Maudit on October 1st. The president (the Rev. S. F. W. Powell) announced his impending departure to Daventry, news which was received to the great regret of the members.

The bells of St. Paul's, Shadwell, London, E.1, have not been rung for some 30 years. The new Vicar, the Rev. B. E. T. Jansz, is anxious to get them in ringing order. The cost is £500 and the parish is in a poor part of London. Will ringers please help? Donations (however small) will be gratefully received either by the Rev. Jansz, St. Paul's Rectory, 298, The Highway, Shadwell, E.1, or Mr. D. Riley, 7, Ross House, Prusom Street, Wapping, E.1.

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Royal Society of Cumberland Youths Dine

OPPOSITION TO BELLS—A SIGN OF CONSCIENCE PRICKING.

NINE ringing visitors from Newark-on-Trent, the former living of the Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwards, Vicar of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, were among the company at the annual dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, on October 8th. The event was most successful, the Master (Mr. G. H. Cross) being in the chair, supported by the Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwards.

The company included Mrs. Cross, Miss J. Hollins, the Rev. Ken Davis, Mrs. Winterton, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bevan, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hawthorne, Mr. G. W. and Miss Steere, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, Mr. and Mrs. Kirkby, Mr. and Mrs. G. Radley, Mr. and Mrs. Halsey, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Bowler, Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuiness.

Dr. E. L. Taylor, Dr. W. L. B. Leese, Messrs. T. Clarke, D. Bartholomew, D. Beveridge, J. Acres, J. Neller, L. Stilwell, A. Cutler, H. Burton, T. A. Ross, J. W. Raithby, E. Dodds, T. H. Francis, P. N. Bond, H. W. Brown, D. N. Layton, G. F. Carter, A. Pearmain, S. W. Brown, N. J. Diserens, Garrett and T. W. White.

Mesdames Winterton, J. E. Davies, N. Pearmain, the Misses P. Holmes, J. Pett, J. Brittain, M. E. Davis, D. Lidbetter, M. Lidbetter, P. Smee, D. Colgate, J. Askew, A. Bailey and P. Kitchen.

Mr. Geoffrey F. Carter, in proposing the toast of 'The Church,' said he had one small ambition as a ringer, and that was to be a service ringer at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. Ringers were the custodians of the most expensive thing in the church, and the greatest gratitude they could show to the church, their mother, was in the care of those bells and ringing them in her service when required.

CHURCH'S TREMENDOUS STRUGGLE

The Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwards, who replied, said the Church did not, as the ordinary man in the street thought, consist of Bishops and clergy but of the laity. To-day they were faced with a tremendous struggle between the Christian outlook and the materialistic outlook, and he had no doubt that the clash would get stronger. That was why the role of a bellringer was so vital. When people came and attacked the Church they invariably attacked it in the belfry. During the war it was not that Hitler wanted bells for guns but because Sunday by Sunday, when the bells were rung, they extended the challenge of another form of life. Recently a man wrote to him in regard to St. Martin's bells, 'Do stop those blessed bells.' His reply was, 'Your conscience is wrong.'

Mr. J. W. Raithby, of Newark-on-Trent, proposed the toast of 'The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.' That dinner, he said, was one of the principal functions of the ringers' calendar, and men and women from all parts of the country were bound together by their great society.

The Cumberlands were a national and not a territorial society, and their influence on the Exercise was considerable. Times were changing, and ringers must keep abreast of modern developments. One of the most important challenges was in the question of noise. However much they loved the sound of bells there were people who hated them, and ringers should give very close attention to the proper control of sound from belfries.

Another thing the Exercise must be ever watchful about was 'canned' or synthetic bells. Parsons are only human, and could one blame them if they could get their bells rung by pressing a button? It should be their first concern to see that every belfry was manned for Sunday service ringing. No society could live on past achievements; it must be constantly seeking new recruits.

Mr. Peter Bond, assistant secretary, responded and reminded the company that the Cumberlands' members extended from the North of England to Cornwall, and even in South Africa and South America. The society was in its 202nd year, and they had a lot to be proud of. During the past year they had gained a large number of members, and it was to the young members they had to look to the future.

The toast of 'The Visitors and Kindred Societies' was submitted by the Master, who had a special word of welcome for the ringers from Newark, whose visit was due to the Vicar. They also welcomed Mr. D. Layton, and congratulated him on the good work he was doing with the Universities Association.

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, in reply, said one of the changing signs of the times was the way the Cumberlands and College Youths now rang together. They were losing that spirit of rivalry in trying to outdo one another. There was a feeling among the kindred societies that they were all one big brotherhood, and with the Central Council of Church Bellringers wielding greater force year by year, the various societies were being linked together in one great brotherhood. To-day any man could go into a strange tower and be welcomed as a brother.

The concluding toast, 'The Ringing World,' was proposed by Mr. G. W. Steere, and the Editor, in his reply, urged ringers when they elected branch chairmen to appoint men and women who were competent ringers, keen and enthusiastic for advancing the Exercise, and who did not regard Grandsire Doubles or St. Dunstan's as the limit of a ringer's capabilities.

The entertainment was presented by J. B. Potterill, a member of the Magic Circle, Mrs. Pearmain, with Mr. A. I. Pearmain at the piano.

Barnsley and District Society

SUCCESSFUL INAUGURAL DINNER.

A very happy and successful gathering was held at the King George Hotel, Peel Street, Barnsley, on October 1st, when a commemoration dinner was held to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the founding of the society. Some 76 members and friends were present, including the Mayor and Mayoress of Barnsley (Alderman and Mrs. W. Hunt).

The hon. president, Canon A. P. Morley, Rector of Barnsley, was the chairman, and kept the proceedings moving. The toast list was 'The King'; 'Church and State,' moved by the Vicar of Monk Bretton (Rev. G. Hodgshon), and responded to by the Mayor; 'Past Officers of the Society,' proposed by Mr. H. Rowley, of Horbury and replied to by Mr. J. W. Moxon, Sandal; 'The Visitors,' moved by Mr. J. R. Brearley, of Bolsterstone, and acknowledged by the Vicar of Cawthorne (the Rev. H. Meanley); 'Continued Prosperity of the Society,' by the Vicar of Felkirk (the Rev. D. Moxon), and replied to by Mr. H. Chant, Felkirk; 'The Chairman,' by Mr. N. F. Moxon (Cawthorne). The entertainment was of a high standard. Mr. E. Winn, of Barnsley, provided the comedy, and the Cawthorne ringers entertained with a quartette and an instrumental trio.

This event proved to be a success in every way, and it is the hope of the officers of the society that this is the first of many such events.

TAYNTON, OXFORD.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,080 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Baldwin 1, F. W. Soden 2, A. J. Parker 4, W. J. Dixon 5, T. W. Timms (cond.) 6.

Chester Diocesan Guild

ANNUAL DINNER REVIVED.

The Chester Diocesan Guild revived its annual dinner on October 1st, the last occasion being in 1938. Over 70 sat down at the Blossoms Hotel, Chester, the Lord Bishop, as president of the Guild, and the Dean, as one of its vice-presidents, being present. After an excellent meal and the loyal toast, the Bishop proposed 'The Guild.' He emphasised the importance of ringers as officers of the Church, and mentioned a particular church where the service was always delayed for five minutes to allow the ringers to descend from the tower and take their seats for service, an example which, he suggested, might be widely followed. It was with great pleasure that he proposed the toast and wished the Guild every success in its work for the Church.

The Master (Mr. J. W. Clarke), in replying, welcomed the Bishop and the Dean. He recalled the prosperity of the Guild in pre-war days, especially in the year of its jubilee, 1937, when in celebration of the event it sponsored a scheme for the addition of two trebles at the Cathedral. In spite of the pessimists who declared that the Exercise would hardly survive the war-time ban, events had proved to the contrary, and ringing was never in a more flourishing condition. In this revival the Chester Guild had in no small measure led the way.

Mr. C. W. Lawton propsed 'The Clergy,' and made mention of the very obvious signs of renewed interest in religion, and said that he felt that the clergy who were members and officials of the Guild were doing a great deal to foster it.

The Rev. J. D. Pearson, formerly secretary of the Guild, replied and spoke of the fellowship which existed among ringers and of the great pleasure he had experienced during his period of office when he was in close association with so many of them.

In a felicitous speech, Mr. R. D. Langford, of Crewe, proposed 'Kindred Societies.'

'The Ladies' was proposed by the Rev. J. Kingdon, secretary of the Guild. With some wit he suggested that, whereas in the operatic world they would be known as prima donnas, in the belfry they might suitably be called 'bella donnas.' He also put in a word of sympathy for the wives of ringers so often kept waiting for the return of their husbands, although there might be occasions when the wives were glad that their husbands were ringers. Acknowledging the toast, Miss N. M. Bibby mentioned some of her earlier experiences in the belfry in the days when lady ringers were not so numerous as at present. She thought that Mr. Kingdon's sympathy with the wives might be somewhat misplaced, as the wives at least knew where the husbands were on such occasions!

The toasts were interspersed with some excellent handbell ringing, arranged by Mr. John Worth, fresh from his conquests in Suffolk, and by humorous items and songs by Mr. J. Nield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

A pleasant meeting was held at the exquisite little church at Cranford on September 24th, which is set amid beautiful surroundings and has a light easy-going ring of six. A warm welcome was extended to the 25 members and friends by the Rector (the Rev. Maurice Childs) and Mr. P. J. Woodgyer, of the Livery of St. Dunstan.

Learners had every opportunity at this meeting and should have benefited greatly from the forthright methods of Mr. Tony Price, whose lectures on striking and proper bell control after each touch should be taken to heart.

The Rev. John Carr took the service, and there was a short business meeting.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CENTRAL COUNCIL DECISIONS

Dear Sir,—The result of the sub-committee's call for suggestions from those holding strong views on controversial subjects has been rather disappointing.

Very few letters have been received, and we are, indeed, grateful to those who have found time to write, but there must be a large number who could render useful help by letting the sub-committee have their views.

Possibly the difficulty is that very few people possess a copy of the last summary of the 'decisions' of the Council, which is now out of print.

We are anxious to get on with this work, so that the new edition can be printed, but before that the draft has to be approved and possibly amended by the Council. It is very desirable that, in order to save time, we should get the feeling of the Exercise on the various debatable points which have arisen during the past few years, so that we may feel confident that the recommendations we may make have a fair chance of acceptance, and time be saved in debating 'knotty' points.

We would stress that our function is only to report and suggest, not to alter any of the decisions already taken, and any assistance we receive from the Exercise generally will be gratefully appreciated. Also we would appeal for guidance on matters concerning the 'decisions' only, and not (as we have already received) complaints about matters outside the scope of the work of the sub-committee.—Yours faithfully,

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

122, Lee Road, Blackheath, London, S.E.3

GREETINGS FROM DOWN UNDER

Dear Sir,—May I, on behalf of the rest of the Editorial staff and members of the N.S.W. Association of Change Ringers, offer our congratulations to you and the members of the committee of 'The Ringing World' on the achievement of your 2,000th copy, which has just come to hand.

As the established publication of bell-ringing news it is most encouraging to read of the success of the older established magazine. Your success gives us hopes that our small contribution to the Exercise will be equally successful.

Our members appreciate the interest which 'The Ringing World' has shown in all bellringing activities in Australia, and we hope that your success will be continued in the years to come.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM M. ROWE,
Editor of 'Ringing Towers,'
Official Organ of N.S.W.B.R.

THANKS TO THE POLICE

Dear Sir,—It was a great pleasure to myself to receive a telegram from the members of the National Police Guild on the occasion of their annual meeting at Loughborough. I was lying in bed at our Royal Infirmary looking at the ceiling and thinking of them all when a nurse said, 'Here you are, Mr. D., a telegram for you.' I expect our dear old friend, Jack Jones, had a similar feeling to what I had and was sorry that it was impossible to be with them all except in spirit. I think it was darned nice of them all to think of us, don't you, Jack? Anyway, they tell me that I am well on the uptake again. You policemen, again thanks.—Yours sincerely,

F. H. DEXTER.

Home address: 4, Stuart Street, Leicester.

LEICESTER'S BRILLIANT TRIO

Dear Sir,—In connection with the paragraph in last week's 'Ringing World' titled 'Leicester Youth's Century,' I do not think that Alan Cattell can 'claim the honour of being Leicester's most brilliant young ringer, whether on tower or handbells.' In my mind there are at least two others (of almost exactly the same age) who are more entitled to claim that honour.

One is Harry Poyner, who started ringing in February, 1948, and within two or three months was producing Surprise Major methods at the rate of two and three a week. One of these has been rung—Stanton Surprise—which created a certain amount of correspondence in 'The Ringing World' at the time. He has also composed peals in other methods, though none have yet been rung. As far as ringing is concerned he has only rung two peals on tower bells (both Cambridge Major), but it is on handbells that he has done the most brilliant work—Grandsire Triples, Caters, Cinques (all on 'inside' pair), Stedman Caters, Cinques, Plain Bob, Major and Royal.

The other person is Alan Jacques, who also has rung 50 peals this year, and all have been Surprise except one each of Stedman Caters and Cinques. They include Cambridge Major, Royal, Lindsey Royal, Maximus, Lincolnshire Major, Royal, Maximus, Belgrave Major Royal, Maximus, as well as London and Bristol Major.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Leicester Cathedral.

THE LOST BEAT

Dear Sir,—Complaints about the ringing of church bells appear to be more common. Yet in 'The Ringing World' of October 7th an open admission that a peal of Maximus on a fairly heavy 'twelve' lost the 'beat' after about an hour's duration.

What of the long-suffering, non-ringing and often disinterested public who have to live near? Are they never to be considered? It gets their 'back up.' They write to the local papers and sometimes to the London ones. Can you blame them? What is the idea—a peal at any price, whether good, bad or indifferent? What would the old masters have done on such an occasion? Their action surely would be to set their bells, exclaiming, 'A good peal or none.'

R. NEWMAN.

Holloway, N.7.

THE BULWELL PEAL

Dear Sir,—I did not intend to enter the dispute in connection with this peal which has already received wide publicity—and publicity of a nature calculated to harm the dignity of the ringer rather than enhance it. Nevertheless, Mr. L. J. Clark's references to the Southwell Guild leave me no option.

The peal was not officially arranged. My information is that it was rung at the express wish of the Rector, who issued a personal invitation to that particular band.

Mr. Clark's glib reference to peal-grabbing tactics is unwarranted and should be treated with disdain.

It is probably not generally realised in the Exercise that Bulwell bells have not recently been restored but have been eight for very many years.

The whole dispute would appear to be nothing more than a storm in a teacup. After reading the fable about the dog-in-the-manger, Bulwell ringers should go back and cease their self-pity.—Yours faithfully,

J. W. RAITHBY,
Hon. General Secretary,
Southwell Dio. Guild.

Patron Saint

Dear Sir,—Further to my note on p. 480, I am informed by the verger there is a 'Tantony bell' at Lichfield Cathedral and is still used. It is in the central tower. Also there is a small figure of St. Anthony over the belfry window at the south side of the south-west tower wherein the 10 bells hang.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS.

St. Margaret's, Leicester.

ST. GUTHLAC'S CLAIM

Dear Sir,—St. Guthlac makes his claim as the Patron Saint of Ringers as follows:—

(1) I am a true Anglo-Saxon, not a native of Campana in Italy, was born 673 A.D.
(2) I lived in Crowland, in the Lincolnshire fens.
(3) Paulinus, the bell man of Campana (which name became the Italian word for bell), came and converted Mercia, the native province of my parents.
(4) Through his influence I became a Christian, a hermit and lover of bells.
(5) I landed at Crowland 697 A.D. The Christian King of Mercia vowed to me he would build me an abbey.
(6) He fulfilled his vow in 716, just after my death, hence St. Guthlac's Church.
(7) A ring of seven bells was installed in my abbey, the first ring in England.
(8) Ingulphus, my historian, wrote of these bells: 'Nec erat tunc tanta consonantia campanarum in tota Anglia.' There was not then such harmony of bells in the whole of England.

J. MAURICE TURNER.

Washfield Rectory, Devon.

MAYFIELD AND ST. DUNSTAN

Dear Sir,—It might interest Miss Dorothy Fletcher and others to know that St. Dunstan was, according to local history, born at Mayfield, Sussex, although brought up at Glastonbury. He is reputed to have built the first church at Mayfield, no longer surviving, and the present church which is dedicated to him.

St. Dunstan's forge is stated to have been on the site of the building of the Convent of the Holy Child, Mayfield, and according to legend it was here that he pinched the devil's nose with red-hot tongs so that the Prince of Darkness leapt right across to Tunbridge Wells to cool his nose in the spring waters at the Pantiles. A pair of blacksmith's tongs and an anvil are preserved in the convent, and it is claimed that these were used by the saint in his work.—Yours sincerely,

W. A. KITCHENSIDE.

Mayfield.

P.S.—The fine old church at Cranbrook, Kent, is also dedicated to St. Dunstan.

ST. DUNSTAN & REV. C. D. P. DAVIES

Dear Sir,—The following paragraph is taken from a guide book of the Abbey Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Tewkesbury, Glos:—

'We come next to a double chapel, containing altars dedicated to St. Edmund, King and Martyr, and (in recent times) to St. Dunstan. Bosses in the roof show the martyrdom by the Danes in the ninth century of the East Anglian King. St. Dunstan is the patron saint of bellringers, and his chapel was furnished in 1934 in memory of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies by the ringers of England, who also added two new bells to the ring and had the existing ten retuned. The frontal depicts, "The Voices of the Bells."'

Similar notes are found in the Eynsham Parish Magazine made by the Vicar of Eynsham recently.—Yours sincerely,

CECIL G. CALCUTT.

Eynsham, Oxon.

Yorkshire Association

SNOWDON DINNER ABANDONED FOR 1949.

The September meeting of the Association was held at Doncaster on September 17th, and was well attended by representatives of all the districts. The fine new ring of eight bells, tenor 30 cwt., was set going early to a variety of methods, and the needs of all were duly catered for.

A meeting of the committee took place at 3 p.m., followed by a brief service conducted by the Vicar, who gave the Association a very hearty welcome. Some seventy sat down to tea, as against about forty who had given notification, and it is a matter of regret that members and friends intending to be present should add to the already great difficulties of those responsible by failing to give due notice. Luckily the foresight of the Doncaster company had allowed for a substantial number of extras, or otherwise quite a few would have been disappointed.

At the business meeting the president presided. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and authorities for the use of the bells was ably moved by Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. L. W. G. Morris and carried with applause. Canon Davies, in reply, said he and the wardens at Doncaster were always pleased to have the Association at Doncaster, and wished them every success. They had a ring of bells of which they were proud, and it was a very real pleasure to have the privilege of entertaining members of the Association.

Similar sentiments were expressed by the churchwardens, who said it was a good thing to hear the bells at other than the orthodox ringing times, in that it struck more forcibly at those who quite often did not respond to their call, reminding them that in the midst of business or pleasures the Church and all it stood for was still carrying on.

A similar vote of thanks was passed to the local company for their excellent arrangements moved by Mr. E. Hudson, seconded by Mr. A. Firth. The president announced that no invitations had been received regarding the next meeting, and the committee had decided that unless any were forthcoming to endeavour to arrange it at Bradford on January 15th. Mr. P. J. Johnson moved, and H. S. Morley seconded, that the committee's recommendation be accepted. This was carried.

The general secretary reported on the effort that had been made to arrange the Snowdon Dinner. He had received a kind offer from Mr. F. A. Staveley on behalf of the Doncaster company, and in consultation with the president and vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnso, had decided to proceed. Unfortunately subsequent difficulties arose regarding the time, when it was found that to accommodate a 5.30 p.m. dinner would mean going outside the town. It was with reluctance, therefore, that they had found it necessary, particularly in the light of last year's experience, to abandon it this year. The president moved, and Mr. P. J. Johnson seconded, that a vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. Staveley and the local company for their kind offer and assistance. This was carried.

Donald Wheat, of Bentley, was elected a member. This concluded the business meeting, and an adjournment was made to the tower, where ringing continued in methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Yorkshire Bristol and London Surprise Major.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest were held at Lightcliffe on October 1st. Five teams entered, and the result was as follows: Liversedge, 138 faults; Meltham, rang out; mixed company, 210 faults: Friezland, 113 faults; Thornhill, rang out. Friezland were therefore declared winners of the silver cup.

The Ladies' Guild

MIDLAND DISTRICT.

On September 24th a party of 30 ringers and friends left Leicester via bus for the Ladies' Guild meeting at Northampton. In pouring rain they arrived at the Holy Sepulchre Church, and an enjoyable ring was had here on the eight bells together with ringers of this tower.

At 3 p.m. the party moved on to St. Peter's Church. Here ringing ranged from rounds to Bristol Surprise Major, and a ladies' band rang a course of Grandsire Triples. A short service was conducted by the Rev. Chybnall.

At the Deaf and Dumb Institute about 70 people participated in a delightful tea arranged under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Valentine. Before the business meeting Miss Thompson (vice-president of the Midland District) welcomed one and all to the meeting.

After the 'male folk' had left for more ringing at St. Peter's, ladies from Burton Latimer, Castle Bromwich, Desford, Isham, Leicester, Northampton, Nottingham, Rugby and Surfleet settled down to their meeting. A discussion took place with a view to recommencing the working of the Northampton district, but a final decision was arrived at to link up with the Midland district for the time being. One new member and five rejoined members were proposed.

The next meeting is to be at Kettering on November 26th.

Leaving Northampton at 7.45 p.m., the Leicester party made their way to Moulton, where they were met by Mr. T. Tebbutt. Ringing for half an hour or more took place here, and then the ringers turned homewards to Leicester after a pleasant half-day.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

WEST DORSET BRANCH.

Whitchurch Canonicorum and its stately church, with one of the finest towers in Dorset, provided the setting for the quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch on September 24th.

The Vicar, Canon W. H. Davidson, conducted the service, giving a brief address of welcome and advice. The chairman (Rev. C. Carew Cox) deputised at the organ.

Tea was enjoyed through the kind hospitality of Mr. Mills and the local ringers. The chairman presided at the business meeting, and Bridport was agreed upon as the centre for the annual meeting on December 3rd, and the secretary was asked to arrange for neighbouring towers to be open. Canon Davidson was unanimously elected an hon. member. Miss Gwen Dickinson and Mr. Tony Street were elected ringing members. Mr. Mills promised that the Whitchurch band would seek re-affiliation.

Warm thanks were accorded the local ringers for their hospitality and the ladies who had catered and served the tea.

5,184 SPLICED MAJOR, IN 8 METHODS

By NOLAN GOLDEN.

W	M	H	23456
—		—	45236 A
		—	24536 B
—	—	S	56243 C
—		—	24563 A
		—	52463 B
		—	42365 C

Repeat 11 times. S.H. end of 6th and 12th parts.

Courses called as follows: A: Plain, Little, Gainsborough, Plain, Double, St. Clement's, Gainsborough. B: Plain, Little, Crayford, Reverse, Gainsborough. C: Plain, Little, Gainsborough, Wellington, Gainsborough.

If either course B or C is substituted for course A, on 5 occasions, the peal is reduced to 5,004.

First rung at Bournemouth as a 5,184 on September 12th, 1949, 'in hand,' conducted by D. T. Matkin.

St. Mary's, Ewell

Seven towers in three counties were visited by Ewell ringers on the occasion of their annual outing.

The first stop was at All Saints', Maidenhead, just before 9 a.m., where an enjoyable hour of ringing terminated in the breaking of the clapper of the 17 cwt. tenor a foot or so above the ball. It knocked a hole in the wall and fell with a noise heard throughout the church.

The sad news was carried to Marlow that practice was off until repairs had been done, and soon the bells (tenor 15 cwt.) were got going. Then came a 14 miles' run to Reading. Here ringing on St. Mary's splendid eight was was enjoyed.

On arrival at the quiet, unspoiled little village of Aldermaston, the handbells, of which there were two sets aboard, and which had enlivened the journey at intervals since 7.30 a.m., were again brought forth and a pre-prandial touch was rung in the middle of the road to the entertainment, amusement, and it is hoped edification of the few villagers and frequenters of the public bar of the Hind's Head. The party received a warm welcome from Mr. A. Randall, for many years headmaster of the local school, who described some of the many interesting features of the church. The bells (tenor 10 cwt.) are not musical, but go very well.

St. John-the-Baptist's, Padworth, was reached after a pleasant drive through narrow, hilly country lanes almost off the map. It is a small but interesting Norman building, too small even to hold a pulpit, but containing six tuneful bells, of which the third is pre-Reformation. The others bear various dates from 1597 (5th), 1654 (treble), 1660 (2nd), 1816 (4th). They were all recast in 1890, when the 7 cwt. tenor was probably added.

Leaving tiny Padworth Church to ruminate on its history and the hundreds of chickens scurrying about the adjoining farmyard, the visitors were soon passing along more winding lanes on their way to Basingstoke and a hilarious tea.

Ringing and evensong at St. Michael's (8) and an hour at All Saints' (9) brought eight o'clock and time to depart on the final forty miles' drive home. Mr. H. E. Good and Mr. C. W. Munday were in charge of the ringing throughout the day, all the other arrangements being in the hands of

J. E. B.

IRISH NEWS

St. Comgall, Bangor, Co. Down, celebrated the 50th anniversary of the installation of its ring of eight by a visit to the tower by the Holywood and Belfast bands.

Members are progressing favourably under the guidance of Miss M. Seyers and Mr. Tom McBride and encouraged by the Rev. F. S. Ebbitt, one of the curates, who is a ringer.

Visiting ringers were hospitably entertained to tea by the local band and the select vestry. Thanks were expressed to them by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody (district secretary) and Mr. A. E. McGrath.

FINCHLEY QUARTER PEALS

Six ringers of the Finchley band rang four quarter peals on October 1st in four different towers, viz.: St. Michael's, St. Albans, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor; Kimpton, 1,260 Oxford Bob; Old Warden, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob; Sandy, 720 Plain Bob, 540 Oxford Bob. Those taking part were F. Tubb, L. Tubb, B. F. Tubb, B. Wills, A. Warren and F. Barker. Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr. B. F. Tubb (41 years) and a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Barker, wife of the captain.

QUARTER PEALS

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pearce (first quarter) 1, F. G. Barron 2, H. Reynolds 3, G. Verrill 4, H. Nobes (cond.) 5, J. Boadle 6, E. Brown 7, J. Hedges (first quarter) 8.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss Beryl Stott (first quarter) 1, Miss Vera Burton 2, G. Arrand 3, Mrs. E. Wylie (first of Bob Minor) 4, Mrs. I. Somerville 5, E. Cooper (cond.) 6, B. Birkitt 7.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Oct. 2nd, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss F. Child 1, B. Gould 2, Miss B. Adlam 3, G. Evenden 4, P. Goldsworthy 5, D. Emery 6, H. Mitchell (cond.) 7, J. Daniels 8. First of Stedman 1 and 3.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Oct. 2nd, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Townsend 1, H. H. Jones 2, F. Vickers (cond.) 3, W. C. Gough 4, W. A. Yates 5, E. Nichols 6, G. W. Holland 7, W. H. Yates 8.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Chapman 1, F. C. Arnold 2, F. Pearson 3, R. Burt 4, T. C. Brown 5, C. F. Phillippo (first of Minor as conductor) 6. First of Minor for 1, 4 and 5.

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Beck 1, A. J. Hazzard 2, Gwen Speed 3, H. Babb 4, P. Gallop 5, J. T. Dyke (cond.) 6, E. J. Chilvers 7 D. Dando 8. First quarter 2, 3, 5 and 8.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, R. W. Green 2, F. A. Barker 3, R. Charge 4, W. Prockson 5, G. Charge 6, R. H. Begrie 7, A. W. Coles (cond.) 8. 71st birthday compliment 4th ringer.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. John-the-Baptist's, Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Razzell 1, F. E. Mitchell 2, C. Parks 3, T. Bulgin 4, R. Abbott 5, G. H. Humphries 6, D. Cooper (cond.) 7, W. Oatway 8.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 2nd, at St. Stephen's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Luke (first quarter) 1, E. C. S. Turner 2, F. A. Finch 3, W. J. Ellis 4, A. Jones 5, J. C. Birt 6, D. R. Judd (cond.) 7, W. J. Cook 8.

FULHAM.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,263 Stedman Caters: J. Chilcott 1, H. M. Page 2, H. Langdon (cond.) 3, J. Allsop 4, W. J. Paice 5, P. Clark 6, J. Stephenson 7, P. Chalk 8, M. Chilcott 9, G. Debenham 10.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Piper 1, K. Smith 2, E. Percival 3, B. Webb 4, T. Evans 5, G. Evans 6, S. Piper 7, J. W. Dyer (cond.) 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: W. F. Todd (first in method) 1, E. W. Winters 2, A. E. Symonds 3, G. Cherry 4, J. Church 5, C. U. Hare 6, L. Fidler 7, F. W. Croft (cond.) 8. First in method 'inside' for 4 and 5.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (480 each of Plain Bob and April Day and 300 Grandsire): W. J. Gait (cond.) 1, Mrs. J. Naish 2, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 3, J. Naish 4, J. Brooks 5, Miss A. Wareham 6. To celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. J. Brooks.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Octfl 2nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. T. Beauchamp 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, C. A. Hughes 4, C. W. Ottley 5, J. Bullock 6, G. Dawson 7, E. D. Smith (cond.) 8.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Olive M. Drake (first quarter) 1, R. J. Jackson 2, A. Jordan 3, E. C. Turner 4, E. W. Tipler 5, W. A. Wood 6, F. K. Measures (cond.) 7, H. G. Gobsey 8.

NORTHENDEN, MANCHESTER.—At St. Wilfred's on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: H. Barlow 1, J. Miller 2, F. Brickill, jun., 3, B. Walshaw 4, A. Barrett 5, J. Clegg (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 5. First quarter since rehanging.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. A. Cornell 1, C. F. Sayer 2, J. E. Lofty (first in method) 3, G. Spencer 4, F. J. Spicer 5, W. J. Southam 6, W. J. Arnold (cond.) 7, T. J. Southam 8.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Walpole 1, B. Barber 2, S. Fenn 3, D. Fenn 4, G. Walpole 5, E. Long (cond.) 6.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Cousins (first quarter) 1, A. J. Burt (first 'inside') 2, F. Tindall 3, C. Heskins 4, R. Franklin 5, A. H. Bates (cond.) 6, W. Welling 7, A. Cross 8.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Cotton 1, W. H. Curson 2, A. Patrick 3, H. Carter 4, G. W. Clayfield 5, A. Parker (first quarter) 6, P. W. Grice (cond.) 7, H. Shaw 8.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. Hawthorne (first on eight) 1, S. Howard 2, T. Miller 3, A. Jones 4, W. Elson 5, W. T. Winter 6, F. Hawthorne (cond.) 7, F. Wicks 8.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. V. Williams 1, C. Drewitt 2, H. C. Spencer (cond.) 3, W. Hacker 4, A. Newman 5, S. Seymour 6, R. G. Clemens 7, P. R. C. Williams 8. First of Stedman Triples 2, 6 and 7.

ST. ALBANS.—On Oct. 2nd, at St. Peter's, 1,287 Stedman Caters: A. Dale 1, H. V. Frost 2, Miss O. Martin 3, Miss A. Bailey 4, R. W. Darvill 5, H. G. Mason 6, B. C. Johnson 7, W. J. Southam 8. T. J. Southam (first in method as cond.) 9, F. J. Spicer 10.

SPALDING, LINCS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. E. Bennett 1, A. J. Farr 2, M. Bennett 3, G. W. Mills 4, Mrs. A. Richardson 5, A. D. Mills 6, J. G. Ames (cond.) 7, L. Wright 8. A farewell to Canon P. C. A. Carnegy on leaving for Rugby.

SPEEN, BERKS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford: T. Curtis 1, R. Christopher 2, R. F. Crook 3, G. Dodd 4, G. Townsend 5, R. W. Rex (cond.) 6.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 5th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor and 540 Plain Bob: Miss J. Thomas (cond.) 1, Miss M. Shadrack 2, E. J. Runter 3, R. C. Thrift 4, P. J. Eves 5, H. W. Shadrack 6. To celebrate the 21st birthday of the conductor.

THAMES DITTON.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Hawthorne (cond.) 1, Mrs. F. Hawthorne 2, H. G. Andrews 3, Miss P. G. Kitchen 4, Mrs. A. Kitchen 5, F. Wicks 6.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. M. Tomlin 1, A. E. Richardson 2, S. A. White 3, R. E. Wood 4, E. A. Ladd 5, J. T. Medhurst 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, F. W. Tomlin (first on eight bells) 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Russell on the birth of a daughter.

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Vine (first quarter) 1, R. Perry 2, C. Harris 3, L. Vickery 4, H. Churchill (cond.) 5, R. Harris 6.

WESTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS. — On Sept. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor, 509 Grandsire Doubles: G. Wills 1, Miss E. Sharp 2, J. M. Daniels 3, A. Armstrong 4, V.-Adams (cond.) 5, C. Sharp 6. Rung for the birth and christening of V. Adams, first grandchild, also birthday compliment to E. Sharp.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): J. Jordan (first quarter) 1, R. J. Darch (1st of Doubles) 2, R. S. Payne 3, J. Thurlow 4, J. Blythe (first as cond. in three methods) 5, J. Parling 6.

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MISCELLANEOUS

BURNHAM, BUCKS, BELL RESTORATION.—Winning numbers drawn at Olde Tyme Ball, Slough Community Centre, Oct. 8th: 1st 197, 2nd 1,058, 3rd 814, 4th 920, 5th 1,164, 6th 882. Thanks support.—Gilbert. 5967

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MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual meeting at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Usual arrangements. 5910

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting, Bramley, Oct. 22nd. Usual arrangements. Service 4.30. Shalford bells (8) available after tea. — A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 5903

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Galleywood (8), Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch.—Meeting at Bradninch, Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.15.—C. G. Dymond, Silverton. 5940

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Penzance Branch.—Autumn meeting, St. Mary's, Penzance (8), 3 p.m., Oct. 22nd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Gulval (8) and Madron (6), also 2.30 to 4, and after tea. — Rev. A. S. Roberts, Carbis Bay. 5922

OXFORD GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Wooburn, Oct. 22nd, 3.30 p.m. —Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 5928

ST. LUKE'S, DERBY.—Rededication of bells, Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Service 3. Ringing after service until tea, 5. After tea, ringing resumed until 7.30. All welcome. 5930

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Odiham, Oct. 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. 5936

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Annes, Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (8) 3. Cups of tea provided. —J. H. Foster. 5950

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Hatfield, Oct. 22nd, 3. Cups of tea only. —W. E. Critchley. 5960

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Egham, Oct. 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Wednesday, Oct. 26th, to W. Peck, 19, The Hythe, Staines, Middlesex.—F. Hawthorne. 5925

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District. — Meeting. Coddenham, Oct. 29th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Names to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 5927

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Harlow Common, Oct. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited. Green Line from Aldgate to Bishop's Stortford passes church every 30 minutes.—D. E. Lidbetter, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5932

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Frampton, Oct. 29th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, Church House, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. R. Young, Park Gates, Frampton, near Boston, by Monday, Oct. 24th.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec. 5939

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Stansted (8) on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea. please, to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street. Hoddesdon, Herts. 5935

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Meeting, King's Somborne (6), Oct. 29th. 2.30. Names by Oct. 25th.—L. A. Tremeer. 34, The Dean, Alresford. 5917

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Wilmslow, Oct. 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. G. Blackshaw, 4, Mill Street, Wilmslow.—C. K. Lewis. Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Northampton Branch.—Harlestone (6), Oct. 29th. Tea, if ordered. by Tuesday. Oct. 25th. —Mr. Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston. 5957

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, Saturday, Oct. 29th, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, 3. Ringing after the meeting at Woodford.—A. B. Peck. 5945

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch. — Double Norwich and Surprise practice, Caversham, 6-9 p.m., Oct. 29th.—T. N. Lanaghan. 5958

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Oct. 29th. Ringing at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 3. Meeting 6. Tea at 'The Hole in the Wall' (opposite) 4.30. Names for tea to Miss Mattinson, 42a, Westerfield Road, Ipswich, by Oct. 26th. 5924

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Tredunnoc, Oct. 29th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Cups of tea only provided. Bus 2.30 from Newport Station.—F. J. Hannington. 5923

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting Bury St. Edmunds, Oct. 29th. Both towers from 2.30. Tea and business 5 p.m., followed by district meeting. Tea only by notification to W. R. Goodship, 48. Southgate Street, Bury St. Edmunds. 5951

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Christ Church, St. Leonards, Saturday, Oct. 29th. Tower open 2.30.—P. H. Rollison, 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 5953

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Tenbell practice at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, Oct. 29th, and Saturday, Nov. 26th, at 6.15. 5955

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Christchurch District. — Practice meeting, Lyndhurst, Oct. 29th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m.; Brockenhurst (6) in the evening. Names to Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 5954

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at the Cathedral on Oct. 29th. Tower open from 3 to 5. Bells again available after the 6 o'clock evening service. Cups of tea provided; bring own food. All ringers are cordially invited. 5973

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Whetstone (6), Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells 3. Tea and meeting 5. Names by Tuesday, Oct. 25th, to W. Root, 70, New Parks Boulevard, Leicester. 5970

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Harby, Saturday, Oct. 29th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names to Mr. J. Butcher, Harby, by Oct. 27th.—J. H. Cook. 5968

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Amesbury (8), Oct. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to F. L. Harris, Britford, near Salisbury. 5966

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Knebworth on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells (8) 5.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 5964

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Hathern, Oct. 29th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, price 2s. 6d. Names to C. W. Hall, The Terrace, Copt Oak, Markfield, by Oct. 25th. 5963

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting Christ Church, Erith, Saturday, Oct. 29th, 3. Service 4.45. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 25th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 5961

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Meeting Alvaston, Oct. 29th, 3. Names for tea by Oct. 26th.—J. F. Wilkinson, 1, Cromford Road, Chaddesden, Derby. 5959

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch. — On Oct. 29th, Winterbourne (6), 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 5948

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting at Burley, Leeds, Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Members bring own food; cups of tea provided. Business meeting to follow tea. No. 4 tramcar from City Square; Keighley, Shipley and Guiseley buses pass near the church.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12. 5976

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Ormesby, Oct. 29th. Names for tea (5.15) to Mr. Ralph Jackson, 19, Ormesby Bank, Middlesbrough, by Oct. 27th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 5977

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Seale (6) on Saturday, Oct. 29th, 6-9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 5978

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX.—Ringers' Sunday, Oct. 30th. Bells available 2.30. Meat tea 4.30. Special service 6.30. A nominal charge of 1s. 6d. will be made for tea, and names must be sent to the undersigned not later than Oct. 22nd. All ringers welcome. — W. G. Turner, 4, Marldon Road, Northowram. 5884

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — 312th anniversary dinner, Saturday, Nov. 5th, Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopsgate, 6.30 p.m. Tickets 12s. 6d. Ringing: Southwark Cathedral, 1-2.15; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 4-5.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5891

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting, Staveley, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Names for tea by Nov. 1st to G. C. Briggs, 32, Franklyn Drive, Staveley, Chesterfield. 5975

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Meeting at Colwich, near Stafford, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Service 4.45. Tea (1s. 6d.) 5.30. Names by Nov. 1st to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 5962

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Merstham (6), Saturday, Nov. 5th, 3. Service 5. Tea and business. Names to J. W. Knight, 92, Coldshott, Oxted, Surrey, by Tues., Nov. 1st. 5969

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting Barton-on-Humber, Nov. 5th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea by Nov. 2nd to A. W. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber. 5972

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Wickhambreaux, Sat., Nov. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation. Names, please, to Mr. S. White, The Nurseries, Wickhambreaux, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 2nd.—B. J. Luck. 5974

LINCOLN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting at Ruskington on Saturday, Nov. 5th, 2.30. Bells 6. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 for those who notify Mrs. D. Wray, 16, Eastgate, Sleaford, by the Tuesday previous. 5956

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Gedney, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Tea only for those who notify me before Nov. 5th.—J. E. Allen, 31, Quadring Road, Donington, Spalding, Lincs. 5965

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WOKINGHAM.— Thanksgiving service for the restoration of the bells, Saturday, Nov. 12th, at 4 p.m. Bells (8) available 4.30-9. Tea in the Parish Room 4.30. Admission by ticket only (1s. 6d.), payable there. Application should be made not later than Nov. 5th to Mr. F. G. Brooks, Flat 1, North Brook, Finchampstead Road, Wokingham. 5946

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Next quarterly meeting, Halesowen, Dec. 3rd. Further notice later. 5949

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ONE of the joys and privileges of life is the gift of independent thought and judgment. In the political field it is one of the most treasured possessions of the Western Democracies, and we, as ringers, find satisfaction in the knowledge that we are not all moulded mentally in the same pattern, although we have one common denominator in our love of bells.

These thoughts are prompted by two letters received by the Editor within the space of a week. The first was from one of that select group whose members have more than 1,000 peals each to their credit, of which more than 50 have been rung this year, telling of the difficulties of his company. 'Last Sunday, however, we rang for service some Grandsire Caters, and all ten of us went to church.'

The other letter was prompted by 'Traveller's' letter of September 30th, and reads: 'The fact that a band was struggling without any help from our household names, as he (Traveller) observes, is what one would expect. It seems to me that the more a person gets enmeshed in peal ringing, the more selfish he is liable to become. Of course, as you have so ingeniously pointed out, someone can always be found to shepherd a newcomer through his first peal with, no doubt, an eye also to the laurels he will himself acquire; but it is a very different thing patiently to struggle with the heartbreaking task of teaching a pupil how to handle a bell and give instruction in the rudimentary theory of change ringing. Someone else can do that. . . . .

'There must be any number of villages up and down the country —I know some in this district—where the bells are rung every Sunday by a church-going band. Nothing elaborate; as often as not just Grandsire Doubles and St. Dunstan's. But why not, if the band is happy and is doing its job? I know one tower that has been doing just that for the past 40 years. The ringers' striking is perfect, but to the best of my knowledge they have never rung a peal as a band. None the less their enthusiasm has never faltered. Men like that are the backbone of ringing; they need no artificial stimulant in the form of a peal; they are self-contained and contented with simple honest ringing.'

We cannot accept the view that such bands are the backbone of English ringing. If such was the case there would be no need for the Central Council, the Guilds and Associations or 'The Ringing World,' and English ringing would be become a decaying art. It is to the peal ringers, past and present, that the Exercise is dependent not only for its progress, its organisation, the great fellowship of the ringing family, and with that 'The Ringing World.' Are peal ringers as a body unmindful of their responsibility of passing on the knowledge and skill they have acquired to others? There may be isolated cases, but in the main they supply the Exercise with its teachers. The writer can only state his personal experience. He was taught to handle a bell by a ringer with over 1,000 peals to his credit, who shepherded him through the long process of rounds to rope-sight with three other learners, all of whom rang their first peal together. In the same tower there is another band of recruits for a six-bell tower shortly to have its bells restored. Three of the tower's most enthusiastic peal ringers, who attempt a peal most Saturdays, are their instructors in teaching these men to handle bells. And there are few Sundays when the three in question do not attend a church service.

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*EDNA M. SILLS	*Treble*	PETER C. WRIGHT ...	6
LEONARD MANNERING ...	2	*FRANK P. WRIGHT ...	7
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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 6, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5069 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Treble*	FRED G. NURDEN ...	6
*PETER BAKER	2	*GEORGE KILMINSTER ...	7
EDWIN T. NEWBURY ...	3	THOMAS BOREHAM ...	8
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On Wed., Oct. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*PAUL L. TAYLOR	*Treble*	†JILL POOLE	6
†HAROLD J. POOLE ...	2	†SIDNEY O. CHENEY ...	7
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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

DENIS R. MORRIS	*Treble*	†F. CECIL MOGFORD ...	6
ALLEN MORGAN	2	*GEORGE PRESCOTT ...	7
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Hayward's Variation. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*ERIC T. BEAUCHAMP	*Treble*	CHARLES W. OTTLEY ...	5
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A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

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WILFRED H. J. HOOTON	2	FRANCIS KIRK	6
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW...	3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	7
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THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 61 lb.

*FREDERICK HOLDEN	*Treble*	ERIC E. SPEAKE	5
SAMUEL BIRCH	2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW...	6
†CHARLES R. GODFREY...	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	7
TREVOR REYNOLDS ...	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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TOM WILDE	2	C. KENNETH LEWIS ...	6
ALBERT HODGSON	3	*SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ...	7
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A. MURIEL REAY	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
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JOHN ASHCROFT	4	JAMES L. WRIGHT	*Tenor*

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*BRYAN S. COPE	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ...	3	*H. WILLIAM BARRETT ...	7
*HERBERT J. LASKEY ...	4	HENRY TOOKE ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in three Major methods and on the bells.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JOHN A. ETHERINGTON	*Treble*	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY...	5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ...	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ...	6
EDWARD J. BRAGG ...	3	HAROLD A. MAY	7
GEORGE L. GROVER ...	4	C. ERNEST SMITH ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. G. DRIVER. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and by the Guild. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*WALTER J. LEMON	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	5
EDWIN BARNETT	2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	6
*JAMES W. EDEN	3	FRANK I. HAIRS	7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS...	4	PHILIP A. CORBY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.
* First peal in the method. Rung for the patronal festival.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

DAVID E. PARSONS	*Treble*	RALPH C. SPITTLE ...	5
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ...	2	JOHN HILL	6
*JOYCE ENGLAND	3	FRANK OAKSHOTT	7
†JOHN E. BEAMS ...	4	CHARLES W. MUNDAY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.
* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part. The Minor eight. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G sharp.

*JOHN KAPE	*Treble*	ROLAND BIGGS	5
†SYLVIA COKER	2	RALPH COLES	6
†DOREEN COKER	3	FRED HAYES	7
WALTER LEE	4	‡MICHAEL WARD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED HAYES.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Triples.
‡ First peal.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR. 5040 CHANGES;

*JOHN G. GIPSON	*Treble*	GEORGE E. CRISP	5
*CHRISTINE DUNNINGTON	2	T. REGINALD DENNIS ...	6
CHARLES W. COOK ...	3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ...	7
*CYRIL A. HURST ...	4	MANSFIELD GINN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. PITSTOW. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.
* First peal of Double Norwich. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 14, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE COURT TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

EDWIN G. MOORE	*Treble*	BERNARD S. NICHOLS ...	5
ALAN R. PINK	2	WALTER F. JUDGE ...	6
PHILIP WALKER	3	WILLIAM C. PORTER ...	7
MARIE R. CROSS	4	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
The first peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb.

*RONALD F. DISERENS...	*Treble*	*JOHN N. MONEY	5
ALBERT DISERENS ...	2	CHARLES PULLEN	6
MRS. A. DISERENS ...	3	ARTHUR WIGGINS ...	7
AUDREY B. DISERENS...	4	VINCENT T. CHERRILL...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT DISERENS.
* First peal.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES:
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

JOHN PAGETT	*Treble*	FREDERICK HANDLEY ...	5
JOHN BASS	2	HAROLD V. COOPER ...	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ...	3	ERNEST TURNER	7
SIDNEY THOMPSON ...	4	THOMAS HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by THOMAS HEMMING.
First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 22 cwt.

HARRY PURCHASE ...	*Treble*	CLAUDE TARR	5
JOHN PUGSLEY	2	ISAAC FARMER	6
RAYMOND YOUNG	3	HENRY W. LLOYD	7
RAYMOND WINTER	4	FRANK MORRIS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ISAAC FARMER.
In honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Pugsley.

NEWCHURCH, CULCHETH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ...	5
A. MURIEL REAY	2	ALBERT GREENHALGH ...	6
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW	3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ...	7
SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW	4	JOHN W. HAMER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by P. W. CAVE.
In memoriam James Orme. Tenor 12½ cwt.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part (Variation). Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

HENRY ROGERS ...	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	5
ALBERT H. WARD	2	*J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	6
PATRICK PRESTON ...	3	*WALTER NICHOLS ...	7
CLEMENT GLENN	4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD,
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 in F sharp.

G. WM. CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	*ALAN F. THIRST	5
JOHN PINFOLD	2	*ARTHUR V. PEARSON...	6
*†ARTHUR D. COOK ...	3	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	7
*TERRY R. HAMPTON ...	4	†GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN A. BARNETT. Conducted by GEO. E. FEARN.
* First peal of Pudsey. † 100th peal together. First peal in the method for the society.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	*Treble*	Jill Brittain	5
E. Joan Salmons ...	2	†A. York-Bramble ...	6
Nelia Leahy	3	Daniel T. Matkin ...	7
*Maurice J. Butler ...	4	Charles H. Kippin	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Charles H. Kippin.
* First Surprise peal 'inside.' † First peal of London. A farewell peal to the Rector, Canon Spencer Leeson, Bishop-designate of Peterborough. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, in 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

*Ernest J. Padgett	*Treble*	James Thorley	5
*William H. Jackson ...	2	W. Eric Critchley ...	6
*Gibson Jackson ...	3	*Raymond C. Westney	7
†Ronald Sanderson ...	4	*Charles Thorley	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Earle Bulwer. Conducted by W. E. Critchley.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major.

WAREHAM, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of Lady St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Jack Mussell ...	*Treble*	John Hartless	5
Frederick Precey ...	2	Ronald N. Marlow ...	6
*James E. Daniells ...	3	Herbert A. Mitchell...	7
Herbert H. Abrahams	4	Frank L. Harris	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Herbert H. Abrahams.
* First peal of Bob Major. First peal as conductor. Tenor 20 cwt.

CHISWICK, LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

Herbert J. Eldred	*Treble*	Fredk. A. Finch ...	5
William J. Bunce ...	2	Arthur Harding ...	6
*Thomas Collins ...	3	William J. Paice ...	7
†Thomas E. Davies ...	4	‡Bernard Bennett	*Tenor*

Conducted by William J. Paice.
* 50th peal. † First peal of Stedman Triples. ‡ First peal.

DRAYTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

Edwin G. Moore	*Treble*	William Judge	5
Joan Gray	2	Reginald W. Rex ...	6
William C. Porter ...	3	Fredk. A. H. Wilkins	7
Philip M. J. Gray ...	4	Walter F. Judge	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Walter F. Judge.

CHEADLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Roman Catholic Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

William Perkins	*Treble*	William Edwards ...	5
Alan D. Steel	2	William Carnwell ...	6
Charles S. Ryles ...	3	†Alban Jack	7
*Charles H. Page ...	4	Arthur W. Hall	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Arthur W. Hall.
* 150th peal for the Association. † First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John G. Cartlidge. Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Horace M. Day ...	*Treble*	*Cecil Wade	5
*Raymond Wade (13) ...	2	William Oldman ...	6
Charles Wood	3	†Lawrence Hadman ...	7
George S. Bush	4	Albert Scott ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Nicholls. Conducted by Horace M. Day.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Linfield, of Letchworth, on the occasion of their silver wedding. Tenor 16 cwt.

PENSHURST, KENT.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E flat.

Leslie W. Jarvis	*Treble*	Arthur F. Lewry ...	5
*Charles A. Bassett ...	2	Fredk. J. Lambert, jun.	6
†Henry N. Vaughan ...	3	*Wm. A. Kitchenside...	7
†E. Gavan D. Tonkin...	4	Frank H. Hicks	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Thorpe. Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* 25th peal together. † First peal of Treble Bob. A birthday compliment to Messrs. R. T. and R. E. Lambert, Horsmonden.

DODDERHILL (DROITWICH), WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 17, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
H. W. Wilde's Transposition. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*Ernest Wilson	*Treble*	George Prescott ...	5
Reginald Woodyatt ...	2	Ralph W. Sayers ...	6
†Allen Morgan	3	Cyril Tansell	7
George E. Large ...	4	Frederick G. Yates	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Large.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

SIX BELL PEALS

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 18, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

Percy Smith ...	*Treble*	Wilfred Young	4
William Seekings ...	2	Dudley Paul	5
Eric Smith	3	Frank Warrington	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Warrington.
A compliment to Mr. A. J. ('Pop') Abrams on his 80th birthday.

EAST MALLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 23, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

*Robert Garner ...	*Treble*	Edna M. Sills	4
Frank P. Wright ...	2	Alfred Chapman	5
William R. Manser...	3	Peter C. Wright	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank P. Wright.
* First peal. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Chapman.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Margaret H. Baker	*Treble*	Peter C. Wright ...	4
*Frederick E. Manser	2	William R. Manser ...	5
Frank P. Wright ...	3	Luther J. Honess	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter C. Wright.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

RANDWICK, NEW SOUTH WALES.
THE N.S.W. ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 3, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Jude,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, six called differently. Tenor 21 cwt.

W. Harry Short	*Treble*	*Thomas W. Goodyer	4
Elizabeth M. Sloan (15)	2	John Duncan	5
Robert W. Ferris ...	3	William M. Rowe	*Tenor*

Conducted by William M. Rowe.
* First peal. First peal of Minor by all the band, for the Association and on the bells. First peal of Bob Minor outside the British Isles. First peal of Minor for a lady outside the British Isles.

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BATTERSEA, LONDON.—At St. Mary's on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Dodds 1, F. Bush 2, Miss S. Woodhouse (first quarter) 3, S. Hart 4, R. Stallibrass 5, E. Beauchamp 6, R. Hart (cond.) 7, R. Randall 8.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Sear 1, A. Crane 2, R. Felce (first quarter) 3, W. Daniels 4, J. Marks 5, J. Meager 6, W. Sear (cond.) 7, H. Pearson 8.

BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Martin 1, — Eldridge 2, W. Walker 3, J. Eldridge 4, W. Judd 5, G. Gilbert 6, E. Gosling (cond.) 7, H. Baldwin 8. A farewell tribute to Eric Sutton, ringer and chorister, who has left for Bristol.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Elliott 1, F. Skidmore 2, V. Lucas 3, Anne Clarke (first quarter) 4, N. Denson 5, C. Harding 6, A. C. Baker (cond.) 7, J. Cox 8.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Minor in four methods: H. Cummins 1, E. J. Lambert 2, J. Higgins 3, F. Lambert 4, E. R. Lambert 5, E. C. Lambert (cond.) 6.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX. — On Oct. 9th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Piper 1, H. Webb 2, F. Claydon 3, B. Webb 4, R. Lyon (first in method) 5, C. Sayward 6, E. Bowhill 7, W. Arnold (cond.) 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Beadle 1, J. Wells 2, Mrs. C. Denyer 3, E. Gardner 4, T. Upshall 5, C. Wells 6, C. W. Denyer (cond.) 7, E. Payne 8. First in the method by 1, 2, 3 and 4.

GREAT BARRINGTON, GLOS. — On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Collett 1, W. J. Dixon 2, H. Parker 3, M. C. F. Collett 4, T. S. Stratford (first in the method 'inside') 5, T. W. Timms (cond.) 6.

HACKNEY, LONDON.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 1, D. Neal (first quarter in method) 2, C. R. Smith 3, T. G. Fox 4, J. F. Grove 5, E. D. Smith 6, C. E. Willmington 7, F. Akers 8.

QUARTER PEALS

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM. — On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Blake 1, J. Oliver 2, Miss M. Flynn 3, Ed. Blake 4, P. Williams 5, Wm. C. Dowding 6, Wm. B. Cartwright (cond.) 7, J. Betterton 8. First of Triples by 1, 2 and 3.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Brown 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, A. M. Castle 3, E. Beauchamp 4, S. Smith 5, W. D. Grainger 6, J. Bullock 7, J. W. Parker 8.

LAUGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Brett 1, F. Booth 2, E. G. D. Tonkin 3, R. E. Hughes 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5, C. Booth 6.

LONDON. — At St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, A. W. Coles 2, R. W. Green 3, F. A. Barker 4, G. A. Parsons (cond.) 5, Dr. W. R. Winterton 6, G. Charge 7, R. Charge 8. A 64th birthday compliment to ringer of the 4th.

LYME REGIS, DORSET. — On Oct. 9th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: G. S. Morris (cond.) 1, J. Morris 2, H. G. Keeley 3, R. Keeley 4, E. S. Hawker 5, Rev. C. C. Cox 6, G. H. Whitemore 7, E. C. Tett 8.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Pike 1, R. Stone 2, H. Commins 3, T. Hancock 4, R. Winter 5, F. Morris 6, C. Tarr (cond.) 7, J. Hill 8. Rung with 4.6.8 covering. First quarter 1, 4 and 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. John Pugsley, of Minehead.

READING. — On Oct. 9th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Diserens 1, R. F. Diserens (first in the method 'inside') 2, A. J. Whittle 3, Mrs. A. Diserens 4, J. S. Taylor 5, C. Pullen 6, P. J. Dyke (cond.) 7, W. Maxted 8.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Steel (first quarter) 1, W. Shute 2, R. E. Tiller 3, L. Harris 4, J. Hartless 5, J. Mussell 6, W. Cheater (cond.) 7, R. Marlow 8.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS. — On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Old Doubles, 120 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): W. Sturgess 1, A. Paul 2, W. R. Paul 3, E. Nobles 4, E. G. Bennett (first quarter as cond.) 5.

RUGBY, WARWICKS. — On Oct. 7th, a quarter peal of Doubles (420 Grandsire, 240 Stedman, 240 St. Simon's, 240 Plain Bob, 120 April Day): Mrs. W. Vann 1, W. Vann 2, D. Pitstow 3, C. Underwood 4, R. Gibbons (cond.) 5. For the induction of the new Rector, the Rev. P. Carnegy.

SHERBORNE ST. JOHN, HANTS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. E. Bramwell (first quarter) 1, B. Englefield 2, B. H. Perry 3, J. Chesterman 4, A. E. A. Smith (cond.) 5, T. Englefield 6.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At St. George's on Oct. 9th, 1,312 London Surprise Major: A. J. Boyack 1, Miss P. Kitchen 2, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 3, W. H. Hewett (cond.) 4, H. G. Andrews 5, R. H. Begrie 6, P. A. F. Chalk 7, J. G. A. Prior 8. First of London by 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—On Oct. 9th at the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, 1,275 Stedman Caters: Joyce A. England 1, H. Belcher 2, M. V. Chilcott (cond.) 3, P. E. Clark 4, H. Langdon 5, A. R. Macdonald 6, D. E. Parsons 7, J. E. Chilcott 8, R. F. Deal 9, J. Phillips 10. A birthday compliment to Mr. William S. Langdon.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS. — On Oct. 9th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: K. Norman 1, F. G. Gleaves 2, G. E. Crisp 3, A. Payne 4, M. Ginn 5, G. H. Dunnington (cond.) 6.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET. — On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hart 1, F. Crudge 2, J. Rose 3, G. Abbott 4, W. J. Chapman 5, J. W. Rose (cond.) 6, F. Stedman 7, G. Monks 8.

WITNEY, OXON. — On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. G. Collett 1, M. C. F. Collett 2, L. T. Oliffe 3, E. J. Hill 4, B. J. Coggins 5, T. W. Timms (cond.) 6, W. J. Dixon 7, P. J. Powell 8.

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

LATE NEWS.

Salisbury citizens were amazed when they heard the bells pealing out from the bell turret of Bishop Wordsworth's School, for they knew there was only one bell in the turret. A Salisbury radio firm had experimentally installed four loudspeakers in the turret to amplify recordings of the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, to call the boys to chapel.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Officers of the Oxford University Society are: Master, Mr. M. E. H. Barrow (Exeter); treasurer, Miss C. M. Trist (St. Anne's); secretaries, Miss R. M. K. How (Somerville) and Mr. R. B. Meadows (Exeter).

Mr. W. Eric Critchley has 'circled' Thorne, Yorkshire, tower, and Mr. W. Seekings has twice 'circled' Chatteris, Cambs.

Miss Jill Poole, of Leicester, comes of age to-day. May the traditional presentation of the 'key of the door' be also a key of happiness to her in the years to come.

The C. of E. Church, Royal Air Force, Abu Sueir, Middle East Air Force, is anxious to procure a set of handbells costing between £12 and £15. The Editor would be pleased to hear of any ringers who could help in this direction.

The many ringing friends of Mr. J. F. Milner, of Kirklington, will regret to hear that he is at present in Hogarth Ward at Nottingham General Hospital. He has undergone an operation and is making satisfactory progress.

Mr. Charles H. Kippin suggests that Mr. Bullen must have been dreaming about his having rung a peal of Yorkshire Royal in 1928. 'I did not learn the method until 1945,' he writes; 'in fact, the conductor of the Southampton peal thinks I haven't learned it yet.'

The peal of Spliced Oxford and Kent Minor at Copt Oak, Leicestershire, is the first performance in the Midlands. Mr. E. C. Gobey believes that it has been rung for the Chester Guild and the Kent County Association, but would like verification. The 720's were by W. H. Wilde, who gave them to Mr. Gobey in the early twenties. Previous attempts had been made by him to ring the peal but without success.

Bristol University Society is very strong this year. Last week 11 members participated in two peal attempts. The society has 17 resident change-ringing members besides many who can handle a bell and are learning our art.

Mr. John Bass, who rang the first peal on Kingswinford (Staffs) bells after rehanging, rang in the first peal on the old six and also the first peal when the bells were augmented to eight in 1923.

Mr. R. W. Stannard was in perfect fettle for his 80th birthday peal at St. Margaret's, Westminster. He rang the 6th in perfect style from start to finish, writes the conductor.

During his visit to the Leicester Festival, Mr. Edwin Jennings came out of retirement(?) to ring two peals. The handbell peal was his first in the method 'in hand' as conductor.

Two of the pupils of Mr. Terry R. Hampton, of Birmingham, have scored a handbell peal at Londonderry. His good work while in the Navy is being improved upon, new recruits are being taught method ringing and the standard of striking has improved.

In honour of the golden wedding of Mr. John Pugsley, of Minehead, a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Milverton, Somerset, on October 10th. Mr. Pugsley is the only surviving member of the band which rang in the opening peal on these bells on May 18th, 1893.

Mr. W. Frank Stenson, of 142, Minshull New Road, Crewe, writes suggesting an Oddfellows' peal at Montgomery. It would be a fine gesture to Mr. J. E. Tomley, C.B.E., of Montgomery, who is to address the West Central Counties Conference of Oddfellows on 'Seventy years of Oddfellowship' at an early date. Oddfellows interested might like to communicate with Mr. Stenson.

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HISTORY OF THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

ON Saturday, April 29th, 1899, an amalgamated meeting of the four existing associations in the Lincoln Diocese was held at the Cathedral. The Bishop of Lincoln presided over a large attendance, and said he understood that they wished to form a united society for the ringers of the whole diocese.' So runs the report of the foundation of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild in 'The Bell News' of 1899. The first year saw much hard administrative work, various meetings were held and four peals were rung, and the report on the first full year's working was given at the annual meeting in 1900, 'held in delightful weather, and after partaking of an excellent tea.' Thus were the traditions of the Guild established.

ONLY THREE MASTERS.

For fifty years the Guild has known only three Masters. Each has contributed magnificently, not only to the success, but also to the personality of the Guild—nay more, of the Exercise. Consider these names—Henry Law James, priest; Rupert Richardson; John Ashley Freeman. With James as its Master for 33 years, the Guild was not likely to lapse into oblivion. He came with a reputation and a determination to spare nothing in order to make progress wherever possible. In report after report he does not mince words on such vital subjects as striking; time and again we note that he conducts a peal in some remote village — first peal for all except the conductor. The best in the Guild reaped the benefits of his mathematical mind, ringing methods considered almost revolutionary, and culminating in 1926 in Superlative Surprise Royal. All this effort bore fruit; active bands in the Grantham and Grimsby districts rang peals regularly, and a band was formed, too, to ring 'spliced' successfully, for the recognition of which he had fought without quarter. James had won a battle greater than he knew. . . A little Lincolnshire village called Surfleet was beginning to find a place in English ringing, and from there, too, came James' successor in 1933.

RUPERT RICHARDSON.

Rupert Richardson, by his benevolence, generous hospitality and amazing interest in every member of the Guild, both young and old alike, welded the Guild into an entity. He appeared everywhere at meetings — no small feat in such a diocese. He was far-sighted enough to realise that continuous progress depended upon the younger ringer, and he encouraged them, which for Rupert was not a difficult task, being ever young in spirit himself. And, all the time, experienced bands making great advances in Spliced Minor and Surprise Major were conscious of his keen interest and support. Surfleet week-ends, when Lincolnshire men mingled with ringers from all over the country, were the beginning of friendships enjoyed by the Guild to-day.

A HAPPY CHOICE.

In 1947, the Guild was again happy in its choice of a new Master when it elected unanimously John A. Freeman to succeed Rupert Richardson. If James had been the theorist, here was the practitioner. Ever since the augmentation of the Cathedral bells to twelve in 1928, and his election as Master of the Cathedral company in 1929, his assiduous efforts to produce a band capable of the best in the Guild's first tower, where 20 years before chiming was the order of the day, began to bear fruit. He had called the Guild's first peal of London in 1928, and the higher methods became the normal thing. By his skill as a conductor, and by his influence as a man, he has set a seal on the hopes of the founders of 50 years ago.

(To be continued)



LINCOLN CATHEDRAL.—There are now thirteen bells in the South-West tower, a flat sixth having been added in 1948 in memory of Rupert Richardson.

Leeds Tenor Crashes

It usually takes five minutes or more to lower the 42 cwt. tenor at Leeds Parish Church, so that the record of the tenor man who got the bell down in one half-pull and cleared the belfry in about two strides on a recent practice night will probably stand for all time.

An accident, which might have had more serious results, proved the truth of the old proverb that . . . 'for want of a nail the battle was lost . . .' but in this case it was apparently the want of a nut on the clapper pin which resulted in the tenor at Leeds being thrown into the frame.

By a remote chance the clapper, as it was thrown from the bell, apparently became jammed endways against the frame, so that the full shock was taken by the bell and its headstock. Fortunately the bell appears to be undamaged, but its massive cast-iron headstock was snapped in half. The clapper was only slightly bent, and while the exact cause and the extent of the damage can only be found when the bell has been lifted, it seems that a lost nut from the clapper pin was the cause of this alarming accident.

For the time being ringing will be confined to the light eight or the middle ten. The accident was all the more disappointing as only that night the struggling local band had with the aid of two visitors got through a course of Grandsire Cinques.

In fairness to the bell hangers, Messrs. Taylor and Co., it should be stated that the accident implies no neglect on their part. On the contrary, it is a striking proof of the quality of their workmanship that a bell of 42 cwt. can be hurled against the frame with apparently no ill effect upon either the frame or, it is believed, the bell.

Kent County Association

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.

Though the attendance of 50 was in no way a record, an encouraging feature of the annual district meeting, held on October 8th at All Saints', Maidstone, was that 17 different district towers were represented, in addition to six more from other parts of Kent.

Tea was served, by invitation of the Vicar, Canon C. B. Sampson, and his churchwardens, in the College Room. At the business meeting, presided over by Canon Sampson, the district secretary, in his report, commenting on the recent decision not to increase the practising membership subscription from 2s., said that of this sum 6d. was spent locally and 1s. 6d. remitted to the general treasurer. New ideas were developed by separate contributions, such as the extra 3d. for the programme card. There had been a number of lapsed memberships since 1948, but this had been offset to some extent by the affiliation of the bands at Snodland and Hunton, bringing the total to 20 towers.

Congratulations were extended to the younger peal ringers and conductors. So far this year there had been 23 peals in 16 district towers, and 11 elsewhere having a strong Maidstone district flavour. Special mention was accorded the district peal of Grandsire Caters at Leeds on October 1st, in which nine of those taking part had conducted peals.

After the presentation of a provisional balance sheet, and the re-election of Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher as district secretary, and Messrs. G. F. Cantrill and A. Waddington as district representatives, the meeting passed to a discussion of the 1950 programme of meetings. Two matters necessitated a vote; first, despite the rather poor order of the bells at Birling, it was decided to hold a meeting there for missionary purposes; second, Essex obtained a majority over Sussex for the coach tour in June.

The high spot of the day was the official welcome to the first number of the new quarterly district magazine, 'The Belfry,' which had just appeared under the editorship of Mr. Frank P. Wright.

At 6 p.m. evensong was held in the choir-stalls of All Saints' Church. Mr. G. H. Spice read the lesson, and very appropriately a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on hand-bells by E. S. J. Hatcher, F. Tomlin, A. Waddington and P. C. Wright, this sounding extremely beautiful in the silence that otherwise prevailed. E. S. J. H.

CONGRATULATIONS—100 YEARS OF AGE

Congratulations to Mrs. Liversedge, of St. George's, Bristol, on attaining the good old age of 100 on October 4th.

Mrs. Liversedge is the mother of a founder member of St. Ambrose's Guild, Bristol, Mr. Alan Liversedge, who himself is a septuagenarian. Mr. Liversedge has not taken any active part in the Guild's activities for some years, as he has an invalid wife.

The bells of St. Ambrose's rang a quarter-peal as a birthday compliment, which was also coupled as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. A. E. Clarke (organist and choirmaster of St. Ambrose's) and Mrs. Clarke, whose daughter Anne scored her first quarter on this occasion. A performance which will remain long in her memory. F. S.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SUDBURY BELLS

Dear Sir,—The report of the Suffolk peal tour hardly does justice to our peal at All Saints', Sudbury. It was unfortunate that the tempo of our recent hot summer should have been at its peak at the time of the tourists' endeavours. That, I think, coupled with a rather busy programme, gave them 'a tucking up.'

Most of the company must by reason of their many activities be more competent to judge than I. The late Alf Bowell rehung the whole of this ring in 1938, and except for his error in clappering the tenor, we say, as have many others, he may not have cast a gem, but he could make them 'go.'

The passing of Alf Bowell prevented his rectifying the error, and as hon. secretary of our company I have recently been pleased to forward to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank the cheque for their work, which has left All Saints' tenor in a satisfactory condition. —Yours respectfully, ARCHIE A. FITCH.

Sudbury, Suffolk .

Dear Sir,—In the report of the Suffolk and Norfolk peal tour you state that All Saints', Sudbury, requires the attention of the bell-hanger. I am very interested to know which one goes bad. True, they're not in an iron frame with ball bearings, but the main thing is there's music.

Put Len, David and Arthur on 6-7-8 and you have what should be the aim of us all, melodious rhythm. On hearing the tenor after her cannons were removed I felt certain that she had lost some of her beauty, this being afterwards confirmed by people who have known this bell over 40 years, but she is still quite good, no iron, tin or artificial humming, but a beautiful mellow note which one never forgets.

Ring this grand old ring at its proper pace to a good musical method and I guarantee that any ringer with reasonable experience can really enjoy himself without feeling undue strain, but don't climb the stairs if you are already overtired.—Yours fraternally,

Bures, Suffolk. LESLIE MILLS.

IRISH PEALS

Dear Sir,—In connection with the 'claims' by the Leicester ringers on the Irish tour, I regret having given Mr. Poole incorrect information.

I must confess complete ignorance regarding the Stedman Caters 'in hand.' The first intimation I ever had of this peal was when Mr. Barber's letter appeared. This peal was not rung for the Irish Association and is not in the records of the Association.

The Yorkshire Major peal was well known to me. I thought I had given particulars of all first performances for the Association and am sorry for its omission.

It would assist me and the Association if I knew what peals were rung in Ireland for other associations. I am now aware of five such peals, viz.: (1) Grandsire Triples in 1872 for Ancient Society of College Youths at Waterford; (2) ditto, in 1873; (3) Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Arklow in 1899 for Midland Counties Association; (4) Stedman Caters ('in hand'), I presume, for St. Martin's Guild in 1901 at Dublin (perhaps Mr. Barber will confirm); and (5) London Surprise for Leicester Guild at Arklow in August last.—Yours faithfully, FRED E. DUKES.

Jenkinstown, Dundalk.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. F. Sale 1, G. H. Dodd (first of Doubles) 2, A. Brain 3, B. C. Stirlind (first 'inside' of Doubles) 4, J. W. Berry (cond.) 5, M. J. Dodd (first of Doubles) 6. For the centenary of the church.

LEICESTER GUILD'S UNFORTUNATE SHADOW

Dear Sir,—If only Mr. 'Robin Hood' (why have some people not got the courage to sign their own names?) and his friends would air their grievances, something might be done to remove the unfortunate shadow from the Leicester Diocesan Guild. All the officers are doing good work and it is a pity to see it spoilt by peal ringing (usually for another Guild) by resident Leicester Diocesan Guild members in a nearby tower to where they have arranged a meeting. It is a fine state of affairs when five resident Leicester Guild members ring a peal ('in hand') in the centre of Leicester for another Guild without any apparent reason.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Leicester Cathedral.

'QUIT YE LIKE MEN'

Dear Sir, — Your correspondent, 'Robin Hood,' has effectively disillusioned me. I imputed the worthiest motives to the peals in question being credited to a Guild outside the Leicester Diocese, thinking it was to create interest and encourage a Guild seeking progress. Now it seems to have been un unworthy effort to air supposed grievances.

If there is no desire to air them in public, why the need for 'Robin Hood's' letter? 'Twere much better to bring them into the open than let them smoulder. Is it envy and petty jealousy by some who have had all the headlines, all the paragraphs and the footnotes because others come along and steal a little of the limelight? The Leicester Diocesan Guild has achieved much since it was formed and all members should be proud of it. It stands on sure foundations and will not easily decline. Let us remember and imitate some of the unassuming stalwarts who have passed on and to whom the present generation owe so much. 'Put away childish things and quit ye like men.' Let us show that Christian goodwill which should be the creed and practice of the art we should adorn. — Yours faithfully, H. G. JENNEY.

Leicester.

CAMBRIDGE OR PRIMROSE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Kippin's statement that the ringers in this peal knew nothing of Primrose matters not at all. What does matter is that all the Bob Leads of the composition in question are, in fact, Primrose.

Many methods have their split lead affinity, the one having 2nds place at Lead Head and 4th place Bob, the other taking 8ths place, and 6th place Bob. Such are Cambridge and Primrose. To call the one the other is unnecessary and misleading. That way lies confusion and chaos.—Yours faithfully, CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

Ipswich.

LLANDYSILO CHURCH

Dear Sir,—The contributor who inserted the account of the peal rung at the Church of St. Tysilio can be pardoned for translating Llandysilio as the church of St. Dysilio. Mr. Edwin Lewis' appeal to Welsh grammar omitted the important point that the preceding noun should be feminine, otherwise the initial letter of the genitive would not mutate. The correct Welsh description of the above church should be, of course, Eglwys Tysilio Sant.

The English translation of the long Welsh name is: The church of St. Mary in a hollow of white hazel near to the rapid whirlpool—the church of St. Tysilio (near to) the red cave.—Yours, etc., VINCENT CHILD.

Bangor.

Note.—Crockford's Clerical Directory gives the dedication St. Tyssilo.—Editor.

First Peal on 10 in Ireland

Dear Sir,—To the first peal on ten bells in Ireland there hangs a story. The late J. W. Washbrook called a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at St. Patrick's, Dublin, which, although a false performance, was published, the reason being that he started with two bobs at Wrong and finished up with two bobs at Middle, which caused the Plain Course to be rung from the Middle to the Wrong twice, therefore making the peal false.

Later, in the tour organised by the late William Pye in 1901, a peal of Treble Bob Royal, 5,000 changes, was rung at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, conducted by William Short, on May 24th, with William Pye on the tenor. This was claimed as the first peal of Royal rung out of Great Britain, and the first peal on ten bells in Ireland. This claim has never been disputed.—Yours faithfully, E. W. PYE.

Ipswich, Suffolk.

'CARE OF BELLS'

Dear Sir, — With reference to the letter, 'Care of Bells,' in your issue of September 30th, may I suggest another side to the question? We are ringers for our own amusement and this at a very low cost. The apparatus we use is provided and maintained for us by the Church Councils at considerable expense. A set of eight new ropes costs about £20. Do we ringers contribute as much as we ought to? I know that the various Guilds and Associations do make grants, but they are a 'drop in the ocean.' My own opinion, that we should do more in this matter, is confirmed by many others and was endorsed at the annual meeting of the Tonbridge Division (Kent Association) on October 1st. What do your readers say? — Yours sincerely, ARTHUR F. WELLINGTON.

Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

NEWBURY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Newbury on October 8th. About 70 members and visiting ringers were present, including the Deputy Master, Capt. A. B. Poyntz.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. R. R. Woodfield, curate of St. Nicolas'.

At the business meeting all branch officers were re-elected. Sixteen new members had been elected during the year, making the branch membership up to 135.

The Deputy Master exhorted members to back up their secretary and turn up in force at meetings. He did not think that the company present, which included many visitors, was representative enough, considering its membership of 135. He was afraid that the first flush of enthusiasm, noticeable after the war, was beginning to weaken, and he urged the absolute necessity of training young ringers to prevent the art from dying out.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Eighty-three ringers, representing 24 towers and 5 Guilds, attended the Hinckley District meeting at Barwell on October 15th. The Rector conducted the service and the Rev. Holderness (a Guild member) read the lesson.

After tea, the meeting decided to hold the 1950 district dinner at Stoney Stanton on January 14th.

COMBINED MEETING

The Lewisham District of the Kent County Association and the North-Western District, Surrey Association, held their annual combined meeting at St. Peter's, Croydon, on October 1st. Canon Renshaw gave the address at the service. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Blow for making arrangements for the meeting and tea.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 7, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Westminster Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

JEAN M. WARD ... ...*Treble*	JOHN B. BENNETT... ... 4
COLIN A. KIRK 2	ALAN CATTELL 5
JOHN M. MYATT 3	TERENCE A. THORNBER ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.
First peal in five methods for all.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of Snowdrop, Morning Pleasure, Sandal, Woodbine, Merchant's Return, Oxford and Duke of York. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

WILFRED BROADHEAD ...*Treble*	ROY BROGAN 4
*ALEC RUSBY 2	HERMAN RUSBY 5
†FRED COWLING 3	NOEL F. MOXON ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.
* First peal in seven methods. † First peal. To mark the 90th anniversary of opening of bells.

BUSHLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

PETER BAKER ... ...*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS 4
MRS. J. THOMAS 2	ERNEST CUBBERLEY ... 5
EDWIN T. NEWBURY ... 3	CHARLES CAMM ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
First peal on the bells. A farewell to the Rev. E. B. Edgell, on leaving for St. James', Dudley. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 11, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

*M. ANGELA CARTER ...*Treble*	DOUGLAS O. WILKS ... 4
*AUDREY J. WEST 2	*H. A. TREADGOLD ... 5
KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in four Minor methods. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 11, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Plain Bob and two 720's of Kent Treble Bob.

LEWIS J. LAST ... ...*Treble*	RONALD W. STEWARD ... 4
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 2	CECIL W. PIPE 5
WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 3	GEORGE W. PIPE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE. Tenor 7 cwt.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 14, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob (no bobs). Tenor 10 cwt.

C. WILLIAM HALL ...*Treble*	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ... 4
DEREK DOBSON 2	SAMUEL MARTIN 5
STANLEY GARDNER ... 3	ROLAND BENISTON ...*Tenor*

Composed by W. H. WILDE. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
First peal in the methods by all.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

ALAN ELSMORE ... ...*Treble*	P. GEORGE GOLDER ... 4
*JOHN N. LINDON ... 2	MAURICE G. TURNER ... 5
*J. NORMAN HADLEY ... 3	HOWARD HOWELL ...*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
* First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*ROBERT G. FREEMAN ... 1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4	JOHN THOMAS 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.'

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Wed., Oct. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ROBERT G. FREEMAN ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4	THOMAS HARRIS 7-8

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes.*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. COLUMB'S CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, four callings. Tenor size 14 in D.

*JOHN J. FIELDING 1-2	FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 3-4
	*JACK CAMPBELL 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.
* First peal. First handbell peal in the county.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE WYGGESTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 12 in E flat.

GORDON M. MACLURE (17) 1-2	DEREK G. GOODMAN (15) 3-4
	*DAVID R. G. TURNER (13) 5-6

Conducted by DEREK G. GOODMAN.
* First peal.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 9, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. JAMES' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, five callings. Tenor size 12 in F.

*DEREK WHITFORD ... 1-2	ROGER LEIGH 3-4
	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 5-6

Conducted by CHARLES W. BLAKEY.
* First peal on handbells.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 9, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 35 *Minutes.*
AT 'STEDMAN,' 128, SKETCHLEY ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's.

EDGAR VALLANCE 1-2	*ALFRED BALLARD 3-4
	EDWIN JENNINGS 5-6

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.
* 400th peal. First peal of Minor in the method 'in hand' as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 10, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD.
A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
In nine methods, comprising 1,920 Plain Bob, 1,008 Gainsborough Little Bob, 384 each of Reverse, St. Clement's College and Crayford College, 288 each of Little Bob and Wellington Little Bob, and 192 each of Double and Crayford Little Bob, with 324 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	ROY C. HURST 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
First peal in nine methods by all and for the Guild 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 11, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

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HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	ALFRED BALLARD 7-8
	†TERENCE A. THORNBER... 9-10

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First in the method on 'inside' pair. † First peal on ten handbells.

Diss Ringer Married

On October 15th the wedding took place at Diss Methodist Church of Mr. W. Archie Lock, of Yaxley, and Miss Margaret Bishop.

Mr. Lock is well known in Norfolk and Suffolk, having been a regular service ringer at Diss for some years and since 1947 secretary of the Eye district of the Suffolk Guild. The bride's family is well known in farming circles and she is assistant organist at the Methodist Church.

As the happy pair drove up Mere Street to the reception the bells of the Parish Church greeted them. Unfortunately, the peal attempt which followed had to be brought round after five courses of Superlative had been rung, the bells failing to 'settle down.' A quarter peal of Spliced Plain Bob, Little Bob and Double Norwich was subsequently rung.

The honeymoon is being spent in London. Mr. and Mrs. Lock's address is now Shimpling, Diss, Norfolk. N. G.

WEST SOMERSET GOLDEN WEDDING

We briefly recorded last week the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Pugsley, of Minehead. For 60 years Mr. Pugsley has been ringing at St. Michael's, Minehead, having been taught the rudiments of change ringing in 1888 by the Rev. J. Utten Todd, of the band then styled the Change Ringing Society of St. Michael's Tower, Minehead. Three, in addition to Mr. Pugsley, survive—Messrs. Sidney Mason, John Lyddon and William Sminey.

This band rang their first peal in 1891—Grandsire Triples, conducted by the Rev. H. A. Cockey, Ringing Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. Mr. Pugsley called his first peal in 1893. Since 1900 he has been captain of the Minehead ringers. He is also Ringing Master of the Dunster Deanery. For 30 years Mr. Pugsley held the dual post of ringer and chorister.

After ringing on October 10th, the anniversary of the wedding, local ringers and their wives were entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. Pugsley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

EASTERN DISTRICT.

The autumn meeting of the Eastern District at Beverley on October 1st was attended by 50 ringers and friends representing 18 towers. Beverley Minster's fine ring of ten was kept busy during the afternoon and evening.

Mr. A. H. Fox presided at the business meeting, and Miss Rosalie Welburn, of Bridlington Priory, was elected a member. Pontefract was chosen as the next place of meeting.

The meeting agreed to support the General Committee if they decided to increase the annual subscription to the Association. A collection for the Association's Bell Repair Fund amounted to £1 2s. 6d.

DEDICATION

After being silent for almost a year, Cradley (St. Peter's) bells were rededicated on October 6th, having been retuned and rehung on modern fittings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

The bells were cast by Messrs. Blews, of Smethwick, in 1873, and after being awarded a gold medal at the Vienna Exhibition, were purchased by Mrs. Aston, who died before they were installed. There is a short rhyme locally as to what the bells seem to say:—

'Mrs. Aston, dead and gone,
Bought Cradley bells and ne'er heard one.'

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. B. W. Yaxley), and the address given by a former curate, the Rev. G. Lawrence. The opening touches were rung by the local band, which included Messrs. A. Wyre (leader), A. G. Hall (secretary) and L. R. Hall (towerkeeper). Many visiting ringers were present. Mr. Paul Taylor and Mr. J. P. Fidler represented Messrs. Taylor and Co.

OBITUARY

MR. T. MITCHELL.

Mr. Tom Mitchell, aged 64, of Cuckfield, a member of the Sussex County Association since 1914, died on October 10th as the result of a road accident. He was cycling to work when he fell underneath the wheel of a tractor and trailer while it was negotiating a sharp bend at Cuckfield.

He was held in esteem by a wide circle of friends. For the past 30 years he had been a ringer at Cuckfield, and previously rung at Slaugham. He had rung eight peals in the following methods: Grandsire Triples 4, Stedman Triples 2, Oxford Bob Triples 1, Plain Bob Major 1.

The funeral service at Cuckfield Parish Church on October 13th was conducted by the Rev. H. F. C. Kempe (Vicar). In the evening a quarter peal of Oxford Bob Triples was rung half-muffled by Miss M. Howell 1, G. W. Cecil 2, J. Lilley 3, J. Jeffery 4, G. Apps 5, H. Lilley 6, R. Overy (cond.) 7, E. J. Brett 8.

MR. JAMES ORME.

Newchurch, near Warrington, Lancashire, has lost one of its old stalwarts in Mr. James Orme. He was organist and ringer at this church for 62 years. It was he who started the then 'stoney' band to ring changes, when there was a ring of six bells. On six bells they made such progress that the usual custom was to practise a method on practice night and ring a 720 of that method for service the following Sunday. They rang all the methods they could then find. Then Jim thought they ought to have eight bells, and he put his back into it with all the zest he could, and sufficient money was raised not only for the two extra bells, but enough to have the six recast. He had good followers in the tower, with the result that the band rang Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major for the Sunday services.

He was 80 years of age and was interred at Newchurch on October 11th. A peal of Stedman was later rung to his memory.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM

QUARTERLY MEETING AT SHIRLEY.

The quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild was held at Shirley on October 8th. The light eight bells (6¼ cwt. tenor) are a very useful ring, although somewhat noisy in the ringing chamber, due to the short draught of rope. The Vicar (the Rev. J. S. Billings) conducted the service and preached an interesting address.

At the business meeting, presided over by the Master, Mr. Albert Walker, the following new members were elected: Miss M. Westoby, Messrs. J. W. Hovey, B. D. A. Woolley, A. C. Morris and K. Taylor. The tower elections, as life members, of Messrs. G. H. Cross, A. J. House, F. E. Hawthorne and W. A. Farmer were ratified.

It was resolved that the annual meeting be held at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, on the first Saturday in January, and that the annual Henry Johnson dinner be arranged for March 4th.

The Master called attention to the new dustproof bookcase which has been purchased by the Guild to house the growing library of 'Ringing Worlds' and other books. A complete set of 'Bell News' from 1881 and 'The Ringing World' up to date form a valuable collection, and are in regular use by members on practice nights and other occasions, and the additional bookcase, designed to match the existing one, was essential for their proper care.

A notice of motion was given of a proposal to increase the annual subscription.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar, and to Mr. Arthur Morris, whose warm welcome is always a pleasant feature of a visit to Shirley.

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MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Egham, Oct. 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—F. Hawthorne. 5925

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Frampton, Oct. 29th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, Church House, 5 p.m.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec. 5939

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Stansted (8) on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea, please, to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 5935

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, Saturday, Oct. 29th, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, 3. Ringing after the meeting at Woodford.—A. B. Peck. 5945

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting Bury St. Edmunds, Oct. 29th. Both towers from 2.30. Tea and business 5 p.m., followed by district meeting. Tea only by notification to W. R. Goodship, 48, Southgate Street, Bury St. Edmunds. 5951

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at the Cathedral on Oct. 29th. Tower open from 3 to 5. Bells again available after the 6 o'clock evening service. Cups of tea provided; bring own food. All ringers are cordially invited. 5973

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Amesbury (8), Oct. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to F. L. Harris, Britford, near Salisbury. 5966

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Knebworth on Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells (8) 5.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 5964

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Meeting Alvaston, Oct. 29th, 3. 5959

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Seale (6) on Saturday, Oct. 29th, 6-9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 5978

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District. — Quarterly meeting at Bromfield, Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 5985

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District. — Quarterly meeting at Ryde, Oct. 29th. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—A. Guy, 3, Menie Meade, Newport, I.W. 6003

DARTFORD, KENT.—200th anniversary of local peal of Grandsire Triples. Social evening at Bull Hotel on Wed., Nov. 3rd, 7. Ringers' wives and friends welcome. 5993

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — 312th anniversary dinner, Saturday, Nov. 5th, Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopsgate, 6.30 p.m. All tickets sold. Additional ringing St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, from 2.30.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5891

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting, Staveley, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Names for tea by Nov. 1st to G. C. Briggs, 32, Franklyn Drive, Staveley, Chesterfield. 5975

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at Colwich, near Stafford, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Service 4.45. Tea (1s. 9d.) 5.30. Names by Nov. 1st to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 5962

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Merstham (6), Saturday, Nov. 5th, 3. Service 5. Tea and business. Names to J. W. Knight, 92, Coldshott, Oxted, Surrey, by Tues., Nov. 1st. 5969

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting Barton-on-Humber, Nov. 5th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea by Nov. 2nd to A. W. Hoodless, 11, Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber. 5972

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting Davenham, Nov. 5th. Bells 2.30. Tea only for those notifying me by Oct. 31st.—H. Howard, 5, Green Lane, Davenham. 6006

LINCOLN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting at Ruskington on Saturday, Nov. 5th, 2.30. Bells 6. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 for those who notify Mrs. D. Wray, 16, Eastgate, Sleaford, by the Tuesday previous. 5956

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Wickhambreaux, Sat., Nov. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation. Names, please, to Mr. S. White, The Nurseries, Wickhambreaux, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 2nd.—B. J. Luck. 5974

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting Bucknall, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Annual committee meeting 4. Names for tea to Mr. R. Preston, 76, High Street, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 5984

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting Saturday, Nov. 5th, St. John's, 3-5.30; St. Stephen's, 7-8. Tea 5.30 (3s.) to those who notify by Nov. 1st, W.E. Robinson, 48, Whitefield Terrace, Newcastle, 6. 5999

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Selston, Notts, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (6) available 3. Service 5.30. Dinner 6.30. Tickets (7s. 6d.) can be obtained from the secretary, Mr. J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross, near Chesterfield. Only a limited supply left. 5981

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Elstow (6), Nov. 5th, 3. Tea 5, in the School.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5990

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting Ockley, Nov. 5th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea at King's Arms. Numbers for tea to Mr. Duffield, The Gardens, Ockley Court, Dorking, early, please. 5989

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting Bere Regis, Nov. 5th. Usual arrangements. Bus service, Weymouth 1.50. Please notify by Nov. 1st.—Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 5988

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rickmansworth (10), Nov. 5th, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 5986

SUFFOLK GUILD. — General meeting, Debenham, Nov. 5th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5, to all who notify Leslie G. Brett, Framsden, Suffolk. 5952

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Tyringham, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (5) 5.—R. H. Howson. 5995

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Annual meeting at Hinton, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea. Names by Oct. 31st to W. J. Newman, 10, Peewit Road, Hampton, Evesham. 6000

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting Seend, Nov. 5th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 3. Names for tea to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 5991

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting Saturday, Nov. 5th, SS. Peter and Paul's, Ormskirk. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 3s. per head to those who notify by Wednesday, Nov. 2nd, Mr. W. Pilkington, 5, Edgley Drive, Ormskirk.—J. Burns. 6001

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Binfield (6) on Saturday, Nov. 5th, 6-9.—B. C. Castle. 6002

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Nov. 5th, St. Stephen's. Ringing 3. Tea 5, St. Michael's. Notify by Nov. 3rd to secretary. 6004

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Littleport (8), Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Lincoln's Cafe.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 5997

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Gedney, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Tea only for those who notify me before Nov. 5th.—J. E. Allen, 31, Quadring Road, Donington, Spalding, Lincs. 5965

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Berkhamsted (8), Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells 3. Names for tea to Mr. H. Porrett, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamsted, Herts.—Pamela A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 5998

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WOKINGHAM.—Thanksgiving service for the restoration of the bells, Saturday, Nov. 12th, at 4 p.m. Bells (8) available 4.30-9. Tea in the Parish Room 4.30. Admission by ticket only (1s. 6d.), payable there. Application should be made not later than Nov. 5th to Mr. F. G. Brooks, Flat 1, North Brook, Finchampstead Road, Wokingham. 5946

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting Montacute, Nov. 12th. Usual arrangements. Notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock. 5992

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting Newnham, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Names for tea to Mr. S. Osborne, 6, Council Houses, Newnham, by Thursday, Nov. 3rd.—F. W. Hancock, Dis. Sec. 5994

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Wellington, Nov. 12th. No tea for those who do not notify Mr. M. Pritchard, The Glen, Station Road, Tadley, near Wellington, Salop, of their intention to attend on or before Saturday, Nov. 5th.—C. M. Barron. 6005

SOUTHAMPTON.—Special meeting, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Ringing, 2.30 to 3.45, St. Michael's (10). Lantern lecture 4, in St. Michael's Hall adjoining, 'The New Look in Method Structure,' by A. York-Bramble. Tea 5 (for those only who notify St. Michael's Vicarage by Tuesday, Nov. 8th). Part II. of lecture, 5.45, followed by open discussion. More ringing 7.30 to 9. All ringers invited. 6007

MITCHAM.—A Ringers' Service will be held at Christ Church, Mitcham, on Sunday, Nov. 13th, at 6.30. All ringers and friends invited. Ringing 5.30.—A. Miller. 5980

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Next quarterly meeting, Halesowen, Dec. 3rd. Further notice later. 5949

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

CONSOLATION OF THE BELLS.

In an address to members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on the occasion of their meeting at St. Martin's, Epsom, on October 8th, the Vicar, Canon H. C. Warner, spoke of the message of the bells, which reached into houses, factories and establishments where the voice of the preacher could never get, and though they brought forth many complaints which were loudly voiced abroad, their message of hope and comfort was seldom publicised.

That afternoon, however, said the Vicar, he had been to visit a woman parishioner in the local hospital, who had undergone a serious operation. Her doctor had just been in to see her and broke the news that she had cancer, and nothing more could be done. Left to herself, one can imagine her feelings when through the window came the sound of the bells rung for that afternoon's meeting and bringing to her a message of divine comfort.

That example of an otherwise unheard-of side of the bells' message made very real the import of the prayer for the sick used in the Guild's service, and amply repaid those responsible for the meeting, even though the time for ringing was restricted to three hours, and then the last half-course of Cambridge Royal had to be abandoned at the Vicar's request.

Ewell bells were fortunately made available, and the enthusiasts finished out the evening there.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. Peter's Church on Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Booth 1, R. Peckham (first quarter) 2, Doreen Wiggins 3, Rev. R. F. R. Routh 4, Rev. J. Coutts 5, B. Rogers 6, A. Davis 7, J. Cole 8. In honour of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Chandler's golden wedding.

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TO the practical ringer the state of the bell ropes on entering a ringing chamber conveys an immediate impression of the status and interest of the local band in the Exercise. Such little points as the position of sallies and of the tucking-in of back-ends tell their own story, apart from the general state of the ropes. A keen band is ever-watchful of its ropes, and the history of peal ringing records numerous occasions when the prospect of a meritorious performance has been rendered void through the snapping of a rope.

Ropes to-day are costly, and it is not always easy to convince parochial church councils of the need of replacements. Normally for a belfry with eight bells rung regularly on Sundays and a weekly practice night with occasional peal ringing a year, a new rope each year will make ample provision for wear and tear. In the writer's own tower a set of eight ropes lasts on an average ten years, with a wear approaching 18 peal attempts a year, plus ringing three times on Sundays and a weekly practice. This basis is only maintained by constant watching and splicing.

The Central Council in their handbook, which is still not so well known as it should be, give this advice: 'Like the rest of the fittings, a bell rope requires attention to keep it in good condition. It should be well rubbed with tallow or castor-oil where it works in the fillet hole of the bell wheel, and wherever else there is friction, and it should be shifted from time to time slightly up or down. Also care should be taken to see that it runs freely in its course. It will add to the life of a rope and to the comfort of the ringers if one of the company at least is able to make a really good splice when occasion demands.'

Ropes are subject to the greatest strains when the bells are being raised and lowered. A youthful ringer's pride in being able to raise or lower a bell with a few strokes should be discouraged because of the added wear on the rope at the wheel, especially by severe checking. Bells should always be rung steadily and evenly without jerking.

We feel that there is some obligation on the part of visiting ringers to small country towers for peal ringing for the care of the ropes. There are towers where ordinary service ringing is very limited, and at least half the use of the ropes is by peal ringers. The privilege of ringing the bells carries with it a corresponding obligation, and we feel that a contribution towards upkeep is a legitimate demand. One country incumbent with a very small parish makes a charge of 10s. for a peal attempt, but the practice is not general. The question has been reviewed by one Guild, who have under consideration the creation of a rope fund for churches in their area. The suggestion has been made that a levy of 6d. a rope for each peal attempt should be collected. Naturally, if any such fund was created the committee administering it would be the leading conductors, and any provision of new ropes would be in towers where the incumbents were sympathetic towards peal attempts.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Oct. 18, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

William C. Dowding	*Treble*	Terry R. Hampton ...	7
Arthur V. Pearson ...	2	H. James Turner ...	8
Frank E. Haynes ...	3	Arthur Pritchard ...	9
John Pinfold	4	John Lindon	10
William H. Pickett ...	5	George E. Fearn ...	11
Albert Walker	6	Edward T. Lloyd ...	*Tenor*

Composed by John E. Chilcott. Conducted by Albert Walker.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt.

Donald G. Clift ...	*Treble*	John Phillips	7
Wilfred Williams ...	2	Leslie W. G. Morris ...	8
Charles W. Roberts ...	3	Daniel D. Cooper ...	9
Walter F. Judge ...	4	George E. Fearn ...	10
Fredk. A. H. Wilkins	5	Fredk. E. Collins ...	11
Paul K. Williamson ...	6	Edward P. Duffield ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Thos. B. Worsley. Conducted by W. Williams.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

Howard Howell	*Treble*	Richard D. Langford	7
George E. Oliver ...	2	Maurice G. Turner ...	8
Christopher Wallater	3	Neville R. Holland ...	9
Fredk. E. Wilshaw ...	4	Richard J. Warrilow	10
George A. Packer ...	5	John N. Lindon	11
Francis Brotherton ...	6	Alan Elsmore	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Howard Howell.
A birthday compliment to H. Howell and M. G. Turner.

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Laurence,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Mrs. C. J. Matthews	*Treble*	Joseph D. Johnson ...	7
Thomas H. Francis ...	2	Noel J. Diserens ...	8
*M. Janet Mattinson...	3	†T. Mark White	9
Gillian R. Brittain ...	4	Harold A. May	10
Albert Diserens ...	5	Alfred J. House ...	11
Patricia Holmes ...	6	Peter N. Bond	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by T. H. Francis.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Cinques. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Matthews on their wedding anniversary.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes.*
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;
Tenor 35¾ cwt.

Frederick Seager	*Treble*	Fred Hodgson	7
William Barton ...	2	*Sam Longbottom ...	8
*Peter Woodward ...	3	*Vernon Bottomley ...	9
*Molly Ambler	4	*James H. Kirby ...	10
*Alfred Smith	5	*John E. Kirby	11
*Thos. W. Strangeway	6	Edward Jenkins ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by William Barton.
* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Maximus as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 26¼ cwt.

Cecil J. Matthews ...	*Treble*	Richard W. Stannard...	6
Peter N. Bond	2	Thomas G. Fox	7
*Mrs. C. J. Matthews	3	Frank E. Darby	8
William H. Hewett...	4	Reuben Sanders	9
Reuben Charge	5	John Phillips	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Wm. H. Hewett.
* 50th peal. To celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. R. W. Stannard.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of the Virgin Mary and St. Werburgh,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 29 cwt.

*Frank Varty	*Treble*	*Percy Swindley ...	6
*John W. Griffiths ...	2	Walter Allman ...	7
C. Kenneth Lewis ...	3	James C. E. Simpson	8
John E. Bibby	4	John Worth	9
Ralph G. Edwards ...	5	Edward Jenkins ...	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Edward Jenkins.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. First peal in the method on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed.. Oct. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

Paul L. Taylor	*Treble*	*Alfred Ballard ...	6
*Brian G. Warwick ...	2	Sidney O. Cheney ...	7
Dorothy M. Udale...	3	Shirley Burton	8
Ernest W. Rawson ...	4	Alan Jacques	9
Harold J. Poole ...	5	*Herrick B. Bowley...	*Tenor*

Composed by Dennis A. Bayliss. Conducted by Harold J. Poole
* First peal of Royal in the method.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*Donald Coombes ...	*Treble*	†Frank B. Lufkin ...	6
†Leonard Stilwell ...	2	*Gerald Frost	7
Oliver Sippetts ...	3	†C. Ernest Smith ...	8
†Edgar R. Rapley ...	4	†George W. Cecil ...	9
Kenneth Snelling ...	5	†William T. Beeson ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. Believed to be the first in the method for the Association.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

*Peter Laflin	*Treble*	Frank Varty	6
Alan A. Potts	2	Walter Allman	7
C. Kenneth Lewis ...	3	Eric J. Gilbert ...	8
John E. Bibby	4	James C. E. Simpson ...	9
John Worth	5	Ralph G. Edwards ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* 300th peal. First peal in the method on the bells, in the county and by the Association.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Leslie W. Morris	*Treble*	*Harry Wilde	5
*Donald R. Marshall	2	*Vernon Bottomley	6
*William Barton	3	*William Ambler	7
*Molly Ambler	4	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lewis. Conducted by Edward Jenkins.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

John E. S. Moreton	*Treble*	Ernest Morris	5
Walter P. Whitehead	2	*Arthur H. Beamish	6
J. W. Frank Trotman	3	Alan Cattell	7
Leonard E. Trevor	4	John A. L. Thompson	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Alan Cattell.
* 100th peal. Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bertoline,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 13¼ cwt. in E.

George Astbury	*Treble*	Reginald Rowley	5
Eric B. Allman	2	Neville R. Holland	6
Margaret Rigby	3	G. Arnald Moore	7
Fredk. E. Wilshaw	4	Fredk. Wm. Grocott	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick William Grocott.
A birthday compliment to the 5th ringer.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes.*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence,
A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Walter Allwood	*Treble*	*Arthur B. Cooper	5
*Gordon C. Briggs	2	Frederick Flint	6
*Cyril Wright	3	*Joseph Saxton	7
*Stanley Slaney	4	Herbert T. Rooke	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells and for the Association. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Barnabas,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

Edward Jenkins	*Treble*	John Worth	5
John E. Bibby	2	Frank Varty	6
Walter Allman	3	Ralph G. Edwards	7
C. Kenneth Lewis	4	James C. E. Simpson	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by James C. E. Simpson.

WOOLWICH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

Bertie W. Aldridge	*Treble*	Leonard H. Bowler	5
Alick Cutler	2	Thomas H. Francis	6
Geoffrey V. Murphy	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
Arthur S. Richards	4	Charles W. Roberts	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Fredk. J. Cullum.
Rung as nearly as possible to the centenary of a peal, 5,600 changes, in this method rung in this tower on October 11th, 1849.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Gordon C. Briggs	*Treble*	John J. L. Gilbert	5
John H. Brothwell	2	Leslie Haywood	6
Mrs. J. E. Turley	3	Jack G. Brothwell	7
*E. Bryan Purslow	4	John E. Turley	*Tenor*

Composed by S. H. Wood. Conducted by John E. Turley.
* First peal. Quickest peal on the bells. Tenor 12 cwt.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*Walter Soar	*Treble*	Francis R. Lowe	5
†Alfred Mould	2	†Harold Taylor	6
†Jack Bailey	3	†John F. Wilkinson	7
Denis R. Carlisle	4	William A. Parsons	*Tenor*

Composed by N. Pitstow. Conducted by Jack Bailey.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal in the method.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 10 cwt.

Joseph W. Cotton	*Treble*	*H. George Hart	5
*Elsie K. Fulton	2	Walter P. Whitehead	6
Ernest W. Beardsmore	3	Ernest Morris	7
W. Harry Duncombe	4	J. W. Frank Trotman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.
* First peal of Surprise.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Patrick I. Chapman	*Treble*	Brian S. Cope	5
C. Henry Harding	2	Mrs. G. E. Watson	6
*Ronald J. Sharp	3	*Andrew C. Sinfield	7
Geoffrey E. Watson	4	Ronald C. Noon	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Geoffrey E. Watson.
* 100th peal together. An 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph Saddington, 70 years a ringer. Tenor 10¼ cwt. in F.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 21, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 15 cwt.

Mrs. F. I. Hairs	*Treble*	Bertie W. Aldridge	5
Herbert E. Audsley	2	Arthur S. Richards	6
Alfred G. Hill	3	Frank I. Hairs	7
Geoffrey V. Murphy	4	Walter J. Lemon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert E. Audsley.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Paulinus,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Mrs. F. I. Hairs	*Treble*	Herbert E. Audsley	5
Geoffrey V. Murphy	2	Leonard H. Bowler	6
*James Bennett	3	†Frank I. Hairs	7
Alick Cutler	4	Frederick J. Cullum	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Fredk. J. Cullum.
* 400th peal for the Association. † 500th peal. A birthday compliment to Mrs. F. I. Hairs. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Cuthbert,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt.

Joyce P. Gaymer	*Treble*	William E. Robinson	5
Margaret Fidell	2	Denis A. Bayles	6
John Anderson	3	W. Norman Park	7
Robert Bell	4	G. Gordon Graham	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Williams. Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.
In celebration of the 77th birthday of the Dean of Durham.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

Harry Hall	*Treble*	Frank L. Fisher	5
William Wightman	2	John O. Weller	6
Albert E. Whiting	3	W. Wilgress Miller	7
Leslie G. Brett	4	Leslie C. Wightman	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by L. C. Wightman.
In memoriam W. J. Groom.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Ten-part (CCC. No. 28). Tenor 12¼ cwt.

George F. Sperring	*Treble*	*Frederick H. Birks	5
John W. Griffiths	2	*R. Gordon Corby	6
Henry O. Baker	3	Percy Swindley	7
John W. Best	4	†Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Griffiths.
* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells.

HARPENDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES,

Bertie A. Corwell	*Treble*	Arthur Day	5
Chris. W. Woolley	2	Philip A. F. Chalk	6
Fredk. W. Brinklow	3	*John W. Stephenson	7
*Michael V. Chilcott	4	George W. Debenham	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by George W. Debenham.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 15 cwt.

SIX BELL PEALS

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Frederick Watson	*Treble*	Arthur Hallam	4
*George Pickering	2	*Peter Hallam	5
*Leon Watkinson	3	Joseph Taylor	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joseph Taylor.
* First peal.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob and one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

Albert Booth	*Treble*	Harry W. Howard	4
Dorothy C. Osborn	2	Harry Parker	5
Eric Hornby	3	A. Gordon Lawrence	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Gordon Lawrence.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Canterbury Pleasure Reverse and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Frederick Manser	*Treble*	Albert Kelvie	4
*Tom Saunders	2	Lewis Newman	5
William Manser	3	†Luther J. Honess	*Tenor*

Conducted by Luther J. Honess.
* 200th peal. † 150th peal.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

*Mrs. J. Naish	*Treble*	Donald Lee	4
†Mrs. T. W. Kimber	2	George Clare	5
*Jack Naish	3	David Hoare	*Tenor*

Conducted by David Hoare.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. (approx.).

William Brett	*Treble*	Ernest Preston	4
Harry Barnes	2	Frederick Jackson	5
John O. Weller	3	Harold Denman	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold Denman.

GAYWOOD, KINGS LYNN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Faith,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

Henry Warnes	*Treble*	Edward Greenacre	4
Ernest Shipp	2	Charles Tovell	5
Creek Shipp	3	Robert Greenacre	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert Greenacre.
In memoriam Archdeacon Radcliffe, Rector of the parish 1906-1945. Archdeacon Radcliffe died October 10th, 1949.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, differently called. Tenor 12 cwt.

Frederick Watson	*Treble*	Leon Watkinson	4
George Pickering	2	Peter Hallam	5
Ernest Morris	3	Joseph Taylor	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joseph Taylor.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Wed., Oct. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 14 extents each of Stedman and Plain Bob, two arrangements of Morris' 240 and 10 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*Mary I. Kennelly	*Treble*	‡Ivor H. Turner	4
*E. Mary Bliss	2	‡Jack R. Worrall	5
†Colin Barwick	3	†H. Geoffrey Jones	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack R. Worrall.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Doubles in three methods. First peal of Doubles for the society. Rung for the visit of the Chancellor, the Rt. Hon. Winston S. Churchill.

CROWLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Abbey of SS. Mary, Bartholomew and Guthlac,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of St. Clement's and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

William Duffy	*Treble*	Aubrey A. Pepper	4
Herbert M. Brown	2	Fred Brightman	5
Gwendoline D. Robinson	3	Frank Taylor	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Taylor.

HOWARTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*Arthur Bairstow	*Treble*	*Sam Longbottom	4
Ernest H. Simpson	2	*Harry Wilde	5
*Vernon Bottomley	3	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Conducted by Edward Jenkins.
* First peal of Surprise Minor. First peal of Surprise on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. H. Simpson and Miss Molly Ambler. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.

BREDON-WITH-NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
At the Chapel of Ease to St. Giles,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

Patrick Harris	*Treble*	John Thomas	4
Edwin T. Newbury	2	*Thomas W. Lewis	5
Frederick Nurden	3	Oliver Attwood	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Thomas.
* 300th peal.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary de Wyche,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 11½ cwt.

George E. Large	*Treble*	Allen Morgan	4
*R. George Morris	2	Cyril Tansell	5
George Prescott	3	Reginald Woodyatt	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Large.
* First peal of Surprise.

More peals on page 533.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—At St. Peter's on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. P. Bates 1, D. Ogden 2, W. Harrison (first quarter as cond.) 3, J. B. Robinson 4, R. Edwards 5, B. Redfern 6.

BINFIELD, BERKS.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Millard 1, Mrs. J. A. Rance 2, A. G. King 3, J. Rance 4, A. Fleet 5, A. J. N. Rance (cond.) 6.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's (City), on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Irwin (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Kennelley (first of Doubles) 2, Miss A. Timms (first of Doubles) 3, L. Watson 4, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 5, I. H. Trueman 6.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Oct. 13th, a quarter peal Little Bob Major: G. F. James 1, G. Kite 2, Hilda Oakshett 3, P. J. Spice 4, J. E. Lyddiard 5, E. C. Bishop 6, C. Cullen 7, M. F. Oakshett (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method by all the band. To commemorate the visit of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth to Bromley to lay the foundation stone for the rebuilding of the Parish Church (SS. Peter and Paul), which was destroyed by enemy action in 1941.

CHATHAM, KENT. — On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Norris (first quarter) 1, V. A. Jarrett (cond.) 2, D. T. Hill 3, R. Skinner 4, E. A. G. Allen 5, R. Norris 6, C. S. Jarrett 7, C. E. Norris 8. A compliment to Mr. C. E. Norris on attaining his 60th birthday and his 45th year as a member of St. Mary's tower.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX. — On Oct. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. T. Finey 1, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 2, Stella M. Wickens 3, Joyce Humphrey 4, N. J. Smith 5, W. G. Challen 6, R. G. Blackman 7, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 8. First quarter of Plain Bob Major for 1, 3 and 5.

CREDITON, DEVON.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. M. Brown 1, B. Pigeon 2, J. Salway 3, G. Skinner 4, C. Deem (first in method) 5, J. L. Glanvill 6, F. Wreford (first as cond.) 7, G. Luxton 8.

QUARTER PEALS

CHELTENHAM.—At the Parish Church on Oct. 16th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: L. Tippetts (first quarter) 1, W. Williams 2, P. Baker 3, E. Evans 4, W. Dyer 5, I. Goulter 6, G. Kilmister 7, T. Boreham 8, E. T. Newbury 9, W. Newman 10.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS. — On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. N. A. Tomlinson 1, H. S. Arbin 2, A. W. Coles 3, G. Spencer 4, T. Pink 5, N. A. Tomlinson (cond.) 6, C. Ward 7, W. Langley 8.

DALLINGTON, SUSSEX. — On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Minor (720 of Kent Treble Bob, 360 of Plain Bob and 180 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure): Miss H. Gorringe 1, C. J. Piper (first 720 Treble Bob) 2, L. W. Jarvis 3, F. J. Lambert, jun. 4, E. G. D. Tonkin (cond.) 5, F. H. Hicks 6.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. Mackears (cond.) 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, R. Parker 3, J. Haw 4, H. Squires 5, L. Squires 6, F. S. Parsons 7, H. R. Woods 8. First in method by 2, 3, 4 and 8.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 16th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss S. M. White (first of Treble Bob) 1, Mrs. C. A. Cruttenden 2, E. Rapley 3, E. Lish 4, F. Cruttenden 5, C. Longhurst 6, E. Packham 7, B. White (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Cruttenden.

HURST, BERKS. — On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Allum 1, C. A. Lee (first 'inside') 2, Miss E. Green 3, C. W. Mortimer 4, W. Hunt 5, S. Day 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, E. Bailey 8. First quarter by 3, 6 and 8.

LONDON. — At St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): Miss J. H. Friswell 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, G. A. Parsons (first of Doubles) 3, Miss I. B. Cording 4, D. Neal (cond.) 5, K. S. Seeger 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre on Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Rita Parker 1, G. F. Roome 2, W. H. Ashby 3, S. F. Earl 4, A. Beckwith 5, T. Jennings 6, W. R. Hammons (first of Grandsire Triples as cond.) 7, A. E. Sibley 8. For the engagement of the ringers of the treble and 2nd.

OLDHAM, LANCS.—At St. Mary's on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan D. Fry (first quarter) 1, J. T. Warmsley 2, G. R. Fairnie (first quarter 'inside') 3, H. Barlow 4, J. Carter 5, P. H. Tocock 6, V. Sykes (cond.) 7, H. Standley (first quarter) 8.

PLYMPTON ST. MAURICE, DEVON.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Bould 1, D. F. Wheeler 2, G. H. Myers 3, A. S. Weatherby 4, W. G. Lavers 5, R. A. Southwood 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, G. W. Lavers 8. First quarter of Triples for 1 and 8. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples.

READING, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Mary on Oct. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miess A. B. Diserens 1, A. Diserens (cond.) 2, A. Whittle 3, A. Wiggins 4, C. Watts 5, J. S. Taylor 6, N. J. Diserens 7, V. T. Cherrill 8. To commemorate the wedding of the ringer of the 3rd.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Hart 1, F. Miles 2, F. Hart 3, Jean Durrant 4, A. J. Pierpoint 5, A. Richardson 6, F. Weller (cond.) 7, J. Baker 8.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET. — On Oct. 16th, 360 April Day, 360 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire Doubles: O. Pole 1, E. Norman 2, R. Short 3, C. Clarke 4, F. Sweet (cond.) 5, H. Chilcott (first quarter) 6. First for all in three methods.

YARDLEY HASTINGS, NORTHANTS. — On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Whitney 1, K. Burge 2, A. Goodman (first quarter) 3, B. Burge (cond.) 4, S. Elliott 5, H. Wooding 6. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 3rd.

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LATE NEWS.

Mr. Charles A. Button, a well-known London ringer for over 40 years, a member of All Hallows' band, Tottenham, and later of St. Leonard's, Streatham, died on Oct. 24th, aged 77 years. He was a member of the College Youths, the Middlesex County and Surrey Associations.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Writes the conductor of the peal rung at Witney on October 22nd: 'It was not expected that Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Nichols would be asked to participate in a peal which was arranged in honour of their own wedding! The band had met one short, which gave another man cause for concern about missing an evening bus, and the conductor was on his way to contact a local ringer when he "discovered" Nora and Bernard in the town, where, apparently, they were waiting to hear the start of the peal. They were duly "roped in," and the peal was rung as published.'

We have received a correction re the peal of Superlative at St. Michael at Coslany, Norwich, on October 7th. Patrick I. Chapman rang 2nd and Bryan S. Cope 3rd.

The peal at Bunwell, Norfolk, on October 22nd, was the first of Minor to be conducted by a member of the local band for over 40 years.

The bells of Crowland Abbey, Lincs, were rung to a peal on October 20th. The last peal on the bells, it is believed, took place 22 years ago.

Mr. Wilfred Williams reminds us that the claim by the Lincoln tourists re peal of Lincolnshire at Salford Priors is not correct. The first peal of Lincolnshire Surprise was rung there by the St. Martin's Guild on June 15th, 1946, which he conducted.

Another young ringer has entered the peal columns. Christine Beale, of Shepton Beauchamp, who is only thirteen years of age, rang her first peal (Grandsire Doubles) in company with her father and brother, on October 23rd. The peal, which was rung at the first attempt, was a nineteenth wedding anniversary peal for her father and mother.

Mr. Harold Marcon, Master of St. Giles', Lincoln, is leaving Lincoln to work with Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. In his farewell peal on October 22nd all the band had been taught by him to handle a bell.

The peal of Cambridge at Northowram, Halifax, was arranged for five Westhoughton, Lancs, visitors.

We are pleased to hear that Mr. Alan P. Cave, of Liverpool, who met with a serious accident in France, is making good progress and hopes to be walking again this week-end.

Mr. Frederick N. Smeaton, a Bexhill-on-Sea ringer, sailed to Adelaide, Australia, on October 20th. The band is also depleted by the departure of Miss Kathleen E. Fletcher to Bournemouth.

The 'Ringers' Handbook' has been reprinted, the fourth edition having been sold out. It is obtainable from Mrs. E. S. Powell, East Stoke Lodge, Stoke-under-Ham, Somerset.

The Wyggeston Grammar School for Boys has a flourishing ringing society, with three handbell peals to its credit. The society owes its inception to Mr. L. Greenhow, a Master of the school and a Leicester Cathedral ringer.

Ringers who are also members of Rotary will be interested to know of an exchange of greetings between the clubs of Barking, Essex, and Trinidad. These have taken the form of an exchange of recordings of sounds familiar to each place. Among the recordings from Barking was a well-struck bobbed course of Stedman Triples on the bells of St. Margaret's. Those making the recording were: C. Fenn (cond.) 1, W. Beard 2, H. Worboys 3, D. W. Beard 4, C. Wardell 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, G. Cottis 7, S. Holgate 8.

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The Story of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild

(Continued from page 519)

THE formation of the Diocesan Guild in 1899 presupposes the existence of centres of activity in Lincolnshire before that date. The most important of these was at Lincoln itself, at the Church of St. Peter-at-Arches, which then stood in the centre of the town. Here a band practised methods up to Surprise Major in the 'nineties, names connected with it which are now of historical interest being those of Gabriel Lindoff, Arthur Craven and John Austin. About this time, the production of a long length of London Surprise occupied composers' minds, and Lindoff worked on his in Lincoln. It is worth noting that James' composition in the same method, one lead longer, was rung by a Lincolnshire band almost half a century later, and it seems fitting that this should be so in view of the work done on this method by men having connections with the county. Much of St. Peter-at-Arches Church is incorporated in the modern one of St. Giles', including the eight bells, by Rudhall, which have not been recast.

EARLY PERFORMANCES

The first recorded peal for the Diocesan Guild is one of Bob Major, rung at Heckington, near Sleaford, in November, 1899, conducted by the Rev. H. Law James. Six-bell bands were also very active, and this has always been so in a primarily rural Guild. The first recorded peal of Surprise is Cambridge Minor, conducted by John W. Lake. It is interesting, too, to note in passing that the first peal of Surprise Major was rung on handbells, the method being Superlative. This was rung for the Guild by William Keeble and his band, who not infrequently made excursions into the county from South Yorkshire. The Lincoln Guild can also claim the first peal of Spliced of any kind ever rung, being 14 Minor methods, conducted by the Rev. H. Law James. Members of that band still living are Messrs. Arthur I. Holmes and John W. Lake. That well-known figure of the day, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, also visited the Guild, usually as the guest of the Master at Surfleet. The customary peals of Stedman were rung, and no doubt the Guild's love of this method in all branches is due to that early stimulus.

BETWEEN THE WARS.

After the 1914-18 war, the Guild was not slow to recover. At first, activity centred around Surfleet, many interesting ten-bell methods being rung, but the late 'twenties saw a great revival in Lincoln itself. The first peal of London came in 1928, conducted by John A. Freeman. The twelve bells at the Cathedral have been in good use ever since their installation in 1928, and 'firsts' in all the standard methods up to Cambridge Maximus are recorded with unfailing regularity from that time. Rivalry with the Chester Diocesan Guild produced some excellent performances in the Minor field, Vernon Taylor and his band ringing up to 80 methods in 1937. This has been eclipsed in recent times by George E. Feirn and his band, who rang 104 methods on tower bells (1939), and since the war 105 methods—the maximum in seven extents—on handbells, a truly outstanding performance.

THE PRESENT DAY

Recent peal achievements by present members of the Guild are too fresh in the memory to need further elaboration. One cannot pass by, however, the peals of Spliced Surprise Major in 22 methods, and the 14,144 London Surprise Major. It is performances of this kind which place the Lincoln Diocesan Guild on the highest level, and epitomise the sterling work put in by all members throughout the length and breadth of the county. Truly will this Guild be able to look back with justifiable pride on its first fifty years when the jubilee commemoration dinner is held this coming December.



The band that rang the record peal, 14,144 London Surprise Major, Oct. 4th, 1947. Left to right (back pow) : K. W. Mayer (3), J. L. Millhouse (7), G. W. Creasey (treble), C. Mc Guiness (2). Left to right (front): K. S. B. Croft (4), J. Freeman (tenor) conductor, J. A. Freeman (5), J. Walden (6).

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The North-West Branch of the Guild held a very interesting meeting at Merton on October 15th, and renewed contact with a tower which was in affiliation during the years 1875 to 1881, when the Rev. J. A. Kempe did pioneer work for change ringing. Merton was one of the eleven towers in union in 1875.

The service was conducted by the Rev. W. J. G. Nelson, Rector; the Rev. W. H. Smale read the lesson, and the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, Chittlehampton, was the preacher. Tea was provided by the lady friends of the local band, who also attended. The next meeting was fixed for February 11th at Holsworthy.

COWLEY'S BELLS—continued.

3rd.—3¼ cwt. The same inscription as on the 2nd except that Walter is spelt Waltar.

4th.—4 cwt. Benedicta sit Sancta Trinitas. Ed Hemins fecit Sept. 3rd 1739.

5th.—4¼ cwt. 1693.

Tenor.—6 cwt. James White, Will Terrell, C.W. 1694.

All except the new treble have the additional inscription: 'Recast by Mears and Stainbank, 1949.' A. R. P.

Cowley's New Bells

THE ONLY MODERN RING IN OXFORD.

The Late Perpendicular tower of St. James', Cowley, one of the many parishes within the boundaries of the city of Oxford, held until recently an old mixed ring of five bells which had not been rung for upwards of 50 years. Two of the bells were cracked and the frame was decrepit.

As part of the parish war memorial, it was decided to rehang the bells in a new steel frame, to retune the sound bells and recast the cracked ones, and to add a new treble.

When the bells were in the foundry, however, it was found that the old bells would not tune satisfactorily and the parish nobly shouldered the extra burden of the recasting. The result is that the parish has now a light ring of six of which it can justly be proud, and the founders, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated on an excellent job of work.

It is strange to reflect that of the twenty odd rings of bells within the city boundaries, this is the only modern example of the bell founder's art. Oxford is known as the city of lost causes, so presumably the founders have not yet lost heart!

On October 23rd, the new bells were blessed by the Lord Bishop of Dorchester. The day could not have been worse; it rained incessantly from morning till late at night, but in spite of this the church was full to overflowing. The new bells were heard for the first time during the service, while the Bishop's procession was passing from the tower to the chancel.

The Bishop, in his address, referred to the uses of bells throughout the ages. He also remarked that the devotion of bellringers to their work was one of the encouraging signs in the life of the Diocese of Oxford at the present time, and he took the opportunity of driving home the lesson of attendance at services for which they rang and the need to become communicants.

After the service the tower was open from 4 p.m. until evensong at 6.30 p.m., and all the visitors, to the number of about 25, had the opportunity of a pull. Everyone voted them a grand little ring. A false ceiling has been placed 3ft. below the bell chamber and this has had the effect of pleasantly modulating the sound in the tower, which is only about 30ft. high and lower than the roof of the nave.

An unusual feature was provided by Tony Price, of Feltham, who rang the third and fourth to the first touch of Surprise on the bells. The first 720 on the bells, Plain Bob Minor, was rung for evensong by the following: Miss M. A. Carter 1, V. J. F. Bennett 2, Miss L. R. Pimm 3, P. Walker 4, T. W. Bond 5, A. R. Pink (conductor) 6. It was P. Walker's longest length of Minor. Tea was very kindly provided free of charge for all ringers by the Parochial Church Council. This gesture was much appreciated.

The following are the weights and inscriptions on the bells:—

Treble.—3 cwt. Remember 1939-1945. May they rest in peace.

2nd.—3¼ cwt. Daniel White, Walter Day, Churchwardens. Edward Hemins fecit 1738.

(Continued foot of previous column.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TWO SCHOOLS IN LEICESTERSHIRE

Dear Sir,—Regarding young Alan Cattell's century, for some time now it must have been obvious to readers that there are two schools of ringing in Leicestershire. Surely, therefore, young Alan must belong to the wrong school to have his achievements dashed to the ground by B.G.W.'s letter published last week. I have had the pleasure of ringing nearly 40 peals with Alan and would state without hesitation that he is one of the safest ringers I have met. Whilst I appreciate that Alan Jacques has scored a fine list of peals for his age, I still fail to see why he should be rated in advance of Alan Cattell just because he belongs to the other school of ringing, and I am confident that Alan did not make the claim himself as B.G.W.'s letter leads us to believe.

Re the Leicestershire tour, surely if the tour had been given the title of Midland Counties tour, which in actual fact it was, as the counties of Warwickshire, Leicestershire and Rutland were visited, then the subsequent ill-feeling would have been avoided.

Re attempt for 17,152 Bristol. Readers will recall that a notice appeared in Belfry Gossip that an attempt was being made at Gilmorton on February 19th last which was cancelled the following week by late news stating that the attempt would be limited to 10,000. Is it not high time that we had an explanation in our columns as to why the record attempt was not made on that day? The second attempt at Nuneaton some time later was abandoned after four hours' indifferent ringing.

'ONE OF THE MERRY MEN.'

A WIRELESS QUERY

Dear Sir,—I wonder whether any other of your readers shared my experience on Saturday, October 15th, about 9 p.m.. The 'Music Hall' programme on the B.B.C. Home Service had concluded and the microphone had been switched over for Big Ben to strike 9 p.m., and in the interval before the chimes I could hear faintly what seemed to be like bells ringing.

As the set is an old one with some spreading of the stations, at first I took it to be a nearby station, but when I sought to trace it the 'bells' went off, so I am now inclined to believe that the sound came from Westminster. I listened intently at the conclusion of Big Ben's performance and fancied that I caught the sound faintly once again. Was it possible that I heard the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, ringing at this time?—Yours faithfully,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

ST. MATTHEW'S, WALSALL

Dear Sir,—There will no doubt be many of our ringing friends who perused the notice which appeared in the issue of October 14th, re the suspension of ringing at St. Matthew's Church, Walsall. The restoration of the tower is part of a scheme estimated to cost at least £20,000, and work has already commenced on the tower.

Naturally, the local band are anxious that the suspension shall be as short as possible, and feel that there will be many of our friends who have had the pleasure of ringing on our splendid ring who would be glad of an opportunity to participate in helping along this restoration and so assist in reducing the silencing of the bells.

Any subscriptions donated will be gratefully acknowledged by the Vicar of Walsall, 64, Highgate Road, Walsall.—Yours sincerely,

JAMES S. EASTWOOD,
Tower Secretary.

Walsall.

THE LOST BEAT

Dear Sir,—The letter of Mr. R. Newman on 'the lost beat' is something which I have been expecting. It is time someone had the heart and was valiant enough to have expressed such an opinion. I had hoped that a better known person among the ringing fraternity than myself would have endorsed your point of view.

I have done my very best in my own locality to emphasise the importance of the beat. It was handed down to me and I have tried to instil it in my pupils, of whom I am very proud. Carry on, Mr. Newman, for we cannot shut people's eyes or stuff their ears to what you state.

Finally, whom do we serve? Firstly, the vicar; secondly, the parishioners; and should they be served with that beat which you desire, there would be less writing to the papers and the long-suffering would not only lessen itself, but create a greater friendliness towards our fraternity.—Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH BURGESS.

Greenfield, near Oldham.

IRISH ASSOCIATION'S ROLL OF HONOUR

Dear Sir, — The Irish Association decided some time ago to write the names of those members who served in Defence Forces during the last war into the Peal Book.

There may be some of the non-resident life members who served their country who would like to be included in the Roll of Honour; if so, I would be glad if they will let me have their names, together with rank and regiments, also any decorations.

It is proposed to close the list at the end of November and it may not be possible to include any names received later. — Yours sincerely, FRED E. DUKES.

Jenkinstown, Dundalk.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I beg to withdraw the peal of Herefordshire Little Surprise rung at Burghill, Herefordshire, on September 30th, 1949. The composition is, unfortunately, false. It is, in fact, impossible to produce one with the tenors together.

I offer my sincere apologies to the band.—Yours faithfully, WILFRID F. MORETON.

Lampeter, Cards.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD MEMORIAL TO THE REV. E. S. POWELL.

The members of the Daventry Branch held their monthly meeting at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Staverton, on October 8th, and were joined at the service by local parishioners and ringers from Birmingham, Raunds, Northampton, Rugby and Mrs. E. S. Powell, from Stoke-under-Ham, Somerset.

During the service the Ancaster stone tablet which has been placed in the sanctuary of the church in memory of the late Vicar of Staverton and Ringing Master of the Peterborough Guild, the Rev. Everard Slade Powell, was dedicated. Miss M. Clark, a local ringer, unveiled the tablet.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. E. G. Glascodine, the lesson was read by the Rev. T. W. Long, chairman of the Guilsborough Branch of the Peterborough Guild, and the memorial tablet was dedicated by the Rev. R. H. Palmer, of Cogenhoe, Northampton, who in his address spoke of the fine example set by the Rev. E. S. Powell, of the valuable work he had accomplished for ringing and for the Church, and of his willingness to give good advice and friendship to all who sought it.

The work of carving and fixing the tablet was ably carried out by Lawrence A. Turner, and the cost of £50 was met by subscriptions.

100 Years After

As recorded in 'The Ringing World' on March 4th, a peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung on February 12th, 1949, to commemorate the centenary of a peal in the same method rung on February 10th, 1849, at St. Mary's, Woolwich.

The board in the tower recording the earlier peal also states: 'The same band after diligent practice and steady perseverance accomplished on October 11th in the same year (1849) 5,600 changes of London Surprise Major, which arduous task was completed in 3 hours and 27 minutes and stands unequalled by any peal on record.'

The centenary of this peal also has now been commemorated by a peal of London rung on October 15th, conducted by Mr. F. J. Cullum. It is of interest to note that the 1849 peal was the second ever rung of London Surprise Major, the first being at St. Andrew's, Norwich, on November 17th, 1835.

It is hoped that the two 1949 peals will also be recorded in the tower.

The October 15th peal was a suitable birthday compliment to Messrs. E. A. Barnett, Crayford; Mr. A. S. Richards, West Wickham (who stood in the peal), and Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Bradford, all of whose birthdays fall on this date.

ROCHDALE'S BELL ANNIVERSARY

On October 15th and 16th, All Saints' Church, Hamer, celebrated the 80th anniversary of the dedication of the church bells. On Saturday advantage was taken of the occasion to reinstitute the annual tea and social of the Rochdale Branch of Change Ringers.

Commencing with Communion at 2 p.m. for ringers and friends, followed by ringing until tea, the evening was spent in a social, which included whist, dancing and handbell ringing by the branch members from Oldham. This was greatly appreciated by over 230 people present.

On Sunday special services were held in church and were well attended. The afternoon service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. N. Wallworth, and the preacher was the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, who is also a keen ringer. This was followed by tea in the school, at which a huge birthday cake was cut by an old All Saints' ringer, Mr. W. Turner (78) and Master Keith Abbott (12), the youngest ringer.

In the evening the Bishop of Manchester preached on the message of the bells. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung in the chancel at both services by Mr. and Mrs. W. Crabtree, of Todmorden, and Mr. H. Barlow and Mr. V. Sykes, sen., of Oldham. J. T.

ARCHBISHOP OF YORK IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

In honour of the visit of the Archbishop of York to Victoria, B.C., on October 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the Cathedral bells by G. White 1, Margaret Izard 2, D. Boniface 3, A. Izard 4, A. King 5, C. Millard 6, E. W. Izard (cond.) 7, E. Merritt 8.

For the occasion Mr. C. Millard motored 130 miles to ring and then returned home on the Monday morning to Courtenay, Vancouver Island. Mr. G. White, who is one of the youngest members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, is also a member of the Vancouver Flying Club, and piloted his plane from Vancouver to Victoria in order to be in time for the ringing. The bells were also specially rung by the same members on Sunday, October 2nd.

The ringers were very pleased when they received a letter of appreciation from the Archbishop, in which he specially mentioned the excellent striking.

BRADWELL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 21, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. FRENCH	*Treble*	†GEORGE F. BURTON	4
JAMES E. WHITLOCK	2	*WILLIAM YATES	5
*GEORGE W. HOLLAND	3	ARCHIE J. LATHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES E. WHITLOCK.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First peal of Doubles and first of Stedman. A wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. W. Thurlow, who were married at this church on September 22nd, 1888.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

LEONARD G. TOOKE	*Treble*	*RONALD E. BURT	4
FRANK PEARSON	2	†T. CHARLES BROWN	5
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by CEDRIC F. PHILLIPPO.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. A welcome home to R. E. Burt on leaving Royal Navy.

CORSLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 17 extents of Stedman, 17 Grandsire and 8 Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

FREDK. S. SLATFORD	*Treble*	DONALD E. LEE	4
*FRANK A. PENN	2	PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	5
*MRS. F. A. PENN	3	LAWRENCE E. HITCHINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING.
* First peal in more than one method.

HENDON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 2,160's (C.C.C. 152, 153) and one 720 (C.C.C. 150).
Tenor 16 cwt.

*ROBERT H. BEGRIE	*Treble*	*THOMAS G. FOX	4
†GEOFFREY F. CARTER	2	‡DENNIS F. HARMAN	5
†§WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	3	†ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Kent Minor. ‡ First peal. § 100th peal. A 40th birthday compliment to G. F. Carter and a farewell to Robert W. Biggs, verger of St. Mary's.

HANDBELL PEALS

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT 39A, HIGH STREET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

*MARION GRAIN	1-2	JOHN A. ACRES	5-6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN	3-4	RONALD H. BULLEN	7-8

Adapted from E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.
* First handbell peal of Major away from tenors.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 10, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

*DENIS R. CARLISLE	1-2	ALAN CATTELL	5-6
WALTER P. WHITHEAD	3-4	†JOHN BRAMLEY	7-8

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal in the method 'in hand.'

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 13, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 41 *Minutes;*
AT 'STEDMAN,' 128, SKETCHLEY ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	1-2	ALFRED BALLARD	3-4
		HECTOR KNIGHTS	5-6

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 13, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
In five methods, comprising 1,728 Plain Bob, 1,296 Gainsborough Little Bob, 864 each of Double Bob and St. Clement's College Bob and 432 Little Bob, with 377 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	ROY C. HURST	7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 14, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 14 in D.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
WILLIAM G. YOUNG	3-4	*KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	7-8

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.
* First peal of Triples 'in hand.'

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 14, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT 'TRENTWOOD,'
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

MRS. J. BRAY	1-2	JACK BRAY	5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3-4	PHILIP BARNES	7-8

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
First peal in the method 'in hand' by all. First in the method for the Guild by a resident band. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 25 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 40 six-scores and one 240. Tenor size 8 in C.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW	1-2	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	3-4
		*MARGARET RIGBY	5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.
* First peal 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 16, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes.*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 17 in A.

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

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.
A second anniversary wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Speakman, of Upton, Poole.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 17, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
In six methods, comprising 1,152 each of Plain Bob and St. Clement's College Bob, 864 each of Wellington Little Bob and Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 each of Crayford Little Bob and Little Bob, with 431 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	ROY C. HURST	7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 17, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT 39, TITIAN AVENUE,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Comprising 2,816 London, 864 Bristol and 704 each Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method.

*MARGARET D. WOOLLEY	1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	5-6
CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY	3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	7-8

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes.*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

JOHN T. DUNWOODY	1-2	FREDERICK E. DUKES	3-4
		A. ERNEST MCGRATH	5-6

Conducted by A. ERNEST MCGRATH.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association

Annual Dinner

The twelfth annual dinner, held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on October 1st, lost none of its popularity, a company of 96 sitting down under the chairmanship of the newly installed Dean of Worcester, the Very Rev. W. E. Beck, M.A., D.Litt.

Immediately before the admirable and well-served meal the chaplain, the Rev. H. Hartley, introduced the chairman, saying how happy they were that he had consented to accept the office of president. He came to them, as it were, fresh from the mint, for only that afternoon he had been installed and instituted as Dean of Worcester. They felt particularly honoured that his first public engagement after that service should be to preside at their dinner.

In a suitable reply, the Dean said the one disappointment was that owing to trouble with the pinnacles and battlements the cathedral bells could not be rung that day, but the Association had gone one better and rung all the bells of Worcester for him.

Supporting the chairman were Mr. C. Skidmore (Master) and Mrs. Skidmore, the Rev. H. Hartley (chaplain), Mr. J. D. Johnson (general secretary) and Mrs. Johnson, the Rev. L. J. Birch (Vicar of Beoley) and Mrs. Birch, Mr. J. R. Newman (vice-president) and Mrs. Newman, Mr. W. B. Cartwright (vice-president) and Mrs. Cartwright, M. J. Bass (vice-president), and the gathering was representative of all parts of the Diocese.

The loyal toast having been honoured on the call of the chairman, Mr. J. R. Newman proposed the toast, 'Church and State.' He could not feel at all sure that the altered conditions and outlook of the times were for the better, and to-day it was more than ever necessary for Church and State to get together. When so many day-to-day expedients were being adopted, it would be wise to try the influence of the teaching of Christianity—a spirit of brotherhood between nations. All who were churchmen should strive for that influence to be carried to the State. In coupling the name of the Rev. L. J. Birch, Mr. Newman said it was not unusual to find a parson ringer, but more unusual to find his wife a practical ringer too.

In reply, the Rev. Birch said he often heard, 'Why doesn't the Church do something?', but the truth was that all are members of the Church, and its work was done by clergy and laity working together. In this connection ringers had a particularly important part to play, for the message of the bells reached beyond the church flock, and he reminded ringers that they, too, should have a sense of obligation to worship.

Speaking as a ringer to the clergy, he was well aware that most of the clergy in the diocese did take an interest in their ringers, but where they did not he suggested the ringers should go to the parson, invite him to the belfry and teach him to handle a bell. He appealed to ringers and clergy to strive to reach these two ideals.

In proposing the toast 'The Worcestershire Association,' Mr. W. C. Dowding said it was one to which only one with a residential qualification could do justice and, although now in Birmingham, he was a Worcestershire man. He referred to early stalwarts and pioneers of the Association: W. Short, who had at one time been Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild and had called the 11,111 record of Stedman Cinques; the late W. Page and R. Matthews; others still active, Messrs. S. Grove, W. Ranford, S. T. Holt and C. Camm; the present Master, C. Skidmore and his inseparable companion, T. Hemming, and the general secretary, who was responsible for the arrangements that evening. He reminded the members that Rule 1 stated that their first object be 'to reorganise the true position as church officers,' and he personally never tired of hearing that ringers should be good churchmen.

Mr. D. H. Watson, one of the younger members and the newly-elected Northern Branch Ringing Master, replied. The older members, he said, had been mentioned, but the future of the Association rested on younger shoulders, and he sometimes wondered if they accepted the responsibility as they should. He felt, too, that more opportunities should be taken for publicity; in ringing matters the ignorance of the public was still appalling. He appealed to the younger members to support the Association in every possible way.

Mr. T. Hemming proposed the toast of 'Kindred Associations,' and extended a special welcome to the four young ladies from Wallasey, who were with them that evening.

Mr. V. A. Hemming, of Shirley, replied. Although Worcestershire born, that was the first of the dinners which he had attended, but he felt that the arrangements compared favourably with any in the country, and the atmosphere of informality made the welcome all the more sincere. In thanking the Association, he wished to associate the visitors with the welcome extended to the new president.

All the items on the musical side of the programme were well received. Songs were given by Mr. G. J. Hemming, with his daughter, Miss Jean Hemming as accompanist, monologues by Mrs. J. Thomas, a selection of popular tunes by the Brierley Hill handbell band (Messrs. T. Hemming, C. Skidmore and J. Lloyd), and a tittum course of Grandsire Cinques was rung on the fine Association handbells by the Hinton band: R. G. Freeman 1-2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3-4, J. D. Johnson 5-6, J. Thomas 7-8, P. Harris 9-10, Miss M. Rowland 11-12.

DISS RINGER MARRIED

On October 15th the wedding took place of Mr. W. A. Lock and Miss M. Bishop, whose family is well known in farming circles.

A well-known change ringer of Diss,
Wed a Bishop with a prefix of Miss,
Though one of a flock
Of a good farming stock,
Now Lock, stock and barrel, she's his.

(With apologies from B.A.T.S., of 'The Belfry.')

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

An attendance of 135 ringers and friends attended the annual meeting of the Canterbury District on October 15th. This was easily a record for the district, 27 towers being represented. The bells of St. Alphege's, St. Dunstan's and St. Stephen's were kept going during the afternoon until the service, which was held in St. Stephen's Church. The service was conducted by the Rector, and a collection for the Benevolent Fund realised 2 gns.

Tea was held in the Parish Room, a 'Dilnot Special' being laid on in buffet style.

The annual business meeting followed. In his report the district secretary, Mr. B. J. Luck, announced an increase in membership as well as more income and less expenditure, due to various economies effected by the Association. A total of 360 members paid up for the year, including 31 hon. members. The chairman, Mr. J. A. Russell, was re-elected, as was the secretary and Ringing Master, Mr. R. G. Port. For the two offices as representatives, there were five nominations. Messrs. C. E. Buesden and H. R. French were elected. The secretary was also re-elected. For the next by-meeting Wickhambreaux was chosen by special request to celebrate the silver wedding of one of the local ringers, Mr. S. White.

NOTICES

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HANDBELLS FOR SALE

Francis Clare, retired from concert stage, wishes to sell lovely set of 25 concert HANDBELLS by Mears and Stainbank. Two octaves (chromatic) from G (below) Old Philharmonic. Split ball and felt clappers, stiffened leather handles. £60, including two fibre cases and underquilt.—Glebe Farmhouse, Alpington, Norwich. 5979

HANDBELLS FOR SALE.—Two octaves in F plus low E, also B flat in lower octave; price nearest £25.—A. Edgerton, 50, Ward End Park Road, Birmingham, 8. 6021

HANDBELLS WANTED

SET OF 8 HANDBELLS for Nativity play, on loan or hire (15C-8C).—R. D. Scullard, 30, Canberra Road, Old Charlton, London, S.E.7. 6055

MISCELLANEOUS

Wanted, experienced HOUSEKEEPER.—Paul Taylor, Bell Foundry House, Loughborough, Leicester. 6058

It is not too early to think of Christmas. The ideal present for a ringer is 'DELIGHT' RECORD BOOK.—Prices and samples from William Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 6008

ST. MARY'S, LEWISHAM, LONDON.—Practice at St. Mary's, Lewisham, is cancelled until further notice owing to a fault in the 7th bell.—J. Dafters, Towerkeeper. 6056

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.

'THE CHURCH BELLS OF RADNORSHIRE.' Complete sets of parts, price 6s. 6d.; bound volumes, 10s., post free. To be obtained from the author, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. 5053

No better pen picture of early ringing societies has been published than J. Armiger Trollope's 'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' illustrated, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—312th anniversary dinner, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Ringing: Southwark Cathedral, 1-2.15; St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 2.15-3.30; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 4-5.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 5891

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Wickhambreaux, Sat., Nov. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation.—B. J. Luck. 5974

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner, Selston, Notts, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (6) available 3. Service 5.30. Dinner 6.30. Tickets (7s. 6d.) can be obtained from the secretary, Mr. J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross, near Chesterfield. Only a limited supply left. 5981

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rickmansworth (10), Nov. 5th, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 5986

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting Bere Regis, Nov. 5th. Usual arrangements. Bus service, Weymouth 1.50. 5988

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting Ockley, Nov. 5th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea at King's Arms. Numbers for tea to Mr. Duffield, The Gardens, Ockley Court, Dorking, early, please. 5989

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Debenham, Nov. 6th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5, to all who notify Leslie G. Brett, Framsden, Suffolk. 5952

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting at Hinton, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea. 6000

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Littleport (8), Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Lincoln's Cafe.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 5997

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—Meeting, Manchester Cathedral, Saturday, Nov. 5th, from 5 until 9.—E. Walker, Sec. 6045

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, on Monday, Nov. 7th, 7.15.—T. J. Lock. 6047

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Berkhamsted (8), Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells 3. Names for tea to Mr. H. Porrett, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamsted, Herts.—Pamela A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 5998

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting Montacute, Nov. 12th. Usual arrangements. Notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock. 5992

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Wellington, Nov. 12th. No tea for those who do not notify Mr. M. Pritchard, The Glen, Station Road, Tadley, near Wellington, Salop, of their intention to attend on or before Saturday, Nov. 5th.—C. M. Barron. 6005

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Chorley Parish Church, Saturday, Nov. 12th. No tea arrangements; teashops nearby. 5982

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Stratton St. Margaret (8), Nov. 12th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 6020

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Dartington (6), Saturday, Nov. 12th. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 6025

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting Northwold, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5; own food.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6022

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting is on Saturday, Nov. 12th, at St. James' (6), West Derby. Bells open 2.30. Service 5. Tea (1s. 6d.) 5.30. Names for tea must (repeat must) be sent before Wednesday, Nov. 9th. to Mr. H. C. Holmes, 7, Elmar Road, Aigburth, Liverpool, 17. Telephone Lark Lane 1200. 6041

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District and Lancaster Branches.—Combined practice meeting will be held at St Thomas' Church, Milnthorpe, on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Names for tea to A. G. Thompson, The Square, Milnthorpe, Westmorland.—N. M. Newby and J. Woods, Branch Secs. 6044

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Aldrington (6), Nov. 12th. Tea; names by Nov. 9th to H. Brown, 46, The Crescent, Southwick.—B. White, Hon. Div. Sec. 6049

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Sileby, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names by Wednesday, Nov. 9th, to Mr. F. Key, 36, Firfield Avenue, Birstall, Leicester. 6026

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Speldhurst (8), Nov. 12th. Tea, George and Dragon. Names to C. Bassett, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 6050

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thanksgiving service, Blewbury, Berks, for restoration of bells, Saturday, Nov. 12th, 3.30. Tea 4.30, followed by ringing. Names for tea not later than Nov. 8th, please, to C. Corderoy, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot. 6048

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Melbourn (6), Saturday, Nov. 12th, 3. Tea 5, The Rose. Meldreth (5) after tea.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 6042

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting Tilehurst, Nov. 12th. Bells 3-4.30, 6.30-8.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea Nov. 8th.—T. N. Lanaghan, 31, Blenheim Road, Reading. 6040

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Tadmarton (6), Saturday, Nov. 12th. Service and tea. Swalcliffe after 7.—E. Pearson, Hon. Sec. 6039

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting Saturday, Nov. 12th. Ringing St. Mary's, Battersea, 3-4.30 and 7-8.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5-6. Business 6-7. Names for tea to Mrs. Hart, 29, Edna Street, Battersea, S.W.11. Phone BAT 3946. Bus Nos. 39, 49, 19 or 34 tram to Battersea Garage.—A. F. Udall. 6034

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—St. Neots, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 6036

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Guilsborough, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Names for tea to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby, before Nov. 8th, please. 6033

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting Upper Cam (6), Nov. 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Nov. 8th Miss Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall, Glos. 6032

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting Withyham, Saturday, Nov. 12th, 3. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, Sussex. 6029

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Anston (8), Saturday, Nov. 12th. Names for tea to Mr. H. Turner, 10, High Street, South Anston, Sheffield, by Nov. 8th.—H. Denman. 6029

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Stotfold on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) 3. Tea 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 6030

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Eastham (6), Saturday, Nov. 12th. Tea provided free for those notifying me by 8th at latest.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 6051

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Meeting Cefn-Coed (Merthyr), Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Nov. 8th for certain. No name, no tea.—D. Bennett, 2, Council Houses, Bronllys, Talgarth. 6028

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Kirkby Mallory, Nov. 12th. Bells (6), 3. Make own tea arrangements at cafe in village.—F. Measures, Hon. Sec 6035

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Ticknall, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. Soar, Ticknall, near Derby, by Nov. 10th.—J. Cotton. 6052

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Thomas', Leesfield, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) 3 until 7. Meeting at 7.—Wilson Sykes, Hon. Sec. 6053

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Penistone, Nov. 12th, 2.30. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. A. Champion, 24, Church Street, Penistone, near Sheffield.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 6054

MITCHAM.—A Ringers' Service will be held at Christ Church, Mitcham, on Sunday, Nov. 13th, at 6.30. All ringers and friends invited. Ringing 5.30.—A. Miller. 5980

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—E. Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Acle, Saturday, Nov. 19th, not 12th, as first stated. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea very latest Wed., Nov. 16th, to J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 6023

SOUTH BENFLEET, ESSEX.—The Bishop of Chelmsford will dedicate the new treble bell and rededicate the restored five bells on Saturday, Nov. 19th, 3. The bells have been quarter turned, tuned and rehung with new bearings, and the old wooden frame renovated and strengthened by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Tea (2s.) at 4.30. Names to Mr. C. L. Matson, Elm Tree Cottage, St. Mary's Road, South Benfleet, by Nov. 12th. Ringing till 8. 6024

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Winthorpe (6), Nov. 19th, 2.30. 1½ miles Newark. Town bus service. Cards for tea to Harry Cloxton, Holme, Newark, by 16th.—J. Raithby, Dis. Sec. 6031

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting Harpenden (8), Saturday, Nov. 19th, 3. Tea 5.—T. J. Southam. 6037

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Hoddesdon, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Parochial Church Council kindly providing tea. Please notify W. Mumford, 7, Century Road, Hoddesdon, by Nov. 16th. All welcome. 6038

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Great Bardfield (8), Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to J. Jennings, 2, Pant Place, Great Bardfield, Braintree. 6043

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells: St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 3 to 4.30; Immanuel, Streatham, 6.30 to 7.30; St. Leonard's, Streatham, 7.30 to 8.30. Tea 4.45. at Messrs. Williamson's, 55, Balham High Road. Nominations for district officers now due.—R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 6046

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Jubilee dinner, to be held in the County Assembly Rooms, Lincoln, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at 6. Ringing: Cathedral (12), 2 to 3.45, and St. Giles' (8), 2 to 5. Tickets (10s. 6d. each) from Mr. John Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. Those interested in peal attempts, Friday evening or Saturday morning, please mention when applying for tickets.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 6027

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THE REALITY OF TRADITION

SITTING at the 312th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths last Saturday, the thought that was uppermost in one's mind was the reality of tradition. The Youths assembled had travelled far to be present. From Cornwall and from the North of England they were there to honour a great institution. But it was not a gathering of the aged; there was a substantial sprinkling of youth—men who had made their mark as ringers since the war, and some just fledglings with the wide compass of ringing ahead of them.

This year's Master, Mr. J. A. Waugh, comes from the great citadel of the Ancient Society, he being a member of St. Paul's band. In 1926, at the age of 14, he became a College Youth, having learnt to handle a bell two years before at Woodford Parish Church. His first peal was rung at St. George's-in-the-Borough, and of his hundred and more peals three have been rung at St. Paul's. Until his employment necessitated his travelling considerably during the week, much of his ringing time was spent in training young bands.

The continuity of the society is jealously guarded. A reminder of the secred trust came with presentations to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes. On December 30th, 1940, the Coffee Pot, the headquarters of the society, was destroyed by a bomb. Through the action of Mr. and Mrs. Hughes the society were able to hold their monthly meetings without a break at the Whitechapel Foundry, and it is still their headquarters. As a token of their gratitude for the hospitality extended, members presented Mrs. Hughes with a wrist watch, and Mr. Hughes with a silver tankard. The time of the presentation was happily chosen, as it followed after Mrs. Hughes had given a delightful exhibition on her handbells.

Research into past history has not stopped with the death of Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, the author of 'College Youths.' A friend of Mr. E. Alex Young, Mr. Rupert C. Jarvis, has been endeavouring to trace Fabian Stedman's position in London. It was generally held that Fabian accepted an appointment with the Customs and Excise, as an auditor or audit clerk. A search through the records of Excise of that period shows no mention of Stedman or his chief, John Cooke. What has been revealed was that John Cooke was the secretary to the Secretary of State, and it is the opinion of Mr. Rupert C. Jarvis that Stedman was in his department.

To the regret of the company Canon G. F. Coleridge was unable to make the journey to London, he having had a fall that morning. There were other old veterans who sent their apologies, among them being Mr. James George, who recalled his prowess with Bow tenor, and Mr. Bob Newton. Chapter 312 of the society, as reported by the hon. secretary, Mr. A. B. Peck, who is rapidly approaching the time he can join that select band of being 50 years a College Youth, made interesting reading. This, however, we will reserve for news columns in our next issue.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

*PAUL L. TAYLOR ...	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON ...	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE ...	2	LAURENCE GREENHOW ...	8
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ...	9
ALFRED BALLARD	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ...	10
HARRY G. WAYNE ...	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	11
SHIRLEY BURTON	6	HAROLD J. POOLE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal on 12 bells. Tenor 31 cwt.

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, *in* 4 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5103 CHANGES;
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in C sharp.

HORACE BELCHER	*Treble*	PHILIP A. F. CHALK ...	7
ROYDON DAVIES	2	RICHARD F. DEAL	8
JOHN E. CHILCOTT ...	3	HERBERT LANGDON ...	9
WILLIAM H. HEWITT ...	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ...	10
*MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT...	5	JOHN PHILLIPS	11
DAVID E. PARSONS ...	6	DANIEL D. COOPER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. DEAL. Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.
* First peal of Grandsire.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*GEOFFREY M. MAYER ...	*Treble*	*WALTER ALLMAN	7
CHARLES MCGUINESS ...	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	8
*C. KENNETH LEWIS ...	3	*JOHN WORTH	9
*ALAN A. POTTS	4	JOHN WALDEN	10
*SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ...	5	EDWARD JENKINS	11
†JOHN E. BIBBY	6	†JAMES C. E. SIMPSON...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal of Yorkshire Maximus. † 100th peal together. First peal of Yorkshire Maximus as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, SHEPPERTON,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 071 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. S. MORETON ...	*Treble*	FRANK W. PERRENS ...	6
ALAN CATTELL	2	JAMES DRAYCOTT	7
FRANK E. PERVIN ...	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON...	8
*J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	4	LEONARD E. TREVOR ...	9
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	5	JOHN E. LLOYD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* 100th peal. To mark the 71st birthday of Joseph Hy. W. White.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL ...	*Treble*	ALFRED S. BAYLEY ...	6
MAURICE G. TURNER ...	2	*THOMAS PRICE	7
JOHN N. LINDON	3	GEORGE A. PACKER ...	8
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ...	4	RICHARD D. LANGFORD	9
RICHARD C. INGRAM ...	5	JOSEPH L. STANIER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal of Stedman.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN CHILCOTT	*Treble*	NOEL J. DISERENS ...	6
JOYCE A. ENGLAND ...	2	PHILIP A. F. CHALK ...	7
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT ...	3	ANTHONY W. J. APPLETON	8
JOHN F. GOODALL	4	DAVID E. PARSONS ...	9
JOHN W. STEPHENSON ...	5	RICHARD E. PRICE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

THOMAS J. LOCK ...	*Treble*	JOHN H. CRAMPION ...	5
*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ...	2	LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	6
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ...	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.
* First peal in the method. 200th peal on these eight bells by the Association. Tenor 10 cwt.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM H. JOINER ...	*Treble*	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ...	5
SYDNEY C. DRIVER ...	2	JOHN A. DOWNING ...	6
ALBERT A. EASTON ...	3	C. ALFRED LEVETT ...	7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ...	4	WILLIAM LEVETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. ALFRED LEVETT.
The first peal in the method by all except 7 and tenor. A compliment to Mr. W. H. Joiner on the 51st anniversary of his wedding.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*HARRY J. SMERDON ...	*Treble*	†NORMAN HOBDEN	5
HERBERT LANGDON ...	2	DENIS N. LAYTON ...	6
†ALBERT J. ADAMS ...	3	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ...	7
HAROLD N. PITSTOW ...	4	FRANK E. DARBY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in method. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

OSPRINGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

THOS. COLLINGWORTH...	*Treble*	PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ...	5
*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL...	2	RALPH BIRD	6
WILFRED W. RING ...	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	7
FREDK. C. HUCKSTEPP...	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by M. S. LANCEFIELD.
* First of Surprise 'inside.' Tenor 17¼ cwt. in F.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HAROLD A. NOBES ...	*Treble*	REGINALD W. REX ...	5
E. JOAN SALMONS ...	2	FREDK. W. BURNETT ...	6
*NELIA LEAHY	3	TOM PAGE	7
*HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	4	*CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Yorkshire Major. Tenor 25½ cwt.

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LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

KENNETH W. MAYER	*Treble*	HAROLD MARCON	5
*JEAN METHAM	2	*JOHN F. HODSON ...	6
*MARGARET A. SWANN ...	3	*SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS...	7
NOEL E. CHAMBERS ...	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. A farewell to Harold Marcon, who is leaving Lincoln for Loughborough.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat,

*A. TREVOR SUTTON	*Treble*	†ERNEST T. CARVELL ...	5
JOAN M. WEBSTER ...	2	ALFRED W. CUSICK ...	6
JAMES H. COOKE	3	‡JOHN COOKE	7
CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	4	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN...	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALEX. J. MARTIN.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal in the method away from the treble. ‡ First peal in the method and 100th peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*GEORGE W. MOODY	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEIRN	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS ...	2	JOHN A. FREEMAN	6
*FRANK LORD	3	JACK BRAY	7
JOHN WALDEN	4	JOHN FREEMAN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method on the bells.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (2nd observation). Tenor 18 cwt.

*MRS. B. S. NICHOLS	*Treble*	†BERNARD S. NICHOLS ...	5
FREDERICK W. SODEN...	2	THOMAS W. TIMMS ...	6
FRANK SODEN	3	†WILLIAM J. DIXON ...	7
MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT	4	THOMAS S. STRATFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. SODEN.
* 25th peal. † 25th peal together. First peal as conductor. A wedding compliment to the ringers of 1 and 5.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.

*ALAN D. RIVERS ...	*Treble*	RICHARD E. PRICE ...	5
ALBERT FLEET	2	WILLIAM F. BUTLER ...	6
†AUDREY A. EWINS ...	3	†LEONARD D. MILLARD...	7
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM...	4	GEORGE GILBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM ROSE ...	*Treble*	HERBERT GOAKES ...	5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON...	2	*†STANLEY GILBERT ...	6
GEORGE S. BUSH	3	†FRANK WARRINGTON...	7
*CHARLES D. WOOD ...	4	WILLIAM SMITH ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † 50th peal together.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM CLOVER ...	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
RUSSELL W. CURSON ...	2	HENRY TOOKE	6
*THOMAS E. SPIGHT ...	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
GEORGE SAYER	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Cambridge Major 'inside.'

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 23, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIE AARON ...	*Treble*	JAMES L. WRIGHT	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	2	EDWARD IDDON	6
THOMAS BARKER	3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ...	7
MURIEL REAY	4	ALBERT GREENHALGH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
First peal in the method on the bells. Rung with the bells fully muffled. In memoriam Charles F. Howard, a former churchwarden.

STOKE POGES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER	*Treble*	WILLIAM HENLEY	5
ROBERT HARTLEY	2	JOHN B. FORD	6
ARTHUR D. BARKER ...	3	WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE	7
THOMAS G. HAWKINS ...	4	HERBERT C. ALBROW	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE.
First peal as conductor on more than six bells. To commemorate the golden weddings of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bateman (parents of Mrs. A. D. Barker) and Mr. and Mrs. F. Hartley (grandparents of R. Hartley and uncle of T. G. Hawkins).

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 25, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS	*Treble*	HARRY WILD	5
*ERNEST BETTS	2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY ...	6
*FRED HODGSON	3	WILLIAM AMBLER	7
MOLLY AMBLER	4	*ALFRED SMITH ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. A compliment to Mr. Joseph Broadley on attaining his 90th birthday.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	*ALBERT E. THOMPSON...	5
STANLEY R. GARDNER ...	2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ...	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON ...	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ...	7
SHIRLEY BURTON	4	ALAN JACQUES ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Stedman.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 28, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	5
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ...	2	PETER CROOK, SEN. ...	6
THOMAS BARKER ...	3	*EDWARD IDDON	7
*JAMES BLACKBURN ...	4	ALBERT GREENHALGH	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal in the method. A welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. Norman Jackson, M.A.

BUCKINGHAM.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, in 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 27 cwt.

Thomas E. Roberts	*Treble*	William Yates	5
*Frederick Vickers	2	George W. Holland	6
Herbert C. Edwards	3	Albert J. Green	7
*George F. Burton	4	Frederick C. Case	*Tenor*

Conducted by Albert J. Green.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 6.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

Ronald E. Norris	*Treble*	Cyril S. Jarrett	5
Patricta Smee	2	Victor A. Jarrett	6
Edward A. G. Allen	3	Charles E. J. Norris	7
Gladys K. Jarrett	4	William A. J. Knight	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Wm. A. J. Knight.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

John Wheadon	*Treble*	Frank I. Hairs	5
Dennis Hall	2	Herbert E. Audsley	6
Frank Walker	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
George Butcher	4	Walter Lemon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert E. Audsley.
First peal in the method as conductor.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

J. Kenneth Wagstaff	*Treble*	*Patrick Preston	5
Katharine Burchnall	2	Frederick G. Hooper	6
Grace Burchnall	3	Albert H. Ward	7
Clement Glenn	4	Walter Nichols	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Clement Glenn.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

SIX BELL PEALS

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four different extents of Plain Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

Robert B. Smith	*Treble*	George Waud	4
Horace S. Morley	2	Edward Philpot	5
Fred Terry	3	Leslie M. Woodhead	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie M. Woodhead.
A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Tune (a local ringer).

SHARNBROOK, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Frank Warrington	*Treble*	Wilfred Young	4
Eric Smith	2	Stanley Gilbert	5
*James K. Mounfield	3	William Seekings	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Warrington.
* First in seven methods. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

WOOKEY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Robert J. Webb	*Treble*	Percival H. Hull	4
*Ronald H. Gardiner	2	William J. Dunkerton	5
†Victor G. Roberts	3	*Albert E. Carver	*Tenor*

Conducted by Percival H. Hull.
* First peal. †First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5280 CHANGES;
Being 6 six-scores of April Day, 6 six-scores of Bob Doubles and 32 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 16 cwt.

George F. Bailey	*Treble*	William H. Curson	4
*Frank Sharpe	2	William F. Woodward	5
*Geoffrey W. Hair	3	William Minor	*Tenor*

Conducted by William F. Woodward.
* First peal in three methods. First in three methods as conductor.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat.. Oct. 22, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

John Charnock	*Treble*	John Jackson	4
John H. Gartside	2	James Blackburn	5
Thomas Barker	3	E. Roger Martin	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. Roger Martin.
In memoriam William Taylor, for many years chief ringer at this tower.

RUSKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Court, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, and Plain Bob.

Moses Billings	*Treble*	Louis Willders	4
*Owen E. Needham	2	Robert Parker	5
Amos Ingall	3	John E. Cook	*Tenor*

Conducted by John E. Cook.
* First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor and first peal on the bells. Tenor 12 cwt.

SHELLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of Emmanuel,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Woodbine and Kent and three extents of Oxford. Tenor 11½ cwt.

James W. Buxton	*Treble*	Roy Brogan	4
*Trevor Tarbatt (15)	2	Herman Rusby	5
Cyril Rusby	3	Noel F. Moxon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Noel F. Moxon.
* First peal.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 23, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

William S. May	*Treble*	Frank B. Lufkin	4
George W. Cecil	2	Leonard Stilwell	5
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Gerald Frost	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

PUCKINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 23) 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*Christine M. Beale	*Treble*	Jack W. Drew	4
Reginald Beale	2	Thomas J. Hill	5
†Reginald C. Beale	3	Thomas Vickery	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack W. Drew.
* First peal, aged 13. † First peal 'inside.' A 19th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Beale.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 23, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents: (1) Single Oxford and Double Oxford, (2) Plain Bob, Double Bob and St. Clement's, (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Double Court, (5) College Bob, (6) Single Court, and (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt. 104 lb. in F sharp.

Cyril Cousins	*Treble*	Nolan Golden	4
Cecil V. Ebberson	2	Claude Cousins	5
Wallace W. Cousins	3	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Nolan Golden.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jill Brittain 1, M. Layton 2, D. N. Layton 3, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 4, A. E. Cheeseman 5, N. Hobden 6, A. J. Adams 7, E. T. Woolloff 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Brian Bishop (first quarter in method) 1, I. Emery 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, P. J. Spice 4, G. F. James 5, G. Waterman 6, J. Lyddiard (cond.) 7, M. F. Oakshett 8.

BROXBOURNE, HERTS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Cornhill 1, Miss N. Radley 2, C. Gouldsmith 3, A. Langridge 4, A. Radley 5, D. Hammond 6, G. Radley (cond.) 7, J. Luxom 8. In honour of the induction of the Rev. W. Lane, previously of Tiverton, Devon.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,334 Plain Bob Major: J. Piper 1, Miss H. Gorringe 2, E. Gavan Tonkin 3, F. J. Lambert, jun., 4, L. W. Jarvis 5, P. Rollison 6, F. Dallaway 7, W. Kitchenside (cond.) 8. After the unveiling of the Burwash war memorial.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. M. Page 1, H. Belcher 2, R. Mackrill 3, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 4, T. G. Fox 5, W. J. Paice 6, C. J. Matthews 7, G. Debenham 8, J. Phillips (cond.) 9, J. H. Allsop 10.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. W. Constant 1, R. E. Constant 2, E. Beer 3, J. Burles 4, G. French 5, W. L. Rayner 6, R. A. Constant 7, Miss J. Chesson 8. First in the method by 1, 5 and 6. In memoriam Canon H. T. Southgate.

LONG SUTTON, LINCS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,342 Plain Bob Major: A. W. Townsend 1, C. T. Watts 2, H. Carbutt 3, G. R. G. Butler 4, G. Coleman 5, W. Burridge 6, H. Harrison 7, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 8. First quarter for 2, 3 and 6. A compliment to Mr. John Smith on his 81st birthday.

QUARTER PEALS

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 16th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Alan J. Smith (first quarter) 1, G. Marriner 2, A. H. Winch 3, H. V. Young 4, A. Harman 5, B. Hawkins 6, E. Coward 7, A. H. Smith (cond.) 8.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss P. M. Cotsworth (first quarter) 1, Miss P. A. Warren 2, H. A. May (cond.) 3, G. L. Grover 4, J. A. Etherington 5, A. S. F. Hickman (first quarter) 6. Farewell for R. Warren, leaving for Austria.

OLDHAM, LANCS.—On Oct. 24th, at St. Mark's, Glodwick, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Fletcher (first quarter) 1, Miss A. T. Seville 2, O. Moores 3, A. F. Taylor (cond.) 4, F. Pritchard 5, Miss M. I. Jaggar (first quarter) 6, R. Edwards 7, H. Standley 8.

OXFORD.—On Oct. 23rd, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,260 Bob Minor: M. Elizabeth Brown 1, M. Elizabeth Roe (first quarter) 2, F. Wright (cond.) 3, Catherine M. Trist 4, N. G. McCrumb 5, M. E. H. Barrow 6.

PAISLEY, SCOTLAND.—At St. James' on Oct. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. H. Hunt 1, Ian Peacock (first in method) 2, H. F. Sargent 3, Mrs. L. M. Caldwell 4, R. J. G. Thom 5, E. Boumphrey 6, N. Sharpe, sen. 7, R. W. M. Clouston (cond.) 8.

PRESTON, GLOS. — On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Stedman and Grandsire Doubles: J. Hope (cond.) 1, H. L. Cooke 2, A. Law 3, E. H. Jefferies 4, W. H. Hayward 5.

REPTON, DERBYS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Hole (first quarter) 1, W. H. Curson 2, Miss R. Hemmings 3, A. Beadsmoore 4, J. H. Brittan 5, E. W. Beadsmoore 6, S. H. Jones (cond.) 7, W. E. Minor 8. A farewell to M. Hawkesworth on embarkation leave.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At St. George-the-Martyr on Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Iris Cording (first quarter) 1, Miss Gwen Friswell 2, Miss Joyce Friswell 3, N. J. Bagworth (cond.) 4, W. D. Prockson 5, D. Neal (first in method) 6, C. W. Willmington 7, C. Neal 8. First of Triples 2 and 3.

SPRATTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Bannister 1, A. Henson 2, W. Brown (first as cond.) 3, R. Seaton 4, G. Wykes 5. First quarter 2 and 4. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Gilby 1, S. Brown 2, W. Brown (cond.) 3, A. Brown 4, G. Wykes 5. First quarter for 2 and 4.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS. — On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering: J. T. Shipley 1, N. Moxon 2, L. Rollinson 3, Mrs. N. Moxon 4, Miss G. Burchnall (cond.) 5, Miss K. Burchnall 6, R. Sleep 7, H. Midwinter 8. First quarter by tenor. Half-muffled in memoriam S. Chandler, one of the local band.

THORNABY-ON-TEES, YORKS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Addison 1, E. Sinclair 2, R. Addison 3, K. Arthur (cond.) 4, H. A. Ward 5, R. Jackson 6, P. Semmens 7, B. Watson 8.

TYRINGHAM, BUCKS. — On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Canterbury and 780 Grandsire): F. Orchard (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Sharp 2, C. Sharp (cond.) 3, V. Adams 4, A. Armstrong 5. Birthday compliment to A. Armstrong.

WALMER, KENT. — On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. H. Mantle 1, A. C. Rye 2, H. Ansell 3, H. Furminger 4, F. Hawkins 5, F. A. Rye (cond.) 6, H. E. Axon 7. For the 250th anniversary of granting Charter to Deal.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY. — On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss I. Dearling 1, J. Tomsitt 2, E. Cassell 3, R. Charge 4, R. Saunders 5, J. Chapman (cond.) 6, E. V. Blake 7, F. W. Wicks 8. A 76th birthday compliment to 3rd ringer. Also compliments to ringers of 1st and 4th.

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LATE NEWS

Bagshot (Surrey) Parish Church ringers called in recently the sanitary inspector to kill the millions of flies hibernating in the belfry. They made black clusters in the corners and hung in ropes. Steeplekeeper Hall carried several bucket loads of slaughtered flies down the long spiral staircase. Other towers are advised to make inspections.

BELFRY GOSSIP

With the peal at Meopham, Kent, on October 29th, Mr. Frank Bennett, now 81 years of age, has rung peals in all the 8, 10 and 12-bell towers in Kent. He has also completed the Sussex towers with the exception of the recently augmented tower at Burwash. Mr. Bennett was standing in a peal attempt there on November 5th.

Canon G. F. Coleridge celebrated his 92nd birthday yesterday. 'Good wishes from us all, Canon.'

The meeting of the Essex Association at Great Bardfield for November 19th has been postponed until November 26th owing to unforeseen circumstances.

Mr. J. F. Milner writes to thank all ringing friends for their kind messages of goodwill while in hospital. He is now home again, making rapid progress, and hopes to be 'under' a bell again soon.

It was much regretted that Mr. J. H. W. White (that grand old stalwart of ringing in the Coventry area) was unable to ring in his 71st birthday peal at Chilvers Coton on October 22nd, owing to the illness of his wife. Mrs. White, who with her husband was recently holidaying in Cornwall, has had to undergo an operation in hospital in Redruth. Their many friends will wish Mrs. White a complete recovery.

Congratulations to Mr. F. E. Dukes, hon. secretary of the Irish Association, on ringing his 100th peal. Mr. Dukes believes he is the first Irishman to reach the century. He has also rung more peals for the Irish Association than any other ringer, with 68 to his credit, against 65 by the late Mr. Gabriel Lindoff. Mr. Dukes expresses his thanks to those who arranged peals for him during his visits to England, whose help, advice and even 'shouting' is appreciated.

Unique in the annals of ringing was the Leicester ringers' trip to Birmingham on October 22nd, when 24 members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild set out for two peals of Surprise Maximus. The senior band rang a good peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus at the Cathedral, but the youngsters' attempt for Cambridge Maximus at Aston came to grief after two hours. The average age of the young band was round about 20 years. They hope to make another attempt before very long. No less than seventeen of the Leicester Cathedral Sunday evening service ringers were included in the two bands.

The ringer of the 4th in the peal for the University of Bristol Society at Nailsea was Ivor H. Trueman, and not as printed in our last issue.

The peal Mr. Frank Warrington called at Sharnbrook, Beds, on October 20th, was of special interest to him. It was at this church that he was confirmed while serving in H.M. Forces.

Past and present members of the Stoke Poges tower composed the band that rang in honour of two golden weddings on October 24th, at this well-known club. Those honoured were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bateman and Mr. and Mrs. F. Hartley. The peal was rung on the 218th anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Triples, rung at Norwich in 1731.

The average age of the band which rang the peal of Stedman Caters at St. Mary's, Beddington, on October 15th was 18½ years. This peal was rung on the 25th anniversary of a 5,021 Grandsire Caters, conducted by Charles H. Kippin at the same tower, when the average age of the band was just under 20. It is believed that the peal rung this year is the first ten-bell peal to be rung by such a young band.

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Leicester Diocesan Festival

A COMPANY of about 120 attended the Leicester Diocesan Festival, which this year was held at Loughborough.

Good use was made of the bells at the foundry and at the Parish Church. At the appointed time the company assembled at the Bull's Head, on the nearby Shelthorpe Estate. Here an excellent dinner was enjoyed. The speeches which followed were commendably short, as was the toast list.

Following the loyal toast, the president, Mr. Harold J. Poole, gave 'The Leicester Diocesan Guild.' He said that although some doubts were expressed at the time of the formation of the Guild and the break up of the old Midland Counties Association, there was no doubt at all now that the move had been a wise one. There was a much better covering of all districts, the district meetings were frequent and were well attended, and they were happy affairs. The affairs of the Guild continued to prosper, he recalled the success of the De Montfort dinner, and said that this year already 150 peals had been rung, as against 130 for the whole of last year.

The President commented on the fellowship in the Guild, the social gatherings and the support given both by members and by visitors. He looked forward to their continued support. Success of the Guild in the future was assured if the Guild carried on with the peal ringing and with the service ringing.

Mr. Poole mentioned visits by members to other guilds and to other parts of the country. He instanced the recent Irish tour as showing that the fellowship between ringers was even more than ever. In Ireland, although there were great differences between the North and South, both being generally of a different branch of the Church and both being different politically, all this had no effect on the fellowship of the ringers. All ringers were working together.

Mr. Colin Harrison proposed the toast to 'The Visitors.' Among the visitors were Mr. T. Mark White; Mr. W. H. Kingcott, of Wrington; Mr. Andrew C. Sinfield and party from Bedfordshire (they had that day rung a peal of Yorkshire Surprise at Claybrooke); Mr. C. E. G. Banham, of Norfolk; Miss Mary Walshaw, of Manchester; Mr. Geo. Freebrey, an old stalwart of the M.C.A.; Mr. E. H. Clark and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Thompson, of Derby; Mr. Ron Noone, of Northampton; and Mr. E. Jennings, of Braintree. Mr. Harrison recalled the great work of Mr. Freebrey in the old M.C.A. days, when, in association with Alderman Chambers, he laid the foundations of what was later to be a great help to the Leicester and other Guilds when these new Guilds started their work.

Mr. R. Noone responded on behalf of the visitors.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World,' and mentioned its service in keeping ringers in many countries in touch with one another. By reading of the exploits of other ringers, other bands were stirred to progress and to further efforts. 'The Ringing World' was their national newspaper wherein they could read true and concise reports of the doings of ringers in all parts of the world.

Mr. T. Mark White, replying, thanked Mr. Turner for his remarks, and said the Editor was unable to be present that day as he was attending another function.

Songs from Miss Jacqueline Jackson, tunes and changes on handbells, including the 'rise and fall,' occupied the time pleasantly until dancing, which continued until a late hour. Everyone had a real good time, it being commented that for general friendliness, a good programme and a delightful room, the 1949 festival was the 'best yet.'

DEDICATIONS

DUXFORD, CAMBS.

The village of Duxford, Cambs, has two churches, St. Peter's and St. John's, the latter being derelict. The six bells from St. John's have now, after being removed to Croydon for tuning, been rehung in a new steel frame, with ball bearings, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

A large congregation attended the rededication by the Archdeacon of Ely on October 28th, the service being conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. B. Joyce. Among those present was the one surviving member of the old team of ringers, W. Wisbey, aged 91.

In his address the Archdeacon, referring to those who dislike bells, asked for patience with such people, and said there were many different tastes in music; he himself, while being quite unable to appreciate jazz and the saxophone, was partial to the bagpipes.

Immediately after the rededication, the bells were rung in rounds by the newly-formed local band, who have been receiving instruction at the neighbouring village of Whittlesford.

The first touch on the bells was a 240 Bob Minor by a representative band consisting of some of the oldest members of the Ely Diocesan Association, conducted by Mr. P. Webb, of Ickleton, who has been a member over 50 years.

Ringers and friends were entertained to refreshments at the Rectory, while the bells were kept going, everyone getting a chance to try the rehung bells, and all being satisfied with another job well done.

The ringing concluded with the first 720 on the bells by E. G. Hibbens 1, J. Gibson 2, T. R. Dennis 3, Stewart Smith 4, C. W. Cook (cond.) 5, J. R. Quinney 6.

The writer has in his possession a copy of 'Campanalogia,' fifth edition, with the name of a Duxford ringer and the year 1838 on the flyleaf, which shows that at least some form of change ringing was practised on the bells in the past.—C. W. C.

CHRIST CHURCH, EALING

An interesting ceremony was enacted at Christ Church, Ealing, on October 25th, when the Rev. Arthur Bell, the new Vicar, assisted by the Rev. R. W. F. Cowdry, priest-in-charge during the interregnum, dedicated and Mrs. de Vere, wife of the late Vicar, unveiled a handsome peal board in memory of the late Vicar.

The inscription reads: 'In memoriam Allan Augustin de Vere, Vicar 1939-49. This tablet records a peal of 5,040 changes of Bob Major, rung in this tower, in 3 hours and 12 minutes, with clappers half-muffled, on Tuesday, Jan. 25th, 1949, in memory of Allan Augustin de Vere, priest, who died on Jan. 15th. Through his efforts these bells had recently been restored.' Then follows the names of the ringers, all of whom with one exception were Sunday service ringers at the church, the exception being Mr. T. J. Lock, who was asked to take part as representing the North and East District of the Middlesex Association.

Following the anointing of the board with holy water and the Act of Dedication, a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by seven of the band who rang in the peal, with the addition of Mr. A. W. Coles, who executed the work in connection with the board. After the blessing the bells were rung to Cambridge, Stedman and Grandsire.

At the close Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey thanked Father Bell and the church authorities for providing such a beautiful record and for the interest taken in the ringers.

Mr. B. A. Knights writes: The claim to first peal of Forward Major at Bolsover is not correct. I called the first on January 23rd, 1909. **See Midland Counties Report for that year.**

OTTERY ST. MARY.

On October 29th, the Bishop of Crediton dedicated the recast ring of eight, tenor 18½ cwt., at Ottery St. Mary, Devon. This ring had been silent for four years and by a coincidence the last time it was rung was on October 29th, 1945, when a muffled touch was rung in memory of the Rev. L. B. Stallard, Vicar of Ottery for 18 years. To perpetuate his memory his name has been cast on the third bell.

The blessing ceremony took place in the south transept, where Mr. A. A. Eveleigh (chairman of the Church Governors) presented the ropes to the Bishop, who blessed them and passed them back, together with his charge, to the Governors.

The bells have been recast and rehung in a steel frame with ball bearings and fittings of the latest kind by the Loughborough Foundry, and the opinion of ringers present was that Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. had done a very good job. About 80 ringers had tea in the Town Hall, the firm being represented by Mr. J. Fidler.

CASTLE EATON, WILTS.

An unusual ceremony took place at the Thames-side village of Castle Eaton, Wiltshire, on October 30th, when six new bell ropes were dedicated by the Rector (Rev. J. A. Harrison). Until recently there has not been a band of ringers here for many years, and when ringing was resumed there was constant trouble with the old ropes. As an encouragement to the new band six new ropes were purchased, and as the local ringers are not very far advanced a band was imported to ring the dedication touch.

At the commencement of evensong the Rector and choir processed to the ringing chamber, which is on the ground floor, and the dedicatory prayers were read with appropriate responses by the congregation. The ringing was performed by: W. B. Kynaston 1, H. W. Bishop 2, A. R. Peake 3, V. Griffin 4, H. E. Brown 5, E. G. Adams 6.

MAJOR HESSE COMMEMORATION WEEK-END

A few ringers and friends journeyed to Wrington on October 22nd for the annual week-end in memory of Major Hesse. Mrs. Hesse and Mr. Rodney Hesse attended and very kindly provided the tea.

Ringers attending included Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. Stafford Green, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dobbie, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, Knight, Kingcott, Beck, Neaves, Derrick, Coombs and Chivers. Mr. A. H. Pulling and Mr. E. J. Taylor were unable to come this year.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, in a few well-chosen words, thanked Mrs. Hesse and Mr. Rodney Hesse for kindly providing the tea, and said how fitting it was to meet each year in memory of one of the most kindly men he ever knew.

Two peal attempts were arranged, but unfortunately both proved unsuccessful.

H.W.K.

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES A. BUTTON.

The death on October 24th was briefly recorded in our last issue of Mr. Charles A. Button, in his 78th year. For the last three years he had been unable to ring owing to ill-health.

For over 40 years he was a member of the All Hallows' band, Tottenham. In recent years he had lived at Streatham and joined the St. Leonard's band. Mr. Button was a member of the College Youths and the Middlesex County and the Surrey Associations.

He had rung in a number of peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and had called a peal of Bob Triples.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AFFINITY OF LEAD PARTINGS

Dear Sir,—How much longer will the old fallacious arguments about method structure and method composition continue? To-day the doorway to the field of ringing 'science' (sic—i.e., factual knowledge), for all to enter, stands wide open for those who apply the processes of rational thought leading to logical analysis.

Mr. Sedgley is, of course, incorrect in saying that sixth-place bob lead-heads of a Cambridge composition are Primrose, and this may be shown without difficulty, as below. Mr. Brian Price's article in issue No. 2,003 touches this question, but leaves it unanswered as to the relation of the Bob to the Method.

The fact is that the matter was settled from almost the earliest days of change ringing; and the position was recognised by the Central Council in their 'Rules and Decisions' published nearly half a century ago. It remains one of the things that present-day review can find little to vary. There it is affirmed that a method is comprised within a 'lead,' or within a 'set' of changes in a principle (e.g., Stedman), together with the way these sets of rows are joined together to complete the Plain Course. In modern phraseology this becomes—'A method is completely defined by its Grid Pattern, plus its Plain Grid Link.' Note carefully that the Central Council's definition says nothing about Calls in defining method. How could it? These are simply devices for building up courses other than the 'plain.' In other words, Bob-Links and Single-Links are superimposed upon the method itself in variation of the method's Plain-Links, in order to effect Composition.

The two fields are thus quite distinct—on the one hand method structure limited within the plain course, and on the other hand composition, extending even to assembling together various methods, or splicing. If the bob were part of the method then we should have to define a 'splicing bob.' This, of course, borders on the ridiculous! Mr. Charles Kippin, speaking from the experienced practical standpoint, is obviously right in his contention.

Consider the example in question. The grids of Cambridge and Primrose are identical. It is only in their grid-links that they differ. In Cambridge Minor the normal bob, 4ths place from the front, happens to be made in the same position as the conventional Primrose bob, 3rds place from behind. But has anyone ever queried the ethics of this? Similarly there can be no question as to the less conventional 6ths place bob in Cambridge Major, because it happens to fall in the same position as the 3rds—from—behind Primrose Major bob. The justification of this contention lies in the fact that from Minor upwards, because of the differing pivot-place of the two methods, the bob (whether 4ths or 6ths for Cambridge) alters pairs of bells in front of the place in Cambridge and behind the place in Primrose.

So we see that the fallacious view expressed by Mr. Sedgley (and he is by no means alone in this!) arises from the superficial regard of merely the position of the pivot-place arising in the lead-head row as the result of a bob; instead of the modifying effect upon the paths of the pair or pairs of bells otherwise altered by it.—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, hon. librarian of the Central Council, we regret to state, has had to lie up for some weeks. He would appreciate if orders for publications before Christmas would be few.

PRIMROSE AND CAMBRIDGE

Dear Sir,—When Mr. Sedgley states that Cambridge has a 4ths place bob, he is making a dogmatic statement which has no foundation other than that provided by convention.

To say that 6,400 of Cambridge is spliced Primrose and Cambridge is an obvious extravagant and useless observation. The peal contains only two variations of place when the treble is leading, and to propose two more that are not there (i.e., 'Bob' leads of Cambridge and plain leads of Primrose) is contrary to the Principle of Minimum Hypothesis. It is much simpler to think of the peal as one of Cambridge.

One could make the obvious statement that a 720 of Single Court Minor is only one of Original Minor, and then overstep the mark by saying that since singles are not necessary in the Original they shouldn't be necessary in the Single Court, hence Single Court should be omitted from the Minor collection.—Yours, etc.,

BRIAN D. PRICE.

Worthing.

A REMINDER

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to read that my old friend Charles H. Kippin has developed such a bad memory. Will he turn up his peal book or 'The Ringing World,' 1928, page 707, and see that he rang the treble to a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Beddington and conducted by myself. It was the first peal in the method by all the band and first ever rung in the South of England.

As he still does not know the method, it makes one wonder how he rang in the peal at Southampton.—Yours truly,

W. H. HEWETT.

119, Coleman Road, Camberwell, S.E.5.

Note.—Does ringing the treble to a peal of Surprise constitute mastery of the method? —Editor.

LEEDS TENOR ACCIDENT

Dear Sir,—One wonders would the accident have occurred to the tenor bell at Leeds Parish Church had the nut in question been a castellated one, fitted with a split pin in accordance with modern engineering standards.

The method of preventing nuts from working loose on a ring of bells recently rehung was by sawing the free end of the bolt down the centre and bending the two halves widely apart. Has there been no progress in bellhanging?—Yours faithfully,

R. OVERY.

Haywards Heath, Sussex.

FIRST PEAL ON TEN IN IRELAND

Dear Sir,—The first peal on ten bells in Ireland was a peal of Stedman Caters, rung at Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, on May 20th, 1899, conducted by W. H. Barber. Next day a peal of Plain Bob Royal was rung at the Church of SS. Augustine and John, Dublin, conducted by William Short. I don't think this peal (Kent Treble Bob Royal), rung at St. Patrick's Cathedral on May 24th, 1901, was claimed as the first peal of Royal out of Great Britain.

In answer to Mr. Dukes' appeal for information, I only know of peals for the Irish Association in which I took part. The first was Grandsire Triples on handbells in the belfry of St. Patrick's Cathedral. This was the first peal on handbells in Ireland. Other peals included were Grandsire Triples on handbells, the first peal of Stedman Triples in Ireland rung at Bray, also one at Drogheda. Grandsire Triple at St. George's, Dublin, also one at Arklow, in which J. W. Washbrook rang 3—4.—Yours sincerely,

W. H. BARBER.

Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham.

STABILITY

Dear Sir,—Having carefully read both your articles on Devaluation and Revaluation, the thought has occurred to me that if ringing is still to be considered an 'art' then we should only allow the best to count as a peal.

A 5,000 rung with little beat or compass, or with one or more of the bells often striking a little too wide or too close, is equally as bad a performance as a well-struck one containing a very short 'sort out.'

Modern transport combined with modern education is tending to produce peal bands of a different type to the stalwarts of earlier days. Ringers can be drawn and perform over a much wider area, and in consequence more peals are rung.

Let us therefore remember that good striking and true ringing should always be the first aim of all of us, and, 'counting our blessings,' strive onward to attain that standard of perfection which is still so difficult to achieve.—Yours faithfully,

A. DISERENS.

Reading.

BULWELL RINGERS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. J. W. Raithby's letter in 'The Ringing World' of October 21st, I would point out that the peal in question was at the invitation of the Rector. This had nothing to do with our trouble. Our trouble is because Mr. Clem Glenn wrote to the Rector asking for the use of the bells for an attempted peal, for which he gave permission before consulting the ringers.

We saw the Rector and told him if the peal was attempted we should resign. The peal was attempted on August 13th, and the same came to grief. We resigned on August 14th.

What Mr. Clarke states is perfectly true. The peal was on September 17th, and therefore you will notice we resigned before this date, and it is nothing to do with this peal.

TOM JENNISON.

Bulwell.

48 years' service ringer, 43 years member of Midland Counties Association, and was made hon. member in 1946.

SPLICED OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Dear Sir,—With regard to Mr. E. C. Gobey's inquiry about peals of Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor with no bobs (seven different extents), a peal of it was rung at St. Mary's, Eastwell, Kent, by the following on November 7th, 1947: Albert J. Lancefield 1, Percy Page 2, Mark S. Lancefield 3, William A. Oldfield 4, Thomas Cullingworth 5, Frederick G. Huckstepp 6. Conducted by A. J. Lancefield, who is now in New Zealand.

I may say that we didn't get it at the first attempt. The 720's, of which Mr. Lancefield had eight, were probably those mentioned by Mr. Gobey.—Yours faithfully,

W. A. OLDFIELD.

Ashford, Kent.

ANOTHER RECORD?

Dear Sir, — Extract from the 'Daily Mirror' of September 9th, 1949:—

'When it was all over, the eight men, each clutching a copy of "The Bellringer's Diary," climbed aboard a coach for Tavistock.'

Is this the first time that a ringing publication has been mentioned in the news columns of a national daily?

'DELIGHT.'

Mr. George W. Cecil has now rung Kent from Minor to Maximus.

ELMLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 19 cwt.

*Tom Griffiths	*Treble*	Joseph D. Johnson	4
Mrs. J. Thomas	2	*Patrick Harris	5
*Robert G. Freeman	3	Edward C. Moore	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.
* First peal of Doubles. Rung as the Southern Branch quarterly peal.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Nancy Hall	*Treble*	F. Charles Goodman	4
George Sayer	2	Harry J. Hall	5
Arthur W. Dickerson	3	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, College Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

Roland T. Flint	*Treble*	Herbert T. Rooke	4
*Douglas H. Rooke	2	Arthur B. Cooper	5
*Cyril Wright	3	Frederick Flint	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.
* First peal in five methods. In honour of the golden wedding of Sir William and Lady Nora Fitzherbert, of Tissington Hall, Derbyshire, patron of the living.

HOOLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of one extent of Double Oxford and two extents each of Kent, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

Albert H. Booth	*Treble*	David Smith	4
*Brian Lewis	2	Harry Parker	5
Eric Hornby	3	Harry W. Howard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Parker.
* First peal in more than one method. A birthday compliment to the conductor and Edward V. Rodenhurst.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Wilfred L. Robinson	*Treble*	Bessie Moss	4
*Barry Cope	2	Gordon C. Briggs	5
Cyril Wright	3	Joseph Saxton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Gordon C. Briggs.
* First peal.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes.*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Alnwick, Bourne, Surfleet, Beverley, York, London and Cambridge. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Doris M. Killingley	*Treble*	Robert T. Simpson	4
Thomas Cooke	2	George F. Newton	5
Richard Busby	3	W. Norman Park	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Norman Park.
A birthday compliment to Mr. George W. Park.

HINXWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

Stanley H. Wallis	*Treble*	Alfred J. Oldfield	4
*Alan S. Smith (14)	2	†John Church	5
Owen P. Smith	3	Harold W. Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold W. Smith.
* First peal. † 60th peal. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At Newstead, Stoke Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alfred Jordan	1-2	Edgar Vallance	5-6
Alfred Ballard	3-4	Hector Knights	7-8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Alfred Ballard.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 17, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of St. Margaret's Church,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's. Tenor size 17 in A.

Alan Cattell	1-2	*Fredk. E. Wilson	5-6
Walter P. Whitehead	3-4	John Bramley	7-8

Conducted by Walter P. Whitehead.
* First peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 18, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of the Cathedral, Collegiate and Parish Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Brian G. Warwick	1-2	*Derek G. Goodman	5-6
Alfred Ballard	3-4	†Fredk. E. Wilson	7-8

Composed by George Williams (C.C.C. No. 26 reduced).
Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal of Major in the method on an 'inside' pair. † First peal of Major in the method on handbells. Tenor size 15 in C.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At Newstead, Stoke Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Edgar Vallance	1-2	*W. Arthur Riddington	5-6
Alfred Ballard	3-4	Hector Knights	7-8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Alfred Ballard.
* First peal away from tenors.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 21, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 14 in D.

William G. Young	1-2	Daniel T. Matkin	5-6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3-4	Kathleen E. Fletcher	7-8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.
Conducted by Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Wyggeston Grammar School for Boys,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 30 extents of Grandsire, ten different callings, and 12 extents of Plain Bob, four different callings. Tenor size 12 in E flat.

Gordon M. Maclure (17)	1-2	Derek G. Goodman (15)	3-4
		Terence R. Kirchin (15)	5-6

Conducted by Derek G. Goodman.
First peal in more than one method by all the band.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 22, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 45 *Minutes,*
At Holywell Stores, London Road,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 2,160 changes of Kent Treble Bob and 2,880 changes of Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

Alfred Jordan	1-2	Alfred Ballard	3-4
		Edgar Vallance	5-6

Conducted by Alfred Ballard.
A birthday compliment to Mary Jennings.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD
On Sun., Oct. 23, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At 54, Trumpington Street,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 13 in E.

C. G. Woodhead (Pem.)	1-2	B. D. Threlfall (Trin.)	5-6
G. Dodds (Emmanuel)	3-4	C. Moor (Trinity)	7-8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by B. D. Threlfall.
First peal as conductor.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

ST. MARY REDCLIFFE, BRISTOL.

Portsmouth and Southampton were the objectives of St. Mary Redcliffe for their annual outing. At Portsmouth Cathedral they were welcomed by Messrs. F. W. Burnett and F. W. Rogers, and at St. Mary's, Southampton, by Mr. John S. Faithfull. The newly-augmented ten at St. Michael's, Southampton, were also visited, and here the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead (Vicar) joined in ringing his first touch of Little Bob Royal. The grand eight at Romsey Abbey provided a fitting close to an enjoyable outing.

BRISTOL CITY BRANCH.

The locale for the second annual outing of the Bristol City branch was Gloucestershire and Herefordshire. Barnwood's melodious eight bells proved a happy choice, to be followed by the grand eight at Ross-on-Wye. Herefordshire seemed at its loveliest as the party journeyed to Colwall, one of the gems of mediæval architecture. The party was welcomed by Mr. Price and ringing included a ladies' eight.

At Tewkesbury Abbey, Stedman and Grandsire Cinques and Plain Bob and Little Bob Maximus were rung. Group Capt. T. V. Lister joined the party at tea and he was thanked for his efforts on behalf of the branch. The last tower was Berkeley, with its fine ten and a greeting from Mr. W. A. Lewis.

MALMESBURY ABBEY.

An interesting journey was planned by Malmesbury Abbey Guild of Change Ringers for their first annual outing.

Ringing took place at Warminster (where they were joined by local ringers), Rode (where the Rector explained the chief points of the church), and Chewton Mendip (the first experience for some of this beautiful ring of eight, one of the finest in the West Country). Tea was enjoyed at Frome. Handbell ringing enlivened the journey.

The Malmesbury Guild are indebted to the Warminster ringers for their willing co-operation and also to Mr. Norton for the comfort that was provided for the journey.

MARLBOROUGH BRANCH.

On September 24th, a party of 32 ringers and friends set out by coach on the second annual outing of the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Heading north into Gloucestershire, the first call was made at Chalford, where the light six steel bells were an attraction. Through picturesque Cotswold country the route led to Bisley, where ringing on the fine octave is marred by inability to hear 1-2 inside the tower.

After lunch at Stroud, calls were made at Woodchester (6) and Minchinhampton (6), the latter bells being much enjoyed. The party adjourned to tea in Cirencester prior to ringing on the excellent octave at Watermoor.

Further calls were made at Siddington (6), South Cerney (6) and Ashton Keynes (5) on the homeward route.

The day ended with courses of Grandsire Triples rung 'in hand' at a local tavern. Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, St. Simon's and Plain Bob Doubles. Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples. Thanks were expressed to Mr. T. A. Palmer (secretary) and Mr. Bob Court, who made the necessary arrangements.

Mr. J. Skeats, now of Salesbury, near Blackburn, writes expressing his thanks to the ringers of Morecambe Parish Church and St. Peter's (R.C.) Cathedral, Lancaster, for their generous gifts and kind wishes to him on the occasion of his leaving the district. He will particularly miss the Thursday and Saturday practice night ringing and the Sunday service touches, and hopes to renew friendship as opportunities arise.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.

Reinforced by a few ringing friends, the Holloway band had an enjoyable outing in the Aldershot and Farnham district. Ringing took place at St. Peter's, Ash, St. Michael's, Aldershot, and St. Andrew's, Farnham. The thanks of the party are expressed to Mr. G. S. Joyce (Farnborough), Mr. W. H. Viggers (Aldershot) and Mr. C. W. Denyer (Farnham) for having everything ready for the party's comfort and the warm welcome they received.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

OCTOBER MEETING AT BURLEY.

The Society held another successful meeting at Burley, Leeds, where owing to the church being surrounded by houses, special silencers have been made by the local company. The members turned up in force and the bells were soon raised and the following methods rung: Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Little Bob Major, Superlative Major and London Surprise Major.

Thirty-four members adjourned to the Church Institute, where cups of tea were provided by the local company. The business meeting was held in the same room. The senior vice-president, Mr. F. Hutchinson, presided.

The following new members were duly elected: Mr. F. Jackson (Bawtry), the Misses E. Marsh and M. Smith (Woodlesford), and Mr. M. Johnston (St. Chad's, Headingley).

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, local company and ladies was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse and seconded by Mr. J. Gibson. In his reply, Mr. G. W. Slack appealed to all ringers to give his learners at Burley a helping hand with their practice on Monday nights.

Members were asked to watch the notice columns in 'The Ringing World' regarding the venue of the next meeting, which it is hoped will be held at Ossett on Nov. 26th.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

Monks Kirby, near Rugby, was the venue of 30 members of the Guild on October 15th to ring on the fine octave (tenor 244 cwt.) housed in the massive tower of St. Editha's Church, a building far too large for the village which it dominates. Tea was partaken of at the Denbigh Arms, followed by the business meeting.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for Chilvers Coton (January 14th), with a social to follow, and the annual meeting in April at Allesley, Coventry.

Ratification of elections prior to peals was made, the following being formally admitted into the Guild: Mrs. Marshallsay, Bournemouth; Messrs. F. W. Grocott, F. E. Wilshaw, Stoke; H. G. Wayne, Leicester; and G. Garner, Barwell.

A proposal that the Guild should have a badge designed and also the Guild certificates re-designed brought forth a number of speakers in agreement, and the hon. secretary was instructed to proceed with enquiries regarding both and report at the next meeting.

WAREHAM TENOR

Dear Sir,—Report of a peal rung at Wareham on October 15th gives weight of tenor as 20 cwt. If my information is correct this bell was cast by Warners about 40 years ago, and the weight is 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

Has the bell been recast or is this another case of inflation?—Yours truly,

SLIDE-BAR.

WINSTER, DERBYS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,800 Grandsire Doubles: H. Huntingdon 1, G. H. Paulson (cond.) 2, D. Scott 3, Miss J. Dunn 4, H. E. Taylor 5. Believed to be the first change ringing done on the bells.

WORDSWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR

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MEETINGS

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting Northwold, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5; own food.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6022

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Aldrington (6), Nov. 12th.—B. White, Hon. Div. Sec. 6049

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Speldhurst (8), Nov. 12th. Tea, George and Dragon. Names to C. Bassett, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 6050

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting Withyham, Saturday, Nov. 12th, 3. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, Sussex. 6029

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Ticknall, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30.—J. Cotton. 6052

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Melbourn (6), Saturday, Nov. 12th, 3. Tea 5, The Rose. Meldreth (5) after tea.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 6042

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting Saturday, Nov. 12th. Ringing St. Mary's, Battersea, 3-4.30 and 7-8.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5-6. Business 6-7. Names for tea to Mrs. Hart, 29, Edna Street, Battersea, S.W.11. Phone BAT 3946. Bus Nos. 39, 49, 19 or 34 tram to Battersea Garage.—A. F. Udall. 6034

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—St. Neots, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 6036

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting Burstwick, Nov. 12th. Bells (6), 12 cwt., from 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5, for all who notify Mr. D. Fewster, Glenross, North Side, Patrington. 6068

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Monthly meeting, Great Longstone (6), Nov. 12th, 3. Bring own food; cups of tea obtainable.—Miss D. J. Dunn, Darley Dale. 6077

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—E. Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Acle, Saturday, Nov. 19th, not 12th, as first stated. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea very latest Wed., Nov. 16th, to J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 6023

SOUTH BENFLEET, ESSEX.—The Bishop of Chelmsford will dedicate the new treble bell and rededicate the restored five bells on Saturday, Nov. 19th, 3. The bells have been quarter turned, tuned and rehung with new bearings, and the old wooden frame renovated and strengthened by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Tea (2s.) at 4.30. Names to Mr. C. L. Matson, Elm Tree Cottage, St. Mary's Road, South Benfleet, by Nov. 12th. Ringing till 8. 6024

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Winthorpe (6), Nov. 19th, 2.30. 1½ miles Newark. Town bus service. Cards for tea to Harry Cloxton, Holme, Newark, by 16th.—J. Raithby, Dis. Sec. 6031

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting Harpenden (8), Saturday, Nov. 19th, 3. Tea 5.—T. J. Southam. 6037

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Hoddesdon, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Parochial Church Council kindly providing tea. Please notify W. Mumford, 7, Century Road, Hoddesdon, by Nov. 16th. All welcome. 6038

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells: St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 3 to 4.30; Immanuel, Streatham, 6.30 to 7.30; St. Leonard's, Streatham, 7.30 to 8.30. Tea 4.45, at Messrs. Williamson's, 55, Balham High Road. Nominations for district officers now due.—R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 6046

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Gainsborough District).—A meeting will be held at Messingham (6) on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 1.45. Service 3.45. Tea 4.45, for those who send their names to Miss Blackbourn, Scotter Road, Messingham, Scunthorpe, by Tuesday, Nov. 15th. Seven new handbells will be dedicated at the service.—George E. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 6057

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Shaw (6), Nov. 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. W. E. Robinson, Viewways, Clay Hill, Shaw, Newbury, by Nov. 16th. 6064

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Meeting at Sacred Trinity, Salford, 3, Nov. 19th. Buffet tea provided, 9d. All ringers welcome.—R. Benson, Branch Sec. 6060

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting All Saints', Hastings, Nov. 19th. Bells (8) 3.—H. Gorringe, Hon. Sec. 6062

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Gateshead, Saturday, Nov. 19th, 3. Tea for all who notify Mr. P. E. Johnson, 45, Watt Street, Bensham, Gateshead, by Nov. 16th.—W. F. Sheraton. 6059

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.— Annual meeting Fakenham, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Service 4.30. Business to follow. Tea shops in town.—W. J. Eldred. 6065

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting Walberton (6), Nov. 19th, 3. Names for tea by Nov. 16th to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 6063

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Kingsthorpe (6), Nov. 19th. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. S. Earl, 42, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton, by Wednesday, Nov. 14th.—Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec. 6066

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Belgrave (8), Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 in Adult School, Bath Street. Names by Tuesday, Nov. 15th, to W. Root, 70, New Parks Boulevard, Leicester. 6067

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Nantwich (8), Nov. 19th. Tea for those who send word by 15th.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 6081

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at The Saviour's, Bolton, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 6083

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity, Blackpool, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (6) 3. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 6082

COVENTRY GUILD.—Coventry and Nuneaton Districts.—Meeting at Shilton, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Notify for tea by Nov. 16th to A. J. Hinde, 17, Church Street, Bulkington, Nuneaton. 6069

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Harlington, Saturday, Nov. 19th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 16th, to J. Nelhan's, School House, High Street, Harlington.—F. Finch. 6071

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Wood Green, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 3 and after 6 p.m. evensong. Church one minute from Wood Green Underground station.—T. J. Lock. 6072

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Annual meeting Nov. 19th, at Marlborough. Both towers open. Usual arrangements.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 6074

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting Clevedon, Nov. 19th. Bells: St. John's, 4-6; St. Andrew's, 6 onwards.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 6075

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Wigtoft, ringing on the newly-augmented six, Saturday, Nov. 19th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea Monday previous to Rev. A. A. Muxlow, Wigtoft, Boston. 6076

SUFFOLK GUILD.—District meeting Woodbridge (8) (25 cwt.), Nov. 19th. Bells 2.30. Cups of tea in Church Room, 5; bring food.—C. W. Pipe. 6078

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale and Blackburn Branches.—Next meeting at Haslingden on Saturday, November 19th. Bells from 3. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter. 6087

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting Buriton, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 in Five Bells. Notify for tea by Nov. 16th.—Charles E. Bassett, Sunny Brook, Warsash. 6086

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting Brandon, Nov. 26th, 3. Names for tea to Miss Reeve, Hockwold. 6080

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Bunwell, Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in School, for those who notify Frank Phillippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich, by Nov. 22nd.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 6079

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Great Bardfield (8), Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to J. Jennings, 2, Pant Place, Great Bardfield, Braintree. 6043

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, Nov. 26th, 2.30. Service at 4. Tea 4.30. Note altered service and tea times. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, please. Nomination of officers. District tower captains' meeting will follow district meeting. —G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 6061

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Leeds (10), Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone, Kent. 6070

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Jubilee dinner, to be held in the County Assembly Rooms, Lincoln, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at 6. Ringing: Cathedral (12), 2 to 3.45, and St. Giles' (8), 2 to 5. Tickets (10s. 6d. each) from Mr. John Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. Those interested in peal attempts, Friday evening or Saturday morning, please mention when applying for tickets.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 6027

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Preliminary Notice.—Second annual dinner will be held in Bristol on January 21st. Further details and tickets from Mary Bliss, Victoria Rooms, Bristol, 8. 6084

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ONE of the gratifying features about our readers is that their critical faculties are in no sense impaired by their enthusiasm for ringing. Healthy criticism is the life-blood of a journal, and a wise editor lends a sensitive ear to such observations.

Mr. Frank E. Haynes, at the annual dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths, made three interesting points in his criticism of this journal, and it should be clearly understood that 'The Ringing World' is the collective property of every member of an affiliated Guild or Association of the Central Council. Mr. Haynes, however, like every other reader, has to share his proprietorial rights. The balance is held by the Editor, who is subject to the guidance of the Editorial Committee, elected by the Central Council and responsible to them.

The first point was that all Editorials should be written by the Editor. In the past the Editors of 'The Ringing World' have regarded this duty as their exclusive right, and with their wide knowledge of the subject have been in a position to give a lead to the Exercise. While on general grounds the present Editor does not doubt his competence, upon technical matters he recognises that he has many peers in ringing. This was made clear to the Editorial Committee on his appointment, and it was understood that this help would be forthcoming. Advantage has been taken from time to time of appropriate contributions. Another factor has been the pressure on space; this will from next year be remedied with a 'Ringing World' of 16 pages each week. So acute has been pressure in the past that news articles and comments have had to be disguised as editorials, a deception which we know has not escaped readers.

Mr. Haynes' second point was that there should be no anonymous contributors or letter writers. Anonymity has always been a features of the British Press. It does not disturb the Editor, for example, because he does not happen to know who is 'Spectator' of 'The Sunday Times' and scores of other well-known writers. Why should ringers be disturbed over the identity of Corn. R. Stone, or some of our other contributors whose names are well known to the Exercise at large? On the subject of letters to the Editor, we naturally prefer that the writer should sign his own name, and we trust that identities will generally be disclosed. The page of 'Letters to the Editor' invariably ranks high in general interest, and we trust that our correspondents will take a pride in its maintenance, but at the same time avoid the seeds of acrimony. We cannot promise to publish every letter submitted or the whole of its contents.

Lastly, Mr. Haynes was rather unhappy about the tendency 'to pander to youth.' We feel that it is the duty of 'The Ringing World' to give full encouragement to youth. While a true balance in all things has to be maintained, and older generations at times feel that youth's enthusiasm is apt to run to seed, we are conscious that each succeeding generation has a contribution to make. Youth must always remember that prodigies were not confined to one generation. Some of our elder statesmen did great things in their youth and met with the approbation of the Ringing Press of their day. Despite our faults we are pleased to state that 'The Ringing World' is progressing steadily in the matter of circulation and is now more than 50 per cent. ahead of the figure at the time the present Editor was appointed.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

JOHN B. BENNETT	...*Treble*	ERNEST RAWSON ...	7
*BRIAN G. WARWICK ...	2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ...	8
ELIZABETH FAULKNALL...	3	†MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	9
DOROTHY UDALE ...	4	JOHN R. SMITH	10
JILL POOLE	5	*ALAN JACQUES	11
KATHLEEN TILLEY ...	6	PETER J. STANIFORTH...	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. † First peal on 12 bells. First peal of Maximus as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th. Tenor 25 cwt.

TEN BELL PEALS

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

F. BERNARD DITCHER...	*Treble*	†ALAN ROGERS	6
*MILTON C. FOWLER ...	2	HARRY MORGAN	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER ...	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ...	8
ARTHUR FIRTH	4	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ...	9
ERNEST A. THORPE ...	5	JOHN E. TURLEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal. † First peal of Surprise Royal away from the treble. A birthday compliment to J. E. Turley and to commemorate the ordination of the Rev. C. A. Gierce.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 30½ cwt.

JOHN H. GRUNDY	...*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD	6
SHIRLEY BURTON	2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	7
*FRED E. DUKES	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ...	8
LESLIE W. STEVENS ...	4	COLIN HARRISON ...	9
HARRY G. WAYNE ...	5	HAROLD J. POOLE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Royal. A 21st birthday compliment to Jill Poole.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

*REGINALD HOLMES	...*Treble*	CUTHBERT G. WHITE ...	6
EDWIN DREWITT	2	FRANCIS A. WHITE ...	7
FRANK WHITE	3	FREDERICK C. WHITE ...	8
RICHARD WHITE	4	GEORGE HOLIFIELD ...	9
FREDERICK MESSENGER...	5	FRED WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by FREDERICK C. WHITE.
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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
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DAVID E. PARSONS	...*Treble*	†FREDK. A. MUNDAY ...	6
FRANK E. HAYNES ...	2	THOMAS G. MYERS ...	7
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*CHARLES W. MUNDAY ...	5	GEORGE H. HUMPHRIES	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by F. E. COLLINS.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GLODWICK, OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

OGDEN MOORES ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT BARLOW	5
JOHN T. WALMSLEY ...	2	IVAN KAY	6
STEPHEN LL. PARRY ...	3	VERNON SYKES	7
ARTHUR F. TAYLOR ...	4	S.S.M. P. H. TOCOCK ...	*Tenor*

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DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. Parker's Six-part (No. 13). Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY HUNTINGDON	...*Treble*	GEORGE H. PAULSON ...	5
JEAN D. DUNN ...	2	EDWIN HOPKINSON ...	6
HERBERT TAYLOR	3	DENNIS SCOTT	7
*VERNON BOTTOMLEY ...	4	ERNEST PAULSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE H. PAULSON.
* First part in the method. A birthday compliment to ringers of 4 and 5.

MEOPHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN	*Treble*	PETER C. WRIGHT	5
EDNA M. SILLS	2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ...	6
FRANK BENNETT	3	REGINALD L. SILLS ...	7
*JOHN L. MORRIS (13)...	4	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since augmentation from 6 to 8. Tenor 12½ cwt.

PRESTBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR MADDOCK ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM ROBINSON ...	5
THOMAS ROBINSON ...	2	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ...	6
JOHN ROBINSON	3	THOMAS W. HESKETH ...	7
GEORGE H. HESKETH ...	4	JOHN STEVENSON	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by P. W. CAVE.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON	...*Treble*	GEORGE W. PIPE	5
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ...	2	CHARLES E. FISHER ...	6
GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	3	FRANK L. FISHER	7
*FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD...	4	RONALD W. STEWARD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK L. FISHER.
* First peal in the method. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Ovenall, of Coddenham, on the occasion of their golden wedding.

WESTBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 35 cwt. in C sharp.

*PETER BAKER	...*Treble*	JOSEPH T. DYKE	5
BETTY SPICE	2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS ...	6
ALFRED E. REEVES ...	3	RONALD G. BECK	7
*HARRY J. SANGER ...	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

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SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Sixty-one courses, 206 singles. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*G. A. SUTHERLAND	*Treble*	§RICHARD S. PAYNE	5
†WALTER KERRISON	2	†JACK E. J. THURLOW	6
‡JOHN W. C. BLYTHE	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal. † First peal of Major ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Major 'inside.' § First peal of Plain Bob Major. The first all-single composition to be rung in the method in the minimum number of changes. It contains all the 6-4's and the 5th and 6th the extent of 6ths. A silver wedding compliment to the parents of the ringer of the third.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
H. Dains' Four-part. Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb.

RUTH M. K. HOW	*Treble*	*NORMAN G. MCCRUM	5
*RODNEY B. MEADOWS	2	†FRANK P. WRIGHT	6
*M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY	3	*DAVID GALLOP	7
*CATHARINE M. TRIST	4	*MICHAEL E. H. BARROW	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. H. BARROW.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' To commemorate the wedding of Marianne M. Wood and R. Andrew Routh.

NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EGWIN,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

E. TREVOR NEWBURY	*Treble*	SIDNEY T. HOLT	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	*REGINALD WOODYATT	6
GEORGE E. LARGE	3	*†CYRIL TANSELL	7
MRS. J. THOMAS	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal in the method. † 150th peal. First peal of Major on the bells.

OLNEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

*FREDK. W. MYNARD	*Treble*	MAURICE T. COOK	5
FREDK. J. MYNARD	2	VICTOR S. ADAMS	6
FRANCIS J. DANIELL	3	FRANK BOSWELL	7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	4	ARTHUR A. FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. J. ROBINSON.
* First peal of Major. To commemorate the 45th anniversary of the first peal of Major by the North Bucks Branch which was rung in this tower. The ringers of the 2nd, 4th and 7th took part in the original peal.

POOLSTOCK, WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

JAMES W. GROUNDS	*Treble*	*FRANK BROWN	5
*JAMES BURNS	2	*SYDNEY CLOUGH	6
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE	3	WILLIAM FARRIMOND	7
*PETER COXALL	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. William Farrimond.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
E. Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	*Treble*	ENID LLOYD-ROBERTS	5
CHARLES J. GARDINER	2	MARGARET E. RICHARDS	6
*FRANCIS G. WILTON	3	WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL	7
*ANTHONY TICKNER	4	JOSEPH DURHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARGARET E. RICHARDS.
* First peal of Triples. First peal in the method as conductor.

WITHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR H. EDWARDS	*Treble*	FRANK MAY	5
HORACE J. MANSFIELD	2	SIDNEY C. EASTER	6
STANLEY BONES	3	PERCY GREEN	7
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN	4	GERALD FROST	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR H. EDWARDS.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ERNEST C. S. TURNER	*Treble*	FREDK. A. FINCH	5
WALTER SPARROW	2	†FRANK C. PRICE	6
G. WILLIAM MORRIS	3	RICHARD E. PRICE	7
WILLIAM WELLING	4	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.
* First peal in method. † First peal of Surprise. Tenor 14½ cwt

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON	*Treble*	FRANK I. HAIRS	5
FRANK WALKER	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	6
ROBERT RAYFIELD	3	FREDERICK CULLUM	7
ALFRED G. HILL	4	WALTER LEMON	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.
Rung on the 200th anniversary of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung in this tower, believed to be the first on the bells, and also the third peal ever rung.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF TAVISTOCK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

JAMES THORLEY	*Treble*	ARTHUR FIRTH	5
F. BERNARD DITCHER	2	ERNEST A. THORPE	6
MILTON C. FOWLER	3	J. EDWARD CAWSER	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	*JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* 150th peal. The first peal rung in this method.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

WILLIAM RIMMER	*Treble*	PETER COXALL	5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	2	*ERIC COOK	6
RAYMOND LEACH	3	RONALD KENRICK	7
THOMAS MARSHALL	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal. Rung half-muffled in memoriam to Mr. J. H. Green, the donor of the tenor bell. Tenor 11 cwt.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	*Treble*	SELWYN H. DEARDEN	5
MARY ELKINGTON	2	ARTHUR HIBBERT	6
HAROLD WALKER	3	ALAN J. BROWN	7
MARY WALSHAW	4	JACK CLEGG	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JACK CLEGG.
First peal of Surprise as conductor. A compliment to Joseph Hall, who has completed 50 years as a ringer at the above church.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FRED LACEY	*Treble*	*REV. A. A. MUXLOW	5
FRANK LORD	2	JACK BRAY	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	GEORGE DOBBS	7
G. LESLIE LUNN	4	GEORGE W. MOODY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Hattersley's. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

JOHN W. TAYLOR	*Treble*	HUBERT G. SUMMERS	5
*JOHN E. S. MORETON	2	JAMES DRAYCOTT	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	7
*JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	4	W. FRANK TROTMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. FRANK TROTMAN.
* First peal of Superlative. Rung for the wedding of Patricia Potts and Antony Metcalf.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in E.

STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Treble*	DONOVAN R. WHITE	5
JOHN WALDEN	2	RAYMOND F. SMITH	6
CHARLES MCGUINESS	3	JOHN A. FREEMAN	7
CHARLES E. BROWN	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by J. A. FREEMAN.
Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first peal for the Guild, which was rung at this church on November 2nd, 1899.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

CHARLES W. BEECROFT	*Treble*	FRANK L. FISHER	5
*RUSSEL PARKER	2	ALBERT E. WHITING	6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	3	WALTER W. MILLER	7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First Surprise peal. A compliment to George Wightman on attaining his 84th birthday.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN R. SMITH	*Treble*	ALAN JACQUES	5
SHIRLEY BURTON	2	HAROLD J. POOLE	6
ELIZABETH FAULKNALL	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	4	ALFRED BALLARD	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to J. Frederick Milner.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 4, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Treble*	CYRIL WANDER	5
*DAVID R. WHITTON	2	C. HAROLD WHITTON	6
†G. DULCIE ROBINSON	3	JOHN G. AMES	7
‡AUBREY A. PEPPER	4	W. ALAN RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal on eight bells. A birthday compliment to Miss G. D. Robinson and to the ringer of the tenor.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 4, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 lb.

PAUL L. TAYLOR	*Treble*	BRIAN AUSTIN	5
*MRS. G. E. WATSON	2	*GEORGE CARE	6
SHIRLEY BURTON	3	*RONALD C. NOON	7
*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells and for the Guild. Rung on the eve of the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. C. G. Spencer Leeson, M.A., as Bishop of Peterborough.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 4, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*PAUL BIRKETT	*Treble*	HARRY WILD	5
EDWARD JENKINS	2	*SIDNEY BRIGGS	6
FRED HODGSON	3	WILLIAM AMBLER	7
VERNON BOTTOMLEY	4	SAM LONGBOTTOM	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER
* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Paul Birkett.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

FREDK. W. ROGERS	*Treble*	*PATRICK PAGE	5
MRS. E. F. SALMONS	2	HAROLD A. NOBES	6
ERNEST A. JURD	3	FREDK. W. BURNETT	7
JOHN H. HUNT	4	*ERNEST BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.
* First peal of Stedman. To commemorate 50 years' service at this church by the organist, Mr. E. Douglass, F.R.C.O.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	WILFRID W. RING	5
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	6
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	7
PERCY PAGE	4	HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by F. G. HUCKSTEPP.
First peal in method by all the band. Tenor 23 cwt.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*OWEN SMITH	*Treble*	JOHN CHURCH	5
†CYRIL J. SMITH	2	C. HENRY HARDING	6
†STANLEY S. WALLIS	3	BRIAN F. SIMS	7
†HAROLD W. SMITH	4	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Double Norwich.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWARD B. WEBSTER	*Treble*	THOMAS BRATBY	5
WILLIE AARON	2	PETER CROOK, SEN.	6
JOHN F. WOOD	3	EDWARD IDDON	7
*EVEREST FORD	4	HAROLD GORTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
* 50th peal. To celebrate the silver wedding of the tenor ringer and Mrs Gorton.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF DEVA SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JUNE HENSHAW	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
JAMES A. MILNER	2	JOHN WORTH	6
WILFRED STEVENSON	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
ALAN A. POTTS	4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
The first peal in the method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5
*NANCY P. BIRKS	2	*FREDK. H. BIRKS	6
*HENRY O. BAKER	3	*BRIAN HARRIS	7
JOHN W. BEST	4	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G sharp.

Henry Stalham ...	...*Treble*	Reginald E. Lambert ...	5
Fredk. J. Lambert, jun.	2	Maurice Thomas	6
Albert W. Bond	3	Frank Hicks	7
Frank Bennett	4	Robert T. Lambert ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Frank Bennett.
First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*R. George Morris ...	*Treble*	*Charles J. Clarke ...	5
*Claudia A. Harding ...	2	*Albert E. Humphreys...	6
George E. Large ...	3	Denis R. Morris ...	7
Allen Morgan	4	Reginald Woodyatt ...	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by George E. Large.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. A 15th birthday compliment to Margaret Elizabeth, daughter of the conductor. Tenor 11 cwt.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 15 cwt.

*Alfred J. Hill ...	...*Treble*	James Bennett	5
Herbert E. Audsley ...	2	Maurice Hodgson ...	6
Philip A. Corby	3	Fredk. J. Cullum ...	7
Alfred G. Hill	4	Walter J. Lemon ...	*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*Gordon Walford	*Treble*	Ronald J. C. Hagley ...	5
John A. Etherington	2	George E. Clode	6
William J. Robinson ...	3	T. Mark White	7
Clarence H. Dobbie ...	4	Roger O. Fry	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Roger O. Fry.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Harry C. Jones ...	...*Treble*	*John Kape	5
F. Donald Boreham ...	2	A. Reginald Blaby ...	6
Walter Lee	3	*Walter Avery	7
Doreen Coker	4	Roland Biggs	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Roland Biggs.
* First peal of Cambridge 'inside.' First peal of Cambridge Major as conductor; also his 250th peal. Tenor 12½ cwt.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*Dorothy J. Clarke ...	*Treble*	†John E. S. Moreton ...	5
Leonard Trevor	2	Hubert Ashley	6
James Draycott	3	John A. L. Thompson	7
†Arthur H. Beamish ...	4	Walter Brebe	*Tenor*

Conducter by Leonard Trevor.
* First peal. †50th peal together. First peal in the method as conductor.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

*William F. Ward ...	*Treble*	Thomas E. Loxton ...	5
*Donald Coombes ...	2	Gerald Frost	6
*Mrs. C. G. Woodgate	3	Frank B. Lufkin	7
Frank C. May	4	William S. May	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Triples. A wedding compliment to Laurence T. Loxton and Peggy Downing, married October 8th, 1949.

THORVERTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas-of-Canterbury,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part Tenor 14¾ cwt.

Mont. T. Butt	...*Treble*	Henry J. Corry	5
John Salway	2	John L. S. Glanvill ...	6
Horace W. J. Butt ...	3	Frederick Wreford ...	7
George E. Retter ...	4	William H. Baker ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick Wreford.
A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Butt, of Thorverton, Devon.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Comprising 1,440 Rutland, 1,440 London, 768 Bristol, 480 Yorkshire 480 Superlative and 480 Cambridge with 113 changes of method.
Tenor 10 cwt.

*Mrs. C. J. Mathews...	*Treble*	*William T. Beeston ...	5
*Thomas H. Francis ...	2	*Harold A. May	6
Alick Cutler	3	Alfred J. House ...	7
Mrs. Thos. J. Lock ...	4	Jack L. Millhouse ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Edwin A. Barnett. Conducted by J. L. Millhouse.
* First peal in six Spliced Surprise methods. Also as conductor and by the Society.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 11, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Plain Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*Albert Crawley ...	...*Treble*	Harry Parker	4
†Bernard J. Ongley ...	2	Victor A. Jarrett ...	5
Eric Hornby	3	A. Gordon Lawrence ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Parker.
* 200th peal for the Guild. † First peal 'inside.'

PIDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 27, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

Philip Jones	...*Treble*	Ronald C. Noon	4
Brian S. Cope	2	Patrick I. Chapman ...	5
George Care	3	Geoffrey E. Watson ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey E. Watson.
A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jill Poole.

MARBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 120's, ten callings. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

Fredk. W. Chapman ...	*Treble*	Fredk. S. Sutton ...	4
John E. Brough	2	Thomas P. Barlow ...	5
*Brian Schofield ...	3	*John Barlow	*Tenor*

Conducted by John E. Brough.
* First peal.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being extents of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Jack Pilgrim	...*Treble*	Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow	4
*John W. C. Blythe ...	2	Norman R. Bailey ...	5
Nolan Golden	3	George Sayer	*Tenor*

Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 30, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

LEWIS J. LAST ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE W. PIPE	4
GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	2	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ...	5
RONALD W. STEWARD ...	3	CECIL W. PIPE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.
For the 86th birthday of the Rev. George Shallard, former Rector of Burgh.

FOXLEY, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 30, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-APOSTLE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. approx.

ALBERT W. BARBER	...*Treble*	ERIC DURRANT	4
SIDNEY MARSHALL ...	2	GEORGE P. ADAMS ...	5
WALTER J. FORD	3	BERT GOGLE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE P. ADAMS.
First peal on the bells since 1921.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 31, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of London, Beverley, York, Bourne, Nethersealc, Cambridge and Norwich. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

WILLIAM C. HUGHES	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	4
*EDWIN J. UPTON	2	†WALTER AYRE	5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ...	3	WALTER LEE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal in seven Surprise methods 'inside.' † 400th tower-bell peal. A compliment to A. V. Good on having completed 25 years' service in Apsley tower.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 1, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of a 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob—all differently called. Tenor 10¾ cwt. in G.

E. GAVAN D. TONKIN	...*Treble*	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	4
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	2	CHARLES A. BASSETT ...	5
*ARCHIBALD G. GRIMWOOD	3	FRANK H. HICKS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal in five methods. First peal in five methods on the bells. To celebrate the silver jubilee of the induction of the Rector (Rev. H. F. Severn). Also a birthday compliment to W. A. Kitchenside and L. W. Jarvis (Hawkhurst).

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 3, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*MRS. N. CHADDOCK	...*Treble*	†GORDON C. BRIGGS ...	4
†HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	2	*GEORGE S. LEE	5
JOHN E. TURLEY	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise Minor. First peal of Surprise Minor as conductor.

BUCKLAND ST. MARY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 4 six-scores each of Stedman, St. Simon, Union, Reverse Canterbury. Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Old Doubles, and 240 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

*F. CECIL MOGFORD	...*Treble*	*LEONARD DERRICK ...	4
*WILLIAM HART	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT ...	5
*ERNEST SHEARN	3	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
* First in 11 methods. First peal on the bells. A farewell to the Rector (Rev. J. H. H. Doorbar) on his retirement.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 3, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	...*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	4
*CLIFFORD W. IZZARD ...	2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ...	5
C. HENRY HARDING ...	3	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.
* First peal of Surprise.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 3, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being twenty-one 240's, 8 by Morris, 7 by Price and 6 by A. J. Pitman. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

IRENE MARROWS	...*Treble*	JOAN WRIGHT	4
MARY SMITH	2	JAMES H. MUSSON ...	5
HENRY P. COLLINS ...	3	FRANK R. MITCHELL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
A birthday compliment to ringers 1, 2, 3 and 4.

BARMING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents (C.C.C. 28, 34, 40, 48, 49, 50, 52).

FREDK. E. MANSER	...*Treble*	WILLIAM R. MANSER ...	4
*MARGARET H. BAKER ...	2	LUTHER J. HONESS ...	5
TOM SAUNDERS	3	PETER C. WRIGHT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.
* First peal 'inside.' A birthday compliment to William R. Manser. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

BODICOTE, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 3 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 11¼ cwt.

*GEORGE F. BURTON	...*Treble*	*HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	3
HARRY P. FLOYD	2	*EDMUND E. PEARSON ...	4
ALAN R. PINK	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in 14 methods. The first peal on the bells.

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

EDWARD PHILLIPS ...	...*Treble*	HARRY BOYCE	4
DAVID J. LEWIS	2	GWYN I. LEWIS	5
EDMUND MORRIS	3	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.
In memoriam David Rees, ringer at the above church for over 40 years.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN E. LABUTT ...	...*Treble*	PERCY AMOS	3
RONALD RUSSELL	2	VICTOR S. ADAMS	4
HARRY WOODING ...	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by HARRY WOODING.
Rung for the Enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Spencer Leeson as Lord Bishop of Peterborough.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, HAMER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

IAN TAYLOR	...*Treble*	J. ALWYN TAYLOR	4
*BEATRICE BRIERLEY ...	2	ALAN SMITH	5
MARJORIE LEACH	3	JAMES TAYLOR	...*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by ALAN SMITH.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob with three 720's of Plain Bob called differently. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

WILLIAM H. WALDRON	*Treble*	D. THOMAS AUSTIN	4
HERBERT GOAKES	2	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN	5
CHARLES WOOD	3	FRANK WARRINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

For the Enthronement of Rt. Rev. Spencer Leeson as Bishop of Peterborough.

ST. WENN, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WENNA,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 9½ cwt. (approx.).

DONALD DOCKING	*Treble*	*STEWART J. ROBINSON	4
A. HUBERT EPLETT	2	REV. A. S. ROBERTS	5
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS	3	JAMES C. NORTHEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. In honour of the golden wedding of Canon H. R. Jennings, a former Guild secretary, and Mrs. Jennings.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London, Wells, Ipswich, York, Durham, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. PAGETT	*Treble*	FREDK. G. HANDLEY	4
JOHN BASS	2	HAROLD V. COOPER	5
SIDNEY G. THOMPSON	3	SAMUEL THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD V. COOPER.

First peal of seven Surprise Methods by all and believed to be the first by a local band for the Association. An 81st birthday compliment to Mrs. Cooper, mother of the conductor.

WOOLTON HILL, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

BRYAN C. STIRLAND	*Treble*	†REGINALD F. CROOK	4
*RONALD C. CHRISTOPHER	2	GILBERT J. TOWNSEND	5
GEOFFREY K. DODD	3	REGINALD W. REX	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD W. REX.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung for the centenary of the church.

HANDBELL PEALS

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 6, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT 9, WINDSOR STREET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).

ALFRED BALLARD	1-2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	5-6
FRANK K. MEASURES	3-4	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS	7-8

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 23, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
IN ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ERNEST MORRIS	1-2	*ALAN CATTELL	5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3-4	*JOHN BRAMLEY	7-8

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.' Tenor size 17 in A.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 24, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;

JOSEPH A. FENTON	1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5-6
ALAN CATTELL	3-4	ERNEST MORRIS	7-8
		*JOHN BRAMLEY	9-10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First ten-bell peal 'in hand.' Tenor size 17 in A.

More peals on page 561.

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LATE NEWS

A Non-Conducted Peal of London Surprise was rung at Warburton, Cheshire, last Saturday. It was umpired by Mr. George R. Newton, who sat in the tower the whole of 3 hours and 8 minutes, and he reports that it was well and truly rung and he did not see anything occur that would contravene the laws of silent peal ringing. There was a silent peal of London rung at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on June 5th, 1901. Congratulations to all concerned.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Hanbury parish, Worcs., is fortunate in having in its new Rector and his wife two practical ringing enthusiasts. The Rev. L. J. Birch makes no bones about it that he would not accept a parish where there were no bells, and his choice of Hanbury is all the better because of a modern ring of eight there. A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Birch on Nov. 6th.

Will Mr. W. H. Hewett please forward his address to the Editor?

Through a typographical error, the tenor of the Monks Kirby ring should read 24 cwt. and not as appeared on page 546.

Mr. Daniel T. Matkin has now rung Stedman Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques both on handbells and tower bells.

Mr. James George, of 118, Rossmore Road, Parkstone, Dorset, is looking forward to celebrating his 96th birthday on Sunday, Nov. 27th. He writes stating he is fairly well.

Mr. W. Bertram Kynaston has now 'circled' Stratton St. Margaret's tower, and Messrs. W. C. Hughes and W. Ayre, Apsley End; Mr. C. A. Bassett, Warbleton; Mr. A. C. Sinfield, Maulden (four times); and Mr. P. A. Corby, Erith.

Two handbell peals in a day were scored by Miss Dorothy R. Fletcher on a week-end visit to her sister. Dorothy, who has not done much handbell ringing recently, showed signs of 'wear and tear' after the Major, and had to be 'plastered' for the Triples.

By taking part in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Leicester Cathedral on October 29th, Mr. Peter J. Staniforth has now conducted Cambridge Surprise on six, eight, ten and twelve bells. Also by ringing in the same peal Mr. Brian G. Warwick has joined the select band of those ringing Cambridge Surprise Minor to Maximus.

In connection with the jubilee of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, the peal at Heckington in this issue is of special interest. The first peal for the Guild was rung at this church on November 2nd, 1899, being called by the Master, the Rev. H. L. James. The 50th anniversary peal was called by the present Master on the same bells, the same method and composition being fittingly employed.

Mr. W. Harry Short, who rang a quarter peal at Turramurra, N.S.W., is the son of Mr. William Short, of Birmingham.

Congratulations to the new band at St. Mark's, Oldham, on appearing in our quarter peal column. The band has been taught by Mr. A. F. Taylor, the old one having been completely dispersed by the war.

Miss N. M. Leahy's first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung at St. Mary's, Portsea, on September 14th last, and not at Portsmouth Cathedral as stated in the last issue of 'The Ringing World.'

Members of the old Midland Counties Association will regret to learn that Mr. Walter White, of Cotgrave, Notts, died on Sunday last. He was one of the stalwarts of the Association in its early days.

The first peal of Deva Surprise has been rung at Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire. It is a combination of Bristol and Superlative without 7th. The method was given to Mr. C. K. Lewis some two or three years before the war by Mr. T. B. Worsley. Deva is the name of the Roman city of Chester.

Mr. Frank J. Matthews, who rang his first peal at Brentford on November 5th, is the third generation of his family to do so, his parents being Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Matthews and his grandparents the late Mr. John D. Matthews and Mr. Frank Smith, all prominent members of the Cumberlands.

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312th Anniversary Dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths

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THE 312th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths, held at Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopsgate, London, on November 5th, was one of the happiest in the long annals of the Society. There were, however, many absent friends owing to the limitation on accommodation.

The Master, Mr. J. A. Waugh, presided, and at the head of the side tables were Messrs. A. A. Hughes (treasurer), T. J. Fox (senior steward), J. F. Smallwood (junior steward), G. W. Cecil (immediate past master), G. E. Fenn and E. C. Fenn.

With the Master at the top table sat Mr. A. B. Peck (hon. secretary), the Rev. T. A. Smiley, Messrs. J. C. Mitchell, E. A. Young, E. H. Lewis, A. W. Jarvis, W. Hibbert, G. H. Cross (Master of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths), H. Miles, E. P. Duffield, A. R. Macdonald, L. G. Pengelly, F. Sharpe, A. York-Bramble. C. W. Roberts and T. W. White.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Messrs. W. F. Judge, E. C. Moore, H. C. Edwards, C. Rouse, C. Glenn, J. T. Dyke, W. Osborn, H. Bishop. F. Shorter, W. Hughes, D. Hughes, R. Wilson, J. Hawkins, W. C. Cook, C. Martin, J. Boreham, J. Townsend, W. B. Kynaston, D. Clift, A. H. Wilkins.

P. E. Clark, A. V. Davis, L. W. Prosser, R. Burton, C. J. Hibbert, E. J. Taylor, C. H. Godfrey, A. Appleton, G. N. Price, A. Butler, A. E. Sweetzner, E. J. Menday, A. D. Cullum, W. H. Pasmore, W. Rumley, M. Seabrook, H. Hodgetts.

J. H. Crampion, P. Woodward, J. Sansom, J. Goodall, A. Boyack, J. G. A. Prior, C. Wardell, S. Holgate, S. Holgate, jun., R. Stannard, B. W. Brighty, H. Goulter, E. J. Newbery, P. Baker, W. Williams, C. Fenn, A. W. Beard, H. Warboys, G. W. Faulkner, R. Fenn.

L. T. Groombridge, F. Groombridge, J. Willis, B. W. Aldridge, A. Laker, W. Claydon, O. Sippetts, R. Overy, F. M. Mitchell, I. Emery, C. E. Norris, T. Blow, H. Jordan, W. T. Elson, E. Exeter, K. Snelling, C. Longhurst, E. Rapley.

G. W. Cook, D. Parsons, P. Chalk, J. Dear, R. T. Newman, E. Buck, R. Webb, K. S. T. Croft, J. Freeman, A. Walker, F. W. Budgen, M. Chilcott, J. Stevenson, J. Chilcott, H. Belcher, R. F. Deal, J. Phillips, A. W. Heath, J. W. Jones, F. E. Haynes.

F. A. Munday, E. P. Austin, E. Armstrong, C. H. Kippin, D. Cooper, R. Abbott, E. Razzell, W. Rawlings, C. W. Munday, E. J. Lindley, D. Layton, J. Ward, R. Lathbury, W. Oatway, R. Davies, D. Wheeler, T. G. Myers, F. E. Collins and others.

During the meal the veterans were honoured. These were J. C. Mitchell, 64 years' membership, R. W. Stannard 59, I. Emery 58, E. Alex. Young 57, W. T. Elson 57, T. Groombridge 56, E. J. Menday 55, A. D. Cullum 54, W. H. Pasmore 54, A. Walker 53, C. Fenn 53, R. Fenn 53, G. N. Price 52, E. G. Fenn 50.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, the Master, in submitting the toast of 'The Church,' said it was very fitting that they should recognise the Society as part of the Church. In 1666 William Stewkley was the Master of the Society and he had the terrifying experience of seeing much of London razed to the ground by the Great Fire. William Stewkley knew old St. Paul's Cathedral and he probably talked with men who could remember when St. Paul's had a steeple 525ft. in height.



MR. J. A. WAUGH,
Master of the College Youths.

NEED OF RESERVES.

As they knew, they had no real resident population in the City of London and had few opportunities for training beginners. What they needed was ringers with a bit of training and a knowledge of heavy bells. About 80 years ago the Society undertook to ring for services on the heavy ring at St. Paul's Cathedral. This band was very much of a company of experts and needed a great force of reserves.

Suppose 100 young men came into the City of London to learn to ring. At the end of the teaching period they probably would have 15 left, and of that number only two or three would be fit to ring at St. Paul's. Peal ringing was needed for a Society such as theirs. Peals were necessary because they provided an invaluable training ground for young ringers, but beyond that peals kept up the reputation of the Society, and it was only by keeping up that reputation that they could retain their members. He gave a special welcome to Roland, Ernest and Caleb Fenn, who had each completed 50 years of service to the Church and to the Society.

PUPIL OF LINDOFF.

The Rev. T. Smiley, priest in charge of St. Clement Danes', responded and said he was elected a member of St. Patrick's Society, Dublin, on June 10th, 1898, at the age of 18. He was taught by Gabriel Lindoff. When he was Vicar of Christ Church, Blackfriars, he had a band of 16 ringers, all keen men who Sunday by Sunday rang those bells for half an hour before the services. Then one night during the war they lost church, bells and all.

He had learnt a lot about bellringers and one thing was 'to mind my own business.' In ringing each had his place and was dependent on each other; team work was essential. Sometimes they rang for the wedding of a King's daughter; sometimes for a peasant's daughter, but it was the same bells and the same joy.

The toast of 'The Ancient Society' was honoured on the call of Mr. J. C. Mitchell, who had been a member of the Society for 64 years and was the oldest 'C.Y.' present. He deputised for Canon G. F. Coleridge and he asked that the greetings of the company should be sent to him.

The previous evening he was reading 'The Church Times' and saw in the Answers to Correspondents 'write for information to the Society of College Youths, c/o St. Paul's Cathedral.' Recently the Society had been 'on the air' and in television in connection with the Whittington celebrations at the church where the Society first started ringing in 1637.

Mr. Mitchell mentioned that he was a past master of the Worshipful Company of Coachbuilders, which was founded in 1667. The previous speaker had mentioned the fraternity of ringing that embraced peers and labourers. He knew something of Freemasonry, but he thought that the College Youths and other societies were very much more of a fraternity than the fraternity of Freemasons.

He started ringing in 1884 with the Cathedral band of St. Albans, was made a member of the Society in 1885 and called his first peal in 1886. A peal of which he was very proud was the ringing 'in hand' of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) in 1887. The umpires for that peal were the respective Masters of the Ancient Society and the Cumberlands.

The thing that amazed him about ringing to-day was the ease with which peals were rung. In the days he was talking about Surprise was a terrible thing. He recalled taking part in three touches of Superlative and a touch of London, but he never rang a peal of Surprise. To-day any tyro would ring a Surprise peal and it surprised him how it was done.

NEW MEMBERS.

Mr. A. B. Peck, in reply, said the Society had made 61 new members during the year as follows: Ivor Goulter (Gloucester), E. Chivers (Chilcompton), C. E. Taylor (Bude), A. J. Hicks (Bude), W. J. Vinnicombe (Holsworthy), R. G. Pearce (Holsworthy), H. G. Summers (Allesley), E. J. Rowe (Hornsey), C. G. J. Watts (Tilehurst), A. H. Webb (E. Hagbourne), G. Bishop (W. Hagbourne), P. H. Hull (Dinder), A. J. Pitman (Port Talbot), Gwyn I. Lewis (Cadoxton), A. Hannington (Port Talbot), R. E. Coles (Cowbridge), W. T. Godfrey (Southall), G. S. Joyce (Farnborough), W. D. Prockson (London), C. Clegg (Accrington), C. F. Andrews (Melksham), F. A. Penn (Westbury), A. H. Janes (Penshurst), H. Ellis (Bath), R. W. Adamson (Co. Antrim), R. C. Hurst (Parkstone), R. A. Howson (Newport Pagnell), S. Smith (Accrington), J. E. Wilson (Blackburn), A. S. Watt (Cambridge), B. Williams (Neath), J. Anderson (Newcastle-on-Tyne), D. A. Bayles (Chester-le-Street), R. V. Webb (Letchworth), J. S. Dear (Letchworth), P. A. Chalk (Much Hadham), C. S. Jarrett (Chatham), J. A. Lintern (Ditcheat), J. Church (Clifton, Beds), W. D. Pooley (Baldock), A. D. Cook (Solihull), B. G. Key (Burton-on-Trent), G. P. Elphick (Lewes), H. J. Poole (Leicester), R. J. Hicks (Bude), W. H. Hargreaves (Brighton), M. O. Thomas (Lancing), H. S. Palmer (Morecambe), J. E. Allen (Donington), A. H. Beamish (Nuneaton), C. H. Godfrey (Thorpe Bay), E. D. Sills (Gillingham), G. E. Evenden (Branksome), B. D. Threlfall (Cambridge), J. F. Goodall (Finchley), C. P. Walker (Leicester), J. Rich (Bude), J. Rush (Belfast),

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COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER—cont.

J. H. Kirby (Wakefield), P. Woodward (Wakefield), J. E. Kirby (Wakefield), D. S. Norris (Chatham).

Apologies for absence from Canon Coleridge, the Provost of Southwark, Dr. Perkins, Messrs. H. V. Ireson, W. H. J. Hooton, H. R. Newton, H. N. Pitstow, James George, L. W. Prosser.

Canon Coleridge sent a telegram, which read: 'Regret unable to come owing to bad fall, 3 a.m.' Mr. James George in his letter stated that he rang the 53 cwt. tenor at Bow to a peal of Treble Bob Maximus the day after he was 72 years of age and was the oldest veteran to ring a handbell peal in the world at the age of 95 years. Mr. H. R. Newton wrote that he was ill with bronchitis.

LOSSES BY DEATH.

Deaths during the year were Messrs. R. Edwards, W. Linter, F. Skevington, Canon Marshall, Messrs. F. A. Smith, E. W. Menday, W. S. Smith, J. Potter, R. L. Patterson, E. B. Hartley, W. Bidnell, R. G. Stone, W. Andrews, W. Yeend, W. R. Melville, W. Taylor, J. Morgan, C. W. Smith, S. H. Godfrey, A. H. Janes, C. A. Button, S. R. Davis, J. C. Booth and E. Hancox. Also Mr. George Williams and Mr. Ernest Pitstow, who, added Mr. Peck, 'were great ringers in my youth.'

The Society had held 13 business meetings and 51 practices. There was a successful outing to Henfield, where they were entertained by Mr. Cruttenden, and to Brasted, where Mr. Lewis entertained. Thirty-one peals were rung during the year by the Society, the finest performance being Cambridge Maximus at Exeter Cathedral. He congratulated the conductor.

Mr. Peck announced at the conclusion of his speech that he had a surprise item. To the delight of the company Mrs. Hughes played on her handbells 'Solvig's Song' and 'Land of Hope and Glory.'

PRESENTATIONS TO MR. AND MRS. HUGHES.

Then Mr. E. H. Lewis announced that he had been asked to 'call a touch.' On Dec. 30th, 1940, when the Coffee Pot was destroyed, he said, their Society was without any headquarters. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes stepped into the breach and asked the Society to meet at the Foundry. As they knew, the Society had since held its monthly meetings there. The Society was tremendously grateful. Not only did they meet there, but Mrs. Hughes provided a fair amount of hospitality in those difficult war years. The Society felt that they could not adequately repay for what she did and they felt that they would like to give Mr. and Mrs. Hughes a small token of their esteem and affection. He might mention that Mrs. Hughes was the daughter of a past Master, the daughter-in-law of a past Master, the wife of a past Master and he hoped she would be the mother of two future Masters. Mr. Lewis then presented her with a wristlet watch.

'I don't know what to say. This is wonderful,' said Mrs. Hughes in acknowledging the gift. There was really very little they could do because their accommodation was limited. It gave them great pleasure to have the Society.

Mr. Lewis followed by presenting Mr. Hughes with a silver tankard 'as some small consolation to the husband.'

Mr. Hughes, in acknowledging the gift, said it had been a real pleasure to be of some little service to the Society. Those who were able to meet there during those grim days looked back with a certain amount of pride. Meetings were often held with bombs going off. He remembered one night when they were taking some refreshments the landlord came in and said, 'Duck, boys.' 'We ducked; it went off; but we were all right. We made a lot of fun of it. I pray God it will never happen again. As long as the Society has not a home of its own you will be welcome.'

The toast of 'Kindred Societies' was proposed by Mr. Hughes, who said they had only to look through the columns of 'The Ringing World' to see the fine work they were doing. Why did the representatives of those societies travel such long distances to be present that evening—from South Wales and Devon to the North of England? One reason was the wonderful fellowship that existed between ringers all over the country and the other was to do honour to the Ancient Society, which was recently described in 'the City Press' as the M.C.C. of ringing.

Mr. Albert Walker, Master of the St. Martin's Guild, replied. He said his membership dated from 1896. He congratulated the College Youths on encouraging young ringers. At Birmingham they had three rings of 12, and last Tuesday there were 12 youngsters at St. Martin's practice, four of whom rang their first course of Grandsire Cinques.

FABIAN STEDMAN.

Mr. J. Frank Smallwood proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' commenting that he had something in common with Fabian Stedman, who started life as a printer before coming to London and going to the Customs and Excise.

Mr. Rupert C. Jarvis, F.S.A., whose name was coupled with the toast, said he had been searching the records of Customs and Excise for particulars of Fabian Stedman. They knew that in 1677 he was still living at Cambridge and that he removed to London later and became Master of the College Youths in 1682. A Fabian Stedman was buried in the Church of St. Andrew Undershaft in 1713, and, according to this man's will at Somerset House, he left three legacies to men who were serving in the Excise. It had been said in Mr. Trollope's book that Fabian Stedman served under John Cooke in the audit of the Excise.

'I have looked through a number of records of that time. The auditor of the Excise was Sir Basil Dixwood. Mr. John Cooke was not in the Excise. After a great deal of research we found that John Cooke was secretary to the Secretary of State, and it was possible that Stedman served in that department under him. I have not given up the question.'

'The Press' was proposed by Mr. F. E. Haynes, who in a reference to 'The Ringing World' deplored the presence of anonymous letters and articles in the journal. He also felt that the leading article should be penned by the Editor. Mr. Haynes also appealed to the Editor not to give too much stress to youth.

Mr. T. W. White replied to the points raised. He said the circulation of 'The Ringing World' had increased by 50 per cent. under his editorship and they had had more than 200 new subscribers since the York Council meeting. He took no credit for it; it was in his opinion a reflection on the greater interest in ringing. Many of the new readers knew little of the great tradition of the past and it was the duty of their Society and 'The Ringing World' to educate them.

The concluding toast was to the fragrant memory of the Masters of 100, 200 and 300 years ago. Mr. E. H. Lewis, who deputised for Mr. E. Alex. Young, said they had had a letter from Mr. Turner, who had searched Mr. Trollope's papers for information. The Master in 1649 was Edmund Day, and unfortunately they knew practically nothing about him. The Master in 1749 was William Oram. He was elected a member in 1734 and seemed to be a friend of John Cundell, who was Master in 1753, for he subscribed for four copies of the broadsheet which Cundell brought out of Holt's compositions. John Merrin, who was Master in 1849, took part in 19 peals for the Society from 1825 to 1836.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

After a lapse of 19 years, members of the Marlborough Branch met at Great Bedwyn on October 22nd.

These six heavy bells did not prove easy to handle; they were not only bad going, but several were found to be odd-struck as well. At the business meeting it was decided for convenience to hold the annual meeting in November instead of January as formerly.

Kent County Association

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

An enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent by the members of the Canterbury District at Wickhambreaux on November 5th. The meeting was specially arranged to coincide with the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley White.

Ringing in the afternoon was followed by a service in the church, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. B. B. Bell. Service was followed by a splendid tea in the Parish Room, the members being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. White. The highlight of the tea was a three-tier cake made and iced by Mrs. White from sugar saved out of their rations and South African fruit. A press photo was taken of the cake being cut, and its size may be imagined by the fact that about 140 people, ringers and local residents, failed to finish the bottom tier.

As a result of a collective subscription made throughout the district, Mrs. H. R. French was able to present the couple with a handsome cheque. In doing this she wished them well and hoped they would all be present at the golden wedding day.

Two practising members and one non-resident, as well as two honorary members, were elected. Thanks were expressed to all, especially the hosts for the day.

It being Gunpowder Day, the social that followed contained a few fireworks, not all of them exploded by the younger element, 84-year-old Mr. A. H. Sayer, a ringer at Canterbury, surpassing himself in the games and giving a good imitation of Norman Evans' 'Over the garden wall,' and being the brush salesman trying to sell a broom to a not too helpful housewife.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the district was held at Tonbridge on October 1st, and towers were well represented. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Tonbridge.

At the business meeting the retiring district representatives, Miss D. Colgate and Mr. E. J. Ladd, were re-elected. After some good-humoured banter, the election of Ringing Master was determined by a show of hands, the two candidates being Mr. B. W. Pankhurst (the retiring Master) and Mr. R. Collins. The latter was elected. Mr. R. A. Whitehead was re-elected secretary. Among other business it was decided to proceed with the negotiations with the Ashford District for the transfer of Benenden to that district.

HANDBELL MUSIC

Dear Sir,—Could you tell me if it is possible to obtain published sheets of music for handbells, either songs, short musical pieces or hymns?

If it is possible to obtain them, how and where should I apply for them? — Yours sincerely,

C. WALTON.

Barkley, Leics.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE GILMORTON INCIDENT

Dear Sir,—In your issue of November 4th, an anonymous correspondent writes concerning the attempt for 17,152 Bristol at Gilmorton, 'Is it not high time we had an explanation in our columns as to why the record attempt was not made on that day?'

As Rector of Gilmorton and the person responsible for the cancellation, may I place the facts before you?

I was not aware, until after the notice appeared in your paper, that this peal was to be anything other than the usual three-hour peal. Our head ringer mentioned it to me in the ordinary way in the first place. He was not aware of the exceptional length of the peal. Apparently full details were to be sent to him, but he did not receive them.

In these circumstances I felt compelled to cancel the peal, and I sent at once a full explanation to Mr. Whitehead saying it was essential to know beforehand full details of such a peal, and if that condition were fulfilled and plenty of notice beforehand given, I hoped they would be able to make the attempt later. Permission had also been given for another peal that week, and in fairness to all concerned that was also cancelled. I would strongly urge that for any peal likely to exceed the usual three hours' ringing that in addition to any approach which may be made to the head ringer, the organiser should make personal contact with the incumbent. This would prevent any misunderstandings.

I wish to do all I can to encourage ringing in the Leicester Diocesan Guild and hope this explanation will allay any misgivings about the matter.

C. G. RICHARDSON,
Rector of Gilmorton.

Dear Sir,—It is with reluctance that I write again to 'The Ringing World,' as I do not agree with cross correspondence, but I feel I must correct 'One of the Merry Men' whose letter appears in last week's 'Ringing World.'

In my original letter I pointed out that other people had claims to be Leicester's most brilliant young ringer and I did not dispute Alan Cattell's achievements at all. There is no doubt that he has scored a fine list of peals and I have every admiration for the work he is doing to train a band to ring at All Saints', Leicester. Good luck to them in their effort to augment their six bells to eight.

'One of the Merry Men' would like to know why the 17,152 changes of Bristol was not possible at Gilmorton. This church has a Rector who is keen on bells and readily gave permission for a peal attempt. He was not told, however, how long it would take, and when someone pointed out to him that the bells would be ringing for over ten hours he quite rightly (in my opinion) refused permission. If a band wish to ring all that time, why not go to Loughborough Bell Foundry, where the bells annoy nobody outside?—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN G. WARWICK.

Leicester Cathedral.

Note.—This correspondence must now close. —Editor.

BEATING TIME

Dear Sir,—I have been asked by a gentleman—very interested in the ringing of the bells—if it was the conductor's duty to beat time during the ringing. I said I would inquire. Would you be able to supply this information? —Yours truly, G. NOICE.

Winchester.

Note.—There is more behind this simple question than would appear at first reading. The conductor is in charge when the bells are rung and it is his duty to pay attention not only to the accuracy of the method rung, but also the beat or striking. More attention to 'the beat' would result in a great improvement in our ringing.—Editor.

LEEDS TENOR ACCIDENT

Dear Sir,—Referring to Mr. Overy's letter in last week's issue, it has been our practice to fit a castle nut with split pin to our clapper joint pins for the past 50 or 60 years, and this type of nut was provided to the tenor clapper at Leeds. This clapper had been removed locally and one can only assume that the split pin was not put in position when the clapper was replaced in the bell.

Will Mr. Overy kindly give the name of the church which he instances as possessing a ring of bells recently rehung where the method he describes is being used for preventing nuts from working loose, or the name of the firm of bellhangers responsible for this? — Yours faithfully, JOHN TAYLOR AND CO.

Loughborough.

BELL FOUNDERS NOT TO BLAME

Dear Sir,—The clapper pin had a castle nut and split pin. The accident arose through disregard of the bellhangers' instructions, so that the fixing of responsibility for the mishap is purely the domestic affair of Leeds Parish Church.

The bellhangers are accordingly exonerated from all liability and Mr. Overy's implications are, therefore, entirely without foundation.

A falling or breaking clapper is not a rare occurrence. It can and does happen to all bellhangers, but in this particular instance there is an element of real bad luck attached to the incident. The size of Leeds bells necessitated a tight job so far as space is concerned and the bells are cluttered up with every kind of encumbrance—clock hammers, carillon hammers and Ellacombe hammers, 45 hammers in all. It has now been established beyond all reasonable doubt that the heavy counterbalanced clapper became wedged against the Ellacombe hammer directly in the path of the bell, which struck the clapper with full force on the downward swing from backstroke, and was stopped dead.

The generally accepted theory is that the force of a swinging bell is ten times its dead weight, and if this is correct the bell was subjected to a shock of over 20 tons, which no headstock could be expected to withstand.

The many admirers of this grand bell will be glad to learn that she has since been raised and has been found to be unscathed.—Yours, etc., R. H. DOVE.

BELL ROPE MAINTENANCE

Dear Sir,—I fully agree with your leading article of November 4th.

When in the West Country in 1945 I suggested that we subscribe 1s. per head to the Bell Maintenance Fund of the church where a peal was rung or attempted. This was agreed to and we received letters of grateful thanks from the incumbents.

In Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire I have also put forward this proposition, and it has now been made a rule at some of the churches visited.

At Heydour, a scattered country parish, it is difficult to maintain a band for service ringing, and the ropes have been worn far more by peals and attempts than by ringing for the church services.

The associations should, I think, sponsor this matter of upkeep. In my opinion, no ringer should object to a fee of 1s. for the privilege of the use of bells for a peal or attempt. After all, the church authorities place at our disposal, gratis, valuable instruments of music which, with their fittings, require care and maintenance, towards which peal ringers should contribute.—Yours faithfully,

C. GLENN.

Nottingham.

Conductor's iewpoint

Dear Sir,—As conductor of the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Southampton, which appears to have raised a 'mare's nest' over the claim that it was C. H. Kippin's first in that method, he definitely said at the time that it was his first of Yorkshire Royal, hence the appropriate footnote. He apparently does not share the views of other ringers that ringing the treble to a peal always constitutes having 'rung a peal in the method.' No doubt C.H.K. was in a facetious mood when he mentioned that I considered he had not yet learned the method. I leave it to my old friends, W. H. Hewett and R. H. Bullen, to conjure up this one.—Yours truly, F. W. ROGERS.

Portsmouth.

FALLACIES

Dear Sir,—According to the old traditions and recent correspondence I am expected to believe that:—

(a) 5,040 changes on five bells is recognised as a peal because it is false 41 times.

(b) A peal of the same method on nine bells is not recognised because the number of bells is odd.

(c) A person has rung a peal of Yorkshire Royal by ringing the treble, although he had no idea of the method.

(d) A band has rung April Day because the conductor called 6ths place bob to Cambridge, although none of the band knew April Day.

When I believe these fallacies, I am quite prepared to believe that, if I take a girl out for the evening, I've married her! — Yours sincerely, CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

Southampton.

BELLS—THE PARSON'S RIGHT

Dear Sir,—Without wishing to enter into the Bulwell peal dispute, might I state as one who has been confronted with more than one dispute of a similar character, that a principle is involved which Mr. Jennison seems to have overlooked. Neither the Church Councils Powers Measure nor any other ecclesiastical law contains any clause which confers powers upon any company of ringers as to who should ring the bells.

The belfry is the minister's freehold, and his is the right and power to direct who shall ring the bells. just as he has the same power over the organ, to direct how that shall be played. Is any good done by 'strikes,' personal prejudice or ringers trying to set themselves up above the clergy? Let us keep all trade unionist tactics out of ringing, unless we want to bankrupt it. P. AMOS.

Northampton.

STEDMAN CATERS YOUTH BAND

Dear Sir,—I read with much pleasure the report of a peal of Stedman Caters rung at Beddington by a band all of whom are under 21 years of age, and as one of the band who rang the Youths' peal at the same tower on October 18th, 1924, may I offer my heartiest congratulations to the band on their recent performance. I have been outside the tower on a previous occasion when they have been ringing and can vouch for the quality they produce. I hope this band may enjoy many more peals together.

But now, sir, why was this report so late in appearing in the peal columns and why did it not contain the ages of these young people? To my mind the report is incomplete.

The ages of our band were as follows: 16, 20, 20, 18, 19, 18, 19, 18, 19, 18, total 185, average age 18½ years, which seems pretty much the same as theirs. Your Belfry Gossip informant must have, himself, been misinformed.

This does not, of course, detract anything from the recent peal, and I hope I may be forgiven for trying to put things right. — Yours faithfully, FRANK E. DARBY.

Croydon, Surrey.

Debunking the Disgruntled

Dear Sir,—I fully endorse the opinion expressed in the concluding paragraph of your leader of October 28th. Had there never been peal ringers there would now be no Central Council, no Guilds or Associations, no 'Ringing World,' books of instruction, collections of methods and compositions, but few ringers and fewer bells.

Our 54 guilds and associations are computed to have 40,000 members. There are probably 6,000 towers within the Exercise. Perhaps 5,000 living ringers have rung peals. Probably 800 are to-day regular peal ringers. Therefore, 35,000 either do not wish or have not the ability to ring peals. But to say the 35,000 teach all the ringers and that they only attend services is grossly untrue. If proportionate figures were possible I have no doubt the result would be startlingly in favour of the peal ringers. The fact is 50 per cent. of the 35,000 do not attend services, ring only from personal motives to preserve their halo of religion amongst their immediate neighbours, think anything will do for Sunday so long as they only do the job. The majority lack zeal in the art.

Bigotry is the bane of the Christian Church. Too many have taken unto themselves the right to stand as sentinels at the House of God to exclude those of whom they do not approve. By what right does 'Traveller' exclude an obviously desirable and probably Christian man from admission to the Exercise?

The 6,000 rings of bells have at some time or other cost probably £3,000,000. Only a small part of this came from regular churchgoers. All sorts of people, with no interest in the church whatever, subscribe to bells because they like them. Even staunch Nonconformists have been known voluntarily to defray the whole cost of a renovation. The church takes their money with alacrity, yet if they do not go to church 'Traveller' would deny them permission to learn to ring.

Bells, although installed in churches and primarily for church use, have also secular uses: they belong actually to the whole community. Those who pay have a right to enjoy. I have myself, with full permission of my Rector, taught boys to ring, who rang regularly for church services and then went along to their chapel.

Few ringers attain peal standard in their own towers. Often progress is deliberately debarred by one or more of their own company. Naturally, the zealous go where they can progress. Towers do not rely on an influx of ready-made ringers, they help the enthusiast. Would 'Traveller' have them turned away?

It seems to me that the successful ringer, like the successful detective, finds the most obstruction within his own ranks. A peal is not an incentive; it is an achievement, which only the incompetent deride. Achievement surely is to be desired. 'Crack band' is the favourite sneer of the disgruntled or incapable. There is no such thing, although some folk think we are all 'cracked.'

He says, 'I have yet to hear of a church whose congregation suffers because the bells are not rung.' Neither would they if there was no organ, no choir, no parson, or even no building, were they true Christians. Most folk prefer good music, good singing, an earnest parson, a beautiful building, good bells and good ringing, otherwise why spend money on the church?

An opinion from one you do not know never has the same value as one from one you know is competent to speak. I have no doubt 'Traveller' is himself a 'pretty good chap.' If I knew he walked two miles each way, twice each Sunday, hail, rain, snow or blow, to ring rounds on six; or travelled long distances regularly to assist learners at practice, as I, a peal ringer, regularly do, I should say he was indeed a 'pretty good chap.'

W. BOTTRILL.

Deal, Kent

North Stafford Association

A PROGRESSIVE YEAR.

A progressive year was reported at the annual committee meeting of the North Staffordshire Association, held at Bucknall on November 5th.

Mr. W. Carnwell (hon. secretary), in his report, stated that 12 meetings had been held during the year, all of which were well attended, the average being 42 per meeting. Six resident ringing members and seven non-resident life members had been elected. Two new towers, Broughton and Swynnerton, had expressed a wish to join the Association and they extended to them a hearty welcome.

Peal ringers had been very active, a total of 26 having been rung. These included Superlative, Yorkshire and Staffordshire Surprise Major, the first time these peals having been rung by resident bands in the North Staffs Association. They congratulated C. H. Page, of Stoke, upon attaining his 200th peal and 150th for the Association. This was a record that had not been achieved before by any member of the Association.

The conducting had been shared by the following ringers: F. W. Grocott 8, N. R. Holland 6, W. Carnwell 3, A. W. Hall 2, C. H. Page 2, R. S. Anderson, H. Howell, A. Peake, A. Pritchard and W. P. Whitehead one each.

The statement of accounts showed a credit balance of £67 11s. 4d. The meeting decided to increase the annual subscription from 2s. to 2s. 6d.

Officers elected for 1950 were as follows: Chairman, Mr. R. S. Anderson; hon. secretary, Mr. W. Carnwell; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. W. Edwards; treasurer, Mr. E. Steele; auditor, Mr. A. W. Hull; Ringing Master, 10 and eight-bell towers, Mr. F. E. Wilshaw; six-bell towers, Mr. W. Hazeldene.

Meetings approved for 1950 were Draycott, Audley, Biddulph, Norton, Leek, Marchington, Stone, Brown Edge, Uttoxeter, Hanley, Bucknall and Stoke.

At the conclusion of the meeting the chairman thanked the hon. secretary and assistant hon. secretary for their work during the past year.

ART NOT FORGOTTEN AFTER 38 YEARS

Staveley, Derbyshire, ringers have had in their midst for the past few weeks Mr. John Worthington, on a visit from Witt, Illinois, U.S.A.

An old Staveley ringer, Mr. Worthington rang his first peal at the age of 16 in 1894 and his last and 15th in September, 1912, a few weeks before leaving England to live in the States.

This summer, after 38 years abroad, he returned for his first holiday in England, arriving at Liverpool on Saturday, August 20th. The next morning he was ringing the treble at Staveley confidently to Plain and Treble Bob Major, and has since been a regular service ringer in his 'home' town.

In spite of his long break in ringing, Mr. Worthington's bell control and ropesight appeared to equal many present-day ringers.

He sailed for the States on November 10th, but before leaving on November 2nd rang the treble to 1,344 Plain Bob Major as a farewell quarter. The band was J. Worthington 1, L. G. Palmer 2, W. Dickinson 3, W. Allwood 4, G. C. Briggs (cond.) 5, J. Saxton 6, A. White 7, A. B. Cooper 8.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Society was held at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on Oct. 29th, following a service conducted by the Rector. Ringing in the afternoon and evening ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge and Superlative.

The following officers were elected for the session 1949-50: President, Dr. J. C. E. Simpson; Master, Mr. D. N. Layton; secretary, Mr. V. J. Benning.

Some Cornish Items

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have recently collected seven bells from Cornwall, three from Paul, near Penzance, and four from Stithians; they are to return twelve bells. Both towers are to have a ring of six hung with completely new frames and fittings. At Stithians the bells should be in capable hands, for both Mr. R. G. Clemens (secretary, Truro Branch) and Mr. H. C. Spencer (late of Birmingham) are farming in this parish.

Early next year Messrs. Taylor are to remove the ring of eight indifferent bells at St. Columb Major; some are to be recast and the whole rehung in a modern frame with new fittings. Although St. Columb is a stronghold of 'stoney' and prize ringing has been indulged in, the treasurer of the Bells Fund and one of the churchwardens is Mr. S. J. Robinson, who has recently rung his first peal.

The five bells at Sennen, in which parish is the Lands End, are to be restored, and it is hoped augmented to six. The Penwith Deanery Magazine for November says, '. . . . we must, of course, take our turn in the queue . . . . the bell founders have all their work cut out for the next two years or more. It seems disappointing.'

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Although in Devon change ringing towers are widely scattered, enthusiasm is by no means lacking. In addition to the branch members, the quarterly meeting held at Bradninch on October 22nd was attended by visitors from the Bath and Wells Association and by Guild members from Exeter (including two from the university), Highweek, Combe Martin and Chittlehampton. Over 40 sat down to tea.

The 'go' of Bradninch bells has recently been described in 'The Ringing World' by a visiting band from 'up about' as leaving much to be desired, but it may well be argued that in these days of standardisation it is refreshing to find a ring of bells with character and individuality, the ringing of each of which, whilst not calling for any undue physical effort, does require a certain amount of skill. Some of the ringing at the meeting was good enough to earn the praise of the local call-change band, who had the previous day rung to welcome Princess Elizabeth.

The branch annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on January 7th, 1950.

5,040 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

By G. E. FEIRN.

23456	M	W	H
42356			—
65324	—	—	—
36524			—
53624			—
62534		—	—
56234			—
25634			—
63254		—	—
26354			—
35264		—	—
23564			—

Twice repeated, calling each course St. Clement's, Crayford, Crayford, St. Clement's, St. Clement's, with S for — at end, gives:—

32456	W	M	H
64325	—	—	—
36425			—
42365	—		—
34265			—
23465			—
46235	—		—
24635			—
63245	—		—
26345			—
32645			—

Twice repeated, calling each course Plain Bob, Plain Bob, Double Bob, Double Bob, Plain Bob. S for — at end gives 23456.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 25, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*
In the Cathedral Belfry,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Harold J. Poole ... ... 1-2 | Alfred Ballard 5-6
Peter J. Staniforth ... 3-4 | *Derek G. Goodman ... 7-8
Brian G. Warwick ... 9-10
Composed by G. R. Newton. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. Tenor size 15 in C.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 26, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,*
In St Margaret's Select Vestry Hall,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Morris G. Morris's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.
Ernest Morris ... ... 1-2 | Alan Cattell 5-6
Walter P. Whitehead ... 3-4 | Josiah Morris 7-8
Conducted by Ernest Morris.

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 27, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,*
In the Belfry of St. Thomas' Church,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of one extent each of Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob. Tenor size 10 in G.
A. Ernest McGrath ... 1-2 | John T. Dunwoody ... 3-4
Frederick E. Dukes ... 5-6
Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.
Conductor's 50th peal in Northern District.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 27, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
In eight methods, comprising 1,536 Plain Bob, 1,440 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 384 each of Double Bob, St. Clement's College and Reverse Bob, 288 Wellington Little Bob and 192 Crayford Little Bob, with 407 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.
William G. Young ... ... 1-2 | Daniel T. Matkin 5-6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 3-4 | Roy C. Hurst 7-8
Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
First peal of spliced 'in hand' for the Guild.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 27, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,*
At Holywell Stores, London Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Alfred Jordan ... ... 1-2 | Arthur Riddington ... 5-6
Alfred Ballard ... ... 3-4 | *John Morris 7-8
Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Alfred Ballard.
* First peal 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 28, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
No. 13. Tenor size 14 in D.
William G. Young ... ... 1-2 | Daniel T. Matkin ... 5-6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 3-4 | *James E. Daniels (16) ... 7-8
Composed by M. J. Morris. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Fri., Oct. 28, 1949, *in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes,*
At the Wyggeston Grammar School for Boys,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 30 six-scores, 10 callings of Grandsire, and 12 extents, 4 callings of Plain Bob. Tenor size 12 in E flat.
Gordon M. Maclure ... 1-2 | Derek G. Goodman ... 3-4
*Laurence Greenhow ... 5-6
Conducted by Derek G. Goodman.
* First peal on handbells. Compliment to Jill Poole on her 21st birthday.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 30, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,*
In St. Margaret's Schools,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
M. J. Morris's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.
Ernest Morris ... ... 1-2 | Alan Cattell 5-6
Walter P. Whitehead ... 3-4 | John Bramley 7-8
Non-conducted.
The first non-conducted peal in the method 'in hand' in the diocese.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 30, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
No. 13. Tenor size 14 in D.
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 1-2 | Dorothy R. Fletcher ... 5-6
Daniel T. Matkin ... ... 3-4 | Kathleen E. Fletcher ... 7-8
Composed by M. J. Morris. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 30, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 13 in E.
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 1-2 | *Dorothy R. Fletcher... 5-6
Daniel T. Matkin ... 3-4 | Kathleen E. Fletcher... 7-8
Conducted by Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 30, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,*
In the Cathedral Belfry,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 18 in G.
Brian G. Warwick ... ... 1-2 | Derek G. Goodman ... 5-6
Harold J. Poole ... ... 3-4 | Harry Poyner 7-8
*Fred E. Dukes 9-10
Composed by James George. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
Witness: Terrance A. Thornber.
* First peal of Royal on handbells and 100th peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon. Oct. 31, 1949, *in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, six callings. Tenor size 17 in A.
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 1-2 | Daniel T. Matkin 3-4
William G. Young 5-6
Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
First peal of Stedman Doubles 'in hand' by all.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 31, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,*
At, 39, Titian Avenue,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Comprising 2,560 London, 1,216 Bristol, and 640 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 118 changes of method.
Christopher W. Woolley 1-2 | Harold G. Cashmore ... 5-6
Ernest C. S. Turner ... 3-4 | Fredk. W. Brinklow ... 7-8
Composed and Conducted by Harold G. Cashmore.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 31, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,*
At Cleatham House Farm,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Mrs. J. Bray ... ... 1-2 | *John Freeman 5-6
George E. Feirn ... ... 3-4 | Jack Bray 7-8
Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by George E. Feirn.
* First peal of Double Norwich 'in hand.' First peal of Double Norwich as conductor 'in hand.' Tenor size 15 in C.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 31, 1949, *in 1 Hour and 29 Minutes,*
At the Wyggeston Grammar School for Boys,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 12 in E flat.
Gordon M. Maclure ... 1-2 | Derek G. Goodman ... 3-4
Terence R. Kirchin ... 5-6
Conducted by Derek G. Goodman.
First peal of Plain Bob Doubles by all the band.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 31, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,*
In the Cathedral Belfry,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;
Tenor size 18 in G.
*Brian G. Warwick ... 1-2 | Harold J. Poole ... 7-8
Jill Poole ... ... 3-4 | ‡Derek G. Goodman ... 9-10
†Peter J. Staniforth ... 5-6 | §Terrance A. Thornber 11-12
Composed by C. Charge. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal of Maximus on handbells. † First of Plain Bob Maximus. ‡ First of Maximus. § First on 12 bells. A farewell peal to Brian Warwick, who is joining H.M. Forces.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY. — On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. H. Webb 1, J. W. T. Taylor 2, S. J. Oughton (first in method) 3, F. Brassington 4, F. W. Perrens (cond.) 5, J. W. Taylor 6, G. Gardner 7, C. Aylett 8.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS. — On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Reynolds 1, F. Barron 2, E. A. Jurd 3, E. Brown 4, P. Page 5, H. A. Nobes 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, F. W. Burnett 8. First in the method for 2 and 5.

BATH.—At St. Michael's on Oct. 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. D. Evans 1, T. F. King 2, Miss N. Williams 3, Miss B. Spice 4, M. Helps 5, W. G. Prescott 6, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 7, W. Hurford 8. First of Cambridge by 1, 5 and 8.

BEARSTED, KENT. — On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): H. J. Smith (first away from tenor) 1, Miss M. V. Tassell 2, J. H. R. Betts (first as cond.) 3, A. W. Bodiam 4, E. F. Harnett 5, M. G. White 6.

BROMLEY, KENT. — On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss H. Oakshett 1, G. Kite 2, J. Lyddiard 3, J. R. Wilson 4, G. F. James 5, G. Waterman (first in method) 6, P. J. Spice (cond.) 7, M. F. Oakshett 8.

BURTON HASTINGS, WARWICKS. — On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Allen 1, J. H. Beale (cond.) 2, W. Noon (first 'inside') 3, J. E. Taylor 4, T. W. Thorpe 5. A silver wedding compliment to the conductor.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise: P. Smith 1, S. Murphy 2, J. Mountford (first quarter) 3, W. E. Young 4, E. Smith 5, W. Seekings (cond.) 6. For Remembrance Sunday.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET. — On Oct. 23rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: V. Savage 1, E. J. Chivers 2, R. G. Beck (cond.) 3, E. H. Nash (first of Cambridge) 4, D. Targett 5, E. J. Targett 6.

EASTHAM, WIRRAL, CHESHIRE. — On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. C. Holmes 1, A. J. H. Scott 2, A. J. Martin 3, J. R. Turner 4, A. L. Shepherd (first in method as cond.) 5, T. W. Wood 6. First quarter for 1 and 4. A farewell to R. F. Ferris on joining H.M. Forces.

EXETER. — At St. Thomas' on Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Ryall 1, F. Wreford 2, Miss Jean Brown 3, R. Truman 4, W. A. Wills 5, C. J. Hosgood 6, E. W. Biffin (cond.) 7, R. Willey (first quarter) 8.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Andrews 1, D. Hiscock 2, M. Cornell 3, B. McKie 4, S. Huckle 5, S. Carter (cond.) 6, A. Cull 7, D. Price 8. First of Major by 1, 2 and 3.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: C. Hinton 1, G. F. Burton 2, W. J. Chester 3, M. Saunders 4, E. Lines 5, W. Yates (cond.) 6. First of London Surprise Minor by all the band. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to two esteemed parishioners, A. Sheppard and J. Humphrey.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Hayes 1, R. Coles 2, W. H. Plumridge 3, A. Cox 4, E. Markham 5, J. Kape 6, Doreen Coker (first in method as cond.) 7, A. L. James 8.

HILLFARRANCE, SOMERSET. — On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Tarr 1, H. Commins 2, R. Winter (cond.) 3, F. Branchflower 4, W. Commins 5, S. Lovell 6.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON. — On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. D. Prockson 1, W. A. Theobald 2, E. F. Pryor 3, R. F. H. Harman (first in the method) 4, D. F. Harman 5, G. Charge 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, S. Meadows 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, A. Salisbury 4, J. Carrott 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, C. E. Wright 8. First in method away from treble for 2 and 4.

QUARTER PEALS

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Ian S. Biggs (first in method) 1, F. D. Boreham 2, D. Cox 3, P. Newton 4, J. Kape 5, R. Blaby 6, A. Cox (first in method as cond.) 7, V. Evans 8.

KESWICK, CUMBERLAND. — At Crosthwaite Church on Oct. 30th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: D. F. McCade (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. H. Hogarth (first quarter) 2, T. Wilson 3, F. Grisdale 4, T. Hogarth 5, H. S. Grisdale 6, J. W. Brownrigg (cond.) 7, R. F. Grisdale 8. To welcome new Vicar, Rev. G. D. Jackson.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM. — On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Blake 1, J. Oliver 2, M. Flynn 3, J. Cole (first of Triples) 4, P. Williams 5, W. C. Dowding 6, N. G. Goodman (cond.) 7, E. V. Blake 8.

KINGSCLERE, HANTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Dodd 1, Miss E. Cane 2, D. Cane 3, R. W. Rex 4, R. F. Crook (cond.) 5, G. K. Dodd 6.

KIRBY MOORSIDE, YORKS. — On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Franks 1, T. Hammond 2, A. Rutter 3, W. Fleetham 4, F. Bishop (cond.) 5, E. Buddy 6. First quarter by 1, 2, 4 and 6.

LAUGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Brett 1, F. H. Hicks 2, F. Booth 3, R. E. Hughes 4, E. G. D. Tonkin (cond.) 5, B. Booth 6. First in method by 1, 3, 4 and 6. Also 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 of Grandsire).

LEICESTER.—At All Saints' on Oct. 27th, 1,680 Doubles (2 extents of Stedman, 12 Plain Bob): B. G. Warwick (first on tower bells as cond.) 1, S. A. Jesson 2, C. D. Linch 3, Mavis Whitehead 4, J. M. Myatt 5. First on five bells by 2, 3 and 5. Rung by past and present members of Alderman Newton's School to commemorate the anniversary of the death of its founder.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Eales 1, C. Green 2, S. Smith 3, R. Seaton 4, E. Orland (cond.) 5. To commemorate the enthronement of the Right Rev. Spencer Leeson as Bishop of Peterborough.

MALMESBURY, WILTS.—At the Abbey on Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Hemus 1, J. Billings (first quarter) 2, H. Blanchard 3, L. Gray 4, H. Blacker (cond.) 5.

MAPERTON, SOMERSET. — On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Plain Bob, 360 Stedman, 660 Grandsire): Miss M. Critchell 1, E. Raymond 2, J. Bartlett 3, L. McCreadie 4, H. P. Sparks (cond.) 5, D. Gare 6. First in three methods by all except 5th.

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (including four 240's Morris'): Miss B. Prescott 1, Miss D. Smith 2, Miss R. Smith 3, Miss H. Prescott 4, R. Smith 5, W. A. Prescott (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to ringers of 4 and 6.

MARLOW, BUCKS. — On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. T. Fowler 1, H. Buckingham 2, W. Avery 3, R. E. Dean (first as cond.) 4, Miss E. Gibson 5, E. D. Poole 6, J. Young 7, J. Clay 8. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. H. Buckingham.

NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK. — On Nov. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Howlett 1, Reg. Heath 2, R. C. Sharpe 3, Albert E. Austin 4, John A. Acres (first of Major as conductor on tower bells) 5, Stanley Forwood 6, A. Beale 7, S. Brown 8.

NORTON, HERTS. — On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. E. Putwain (first in method) 1, H. E. Werrett 2, E. G. Buck 3, J. S. Dear 4, I. Werrett 5, W. D. Pooley 6, R. V. Webb (first in method as cond.) 7, L. Croft 8.

OLDHAM, LANCS.—At St. Mark's Church on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Pritchard 1, A. F. Taylor 2, Miss M. Jagger 3, Miss M. Fielding (first as cond.) 4, Miss A. T. Seville 5, P. Wells 6, J. Eyre 7, E. Casterton 8.

OSWESTRY, SALOP.—On Nov. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. T. Hughes 1, Mrs. K. James 2, Miss B. A. Carter 3, A. E. Reeves 4, W. A. Farmer 5, F. G. Beddow 6, F. H. Bennett 7, C. A. Barron (cond.) 8.

PRESCOT, LANCS. — On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. M. Preston (first as cond.) 1, Ronald Preston (first quarter) 2, W. Riley 3, W. C. Finney 4, W. E. Court 5, E. Thomas 6.

SHAW-CUM-DONNINGTON, BERKS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Christopher 1, R. F. Crook 2, Miss J. Matthews 3, G. Stocker 4, R. W. Rex 5, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 6. First in method by 1 and 6.

SHIRLEY, WORCS. — On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. T. Bartlett 1, V. A. Hemming (first on eight as cond.) 2, E. T. Lloyd 3, Mrs. J. Watts 4, L. Tuffrey 5, G. Bailey 6, A. Morris 7, T. Abbotts 8. First quarter 1 and 4.

SIDMOUTH, DEVON.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pike (first quarter) 1, K. Clark 2, R. Pike 3, Betty Smith 4, P. Davis 5, E. Rowe (cond.) 6, R. Woodly 7, B. Vincent 8.

SMARDEN, KENT. — On Oct. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. Marshall 1, H. Baker 2, W. C. Marshall 3, F. Cooper (first quarter) 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, M. W. Marshall 6.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON. — At the Cathedral on Oct. 30th, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Maximus: H. Belcher 1, D. E. Parsons 2, Miss Joyce England 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, M. O. Thomas 5, H. Langdon 6, P. A. Chalk 7, R. Congreve-Pridgeon (cond.) 8, R. F. Deal 9, T. J. Setter 10, A. W. J. Appleton 11, J. A. Waugh 12.

STONEY STANTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Hayward (first quarter) 1, A. Ballard 2, N. Walker 3, R. Tipler 4, L. Hewitt 5, J. Smith 6, J. H. Bailess (cond.) 7, J. Herbert 8.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS. — On Nov. 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: E. Dillow 1, E. Lambert 2, J. Higgins 3, H. Tompkins 4, H. C. Edwards 5, J. Chance 6, T. Trasler 7, E. C. Lambert (cond.) 8. Half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. E. J. Payne.

THETFORD, NORFOLK. — On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. E. Moore 1, J. G. Stannard (first quarter) 2, C. Stannard 3, D. Rowlands (first quarter) 4, W. Goodship 5, J. W. Banks 6, W. Stannard, sen. (cond.) 7, F. Buckle 8.

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Shattock (first quarter) 1, L. Vickery 2, C. Harris 3, R. Perry 4, H. Churchill (cond.) 5, R. Shire 6.

TURRAMURRA, AUSTRALIA. — On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Short 1, J. Clark 2, C. Parr 3, W. M. Rowe (cond.) 4, W. Smith 5, K. G. P. Stacey 6. This was the 100th quarter for the Association and was a tribute to the late Rev. R. J. Cameron, who was Rector when the first quarter for the Association was scored on these bells.

WARWICK. — At St. Mary's Collegiate Church on Oct. 27th, 1,313 Grandsire Caters: Miss Cynthia Price 1, P. W. Jarvis 2, E. H. Adams 3, W. Collett 4, H. Huxley 5, R. J. Eddon 6, W. Male 7, A. J. Price 8, T. W. Sheppard (cond.) 9, T. E. Goode 10. First quarter for 1, 2, 6 and 10.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wm. A. Hughes 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, Barbara Mitchell (first 'inside') 3, W. Hollamby 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, B. Sullivan 6.

WEST COKER, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Atyeo 1, Miss F. Poole 2, S. Guppy 3, W. H. Poole 4, R. White 5, H. W. Pearce (cond.) 6, W. E. Turner 7, R. Guppy 8. First of Triples for 1, 3, 5 and 8.

WINTERTON, LINCS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,440 Bob Minor: E. Brumpton 1, R. Chafer 2, A. Tomlinson 3, J. N. Freeman 4, H. Hall 5, J. Bray (cond.) 6. Longest length by all except ringers of 3 and 6.

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MEETINGS

SOUTH BENFLEET, ESSEX.—The Bishop of Chelmsford will dedicate the new treble bell and rededicate the restored five bells on Saturday, Nov. 19th, 3. The bells have been quarter turned, tuned and rehung with new bearings, and the old wooden frame renovated and strengthened by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Tea (2s.) at 4.30. Ringing till 8. 6024

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting Harpenden (8), Saturday, Nov. 19th, 3. Tea 5.—T. J. Southam. 6037

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Gainsborough District).—A meeting will be held at Messingham (6) on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 1.45. Service 3.45. Tea 4.45, Seven new handbells will be dedicated at the service.—George L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 6057

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Shaw (6), Nov. 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 6064

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting All Saints', Hastings, Nov. 19th. Bells (8) 3.—H. Gorringe, Hon. Sec. 6062

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.— Annual meeting Fakenham, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Service 4.30. Business to follow. Tea shops in town.—W. J. Eldred. 6065

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Harlington, Saturday, Nov. 19th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—F. Finch. 6071

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

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MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Wood Green, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 3 and after 6 p.m. evensong. Church one minute from Wood Green Underground station.—T. J. Lock. 6072

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Wigtoft, ringing on the newly-augmented six, Saturday, Nov. 19th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. 6076

SUFFOLK GUILD.—District meeting Woodbridge (8) (25 cwt.), Nov. 19th. Bells 2.30. Cups of tea in Church Room, 5; bring food. —C. W. Pipe. 6078

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 19th, at Howden. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 2s. 6d. each, Mission Room, Hailgate, for all who notify Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, Goole, before Nov. 16th. 6089

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District. — Meeting Brandon, Nov. 26th, 3. Names for tea to Miss Reeve, Hockwold. 6080

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Bunwell, Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in School, for those who notify Frank Phillippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich, by Nov. 22nd.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 6079

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Great Bardfield (8), Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to J. Jennings, 2, Pant Place, Great Bardfield, Braintree. 6043

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, Nov. 26th, 2.30. Service at 4. Tea 4.30. Note altered service and tea times. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, please. Nomination of officers. District tower captains' meeting will follow district meeting. —G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 6061

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Leeds (10), Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone, Kent. 6070

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Loxton (6), Saturday, Nov. 26th, 5 to 9.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec., Sandford. 6091

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Thornbury (8), Nov. 26th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 6092

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Kettering, Saturday, Nov. 26th. Ringing from 3 p.m. at Parish Church. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, not later than Wednesday, November 23rd. Burton Latimer bells available during the evening. All ringers welcome.—Jill Poole. 6103

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Hitcham (6 bells), Saturday, Nov. 26th, 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker. 6101

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston and Derby Districts. — Joint meeting, Long Eaton, Nov. 26th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Hickton, 38, Thorneywood Road, Long Eaton, before Nov. 24th. 6099

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Otley on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Cups of tea (only) provided. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12. 6094

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Nov. 26th, 3 p.m. Election of officers. Ringing afterwards at St. Margaret's, Barking, Essex, 4.30 to 7.30. 6096

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Meeting at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Names for tea to A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec., The Cottage, Windmill Hill, Hitchin. 6097

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Ripple, Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names by Tuesday, Nov. 22nd, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 6107

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Oatlands Park, Nov. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after at Church Hall. Nominations for district officers for 1950. Names for tea to Mrs. Smith, 5, Pantile Road, Oatlands Park.—F. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec 6095

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Burwash (8), Saturday, Nov. 26th. Tower open 2.30. Names for tea to F. Lambert, Glebe Cottage, Burwash, by 24th. 6110

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Stalybridge, Holy Trinity, Nov. 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Mr. V. Turner, 74, Forester Street, Stalybridge.—C. K. Lewis. 6109

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery. — Corporate Communion, Nailsea, Sunday evening, 6.30, Nov. 27th. Bells 5.30 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 6104

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Jubilee dinner, to be held in the County Assembly Rooms, Lincoln, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at 6. Ringing: Cathedral (12), 2 to 3.45, and St. Giles' (8), 2 to 5. Tickets (10s. 6d. each) from Mr. John Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. Those interested in peal attempts, Friday evening or Saturday morning, please mention when applying for tickets.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 6027

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Rettendon (6), Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, Rose Cottage. Boreham. 6085

SUFFOLK GUILD. — District meeting at Halesworth, Dec. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by meeting, 5. Names for tea to Mr. R. S. Payne, 63, Pier Avenue, Southwold. 6098

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District.—Annual meeting, Cadoxton (6 bells), Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 2. Service 4. Tea and business to follow.—E. Stitch, District Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam. 6100

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting, Leytonstone, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, own arrangements, 4.30 p.m. Meeting in Church Hall 5.30 p.m. Further ringing to 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. E. Lidbetter, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6102

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, Dec. 3rd, St. Mary's, Redcliffe. Usual arrangements. Tea, Community Centre. Bookings to M. Hancock, 124, Coronation Road, Bristol. 6106

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch. — 30th anniversary. Annual meeting, Charlton Kings, Dec. 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 (names required by Dec. 5th).—Charles Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Glos. 6088

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be no practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields in December. The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21st, 1950. Further details later. — G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 6105

AUSTRALIAN NEWS

Mr. F. A. Bennett, of 1, Marne Street, South Yarra, Melbourne, writes that the annual meeting of the St. Paul's Cathedral (Melbourne) Society of Bellringers was held on August 17th, when the following office bearers were elected: Captain, J. W. Spencer; vice-captain, W. Ford; secretary, F. A. Bennett.

The death was reported of Mr. A. A. Savage, who was a ringer at St. Paul's Cathedral for 20 years, and who will be remembered by those ringers who visited Australia for the Melbourne Centenary in 1934. An attempt was made to ring a quarter peal half-muffled in his memory on August 24th. This attempt failed, but a few short touches were rung.

Ringers leaving England to settle in Australia will be very welcome at St. Paul's Cathedral, and are invited to write to Mr. Bennett.

WICKHAMBREAUX, KENT.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): F. Ellen 1, J. Walter 2, S. G. White (cond.) 3, J. F. Laker 4, E. Wood 5, S. Walter 6. Rung on the conductor's 25th wedding anniversary. A welcome to J. F. Laker, a former member, who is home for a short holiday after 27 years' absence in U.S.A.

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JEALOUSY

Love is stronger than death
And jealousy more cruel than the grave.

ADDRESSING a ringers' meeting some years ago, the Vicar of Ringmer, Sussex, in the words of 'The Ringing World' of the time, 'took the opportunity of uttering a word of warning against the intrusion into the belfry of the ogre which he described as "Old Green Eye." Such a warning is not out of place. Jealousy is to be found in the ranks of ringers no less than among other sections of the community, for ringers are only human.'

This advice might well be taken to heart by ringers in general. Many readers will have perused with regret the recent correspondence between representatives of two bands in the Midlands, and will perhaps have reflected how strange it is, considering the pacific nature of ringing and its associations with the Church, that such great passions can be aroused in its devotees, although those with experience of other sides of Church life will know this is by no means confined to ringers alone. Nevertheless, there are many stories of how, for example, the ringers from one tower of this or that town will not walk on the same pavement as those from a neighbouring church and, though in after years it is possible to look back and realise how futile such behaviour is, much bitterness can be caused at the time and much harm done to the ringers themselves.

Whatever the causes, real or imaginary, of the present differences in the Leicester Diocesan Guild, many will feel that it is mostly likely due to the inability of two very gifted conductors to work in harmony. The example of William Pye's band can be quoted to show that, even though it regularly contained not two but three or four conductors, little if any less capable than himself, no difficulties arose because all worked together for the common good.

The younger members of the Leicester Guild, instead of disputing amongst themselves which of them has achieved the most, would do well to keep that example before them. It is pleasant to know that one has, say, rung more peals in a given time than anyone else, or that a greater proportion of them have been Surprise peals—not that their value is thus in any way enhanced—but these young men should also remember that their records have greater merit when they result more from their own efforts than from the exceptional ability of well-known conductors. In ten years' time others will have superseded them as the hopes of the future, just as they have taken the place of others.

'It would be a thousand pities,' said 'The Ringing World' not long before the recent war, 'if a canker were to develop in the very district which is richer in the promise of youth than almost any other district in any Association in England, and were to lead to decay.' The Leicester Diocesan Guild can fairly claim to-day to possess just such an abundance of youthful talent which, let us hope, will meet with no such obstacle to its development as befell those to whom 'The Ringing World' referred, who sacrificed at the very least what should have been their most carefree and formative years. Let the young men of to-day, therefore, make the most of their opportunities and not fritter them away with unnecessary squabbling.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

JAMES CARTER	*Treble*	*JAMES W. GROUNDS ...	7
*DEREK OGDEN	2	ALAN J. BROWN	8
*MARY WALSHAW	3	†STEPHEN LL. PARRY ...	9
†SELWYN H. DEARDEN...	4	VERNON SYKES	10
†ERIC BRUNTON	5	†PHILIP H. TOCOCK ...	11
CHARLES CLEGG	6	JACK CLEGG ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JACK CLEGG.
* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Treble Bob Maximus. First peal on twelve bells as conductor. Tenor 25 cwt.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 9, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

STANLEY R. GARDNER ...	*Treble*	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	6
*ALAN JACQUES	2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ...	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON ...	3	SHIRLEY BURTON	8
HAROLD J. POOLE ...	4	‡HERRICK B. BOWLEY ...	9
†MICHAEL P. STANIFORTH	5	ALFRED BALLARD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal on 'inside' bell of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. † First of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. ‡ 100th peal. Tenor 6½ cwt.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Nov. 10, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY...	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON ...	7
ALBERT WALKER	3	ARTHUR D. COOK	8
JOHN PINFOLD	4	FRANK E. HAYNES ...	9
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON...	5	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEO. E. FEARN.
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BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*LORNA BRIGGS	*Treble*	JACK BRAY	6
WILLIAM E. CLARKE ...	2	*G. LESLIE LUNN	7
FRANK DEWEY	3	*GEORGE W. MOODY ...	8
†FRANK LORD	4	†PHILIP BARNES	9
DONOVAN R. WHITE ...	5	‡GEORGE E. FEIRN ...	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal on tower bells. ‡ 250th peal.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

*HOWARD HOWELL ...	*Treble*	*†ALAN ELSMORE	6
HARRY F. HOLDING ...	2	DEREK J. TRANTER ...	7
GEORGE A. PACKER ...	3	P. GEORGE GOLDER ...	8
†MAURICE G. TURNER ...	4	RICHARD D. LANGFORD	9
TREVOR REYNOLDS ...	5	JOHN N. LINDON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* 25th peal together. † 25th peal together.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

SIDNEY HARRISON ...	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	6
*GEORGE H. HEBBORN ...	2	JOHN BRAMLEY	7
ALAN CATTELL	3	JOHN B. BENNETT ...	8
*JAMES DEACON	4	†TERANCE H. THORNBER	9
MAVIS A. WHITEHEAD...	5	‡S. ANTHONY JESSON ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Stedman Caters on tower bells. ‡ First peal on ten. Rung muffled 'in memoriam' Remembrance-tide.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.
Tenor 24 cwt.

*ALBERT GREENHALGH ...	*Treble*	RONALD KENRICK	6
*MURIEL REAY	2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	7
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	3	JOSEPH RIDYARD	8
*JOHN L. ASHCROFT ...	4	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ...	9
JAMES S. WEBB	5	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 16 cwt.

*ANDREW J. SALISBURY...	*Treble*	SYDNEY PENFOLD ...	5
DAVID W. BEARD ...	2	TOM F. EAST	6
GEORGE W. FAULKNER	3	FRANK V. GANT	7
JOAN M. PEACOCK ...	4	†WILLIAM J. CARTER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5376 CHANCES;
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

JOHN LE MARQUAND ...	*Treble*	†G. F. LE MARQUAND ...	5
*BRIAN AUSTIN	2	JOHN KING	6
ANDERSON Y. TYLER ...	3	HARRY CHAMBERS ...	7
JOHN J. MAWBY	4	JOHN E. SKERRITT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JOHN E. SKERRITT.
* First peal of Superlative. † First peal of Surprise. To commemorate the enthronement of the Bishop of Peterborough and also as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Anderson Y. Tyler.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun.. Nov. 6, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.

VICTOR NEAL	*Treble*	*DONALD J. POTTER ...	5
REGINALD WOODYATT ...	2	CYRIL TANSELL	6
WM. H. A. COMPTON ...	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	7
GEORGE E. LARGE	4	JAMES F. NASH	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal. A welcome to their new parish to the Rev. Leonard J. Birch and Mrs. Birch, both of whom are ringers.

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SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Nov. 7, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF RADNOR SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	HENRY H. FEARN	5
JOHN PINFOLD	2	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY...	6
TERRY R. HAMPTON ...	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	7
FRANK W. PERRENS ...	4	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
The first peal rung in this method. Tenor 6¼ cwt in A.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ALFRED BALLARD ...	*Treble*	SHIRLEY BURTON	5
*ELIZABETH FAULKNALL ...	2	LAURENCE GREENHOW ...	6
HAROLD J. POOLE ...	3	ALAN JACQUES	7
JOHN R. SMITH	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 9, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ...	*Treble*	JOHN H. HUNT	5
FREDK. W. BURNETT ...	2	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	6
*NELIA M. LEAHY	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS...	7
MRS. E. F. SALMONS ...	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Superlative. To commemorate the enthronement of the fourth Bishop of Portsmouth (Rt. Rev. W. S. L. Fleming).

GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 10, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND INDIVISIBLE TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HARRY NEWMAN	*Treble*	HARRY DANIELS	5
THOMAS NEWMAN	2	LESLIE BARRY	6
HAROLD AUSTIN	3	WILLIAM RITCHINGS ...	7
WILLIAM JONES	4	CHARLES LARNER	*Tenor*

Composed by S. BIDDLESTON. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
An 81st birthday compliment to Mr. S. Romans. Tenor 24 cwt.

EWHURST, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 11, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

*JOHN A. ETHERINGTON	*Treble*	FRANK B. LUFKIN ...	5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ...	2	T. MARK WHITE	6
*FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	3	C. ERNEST SMITH	7
HAROLD A. MAY	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
* First peal of Bristol. First peal of Bristol on the bells.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 11, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF CLASCOW SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

OSWALD CLAYBROOK ...	*Treble*	CYRIL VALENTINE	5
EDWARD JENKINS ...	2	ERIC J. GILBERT	6
WALTER ALLMAN	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ...	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 for the Guild in the county and by all the band. A fourths place bob was used, and this is the first time this method has been so rung. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 11, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

TERRANCE A. THORNBER	*Treble*	HORACE O. OVER ...	5
HAROLD J. POOLE ...	2	JOHN R. SMITH	6
*GEORGE D. HADFIELD...	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ...	7
MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	4	EDWIN J. TOVELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
*** First peal in the method. Memorial peal to the men of the parish who made the supreme sacrifice in both wars.**

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

RONALD G. BECK ...	*Treble*	PERCY HULL	5
A. GEORGE CLARE	2	EDWARD CHIVERS ...	6
HARRY SMITH	3	DAVID HOARE	7
FREDERICK SAVAGE ...	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
First peal on eight bells by the conductor. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*GEORGE F. SPERRING ...	*Treble*	*JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ...	5
†BRIAN HARRIS	2	*FREDERICK H. BIRKS...	6
‡HENRY O. BAKER	3	†R. GORDON CORBY ...	7
*JOHN W. BEST	4	*PERCY SWINDLEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.
* First peal in the method. † First Surprise peal. ‡ First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method on the bells.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5440 CHANGES;

JOYCE A. ENGLAND ...	*Treble*	*RICHARD F. B. SPEED...	5
JILL BRITTAIN	2	ALBERT J. ADAMS ...	6
DAVID E. PARSONS ...	3	FRANK E. DARBY ...	7
HAROLD N. PITSTOW ...	4	DENIS N. LAYTON ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.
* 100th peal. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association. Tenor 14 cwt.

HADLOW, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

LEWIS NEWMAN	*Treble*	GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN	5
JOHN L. MORRIS	2	PETER C. WRIGHT	6
EDNA M. SILLS	3	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT...	7
*WILLIAM R. MANSER ...	4	REGINALD L. SILLS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by F. C. W. KNIGHT. Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.
* First peal of Bob Major. Tenor 13 cwt.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E.

*RONALD E. J. FREEMAN	*Treble*	WALTER S. IZZARD ...	5
ERNEST FREEMAN	2	*JAMES NORTON	6
J. MICHAEL STEPHENS...	3	E. PEARL INSKIP	7
REGINALD WEST	4	CLIFFORD W. IZZARD ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.
* First peal. First peal of Major as conductor.

KINGSTON, SURREY.
THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 27 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in D flat.

*H. WILLIAM BARRETT ...	*Treble*	*FRANK E. HAWTHORNE	5
MRS. R. F. DEAL ...	2	T. MARK WHITE	6
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS...	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE... ...	7
HAROLD A. MAY	4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ...	*Tenor*

Arranged by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.
* First peal in the method.

STOKE, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANK BRASSINGTON ...	*Treble*	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ...	5
*ROY D. HAYNE	2	*W. BRIAN ELLENDER ...	6
THOMAS W. SHEPPARD...	3	*HUBERT ASHLEY	7
FRANK E. PERVIN ...	4	WILLIAM A. STOTE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by HY. DAINS. Conducted by THOMAS W. SHEPPARD.
*** First peal in the method.**

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

*John Sterry	*Treble*	*Raymond Dunn	5
*Frances Raybould ...	2	Roderick J. Lees ...	6
Harry Hill	3	Henry Hubball	7
William Davies	4	Stanley Prestidge ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Stanley Prestidge.
* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Prestidge on the 10th anniversary of their wedding.

SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the R.C. Church of St. Marie,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

John J. L. Gilbert ...	*Treble*	John E. Turley	5
Elaine Wright	2	Dennis Holland	6
Mrs. J. E. Turley ...	3	Norman Chaddock ...	7
Sam Scattergood ...	4	Herbert O. Chaddock	*Tenor*

Composed by Amburn Wilson. Conducted by John J. L. Gilbert.
A birthday compliment to Elaine Wright and to John Chaddock, son of the ringer of the seventh.

WARBURTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Werburgh,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

Eric J. Gilbert ...	*Treble*	John Worth	5
Walter Allman	2	James C. E. Simpson ...	6
C. Kenneth Lewis ...	3	Frank Varty	7
John E. Bibby	4	Edward Jenkins ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Dains and non-conducted.
Umpire: George R. Newton.
This is the first non-conducted peal of London Suprise Major by the Chester Diocesan Guild and in the county.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 14 cwt.

William H. Kingcott	*Treble*	*Marjorie Legg	5
*George K. Westlake.	2	†George Prescott ...	6
*Robert H. Brice ...	3	Herbert W. Knight ...	7
*Hilda M. Prescott ...	4	*Herbert A. T. Price...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert W. Knight.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to William H. Kingcott.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LITTLE WENLOCK, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Dorothy M. Cooper...	*Treble*	Alfred S. Bayley ...	3
*Donald K. Maclean ...	2	Joseph L. Stanier ...	4
Ernest J. Rowe ...	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Alfred S. Bayley.
* First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor on tower bells. The first visit to the parish of the new Bishop of Hereford, Rt. Rev. Tom Longland.

WOODCHURCH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes.*
At the Church of the Holy Cross.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, viz.: London Surprise, York Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

*Stanley D. Sutton ...	*Treble*	Charles B. Pemberton	4
†Alfred W. Cusick ...	2	A. Trevor Sutton ...	5
George R. Newton ...	3	Alexander J. Martin...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.
* First peal in seven methods. † 25th peal. To mark the 51st anniversary of the first peal on the bells and of Mr. G. R. Newton's first peal.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt. approx.

Grace Burchnall	*Treble*	Clarence F. Briggs ...	4
Katharine Burchnall...	2	Arthur J. Chamberlain	5
George E. Foster ...	3	F. William Midwinter	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Foster.
First peal of Stedman Doubles by all except the conductor. For the first wedding anniversary of Mr. A. Pickard and Mrs. Pickard, daughter of the ringer of the fifth.

OLD WOODHOUSE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-in-the-Elms,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Elizabeth Faulknall ...	*Treble*	John R. Smith	4
Kathleen V. Tilley ...	2	Redvers F. Elkington	5
Dorothy Udale	3	Alan E. Jacques ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Redvers F. Elkington.
First peal of Cambridge Minor by all except treble ringer. All have now rung from Minor to Maximus in the method.

WICKWAR, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *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. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Charles Watts	*Treble*	William Ritchings ...	4
*Mary Drew	2	Frederick Roberts ...	5
Horace V. Robinson...	3	Leslie Barry	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie Barry.
* First peal of Minor. First peal in the method on the bells.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 7, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Botolph and Andrew,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 1,440 each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob and 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford and St. Clement's. Tenor 7 cwt.

Lewis J. Last	*Treble*	Ronald W. Steward...	4
George A. Fleming ...	2	William J. Button ...	5
George W. Pipe	3	*Cecil W. Pipe ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.
* 250th peal. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the Rev. G. M. Shallard.

HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 7, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Horace Bennett	*Treble*	Harold Barsley	4
Bernand H. Dalton ...	2	John G. Ames	5
Stanley E. Bennett ...	3	Cyril R. Burrell ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cyril R. Burrell.

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Fri., Nov. 11, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *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.

*Audrey A. Timms ...	*Treble*	*‡Lance C. I. Watson...	4
Mary I. Kenelly ...	2	Jack R. Worrall ...	5
†Herbert A. Bradbury...	3	Ivor H. Trueman ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ivor H. Trueman.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 11, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 each of Double Court, Double Bob, College, St. Clement's, Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Ernest Bowley	*Treble*	John A. Underwood ...	4
John Hawtin	2	C. William Hall	5
Richard Manton	3	Roland Beniston ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roland Beniston.
Rung half-muffled for the dedication of the memorial window panel.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Hilburn 1, W. Cavill 2, F. Skinner (cond.) 3, F. Sandy 4, C. Norton 5, E. Skinner 6. First quarter by 2, 4 and 5.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTS. — On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Burton 1, Miss O. M. Martin 2, Miss P. A. Martin 3, H. E. Porrett 4, F. W. Leach 5, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 6, S. Chappell (first 'inside') 7, C. Dickins 8. First quarter 1, 4 and 8.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Timms 1, Miss H. Prescott 2, Miss P. Woolley 3, W. Kingcott 4, D. Bellamy 5, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 6. First Bob Minor for 1, 2, 4 and 5.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS. — On Nov. 6th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. L. Cooke 1, F. J. Lewis, sen. 2, J. Hope 3, V. R. Williams 4, F. J. Lewis, jun. (first as cond.) 5, E. H. Jeffries 6, A. Law 7, W. Wrigley 8.

DALSTON, LONDON.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. F. Harman 1, W. D. Prockson 2, C. A. Hughes 3, J. Goodall 4, A. E. Hoare 5, A. F. Warren 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, R. L. Sills 8. A farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. K. Rich.

DAMERHAM, HANTS. — On Nov. 4th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles: J. Baverstock (first quarter) 1, Miss M. MacKenzie (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Gray 3, G. Baverstock 4, P. K. Waterman (cond.) 5, J. Dommett 6.

EWELL, SURREY. — On Nov. 13th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: J. Hill 1, H. E. Good 2, Gladys Anderson (first 'inside') 3, Margaret Howard 4, J. E. Beams 5, C. W. Munday 6, R. Spittle (first as cond.) 7, A. F. Rippington 8.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Mattlass 1, H. Thorpe 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, T. Relf 4, F. Proctor 5, C. Blakey 6, B. Dalton (first of Caters) 7, H. R. Woods 8, T. Hall 9, S. Proctor (cond.) 10.

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.—On. Nov. 6th, 1,264 Bob Major, half-muffled: G. Schleuter 1, F. Harrington 2, B. Elliott 3, Dr. Castleden 4, R. Boykett 5, A. T. Perry 6, H. W. Smith (cond.) 7, G. Saunders 8.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: W. F. Todd 1, G. Cherry 2, A. E. Symonds 3, E. W. Winters 4, W. J. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6.

HITCHIN, HERTS. — On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. F. Todd 1, G. Cherry 2, A. E. Symonds 3, W. J. Croft 4, E. W. Winters 5, J. Church (first in method 'inside') 6, C. V. Hare 7, F. W. Croft (cond.) 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: I. Biggs (first of Stedman) 1, F. D. Boreham 2, D. Cox 3, P. Newton 4, J. Kape 5, R. Blaby 6, A. E. Cox (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, V. Evans 8.

HUNTINGDON. — At All Saints' on Nov. 6th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Peacock (first of Treble Bob) 1, J. R. G. Spicer (first of Treble Bob 'inside') 2, C. J. Young 3, C. H. J. Gravette 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. — On Oct. 30th, a quarter peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Gayes 1, J. Henshaw 2, W. Stevenson 3, G. Farrer 4, A. A. Potts 5, H. Farrer 6, H. Wood 7, J. Worth (cond.) 8.

MORECAMBE, LANCS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,600 Plain Bob Major: D. Schofield 1, F. Schofield 2, B. Schofield 3, J. Bagnall 4, G. Braithwaite 5, H. Palmer 6, Rev. A. Hodgson 7, J. E. Burles (cond.) 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. S. Valentine 1, Miss M. B. Valentine 2, T. Bass (first of Grandsire) 3, E. Nobles 4, W. R. Parker 5, G. S. Valentine 6, T. Tebbutt (cond.) 7, A. Monk 8. For the enthronement of Rt. Rev. Spencer Leeson as Bishop of Peterborough.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX. — On Nov. 6th, 1,299 Stedman Caters, half-muffled: R. Croucher 1, D. Coombes 2, A. Reeve 3, B. Sadler 4, W. Perry 5, J. Belcham 6, P. Sadler 7, F. Souter 8, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 9, C. R. Chambers 10.

RAINHAM, KENT. — On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples, half-muffled: Miss E. B. P. Walker 1, E. Naylor 2, P. Smee 3, F. J. Cheal 4, T. A. Cross 5, W. J. Walker 6, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 7, W. Barden (first quarter) 8. First in the method for all except the 6th ringer.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 29th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss F. Wood (longest length Major) 1, Miss H. Gorringe 2, J. A. Downing 3, W. Gorringe 4, C. A. Bassett 5, G. Billenness (cond.) 6, C. A. Levett 7, L. T. Pope 8.

SALISBURY.—At St. Thomas' on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Lowe 1, Miss J. M. Brown 2, H. H. Abrahams 3, J. Sutton 4, F. L. Harris (cond.) 5, J. Mussell 6, L. Harris 7, E. J. Doel 8.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, half-muffled: Miss A. Hinds 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, Miss D. Golding (first 'inside') 3, Miss D. Corke 4, H. Baker 5, E. Andrews 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, Miss D. Colgate 8. Also 1,264 Plain Bob Major.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. A. Riddington 1, H. Kilby 2, J. Clarke 3, S. Cox 4, A. Bodycote 5, G. Deacon (cond.) 6, A. Pattrick 7, J. Morris 8.

SPELDHURST, KENT.—On Oct. 30th, 1,264 Bob Major: G. Burroughs 1, Miss E. N. Hyman 2, H. N. Vaughn 3, R. D. Dival 4, Rev E. Wood 5, A. F. Lewry (cond.) 6, A. R. Turley (first of Bob Major 'inside') 7, F. Miles 8. First of Bob Major 1 and 2.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Myhill 1, Miss J. Thomas 2, E. J. Runter 3, W. Glover (first quarter) 4, R. Thrift 5, H. W. Shadrack (cond.) 6.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS. — On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, half-muffled: G. C. Cookson 1, C. H. Woodberry (cond.) 2, A. Whatmore 3, R. Lees 4, F. V. Nicholls 5, R. Smith 6, P. C. Richards 7, D. H. Watson 8.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor, half-muffled: Miss Doris M. Wiskin 1, S. Harpley 2, J. Fox (cond.) 3, Miss Doris J. Peeling 4, R. Wiskin 5, H. Follen 6.

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STOP PRESS.

Canon G. F. Coleridge, former president of the Central Council and former Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, died on Tuesday, aged 92. The funeral is at Crowthorne, Berks, on Friday at 2.30 p.m. No flowers or mourning.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Cecil W. Pipe has rung his 250th peal. 'Not being a great peal snatcher,' he writes, 'it has taken me 30 years to reach this modest total.' It was the 40th peal he had rung with his son, George.

Mr. Stephen Ll. Parry, at Ashton-under-Lyne on November 12th, completed Kent from Minor to Maximus.

A contract for a ring of ten, tenor 21 cwt., has been placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for British Columbia.

An 80th birthday compliment was paid at Irthlingborough to Mr. Anderson Y. Tyler, who has been towerkeeper here for over 50 years and a ringer at St. Peter's for 56 years.

Mr. P. W. Cave, hon. secretary of the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association, will be resigning his office next month on account of the transfer of his office to London.

The peal at Lullington, Derbyshire, was the 50th peal together by William H. Curson and Josepn W. Cotton, whose first together was also at Lullington on November 19th, 1927.

Mr. N. V. Andrews, of Andover, who has rung over 100 peals on six, eight, ten and twelve bells, has now rung his first quarter of Grandsire Doubles.

Friends of Mr. Harrison Smith, of Wickhambreaux, Canterbury, will be sorry to hear of the death of his wife on November 12th after almost 60 years of happy married life.

Mr. James F. Laker, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' thanks all those good ringers who made it possible for him to do 'a little ringing' while on a short visit to the 'old country.'

The conductor of the peal of Rutland Surprise at Biddenham, Kent, on November 5th, writes correcting the time of the peal to 3 hours and 4 minutes, and not 2 hours 48 minutes as stated.

We regret to learn that Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers, has had to undergo an operation in Ottery St. Mary Hospital. He will have the good wishes of his many ringing friends for a rapid and complete recovery.

Mr. W. E. Clarke has completed 'the circle' of Boston, Lincs, tower.

A quarter of Stedman Cinques was lost in the last three sixes at St. Laurence's, Reading, on November 13th. It was being rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. Burton, who are both service ringers. Mr. R. Burton was the conductor.

We have received a progress report from Mapledurham, Oxon, where Mr. R. Hunt had trained a band of learners for service ringing, starting last Easter. The company have now scored their first quarter.

'The Northampton Chronicle and Echo' has recently given a considerable amount of its space to a number of articles upon bells written by 'Treble Bob,' who is a well-known Northampton ringer. 'The Peterborough Diocesan Leaflet' and several deanery and parish magazines contain similar articles.

The peal at St. John's, Leicester, was specially arranged as near Armistice Day as possible. The composition, now rung for the first time, had 89, 96, 68 and 978 'at hand' in every course. Prior to the peal a recording was made of the muffled bells, and will shortly be issued on gramophone records.

A long break in peal ringing by Messrs. East and Penfold was broken when both scored a peal at Chigwell Row, Essex. Mr. T. East rang his last peal on Easter Monday, 1922, when he rang two — at Blewbury and Dorchester Abbey, while Mr. Penfold's last peal was rung at Bethnal Green in 1925. It is hoped another successful run has begun.

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Change Ringing in Arkansas

The University of Arkansas, at Fayetteville, has two sets of electronic bells, one English and one Flemish, given by the alumni as a memorial for the members lost in the two world wars. The workings of the electronic bells, as I understand them, are that hammers, actuated from a keyboard like an organ console in the control room, strike rods or strips of bell metal, tuned to the desired pitch, and the sounds thus arising are relayed and broadcast electrically from a speaker, situated, in our case, in the tower of University Hall.

This device is, of course, much cheaper than a ring of real bells; it can be operated from a keyboard by a single man, and it does not require a tower to house the bells. I was put off by the word 'electronic,' but when I heard them I had to confess that they sounded exactly like real bells. Furthermore, each bell is absolutely on pitch, and the whole ring has throughout a uniform pattern of harmonics. The English bells are tuned to the chromatic scale and have a range of something over two octaves.

Concerts of familiar hymns are played on the Flemish bells on Sunday afternoons. The English bells are controlled by a clockwork mechanism so as to strike the Westminster chimes through the day and at six o'clock to end the day with a hymn such as 'Lead, Kindly Light' or 'Onward, Christian Soldiers,' played alla marcia funebre from a roll like that of a player-piano. The volume of the Flemish bells can be controlled; that of the English bells cannot, and with characteristic American exuberance the men who installed the system set the English bells at the highest possible volume, so that they can be heard within a radius of some ten miles.

When I suggested that an attempt be made to ring changes on the bells I received the counter-suggestion that the attempt be made on the Flemish bells, set at a very low volume. To ring English changes on Flemish bells seemed little short of sacrilege to me, and I replied that I did not want to be held responsible if the Empire should topple, the Government fall, the pound be devalued, and Prince Charles come down with the measles. Grudging permission was accordingly given that I might try the experiment on the English bells on August 15th, the anniversary of VJ-Day, a fitting occasion for bellringing.

In preparation I pricked a plain course of Bob Doubles and practised them in the ringing room (the mechanism has a switch whereby the sound can be diverted from the speaker in the tower and heard at greatly reduced volume only in the ringing room). I found that I could not ring smoothly and evenly from a row of numbers because I had not that sort of co-ordination of hand and eye. I copied the course in musical notation, using Middle C as the tenor, and found that I could ring smoothly from notes.

At noon on August 15th I rang a plain course of Bob Doubles. I was immensely gratified to know that at the sound of it an Englishwoman teaching over here during the summer term burst into tears in the Library Quadrangle. Thus encouraged, a few days later I rang four six-scores of Bob Doubles, choosing the hour of six in the afternoon as the one when the ringing would be least likely to disturb the university community.

I rang changes for the third time at the end of August, ringing, in addition to the Bob Doubles I had previously worked out, two touches of Grandsire Doubles. This was a clear, still evening, and people living in the vicinity of the tower protested that their houses were being shaken to pieces by the loud clamour.

Until a technician to diminish the volume of the bells can be found, further ringing has been postponed. It is satisfying, at any rate, to know that changes have been rung for the first time in Arkansas.

JOHN APPLEBY, M.A., of Harvard.
Author of 'Suffolk Summer.'

IMPORTANT NOTICE

In accordance with the decision taken at the Central Council meeting at York, the retail price of 'The Ringing World' from January 6th, 1950, will be 4d. a copy.

The journal will be enlarged to 16 pages weekly and will include a number of special articles and features.

Concessions are to be granted to long-term postal subscribers. The new rates will be £1 per annum, 10s. 6d. for six months, and 5s. 6d. for three months. These should be sent to Mrs. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at Dartington Parish Church on November 12th, when there was a good attendance of members and friends, including the president (Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox).

Some very good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung on this fine ring of six bells during the afternoon, and this was followed by a service in church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. G. Ketchley), who gave an admirable address.

After an excellent tea the business meeting followed with Mr. J. E. Lilley, of Newton Abbot, in the chair.

A letter was produced from Kingsteignton regarding the future use of their bells, and the secretary's reply thereto, and after a discussion it was resolved to leave the matter in the hands of the president.

The election of two members prior to starting for peals was confirmed, whilst three associate members were also elected.

The 1950 programme was adopted as follows: February 4th, annual meeting at All Saints', Babbacombe, Torquay; April 22nd, quarterly meeting at Lustleigh; June 24th, joint meeting with the South-West Branch at South Brent; July 22nd, quarterly meeting at Dean Prior; August 26th, special meeting at Highweek; September 16th, joint meeting with the Exeter Branch at Teignmouth; October 28th, quarterly meeting at Wolborough; November 25th, extra meeting at Brixham. All are subject to the necessary permission being granted.

A query from a member on the ringing of peals and complaints arising therefrom was answered by the president, and it was unanimously resolved that the Rector of Highweek be written and thanked for the use of his bells to the branch on Wednesday evenings.

A welcome was extended to the visiting ringers, and there was ringing at Berry Pomeroy afterwards.

BLEWBURY BELLS AGAIN

The rehanging of Blewbury, Berks, bells by Messrs. R. White and Son, of Appleton, is now completed and a thanksgiving service was held on November 12th.

The church was well filled with ringers and residents, and an inspiring address was given by the Rev. J. S. Amies, Vicar of Dunsden, near Reading.

A tea, attended by 160, followed. Afterwards came an exhibition of handbell ringing by that grand old veteran, Dick White, and his band, which met with great applause.

A return was made to the tower, where ringing ranged from Grandsire to Double Norwich with reports of a good job. Visiting ringers came from Oxford, Abingdon, Beedon, Ilsley, Hagbourne, Harwell, Farnborough (Hants) and Aston.

Sunday service ringing took place on the following day, and the local company was favoured by a visit for evensong by Capt. A. R. Poyntz, Deputy Master.

Method-Structure Lecture

There was an appreciative and representative Hampshire ringers' audience at St. Michael's Parish Hall, Southampton, on November 12th, attending Mr. York-Bramble's lecture on 'Grid Analysis' (The New Look in Method Structure), illustrated with projector slides.

The Vicar, the Rev. H. W. K. Felstead, at the opening, remarked that the material for this work had been derived by its author during many years of research, and that he (the author) had come to feel that the results might well be published to the Exercise. The nature of the subject, however, called for explanatory diagrams rather too costly for present-day publication in pamphlet form, so the author had conceived the idea of putting the material in lecture form with slides made from his drawings. The Vicar thought they were fortunate in having the opportunity of hearing the lecture from the author himself before it was despatched (as he believed it was intended) on offer to the Central Council for preservation and use within the Exercise.

The lecture traced the origin and development of the science of production of changerows, through an analysis of the grid-like structure of the group of rows commonly known as a 'lead'; and showed how a method is completely contained within its plain course; and how the composition devices known as 'calls' (including the Single as a phase-reversing device) may be used to build up other courses for the composition of touches and peals.

There ensued an interval for an enjoyable tea.

Comparative diagrams of grid-patterns of all stages of various well-known methods from 'Original' to 'London' were shown, with the brief formula for producing each method on all appropriate numbers. The remarkable visual effect of grid-pattern comparison showed at once the correctness (or otherwise) of method extension or contraction.

A feature of particular appeal to the practical outlook was the brief instruction for ringing Cambridge on all numbers, given within only two short rules and exceptions.

At the conclusion the Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, Mr. George Pullinger, who presided, in expressing the general appreciation of the lecture, remarked that it had shown there was far more in the subject than might be thought; and that he considered it might well be given, perhaps, before members of the Central Council. He thought, too, that lectures from conductors to ringers would serve a useful purpose.

Proceedings closed with votes of thanks to all concerned and, as they had begun, with more ringing at St. Michael's tower.

PRESENTATION TO MR. G. A. HUGHES

After evensong on November 6th, Mr. George A. Hughes, of St. John's, Stanmore, Middlesex, was presented with a cheque for £22 as a token of appreciation of his service to the church.

Mr. Hughes, who is 73 years of age, has been a ringer at Stanmore for 56 years, during 25 of which he was in charge of the band; he was also a member of the choir for more than fifty years. Recently he retired from the choir, but still attends in the belfry very regularly when the weather is not too inclement. While never a great peal ringer, he was one of that body of faithful service ringers who are the backbone of our art.

When making the presentation, Mr. C. V. Rouse (churchwarden) expressed the thoughts of all present in wishing Mr. Hughes 'many years of happiness and good ringing in the future.'

Before evensong, Mr. Hughes took part in a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major, ringing his favourite bell, the seventh. The remainder of the band were C. Wenban 1, D. Cattell 2, F. Cattell 3, G. Cheshire 4, A. Wenban 5, W. Wenban 6, E. J. Leversuch (conductor) 8.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AN ANNABLE STORY

Dear Sir, — The great historians sleuthing into the past have done mighty things for bells and change ringing, and their discoveries have been established on a firm basis of fact. There is no positive evidence of the occurrence of the following incident, but truth is often stranger than fiction.

One time in the belfry an egregious learner left his corner and had the enormity to approach Mr. Benjamin Annable with the request, 'Beat me, Daddy, eight to the bar.'

A startled hush descended upon the ringers present and most of them caught their breath. Big Ben's reply is said to have been one of these three:—

(a) 'Sit down, Bud.'

(b) Taking a piece of chalk used for demonstrating the figures of Annable's London and marking a cross in the exact centre of the belfry floor, 'Accelerate, Rabbit — accelerate fiercely in any direction outwards from here.'

(c) Looking furtively round with evident apprehension and making a big effort to pull himself together, 'No, no—I can't do it. Eight to the bar? It's no use asking me. Short-circuit me in one lead if I'll have anything to do with it.'

Now reply (a) might be thought much too soft for the great man, but the learner had probably been sitting in his corner already for quite a time in those days and we have all heard of Chinese torture.

Reply (b) is more in line with tradition, but considerable doubt is thrown upon it. It is believed that Mr. John Holt was standing on the exact centre of the belfry floor auctioning the last few remaining copies of his broadsheet of peals, making it impossible to indicate a point from which all ways would lead quickly and decisively to the exit.

Reply (c) is the most remarkable of all. It would require some very serious consideration to orientate such a set-up. It is well known that Annable was intensely proud of the fact that we, the members of the Exercise at large, are the true, unchallenged originators of swing. Executioners have dabbled in it by way of the gibbet and it would be difficult to say whether the bellringers or the executioners thought of it first, but the latter never thought of adapting it to music.

Annable was also wildly excited at the almost exact similarity between the sound and spelling of 'Bob' and 'Bop.' Eight to the bar is intimately connected with such following consequences as the Medium Bounce, Fairly Bright Boogie and the Off-beat Stomp, all of which are of enough importance to have kindled his eyes brightly with satisfaction, as they must actually have done.

The only reasonable excuse for Big Ben's extraordinary funk is that there were six-bell men in the room, and anything done to increase the prestige of the eight-bell men, as any demonstration of eight to the bar would have, would add to the grievances the six-bell men already had to bear to such an extent that even Ben's iron nerve quailed at the prospect. 'BELLITIS.'

London, N.W.3.

BOBS IN CAMBRIDGE

Dear Sir,—The 'convention' of a 4ths place Bob in Cambridge has over 150 years' tradition behind it. Apparently the originators considered that was the proper place for it. May I point out also that the placing of the Bob at 6ths in Major implies an 8ths place Bob in Royal, and 10ths in Maximus, which to a ringer of these is absurd. Finally, I venture the opinion that Cambridge from Minor to Maximus will continue to be rung with a 4ths place Bob when the composition in question has been consigned to the limbo of forgotten things.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

Ipswich.

WORDSWORTH SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—On page 546 you publish the figures of Wordsworth Surprise and the composition to which the first peal was rung. Corrigan's Collection of Surprise Major Methods gives the following three false courses: 24365, 32465, 43265, for this method, but in the publication only the first of these is given plus four completely different ones. Who is right?

Another point is the composition is said to be that of the late J. A. Trollope. On looking at my records I find that when Kendal Surprise was first rung some years ago the figures of the method were duly published and the composition was given as 'Composed and Conducted by Harold G. Cashmore.' It is exactly the same as the one now produced for Wordsworth! I wonder whose composition it really is?—Sincerely yours, ALAN R. PINK.

Kennington, Oxford.

A 40th ANNIVERSARY

Dear Sir,—On looking through my record of peals I find that Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on Saturday, November 20th, 1909, *in silence and without a conductor*. The band was as follows: Joseph Timms treble, Rev. C. Carew Cox 2, Samuel Reeves 3, Rev. E. V. Cox 4, Robert Pickering 5, Alfred Rowley 6, Thomas H. Reeves 7, John C. Adams tenor. Tom Miller and W. H. Godden acted as witnesses in the ringing chamber and checked the ringing from the figures.

I believe the Rev. C. Carew Cox, the Rev. E. V. Cox and myself are all that remain of the band, with Mr. Tom Miller, now in his 92nd year, one of the witnesses.—Yours faithfully, THOMAS H. REEVES.

Sparkhill, Birmingham.

BOLSOVER CLAIM WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the claim, made in the footnote to the peal of Forward Major, rung at Bolsover on October 15th, 1949, viz., 'First peal in the method on the bells.'

I also offer my apologies to Mr. Ben Knights and his band for the mistake. Unfortunately the peal book at Bolsover has been lost. — Yours sincerely,

H. T. ROOKE.

Mansfield, Notts.

IN HIS 50th YEAR

Dear Sir,—Mr. Peck's rapid approach to 50 years' membership of the College Youths reminds me that I am nearing entry to the select band. My membership commenced in September, 1900, just seven years after starting ringing. I could have applied in 1893, but I was not qualified on account of still being a schoolboy! All good wishes. — Yours sincerely, WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

SPELDHURST RINGER'S 50 YEARS

Mr. V. N. Still has completed 50 years a ringer at Speldhurst, Kent, Parish Church. Although not a peal ringer, he can be relied upon to steer one of the 'back end' through a touch of any length and is one of the many thousands who attend regularly for service ringing.

To mark the occasion, the local band rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples on Nov. 6th as follows: R. Manard 1, E. A. Turley (cond.) 2, Miss E. N. Hyman 3, J. Denton 4, J. Still 5, A. R. Turley 6, V. N. Still 7, W. Hyman 8. First quarter for 3, 5, 6 and 8, and first quarter by a local band for over 12 years.

After ringing Mr. Still was the recipient of a fountain pen from the rest of the band, the gift taking him completely by surprise.

Mitcham Ringers' Service

The ringers' service which was held at Christ Church, Mitcham, on November 13th, was well attended and about 35 ringers took part in the ringing and the service. Ringing commenced at 5.30 p.m., and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent Treble Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. S. Johnston, who thanked the local band and those who came along to help with the regular Sunday ringing. He also extended a warm welcome to all the ringers present, especially to those who used to belong to the local band in their younger days and who now ring in the parishes around London where they reside.

The address, which was much appreciated, was given by the Rev. R. Carliss, of St. John's Church, Wimbledon, who said he was guided to the church by the sound of bells, and, having found the church, ascended the steps to find the ringers on the job.

The theme of the address was 'Service to God and our fellow-creatures.'

The lessons were read by two of the ringers, and before the address four members from St. Leonard's Church, Streatham, rang a plain course of Grandsire Triples on handbells.

The Vicar hopes to hold a ringers' service each year during the month of November.

On the Wednesday evening before the ringers' service, the organ (which has recently been installed to replace one destroyed by a bomb) was completely destroyed by fire. The roof of the organ loft was severely damaged and the walls and pews blackened by smoke. The prompt action of the Mitcham and other Fire Brigades, saved the building from further damage. Many willing workers worked hard to make the church clean enough for the Sunday services to be held.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

On October 15th the Society held its meeting at All Saints', Market Weighton, 30 members attending. The Vicar, the Rev. Massingberd Munday, conducted the service. Mr. F. Wilkinson, of Barnby Moor, read the lesson and four members rang handbells.

Tea was served in the Londesborough Arms Hotel. At the business meeting the Vicar, organist and local ringers were thanked for accommodating the Society at short notice. Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw replied and thanked the ringers for their contribution to the Bell Restoration Fund.

After the meeting the ringers rang touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob on handbells, which had been requested by the management. These were appreciated and in the conversation that followed it was found that by working in the shadow of the tower the staff had learned quite a lot about bells and ringing and had become competent judges of good and bad striking.

A return was made to the tower and the bells were kept going until 8 p.m.

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Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Mrs. J. Thomas ...	...*Treble*	John Thomas	4
Wm. H. A. Compton ...	2	Sidney T. Holt	5
George E. Large	3	Thomas W. Lewis ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Large.
First peal of London Surprise Minor by all except the 5th ringer.

CROPERDY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:
Being 10 six-scores of St. Simon's and Plain Bob and 22 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles

*William Jones ...	...*Treble*	George F. Burton ...	4
Owen John Steel ...	2	William Yates	5
William J. Chester ...	3	William H. Yates ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Yates.
* First peal for 42 years. First peal in three methods by all except ringer of 3rd.

FRESHWATER, I.O.W.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 18 cwt.

William Upton ...	...*Treble*	Lester Bailey	4
Patrick Page	2	John H. Hunt	5
Frank S. Taylor	3	Fredk. W. Burnett ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by John H. Hunt.
First peal of Minor in the method by all.

KELSTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of Double Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Horace D. Taylor	...*Treble*	George J. Hawkins ...	4
Leonard Coles	2	William G. Brown ...	5
Maurice Helps	3	Claude S. Knott ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by William G. Brown.
First peal in seven methods by all the band. Tenor 12 cwt.

LAUGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:
Consisting of four 120's of April Day, sixteen of Plain Bob and twenty 120's and one 240 (Morris's) of Grandsire. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*Dawn G. E. Fugler ...	...*Treble*	Fredk. J. Lambert, jun.	4
Frank H. Hicks ...	2	‡E. Gavan D. Tonkin...	5
†Fred R. P. Booth ...	3	†C. John Piper ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal. † First peal in three methods. ‡ First peal of Doubles in three methods. First peal in three methods on the bells.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:
Being one 720 each of Alnwick, Chester, London, Lightfoot, Cambridge, Beverley and York. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Jack Beniston ...	...*Treble*	†Samuel Martin	4
†John A. Underwood...	2	Roland Beniston ...	5
‡C. William Hall... ...	3	Arthur E. Rowley ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur E. Rowley
* First peal in seven methods and of Surprise Minor. † First peal of Surprise Minor. ‡ 25th peal. Birthday compliment to ringer of 2nd.

HANDBELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD
On Sun., Oct. 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
In Trinity College,
A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN & MEDIUM BOB ROYAL, 5056 CHANGES;
Comprising 4,420 Plain Bob, 636 Medium Bob, with 106 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

P. M. Freeman (Jesus) ...	1-2	R. F. B. Speed (Caius)...	5-6
B. T. Threlfall (Trinity)	3-4	G. Dodds (Emmanuel) ...	7-8
A. B. Stockdale (Girton)	9-10		

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by G. Dodds.
First peal of Spliced Royal by all. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At Newstead, Stoke Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Alfred Jordan	1-2	Edgar Vallance	5-6
Alfred Ballard	3-4	Arthur Riddington ...	7-8

Composed by M. E. Atkins. Conducted by Arthur Riddington.
First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 3, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 46 *Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road.
A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

William G. Young	1-2	Daniel T. Matkin	3-4
		Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	5-6

Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
First peal in the method by all and for the Guild 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
In St. Margaret's Select Vestry Hall,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's. Tenor size 17 in A.

Ernest Morris ...	1-2	Alan Cattell	5-6
Walter P. Whitehead ...	3-4	Josiah Morris	7-8

Conducted by Alan Cattell.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 6, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
In St. Margaret's School,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor size 17 in A.

Ernest Morris	1-2	Alan Cattell	5-6
Walter P. Whitehead ...	3-4	John Bramley	7-8

Composed by E. C. Gobey. Conducted by W. P. Whitehead.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 7, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At 39, Titian Avenue,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Comprising 2,624 London, 1,088 Bristol and 672 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 110 changes of method.

Margaret D. Woolley ...	1-2	Harold G. Cashmore ...	5-6
Christopher W. Woolley	3-4	Fredk. W. Brinklow ...	7-8

Composed and Conducted by Harold G. Cashmore.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 8, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At 164, Hills Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor size 14 in D.

Anne B. Stockdale ...	1-2	Geoffrey Dodds	5-6
*Peter T. Robbins	3-4	†James W. R. Quinney ...	7-8

Composed and Conducted by Geoffrey Dodds.
* First peal of Major 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand.'

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 10, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At 9, Windsor Street,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's. Tenor size 15 in C.

W. Arthur Riddington	1-2	Alfred Ballard	5-6
*John J. Morris	3-4	Hector Knights	7-8

Conducted by Alfred Ballard.
* First peal in the method 'in hand.'

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

MR. J. H. BASTOW.

The Lancashire Association has lost one of its old stalwarts by the death on October 26th of Mr. J. H. Bastow, of Middleton, aged 77 years.

He had been a member of the Association for 50 years. For some years he rang at Oldham Parish Church and lived for a time in Mexico. On his return to England he took his former place with the Middleton ringers. Mr. Bastow was a keen peal ringer with a large number of peals to his credit.

The funeral service was at Middleton Parish Church and was conducted by the Rev. G. E. Gordon (Rector). Ringers from Oldham, Rochdale, Friesland and Middleton acted as bearers. Previous to the service the bells were rung fully muffled. He was held in esteem by a wide circle of friends.

MR. T. E. SLATER

The death took place on November 15th of Mr. Theodore E. Slater, of Glemsford, Suffolk, who had been in poor health for some time and been an inmate of St. Mary's Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds. He was the son of the late Samuel Slater, who was quite a figure in his day and a great ringing historian.

Mr. T. E. Slater had rung a number of peals of Minor and Major. He learnt to ring as soon as he could hold a rope and was, like his late father, an historian with a big library of ringing matter to which many present-day writers of ringing books have been pleased to refer.

His ringing career covered well nigh 60 years. His beloved bells at Glemsford are now out of order and it is much regretted that they cannot pay a farewell tribute to one who had done so much to keep them going. A.A.F.

MR. GEORGE TATUM.

The second well-known West Suffolk personality to die during the past week was Mr. George Tatum, of Sudbury, aged 82. He had not been ringing for the past few years.

Mr. Tatum had a number of peals to his credit and was noted for his high standard of ringing and his keen ear. His life was given to the church, 70 years a chorister and 50 years a ringer, and for the past 10 years he was verger of St. Gregory's, Sudbury.

To the writer he had often said that he hoped he would die in his beloved church, and on November 10th, as he was preparing for a funeral, he had a seizure and died where he fell on the chancel steps.

A large congregation gathered at his funeral and during the evening the bells of St. Gregory's were rung muffled as a last tribute.

A. A. F.

MR. WALTER WHITE.

It is with deep regret we report the passing of Mr. Walter White, of Cotgrave, Notts. For over 60 years he was a stalwart in the Nottingham District of the Midland Counties Association, and there are no towers within that area that knew not the name of Walter White and his late brother, William E. White.

Although Cotgrave possesses but six bells, on which the deceased was an expert conductor of many methods, he was also a safe ringer on eight or ten bells, and his passing will leave a serious gap in the ringers of the district.

He had rung some 80 peals for the M.C.A. and the Framland Society on all numbers from five to ten bells, conducting many of them. He was never so happy as when arranging a peal or ringing meeting and entertaining his many friends, and it was only his activities that kept the name of Cotgrave alive in ringing annals.

At his funeral on November 16th, Nottingham and district towers were represented, including Basford and Ratcliffe, with Mr. A. H. Ward, from Derby, and Mr. John Oldham, of Loughborough Bell Foundry. The Vicar of Cotgrave, in a moving address, paid a tribute to Mr. White's sterling qualities as a man, a musician and a bellringer.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by A. H. Ward, Clement Glenn, F. Bradley and W. Nichols, and half-muffled touches were rung on the tower bells. Our sympathy goes out to his two sons and two daughters, and to Mrs. White, whom he so recently married. E. M.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The Southern District held a very enjoyable meeting at Merstham on November 5th. The bells were available for ringing from 3 p.m. and various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. J. W. Poole, and the lessons were read by Mr. D. Kenneth C. Birt, a former Master of the Association.

Tea was by the very kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Birt, both of whom were present and at the business meeting which followed. It was announced that the next meeting would be at St. John's, Redhill, on December 10th. The business meeting concluded with an expression of thanks to the Rector and to the organist; a very special 'thank you' was also accorded to both Mr. and Mrs. Birt for their hospitality.

A NEW LANCASHIRE RING

St. Hilda's, Bilsborrow, near Preston, has hitherto had in its fine central tower a bell obtained from a trawler in a ship-breaker's yard, in 1927.

On December 3rd, at 2.30 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Lancaster is to dedicate a ring of eight bells in F, tenor 14 cwt., which has been founded and installed in a steel frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The bells have been given by parishioners and friends as a thankoffering and memorial to those who gave their lives in the war, 1939-1945.

QUARTER PEALS

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On Nov. 6th, at St. James', 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Prockson 1, Mrs. N. O. Manship 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, F. A. Barker 4, Dr. W. R. Winterton 5, G. A. Parsons 6, A. W. Coles 7, A. H. Warren (cond.) 8.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 6th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. E. Collins 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, F. E. Mitchell 3, T. Bulgin 4, C. Parks 5, G. H. Humphries 6, R. Davies 7, T. G. Myers 8, W. Oatway (cond.) 9, D. D. Cooper 10.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. S. Franklin (first quarter) 1, G. Seth 2, J. R. Smith 3, T. H. Townsend 4, F. W. Lack (cond.) 5, F. Reeve 6.

KINGSTON SEYMOUR, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Neath (first quarter) 1, E. C. Baker (first quarter 'inside') 2, L. W. Pullin (cond.) 3, E. E. Fisher 4, A. E. Harris 5, W. T. Baker (first quarter) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Vera Norton.

OLDHAM, LANCS.—At St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Fletcher 1, A. F. Taylor (cond.) 2, O. Moores 3, Miss A. T. Seville 4, Miss M. I. Jaggar 5, F. Pritchard 6, R. Edwards 7, E. Casterton 8.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY. — On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Single Oxford: J. Ribbans 1, W. Goldston 2, R. Andrews 3, H. J. Chaffey 4, R. Collins 5, D. Sleet (cond.) 6. First of Single Oxford by 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.

ST. ALBANS.—At the Cathedral on Nov. 6th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 1, C. F. Sayer 2, A. W. Coles 3, D. C. Price 4, L. F. Hansell 5, A. Day 6, T. J. Kentish 7, T. J. Southam 8, B. C. Johnson 9, T. J. Lock 10, W. J. Arnold 11, B. C. Cornell 12.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

On and after December 5th, the address of Mr. Harold MARCON, 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln, will be 18, Burleigh Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire. 6152

MISCELLANEOUS

SILVER INK-WELLS, bell model, 3in. dia., £5 10s. each, made by the artist-craftsman. Edward H. Ronnebeck, 183 ,High Street, Guildford, Surrey. 6093

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MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Great Bardfield (8), Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to J. Jennings, 2, Pant Place, Great Bardfield, Braintree. 6043

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, Nov. 26th, 2.30. Service at 4. Tea 4.30. Note altered service and tea times. Nomination of officers. District tower captains' meeting will follow district meeting. — G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 6061

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Leeds (10), Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone, Kent. 6070

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Kettering, Saturday, Nov. 26th. Ringing from 3 p.m. at Parish Church. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Burton Latimer bells available during the evening. All ringers welcome.—Jill Poole. 6103

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston and Derby Districts. — Joint meeting, Long Eaton, Nov. 26th, 3 p.m. 6099

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Hitcham (6 bells), Saturday, Nov. 26th, 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker. 6101

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Nov. 26th, 3 p.m. Election of officers. Ringing afterwards at St. Margaret's, Barking, Essex, 4.30 to 7.30. 6096

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Meeting at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Names for tea to A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec., The Cottage, Windmill Hill, Hitchin. 6097

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Ripple, Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. 6107

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Oatlands Park, Nov. 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after at Church Hall. Nominations for district officers for 1950. Names for tea to Mrs. Smith, 5, Pantile Road, Oatlands Park.—F. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec. 6095

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Stalybridge, Holy Trinity, Nov. 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Mr. V. Turner, 74, Forester Street, Stalybridge.—C. K. Lewis. 6109

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Jubilee dinner, to be held in the County Assembly Rooms, Lincoln, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at 6. Ringing: Cathedral (12), 2 to 3.45, and St. Giles' (8), 2 to 5. Tickets (10s. 6d. each) from Mr. John Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. Those interested in peal attempts, Friday evening or Saturday morning, please mention when applying for tickets.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 6027

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Rettendon (6), Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 6085

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District.—Annual meeting, Cadoxton (6 bells), Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 2. Service 4. Tea and business to follow.—E. Stitch, District Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam. 6100

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting, Leytonstone, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, own arrangements, 4.30 p.m. Meeting in Church Hall 5.30 p.m. Further ringing to 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. E. Lidbetter, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6102

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, Dec. 3rd, St. Mary's, Redcliffe. Usual arrangements. Tea, Community Centre. Bookings to M. Hancock, 124, Coronation Road, Bristol. 6106

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Grappenhall, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec. 6149

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at St. Chad's, Far Headingley. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 2s. 6d. per head, Mr. H. R. Parkinson, 11, Moor Road, Leeds 6. 6090

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Bishopstoke, Dec. 3rd, 2.30. Names for tea by Nov. 30th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh. 6118

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Bushey (8), Dec. 3rd, 3. Tea 5 at Elsum's. —S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 6120

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Guild.—Annual meeting, Ruardean (8), Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Notify by Nov. 30th.—J. C. Goulding, 27, High Street, Lydney, Glos. 6121

SUFFOLK GUILD. — District meeting at Halesworth, Dec. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by meeting, 5. Names for tea to Mr. R. S. Payne, 63, Pier Avenue, Southwold. 6098

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Steeple Ashton (6), Dec. 3rd. Bells 3. Tea 5. Names for tea to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 6119

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at All Saints', Wokingham, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 6.30 to 9. —B. C. Castle. 6122

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Stoke, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Names for tea to Mr. C. H. Page, 57, Oxford Street, Penkhull, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 6112

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.— Next meeting at Dronfield on Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Bring own food.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 6148

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. — Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at Garston (8). Bells open 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting, including election of officers, after tea. Names for tea must be sent before Wednesday, Nov. 30th, to Mr. J. Hooley, 36, Lyon Street, Garston, Liverpool 19.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 6146

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Biddenham on Dec. 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 in the Village Hall. —P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6113

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual, Barnwood (8), Dec. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided 5.15 in Parish Reading Room. Numbers by Nov. 28th. — C. C. Larner, Chedholm, Churchdown, Hugglecote, Gloucester. 6114

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD (Nuneaton District) and the LADIES' GUILD (West Midland District).—Meeting at Nuneaton, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Bring own food and sugar. Cups of tea provided. Chilvers Coton bells (10) 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—A. J. Hinde, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6115

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Last meeting of 1949 at Clifton, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mrs. Tom Corcoran, Clifton, Nottingham, by Dec. 1st latest. 6117

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Ropley (6), Dec. 3rd. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. For tea notify by Nov. 30th L. Tremeer, 34, The Dean, Alresford. 6143

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Hurworth (6), Dec. 3rd, 2.30. For tea please inform me by Nov. 30th.—J. Titt, 54, Stooperdale Avenue, Darlington. 6141

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Exeter Branch.—Meeting, St. David's, Exeter, Dec. 3rd, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Cathedral (12) 6. Names for tea Nov. 30th.—E. J. Ryall, Alphidex, Dunsford Hill, Exeter. 6139

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch. — A quarterly meeting at Bletchley, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Nov. 28th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 6138

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch. — Meeting, Shrivenham, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea Nov. 30th.—R. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 6135

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch. — Practice meeting, at West Huntspill, Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 6.30 p.m. —R. Short, Hon. Sec. 6133

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Annual meeting, Wraxall, Dec. 3rd. Bells 3. Service 3.45. Tea and meeting 4.30. —Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 6131

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 3rd, St. Wilfred's, Standish. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea will be provided at a small charge to those who notify by Dec. 1st Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish.—J. Burns. 6128

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Whitwick, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) 2. Tea 4. Tea 4.30 in School. Names by Tuesday, Nov. 29th, to Mr. R. Beniston, 4, North Street, Whitwick.—C. Hall. 6129

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Halesowen, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 2.30. Guild service 4.15. Tea and meeting following. Numbers for tea by Nov. 29th to Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 6130

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Cowfold, Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 6154

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Meeting at All Saints', Poplar, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6, followed by business meeting and further ringing.—R. H. Begrie, Dis. Sec. 6153

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Great Staughton, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.— S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 6151

HONITON, DEVON.—Dedication, St. Paul's bells, Thursday, Dec. 8th, 3 p.m., by the Bishop of Crediton. Tea 4. Names to C. Manley, New Street, Honiton. 6134

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery.—Annual meeting, Dunster, Dec. 10th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea 5. Business 5.30. Notify early.—G. Stacey, Minehead. 6132

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Sherborne, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Visitors welcome. Write Rev. Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 6111

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Combined practice at Berrington, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to P. Purslow, Berrington, Shrewsbury. 6116

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Silk Willoughby, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. James Musson, The Bungalow, Silk Willoughby, Sleaford, by Monday, Nov. 28th.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 6124

GUILDFORD GUILD.—A Guildford District meeting, together with LADIES' GUILD (Southern District), at Worplesdon, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Arrangements as usual. Service 4.30. Nominations for district officers must be made at this meeting. Names for tea, please, by Dec. 5th to Mr. S. Petter, Fox Corner, Pirbright. 6123

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Bridport on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea and meeting follow. Other towers open: Bradpole 2.30 to 4, Burton Bradstock, Loders and Chideock till 6.15. Names for tea by Dec. 2nd, please.—C. H. Lathey, Sec. 6125

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Meeting, Redhill (8), Saturday, Dec. 10th, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Nominations for district officers for 1950. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 7th, to Mr. Gear, Sandy Way, The Cutting, Redhill. 6126

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting at King's Langley (8), Dec. 10th. Bells 3. Names for tea to Mr. A. Cook, Motor Engineer, High Street, King's Langley, by Wednesday, Dec. 7th.—Pamela A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 6145

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch. — Meeting, Willoughby, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Names for tea to me not later than Friday, Dec. 2nd, please.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 6140

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Higham (6) on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday, Dec. 6th, to B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne, Kent. 6142

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch. — Annual meeting, St. Ebbe's, Oxford (8 bells), Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 7th to Miss M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley, Abingdon, Berks. 6137

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Saturday, Dec. 10th, 2.30. Names for tea by Dec. 8th to Mr. S. Thompson, Poplar Villa, Whaggs Road. Whickham. 6155

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch. — 30th anniversary. Annual meeting, Charlton Kings, Dec. 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 (names required by Dec. 5th).—Charles Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Glos. 6088

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch. — Annual meeting, Wilton, Dec. 10th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5. Numbers for tea early. — A. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 6136

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Sixth annual dinner, Croydon, Jan. 4th, 1950. Details as circulated. Will members who fail to receive letter, and potential new members, write to secretary before Dec. 8th? — Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, near Maidstone. 6144

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY. — Next meeting, Sedgley, Jan. 7th.—C. H. Barker. 6147

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be no practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields in December. The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21st, 1950. Further details later. — G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 6105

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CANON G. F. COLERIDGE

There is
One great society alone on earth,
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—WORDSWORTH.

RINGERS throughout the world will give thanks for the life of George Frederick Coleridge, priest. His vigorous personality and clear mental faculties remained unabated throughout his long life of 92 years. Those who knew him as a young man in his undergraduate days at Oxford, where he was secretary and Master of the University Society, have passed over, but there are hundreds of ringers with us who knew him in the vigour of his years, and thousands who came under his influence when for nine years, from 1921 to 1930, he was the president of the Central Council.

Canon Coleridge was indeed a giant among men. His perfect physique was accompanied by an ever-alert intellect. He loved men, and of those men he loved ringers in particular. No one knew better than he the weaknesses and foibles of the ringing fraternity, and he scolded and chided them for their failures. But above all he was their champion. The rightful place of Church bells in the service of the Church was very dear to his heart. Bells, however, required to be rung properly; there must be nothing slipshod; good striking could only be achieved by constant practice, and the greatest contribution towards this was to be found in the peal.

The Canon enjoyed a peal; the silent camaraderie while ringing save only the voice of the conductor,; the good fellowship afterwards and the joys of a ringing tour. The stories of the Canon and his humour and good fun are legion. How he enjoyed a joke! One of the happiest is told after he had rung a peal on a hot summer's day in his native county of Devonshire. After descending the belfry he received the congratulations of those who were listening. 'I bet you have a wet shirt,' commented one of the party. 'Indeed, I have not,' declared the Canon truthfully. And afterwards, as he told the story, he added, 'I didn't tell them that I took my shirt off!'

In his own diocese of Oxford he was Master of the Diocesan Guild from 1934 to 1946, and was a popular figure, attending meetings, encouraging and exhorting young bands and preaching the need of unity in tower, branch and Guild. For the service of the dedication of bells he was frequently asked to give the address or assist in the ceremony. He, however, made it a steadfast rule that he would not officiate at any such service unless the bells had been paid for. It was one of the many signs of his upright integrity that there should be no debt on anything given to the service of God.

Canon Coleridge was a member of 21 ringing Associations, Guilds or societies. Among them was the Ancient Society of College Youths, which he joined in 1879 and was the oldest living member with 70 years' membership to his credit. Mr. James George, who celebrated his 96th birthday last month, is older in years but not in membership. At the annual dinner he was an ever-welcome speaker, with his vast store of ringing anecdotes ready to entertain the company, and if necessary to point a moral.

It was at Crowthorne, the village he served so faithfully as parish priest for more than 50 years, that his funeral took place last Friday. From those present and the hundreds of friends who would have liked to attend the simple service came a prayer of thankfulness for his life and presence among us for such a long span of years. He has left with ringers the inspiration of his presence, and the art of change ringing will ever regard George Frederick Coleridge as one of the pillars upon which the Temple has been built.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Nov. 15, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

GEORGE E. FEARN	*Treble*	H. JAMES TURNER	7
JOHN SCOTT	2	JOHN PINFOLD	8
FRANK E. PERVIN	3	*ARTHUR V. PEARSON	9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	4	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY	10
A. PADDON SMITH	5	FRANK E. HAYNES	11
TERRY R. HAMPTON	6	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by F. E. HAYNES.
* Fiftieth peal this year. The conductor's 100th peal of Stedman Cinques. Tenor 37 cwt.

TEN BELL PEALS

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Tues., Nov. 15, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

G. HARRY MYERS	*Treble*	†FREDERICK SANGWIN	6
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS	2	†J. HARRY TIPPETT	7
A. WILLIAM MYERS	3	H. FREDERICK MYERS	8
REV. A. S. ROBERTS	4	SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY	9
*ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	5	THOMAS G. MYERS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.
* First ten-bell peal. † First peal of Royal. To commemorate the bi-centenary of the present bells, which were cast by Thomas Bilbie, 1749. Tenor 35 cwt in C sharp.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB CATERS, 5004 CHANGES;

*C. G. WOODHEAD (Pem.)	*Treble*	G. DODDS (Emmanuel)	6
G. ANDERSON-SMITH(Nm)	2	R. F. B. SPEED (Caius)	7
*J. B. ROWSELL (Jesus)	3	*A. S. WATT (Pembroke)	8
*A. B. STOCKDALE (Girt.)	4	†B. D. THRELFALL (Trin.)	9
†A. R. GUY (Jesus)	5	‡J. A. NEWELL (Trinity)	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.
* First peal of Caters. † First peal on ten tower bells. ‡ First peal on ten bells. Believed to be the first peal of Caters in method. First peal of Caters as conductor. First peal in the method for the Guild, on the bells and by all the band. Tenor 25 cwt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

THOMAS C. BELTON	*Treble*	ALAN H. HOUGH	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	HARRY DUNCOMBE	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3	GEORGE P. GARNER	7
CHARLES R. BELTON	4	JOSEPH HILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
Rung on the 50th birthday of the Church of England Men's Society.

LYMM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 30 cwt.

CECIL RADDON	*Treble*	HARRY W. HOWARD	5
HARRY PARKER	2	*WILLIAM ALLMAN	6
ERIC HORNBY	3	DAVID SMITH	7
ALBERT H. BOOTH	4	A. GORDON LAWRENCE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID SMITH.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal of Major as conductor.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HECTOR A. KNIGHTS	*Treble*	*WILLIAM THORNLEY	5
ALFRED MOULD	2	*W. HARRY DUNCOMBE	6
DENIS R. CARLISLE	3	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	7
JACK BAILEY	4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.
* First peal of New Cambridge. First of New Cambridge on the bells. Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in G sharp.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb. in E.

*ERNEST F. PAYNE	*Treble*	†WILLIAM THORNLEY	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	2	‡DENIS R. CARLISLE	6
JACK BAILEY	3	JOHN J. MORRIS	7
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	4	ALFRED MOULD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Surprise Major. ‡ 50th peal.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 14, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DARLINCTON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

JAMES THORLEY	*Treble*	F. BERNARD DITCHER	5
MILTON C. FOWLER	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6
J. EDWARD CAWSER	3	ARTHUR FIRTH	7
*ALAN ROGERS	4	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal on eight tower bells. The first peal rung in this method. Tenor 13 cwt.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 16, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes.*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

BRIAN AUSTIN	*Treble*	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	5
JOHN R. SMITH	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	6
DOROTHY M. UDALE	3	ALAN JACQUES	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Arranged by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal in the method by all the band.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 18, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes.*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

DOROTHY M. UDALE	*Treble*	*BRIAN AUSTIN	5
COLIN HARRISON	2	*G. RONALD EDWARDS	6
*PAUL L. TAYLOR	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
*TERENCE A. THORNBER	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 6½ cwt.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 18, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALBERT H. BENNETT	*Treble*	†W. GERALD SHORT	5
*WILLIAM B. DAWSON	2	‡JOHN P. MORRISS	6
NORMAN B. FOVARGUE	3	CYRIL WANDER	7
†ROBERT HOWARD	4	*GEORGE R. DAWSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.
* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor. First peal on the bells since being augmented from 6 to 8.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

HORACE E. LILLEY	*Treble*	ALBERT E. LAKER	5
LEONARD STILWELL	2	KENNETH SNELLING	6
GEORGE W. CECIL	3	OLIVER SIPPETTS	7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4	RAYMOND OVERY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS

EYNSFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

WILLIAM R. MANSER	*Treble*	JOHN L. MORRIS	5
GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN	2	PETER C. WRIGHT	6
EDNA M. SILLS	3	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT	7
MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT	4	REGINALD L. SILLS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.
First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the 7th.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MRS. L. HAYWOOD	*Treble*	JOHN H. BROTHWELL	5
ROY GARTH	2	MRS. J. E. TURLEY	6
JACK G. BROTHWELL	3	LESLIE HAYWOOD	7
*E. BRYAN PURSLOW	4	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JOHN E. TURLEY.
* First peal in the method. To celebrate the wedding of Mr. J. L. Gilbert and Miss Joyce Taylor. Tenor 12 cwt.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F.

*MAURICE BENNETT	*Treble*	JOHN WALDEN	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	JOHN FREEMAN	6
STANLEY E. BENNETT	3	*CYRIL WANDER	7
*HAROLD BARSLEY	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

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

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HORACE E. WERRETT	*Treble*	JACK S. DEAR	5
*LEONARD B. SCOOT	2	WALTER D. POOLEY	6
EDWIN G. BUCK	3	ROY V. WEBB	7
ERIC EDMONDSON	4	R. THOMAS NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by R. V. WEBB.
* First peal 'inside.' Tenor 12¼ cwt.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

*HARRY WOODING	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	5
MRS. G. E. WATSON	2	BERNARD J. SADDINGTON	6
*GEORGE CARE	3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	7
JOHN KING	4	*RONALD C. NOON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE CARE.
* First peal of Cambridge Major.

OXHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Comprising 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, and 1,312 of Bristol, with 113 changes of method. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	5
LEONARD H. BOWLER	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	7
MAURICE HODGSON	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	*FREDK. H. BIRKS	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	†R. GORDON CORBY	6
*HENRY O. BAKER	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	7
*BRIAN HARRIS	4	*JOHN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

PAUL BIRKETT	*Treble*	HARRY WILD	5
HARRY DAVISON	2	FRED HODGSON	6
EDWARD JENKINS	3	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	7
RONALD SQUIRES	4	SAM LONGBOTTOM	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.
First peal of Surprise as conductor. A compliment to William Ambler, leader of the local company, on his recovery from a major operation, and a wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. H. Wild.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 10, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford and St. Clement's,
Tenor 13½ cwt.

PERCY SMITH	*Treble*	WILLIAM SEEKINGS	4
ERIC SMITH	2	FRANK WARRINGTON	5
JAMES K. MOUNFIELD	3	STANLEY GILBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 11, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) London Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double and Single Court, (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MARGARET A. SWANN	*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	4
†GEOFFREY R. PARKER	2	*ROBERT W. PARKER	5
*OWEN A. NEEDHAM	3	JOHN E. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.
* First peal in ten methods. † First peal. First peal in ten methods as conductor.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*SCOUT ALAN J. SMITH (age 13) (1st Bookham) ... ...*Treble*
A.S.M. P. N. BOND (2nd Westminster) 2
†S.M.(S) STANLEY W. BROWN (3rd Hove) 3
P.L.(S) JOHN HILL (2nd Ewell) 4
S.M.(S) P. E. T. ALLEN (16th Wimbledon) 5
ROVER F. W. GARNER (2nd Horsham) ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by P. E. T. ALLEN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside" bell. First peal of Grandsire Doubles for all except the conductor. Rung by members of the Boy Scouts Association for Prince Charles' birthday. Tenor 7 cwt.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *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 10 cwt.

A. G. BARTHOLOMEW ...*Treble* | WILLIAM J. BARRETT ... 4
JACK SITCH ... ... 2 | DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS 5
ERNEST J. RUNTER ... 3 | PETER J. EVES ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. EVES.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

LAURENCE E. HITCHINGS *Treble* | PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING 4
FRANK A. PENN ... ... 2 | DONALD E. LEE 5
FREDK. S. SLATFORD ... 3 | ROY HARDING ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING.

To mark the completion of 20 years as Vicar of North Bradley by Canon S. D. M. Davys.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 14, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY W. HOWARD ...*Treble* | ERIC HORNBY 4
A. GORDON LAWRENCE 2 | DAVID SMITH 5
DOROTHY C. OSBORN ... 3 | HARRY PARKER ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID SMITH.

First peal in the method for the Northwich Branch, on the bells and by all the band. In honour of Prince Charles' first birthday.

BRADSTONE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NONNA,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 7 cwt.

*ROY BOULD ... ...*Treble* | †ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD 4
CHARLES E. TAYLOR ... 2 | CHARLES SANGWIN ... 5
ALAN J. HICKS ... ... 3 | FREDERICK SANGWIN ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK SANGWIN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. Believed to be the first of Minor on the bells.

LITTLE MILTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

HARRY W. BADGER ...*Treble* | CHARLES COLES 4
NORA NICHOLS ... ... 2 | *HARRY P. FLOYD ... 5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS ... 3 | ALAN R. PINK ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* 50th peal. First peal on the bells.

WESTBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MISS B. A. CARTER ...*Treble* | *CHARLES E. OVERTON 4
CLIFFORD A. BARRON... 2 | EDWARD W. COLLEY ... 5
*RICHARD F. DAVIES ... 3 | JOHN COLLEY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

* First peal. Tenor 9½ cwt.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Reverse, Kent Treble Bob, College Single Reverse, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

STANLEY V. RAYFIELD ...*Treble* | WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 4
BERT W. MAY ... ... 2 | ERIC NAYLOR 5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 3 | GEORGE A. NAYLOR ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

First peal in seven methods by all except the 4th ringer. A birthday compliment to Stanley V. Rayfield. To commemorate 40 years as Vicar of Bobbing by the Rev. R. Wall.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 40 six-scores, ten different callings, and 240 Morris's arrangement. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE PRESCOTT ...*Treble* | WALTER STAR 4
*NOEL ANDERSON ... ... 2 | E. EDWARD FISHER ... 5
MARJORIE LEGG ... ... 3 | E. C. WICKHAM ... ...*Tenor*

* First peal. Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

CUDHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Bob, Thelwall Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Childwall Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

*MOLLIE R. COSGROVE *Treble* | DORIS E. COLGATE ... 4
GEORGE W. COOK ... 2 | EDWIN H. LEWIS... ... 5
ROBERT COLLINS ... ... 3 | JOHN O. WELLER ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.

* First peal. Tenor 9½ cwt.

LONGCOT, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

ERNEST CADLE ... ...*Treble* | BRIAN BLADON 4
ENID LLOYD ROBERTS... 2 | †M. JACK PRYOR ... 5
*ANTHONY A. PEAKE ... 3 | PETER ANGER ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER ANGER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal away from treble. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Single Oxford, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

ALBERT RELFE ... ...*Treble* | LESLIE W. JARVIS ... 4
ERNEST J. OLIVER ... 2 | LEONARD W. GILES ... 5
CHARLES A. BASSETT ... 3 | A. PATRICK CANNON ...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

For the 15th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bassett.

WHITWELL, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND RADEGUND,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM UPTON ... ...*Treble* | FRANK S. TAYLOR... ... 4
BRYAN C. STIRLAND ... 2 | JOHN H. HUNT 5
PATRICK PAGE ... ... 3 | FREDK. W. BURNETT ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

First peal of Minor in the method by all. Tenor 7 cwt.

WINSTER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*HARRY HUNTINGTON ...*Treble* | *EDWIN HOPKINSON ... 3
GEORGE PAULSON ... 2 | *DENNIS SCOTT 4
HERBERT E. TAYLOR ...*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells. To mark the birth of a daughter to the Rev. and Mrs. A. N. Ware.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At Holywell Stores, London Road,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part.

Alfred Jordan	1-2	Edgar Vallance	5-6
Alfred Ballard	3-4	Hector Knights	7-8

Conducted by Hector Knights.
First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 11, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Containing 126 calls, including 66 Befores and 12 Singles.
Tenor size 14 in D.

William G. Young ...	1-2	Daniel T. Matkin ...	5-6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay...	3-4	Kathleen E. Fletcher...	7-8

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 13, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 34 *Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents, comprising four of Double Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

William G. Young ...	1-2	Daniel T. Matkin	3-4
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	5-6		

Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
First peal of Minor in two methods 'in hand' by all.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 13, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
In St. Margaret's Schools,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

Ernest Morris	1-2	Walter P. Whitehead ...	5-6
Alan Cattell	3-4	John Bramley	7-8

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by W. P. Whitehead.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 14, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 59 *Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Containing 158 calls, all Singles. Tenor size 17 in A.

William G. Young ...	1-2	Daniel T. Matkin ...	5-6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3-4	*Roy C. Hurst	7-8

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
* 50th peal this year.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 14, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At 39, Titian Avenue,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Comprising 2,560 London, 1,216 Bristol, and 640 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 119 changes of method.

Margaret D. Woolley ...	1-2	Harold G. Cashmore ...	5-6
Christopher W. Woolley	3-4	Fredk. W. Brinklow ...	7-8

Composed and Conducted by Harold G. Cashmore.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
In Trinity College,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor size 13 in E.

A. B. Stockdale (Girton)	1-2	*†G. Dodds (Emmanuel)	5-6
B. D. Threlfall (Trin.)	3-4	*R. E. B. Speed (Caius)	7-8

Composed by W. Hudson. Conducted by G. Dodds.
* 25th peal together. † 100th peal. First peal in method as conductor. First peal in the method 'in hand' by all.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 15, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At Cleatham House Farm,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

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 in the method 'in hand' by all the band and for the Guild.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. G. H. Myers has circled St. Andrew's, Plymouth, by ringing the treble to a peal of Bob Royal. Last year Mr. Myers was very unwell, but now at 78 he has returned to peal ringing, and with a remark that he preferred a big bell; no doubt his mind went back some 40 years to when he rang Exeter 11th (then the 9th) to a peal, but he may well be proud that his mantle has fallen on his son Tom, who rang the tenor and called this latest peal, whilst William and Fred were also in the band. Truly a grand ringing family.

Steeplejacks have completed taking down 12ft. from the top of the spire of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, and ringing has been resumed.

Thanking Mr. Oldfield for his information regarding Oxford and Kent Minor, Mr. E. C. Gobey writes: 'Yes, it takes a bit of calling—about as much as Holt's Original.'

Four Silverton, Devon, ringers, with seven Somerset friends, defied the wind, rain and hail for a ringing outing on November 12th. Ringing took place at Poughill, Washford, Pyne, Shelbridge, East and West Worlington.

By conducting a peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand,' Alan Cattell has set up a record, being the youngest in the Leicester diocese to call a peal in the method from an 'inside' pair.

It was 'Wild Bells' when the Beverley and District Society met at Burstwick on November 12th in the teeth of a gale, and the Vicar (the Rev. R. W. George) concluded his sermon by quoting a few verses from Tennyson's poem. A tree blown across the road necessitated public transport making a detour with considerable delay. The party of 20 members and friends eventually got back to Hull, and, though wet, managed to get transport back to their homes.

Mr. H. R. Pink, who after the war revived the band at Fordington St. George, Dorchester, and started the fund for rehanging the bells, has moved to Swanage. Before leaving Dorchester he was presented with a 'Delight' ringers' record book, prepared by Mr. Will Viggers, in the frontispiece of which was an illuminated address recording his work for the bells of Fordington. His successor as captain is Mr. K. W. Hewitt. The presentation concluded with a service quarter, in which four ringers taught by Mr. Pink participated.

Mr. A. H. Pulling, of Guildford, has rung handbells at the funerals of the three deceased Masters of the Oxford Diocesan Guild—the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge.

Darley Dale ringers, who rang a peal at Winster, took with them four of their ropes as on a previous visit the ropes were found to be full of knots. Splices were made as a present to the Winster belfry. The ropes in this tower hang anti-clockwise and there are two full notes between the fourth and fifth bell.

Mr. C. E. Jeffries, of Bedford, directs the attention of the Cheshire band who rang a peal of Glasgow Surprise Major at Frodsham on November 11th to 'The Ringing World,' page 402, August 26th, 1949, recording a similar performance at Willesden on August 11th.

Probably the oldest bellringer in Suffolk, Mr. James Dye, of Grundisburgh, celebrated 65 years of married life on November 25th. Mr. Dye, who is 89, joined the Norwich Diocesan Association in 1879. Mr. and Mrs. Dye were married at Falkenham. Mr. Dye retired from ringing last year. He is also the oldest Cumberland alive, which Society he joined on Nov. 28th, 1879. He called Holt's Original at Helmingham in the 1880's, being the first performance of the peal in Suffolk.

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THE PASSING OF THE REV. CANON G. F. COLERIDGE

A Leader of the Exercise

WE regret to record the death on Nov. 22nd of Canon George Frederick Coleridge, M.A., at Crowthorne, Berks, aged 92 years. Canon Coleridge had great hopes of attending the dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths on November 5th, and he had expressed his willingness to propose the toast of the Society. Early that morning he had a bad fall, and this necessitated his taking to his bed.

The news was received with deep regret and the secretary was instructed to express the condolences of the Society and their wishes for his speedy recovery. It was not to be. Change ringing has lost an outstanding personality who was known and beloved in all parts of the country.

Canon Coleridge was born at Cadbury Vicarage, Devon, on November 10th, 1857. His father held this living for more than 50 years and other relatives before him. On one occasion at the College Youths' dinner the Canon Canon read extracts from a diary about 1827 which stated: 'The Rev. Dr. Coleridge read himself in to-day and provided plenty of beer for the ringers.'

He was educated at Ayshford Grammar School and learnt to handle a rope at Cadbury. He started ringing at the age of 17. Canon Coleridge decided to follow in the family tradition and went to Keble College, Oxford, and he took his B.A. degree in 1884.

While in residence as an undergraduate he came under the influence of several noted ringers and he held the office of secretary and later Master of the Oxford University Society. His first peal, Holt's ten-part of Grandsire Triples, rung at Kirtlington on June 14th, 1879, was the first peal in which the working bells were rung by university men. It was conducted by Rev. C. D. P. Davies and among the other ringers were men who were afterwards to be famous in the Exercise, viz., the Rev. F. E. Robinson, H. A. Cockey, W. S. Willett, R. E. Fiske and G. H. Phillott. The same years saw him admitted to the Ancient Society of College Youths, and this started a very long connection. There is no question that Canon Coleridge added lustre to the College Youths and his name was frequently recorded in the Society's peal book. Probably his first week's ringing tour was in Devon in August, 1883. At Sowton he rang a peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and also in the same method at St. Sidwell's, Exeter.

In 1884 Canon Coleridge was ordained a deacon at Oxford and was appointed a curate at Caversham, Reading. In August that year he rang a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Laurence's, Reading, in which J. W. Washbrook and F. E. Dawe participated. This was conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

Soon after his arrival at Caversham he was appointed secretary of the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, a post he held for 10 years until his preferment to Crowthorne.

WITH THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

When the late Sir Arthur P. Heywood, Bart., in 1891, brought about the inaugural meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, held at the Inns of Court, London, the Rev. Coleridge was one of the 74 delegates from 33 ringing societies who attended. He had remained a member of the Council without a break. In 1921 he was elected president of the Council and he held this office with distinction for nine years, when he was succeeded by Mr. E. H. Lewis.

In his own diocese of Oxford he did a great task in furthering the work of the Diocesan Guild. From 1923-1947 he was chairman of the Sonning Deanery Branch, and upon the death of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, of Caversham, he was elected Master of the Guild, a



CANON G. F. COLERIDGE,
Former President of the Central Council.

post he held from 1934 to 1946, when owing to trouble with his legs and advancing years he felt that it was in the Guild's interests he should make way for a younger man.

In 1904 he was appointed Vicar of Crowthorne, a village he served with great faithfulness for 53 years. From 1912-1928 he was Rural Dean of Sonning, and in 1917 he was appointed an Honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

HIS PEAL RECORD.

Canon Coleridge learnt to handle a rope in his native village of Cadbury, Devon, in 1874. At Oxford as a member of the University Society he made good progress, being in company with other well-known clerical ringers, including the Revs. H. A. Cockey, W. S. Willett, J. F. Hastings and C. D. P. Davies. His first peal was rung at Kirtlington, Oxfordshire, on June 9th, 1879.

In all the Canon rang 273 peals, the last being on August 9th, 1932, a peal of London Surprise at Bridgwater. His career as a peal ringer was terminated by an injury to his knee when mounting a bicycle on a dark midwinter morning.

He rang many peals with the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, among them being the first peal by eight clergymen on October 2nd, 1884, Stedman Triples at Drayton, Berks. In the same tower he participated in an unconducted peal of Stedman Triples and was also in the band when the Rev. F. E. Robinson rang his 1,000th peal, being the first ringer to achieve such a distinction. Canon Coleridge rang the treble to a peal of Stedman Caters at Warwick on October 11th, 1910, which was the first peal on ten bells by 'ten priests of the Church' and was conducted by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. He was also in the first clerical Surprise peal, Superlative Surprise Major at Prestbury, Glos., on April 22nd, 1912.

Another interesting 'first' in which the Canon participated was the first peal on Exeter Cathedral bells—Grandsire Caters on October 6th, 1902, in 3 hours and 52 minutes, which was conducted by Mr. George Williams. The Canon was on the tenor with Mr. Ferris Shepherd strapping. He was also in the first peal on the bells at Plymouth—5,006 Stedman Caters.

Another of his heavy bell performances was at Wells Cathedral on October 4th, 1894, a peal of Grandsire Caters in 3 hours 44 minutes for the Oxford Diocesan Guild. This at the time was the heaviest peal ever rung single-handed by ten men.

He was a member of the band that rang the first Freemasons' peal, one of Grandsire Caters at St. Clement Danes' on December 4th, 1919. This peal was for the Ancient Society of College Youths. Canon Coleridge was a Past Master of the Heather Lodge No. 3131 and Past Prov. Grand Chaplain for the Province of Berkshire.

The Canon had a number of long length peals to his credit. These included 8,800 Superlative Surprise at Loughborough, 6,720 Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Caversham, 7,392 Double Norwich at Chiddingfold, 12,096 Double Norwich at Boyne Hill, 13,054 Stedman Caters at Cheltenham and 15,041 Stedman Caters at Appleton.

The last-named peal was rung on December 31st, 1888, in 9 hours and 16 minutes. This held the record for 20 years, when it was supplanted by a peal of 18,027 at Loughborough in 1909. Finally came the 21,363 at Appleton on April 22nd, 1922. In his notes the Canon wrote: 'I was too old to take part in this, youth prevailed, but I listened to it for several hours.'

His freak peal was one of Stedman Triples at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on February 7th, 1925, when all the members of the band were 6ft. or over. The Canon was the tallest, his height being returned as 6ft. 4½in. This peal was called by Mr. A. H. Pulling, and among the participants were Messrs. Cyril F. Johnston, Frederick W. Rogers and George W. Fletcher.

AT LUNDY ISLAND.

The Canon regarded his peal at St. Helena, Lundy Island, on August 23rd, 1905, as his most venturesome. In his notes he wrote: 'This peal was made possible by (a) Mr. Bowen, Parish Clerk of Ilfracombe, who chipped the rust off the bearings and saturated them with oil. (b) The generosity and hospitality of the Rev. H. G. Heaven, Lord of the Manor, owner of the island, donor of the church and bells. His wonderful array of oysters will never be forgotten. (c) The Rev. Coombes, chaplain to the Missions to Seamen, who kindly conveyed the party, who had been dubbed "madmen," to and from the island in the mission ship, 'The Irene,' on the usual monthly voyage to the many lightships in the Bristol Channel. The ship was known for its "roll," and this, together with a raging sea, made the journey somewhat unpleasant for some, but left more oysters for others.

'We recovered either from seasickness or oysters by ringing a peal of Stedman Triples at Minehead, the following day.'

The Editor would welcome letters of appreciation of Canon Coleridge's great services to ringing and memories of those who participated in his peals.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral service was held at Crowthorne Church on Friday, which was unable to accommodate the many parishioners, friends and ringers who came to pay their last respects to one so widely loved.

There were approximately 40 robed clergy with the Bishop of Reading, who waited to receive the coffin. The Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Nugee) took the service. Psalm xxiii. was chanted and the hymns included 'The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended.' The committal sentences at the graveside were said by the Bishop of Reading, and then followed a course

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CANON COLERIDGE FUNERAL—cont. of Grandsire Triples rung by F. Sharpe 1-2, George Martin 3-4, A. H. Pulling 5-6, W. Hibbert 7-8.

The mourners included Major H. J. Cann (nephew). Among other ringers present were Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (president of the Ladies' Guild and also representing Mr. G. W. Fletcher, secretary of the Central Council, who was indisposed), Capt. A. R. Poyntz (Deputy Master, Oxford Diocesan Guild, also representing the Master, the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg), Mr. W. Hibbert (secretary, Oxford Diocesan Guild), Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. Walter Judge (Oxford Society), Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Mr. E. Barnett, Mrs. E. Barnett (also representing Mr. E. A. Barnett), Rev. C. K. Davis, Rev. R. D. St. G. Edwards (Guild of Clerical Ringers), Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport), Rev. E. C. S. Lomas (Vicar of Bray), Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lock (Abingdon), Messrs. F. Sharpe, Richard White (Appleton), J. Corbett (Bagshot), A. H. Pulling (Guildford), C. W. Denyer (Farnham), M. E. H. Barrow (Oxford University Society), A. D. Cullum (Caversham), George Martin, T. Fowler, A. W. Pyke (Reading), C. Lewington (Reading), J. Rance (Binfield), T. M. White (Guildford, also representing the Editor of 'The Ringing World') and Miss Brown.

RETURN THANKS

Dear Sir,—May I, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' thank, on behalf of his relatives, the ringers for the many messages of sympathy received by letter, telegram, telephone or personally at his funeral?

I would especially like to thank Mr. Hibbert, secretary of the Oxford Guild, for so kindly arranging the handbell ringing at his funeral, and those ringers who took part for giving such a beautiful and well-struck touch.—Yours truly, H. J. CANN, Major.

Corner Close, Kilve, Bridgwater, Somerset.

OBITUARY

MR. FRANCIS MILES.

The passing of Mr. Francis Miles, of Bredons Norton, near Tewkesbury, Glos., on November 12th, at the age of 42, was received by his many friends with deep regret. He had been a member of the local band for 28 years and a chorister for the same length of time; for the last 11 years he was also sexton.

Mr. Miles was a very capable ringer and rang about 40 peals, many of them in the little tower at Bredons Norton. He was a member of the Worcestershire and Districts Association for more than a quarter of a century and for many years he was a member of the Tewkesbury Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

The interment took place at Bredons Norton on November 16th, and the service, which was conducted by the Rev. Kirk Duncan, was attended by a large number of friends, many of them ringers. At the graveside 60 changes of Grandsire Doubles were rung on handbells by John Thomas, Mrs. John Thomas and J. D. Johnson.

After the interment a quarter peal of Minor in four methods was rung with the bells half-muffled by O. Attwood 1, J. D. Johnson 2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3, J. Thomas (cond.) 4, J. Attwood 5, E. T. Newbury 6; and in the evening muffled ringing also took place at Kemerton, a neighbouring village, where Mr. Miles often helped the local band.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Western Branch took place at Fakenham on November 19th, some 24 members being present. Four new members were elected. This is the seventh meeting held during the current year in this part of the diocese.

The next meeting has been fixed for February 25th at King's Lynn.

Dedication

ST. PAUL'S, WOKINGHAM.

The bells (8) of St. Paul's, Wokingham, have recently been repaired and overhauled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Founded by Warner and Sons, they were in the Exhibition of 1864, and then hung in that year, and have, so far as available records show, been overhauled only twice previously.

On November 12th, some 60 members of the Sonning Deanery Branch joined in a service of thanksgiving for their restoration, after a period of silence lasting some eight months. Ringing took place before the service and continued after tea till nearly 9 p.m.

All deeply regretted the accident which prevented Canon Coleridge from giving the address. Members of the tower have provided the material and labour for bricking up the north and west louvres to 2-3rd height with the aim of improving the sound of the bells in the immediate vicinity of the church.

The repairs cost £257 and St. Paul's is grateful to all who have helped the work by their generous subscriptions. There is no outstanding debt on this account.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District, held at Christ Church, Erith, had only a sparse attendance.

Ringing during the afternoon was followed by a service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. K. G. Homer, recently inducted to the benefice, who extended a warm welcome. Mr. E. Barnett (Crayford) read the lesson, and Mr. G. Phillips (Erith) led the singing at the organ.

After tea the business meeting was held in the Church Hall, the Vicar presiding. Two ringers were elected into the Association and the election of three peal ringers was ratified. A report of the past year's work was favourably received.

Mr. A. G. Hill was re-elected district secretary, and Messrs. A. S. Richards and G. V. Murphy were reappointed district representatives. Following custom, a new Ringing Master was elected, Mr. J. Dafters, of Lewisham, succeeding Mr. F. A. Coley (Crayford), who received cordial thanks for his services.

Woolwich was chosen as place of next meeting, to be held on Saturday, January 28th, and it was resolved to hold a social evening on a date to be arranged.

The good wishes of the meeting were extended to Mr. H. Hoverd, of Dartford, whose illness unfortunately continues.

Mr. I. Emery informed the meeting that reconstruction work had commenced at SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, the foundation stone of the new church having been laid by H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth, an honour of which Bromley was very proud.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

BRISTOL CITY BRANCH.

The November meeting of the branch was held on November 5th at St. Stephen's, when a large number were present. Full use was made of the ten bells and the more inexperienced ringers had every opportunity of ringing the higher methods.

The service—the first held at St. Stephen's since before the war—was conducted by the Rev. Phelps in the absence of the Rector, who spoke of the team work which is necessary with a good band of ringers. This team work is now playing a vital part in the branch, and the long awaited rise in the standard of ringing in Bristol is now becoming evident.

The bells resounded to some very good ringing all through the afternoon and evening, methods ranging from rounds, etc., to Double Norwich, Cambridge Major and a very well-struck course of Cambridge Royal.

Chester Diocesan Guild

WIRRAL BRANCH AT EASTHAM.

A shocking day and the fact that at late notice the meeting had been brought forward a week did not deter members from turning out in strength to attend the meeting at St. Mary's, Eastham, on November 12th. A company of 74 members and friends attended and it is interesting to note that average attendance at 12 meetings so far held this year is 62, easily a record for the branch.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Wright Davies), who gave the address. A novel feature was the substitution for the usual lesson of the reading of an article on faith with historical references ranging from early Christian times to present day.

Immediately following the company was entertained to a really sumptuous tea. The business meeting which followed proved to be rather more prolonged and verbose than is customary; nevertheless, it was good to see members taking an interest in branch affairs.

The hon. secretary (Mr. A. J. Martin) announced that over 200 tickets had been sold for the third annual social to be held at West Kirby on November 26th.

Reference was made to the valuable spade-work performed at Eastham by Mr. T. W. Wood. Responding in reminiscent vein, he mentioned that since the lifting of the ban learners at this tower had broken 65 stays (bellhanger who recommended 2 x 2 pitch-pine stays, please note!).

The meeting closed with an omnibus vote of thanks to all responsible for arrangements, and particularly to the ringers who had provided such a wonderful meal. Mr. G. Pickthall responded, pointing out that Eastham ringers were only too pleased to be able to return the hospitality extended to them by other ringers.

MR. A. D. COOK'S 100 PEALS

The following comprises Mr. Arthur D. Cook's 100 tower-bell peals:—

Grandsire Doubles: 1.

Minor: Plain Bob 2, Kent and Plain Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 1, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 3.

Grandsire Triples: 6.

Major: Plain Bob 5, Kent Treble Bob 1, Double Norwich Court Bob 5, Belgrave Surprise 3, Bristol Surprise 1, Cambridge Surprise 7, Hinton Surprise 1, Lincolnshire Surprise 2, London Surprise 3, New Cambridge Surprise 2, Norfolk Surprise 1, Painswick Surprise 1, Rutland Surprise 2, Superlative Surprise 4, Whitminster Surprise 1, Yorkshire Surprise 13.

Caters: Grandsire 1, Stedman 6.

Royal: Belgrave Surprise 1, Cambridge Surprise 3, Lincolnshire Surprise 1, Yorkshire Surprise 1.

Stedman Cinques: 14.

Maximus: Plain Bob 1, Albanian Surprise 1, Cambridge Surprise 3, Lindsey Surprise 1.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CASTELLATED NUTS

Dear Sir,—Messrs. John Taylor and Co. were not responsible for the work quoted in my letter published on November 11th. Any implication to this effect was not intended.—Yours faithfully, R. OVERY.

Haywards Heath

NO COTTER PIN

Dear Sir,—With regard to the Leeds tenor clapper, recently at Ilkeston, while ringing the bells up in peal for practice, the 4th clapper came out. This was soon put right as it was only the clapper pin that had come out. It was fitted with a castle nut, but no cotter pin. It seems strange that this nut should come off after being in for 39 years, as the clapper had never been interfered with, only a drop of oil now and again after practice night. We took the clapper out and fixed a cotter pin. I am pleased to say there was no other damage done. E. C. GOBEY.

Ilkeston.

ODDFELLOWS' PEAL

Dear Sir,—I am very much afraid I put thoughts into your head, which, though very happy ones, were certainly not intended when I wrote about the set of handbells not being used at the Parish Church, Montgomery.

I am also sure that no such compliment (though very well merited) was thought of by my dear friend Brother Tomley. The information I gave was just some of his many interests: he is very interested in most things, especially in the handbells (which he used to ring) not being used.

I do not know the amount of interest taken in ringing in Montgomery, but would like to get to know through 'The Ringing World' that it was very much alive.

Pursuing the subject of an 'Oddfellows' peal, there are some fine ringers and conductors in our West Central Counties Conference area, which embraces the Chester, Shropshire and Staffordshire Guilds, and I should be delighted to hear from some of them.—Thanking you, yours sincerely,

W. FRANK STENSON.

Crewe.

VILLAGE RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I have read with great interest the efforts of ringers in small villages who are struggling along. There are several such places in my district. These ringers are keen and the majority are grand church workers. They have to be content with ringing Grandsire Doubles, but don't you think that if this is learnt and struck properly it is a good start?

I visit five of these towers in turn to lend a hand and the enthusiasm is unbounded; there is always a happy welcome for everybody.—Sincerely yours,

JAMES H. MUSSON.

Silk Willoughby, Lincs.

36 YEARS TOO LATE

Dear Sir,—The claim that the peal at Ruskington, Lincs, was the first on the bells is 36 years too late. I rang in the first peal on the bells on September 18th, 1913, conducted by Rupert Richardson, and published in the ringing papers and the Lincoln Diocesan Guild report.—Yours faithfully, C. GLENN.

Cotgrave, Notts.

RECRUITMENT OF RINGERS

A REPLY TO MR. BOTTRILL.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. W. Bottrill, may I say that ringers should be recruited from persons who are already members of a church, because bellringing is part of the Church's work. If people who have no interest in the Church are recruited merely because they are interested in campanology alone, then the whole purpose of their ringing becomes a farce.

If, as Mr. Bottrill suggests, people subscribe to the cost of bells for no other purpose than that of giving the ringers something to amuse themselves with, then they are very different from those with whom I have come into contact.

People give because it is part of the life of the Church, and if you took away the Church, the response would be very much different. I have organised many efforts for bells and I know that the majority of people give or support these efforts because they are, first of all, for the Church.

Mr. Bottrill should not generalise by saying that 18,000 ringers only ring to preserve their halo of religion, because I feel sure that in not one case has he individualised to prove this. After condemning this mass of ringers he goes on to blow his own trumpet by admitting he is indeed a pretty good chap since he walks two miles each Sunday to ring rounds on six. I wonder how long this has been going on, because surely if he is such a good fellow they should be able to ring some sort of method by now, unless, of course, he is one of the 18,000 who he says 'have no zeal for the art.'

I hope Mr. Bottrill will soon be able to write to our journal and tell us that his ring of six has been augmented to a ring of eight through the generosity of his fellow churchpeople who have appreciated his kindness in teaching their ringers to ring for the glory of God.—Yours faithfully,

'TRAVELLER.'

HANDBELL MUSIC

Dear Sir,—Most handbells are rung by ear, but the surest way is for the instructor to have a card with numbers and indicate the order in which the bells should be played (he must watch his knuckles too). To see whether a tune can be played, look at the printed music in the treble stave to see if all the notes lie between the highest and lowest notes if you have eight bells. If the melody needs extra half tones (flats, sharps or naturals), it cannot be rung properly.

Tunes which can be rung on eight bells are: 'First Nowell,' 'Hyfrydol,' 'Innocents,' chorus of 'Bells of St. Mary' (with an octave 'twist' on two notes), 'Drink to me only.' Useful additions are No. 9 (for 'Land of my Fathers' and 'While Shepherds Watched'), one between 2 and 3 for 'Good King Wenceslas,' one between 4 and 5 for many well-known melodies in the scale of G major. Two extra trebles for 'Way down upon the Swanee River,' etc.

The writer would be pleased to give the enquirer some assistance if he wishes.—Yours faithfully, DAVID H. BETTS.

Prescilly View, Haven Road, Haverfordwest.

A 'bazaar of the bells,' held at Birstall, Leics., on November 19th, raised over £100 for the new ring of six and restoration of the tower of Wanlip bells. Wanlip has at present only three bells, but through the efforts of the congregation most of the money has been raised for the new ring.

Wordsworth Surprise Major

Dear Sir,—In reply to Alan R. Pink's letter, page 572, re Wordsworth Surprise, the five false course-ends as published in 'The Ringing World,' November 11th, are correct. A Bob Before in each course cuts out the falseness and gives clean proof six lead courses. The composition is the in-course half of a six-part peal of Double Oxford Bob Major, composed by the late J. A. Trollope, 1894, and included in the C.C. Collection, Section II., Double Oxford Major, peal No. 22.—Yours sincerely,

G. MARRINER.

Leatherhead.

Dear Sir,—If Mr. Pink cares to spend five minutes with pencil and paper he will discover that the false course-ends for Wordsworth are as shown in 'The Ringing World.' What, however, he will find much more interesting is that, despite the apparent serious falseness of the method, if you take your plain course as one of six leads with bobs at M B W you will get a true course in the same way as you do in Rutland and (presumably) in Kendal.

As for the composition of the peal, it is given in the Central Council collection of peals (No. 22 of Double Oxford) as being by Mr. Trollope, and so can hardly claim to have been composed by Mr. Cashmore except in so far as he discovered that it was true to Kendal (by no means obvious).

As a matter of interest it is merely a peal by John Reeves applied to a course in which M B W is called. The same Q-sets at H are bobbed and the corresponding Q-sets at M and W are plained instead of bobbed. — Yours faithfully, RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Eastbourne, Sussex.

ST. MARGARET'S PEAL

Dear Sir,—I noticed rather an unusual coincidence in 'The Ringing World,' dated Nov. 4th. Your correspondent, Mr. D. A. Bayles, queries whether he could possibly have heard the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, faintly in the background whilst 'Big Ben' was sounding prior to the nine o'clock news on October 15th. I myself was not tuned in to the news and I doubt whether reception here would be good enough to pick up anything which might perhaps be sounding in the background. I notice, however, that a peal was rung at St. Margaret's on October 15th, so, assuming that it was not a recording of 'Big Ben' and that the peal of Stedman Caters which was rung at St. Margaret's on that day took place in the evening, was it not possible that your correspondent heard a very short extract from this peal? — Yours sincerely, JAMES A. SMITH (Tpr.).

B.A.O.R.11.

SHEFFIELD WEDDING

The wedding took place on November 19th of Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, of Handsworth, and Miss Joyce Taylor. The ceremony was performed at Handsworth Parish Church, where Mr. Gilbert has been a ringer for many years, and since coming out of the Forces, having served throughout the war, he has been Ringing Master.

A Sunday service band rang a peal of Plain Bob Major for the occasion, and the happy pair eventually departed for their honeymoon in London and Bournemouth. Their new home is 56, Glencoe Road, Sheffield 2.

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QUARTER PEALS

BALDOCK, HERTS. — On Nov. 13th, 1,264 Bob Major: H. Werrett 1, D. Shepherd (first 'inside') 2, I. Werrett 3, W. Collins 4, R. Webb 5, W. Pooley 6, J. Dear 7, E. Buck (first of Major as cond.) 8.

BRISTOL.—At St. Stephen's on Nov. 13th, 1,280 Bob Major: S. Riches 1, F. Hansford 2, Miss M. Hilliar 3, C. Mogford 4, A. Hilliar 5, N. Coombs 6, R. Seager 7, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 8. First of Bob Major 2 and 5.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs on Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Newell 1, Anne B. Stockdale 2, G. Anderson-Smith 3, A. R. Guy 4, P. T. Robbins 5, G. Dodds 6, A. S. Watt (first as cond.) 7, B. D. Threlfall 8. First in method 2 and 3.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—At St. Nicholas' on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Best (first away from tenor) 1, R. Dent 2, R. Dunn 3, J. Morris (cond.) 4, F. Knight 5, F. Mounce 6.

ELTHAM, KENT. — On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. A. Laming 1, Miss M. Ashdown 2, E. B. Crowder 3, J. Hurrell 4, F. W. Richardson 5, A. Anstey 6, G. W. Ashdown (first as cond.) 7, F. J. Hurrell 8. First quarter 1 and 2.

EYTHORNE, KENT.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Tyler 1, E. J. Walker 2, C. Turner (cond.) 3, E. T. Ellender 4, Willis Brooks 5. In memoriam the Earl of Guilford, patron of the living.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS. — On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Padfield (first quarter Triples) 1, A. Birch 2, Miss R. Lund 3, W. Henley 4, B. J. Matthews 5, W. F. Butler (cond.) 6, W. Birmingham 7, J. Alley 8. In honour of the wedding of Miss I. Ewins and Mr. E. Armstrong.

GOODWORTH CLATFORD, HANTS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. A. Lundy 1, Mary Tanner 2, J. R. Tolman 3, O. C. Smart 4, N. V. Andrews (cond.) 5, W. Mulford 6. First of Grandsire Doubles by all the band.

GULVAL, CORNWALL. — On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Beryl Lawrey 1, J. Triggs 2, V. G. Wood 3, G. Matthews 4, G. W. Taysom (cond.) 5, J. Williams 6. First quarter for all except 3 and 5.

HARDINGSTONE, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Mumford (first quarter) 1, Miss Rita Parker 2, W. R. Hammons (cond.) 3, G. F. Roome 4, E. G. Bennett 5. For the 80th birthday of Mr. P. H. Stanton, ringer at this church for over 50 years.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX. — On Nov. 13th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss E. K. Fulton 1, P. Beedie 2, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 3, C. C. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. D. Butler 6, R. E. W. Wenban (first in method as cond.) 7, J. R. Mayne 8.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. W. Morey 1, Mrs. C. A. Cruttenden 2, Miss S. M. White (first of Stedman) 3, E. Lish 4, F. E. Cruttenden 5, B. W. White (cond.) 6, E. F. Packham 7, G. A. Packham 8.

HINCKLEY, LEICS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Ballard (cond.) 1, H. Knights 2, A. Jordan 3, T. Sowerman 4, B. Aldridge 5, B. Ridgeway 6, E. Vallance 7, F. Mellor 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS. — On Nov. 12th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob: A. E. Symonds 1, W. F. Todd (first in method) 2, L. Runnacles 3, G. Cherry 4, E. W. Winters 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. Rung for the birth of a son to Rev. and Mrs. Bonsey.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX. — On Nov. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Meadows 1, J. Carrot 2, S. Penfold 3, C. E. Wright (cond.) 4, J. G. MacDougal 5, A. R. Chapman (first in method) 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant 8.

HURST, BERKS. — On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Hall 1, C. A. Eele 2, J. Harland 3, C. W. Mortimer 4, Mrs. B. C. Castle 5, E. Allum (first 'inside') 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, F. Hicks 8. First quarter 1 and 3. For the 92nd birthday of Canon G. F. Coleridge.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. — On Nov. 13th, 1,272 Stedman Caters: Anne Worth 1, A. A. Potts 2, W. Stevenson 3, J. Henshaw 4, G. Farrer 5, J. Worth (cond.) 6, W. Gayes 7, H. Farrer 8, H. Wood 9, F. Cadman 10. First quarter for 1 and 10.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Smith 1, R. Hunt 2, Miss M. Hart 3, C. Pocock 4, P. J. Dyke (cond.) 5, L. Fogg 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. S. Valentine 1, E. Nobles 2, Miss M. B. Valentine 3, W. Austin 4, W. Parker 5, G. S. Valentine 6, T. Tebbutt (cond.) 7, W. Atterbury 8.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK. — On Nov. 14th, 1,080 Plain Bob Minor: P. Beals 1, M. Tyrell 2, R. Alcock 3, T. Owen (cond.) 4, F. Beals 5, A. Leet 6. In honour of Prince Charles' birthday.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX. — On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: W. Pickthall 1, F. G. Robbins 2, E. Thurlow 3, G. Hart 4, G. Kilby 5, R. Wilkinson 6, T. Collins 7, W. N. Genna (cond.) 8.

PONTESBURY, SHROPSHIRE. — On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Lewis 1, Miss B. Carter 2, C. E. Overton 3, E. W. Colley 4, R. F. Davies (cond.) 5, L. Colley (first quarter) 6.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Ward 1, G. Perkins (first 'inside') 2, G. W. Steel 3, A. Marsh 4, T. W. Strangeway 5, A. Strangeway (first quarter) 6, E. Spencer 7, P. Massam (cond.) 8.

RUARDEAN, GLOS. — On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. T. Penn 1, R. Pownall 2, L. H. Jones 3, How. Meek 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, W. Beard 6. In memoriam Mr. L. Harper, former ringer.

SAXILBY, LINCS. — On Nov. 11th, 1,320 Bob Minor: D. G. Crosby 1, M. L. Mann 2, J. B. Nicholson 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, J. Nicholson 5, F. Bishop (cond.) 6. In memoriam A. E. Stroud, a member of the local band.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At St. George-the-Martyr's on Nov. 6th, 1,312 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. F. Lancaster 1, Miss P. G. Kitchin 2, H. G. Andrews 3, W. H. Hewett (cond.) 4, T. G. Fox 5, C. E. Willmington 6, J. G. A. Prior 7, T. H. Francis 8. First of Yorkshire by 1, 2, 3 and 5.

STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET. — On Nov. 10th, 1,440 Bob Minor: W. Warr 1, Mrs. E. S. Powell (cond.) 2, R. Beale 3, R. Welch 4, F. Welch 5, J. Drew 6. First quarter peal on the six bells.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Skinner (first of Triples) 1, F. G. Wilton 2, Miss M. E. Richards 3, Miss B. E. Ll. Roberts (cond.) 4, A. Tickner 5, C. J. Gardner 6, W. W. Daniell 7, J. Berry 8.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Holmes 1, Wm. A. Hughes 2, Ian Couch (first quarter) 3, L. W. G. Skinner 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, J. Porter 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY. — On Nov. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss I. Dearling (first in method) 1, J. Tomsitt 2, T. G. Miller 3, E. Cassell 4, J. Chapman 5, R. Charge 6, R. Saunders 7, E. V. Blake (cond.) 8.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—At St. John's on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. S. T. Farr (cond.) 1, A. Smith 2, K. Buckingham 3, A. G. Wratten 4, K. Curtis 5, A. J. Glass 6, L. Stilwell 7, C. Vitler 8.

WHISTON, YORKS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,332 Plain Bob Minor: S. Wright (14) 1, Elaine Wright (16) 2, Shirley Bampton (15) 3, T. Cutts 4, R. Rhodes 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6. First of Bob Minor for 1, 2, 3 and 5.

YORKTOWN, SURREY. — On Nov. 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: H. Everitt 1, R. Bath 2, F. Marchant 3, L. Paice 4, J. A. Parker 5, W. J. Parker (cond.) 6. First quarter by 1, 2 and 3.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Rettendon (6), Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 6085

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at St. Chad's, Far Headingley. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 2s. 6d. per head, Mr. H. R. Parkinson, 11, Moor Road, Leeds 6. 6090

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Bushey (8), Dec. 3rd, 3. Tea 5 at Elsum's. —S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 6120

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Ropley (6), Dec. 3rd. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. 6143

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch. — Meeting, Shrivenham, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. 6135

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Cowfold, Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 6154

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Meeting at All Saints', Poplar, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6, followed by business meeting and further ringing.—R. H. Begrie, Dis. Sec. 6153

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Great Staughton, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.— S. Gilbart, Dis. Sec. 6151

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, on Monday, Dec. 5th, 7.15 p.m.— T. J. Lock. 6197

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery.—Annual meeting, Dunster, Dec. 10th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea 5. Business 5.30. Notify early.—G. Stacey, Minehead. 6132

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Sherborne, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Visitors welcome. Write Rev. Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 6111

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Silk Willoughby, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 6124

GUILDFORD GUILD.—A Guildford District meeting, together with LADIES' GUILD (Southern District), at Worplesdon, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Arrangements as usual. Service 4.30. Nominations for district officers must be made at this meeting. Names for tea, please, by Dec. 5th to Mr. S. Petter, Fox Corner, Pirbright. 6123

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Bridport on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea and meeting follow. Other towers open: Bradpole 2.30 to 4, Burton Bradstock, Loders and Chideock till 6.15. Names for tea by Dec. 2nd, please.—C. H. Lathey, Sec. 6125

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Meeting, Redhill (8), Saturday, Dec. 10th, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Nominations for district officers for 1950. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 7th, to Mr. Gear, Sandy Way, The Cutting, Redhill. 6126

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting at King's Langley (8), Dec. 10th. Bells 3. Names for tea to Mr. A. Cook, Motor Engineer, High Street, King's Langley, by Wednesday, Dec. 7th.—Pamela A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 6145

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch. — Annual meeting, St. Ebbe's, Oxford (8 bells), Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 7th to Miss M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley, Abingdon, Berks. 6137

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Higham (6) on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday, Dec. 6th, to B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne, Kent. 6142

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Alfreton (8), Dec. 10th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Names by Dec. 8th to Mr. T. W. Hopson, 2, Grange Street, Alfreton, Derbys. 6127

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Saturday, Dec. 10th, 2.30. Names for tea by Dec. 8th to Mr. S. Thompson, Poplar Villa, Whaggs Road, Whickham. 6155

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch. — 30th anniversary. Annual meeting, Charlton Kings, Dec. 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 (names required by Dec. 5th).—Charles Rouse, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Glos. 6088

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch. — Annual meeting, Wilton, Dec. 10th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5. Numbers for tea early. — A. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 6136

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Andover District.—Annual district meeting, Dec. 10th. Bells, Andover (8), 2.30 to 4.15. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Dairy Cafe, Bridge Street, followed by meeting. Accommodation limited and tea only for those who notify by Dec. 8th.—J. A. Hill, Anna Valley, Andover. 6157

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Tunbridge Wells (St. Peter's, 8), Dec. 10th. Names for tea to Mr. B. Collison, 169, Queen's Road, Tunbridge Wells. Look up Yorkshire Major. —C. A. Bassett. 6158

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Christ Church, Swindon, Dec. 10th. For tea advise W. Daniell, 14, Union Street, Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston. 6161

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Cards for tea by Dec. 6th, please.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., 20, Macaulay, Bath. 6162

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Meeting Llandovery (6), Dec. 10th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow.—C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, Llanelly, Carm. 6163

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Willingham (6), Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5, White Hart. No service.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 6164

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Henfield (8), Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names by Dec. 8th to B. W. White, Hon. Div. Sec., 14, Southview, Henfield. 6165

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Stoney Stanton, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) 3. Cups of tea 5. Bring own food.—F. K. Measures, Hon. Sec. 6185

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Stone (6), Dec. 10th. Bells 2.45. Service 4. Tea and meeting.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 6184

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Annual meeting, Dec. 10th, at Wotton-under-Edge. Bells (8) 3. Tea 4.30. Service 6. Notify for tea by Dec. 7th to Miss Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall, Glos. 6180

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Monthly meeting at Aspley Guise on Dec. 10th. Bells (6) at 3. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by Tuesday, Dec. 6th.—Valerie Willard, Dis. Sec., Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 6177

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Blyth (6), Saturday, Dec. 10th. For tea please notify Mrs. Tomlinson, White House Cafe, Blyth, Worksop, by Dec. 9th.—H. Denman. 6174

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Aylestone (8), Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. F. E. Wilson, 98, Evesham Road, Leicester, by Wednesday, Dec. 7th.—W. Root Dis. Sec. 6175

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Meeting at Walton-le-Dale, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Cups of tea provided, bring own food. Frequent buses from Preston, Chorley and Blackburn. 6173

ANDOVER, HANTS. — Dedication of the Oscar Smart memorial plaque, Dec. 10th, 4.15, St. Mary's, Andover. Tea 5 for those who notify by Dec. 8th. — J. Hill, Anna Valley, Andover. 6172

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Northampton Branch.—Little Houghton, Dec. 10th. Those requiring tea send names by Dec. 7th to Mr. Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 6171

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.— Meeting on Dec. 10th at North Ferriby. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea for all who notify Mr. J. Laws, 11, Station Road, Brough, East Yorks, before Wednesday, Dec. 7th. 6170

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Combined Reading Branch and Shiplake-Henley-Sonning practice, Shiplake, Dec. 10th, 6 to 9 p.m.—T. N. Lanaghan. 6169

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District. — Monthly meeting, Matlock (8), Dec. 10th, 3. Bring own food. Cups of tea obtainable.—Miss D. J. Dunn, Darley Dale. 6168

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Elm, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6172

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Standon, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify S. Smith, 21, Station Road, Puckeridge, not later than 7th for tea.—A. S. Carter, Sec. 6178

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District. — Meeting, Banstead, Dec. 10th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and nomination of officers. Names for tea to Mr. Pitstow, Saffron, High Street, Banstead, by Wednesday. 6179

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District. — Meeting at Ixworth, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells 3 to 6 p.m. Tea found, bring own food. Meeting after.—W. Stannard, Hon. Sec. 6182

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 6183

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting on Saturday, Dec. 10th, St. Ann's, Highgate, 2.30 to 4. St. Stephen's, Hampstead, 4.30 and evening. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts. 6186

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District.—A practice meeting will be held at Kirkby-in-Furness on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Moorhouse, Suncrest, Kirkby-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 6192

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bentham on Dec. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided. — John Woods. 6189

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Business meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Dec. 10th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Note date.—R. Benson, Branch Sec. 6190

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Royston, Dec. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify Mr. S. Dance, School House, Church Street, Royston, near Barnsley, not later than Dec. 7th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 6188

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice meeting, Compton Bishop, Saturday, Dec. 10th, from 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Sec. 6195

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch. — Alsager (8 bells), Dec. 10th, 2.30. Names required by 6th, please. — Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 6194

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Lydd, Dec. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Dec. 14th, please, to T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 6181

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Sixth annual dinner, Croydon, Jan. 4th, 1950. Details as circulated. Will members who fail to receive letter, and potential new members, write to secretary before Dec. 8th? — Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, near Maidstone. 6144

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — Annual lunch, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Ringing, Christ Church, Magdalen, All Saints', etc. Non-resident members write to the Master, Exeter College. 6159

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's on Nov. 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. E. Ewer 1, G. W. Seaman 2, R. J. Bedford 3, E. H. Durant (first of Minor) 4, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 5, T. J. Southam 6.

THETFORD, NORFOLK. — On Nov. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Gooch 1, Miss D. Reeve 2, J. Sharpe 3, W. Paul 4, S. Atkins 5, W. Bowers 6, T. Stag 7, J. W. Paul (cond.) 8.

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THE LINCOLN JUBILEE

THE thoughts of ringers throughout the country have been centred this week on Lincoln. Celebrations took place last Saturday in honour of the jubilee of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and through our columns we desire to express the congratulations of the Exercise to the Guild on reaching its half-century.

Although not by any means the oldest of our territorial Associations or Guilds, Lincoln has always enjoyed a place in the inner Councils. The first Master, the Rev. H. Law James, contributed much as a composer, and while it was at St. Michael's, Gloucester, that he and his brother spent their youthful days, it was as Vicar of Surfleet that he did his great work for the Guild. 'Spliced' ringing was not accepted without a fight, and it was in the Rev. H. Law James that it had an outstanding champion. His mathematical mind delighted in the new intricacies that were opened by this field of ringing.

His successor came also from Surfleet in Mr. Rupert Richardson. He toured Lincolnshire in a systematic manner in the fiulfilment of his duties, and by his open-hearted generosity attracted to the village the leading ringers of the day. Rupert was emphatically a man of action. He was one of the saviours of 'The Ringing World,' upon the death of the founder-editor, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith. Posthaste he travelled from Surfleet to Pyrford upon receiving news of the paper's difficulties and doubts about its continuance. When major difficulties confronted the Exercise it was to Rupert that people turned; his shrewd business mind might be concealed beneath an exterior of benevolence, but the brain was ever active, and the advice he gave was sound. A memorial to his work is to be found among the bells of Lincoln Cathedral. As long as the Guild lasts, so the name of Rupert Richardson will remain. He was a big man in every way.

Readers of 'The Ringing World' are familiar with the assiduity with which the present Master, Mr. J. A. Freeman, has created around Lincoln Cathedral a band worthy to ring in such an historic and wonderful centre of the Christian faith. In the realm of performance the Lincoln Guild has in the past set the Exercise a number of objectives, and while comparison is invidious the diligence of the Lincoln ringers, particularly during these post-war years, is a spur to those renowned provincial bands centred at Birmingham, Leicester and in Cheshire. Mr. J. A. Freeman has also the gift of organisation and understanding.

The real strength of a Guild is not to be found in one or two crack bands who are constantly adding laurel leaves to the victor's crown, but to the conscientious small town and village companies who faithfully perform their duty Sunday by Sunday and maintain a spirit of friendliness. Last week we published a letter from a Lincolnshire ringer, Mr. James H. Musson. Simple and directly to the point, yet between the lines could be read the story of enthusiasm and keenness. It is not the headline makers or the controversialists that provide live copy to our journal, but the humbler ringers, whose solid background is the basis of country ringing in this land. To them a quarter peal is an occasion, and it is in recognition of such that we endeavour to give them a rightful place in the columns of 'The Ringing World.'

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

FRANK E. HAYNES	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	7
JOHN PINFOLD	2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	8
*JEANNE E. ASKEW	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	LEONARD TREVOR	10
ALBERT WALKER	5	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	11
HENRY H. FEARN	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal of Stedman and of Cinques. Rung as a compliment to Mr. James George on the eve of his 96th birthday.

TEN BELL PEALS

HERTFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

*AUDREY M. CASTLE	*Treble*	ROBERT G. HEAZEL	6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	G. WILLIAM MORRIS	7
N. G. HOLLINGWORTH	3	ERNEST W. FURBANK	8
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	4	JAMES BULLOCK	9
CHARLES W. OTTLEY	5	*ERIC T. BEAUCHAMP	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal on 10 bells. Tenor 25 cwt. 23 lb.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16¼ cwt. in E.

*ERIC DODDS	*Treble*	*†EDWIN C. HYNARD	6
†SHEILA E. HARRIS	2	SQUIRE CROFT	7
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	3	FRANCIS D. BISHOP	8
*THOMAS E. DAVIES	4	†DAVID J. CHARNLEY	9
†MRS. KATHLEEN PARR	5	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Royal. † First of Surprise. First of Cambridge Surprise Royal by all except the ringers of 3 and 10. Rung in honour of the first birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Treble*	FRANCIS BROTHERTON	6
THOMAS SMITH	2	*TREVOR REYNOLDS	7
ALBERT D. COLLINS	3	†SAMUEL BIRCH	8
NOREEN BRAIN	4	BARNABAS G. KEY	9
GORDON HARRISON	5	GEORGE L. RODEN	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on ten and in the method.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 20, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*SIDNEY MARSHALL	*Treble*	WILLIAM CLOVER	6
N. JOHN A. PUMPHREY	2	HENRY TOOKE	7
*MRS. FREWEN MOOR	3	GEORGE SAYER	8
†DR. FREWEN MOOR	4	BERT GOGLE	9
NOLAN GOLDEN	5	WALTER C. MEDLER	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 21, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes.*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF WIGSTON SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

DOROTHY M. UDALE	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON	7
JILL POOLE	2	LAURENCE GREENHOW	8
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	9
JOHN R. SMITH	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	10
HARRY G. WAYNE	5	PETER J. STANIFORTH	11
ALAN JACQUES	6	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Maximus to be rung in this method. Tenor 25 cwt.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 24, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

HENRY ROGERS	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	6
PATRICK PRESTON	2	FRANK BRADLEY	7
GEORGE E. PADGETT	3	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	8
FRANK BROWN	4	WALTER NICHOLS	9
CLEMENT GLENN	5	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Half-muffled. In memoriam Walter White.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 25, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes.*

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE	*Treble*	*ANDREW C. SINFIELD	6
SHIRLEY BURTON	2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	7
PETER J. STANIFORTH	3	*RONALD J. SHARP	8
JILL POOLE	4	ALFRED BALLARD	9
MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. In memoriam Canon G. F. Coleridge.

ABINGDON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

EDWIN G. MOORE	*Treble*	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	6
PHILIP WALKER	2	ALBERT E. LOCK	7
MRS. A. E. LOCK	3	REGINALD W. REX	8
WILLIAM C. PORTER	4	ALAN R. PINK	9
NOEL J. DISERENS	5	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. E. SYMONDS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal of Caters in the method by all. In memoriam Canon G. F. Coleridge.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in D.

CHARLES E. BROWN	*Treble*	†DONOVAN R. WHITE	6
FREDK. W. STOKES	2	JOHN A. FREEMAN	7
*MARGARET A. SWANN	3	JOHN G. AMES	8
CHARLES MCGUINESS	4	JOHN WALDEN	9
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5	STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Stedman and first on ten bells. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WALTER W. MILLER	*Treble*	FRANK L. FISHER	5
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	6
*DAVID VINCENT	3	LESLIE G. BRETT	7
ALBERT E. WHITING	4	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN.
* 200th peal. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 14, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

WILLIAM G. WHITING	*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING	5
DAVID VINCENT	2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	6
LESLIE G. BRETT	3	ALBERT E. WHITING	7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	4	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
Rung for the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles.

ST. IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

FRANK WARRINGTON	*Treble*	STANLEY GILBERT	5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON	2	FRANK W. LACK	6
GEORGE S. BUSH	3	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN	7
HERBERT GOAKES	4	HERBERT FIELDS	*Tenor*

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam to Mrs. R. A. Savoury. R.I.P.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*HORACE J. BENTLEY	*Treble*	ALLEN MORGAN	5
R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	DENIS R. MORRIS	6
CLAUDIA A. HARDING	3	†CYRIL TANSELL	7
GEORGE E. LARGE	4	†THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal of Major. †50th peal together. Tenor 15½ cwt.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	*Treble*	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	5
T. JOHN FOWLER	2	*JOHN HOWARD	6
JESSE HARRISON	3	F. DONALD BOREHAM	7
GEORGE MARTIN	4	WILFRED EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by KATHLEEN FLETCHER.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Prince Charles. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 22 cwt.

JAMES P. BLOND	*Treble*	GEORGE W. BISHOP	5
HENRY K. WHITE	2	EDWARD R. ROBEY	6
ALFRED H. WEBB	3	ROBERT B. BLOND	7
HENRY L. BISHOP	4	JACK C. NAPPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD R. ROBEY.
A birthday compliment to the conductor.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	*Treble*	FRANK H. HICKS	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
ERNEST J. LADD	3	ALFRED W. DURHAM	7
ALEX RICHARDSON	4	ROBRET T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
250th peal as conductor. Birthday peal for G. T. G. Sone, son of the conductor. Tenor 15½ cwt.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

JOHN E. S. MORETON	*Treble*	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.	6
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE	3	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	7
ALFRED MOULD	4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.
In memoriam Charles John Trotman, former captain of St. Mary's, Woodbridge, Suffolk, and father of the conductor, died November 21st, 1938.

GOOLE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

*FRED JACKSON	*Treble*	RAYMOND C. WESTNEY	5
WILLIAM H. JACKSON	2	ERNEST THORLEY	6
JAMES THORLEY	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7
GIBSON JACKSON	4	†J. ERNEST PADGETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method. †First peal in the method 'inside.'

HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN THOMAS	*Treble*	PATRICK HARRIS	5
ROBERT G. FREEMAN	2	RALPH HARRIS	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	7
MARGARET J. ROWLAND	4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* 100th peal of Stedman Triples. A 16th birthday compliment to Robert G. Freeman and first peal of Stedman on the bells.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb.

ALAN A. POTTS	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
JAMES A. MILNER	2	JOHN WORTH	6
TOM WILDE	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
WILFRED STEVENSON	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
A 27th birthday compliment to Mr. H. Laflin, son of the 7th ringer.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 21, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST, MILES PLATTING,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

LEONARD WALSH	*Treble*	FRANK J. MAUDE	5
HAROLD WALKER	2	THOMAS W. LAMB	6
REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH	3	ROGER LEIGH	7
R. MARY ELKINGTON	4	PETER CROOK, SEN.	*Tenor*

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH.
To celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reynolds.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 21, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

DAPHNE LLOYD	*Treble*	*REV. JOHN KINGDON	5
HARRY LEWIS	2	GEORGE F. SPERRING	6
HENRY O. BAKER	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
JOHN W. BEST	4	JOHN H. STOCKTON	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal. In memoriam Frederick Dutton, churchwarden for nearly 30 years.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 22, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Oswald Claybrook	*Treble*	Cyril Valentine	5
Edwin H. Lewis	2	Henry O. Baker	6
Walter Allman	3	Francis Bibby	7
John E. Bibby	4	James C. E. Simpson	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Edwin H. Lewis.
First peal in the method on the bells, by all the band and for the Guild. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 23, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Brian Austin	*Treble*	Alfred Ballard	5
John R. Smith	2	Herrick B. Bowley	6
*John J. Morris	3	Alan Jacques	7
*W. Arthur Riddington	4	Harold J. Poole	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 12½ cwt.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 23, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles-on-the-Hill,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 104 lb. in F.

Walter C. Medler	*Treble*	Nolan Golden	5
Charles H. Moore	2	George Sayer	6
Ernest G. Shorting	3	Arthur G. Bason	7
F. Charles Goodman	4	Bert Gogle	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Nolan Golden.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., Nov. 24, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bridget,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*William J. Vinnicombe	*Treble*	Charles Sangwin	5
*Charles E. Taylor	2	John W. Sangwin	6
Frederick Sangwin	3	†Thomas G. Myers	7
W. Ronald Hill	4	‡Reginald G. Pearce	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas G. Myers.
* First peal on eight. †100th peal for the Guild. ‡First peal. Rung half-muffled following the funeral of William J. Shears, for many years a ringer at this church.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Charles H. Webb	*Treble*	Hubert G. Summers	5
Frank W. Perrens	2	*George Gardner	6
Adolphus Roberts	3	John W. T. Taylor	7
*Percy Stone	4	William A. Stote	*Tenor*

Composed by Hy. Dains. Conducted by Frank W. Perrens.
* First peal in the method. In memoriam Canon G. F. Coleridge.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E.

Fred Price	*Treble*	William E. Cheater	5
Clifford Skidmore	2	Arthur V. Davis	6
Wm. B. Cartwright	3	Reginald Woodyatt	7
George E. Large	4	Thomas Hemming	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Bennett (20). Conducted by W. B. Cartwright.
First peal of London on the bells. Rung on the eve of Mr. James George's 96th birthday, with the best wishes of the band.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*D. H. B. Millward	*Treble*	*Frederick H. Birks	5
John W. Best	2	John W. Griffiths	6
Henry O. Baker	3	*R. Gordon Corby	7
*Brian Harris	4	Percy Swindley	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by John W. Best.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 20 cwt.

SIX BELL PEALS

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 4, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four methods: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 6 lb.

William Smith	*Treble*	Alec Richardson	4
*Mrs. Margaret White	2	*John Bagshaw	5
Henry Kirk	3	Eric Ellison	*Tenor*

Conducted by Eric Ellison.
* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. J. Marriot (a fellow-ringer) on the death of his wife.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*Hildegard I. G. Bird	*Treble*	Ralph Bird	4
†Jeanne E. Askew	2	William Wenban	5
*Frank J. Matthews	3	Peter N. Bond	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ralph Bird.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 15, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

Lewis J. Last	*Treble*	George A. Fleming	4
William A. Woods	2	Chas. E. Fisher	5
George W. Pipe	3	William J. Button	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles E. Fisher.

ASHCOTT, NEAR BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

Ivor Hillburn	*Treble*	*Frederick Sandy	4
*William Cavill	2	*Charles Norton	5
Frank Skinner	3	*Edward Skinner	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Skinner.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Paul,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

Ernest T. Carvell	*Treble*	*John E. Bibby	4
Alex. J. Webster	2	*Walter Allman	5
Eric J. Gilbert	3	Frank Varty	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Varty.
* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

BROCKWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 24 of St. Dunstan's and four 240's Morris's arrangement. Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb.

Harry Newman	*Treble*	William Jones	4
Leslie Barry	2	William Pocketts	5
Charles Taylor	3	Charles Larner	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie Barry.
Rung for the centenary of the bells, cast by Taylors in 1849.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 19, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Botolph and Andrew,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of one 720 each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Lewis J. Last	*Treble*	William J. Button	4
George A. Fleming	2	George W. Pipe	5
Frank G. Bloomfield	3	Cecil W. Pipe	*Tenor*

Conducted by George W. Pipe.
A wedding anniversary compliment to George A. Fleming.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Rawlings (cond.) 1, Mrs. D. M. Bennett 2, T. Harris 3, F. Skidmore 4, D. Gardiner 5, A. V. Bennett (first in method) 6, W. W. Webb 7, W. Cook 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Patricia Cook.

AXMINSTER, DEVON.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: N. Mallett 1, R. Keeley 2, L. Glyde 3, Rev. C. C. Cox 4, G. H. Whitemore 5, H. G. Keeley 6, C. W. Powell 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8. First of Kent Major for 1 and 3.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 19th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: J. W. Stevenson 1, J. E. Chilcott 2, Joyce England 3, Jill Brittain 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, W. J. Rawlings 6, F. E. Darby (cond.) 7, D. E. Parsons 8, P. A. F. Chalk 9, A. W. J. Appleton 10. To honour the first birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: L. Coe 1, C. Wright 2, D. Cooper 3, Miss B. Moss 4, J. Saxton 5, H. Wagstaffe 6, S. Slaney 7, A. B. Cooper (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to Miss June Wright (youngest member of the band) and to the conductor.

CHISWICK, LONDON.—On Nov. 13th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. Hutchings (first quarter of Major) 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss P. Kitchen 3, S. Smith (first quarter of Surprise) 4, —— 5, C. W. Ottley 6, H. G. Andrews 7, J. Bullock 8.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Coles 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, J. S. Hawkins 3, H. G. Hart 4, B. J. Willis 5, G. A. Parsons 6, A. W. Coles (cond.) 7, W. N. Genna 8. For the induction of the Rev. C. T. M. Brown as Vicar.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Trinles: Miss A. West 1, Mrs. B. S. Nicholls 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, J. Nobes 4, J. Seymour 5, A. E. Lock (cond.) 6, B. S. Nicholls 7, H. Thomas 8. In memoriam Rev. B. J. Littlewood, Vicar.

QUARTER PEALS

ELTHAM, KENT. — On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Smith (first quarter) 1, F. W. Richardson 2, Miss M. Ashdown 3, F. J. Hurrell 4, T. A. Easterby 5, J. Hurrell 6, E. B. Crowder 7, R. Laming 8. Conducted by Henry Wood seated in belfry.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Nov. 20th, 1,240 Bob Royal: H. M. Page 1, Miss Joyce England 2, J. Chilcott 3, R. Mackrill 4, A. Jones 5, W. J. Paice 6, J. Stephenson 7, P. Chalk 8, M. Chilcott 9, G. Debenham (cond.) 10.

HERNE HILL, KENT.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Dilnot (first quarter) 1, H. Manual 2, C. C. Dilnot (first quarter) 3, Eileen Wyles 4, C. Philpott 5, W. S. Palin (cond.) 6, A. Butler 7, F. Pack 8.

KENSINGTON, LONDON. — On Nov. 20th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: Miss P. Kitchen 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, C. W. Ottley 3, W. D. Grainger 4, H. J. Ranzetta 5, H. W. Andrews 6, C. W. Wilmington 7, A. W. Wiffen 9, E. J. Brown 10.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 20th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. J. Youngman 1, C. Whiting 2, E. S. Bailey 3, A. R. Bridges (first in method) 4, E. C. Pizzey 5, J. G. Rumsey 6, L. P. Bailey 7, J. M. Bailey (cond.) 8.

LINCOLN.—At St. Peter-at-Gowts on Nov. 23rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Single Court, 180 Single Oxford: F. Dixon 1, A. Melton 2, T. Crowe 3, C. Brown 4, V. Briggs 5, H. Hurst (cond.) 6. In memoriam Mr. F. Kealey, headmaster of the Church Day School and superintendent of the Parish Church Sunday School.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Smith 1, C. Pocock 2, Miss Mary Hart 3, P. J. Dyke 4, R. S. Hunt (cond.) 5, L. Fogg 6. On the occasion of the dedication of new church gates by the Lord Bishop of Oxford, erected in memory of the fallen, 1939-1945.

OLDHAM, LANCS.—On Nov. 21st, at St. Mark's, Glodwick, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Fletcher 1, O. Moores 2, F. Pritchard 3, J. T. Walmsley 4, Miss M. I. Jaggar 5, A. F. Taylor (cond.) 6, R. Edwards 7, E. Casterton 8. An 18th birthday compliment to Miss Jaggar.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church on Nov. 20th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Maxted 1, A. Diserens (cond.) 2, Miss A. B. Diserens 3, Mrs. A. Diserens 4, J. S. Taylor 5, C. Pullen 6, N. J. Diserens 7, P. J. Dyke 8.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL. — On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. C. Spencer (cond.) 1, C. Drewitt 2, H. Miles 3, Miss M. Lidgey 4, S. Seymour 5, R. G. Clemens 6, E. V. Williams 7, H. Mitchell 8.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At St. George-the-Martyr's on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Iris Cording 1, Miss Gwen Friswell 4, D. Neal 5, A. F. Lancaster 6, G. A. Parsons 7, K. S. Seeger (first of Triples) 8.

STEBBING, ESSEX.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. F. Boykett 1, A. Little 2, Miss J. Barringer 3, H. Harrington 4, W. Little 5, F. Harrington (cond.) 6.

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Shattock 1, B. Vine (first 'inside') 2, R. Shire 3, H. Churchill (cond.) 4, R. Perry 5, L. Vickery 6.

WALBERTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Horner, jun. (first quarter) 1, G. W. Holliss 2, E. Lonnen (cond.) 3, W. F. Stevens 4, E. Treagus 5, E. Booker 6.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS. — On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Cotterill 1, W. D. Peart 2, J. R. Cotterill 3, E. A. Parish 4, W. E. Partridge 5, W. C. Reynolds 6, J. A. Mills (cond.) 7, K. Clarke (first quarter) 8. In memoriam to Samuel Loach, churchman and ringer.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS. — On Nov. 19th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. Foster (first on eight bells) 1, E. C. Lambert (cond.) 2, W. J. Chester 3, J. Higgins 4, E. E. Whitmore 5 C. Hinton 6, F. C. Case 7, W. Yates 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

His many friends will regret to hear that Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, of Ferndown, Dorset, who was Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild from 1910-13 and is now one of the vice-presidents, underwent an internal operation at Wimborne Cottage Hospital. The latest report is that he is progressing very well. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Send Christmas greetings to your friends through 'The Ringing World,' price 2s. 6d.

Mr. Edward G. Davey has twice circled the tower of Kirby-le-Soken, Essex.

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. Benjamin Thorp, of St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne.

Mr. Jack Clegg, of Fallowfield, has completed Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

The peal at Croft, Leics., completes the 'circle' of the tower for F. Watson (verger), and Ernest Morris has now called peals from each bell in this tower.

Mr. A. H. Webb, foreman ringer at East Hagbourne, Berks, 'completed the circle' of his tower by a peal of Grandsire Triples on November 19th.

The peal of Stedman Caters at Hull on November 26th was rung to mark the 50 years of ringing in this area by Mr. Len Rodmell. The popular Master of the Beverley and District Society rang in the peal at the age of 72, and his many friends wish to see him 'among the ropes' for many more years.

The attendance at the Kirkby Mallory meeting of the Leicester Guild was affected by the inclement weather, and only six towers were represented. The next meeting was arrangd for Stoney Stanton, as it was not found possible to hold the annual dinner there. A dance in aid of the new ring of eight at Market Bosworth by the district ringers realised £30.

The jubilee celebration of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild last Saturday was most successful and a triumph of organisation. A peal of Stedman Cinques was rung on the Cathedral bells on the Friday. Guests at the dinner included the Bishop of Lincoln and the president of the Central Council, Mr. E. H. Lewis. Our next issue will contain a full report of these happy proceedings.

In memoriam peals were rung for Canon G. F. Colcridge at Abingdon, Allesley, Crayford and Loughborough.

Brethren interested in a Masonic peal at Manchester in the Spring of 1950 are asked to communicate with Mr. Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

Recently to celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. Harry Goodger, a well-struck 500 of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Michael and All Angels', Tilehurst. Mr. Goodger rang the treble, the conductor being Mr. J. Marsh, which was his first as conductor. Mr. Goodger was for a very long time the much respected 'foreman' of the tower (having been taught to ring by the late Martin Routh), who also celebrated last year 60 years as a member of the choir.

Mr. James George was unable to repeat his feat of last year and participate in his birthday peal. He cannot use his artificial leg at present, as it is away at the specialist for attention, and as he had a bad cold he wisely decided not to risk coming out. 'Jimmy' says he intends to attempt the peal later on when circumstances are more favourable. Our oldest peal ringer (now 96) does not intend to rest on his laurels. Through 'The Ringing World' he wishes to thank sincerely the many friends who sent letters and telegrams of congratulation, and also those who rang peals for the occasion. It is his regret that he is unable to acknowledge these greetings individually.

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Memories of Canon Coleridge

PERSONAL DISCIPLINE.

I have a very vivid memory of my first meeting with the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, as he was then, on December 6th, 1902. A small party, J. Hunt, E. Allen, S. Radford and myself, went to Yateley, and met there M. Steer and B. Hawkins, from Hawley, who, with C. Giles from Reading and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, completed a peal party. We went for Double Norwich, and my note of the event says we had good ringing until the last three courses, when one of the ringers became ill and we had to stop.

After the ringing it was revealed that the ringer (Mr. B. Hawkins) who could not finish the peal had during the week been celebrating an important domestic event, which in due course got to the ears of the Rev. G. F. Coleridge. I remember very well he put to good use the time occupied in walking to Blackwater Railway Station with a lecture about the need and the value of personal discipline in all bodily functions when proposing an important performance in the House of God. I am now the only survivor of the little party who on that long walk in the dark heard his words of wisdom.

A. C. HAZELDEN.

Guildford.

A GOLDEN SOVEREIGN FOR FIRST PEAL

Fifty-seven years ago the Rev. G. F. Coleridge handled the 8th bell at Exeter Cathedral in a course of Grandsire Caters, the first change ringing on the bells, and as a boy I proudly watched him reveal his skill on a heavy bell. This was in 1892, but prior to this date, during one of his visits, he promised me a golden sovereign when I scored my first peal.

In those days he was a problem when on a ringing tour, and I remember two maiden ladies coming to our home at Exeter late one evening in great distress, for the ringer they agreed to accommodate for the night had arrived, and they were certain their small single bed would not be large enough for the largest parson they had ever seen!

Two peals that stand out in my memory more than the other I rang with him are the 'Devonians' peal at Putney in 1901, and the 7,392 of Double Norwich at Chiddingfold in 1907. Yes, the Canon enjoyed ringing just as much as his other activities, and with it all, wherever he was, he was a parson and a man. Good striking was a strong point and when he gave advice it was always sound. He would say, 'Stick to it and show what you can really do; stick together with one intention and purpose to do your very best, not only in the matter of excellency of striking, but also of goodwill one to another.'

One could write columns about our beloved Canon, but space is still limited; therefore, it is best to sum up his many virtues by one simple word—true. True to himself, to others and his arts; true to each work to which he laid his hand, and, above all, he possessed that true heart, ever faithful, ever loyal, always pressing on to the high mark of his calling.

W. SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

NORTH NOTTS SYMPATHY.

It is with regret I learn of the death of Canon G. F. Coleridge. Though I did not know him personally, I have followed his ringing and other duties through 'The Ringing World,' and, being in possession of 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' could see what type of a gentleman he was. Although his great work on earth has now ended, it will have not been in vain or forgotten.

On behalf of all North Notts members and myself I would like to express the deepest sympathy to those relatives left behind in their sad bereavement.

H. DENMAN (Dis. Sec.).

Retford, Notts.

The Return of the Native

ANOTHER PEAL AT STRADBROKE.

Few ringers have to wait nearly 27 years after scoring their first peal before attempting one on the bells of their native village; such has been the misfortune of Mr. David Vincent, now of Hale, Cheshire, who from time to time has rung in most surrounding towers yet heard Stradbroke bells for the first time since boyhood days when they struck into rounds for the peal of Cambridge there on November 12th.

During these years the bells have been considered unpealable and the tower unsafe and no peal was attempted on them. However, when a party of Suffolk ringers visiting Cheshire in 1947 made a call on David and realised his disappointment they decided to explore the almost unknown on their return. The outcome is now well known, which resulted in a peal of Cambridge there in November that year when Mr. Ernest Pye so ably rang the tenor.

November was again chosen this year and permission graciously given by the Vicar, Canon K. E. Shaw, from a sick bed in the very shadow of the tower, a gesture much appreciated by all. For this attempt it was always felt the band should consist of old friends of county origin — be they Men of Suffolk or Suffolk Men. Great satisfaction was felt when the Guild secretary, Mr. Cecil W. Pipe, who had tackled the seventh in the previous peal, offered to ring the tenor, and Mr. Leslie G. Brett, the former conductor, moving round one to the seventh. What a pair were these 'back end boys' and how they worked, first for an hour on ropes and bearings, 'dispensing' enough castor oil to run a hospital, and later by the masterful manner they rang the method, bells and tower.

FULL FORCE OF GALE.

Stradbroke did not miss the gale which swept the country that day and the tall massive tower took full force. Whether this added to the existing difficulty of swaying tower is uncertain; the frame is certainly level with the louvres and often the bells did some odd unexpected tricks. Between these there were spells of fine ringing and the grand old ring could be heard at its best.

At no time did the skipper, Mr. Leslie C. Wightman, wear an anxious look (he never does), and when he finally called 'Stand,' congratulations were at once showered on 'Jim' Pipe for a magnificent job. Never once was the tenor allowed any liberty. The same, too, applies to Lester on the seventh, a bad going bell. As usual David finished up in stockinged feet and blistered hands, glasses whipped off by the rope's antics and almost on his knees, but all shared in his joy at having achieved his life's ambition in one mighty attempt.

It was a happy band that retired to a warm room and refreshments, accompanied by wives and that famous Suffolk 'Punch' and master of metal and method, Charlie Bailey, who with Mrs. Bailey had braved the elements and the long run from Leiston to meet old friends.

Monday evening saw six of the band joined by two more Suffolkers being welcomed in the belfry at Debenham by the Vicar, the Rev. Musgrave-Brown, who wished them good luck and good ringing—never was a wish better fulfilled. Superlative in all its perfection to a composition by another of Suffolk's sons — Arthur Knights.

Fog, which later became dense, did not prevent some meeting on Tuesday evening, when useful practice was put in until 'Watercress' miscalled to his own 'Surprise.' Mention of a peal of Bristol must have proved too much for David, who was missing next day and who is now known to have been back in Cheshire either licking his wounds or pruning feathers.

Mr. John Woods, of 44, Blades Street, Lancaster, is acting as secretary of the Lancaster Branch of the Lancashire Association in place of Mr. J. Skeats, who has left the district for Blackburn.

East Derbyshire & Notts

ANNUAL DINNER.

The annual dinner of the Association was held at the Miners' Welfare Institute, Silston, on November 5th, when a company of 60 ringers and friends participated in the dinner and social evening.

The bells of the Parish Church were available from 3 p.m., and ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge and Stedman. The service was held in the old Norman church and was conducted by the Rev. Holberg, curate-in-charge.

The president, Mr. J. W. England, was in the chair at the dinner. Proposing the toast of 'The Church and Ringing Societies,' Mr. J. E. Hobbs (Watnall) gave a brief description of ringing as he knew it during his ringing career, stating that prior to the forming of guilds and associations the belfry was a part of the church that very few people except the ringers ever visited, and this room being sadly neglected, often being lighted by the light of flickering candles stuck on the walls. On the formation of this and other associations, ringers visited other churches for meetings and peal ringing, and it had been delightful to note that not only had the ringing chamber been cleaned up, but the ringer had cleaned up his habits.

He remarked on the great joy it gave him to see so many young ringers present and he hoped for the day when they would take their share in the management of the various guilds and associations.

The Rev. Holberg, who replied, said that as he was not a ringer, he felt his position very keenly. He gave the assurance that he would do all in his power to create interest in their art, as he had learned to love the sound of church bells, and mentioned that it was an early Archbishop of York who decreed that all incumbents should toll or chime a bell previous to the service commencing; therefore, the ringer's office was a holy one and should be looked on as such.

Councillor F. Cooke, J.P., proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' and the Rev. R. H. Horton (Rector of Pinxton) replied.

Mr. William Lancaster, proposing the toast of 'The Association,' said as secretary to the Derbyshire Association he knew they had some very good friends in the East Derbyshire and Notts Association, and he hoped that this friendship would continue for many years to come. He asked the young members if they realised what the Association meant. It did not mean something whereby they could get out on a Saturday afternoon if there was not something else to do, but it meant a 'real live organisation,' and somebody had to work to keep it alive and keep it going. It also stood for clean citizenship and more so for Sunday service ringing and attending church service, not merely going to ring for service.

The President, in response, gave a brief history of bellringing.

A vote of thanks was moved by the secretary of the Association, Mr. J. W. Price, to the officials, committee and members of Silston Miners' Welfare Institute for their kindness to them, also wishing a speedy recovery to their president, Mr. C. W. Jepson. He also thanked the artistes and his daughter, Miss F. H. Price, who never failed to help him in anything for the Association.

Musical items were rendered during the evening by Mr. Skinner and Mme. Jackson.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS

Officers of the Ancient Society of College Youths for the ensuing year, elected on Nov. 26th, were: Master, Mr. T. G. Fox; secretary, Mr. A. B. Peck; treasurer, Mr. A. A. Hughes; stewards, Mr. J. F. Smallwood and Mr. J. G. A. Pryor; trustees, Mr. H. R. Newton and Mr. H. G. Miles.

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

Mr. W. W. Worthington

LOSS TO MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

We deeply regret to announce the death of William Worthington-Worthington, M.A., D.L., J.P., of Maple Hayes, Lichfield, which occurred on November 25th. He was aged 77 years.

This truly 'great' man will be sadly missed in the Midland Counties, where he did so much for bells and ringers and was president of the Midland Counties Guild. He was great in stature (being well over 6ft.), in business, in estate and in generosity.

In his younger days he took the keenest delight in ringing. Learning to ring a bell in his undergraduate days at New College, Oxford, he later at his home at Netherseale took up the art, and was never so happy as when taking a party in his car to the churches around and intertaining ringers, which he did in an elaborate style.

He took part in 50 peals, many in seven Minor methods as well as a number of Surprise on higher numbers. There are few towers around the Midlands district that have not a marblette tablet to some performance he took part in. One of his last is so recorded at Netherseale, when he got together the late brothers Pye, T. Coles, B. Prewett, I. Shade and others and rang a peal of Bristol Surprise. The tablet records each ringer's total peals thus: 50, 939, 1,065, 635, 984, 413, 332, 1,184, total 5,602. He used to say he felt like a 'sprat among the mackerel' over this peal.

Although he gave up actual peal ringing owing to business and other ties, every year he had a 'ringing day,' when he invited all his old friends from Burton-on-Trent and district, and after a tour round the neighbouring towers, a grand spread and a lively evening's entertainment were provided. The writer had the pleasure of partaking in one of the last of these 'do's.' He was also the donor of over 20 bells to many parishes, among which were Netherseale, Overseal, Burton (St. Paul's and All Saints'), Stoke Golding, Measham, Rolleston, Northlew, Thurlaston, Tutbury, Repton, Marchington and St. Albans Abbey. His greatest gifts were at Seale, where he was patron of the living. At Overseal he gave three bells to complete the octave in 1919, and at Netherseale he first gave a treble to make six, then shortly afterwards gave two more to make the octave in 1911. These were hung anti-clockwise, so in 1937 he had them all rehung the correct way, and also gave a fine oak screen to divide the tower from the nave.

It will be remembered that when 'The Ringing World' issued its 2,000th number, Mr. Worthington wrote, 'I am one of those who took "The Ringing World" from the start. I don't ring any more, but I read every word of the paper. Best wishes.'

Christ Church, Lichfield, was packed with a distinguished gathering at the memorial service on November 29th, cremation having taken place the previous day. The Dean of Lichfield (Very Rev. F. A. Iremonger) and the Vicar (Rev. G. H. Maydew) took the service, and the Cathedral choir sang the anthem. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, the Sheriff and all the leading business men and women of Lichfield were present, and representing the ringers were Messrs. J. W. Cotton (secretary), W. H. Curson (chairman), E. W. Beadsmoore (committeeman), of the Midland Counties Guild, of which Mr. Worthington was president from its inauguration; Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, and Mr. Sedgwick, of the Cathedral ringers. In the evening a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Netherseale.

NOW AT REST.

The Squire now is sleeping,
Around him in their vigil keeping
The darkness and the night,
Yet in the Valley of the Shadows
The Eternal Light still gleams,
Guiding all the faithful souls
The Saviour hath redeemed.
The Squire now is sleeping.
His resting place sweet bed of earth,
From whose cold bosom
God first gave Adam birth;
For as flowers spring from common clay,
Awakened by the sun's bright ray,
So shall thy Creator make all things new
On the resurrection day. F. H. S.

MR. J. D. BUCKINGHAM.

The death occurred at St. Peter's Hospital, Maldon, Essex, of Mr. John Dennis Buckingham, of Goldhanger, at the age of 75. Mr. Buckingham had lived in the village for 49 years, coming from Suffolk as gardener to the late Rev. F. T. Gardner.

A keen bellringer, he had taken part in 51 peals and founded a band of change ringers in Goldhanger. He did much good work in training young ringers in the district.

The funeral took place at Goldhanger on November 22nd. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by H. R. Appleton, H. W. Gardner, H. J. Mansfield, A. Hubble, and afterwards 720 of Kent Treble Bob with the bells open by H. J. Mansfield, E. J. Runter, H. Seager, B. Mann (cond.), A. Hubble and T. C. Sayer. The local band also rang during the evening.

Representing the bellringers were H. J. Mansfield, A. South, A. Hubble, W. H. Chalk (Maldon), T. C. Sayer, H. Seager (Great Tothan), E. J. Runter (Springfield), G. Neville, C. Mann, B. Mann and H. Appleton (Goldhanger). There were floral tributes from Maldon and Goldhanger ringers.

MR. T. H. CAUNT.

A well-known ringing personality in the Melton Mowbray area, Mr. T. Harry Caunt, of Hose, has passed away after being in failing health for about a year.

He had been a member of the Framland Society for 48 years and was also a member of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. He was a regular service ringer at St. Michael's, Hose, and was very much respected. Mr. Caunt leaves a widow and 10 children. In 1945 Mr. and Mrs. Caunt celebrated their golden wedding.

A memorial service was held at Hose on November 27th, at which many ringers were present. The bells were rung half-muffled before the service. On November 29th his fellow-ringers rang 1,260 Doubles (comprising 480 St. Simon's, 480 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire). They were Albert Allen (Hose) 1, Alfred Moulds (Hose) 2, Edw. Tinsley (Long Clawson) 3, Wm. Sharpe (captain, Hose ringers) 4, J. Wm. Smith (Melton, cond.) 5.

MR. JOHN HEARD.

The Guild of Devonshire Ringers has lost one of its oldest members in Mr. John Heard, who died on November 11th, aged 85. He was one of the last surviving members of the band which, under Col. C. A. W. Troyte, made ringing history at Huntsham.

He joined the Guild in 1878 at the age of 14 and rang his first peal—the 14th for the Guild—at Huntsham on September 30th, 1880, the method being Grandsire Triples. The exact number of peals he rang is not known, but for very many years he never missed a quarterly meeting of his branch, and he was a tower of strength when a practically new band was started at Huntsham after the first world war. His elder brother, Walter, with whom he rang several peals, predeceased him some years ago.

The funeral took place at Huntsham on November 15th, when the Guild was represented by Sir Gilbert Acland-Troyte, and a wreath from the Guild was placed on the grave.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Isleworth on November 19th was the first by constitutionally elected members of the local company.

Kent County Association

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.

The final meeting of 1949 was held at the famous ringers' church of St. Nicholas, Leeds. Being the eve of a new church year, it was appropriate that the Vicar, the Rev. F. Tyrie, should give as an Advent message, 'They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength,' interpreted in terms of our art.

Tea was served by girl members of the Youth Club in the Parish Hall, followed by handbell ringing, which included a course of Grandsire Cinques. There was no formal business, but the opportunity was taken of expressing to the Vicar the appreciation of ringers generally for being able to come so often to ring peals, and of noting with some concern the restoration work now urgently needed in the tower. In reply, the Vicar said it was difficult for the village to maintain a ten-bell band (though several young people were taking an interest), and accepted with thanks the service collection of £1 towards the tower restoration fund.

The meeting paid respect to the memory of Canon G. F. Coleridge, recalling his long and great service to the ringing Exercise, so suitably honoured by the Central Council in electing him their president.

Throughout the afternoon and evening the bells rang out in a wide variety of methods, including Little Grandsire Caters (the day's special method), Cambridge Royal and Bristol Surprise, and many of us turned homeward with a feeling of new accomplishment. E.S.J.H.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

VISIT TO WINTHORPE.

Winthorpe, a pretty village 1½ miles from Newark, was the meeting place of approximately 50 ringers on November 19th, the attraction being All Saints' Church with a light and rather nondescript ring of six bells.

The present church, which is of red brick, occupies the site of a much older building that was demolished towards the end of the 19th century.

Less than 18 months ago Winthorpe bells were seldom rung and then only by visiting bands. Then Mr. Harry Cloxton, an old M.C.A. member, took a hand and got together a young band, and within eight months had a team capable of ringing Grandsire Doubles. The newly-formed band is now grappling with Minor.

Mr. Cloxton's enthusiasm permeated the recent meeting. The number of young ringers trying something new was astonishing, and their zeal augurs well for the Southwell Guild and the Newark District in particular.

In view of the successful gathering, it is worth recalling that at the previous meeting at Winthorpe in June, 1947, only five ringers and one non-ringer attended. The magic transformation certainly spells progress.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

CREWE BRANCH.

The Crewe Branch held a very enjoyable meeting at Nantwich on November 19th. Various methods were rung from Grandsire Doubles to London, Bristol and Superlative Surprise Major. The Rector (the Rev. J. Tyler Whittle) conducted the service.

Tea, provided by the ringers' wives, was followed by a short meeting. Amongst those present were Mr. J. W. Clarke, Master of the Guild, and visitors from several counties—Mr. R. Traviss and Miss M. Holden (Messingham, Lincs), Mr. J. Boyer (Walkden, Lancs), also Chapel-en-le-Frith (Derbyshire), Stoke-on-Trent (North Staffs), Market Drayton and Hodnet (Shropshire).

Mr. Clarke gave an interesting talk about bellringing activities of the branch and Guild, which, he said, was one of the foremost in the country and a very live one too. He said the branch was noted for hospitality and he thanked all concerned.

WESTONING, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 21, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ...*Treble*	C. HENRY HARDING ... 4
*J. MICHAEL STEPHENS... 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... 5
RONALD J. SHARP... ... 3	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells. A farewell compliment to Sir Eric Truscott from his fellow-members of the above Association.

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 22, 1949, *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 9¼ cwt.

G. EDWARD BRUMPTON...*Treble*	JACK N. FREEMAN ... 4
RONALD CHAFER 2	HARRY HALL 5
BERNARD FREEMAN 3	JACK BRAY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.
First peal by all the band except conductor. First peal on bells.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

*ALAN J. BROYD ... ...*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP 4
JAMES G. NEWMAN ... 2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 5
R. JOHN SCOTT 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Heley.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

SAM SCATTERGOOD ... ...*Treble*	*FRANK BRIGHTMORE ... 4
BARRY HOLLAND 2	*PETER E. SAMPSON ... 5
WILLIAM HOLLAND ... 3	DENNIS HOLLAND ...*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS HOLLAND.
* First peal. First of Minor by all except treble. First peal as conductor.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*GRAHAM T. HOLMES ...*Treble*	WILFRED C. E. GOLDUP 4
PETER NEWING 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 5
E. THOMAS ELLENDER... 3	THOMAS H. HOLMES ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.
* First peal (age 14).

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two 120's. Tenor 6¾ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS ... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 4
FREDERICK WATSON ... 2	ALFRED E. WARWICK ... 5
*B. STEDMAN PAYNE ... 3	†EDWARD W. WARWICK *Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal, for whom it was a farewell prior to joining H.M. Forces.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr.

ARTHUR SNAPE ... ...*Treble*	†JOHN BARKER ... 4
*BRIAN LL. HALLWORTH 2	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ... 5
ALFRED FROST 3	JACK CLEGG ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK CLEGG.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Smith, he being a ringer at above church for 47 years, and as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., Nov. 17, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT NEWSTEAD, STOKE ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

EDGAR VALLANCE 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD 5-6
ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 3-4	FRANK K. MEASURES ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 17, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Morris's transposition of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 15 in C.

*JILL POOLE 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE 5-6
*PETER J. STANIFORTH ... 3-4	MRS. H. J. POOLE 7-8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells. First of Grandsire Triples 'in hand' as conductor. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. F. Knight on the birth of a daughter.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 18, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT HOLYWELL STORES, LONDON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ALFRED JORDAN 1-2	EDGAR VALLANCE 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD 3-4	HECTOR KNIGHTS 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES:
No. 43. Tenor size 17 in A.

ROY C. HURST 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	JAMES E. DANIELS ... 7-8

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising two extents each of St. Clement's College and Plain Bob and three of Double Bob, in three methods. Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG... ... 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 3-4

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 5-6
Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
First peal of Minor in three methods 'in hand' by all.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT GREENWAYS, GIPSY LANE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	*FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 5-6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 3-4	*J. W. FRANK TROTMAN... 7-8

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

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 20, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in B flat.

DEREK G. GOODMAN ... 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	*TERENCE A. THORNBER... 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Witness: MRS. H. J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method on handbells.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 20, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
IN ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

ERNEST MORRIS 1-2	ALAN CATTELL 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	*FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 7-8

JOHN BRAMLEY 9-10
Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal on ten 'in hand.'

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FALSE COURSE ENDS

Dear Sir, — The mistake in the f.c.h. of Wordsworth Surprise Major has been pointed out by more than one of my good friends, the correspondents whose co-operation has made the series of Surprise Methods possible. They did so, in fact, before the second edition was printed, but in the rush of getting that issue to press the corrections were overlooked.

So far as I know there are three Major methods with wrong f.c.h. attached. They are Knebworth, which has 25634, 53624, 65432; Kendal and Wordsworth, which both have 24365, 52643, 36524, 65243, 46532. Among the Royals, Cambridge and Lindoff 83 have 24365 as well as the two shown, while Wakefield has 54632, 65324. A complete errata list will be sent with the next issue of the series, which is to be published early in January.

It should be pointed out, however, that in no circumstances whatever should anyone embark upon the production of peal or other compositions without making his own tests for the f.c.h. of the method itself as well as for their absence from the peal. Indeed, it is hardly too much to say that the conductor as well as the composer of any peal should be capable of proving it, except perhaps in the case of spliced peals, the proof of which, like their composing, is emphatically a specialist's province.

Many correspondents have suggested that I should complete the series of methods with an issue devoted to Treble Bob methods other than Surprise. Before embarking upon the collection of material for this I should be glad to hear from ringers as to the possible usefulness of such a group. Contributors would save me a great deal of work if they sent me their methods in half-lead form, not in place notation, and if available a note of the f.c.h., first performance or progressive lengths, and the composition. I should like to have some idea of the number of methods available before the end of January.—Yours truly,

Bitton, near Bristol. A. J. CORRIGAN.

WORDSWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. A. R. Pink, I should like to point out that the false course-ends of Wordsworth Surprise are as given in 'The Ringing World,' and not as in Mr. A. J. Corrigan's book, where they are incorrectly given as 24365, 43265 and 32465. Actually they are 24365, 65243, 52643, 36524 and 46532, and there seems to be very little chance of obtaining a peal in full courses. Happily, all the false course-ends affect the lead commencing 18674523, so that if a bob 'Before' is called in every course, the method can be treated as one with a clean proof scale. The composition is a half-peal of Double Oxford Bob Major, and was composed by the late Mr. J. A. Trollope in 1894. The figures will be found in the C.C. Collection of peals (Plain Bob and Double Oxford) on page 265, peal No. 22. — Yours sincerely, CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Waltham Abbey.

Dear Sir,—Re the queries by Mr. Alan Pink in this week's 'Ringing World.' I think the composition really belongs to the late Arthur Craven; he produced several peals on the same plan for Rutland Surprise some time in the early 1920's. However, the same composition was used to a peal of St. Clement's College Bob Major (doubled by singles, of course) at Thorne, Yorkshire, on Saturday, May 1st, 1948; but as I had no means of ascertaining who was really the first to obtain it, the composition was credited to J. A. Trollope in the Yorkshire Association annual report in accordance with the peal report sent in by the conductor.

Taking priority as the standard, as is usual in crediting a composition to a certain composer, it will be very difficult to prove who is the rightful owner in the absence of actual dates.—Yours sincerely,

Pudsey. WILLIAM BARTON.

The Editor also acknowledges letters on this subject from Denis N. Layton (Banstead), J. L. Millhouse (Lincoln) and F. Dench (Great Yarmouth).

VERSES WANTED

Dear Sir,—I don't know if any of your readers possess long memories, but many years ago (about 1931) someone with a gift for piecing together nursery rhymes drew up one about tubular bells. Can any reader who still has the copy forward it to me? I can remember two lines from it ran thus:—

'Jingle, jangle, in the spire,
Bad example to the choir.'

And later came several words preceding, 'their music tells, of these tubular monstrosities called bells.' That is as far as my recollections take me. P. AMOS.

30, Inkerman Terrace, Northampton.

Dedications

SOUTH BENFLEET, ESSEX.

On November 19th, the Bishop of Chelmsford dedicated the bells and the new lych gate at St. Mary the Virgin's, South Benfleet, Essex. The five old bells, including one of the early 15th century, have been quarter turned, tuned and rehung with new bearings and the old wooden frame has been renovated and strengthened by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, who cast the new treble bell, inscribed 'A Thanksgiving for Victory, 1939-1945,' making a ring of six.

The Vicar, the Rev. R. L. Houghton, took the service, and the Archdeacon of Southend, the Ven. E. N. Gowing, and other local clergy were also present.

There was a large congregation, including Mr. A. A. Hughes from Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, members of the local Council and ringers of the Essex Association.

During the dedication service the new local band rang the first touches of rounds, and after the service a course of Grandsire Doubles was rung by the team from Rayleigh, where the local band had received their first instruction.

After tea the bells were rung under the supervision of Mr. J. Chalk (Master of the S.W. District), Mr. F. V. Gant (secretary) and Mr. F. T. Lufkin, of Prittlewell, with rounds for the beginners and changes for more advanced ringers. Among the methods were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and St. Clement's Minor.

Owing to defects of the frame, the bells had not been rung since 1913, but there is a record of an old peal board of 1794, unfortunately no longer in existence, and the new band has therefore something to emulate.

Ringing will be at 6 p.m. on Sundays and at 7.30 p.m. on Thursdays.

ST. DONARD'S, BELFAST.

On November 26th, a ring of six bells was dedicated in St. Donard's Parish Church, Belfast, as a memorial to the late Rector, Canon Alexander Moore, B.A., Hon. C.F., by the Right Rev. W. S. Kerr, D.D., Lord Bishop of Down and Dromore.

The bells, which were cast and installed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., are in the key of A flat. The total weight of the bells is 32 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb., the tenor weighing 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. An Ellacombe chiming apparatus has also been installed.

Over 50 visiting ringers were present and all had at least one ring on the bells. The opening touches were rung by Mrs. N. Reid 1, F. King 2, Mrs. E. Loxton 3, R. Stewart 4, H. Anderson 5, J. Rush (cond.) 6.

After the service tea was served in the Parochial Hall. F. K.

Quarter Peals
to the Memory of Canon Coleridge

BLEWBURY, BERKS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Walker 1, C. Gregory 2, A. R. Greenough 3, E. J. Grace 4, F. James (cond.) 5, B. Gardner 6, H. Aldridge 7, C. Corderoy 8.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,440 Bob Major: Miss A. Talbot (first quarter of Major) 1, G. K. Dodd 2, Miss S. Davis 3, Miss J. Mathews 4, G. Stocker 5, A. Hawkins 6, R. W. Rex 7, R. F. Crook (cond.) 8.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Doubles: D. Mason 1, Mrs. W. White (first quarter 'inside') 2, C. Fennell 3, M. Mason 4, R. N. Elliott (cond.) 5, J. Mason 6.

HURST, BERKS. — On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Froom (first quarter) 1, J. Harland 2, B. C. Castle (cond.) 3, Mrs. B. C. Castle 4, C. W. Mortimer 5, C. A. Eele 6, F. Hicks 7, E. Bailey 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Froom 1, C. A. Eele 2, J. Harland 3, Miss E. Green 4, B. C. Castle (cond.) 5, C. W. Mortimer 6, E. Allum 7, E. Bailey 8. 7.6.8 covering.

LAUNTON, OXON.—1,260 Union and Grandsire Doubles: G. Gregory 1, J. Marriott 2, H. Massey 3, H. Gregory 4, F. Sharpe (cond.) 5, F. Allen 6.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Laurence's on Nov. 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Burton 1, Mrs. Catherall 2, Miss Hart 3, Mrs. Lewington 4, A. Wiggins 5, T. Lanaghan 6, E. Humfrey (cond.) 7, C. Pullen 8, C. Watts 9, V. Cherrill 10.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. Wood 1, J. A. Parker 2, L. Paice 3, F. Cooper 4, C. W. Barlow 5, W. J. Parker (cond.) 6.

SLOUGH, BUCKS. — On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Gilbert 1, F. V. H. Sinkins (84) 2, R. Franklin 3, F. G. Groombridge 4, Miss A. A. Ewins 5, E. L. A. Hudson 6, W. Welling (cond.) 7, E. H. Preston 8. First quarter of Stedman for 3 and 5.



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MEETINGS

GUILDFORD GUILD.—A Guildford District meeting, together with LADIES' GUILD (Southern District), at Worplesdon, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Arrangements as usual. Service 4.30. Nominations for district officers must be made at this meeting. 6123

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch. — Annual meeting, St. Ebbe's, Oxford (8 bells), Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. 6137

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Higham (6) on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Usual arrangements. 6142

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Andover District.—Annual district meeting, Dec. 10th. Bells, Andover (8), 2.30 to 4.15. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Dairy Cafe, Bridge Street, followed by meeting. 6157

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Tunbridge Wells (St. Peter's, 8), Dec. 10th. Names for tea to Mr. B. Collison, 169, Queen's Road, Tunbridge Wells. Look up Yorkshire Major. —C. A. Bassett. 6158

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Meeting Llandovery (6), Dec. 10th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow.—C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, Llanelly, Carm. 6163

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Willingham (6), Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5, White Hart. No service.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 6164

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Henfield (8), Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—B. W. White, Hon. Div. Sec. 6165

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Elm, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6172

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Standon, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — A. S. Carter, Sec. 6178

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District. — Meeting, Banstead, Dec. 10th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and nomination of officers. 6179

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District. — Meeting at Ixworth, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells 3 to 6 p.m. Tea found, bring own food. Meeting after.—W. Stannard, Hon. Sec. 6182

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 6183

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting on Saturday, Dec. 10th, St. Ann's, Highgate, 2.30 to 4. St. Stephen's, Hampstead, 4.30 and evening. Service 5. Tea 5.30. 6186

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting to be held on Dec. 10th at Todmorden Unitarian Church. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. —V. Wilson Sykes. Hon. Sec. 6208

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Lydd, Dec. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Dec. 14th, please, to T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 6181

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Annual meeting at Stroud, Sat., Dec. 17th, 3.30. Service and tea. Names for tea by Dec. 13th, Mr. S. T. Price, Bridge Cottage, High Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 6204

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —Quarterly meeting, Washington (6), Dec. 17th, 3. Names for tea (by 14th) to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 6203

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Hughenden, Sat., Dec. 17th, 4.30 p.m. No tea.—A. D. Barker. 6202

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Birstall, Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names to Mr. F. Key, 36, Firfield Avenue, Birstall, Leicester, by Wednesday, Dec. 14th. 6198

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. Hot tea free. Names to Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancs, by Dec. 15th. 6197

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, St. Alkmund's, Derby, Dec. 17th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Cafes nearby.—J. F. Wilkinson. 6201

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Melton Mowbray, Sat., Dec. 17th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names to Mr. E. Bartram, 55, King's Road.—J. H. Cook. 6200

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Meeting at Stoke-by-Clare (6), Sat., Dec. 17th, 3 p.m. Tea provided at 5 to all advising early to Mr. A. Orbell, 2, Railway Terrace, Stoke-by-Clare. Clare (8) available 7 to 9 p.m. Outstanding subscriptions, please. — A. A. Fitch, Dis. Sec. 6205

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Dec. 17th. Ripley (8) bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. F. Hill, 5, Argyll Road, Ripley, Derbys. 6209

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Overseal (8 bells), Dec. 17th, 2.30. Service 4. Tea provided. Names to J. W. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent, by Thursday. 6206

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at Bispham on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 6207

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Saturday, Dec. 17th, 3 p.m., at the Bell Foundry, Whitechapel.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 6211

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Ashchurch, Dec. 17th, 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Good bus service from Tewkesbury. Names for tea by Dec. 13th.—E. Newbury, 2, Western Hill Road, Beckford, near Tewkesbury, Glos. 6210

RINGERS' NOTEBOOK & DIARY

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the East Norfolk Branch was held at St. Edmund's Church, Acle, on St. Edmund's Eve (November 19th). Thirty-four members of the Association attended and the service was conducted by the Rev. Owen Morriss, with the Rector of Acle, the Rev. H. R. Chisnell, at the organ.

Tea was provided by the Mothers' Union and friends in the Church Room. The Rector of Acle accepted the invitation of the chairman, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, to preside at the business meeting.

A silent tribute was paid to Mr. George Clayton, who passed away on November 5th, aged 69. A member of the Association for about 35 years, he was also associated with the old St. Nicholas' company at Great Yarmouth.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, general secretary, regretted to announce that the president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, was unable to attend through illness.

Dennis W. Green, Ronald George Larner, and Geoffrey Edwin Larner were elected members. They are the first members from Winterton. The next meeting will be on February 25th at Gorleston-on-Sea.

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THE BELLS OF SCOTLAND

FROM time to time questions are addressed to the Editor as to the prospects of ringing in Scotland. A useful and timely publication is 'Scottish Rings of Bells,' by Mr. Ranald W. H. Clouston, B.Sc. (Eng.), F.S.A. (Scot.), which gives full particulars and weights of bells. The booklet is based on the same style as those of Mr. F. Sharpe dealing with Radnorshire and Berkshire, and while of archæological interest it is essentially a book for the ringer, giving the prospects of testing the bells, and just those details which he wants to know.

To many it will come as a surprise that there are fewer rings of bells in Scotland than there are in the city of Oxford. Mr. Clouston points out that before the Reformation a few large churches had as many as five bells, as did most of the corresponding churches in England, but the later tendencies were towards the continental system of chimes of bells or sometimes carillons. This he attributes to the country's close ties with continental countries in the political field, and as there were few local bellfounders of repute who could cast chimes, most of the bells cast from 1500 to 1700 came from Belgium or Holland.

The two heaviest rings in the country are at Edinburgh Cathedral and Inveraray. Edinburgh Cathedral has ten bells with a tenor of 41 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb., and hangs in a wooden frame with metal headstocks and ball bearings. All Saints', Inveraray, is a modern ring of ten, dated 1920, with a tenor of 41 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. The bells are heavy, but they go very well. They were cast at the order of the late Duke of Argyll. Both these two rings came from the Loughborough Foundry.

There are two towers in Scotland with which our readers are familiar, where the art of change ringing is maintained, and quarter peals and at times peals are rung. These are Glasgow Cathedral and St. James's, Paisley. The former ten date from 1901, and the tenor to a ring of ten weighs 32 cwt. 1 qr. These bells were rehung on ball bearings in 1937. At Paisley the eight are associated with the well-known cotton firm. Sir Peter Coats presented the bells in 1882, and his son met the cost of alterations in 1909.

The earliest English bell in Scotland is dated 1633, and came from the Whitechapel Foundry. From the same foundry were cast the bells of St. Andrew's, Edinburgh, in 1788, an eight with a tenor of 14½ cwt. Ringing, however, has been prohibited in this tower since 1903 on account of oscillation. This is a typical example of the architect having no knowledge of the mechanics associated with bellringing. The present slender spire is mounted on two pillars and the main south wall, and is so small that the bells are hung in two tiers.

Ringing, however, is possible at St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, a ring of eight with a 21 cwt. tenor, installed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. Proximity to important building prevents them being rung except on national occasions. At Dundee there are two rings of eight from the Whitechapel Foundry. In the 15th century tower of St. Mary's or Old Steeple the ropes' circle is in the form of a triangle. At Dundee Cathedral the tenor weighs 23 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb., and these bells were rehung on ball bearings as recently as 1939. To any ringer visiting Scotland this is a very handy book and should be included in Guild libraries. Copies can be obtained from the author, The Châlet, Yaxley, near Eye, Suffolk (price 2s. post free).

TWELVE BELL PEAL

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 28, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt.

MARGARET L. TUTT	*Treble*	PHILIP WALKER	7
MARIE R. CROSS	2	MICHAEL E. H. BARROW	8
CATHERINE M. TRIST ...	3	JAMES HIGGINS	9
WILLIAM C. PORTER ...	4	VICTOR J. F. BENNETT...	10
WALTER F. JUDGE	5	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	11
CHARLES COLES	6	J. RICHARD CHAUNDY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
In memoriam Canon G. F. Coleridge. Rung half-muffled.

TEN BELL PEALS

HULL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5018 CHANGES;

GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	*PHILIP H. SPECK... ...	6
LEONARD RODMELL ...	2	JACK BRAY	7
GEORGE E. FEIRN ...	3	*GEORGE DOBBS	8
*GEORGE W. MOODY ...	4	CHARLES BARKER ...	9
GEORGE DOWLING ...	5	FRED OSGERBY	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. F. WILLIAMS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. First of Stedman Caters as conductor. Tenor 25½ cwt.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SPLICED CATERS AND ROYAL, 5086 CHANGES,
Comprising 1,250 changes of Stedman Caters, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal, 1,296 Grandsire Caters and 1,280 changes of Kent Treble Bob Royal.
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JOYCE A. ENGLAND	*Treble*	DANIEL D. COOPER ...	6
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WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS ...	3	HAROLD N. PITSTOW ...	8
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BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Treble*	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
ALBERT W. BOND ...	2	KENNETH SNELLING ...	7
OLIVER SIPPETTS	3	RAYMOND P. WOOD ...	8
LEONARD STILWELL ...	4	RAYMOND OVERY	9
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY ...	5	GEORGE W. CECIL ...	*Tenor*

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EIGHT BELL PEALS

BURWASH, SUSSEX.
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On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G sharp.

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

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM ROGERS ...	*Treble*	*PETER N. BOND	5
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS...	2	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE...	6
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BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 20, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 41). Conducted by WM. ROGERS.
* 100th peal. † First peal in the method. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 21, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JOHN H. GRUNDY	*Treble*	HAROLD MARCON	5
JOHN P. FIDLER	2	*LEONARD G. HALL ...	6
PAUL LEA TAYLOR	3	G. RONALD EDWARDS...	7
LESLIE W. STEVENS ...	4	COLIN HARRISON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.
* First peal of Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

JAMES W. EDEN	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	5
EDWIN BARNETT	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ...	6
JOHN WHEADON	3	JACK DAFTERS	7
JOHN O. WELLER	4	FREDK. J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
In memoriam Canon G. F. Coleridge.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*LEWIS J. LAST ...	*Treble*	*WILLIAM J. BUTTON ...	5
*CHARLES E. FISHER ...	2	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD...	6
*GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
*FRANK L. FISHER... ...	4	*GEORGE W. PIPE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by F. G. BLOOMFIELD.
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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWARD B. SMITH	*Treble*	†RONALD G. BUGG ...	5
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THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

WILLIAM G. LAVERS	*Treble*	CYRIL E. LANXON ...	5
GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM ...	2	REV. A. S. ROBERTS ...	6
J. HARRY TIPPETT ...	3	SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY	7
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ...	4	*THOMAS G. MYERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.
* Fiftieth peal of Grandsire Triples.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK S. HART	*Treble*	GEORGE P. ELPHICK ...	5
E. GAVAN D. TONKIN ...	2	ARTHUR F. RICHARDSON...	6
ALFRED J. PIERPOINT ...	3	FREDERICK MILES	7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ...	4	CHARLES J. HART ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR F. LEWRY.

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Containing 1,440 London, 1,440 Rutland, 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 130 changes of method. Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

Vernon Bottomley	*Treble*	*William Barton	5
Walter Allman	2	*Edward Jenkins	6
Leslie W. G. Morris	3	*Ralph G. Edwards	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 in eight methods. First peal of Spliced Surprise in eight methods in the county and for the Association.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

Charles E. G. Banham	*Treble*	George Sayer	5
F. Charles Goodman	2	Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow	6
Henry Tooke	3	William Clover	7
Nolan Golden	4	Arthur G. Bason	*Tenor*

Composed by Wm. E. Bason. Conducted by Nolan Golden.
First peal on the bells (rehung 1937) for 37 years.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Morris's variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt.

*Mary Drew	*Treble*	William Ritchings	5
Frederick Oakhill	2	*Frederick Roberts	6
Horace V. Robinson	3	Leslie Barry	7
Harold Austin	4	*Charles Watts	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie Barry.
* First peal of Triples.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*Geoffrey R. Fairnie	*Treble*	†Gerald Dare	5
John T. Walmsley	2	Derek Ogden	6
Stephen Ll. Parry	3	Ivan Kay	7
†Harold Armstead	4	S.S.M. P. H. Tocock	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by P. H. Tocock.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. Twenty-seventh birthday tribute to G. R. Fairnie. Tenor 20 cwt.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

Reginald Rowley	*Treble*	*Arnold Moore	5
Fredk. W. Grocott	2	Fredk. E. Wilshaw	6
Arthur Peake	3	Charles H. Page	7
*Margaret Rigby	4	Neville R. Holland	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Neville R. Holland.
* First peal of Double Norwich. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb.

Ernest J. Oliver	*Treble*	Doris E. Colgate	5
Maxwell F. Oakshett	2	Charles A. Bassett	6
Hilda Oakshett	3	Alec Richardson	7
Robert Collins	4	Ernest J. Ladd	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 27, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Oliver Sippetts	*Treble*	Leonard Stilwell	5
Florrie Wyman	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Raymond Overy	7
Kenneth Snelling	4	William T. Beeson	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Edgar R. Rapley.
First peal of Major as conductor. Tenor 14 cwt.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F sharp.

F. Bernard Ditcher	*Treble*	*Gibson Jackson	5
*William H. Jackson	2	‡Alan Rogers	6
J. Edward Cawser	3	Arthur Firth	7
†Milton C. Fowler	4	Ernest A. Thorpe	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal of Surprise. † 100th peal. ‡ First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury,
A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

Fredk. W. Burnett	*Treble*	*Ernest F. Salmons	5
*Mrs. E. F. Salmons	2	John H. Hunt	6
*Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3	Fredk. W. Rogers	7
*Daniel T. Matkin	4	Alfred T. Greenwood	*Tenor*

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by F. W. Rogers.
* First peal of Painswick. First peal of Painswick on the bells.

MILTON ABBAS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Abbey Church of St. Sampson,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

Faith M. Child	*Treble*	William C. Shute	5
*Michael J. E. Best	2	*Alan J. Butler	6
James E. Daniels	3	Herbert A. Mitchell	7
Rev. R. F. R. Routh	4	George E. Evenden	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Geo. E. Evenden.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 28, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

Thomas W. Crowe	*Treble*	Wm. E. Robinson	5
John Anderson	2	Ernest Wallace	6
Margaret Fidell	3	Arnold Brunton	7
John A. Brown	4	Denis A. Bayles	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.

HADLOW, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 28, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Jack Medhurst	*Treble*	Luther J. Honess	5
Tom Saunders	2	Lewis Newman	6
William R. Manser	3	Peter C. Wright	7
George F. Cantrill	4	*Benjamin F. Baker	*Tenor*

Composed by B. Annable. Conducted by Lewis Newman.
* 100th peal. Tenor 14 cwt.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 28, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
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.

Edward Cox	*Treble*	Douglas Jordan	5
James Gordon	2	Robert B. Blond	6
George Bishop	3	William Corderoy	7
Henry L. Bishop	4	Ernest Mulford	*Tenor*

Conducted by James Gordon.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Canon G. F. Coleridge.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*John P. Fidler	*Treble*	John R. Smith	5
Harold J. Poole	2	*Shirley Burton	6
Dorothy M. Udale	3	*Colin Harrison	7
*Elizabeth Faulknall	4	Alan Jacques	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
* First peal in the method.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LEONARD CHAMBERLAIN	*Treble*	GORDON HARRISON ...	5
NOREEN BRAIN	2	ALAN FOSTER	6
BARNABAS G. KEY	3	GEORGE L. RODEN ...	7
WILLIAM J. LEACH	4	EDWARD J. WHITE	*Tenor*

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 28¼ cwt.
Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for Mr. W. W. Worthington, George Bonser (parish clerk), Miss E. H. Linnell (late headmistress, Burton Girls' High School), and Mrs. R. Marriott, wife of Mr. W. H. Marriott, churchwarden.

NETHERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 29, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM H. CURSON, Chairman	*Treble*
GEOFFREY W. HAIR, Local	2
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD, Committee	3
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE, Committee	4
JOSEPH H. BRITTAN, Treasurer	5
ERNEST MORRIS, Honorary	6
JOSEPH W. COTTON, Secretary	7
SIDNEY H. JONES, Committee	*Tenor*

Composed by the late CANON G. H. RIDOUT (Johannesburg).
Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. W. W. Worthington, M.A., D.L., J.P., president of the Guild, patron of the living of Seale, and donor of the bells. Tenor 11½ cwt.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MRS. A. RICHARDSON	*Treble*	W. ALAN RICHARDSON ...	5
DAVID R. WHITTON ...	2	C. HAROLD WHITTON ...	6
CYRIL R. BURRELL ...	3	AUBREY D. MILLS	7
G. DULCIE ROBINSON ...	4	JOHN G. AMES	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.
A silver wedding compliment to the parents of the ringers of 2nd and 6th. Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN BOB AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

BERTRAM C. HINES	*Treble*	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS...	5
HARRY TURNER	2	PETER J. EVES	6
HENRY T. WILSON ...	3	JOHN H. SITCH	7
FRANK V. GANT	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Containing 3,360 of Plain Bob and 1,696 of Kent, with 72 changes of method. Tenor 18½ cwt.
Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
[illegible] of Major in two methods by all except the tenor ringer. Rung as a welcome home to Mr. J. Fleetwood after service in the Far East.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	*Treble*	RALPH HARRIS	5
ROBERT G. FREEMAN ...	2	JOHN THOMAS	6
*WM. H. A. COMPTON...	3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ...	7
PATRICK HARRIS	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 10½ cwt.
Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Stedman.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

TERENCE A. THORNBER...	*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD	5
SHIRLEY BURTON	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ...	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON ...	3	*ALBERT E. THOMPSON...	7
PETER J. STANIFORTH ...	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First Surprise peal. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 25, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

THOMAS CARLEY ...	*Treble*	GEORGE CARE	4
GEOFFREY E. WATSON...	2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ...	5
*HARRY WOODING ...	3	RONALD C. NOON ...	*Tenor*

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.
Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
* First peal in seven Minor methods.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*ROBERT DOWDESWELL	*Treble*	LESLIE TIBBETTS	4
CHARLES ROUSE	2	HAROLD WEBB	5
†WILFRED NEWMAN ...	3	FRANK PENDRY	*Tenor*

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.
Conducted by CHARLES ROUSE.
* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. For the 30th anniversary of the branch.

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*GLADYS K. JARRETT	*Treble*	FRANCIS J. CHEAL... ...	4
VICTOR A. JARRETT ...	2	†CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	5
†CYRIL S. JARRETT ...	3	†WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12¾ cwt.
Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal in five methods. A birthday compliment to Mrs. C. E. J. Norris, wife of the ringer of the 5th.

THURLBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FIRMIN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

RAYMOND WADE ...	*Treble*	LYDIA CROWSON	3
BERNARD WADE	2	CECIL WADE	4
ARTHUR WADE ...	*Tenor*		

Being 360 each of Stedman, Stedman Slow Course, New Doubles, Reading, St. Simon's, St. Dunstan's, Place Bob, London, Antelope, Canterbury Pleasure Reverse, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire and 120 each of Old Doubles, Norfolk and Hurdibrass. Tenor 12 cwt.
Conducted by CECIL WADE.
A thanksgiving for the restoration of the tower and steeple.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

HERMON J. OLIVER	*Treble*	NISSANKA FERNANDO ...	4
LAWRENCE H. TURNER...	2	PATRICK CROSS	5
*RICHARD VALENTINE ...	3	HARRY TURNER ...	*Tenor*

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, one each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.
Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal. Rung for the second anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

LYDIARD MILLICENT, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	*Treble*	BRIAN BLADON	4
FRANCIS G. WILTON ...	2	RALPH SHAILES	5
VICTOR GRIFFIN	3	H. WILLIAM DASH...	*Tenor*

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.)
Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.
First peal of Stedman by all except the conductor. A welcome to the new Rector (Rev. W. S. Hazledine).

(See p. 610 for more peals.)

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Laker (age 11, first quarter) 1, S. H. Wood 2, E. H. Knapp 3, E. T. Exeter 4, J. H. Gardner 5, A. E. Laker (cond.) 6. In memoriam A. J. Steele.

BIRMINGHAM. — On Nov. 28th, at St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, 1,344 Spliced Cambridge and Superlative Major: K. Taylor (first of Major) 1, G. W. Critchley 2, T. R. Hampton 3, J. Pinfold 4, A. V. Pearson 5, J. F. Harvey 6, H. H. Fearn 7, G. E. Fearn (cond.) 8.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS. — On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): R. Edmunds 1, R. Elliott 2, M. Elliott 3, E. Smart (cond.) 4, J. J. Partridge 5. Half-muffled in memoriam of Mr. G. Bayes, an old ringer.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. W. Harding 1, Mrs. F. A. Penn 2, L. Hitchins 3, F. Slatford 4, F. A. Penn 5, E. Parker (cond.) 6, G. H. Harding 7, S. Prescott 8. A birthday compliment to S. Prescott.

BRADFORD PEVERELL, DORSET. — On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. J. Dyke 1, F. Precey (cond.) 2, Mrs. M. M. Godley 3, J. H. Hayne 4, R. H. Duke 5. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Nov. 27th at Great St. Mary's, 1,210 Grandsire Cinques: A. T. Chenery 1, G. Dodds 2, A. S. Watt 3, A. R. Guy 4, C. A. Hurst 5, B. D. Threlfall 6, A. B. Stockdale 7, E. G. Hibbins (first of Grandsire Cinques as cond.) 8, C. W. Smith 9, T. R. Dennis 10, J. W. R. Quinney 11, S. Brown 12. First quarter on twelve bells for 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11 and 12.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. E. Lankester 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, F. A. Barker 3, R. Charge 4, Dr. W. R. Winterton 5, A. W. Coles (cond.) 6, A. H. Warren 7, W. D. Prockson 8.

DALLINGTON, NORTHANTS. — On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Bushel 1, Miss M. B. Valentine 2, J. Chapman 3, E. Nobles (cond.) 4, R. T. Clarke 5, C. Bushel 6. First quarter 'inside' for 3 and 5.

QUARTER PEALS

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. C. Stacey 1, Mrs. N. Wall 2, F. A. Staveley 3, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 4, L. G. Webb 5, R. C. Westney 6, J. McCluskey 7, H. Ashton 8.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX. — On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. K. Fulton 1, F. G. Robbins 2, H. G. Hart 3, W. N. Genna 4, T. J. Lock 5, A. Cutler 6, E. C. S. Turner (cond.) 7, E. H. Kilby 8. For the reopening of the bells.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. A. Bywaters 1, R. G. Bywaters 2, Miss D. J. Hare 3, A. W. Dilley 4, G. Mayes 5, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX. — On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Carrott 1, A. W. Beard 2, G. W. Faulkner 3, D. W. Beard 4, F. V. Gant (cond.) 5, T. East 6, C. E. Wright 7, S. Penfold 8. First in method for all the band. A welcome home to J. Fleetwood after service in the Far East.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): D. K. Lane (first quarter) 1, K. T. Taylor 2, J. W. Hovey 3, W. C. Rhodes 4, G. H. Lane (cond.) 5

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Williams (first quarter) 1, G. Marriner 2, A. H. Winch 3, A. Smith 4, E. Cowan 5, B. Hawkins 6, W. Newberry 7, A. Harman (cond.) 8.

LONDON.—At Southwark Cathedral on Nov. 27th, 1,253 Grandsire Cinques: J. E. Chilcott 1, D. E. Parsons 2, Miss J. England 3, W. H. Pasmore 4, D. G. Clift 5, M. V. Chilcott 6, H. Langdon 7, P. A. Chalk 8, A. W. Appleton 9, R. F. Deal (cond.) 10, J. Phillips 11, G. W. Debenham 12.

MAPERTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: L. McCreadie 1, Miss M. Critchell 2, J. Bartlett 3, R. Gare 4, C. Thomas 5, H. P. Sparks (cond.) 6. First of Minor by 1, 2 and 3.

NORTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Fursman 1, L. Davis 2, J. Laver 3, E. Raymond 4, W. Osborn 5, P. Sparks (cond.) 6. Longest length Bob Minor by 1, 2, 3 and 4.

PILTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Lambert 1, M. Watch 2, H. Hill 3, W. Gulley 4, P. Hull (cond.) 5, S. Attwell 6. Rung for the induction of the new Rector (the Rev. Hurst-Bannister).

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. G. Dobbie 1, S. M. Evans (first quarter on eight bells as cond.) 2, W. H. Dobbie 3, B. W. May 4, G. Kenward 5, W. S. Palin 6, S. B. Dobbie 7, G. Wood 8.

SHAW-CUM-DONNINGTON, BERKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Bob Minor: D. Vince (first quarter) 1, F. Tuffley 2, G. Townsend 3, G. K. Dodd 4, R. Christopher 5, R. W. Rex (cond.) 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles): B. C. Johnson (cond.) 1, A. E. Ewer 2, Miss A. M. Bailey 3, E. H. Durrant 4, R. J. Bedford 5, F. J. Bailey 6.

ST. HELENS, LANCS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. G. Parrott 1, C. Blackburn 2, R. C. Preston (first in the method) 3, Julia M. Preston (first of Triples as cond.) 4, H. Blackburn (first quarter) 5, H. Grundy 6, T. W. Hesketh 7, W. E. Court 8.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET. — On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Avery (first of Doubles) 1, A. J. North 2, D. T. North 3, W. Stevens 4, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 5, G. Walford 6.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. Bassett 1, S. White 2, H. Vaughan 3, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 4, A. F. Lewry 5, C. A. Bassett 6, L. W. Giles 7, A. Richardson 8.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 27th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: G. Balls 1, J. Edwards 2, E. Leggett 3, C. Bower (first in method 'inside') 4, W. Gusterson 5, H. Millatt 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Dr. J. C. E. Simpson informs us that on January 31st, an attempt will be made to ring 6,496 Spliced Surprise Major in six methods for the Chester Diocesan Guild at Frodsham, starting about 2 p.m. This is a progressive length and, in accordance with the Rules and Decisions of the Central Council, notice is given.

A Christmas greetings page will appear in our next issue. Messages are inserted for 2s. 6d. for 30 words.

Mr. George Cross, Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths, has been admitted to Middlesex Hospital for a slight operation. He will probably be out in two or three weeks.

Writes Mr. Charles A. Bassett, Wadhurst: 'Although Pat Cannon spent some time during the peal at Wadhurst looking at the peal boards, he did not read them correctly, as our tenor is 13 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp, and not 13 cwt. in G as stated in "The Ringing World" of December 2nd.'

One of the towers broadcasting bells on Christmas morning is that of SS. Philip and James', Holywood, Co. Down, Northern Ireland. This is the lightest ring in Ireland with a tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb. and was installed in 1891 and is still in excellent condition.

By ringing the treble in his own tower at Rotherfield to a peal of Cambridge, Mr. William Rogers has completed the circle and has in addition rung each of the eight bells to a peal in a different Surprise method—Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol, Yorkshire, Rotherfield, Ashtead, Lincolnshire and Rutland. The peal was also to have been his 100th, but owing to the hazards that attend a peal ringer attempting to bring off a double event, this idea misfired and Mr. Rogers rang his 100th the next day at Brightling.

His many friends in the Exercise will learn with joy of the golden wedding anniversary on December 11th of Mr. Alfred W. Brighton, of Forest Gate, London. Mr. Brighton is very well known throughout all the country, having rung in over one thousand towers, and we feel sure his many acquaintances will join in our congratulations.

The peal at Woodford in honour of the occasion also coincided with the 46th wedding anniversary of Mr. Charles Morss, the local tower-keeper. Mr. Morss is now again in better health, having just recovered from a serious operation in London Hospital. We wish him well.

Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, hon. librarian to the Central Council, asks for readers to refrain from ordering Central Council publications for the next three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Vincent were happy to meet so many old friends on their recent visit to Suffolk and thank all who contributed to such a successful and enjoyable time.

Our popular Christmas quiz by 'Kewsett' will appear in our next issue. A geographical test for those who get among the towers is included and there will be a conundrum or two for conductors.

Mr. George Gilbert is hoping that Burnham (Bucks) bells will be sufficiently far advanced to be rung on Christmas morning, after which the bells will remain silent until the last penny is raised. Since September he has devoted two hours a night and Saturdays collecting subscriptions, and has still a considerable way to go until the necessary funds are raised. He expresses his thanks to outside subscribers for their support. If other friends would like to be associated with this gallant effort, particulars are given in our notices column.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD'S JUBILEE DINNER

THE LINCOLNSHIRE CHARACTER ..... MEMORIES OF THE REV. H. LAW JAMES AND MR. RUPERT RICHARDSON ..... NEED OF INSTRUCTORS TO GRAPPLE WITH BAD HANDLING ..... PEAL RECORDS

THE Jubilee Festival Dinner of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild on December 3rd will rank high among the memorable gatherings of the Exercise. The spacious Assembly Room at Lincoln was an ideal venue. Speeches were reminiscent, as they should be, and witty. An excellent dinner, a good entertainment and perfect organisation provided a happy evening for a company numbering 160. The Master, Mr. J. A. Freeman, had with him distinguished visitors from the Church and ringing community. It was, indeed, a tribute to the affection with which the Guild is held.

THE COMPANY.

The Master, who presided, had with him on the top table Mrs. Freeman, the Bishop of Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bray, Canon Milford, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mrs. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, Mr. P. M. Freeman (who acted as toastmaster), Miss S. Bellamy, Mr. Walter Ayre, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Feirn, Messrs. W. Clarke, B. Dalton, K. S. B. Croft, J. E. Allen and T. W. White.

Others present were Canon Burles Rev. A. Muxlow, Rev. and Mrs. V. I. Dolby, Mr. D. Cooper (Surrey Association), Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuinness, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Feirn, Mr. and Mrs. H. Walker (York), Mr. and Mrs. H. Marcon, Mrs. L. East, Mr. J. Raithby (Southwell Diocesan Guild), Mr. and Mrs. M. Billings, Mr. and Mrs. F. and Miss J. Metham, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Jeffrey, Mr. and Mrs. P. Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. White, Mr. and Mrs. W. Tomlinson, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Pask, Mr. and Mrs. H. Radley, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. A. Lunn, Mr. and Mrs. W. Croft, Mr. and Mrs G. E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. F. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Thorpe, Mr. and Mrs. J. Walden, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. D. Townhill.

Messrs. J. Freeman, F. Taylor, W. Duffey, H. Lowman Howes, T. H. Charlton, C. B. Chester, B. D. Threlfall (Cambridge University), F. W. Stokes, W. S. Hills, J. Cragg, A. Mackears, J. Toyne, J. Blackbourn, J. Vessey, T. Vessey (Southwell Diocesan Guild), A. T. Lowman, P. Bond (Cumberlands), H. Squires, L. Squires, N. Chambers, J. Ellerton, C. Hearnes, P. Holmes, K. Mayer, G. Mayer, N. Hepworth, S. A. Chambers, J. L. Millhouse, A. Hodson, J. Hodson, C. E. Brown, J. Bonner, J. Raithby (Southwell Diocesan Guild), W. S. Chandler, A. E. Chilton, S. Harrison (Leicester), J. E. Freeman, G. E. Brumpton, R. Chafer, R. F. Smith, R. Clark, G. Parker, R. Parker, W. A. Crowder, M. Walker, L. P. Wilson, B. Freeman, H. Hall, H. Waltham, J. B. Halifax, A. Dixon, W. Weston, J. E. Cooke, O. Needham, E. Edmondson, J. M. Page (Hertford County Association), M. Bennett, R. Brewer, C. Wander, H. Thorpe, F. Procter, P. Barnes, W. E. Allen and D. Phillips.

Mesdames E. Wayman, C. Brown, L. East, Brewer, B. Edwards.

Misses M. Addison, L. Redhead, F. Oldershaw, M. Gann, L. Briggs, G. A. Smith, J. Blackbourn, P. Holmes (Cumberlands), W. Hind, M. Swan, D. Kirk, B. Millhouse, B. Brown, C. Lill, M. Fidell (Durham and Newcastle), M. Clark, E. Fletcher.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, Mr. K. S. B. Croft submitted 'The Diocese of Lincoln,' with a special word of welcome to the Lord Bishop of Lincoln, whose name was coupled with the toast.

Mr. Croft spoke of the Fens, chosen by the monks of olden times as a testing ground for the spirit. On a dark and wintry night in the Fens one was indeed grappling with the Devil himself.

THE LINCOLNSHIRE CHARACTER.

This background, he contended, had contributed to Lincolnshire character and there was an adjective used in Lincolnshire to describe it—'clunch.' If a man was a 'clunch' he liked to get on with his job and takes a lot of pride in it. 'Clunch' also contained independence. Law students of the history of the Middle Ages would find that more cases came from the Eastern Counties, which included Lincolnshire, than any other part of the country. Lincolnshire people were not without humour. There was Scunthorpe, 'the village of a man with a squint' (laughter).



MR. JOHN A. FREEMAN, Popular Master, Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The Lord Bishop spoke of his pleasure at the welcome given to him and the joy of meeting again Dan Cooper, the leader of the band of ringers at Croydon Parish Church. 'I am one of Dan's disappointments,' confessed the Bishop. 'He was quite determined when I became "Pooh Bah" at Croydon—I was my own bishop, archdeacon and vicar—that I should become a ringer. With my parish of 25,000 it was a physical impossibility for me to come under the tutelage of Dan Cooper.' The Bishop spoke of the joy it gave him at Croydon to attend the annual meetings of the ringers at Dan Cooper's house.

One of his Southern friends asked him how he liked living in the backwater of Lincolnshire after the civilisation of Croydon. He replied, 'You have got it the wrong way round—I have now returned to civilisation. If I had to be a Bishop I thank my lucky stars it was Lincolnshire. It is a good model: it is the second best in England, and I say that as a Yorkshireman. In Lincolnshire you cannot go fast. It is a place of cows and level crossings. It is very refreshing.'

BLACK JACK.

He wished to congratulate the Guild on its jubilee and he had been listening with interest to their Master, because it was always interesting to listen to a man who was dead keen. He had been hearing about Black Jack and its disappearance. He was told that one of the chief qualifications of a ringer in the past was that he had to be a strong man—a man able to pull the tenor, and he invariably came from a foundry and had a mighty thirst and was indeed a 'Black Jack.'

Looking back over 50 years, there was a tremendous difference in the people who took up bellringing then and now. And he thought they had a lot to thank God for. He heard that a bellringer's idea of a holiday was to crowd as many ringers as possible into a charabanc, travel 100 miles and ring in as many towers as possible on the way. They just loved to ring the bells.

'We have now in our diocese many bands of ringers of which we are justly proud, and not the least of these is, I believe, our Cathedral band under the inspired leadership of Mr. Freeman. I thank you for the way you ring and wish you Godspeed and every success in the hundreds of years that lie before your Guild.'

'PAST MASTERS.'

A speech full of memories was delivered by the Master when he proposed the toast of 'Past Masters'—Henry Law James for 33 years and Rupert Richardson for 14 years. His first memory of Henry Law James dated back to 1896, when as a boy he was taken into the belfry at Market Deeping. There, ringing the tenor and walking half across the belfry in the process, was Law James. He was conducting a touch of Bob Minor and shouting instructions to one and all. After several attempts the band succeeded in bringing it round, and his pleasure at this success was as great as at any other time the speaker saw him.

In 1898 he became Vicar of Surfleet, and in 1899 was instrumental in amalgamating the various associations then existing in Lincolnshire into the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. He was one of the hardest workers in the promotion of change ringing in the early days of the Guild. In all parts of the county local bands rang their first peals with him as conductor, and shortly after the first war he gathered together a band to attempt peals on higher numbers of bells. Plain Royal methods were rung, followed by Cambridge Royal, and then he set his heart on ringing Shipway's Superlative Royal. Twenty-one attempts were made before a peal was scored at Ewerby. In 1928 the bells of the Cathedral were augmented to 12, and under his guidance Cambridge Maximus was rung.

In addition to being a recognised authority on change ringing in the county, his advice was much sought after on questions of bell restorations. At his own church, Surfleet, he increased the bells from five to six, and later added four new trebles to make the number up to ten. He was also mechanically minded, and it was reported that on arrival at Surfleet he found that the 400-year-old church clock was not working. He said he would make it go; he did, but with such success that one day it struck 120 times. Mr. Law James was also one of the greatest composers the Exercise had ever known, and as a member of the Central Council he played a valued part in the production of many of its publications.

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LINCOLN JUBILEE—*continued*

RUPERT RICHARDSON KNEW EVERY BAND.

Rupert Richardson began to ring at Surfleet under the guidance of Law James and became his most loyal supporter. His great contribution to the progress of the Guild was his promotion of good fellowship among the ringers of the Guild. He rang peals in all the eight-bell towers of the Guild except one; he made himself familiar with every tower, with every band and with nearly every individual ringer. 'Everyone knew Rupert by name, and if any did not know him personally, the fault lay with the individual, for Rupert's friendship was there for the taking.

The Master recalled seeing Mr. Richardson (he then weighed some 20 stones) with Mr. Jack Bray (a stripling of some 15 or 16 stones) in a 'Dodgem' car at Sleaford Fair—an event which caused the onlookers to laugh until their sides ached.

Such a personality could not be confined within the bounds of one diocese. He travelled all over the British Isles and even as far as Australia in pursuit of ringing and was known to ringers everywhere. He was a sound practical ringer and at least once a year had a house party at his home to which at varying times came all the leading members in the Exercise. He might say that since the death of her husband Mrs. Richardson had kept on this excellent practice. Rupert Richardson by his example showed that spirit of Christian fellowship without which no Guild could flourish. The toast was drunk in silence.

The toast of 'The Lincoln Diocesan Guild' was proposed by Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), who prefaced his remarks in thanking the company for the opportunity of ringing the previous evening a true peal of Stedman Cinques after waiting 13 years to replace one that Charlie Roberts announced to be false.

'I had thought of saying something about the history of your Guild, but I realise that if I talked about the history of your Guild I should be like some of those parsons who start telling ringers about the history of bells, not knowing as much about the subject as the ringers do.

MR. LEWIS AND LAW JAMES.

'Perhaps as you have heard a good deal about your founders I thought I might be able to supplement one or two details. Your founder, Henry Law James, actually called my first peal in June, 1903, one of Bob Major at Great St. Andrew's, Cambridge. An old solicitor, Mr. R. A. Daniel, was ringing the seventh bell and about half-way through I looked at the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn, who was ringing the treble, and he was smiling at the seventh man. About five minutes later it happened, but he finished the peal. About a month or two later they met again, and the president congratulated him on his effort and said he hoped he would brace himself up to further efforts (laughter).

'I rang in all 19 peals with the Rev. Law James. The second was a peal of Bob Maximus "in hand," and it took a very long time. I remember very well when we were short we used to ask Mr. Law James to come to Cambridge to give a hand. He would not allow anything to interfere with his daily matins and evensong, and if he could not get a deputy he used to cycle through the night to Cambridge, and was not always fit to ring on arrival.

'The next peal was at Southwark Cathedral. We had then to ring between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. This was on Aug. 31st, and the Meteorological Office told them that it was the hottest day for 31 years. Southwark bells were rather heavy, and Cyril Jenkyn, who rang the tenor, was sitting in the garden at 11 p.m. and still calling for beer trying to quench his thirst.'

Mr. Lewis recalled other peals — one at Chester Cathedral, where the bells used to be lubricated with vaseline, in North Wales, at Charles' Church, Plymouth, which was the first of Cambridge Major to be rung in Devonshire, and at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, which was the first of Little Bob Royal ever rung on tower bells.

When Mr. James was on the Central Council they could always look forward to something amusing happening. At a meeting in Manchester he came forward with a theory that Stedman should not be rung as they rang it. His argument was going on for a long time, and Sir Arthur Heywood, in the chair, was very relieved when a Lancashire representative moved an amendment that Stedman should be rung as in Fabian Stedman's time. The amendment was quickly put and carried by a large majority.

The Rev. Law Bankes James always put his duties as parish priest in front of ringing. Mr. James sent for him to advise about Boston Stump bells because the eight were unringable. Sir Charles Nicholson was the architect, and he accepted his advice in toto and they all knew the result.

In regard to the Guild's second Master, he rang seven peals with him at places as wide apart as Truro Cathedral and Bradford Cathedral. He had a great admiration for Rupert, for his good cheer, good humour and his high Christian standard. He also felt they were extraordinarily lucky in the choice of their third and present Master. He had rung one or two peals with him and felt that he was a worthy successor.

NEED FOR COMPETENT INSTRUCTORS.

Mr. Lewis said he would like to say a little about ringing in general and its problems. Since the war there had been a tremendous increase in the number of young people who had learnt or were learning to ring, and he felt concerned about the shortage of adequate instructors. If the conditions in this diocese were like those in other dioceses, they wanted someone to instruct the elder ringers, judging by the slovenly way the younger ringers handled their ropes. He was sure they would not get good striking unless ringers were taught right from the start.

Unfortunately, it was not possible to teach ringers in the same way as people were taught rowing from the towpath. One of the reasons was that the language could not be used. There should be an unwritten law in the belfry as on the river that whatever the coach said must not be answered back else one would be left out of the crew.

'I have said that you cannot strike without properly handling your rope, and one of the things if we are to avoid complaints from the public is that we must improve the striking. I would ask all young ringers to listen for the B.B.C. interval signal.'

CLERICAL LEADERS WANTED.

'Another thing is that there is a great dearth of clerical ringers who are in a position to lead the ringing Exercise. In my early days of ringing we had some famous clerical ringers, and one of the best was that magnificent ringer, Canon Coleridge, who they laid to rest a week ago. There were others of that time, but to-day we have nobody to compare with these people in leadership among ringers. Certainly we have a few outstanding clerical ringers, one of whom has more distinction as a bookseller than a ringer! Still, he is one good ringer. I would advise you to get some of the clergy to take an interest in ringing, but try and catch them before they are ordained.'

As president of the Central Council, as representing the organised ringers of the country, he brought them their very best wishes for the continued success of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. The Guild had done very fine work in the past. Might it continue to do good work in the future.

Mr. John Freeman, who replied, said Mr. Lewis had a set of oak chairs made from the bell frame of Grantham Parish Church. He could think of no better use of a bell frame than to give continued support to the president of the Central Council.

PEAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

In a reference to the achievements of the Guild, Mr. Freeman said the first band to make progress in Spliced Minor was that under Mr. Vernon Taylor, who rang up to 80 methods, and it was all the more creditable as the members were all young men. Just before the war there was a further advance, and Mr. George E. Feirn and his band were successful in ringing 104 methods in a peal. Since the war Mr. Feirn and Mr. and Mrs. Bray had succeeded in ringing 105 Minor methods 'in hand.'

In 1930 the band under Mr. Horace Day rang a peal of Surprise Minor in 32 methods. It was interesting to observe that that had not been surpassed, although it had been equalled.

With regard to Spliced Surprise Major, in 1937 peals in six and ten methods were rung, and it was intended to attempt one in 16 methods, but owing to the war it was not possible. Since the war peals had been rung in 16 and 22 methods. In his opinion, the achievements of these men were due to the influence of other bands. When Mr. Vernon Taylor was producing his peals there was an equally capable band in the Chester Diocesan Guild and the rivalry between the bands was an added stimulant.

He believed that it was desirable that the individuality of the guilds and associations should be retained; the rivalry between associations did spur them on. From time to time people had advocated a national association. He was averse to that.

They must not forget their prime job of service to the Church, which was to ring for Sunday service. He was proud to say that in their Guild it was not a case of peal ringers not being Sunday service ringers. He was not pretending that they were better than any other guild, but he was sure the enthusiastic peal ringers were enthusiastic Sunday service ringers. From some letters in 'The Ringing World' it seemed to imply that if a man was a peal ringer he was not a Sunday service ringer. 'I think we can look back on the first 50 years with some satisfaction. I believe if the tradition is maintained we have no fear for the future.'

THE VISITORS.

Mr. Jack Bray proposed 'The Visitors,' mentioning that they came from as far north as the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association and as far south as Croydon. They had also the president of the Central Council, who had rightly been described as the Prime Minister of the ringers. In a word of welcome to Mrs. Deal, Mr. Bray said it was his regret that he could not join one of the guilds of which she was a member. Referring to Mr. Walter Ayre, Mr. Bray said he could hardly be described as a visitor as he was a Lincolnshire man born and bred. St. Martin's Guild was represented by Mr. George Fearn, and they had received an apology from the Master of that Guild, Mr. Albert Walker.

Mrs. Deal, in reply, said as the representative of the Ladies' Guild she could assure them that they had a long waiting list of gentlemen for whom there was very little hope (laughter). They were glad to be there to honour the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. This was their year of triumph and 50 years was a fine achievement. They admired very much people who were dead keen on their ringing because by being dead keen they found they kept old friends and made new ones. They thanked them for the kindness of their welcome and they would take back with them memories of a fine week-end, a fine dinner and fine ringing.

The health of the chairman was honoured on the call of Mr. Walter Ayre, who recalled

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Appreciations of Canon Coleridge

HIS LAST MESSAGE

I expect I saw the late Canon Coleridge more frequently during the last few years than most ringers, and I would like the ringers of England to know that I was with him for half an hour on the Thursday before he died, and that his conversation and wit were as keen as it ever was, but the shock of the fall on the eve of the College Youths' dinner proved too much for his heart.

He was indeed a great man and his last words to me as I left his room will ever be with me: 'Good-bye, William. Thanks for your company. Ever teach young ringers to handle their bells properly. Good striking should then follow.'

Ringing indeed will be the poorer for his passing, but the Oxford Guild particularly will miss his advice and generalship.

WILLIAM HIBBERT.

Basingstoke, Hants.

HAD NOT A MUSICAL EAR

I was born at Thorverton, Devonshire, the next village to Cadbury, where the late Canon G. F. Coleridge was born. Cadbury had a ring of six, Thorverton a ring of eight, and I can well remember the visits of this 'great' man to our tower, of which my father, Mr. J. Ridler, was for 50 years captain.

The enclosed which I am sending you was treasured by my father, who on retirement from active ringing handed it to me.—Yours faithfully, EDWIN J. RIDLER.

Bristol 5.

Note.—The enclosed is an article on Canon Coleridge that appeared in 'The Bellringer' of May 1st, 1907, which gives added information upon the Canon's life. He was taught to ring by Mr. R. Brimblecombe, a judge much sought after in Devon Prize Ringings. This worthy taught him the necessity for most accurate striking in rounds and from time to time journeyed with him to various prize ringing meetings, where raising and falling in peal took precedence of all else in the county.

'He has taken part in many ringing weeks, notably "down West," but has never rung more than nine peals in any six consecutive days. He would far sooner ring a Plain Course struck with unerring accuracy than a 5,000 in which the striking was even momentarily indifferent; his sense of time and compass is acute, but at the same time he is so unmusical that a ring of bells in or out of tune is all the same to him.'

LINCOLN JUBILEE—continued

his early associations with Mr. Freeman. Their Master had seen the restoration of the ring of eight at the Cathedral from bells that 'used to walk around the tower' and later the augmentation to twelve. As an exile from Lincolnshire for the last 28 he had watched with pride and satisfaction the progress that had been made in that Cathedral tower, especially since he took over.

The Chairman, in his acknowledgment, said whatever he had done for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild he had received 100 per cent. support.

On the call of Mr. Ayre, the only foundation member of the Guild present was honoured. He was Mr. John Cragg, of Caythorpe.

Songs were sung by Mr. J. Bonner, and Mr. S. Harrison and his Leicester company delighted with playing tunes on the handbells and the rise and fall of the bells.

In connection with the Lincoln Jubilee Festival, four peals were rung, viz.: Stedman Cinques at the Cathedral; Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Caythorpe; Yorkshire Surprise Major at Gainsborough; Minor in seven methods at Stow.

NO LIVING WITH BELLS

No doubt you will receive numerous testimonials to the splendid qualities of the late Canon Coleridge, both as a man and as a ringer. When I read in Belfry Gossip on Nov. 18th that a certain ringing clergyman 'makes no bones about it that he would not accept a parish where there were no bells,' I was at once reminded of what Canon Coleridge once remarked in the hearing of a ringing friend of mine. He stated that he could not accept a living where there was a ring of bells as he knew his heart would be in the belfry when it ought to be in church.

Those of us in the Oxford Guild who met him each July at Oxford soon learned of his devotion to his parish, and the above story typifies his sincerity and honesty of purpose. I put it on a par with that of a priest I know who will not accept a living as its acceptance would be tantamount to receiving payment for doing his duty to God.—Yours faithfully,

Slough. W. BIRMINGHAM.

LOFTY IDEALS

It is hard to realise that Canon Coleridge has gone from us. No longer available is that remarkable leadership and the wise and sober counsel so readily given. We shall miss the genial company of his burly presence, the turning up unexpectedly in unlikely places, even with physical disability, to be with his friends the ringers. There is a gap in our ranks which only time will be able to close.

In common with the parishioners of Crowthorne, we, and perhaps especially members of the Oxford Guild, share a great loss. They a parish priest of lofty ideals and a true friend, we also a friend and a faultless ringer. What a privilege it was to stand with him in a peal and note the precision of his ringing, on light treble or heavy badly going tenor. His standard never varied. Much could be said and written of his ringing exploits and achievements and of queer experiences and incidents told with rare wit and humour.

Let it suffice that the memory dwell on the qualities that made him the man we knew, respected, yes, and loved. Above all, the qualities of unswerving integrity and simple kindness. W. J. PAICE.

Kensington, W.14.

HIS FATHER A CRICKETER

I found the following among the 'Deaths during 1906' in 'Wisden' for 1907, which may be interesting if you have a bit of spare space: 'The Rev. Frederick John Coleridge died suddenly on February 20th, at Cadbury, Devon, where he had been Vicar for over 50 years. Born at Ottery St. Mary on December 4th, 1828, he was in the Eton XI., 1844-6, and subsequently in the Oxford XI., 1847 and 1850.'—Yours sincerely, E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

DORCHESTER BRANCH.

A by-meeting was held on November 5th at Bere Regis. The bells were rung from 2.45 p.m. until the Guild service at 4 p.m.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. C. Herring), who gave a most interesting address about bells, their customs and uses. Tea was served in the village W.I. hut, 37 members being present. There was no business conducted at this meeting, but apologies for absence were received from the branch chairman, Canon A. W. Markby (St. Peter's, Dorchester), the vice-chairman, the Ven. J. C. Chute (Piddlehinton), and the hon. secretary, Mr. J. H. Hayne.

Mr. Precey proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and all who had helped to make the meeting a success.

The bells were rung to various methods, including 11 Minor methods, until 8.45 p.m.

LETTERS

ST. MARGARET'S PEAL

Dear Sir,—I, too, had noticed what Trooper J. A. Smith has drawn attention to in his letter, viz., that a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Margaret's, Westminster, is recorded as having been rung on October 15th, the day when I heard bells ringing just before 'Big Ben' struck nine. I had hoped that the conductor or some other member of the peal band would have written to say whether the peal was in progress at 9 p.m., for the routine peal report does not indicate the starting and finishing times.

Since my first letter to you on this subject, a ringer from Darlington has told me at a meeting that he, too, had heard the bells, and I have received a letter from Birmingham telling me of two ringers there who heard them.

Perhaps we may yet hear something from St. Margaret's, Westminster, in confirmation or otherwise.—Yours faithfully,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

Chester-le-Street.

Dear Sir, — On October 15th, I, like Mr. Bayles, heard bells ringing faintly in the background immediately before Big Ben's chimes and striking at 9 p.m., and again during the slight pause before the return to the studio. I think the method may have been Grandsire, the striking was good and, if I remember correctly, it was on eight.

Another broadcast of bells which interested me, a deliberate broadcast this time, was during the Saturday Night Theatre on Nov. 19th. On Christopher Columbus' triumphant return from the West in the late 1400's he was greeted by a well-struck touch of Grandsire Triples. Apparently Spain was at that time far in advance of us in change ringing.—Yours faithfully, P. J. L. PURSLOW.

Shrewsbury.

REMEMBER THOSE IN HOSPITAL

Dear Sir,—There may be a few ringers in London and the Home Counties who would wish to send seasonal greetings to Harry Hoverd, of Crayford (captain of Dartford band), who, as many well know, has been kept in bed since April last and who for the last two months has been at Grosvenor Sanatorium, Kennington, near Ashford, Kent (Male Ward, Bed 10). At the last time of hearing he was making good progress and had high hopes of being 'on his feet' a little for Christmas.—Yours faithfully, P. G. RAYFIELD.

Greenhithe, Kent.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

STOCKPORT BRANCH.

The last meeting of the year was held at Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge, on Nov. 26th, when in spite of the very wet weather some 50 members and friends managed to attend

The bells were in use from early in the afternoon until the service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. S. Barlow, who gave a warm welcome and apologised for the state of the church, which was undergoing extensive repairs due to dry rot.

An excellent meal was served in the schools. The business meeting followed under the chairmanship of the Vicar, and it was decided to hold meetings in 1950 as follows, subject to permission being obtained: Jan. 28th, Stockport St. George's; April 29th, Fairfield; June 24th, Rostherne; Sept. 30th, Northenden; Nov. 25th, Bredbury.

Mention was made of the leading article in the current issue of 'The Ringing World' and members were urged to consider it. The secretary was asked to write to Mr. G. R. Newton expressing the thanks of the branch for his part in the silent peal of London. Congratulations were also expressed to the band through the secretary, who took part in the peal.

UPAVON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 17 cwt.

JACK MUSSELL ... ...*Treble*	JOHN HARTLESS 4
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS... 2	FRANK L. HARRIS... ... 5
PETER ANGER 3	RONALD N. MARLOW ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
First peal in the method by all the band. First peal on the bells and for the Guild.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

MOLLY NEWTON ... ...*Treble*	*WILLIAM P. GARNER ... 4
EDWARD S. RUCK 2	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD 5
RAYMOND J. CARLTON ... 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal. A welcome to the Rev. H. J. E. Bowman.

BREDON-NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 28, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHAPEL OF EASE TO ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6½ cwt.

E. TREVOR NEWBURY ...*Treble*	FREDERICK G. NURDEN... 4
MRS. J. THOMAS 2	JAMES ATTWOOD 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3	JOHN THOMAS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
In memoriam Francis Miles, clerk, sexton and ringer at this church.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 29, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob and one extent of St. Clement's. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

GORDON C. CHAMBERS...*Treble*	SIDNEY MARSHALL 4
ALBERT W. BARBER ... 2	GEORGE T. BUNNING ... 5
VINCENT R. OVENS ... 3	GEORGE P. ADAMS ...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE P. ADAMS.
An 81st birthday compliment to the Rev. P. Hall, Vicar.

AMPTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 13¾ cwt. in G.

C. HENRY HARDING ...*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 4
CLIFFORD W. IZZARD ... 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... 5
RONALD J. SHARP 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.
First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung for the patronal festival.

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 240 Morris's arrangement and 40 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*CHARLES H. VITLER ...*Treble*	*WILLIAM F. BUTLER ... 4
*ROYSTON P. PURCHASE 2	JAMES BROOKS 5
*AUDREY EWINS 3	ROGER POSNETT ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM F. BUTLER.
* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. Rung for St. Andrew's Day.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
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WILFRED YOUNG ... ...*Treble*	ERIC SMITH 4
STANLEY GILBERT ... 2	WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... 5
*JAMES K. MOUNFIELD ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First Surprise peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

CARACAS, VENEZUELA.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 20, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT APARTAMENTOS CAJIGAL, AVENIDA CAJIGAL, SAN BERNARDINO,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 120's of Stedman and twenty each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in D.

BERNARD H. SWINSON ... 1-2	ROLAND PARK 3-4
IRENE PARK 5-6	

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
Rung on a visit of Mr. B. H. Swinson from the U.S.A.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 22, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor size 15 in C.

PETER J. STANIFORTH ... 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON... 7-8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT STEDMAN, 128, SKETCHLEY ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK K. MEASURES ... 1-2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD 3-4	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 7-8

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., Nov. 24, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
No. 83. Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	ALBERT H. WARD 7-8

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 25, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	WILLIAM G. YOUNG 7-8
*KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 9-10	

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters and first on ten handbells.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 56 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. JAMES' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

DEREK WHITFORD 1-2	ROGER LEIGH 3-4
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 5-6	

Conducted by CHARLES W. BLAKEY.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 27, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

JILL POOLE 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD 5-6
PETER J. STANIFORTH ... 3-4	HAROLD J. POOLE 7-8
*TERENCE A. THORNBER 9-10	

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. Birthday compliment to James George on his 96th birthday.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 27, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	WILLIAM G. YOUNG 7-8
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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham and Stow Branches.—Pending reorganisation of these branches, communications and subscriptions should be sent to the general secretary.—Cyril Harding, 77, Bromley Heath Road, Downend, near Bristol. 6212

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DECEMBER 30th ISSUE

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RINGER'S NOTEBOOK AND DIARY.—It looks as though—as last year—'Sold out' notices must go out soon. Make sure of your copies by ordering NOW. See advert. in this issue. 6196

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MEETINGS

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Hughenden, Sat., Dec. 17th, 4.30 p.m. No tea.—A. D. Barker. 6202

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, St. Alkmund's, Derby, Dec. 17th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Cafes nearby.—J. F. Wilkinson. 6201

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Meeting at Stoke-by-Clare (6), Sat., Dec. 17th, 3 p.m. Tea provided at 5 to all advising early to Mr. A. Orbell, 2, Railway Terrace, Stoke-by-Clare. Clare (8) available 7 to 9 p.m. Outstanding subscriptions, please. — A. A. Fitch, Dis. Sec. 6205

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Overseal (8 bells), Dec. 17th, 2.30. Service 4. Tea provided. 6206

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Saturday, Dec. 17th, 3 p.m., at the Bell Foundry, Whitechapel. Ringing afterwards, St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 6211

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting at Snaith, Dec. 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea, Henderson's Cafe, 4.45, to all who notify Mr. G. Pickering, 18, Mill Street, Snaith.—L. M. Woodhead, Act. Hon. Sec. 6214

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Evening meeting at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, Monday, Dec. 19th. Bells 6.45 to 8.30. —F. Finch. 6217

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Walton-on-Thames, St. Mary's, bells will be open for ringing on Dec. 26th from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.—R. Lathbury, Walton-on-Thames. 6221

DIARY HOLDERS. Correct your 1950 diary: Southwell Guild Annual *Dinner* at Newark, Jan. 28th. Details later. Tickets 10s. 6d. each from J. W. Raithby, 145, Farndon Road, Newark. 6219

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — A.G.M., Whit Monday, 1950. Preliminary notice: Members are reminded that notices of motion for the agenda, and nominations for officers, including representatives to the Central Council, sponsored by two members (as laid down in the rules, with names and addresses), must be sent to me before February 1st, 1950.—Robert C. Heazel, School House, Wimbish, Saffron Walden. 6226

YATESBURY RINGER'S WEDDING

The wedding took place on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, of Mr. J. Roberts, of Ripple, Glos., and Miss K. Preston, of Yatesbury. The ceremony was performed at Yatesbury Parish Church, where Miss Preston has been a ringer for several years. The bride's father, Mr. R. Preston (who gave her away), and the bridesmaid, Miss V. Preston, are both ringers at this church. The best man (Mr. R. Manton) and the bridegroom were both regular ringers at Yatesbury whilst stationed at the nearby R.A.F. Radio School. Amongst the guests there were sufficient local ringers to ring the five bells after the ceremony.

In the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in honour of the occasion by W. Goddard 1, Miss V. Preston (first 'inside') 2, T. Davison 3, F. Preston 4, R. E. Manton (cond.) 5. The future home of the bride and bridegroom will be at Ripple, Glos.



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SURREY ASSOCIATION

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The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicars for use of their bells, and the local captains for their welcome to all. Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Yorkshire were the methods practised.

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'THE LORD BE THANKIT'

THE Editor has on his desk a reproduction of an original painting by J. Lobley, of 'The Bell Ringer,' depicting a scene in the middle of the last century of an aged man tolling a bell in the treadle fashion with one foot in the loop at the back-end. It is a picture bringing out all that is beautiful in the simplicity of life. What is as striking as the picture is the accompanying verse:—

> For three score years he rang his simple praise:
> 'The Lord be thankit for His love always.'
> God grant that in these hurrying days that we
> May learn to serve in his high company.

Some might regard such thoughts as inappropriate for a Christmas message. But the Prince of Peace came not to this earth in a King's Palace but in the humblest of all dwellings, the stable of an inn. His companions were the ox and the ass, and the first to honour Him were the shepherds of the field—men of lowly estate. We as ringers will be the first to proclaim Him to the waiting world to-morrow night. With measured tread we will climb the staircases to the belfries, leaving below all mundane things. Perhaps from one of the lancet windows we shall get a glimpse of the starry firmament, the wide heaven with its pin-points of light, and as we ascend there comes a consciousness of apartness from life and a mystic silence.

Christmas ringing is not a perfunctory act. While it is accompanied by great happiness it is indeed ethereal in its substance and a part of the ringer's worship. It it is an occasion that calls for the best in the individual, as near perfection as possible. The world below is listening for the beauty of the bells; in a sense it is part of the heavenly hosts that made the first proclamation to mankind of a Saviour who is Christ the King.

The first Christ came to the world in troublous days. Those difficulties are still with the world at large to-day. But despite outside conditions the peace and serenity of the village ringer quoted above is still available for those who seek. 'The Lord be thankit for His love always' is awaiting to be reborn in each heart this Christmas morning. If we approach to-morrow with that feeling of simple praise then the true happiness of Christmas will enter our hearts and whatever our circumstances a true joy will be unfolded within us.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDK. W. STOKES	*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
PETER N. BOND	2	RAYMOND F. SMITH	8
EDWIN H. LEWIS	3	H. LESLIE PASK	9
CHARLES MCGUINESS	4	DANIEL COOPER	10
MARGARET FIDELL	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
GEORGE E. FEIRN	6	HAROLD WALKER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
First peal as conductor on twelve bells.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF LEICESTERSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

DOROTHY M. UDALE	*Treble*	ERNEST W. RAWSON	7
JILL POOLE	2	LAURENCE GREENHOW	8
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	9
JOHN R. SMITH	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	10
ALAN JACQUES	5	PETER J. STANIFORTH	11
SHIRLEY BURTON	6	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal of Maximus to be rung in this method. The conductor's 50th peal of Surprise Maximus on tower bells. Tenor 25 cwt.

TEN BELL PEALS

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

HAROLD A. MAY	*Treble*	*FREDK. A. MUNDAY	6
*ERIC T. LEE	2	*T. MARK WHITE	7
*GEORGE L. GROVER	3	C. ERNEST SMITH	8
*RALPH BIRD	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	9
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	5	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells. Rung for the enthronement, on November 30th, of the Right Rev. H. C Montgomery-Campbell, M.C., M.A., as Bishop of Guildford Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 9, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF ALDENHAM SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

TERENCE A. THORNBER	*Treble*	NORMAN G. MCCRUM	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	7
MICHAEL P. STANIFORTH	3	SHIRLEY BURTON	8
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	ALFRED BALLARD	9
JILL POOLE	5	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal of Royal to be rung in this method

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes.*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*ANNE WORTH	*Treble*	JACK BARKER	6
JOHN WORTH	2	WILFRED STEVENSON	7
JAMES A. MILNER	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	8
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	4	ALAN A. POTTS	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*HAROLD BROUGH	*Treble*	DENNIS HEAPY	5
†ANNE WORTH	2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	6
WILFRED STEVENSON	3	STANLEY NADEN	7
BARRY CORBISHLEY	4	ALAN A. POTTS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALAN A. POTTS.
* First peal in the method. † First peal away from treble. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. T. Lever on his departure to Newton-in-Mottram. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	*Treble*	†JOHN E. S. MORETON	5
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN	2	HARRY HARRIS	6
JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	3	LEONARD TREVOR	7
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	4	JOHN E. LLOYD	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.
* 100th tower-bell peal. † 50th peal on the bells. Rung half-muffled for the late Mr. Walter Perkins, churchwarden for 27 years.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST H. KILBY	*Treble*	LEONARD H. BOWLER	5
MAURICE HODGSON	2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	6
JOHN H. CRAMPION	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Fri., Dec. 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Comprising 2,240 changes of London, 1,728 Bristol and 576 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 116 changes of method. Tenor 4¾ cwt.

*SHIRLEY V. RYMER	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. PORTER	5
*RUTH M. K. HOW	2	*MICHAEL E. H. BARROW	6
*CATHARINE M. TRIST	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
MARGARET L. TUTT	4	WALTER F. JUDGE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri,, Dec. 2, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*JOYCE CHENERY	*Treble*	CYRIL WANDER	5
G. DULCIE ROBINSON	2	HORACE BENNETT	6
MAURICE BENNETT	3	JOHN G. AMES	7
C. HAROLD WHITTON	4	CYRIL R. BURRELL	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.
* First peal. For the jubilee of the Guild. Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHARINE,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Comprising 2,880 Bristol, 1,216 London, 480 Cambridge and 480 Superlative. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

WALTER SPARROW	*Treble*	HAROLD N. PITSTOW	5
GEORGE M. KILBY	2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER	6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS	3	RICHARD E. PRICE	7
WILLIAM WELLING	4	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

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BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 19 cwt.

*E. J. GRACE	*Treble*	*C. ALDRIDGE	5
C E GREGORY	2	*C. CORDEROY	6
G. F. JAMES	3	*H. ALDRIDGE	7
A. R. GREENOUGH ...	4	C. CORDEROY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. F. JAMES.
* First peal. First peal since rehanging of bells.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	*Treble*	ERNEST W. FURBANK ...	5
JOHN H. SITCH	2	FRANK V. GANT	6
HENRY T. WILSON... ...	3	JOHN H. CRAMPION ...	7
ROBERT C. HEAZEL ...	4	HARRY TURNER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
With good wishes to Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Byles on leaving St. Thomas's for Becontree.

BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,
A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

*HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	*PETER D. HUCKSTEPP...	5
*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	6
WILFRED W. RING ...	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	7
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP...	4	*HARRY PARKES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP.
* First peal in method. First peal in method as conductor.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 28½ cwt.

*PETER FOSTER (14)	*Treble*	‡GEORGE L. RODEN ...	5
*NOREEN BRAIN	2	GORDON HARRISON ...	6
†WILLIAM J. LEACH ...	3	BARNABAS G. KEY... ...	7
*ALAN FOSTER	4	EDWARD J. WHITE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Triples. ‡ First peal of Stedman Triples away from tenor. First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor. A compliment to Miss Doreen Roden on reaching her 21st birthday and announcing her engagement.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

GEORGE A. NAYLOR	*Treble*	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN...	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	2	THOMAS BEAUMONT ...	6
PATRICIA SMEE	3	TREVOR A. CROSS ...	7
ERIC NAYLOR	4	*CYRIL D. CHANTLER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
* First peal. First peal of Bob Triples by all the band. A birthday compliment to Mrs. L. Easter and Mrs. K. L. Naylor.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb.

*THOMAS DUNWOODY ...	*Treble*	†FRED E. DUKES	5
†JOHN T. DUNWOODY ...	2	*HARRY BROWN	6
*JOHN SAVAGE	3	*JAMES EDGAR	7
*WILLIAM PRATT	4	*JOHN LEWIS (14)... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Triples in the method. First peal in the method on the bells, for the Association and in Ireland. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the Rev. E. S. Barber, M.A., Vicar.

EATON SOCON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 13¾ cwt.

*LIONEL J. CLARKE	*Treble*	†ANDREW C. SINFIELD...	5
*SAMUEL P. MARDLIN ...	2	C. HENRY HARDING ...	6
*DERICK MUNNS	3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ...	7
†RONALD J. SHARP ...	4	‡ROY V. BELDOM ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal.

CHURCH KIRK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

ERIC BRUNTON ...	*Treble*	ERNEST J. GOWER ...	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	2	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ...	6
THOMAS WILSON	3	VICTOR J. C. WOOD ...	7
HARRY ANDERTON	4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.
An 81st birthday compliment to Mr. A. Barnes, of Reddish.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E.

CHARLES MCGUINESS	*Treble*	*J. MARTIN PAGE	5
*MARGARET A. SWANN...	2	*JOHN E. COOK	6
*GILLIAN A. SMITH ...	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	7
*ERIC EDMONDSON ...	4	HAROLD WALKER ...	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 8½ cwt.

MARGARET L. TUTT	*Treble*	NOEL J. DISERENS ...	5
WALTER F. JUDGE	2	REGINALD W. REX	6
AUDREY B. DISERENS ...	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
CYRIL J. HIBBERT	4	WILLIAM HIBBERT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 24¾ cwt.

JOHN A. WEBSTER	*Treble*	ALEX. J. WEBSTER	5
HUGH ROBERTS	2	ERIC J. GILBERT	6
FRANK VARTY	3	GEORGE LEDSHAM	7
ERNEST T. CARVELL ...	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HARRY MORGAN ...	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEIRN ...	5
PETER N. BOND	2	*JACK F. HODSON	6
MARGARET FIDELL ...	3	JOHN WALDEN	7
*G. LESLIE A. LUNN ...	4	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal of Yorkshire. First peal of Yorkshire as conductor. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

GOUDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25 cwt.

SIDNEY A. WHITE ...	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT...	2	WILLIAM ROGERS	6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT ...	3	WALTER H. DOBBIE ...	7
*ALFRED W. DURHAM ...	4	ALEC E. RICHARDSON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER H. DOBBIE.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.

VICTOR EVANS	...*Treble*	A. REGINALD BLABY	5
WALTER LEE	2	ROLAND BIGGS	6
*IAN STEDMAN BIGGS	3	ANTHONY E. COX	7
JOHN KAPE	4	NORMAN CORNWALL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ANTHONY COX.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal by a local band.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat. Dec. 3, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
M. John Morris's Variation. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

JOHN SCOTT	...*Treble*	JOHN BRAMLEY	5
*JOHN MORETON	2	JOHN MORRIS	6
JOHN TAYLOR	3	*JOHN THOMPSON	7
JOHN TROTMAN	4	JOHN LLOYD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN TROTMAN.
* 50th peal together. Rung to welcome the Rev. R. G. Strutt, Vicar of Holy Trinity, recently appointed priest-in-charge of St. John-the-Divine.

NEWCHURCH (CULCHETH), LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

A. MURIEL REAY	...*Treble*	JOHN ASHCROFT	5
ALBERT GREENHALGH	2	†SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW	6
*MARJORIE ABBOTT	3	EDWARD IDDON	7
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW	4	PETER CROOK, SEN.	...*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by PETER CROOK.
* First peal. † First peal in method. In memoriam Ben Thorpe.

OLDSWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 11¾ cwt.

ALBERT O. LEWIS	...*Treble*	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	5
RALPH MOORS	2	*ROBERT LEES	6
ERNEST TURNER	3	REGINALD CHANCE	7
ALFRED C. BOXLEY	4	THOMAS HEMMING	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Sir Sydney Law, Wollescote, November 27th, and Canon W. C. Jordan, Belbroughton, December 1st.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

ROY BROOM	...*Treble*	ARTHUR HIBBERT	5
*DEREK OGDEN	2	CHARLES CLEGG	6
STEPHEN LL. PARRY	3	SELWYN H. DEARDEN	7
MARY WALSHAW	4	JACK CLEGG	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JACK CLEGG.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' Rung for the wedding anniversaries of the 6th and tenor ringers.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original. Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

BERYL R. COWLIN	...*Treble*	JOHN E. PENNELLS	5
*SIDNEY BAILEY	2	SIDNEY G. SMITH	6
SYDNEY C. DRIVER	3	C. ALFRED LEVETT	7
JOHN A. DOWNING	4	†CECIL H. HANKINSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. ALFRED LEVETT.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Smith on their 23rd wedding anniversary. First peal to be rung on the bells for 37 years.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

NETTLEBED, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6240 CHANGES;
Pitman's and Morris's, ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

*MARK G. CASTLE	...*Treble*	†WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	4
*HARRY E. WELLS	2	GEORGE GILBERT	5
*EDGAR C. BELSON	3	*A. JOHN PINCHIN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal of Grandsire Doubles as conductor. In memoriam (half-muffled) for Canon G. F. Coleridge.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

R. CRITCHLEY	...*Treble*	ELLEN RICE	4
*MARGARET ACKERS (14)	2	CUTHBERT ACKERS	5
JOHN POUNDS	3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.
* First peal away from treble. Rung half-muffled in memory of Councillor Neale.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALEX J. WEBSTER	...*Treble*	ALFRED CUSICK	4
JOAN WEBSTER	2	*HUGH ROBERTS	5
CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	3	ERIC J. GILBERT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC J. GILBERT.
* First peal in seven Surprise methods 'inside.'

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 30, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 18 cwt.

HAROLD KILBY	...*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	4
CECIL E. CARR	2	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	5
ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE	3	JOHN J. MORRIS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BRAFIELD, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 1, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Stedman, Chase, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

RONALD C. NOON	...*Treble*	*GEOFFREY E. WATSON	3
GEORGE CARE	2	*HARRY WOODING	4

*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... *Tenor*
Conducted by GEORGE CARE.
* First peal in seven methods.

CHEADLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 2, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST TWIGG	...*Treble*	WILLIAM EDWARDS	4
WILLIAM POTTS	2	*ERNEST STEELE	5
ARTHUR W. HALL	3	WILLIAM CARNWELL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM CARNWELL.
* First peal of Minor.

DAWLEY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEOFFREY C. BAGLEY	...*Treble*	JOSEPH L. STANIER	4
MISS B. A. CARTER	2	ERNEST J. ROWE	5
G. LEONARD HEWITT	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.
First peal on the bells.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Lewis 1, R. Corke 2, E. C. Haynes 3, Miss E. Stewart 4, K. Williamson 5, W. H. Viggers 6, E. J. Bragg (cond.) 7, R. Mills (first quarter on eight bells) 8. For the first Confirmation by the Bishop of Guildford (Rt. Rev. H. C. Montgomery-Campbell).

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Gardner 1, C. H. Webb 2, J. W. T. Taylor (cond.) 3, P. K. Williamson 4, F. W. Perrens 5, H. G. Summers 6, C. Aylett (first quarter in method) 7, W. A. Stote 8. A birthday compliment to James George.

BATH.—On Dec. 2nd, at St. Michael's, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Mrs. D. Evans 1, T. F. King 2, Miss B. Spice 3, W. G. Prescott 4, M. Helps 5, J. Owens 6, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 7, W. G. Brown 8. First quarter of Yorkshire by all except 3, and the first quarter of Yorkshire rung in Bath.

CHECKENDON, OXON. — On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. L. Baughan 1, Miss L. E. Slade 2, M. L. Baughan 3, C. J. Hearns 4, A. Wiggins (cond.) 5, E. Brant 6. First quarter for all except the conductor.

ELTHAM, KENT. — On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Biggs (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Ashdown 3, G. W. Ashdown 4, F. W. Richardson (cond.) 5, F. J. Hurrell 6, E. B. Crowder 7, J. Hurrell 8.

GRESFORD, NORTH WALES.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ray Williams 1, Nora M. Bibby 2, Wm. Roberts 3, A. Tilston 4, G. H. Randles 5, S. Randles 6, T. R. Griffiths (cond.) 7, R. Jarvis 8. To celebrate the wedding of Capt. C. Toller and Miss Ann Pease; also for the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. T. Toller.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,440 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Parker 1, R. Worrall 2, E. Hornby 3, B. Ongley 4, H. Howard (cond.) 5, D. Smith 6. For the coming-of-age and engagement of Miss M. Cooke.

QUARTER PEALS

HOLMES CHAPEL, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Barratt 1, A. Worth 2, B. J. Ongley 3, L. Copnall 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, H. Callwood 6. First quarter by all.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Biggs 1, A. Cox 2, R. Blaby 3, R. Biggs 4, N. Cornwall (first 'inside') 5, P. Newton (cond.) 6, J. Kape 7, V. Evans 8.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss I. Cording 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss J. H. Friswell 3, G. A. Parsons 4, R. K. C. Wilkings (first quarter) 5, J. E. Lofty 6, T. J. Lock (cond.) 7, D. Neal 8. A 21st birthday compliment for ringer of tenor.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. F. Medway 1, Miss E. M. Hannam (first of Minor) 2, J. Hallett 3, T. Hayward (first of Minor) 4, H. L. Parfrey (first of Minor as cond.) 5, S. S. Woodburn 6.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Illman 1, A. Gear 2, Miss B. Saggers 3, Miss E. Illman 4, F. T. Hoad 5, A. T. Shelton 6, W. Claydon (cond.) 7, J. Henstridge 8. First quarter 3 and 8. Birthday compliment to ringer of 4.

ROYSTON, YORKS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Mitchell (first quarter) 1, E. Stainrod 2, D. Hall (first quarter 'inside') 3, S. Dance 4, E. Atkinson 5, D. Smith (cond.) 6. A farewell to F. Mitchell on joining H.M. Forces.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Clark 1, W. J. Nudds 2, E. J. Leversuch 3, A. C. Wenban 4, C. Wenban 5, J. E. Rootes 6, W. Wenban (cond.) 7, G. A. Hughes 8.

ST. ISSEY, CORNWALL. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. Northey 1, A. H. Eplett 2, Mrs. A. S. Roberts 3, S. J. Robinson 4, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 5, G. W. Taysom 6. First quarter on the bells.

STOKE ROCHFORD, LINCS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Parker 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, T. Charity (first quarter) 3, F. S. Parsons 4, H. R. Woods (cond.) 5. For the induction of the Rev. A. Otter as Rector of Stoke and Easton and Bishop of Grantham.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. B. Duncan 1, L. G. Forster 2, R. E. Lester (first quarter in method) 3, S. J. Philbrick 4, S. W. Arbon 5, H. D. Lister 6, G. A. Blaxcell 7, O. G. Barnard (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. P. M. Hinde, a former Vicar, and R. J. Steed, late member of the local company.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Bissat 1, A. J. Hicks 2, C. E. Taylor 3, R. Hill 4, H. Newson 5, J. Sangwin 6, F. Sangwin (cond.) 7, J. Rich (first quarter on 8) 8.

STURMINSTER NEWTON, DORSET.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. C. Cluett 1, C. Wills 2, D. Gay 3, W. Hart 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, D. Inkpen 6. First quarter 2 and 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church on Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Davidge (first quarter) 1, Miss B. E. Ll. Roberts (first of Doubles as cond.) 2, F. G. Wilton 3, A. Tickner 4, W. W. T. Daniell 5, Miss M. E. Richards 6.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX. — On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Robinson 1, C. Skinner 2, R. Seth 3, C. Hone 4, B. Farhall (cond.) 5, J. Robinson 6. First quarter by all the band.

THANET, KENT. — At the Church of St. Nicholas-at-Wade on Dec. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. P. Bolton (first quarter) 1, Betty Solly 2, H. Luck 3, E. Milsted 4, A. Hinkley 5, J. A. Russell (cond.) 6. First quarter of Plain Bob Minor for all.

THORLEY, HERTS. — On Dec. 3rd, 1,440 Doubles (240 Stedman and 1,200 Grandsire): P. Warboys 1, F. Bird (cond.) 2, R. Hayden 3, G. Newman 4, T. Camp 5, C. Warboys (age 15, longest touch) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to F. Warboys.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Headlines in a local Midlands newspaper recently read, 'D'ye ken John Peel.' This was as a result of eight 'Johns' scoring a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. John's Church, Leicester, on Dec. 3rd.

Mr. George E. Feirn has 'circled' Gainsborough tower.

Mr. Frank Varty has rung Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

By ringing the treble to the peal of Painswick Surprise at Portsmouth Cathedral on November 26th, Mr. F. W. Burnett has twice 'completed the circle' there.

Congratulations to Mr. Albert E. Thompson, St. Andrew's Church, Derby, on ringing his first peal of London Surprise Major and Cambridge Royal.

The peal at Christ Church, St. Leonards, on Saturday, was rung on the 23rd anniversary of the wedding of Mr. S. G. Smith who entertained the ringers to tea afterwards. It was the first peal on the bells for 37 years.

The Editor and the Editorial Committee extend to all ringers their best wishes for Christmas and hope that in 1950 a better 'Ringing World' will be presented to readers.

It was fitting that the peal of Cambridge Minor for George Heley's golden wedding was rung on November 24th at Totternhoe, Beds, where he learned to ring. Although a member of the Dunstable band, he has for many years assisted the Totternhoe ringers on practice nights, one of whom is young Alan Broyd (under 14), who rang the treble (his first peal) in grand style from start to finish. Incidentally Alan rang his first 720 on January 16th this year, and since then has scored no less than 45 720's and one quarter peal, ranging from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise, all for Sunday services.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild scored a peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in 33 methods by the Sunday service band at Frampton on Dec. 10th. This is a first performance. Congratulations to Mr. J. R. Young and his band on a fine achievement.

With his peal of Double Norwich at Milton Abbas on November 26th, Mr. W. C. Shute has now rung peals on all eight and ten bell towers in Dorset. The peal was a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Dorothy V. Gould, of St. John's, Bournemouth.

The peal of Plain Bob Major at Hadlow, Kent, was rung in the same tower and on the same day (the 95th anniversary) as a previous peal of Bob Major called by William B. Newman, the conductor's uncle. The peal was the same composition (Annable's three-part), and by a sheer coincidence took exactly the same time—3 hours and 1 minute. Lewis Newman is believed to be the only living relative of those who rang in the original peal, and is the cousin of F. Newman (the well-known Kentish and College Youths ringer), the son of William B. Newman.

Mr. Harry Sear (captain) has completed 50 years' service in the tower of St. Mary's, Bletchley, Bucks. It is worthy of note that the Sear family have held the position of steeplekeeper in St. Mary's tower for over 100 years without a break. Harry followed his father and grandfather in the office. For many years he was in the service of the L.M.S. Railway, retiring in 1944, having held the position of chargehand wheelwright at Wolverton. He is remarkably agile for his age and looks forward to many years of ringing amongst his beloved bells. Unfortunately a peal attempt in honour of the event came to grief, but a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major was rung.

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A Christmas Quiz for Ringers

By KEWSETT

Three book prizes are offered for the answers nearest the correct solution. Closing date Jan. 10th, 1950. Envelopes to be addressed 'Christmas Quiz,' c/o the Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford, Surrey.

1. Which church tower with 8 bells has a double spiral staircase around a single newel?
2. Which church with 10 bells has a clock which strikes 13 instead of one?
3. Which church with 8 bells is known locally as 'The Flat Iron'?
4. Which ring of bells was first tuned on the Simpson method by Canon Simpson?
5. Which English county town has only a ring of 6 bells?
6. Where is there a ring of 12 in the minor scale?
7. Which ring of bells is nearest to the Greenwich Meridian?
8. Where can the New Year be rung in first?
9. What is the greatest number of consecutive calls (ordinary bobs and singles) that can be obtained in a peal of Bob Minor?
10. They had just rung a peal and three of the ringers were discussing it.
    'That's funny,' said one. 'The numbers of our three bells add up to the same as the sum of all the rest!'
    'Yes,' said another, 'and no two of us were next to one another either.'
    If the bells were hung normally, which three bells were they ringing?
11. 'I've done it!' says George. 'I've just rung a peal with the number of changes the square of my age. I could have done it last year for the first time, but we haven't enough bells.' How old is he?
12. 'When I was sixty, we rang date touches of Cambridge Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus. And not with singles either,' he added with disdain. In which year?
13. What length of touch is it impossible to obtain in any Surprise or Treble Bob Minor method, using ordinary bobs (touches of 24 or 696 changes ruled out)?
14. 'I distinctly felt the tower shake,' said Robin after they had rung a peal in an English tower. 'No wonder,' said Chris. 'If you climbed an inch for every change we rang, you would still be a long way from the top.' Where were they?
15. Solve the following anagrams, objects likely to be of use before, during or after a peal attempt:—

    Grant skit splice
    Mile rap skin
    Glass men still
    Coals riot

16. Sort out the lines of the following poem into three limericks:—

    A certain young ringer of Deal
    Got her rope-end mixed up round her heel.
    There was a young lady of Peel
    Rang all day and all night with no meal.
      The hanky got fanned,
    But launched out again with great zeal.
      The conductor said 'Stand'
    There was a peal-grabber of Seale
      By a sneeze of large brand
    Went on ringing and finished the peal.
      When rounds came as planned
    Was blowing his nose in a peal.
      But the rest of the band
      He didn't say 'Stand'
    And flew up and jammed in the wheel.

CHRISTMAS BELLS

Ring out, ye bells, in merry peal
This Happy Christmas morn,
And let your sound echo around
That Christ this day is born.

Ring out, ye bells, and as your call
Goes forth from tower and spire,
Your voices raise in tuneful praise
With that celestial choir.

Ring out, ye bells, rink joyously,
Strike sadness from the heart;
That every hour may give us power
Our best to all impart.

Ring out, ye bells, in tenderness,
Strike hope where fears abound,
In tones so mild as to a child,
That peace may all surround.

Ring out, ye bells, in thankfulness,
Send near and far thy call,
That East and West may bring their best
To Him Who givest all.

Ring out, ye bells, in changeful tune,
With methods old and new,
Of that great love from Him above
Which changest not for you.

Then ring, ye bells, in happiest strain,
Repeat aloud the glad refrain.
Make plain to all who hear your call
That 'Christ the Lord is born again.'

F. S. M.

Sutton Valence, Kent.

BURGESS HILL RINGERS

A very successful function was the first dinner of the St. John's company, Burgess Hill. The company of 35, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. E. H. Marsh), included guest ringers from Wivelsfield, Keymer, Bolney and Twineham.

During the evening a presentation was made by Mr. R. West, on behalf of the St. John's company, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Simpson for organising the supper and for their services during the past year.

Thanks were also expressed to Miss Doggett, Mrs. Walder, Miss Walder and Miss Simpson, whose efforts in preparing the meal, laying the tables and waiting on the diners were sincerely appreciated. The evening concluded with games and dancing, organised by Mr. R. West.

A 'GRIM' STORY

There was a ringer who, during his Christmas vacation, went for a holiday near a forest and decided to explore. He had not gone far when it started to rain, so he sheltered in a hollow tree. It rained more and more and the wood began to swell until at last it held him so firmly that he gave up hope of getting out.

All the time thoughts were passing through his mind of the things he had not done (including payment of his subscription of £1 to Mrs. Fletcher for his 'R.W.' for 1950). These made him feel so small that he was able to slip out of the tree.

The Non-Conducted Peal of London, 1949

On the stormy afternoon of November 12th a party of nine ringers made their way to the village of Warburton, Cheshire, close to the Manchester Ship Canal, and ascended the tower of the church. After ropes had been adjusted the bells were pulled off in rounds and Mr. G. R. Newton gave the order, 'Go, London,' and for the next half-hour all went well until a bob failed to be made. The offenders at once set their bells and after a short discussion about train times it was decided to make another attempt.

Mr. Newton again gave the word 'Go, London,' and for three hours and eight minutes nothing was heard except the sound of the bells, the swish of ropes, the rattle of the pulleys and the wind and rain beating on the windows of the tower. Mr. Newton, huddled in coats, stuck manfully to his uncomfortable task, and at the conclusion the bells ran merrily into rounds and he called 'Stand.'

The ringers who took part were:—

Treble.—Eric J. GILBERT (aged 30). He has been ringing since 1933. Rang his first peal in 1934 and called his first peal in 1949. Of his 93 peals he has conducted two. This was his first peal of London as conductor, and among his peals is the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus for the Chester Guild, which was his first touch on twelve bells.

2nd.—Walter ALLMAN (39) comes of a ringing family with a tradition of over 300 years behind them. He started to ring in 1935 and rang his first peal in 1937 and his first as conductor in 1938. He has rung 182 peals, of which he has conducted 15. In the years 1947, 1948 and 1949 he rang 50 peals or more. This was his first peal of London as conductor.

3rd.—C. Kenneth LEWIS (36) began to ring in 1932 and rang his first peal in 1934 and his first as conductor in the following year. He has taken part in several peals in which the number of methods in seven extents of Treble Bob Minor was increased and ultimately reached the limit of 73. He has rung 309 peals, of which he has conducted 130.

4th.—John E. BIBBY (48) began to ring in 1912 and at the age of 11 rang his first 720 on handbells with the present president of the Central Council, Mr. E. H. Lewis. His first peal was in 1920 and his first as conductor in 1923. Since then he has rung 352 peals (including 11,232 Superlative), of which he has conducted 106.

5th.—John WORTH (39) started to ring in 1922 and rang and conducted his first peal in 1929. He took a leading part in the development of Spliced Minor and took part in all the peals up to the record 73 Treble Bob Minor methods peal. His peals include the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major for the Chester Guild. He has rung 487 peals, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Yorkshire Surprise Maximus and has called 317 of them.

6th.—James C. E. SIMPSON (41) started to ring in 1920 and rang his first peal in 1926, calling his first peal the next year. He has made a speciality of calling peals of London and has called many different 5,024's of the late G. Lindoff. Of his total of 465 peals he has called 216 (including two non-conducted).

7th.—Frank VARTY (32) started to ring in 1933 and his first peal was in 1935, and later in the same year he called his first peal. His 162 peals, of which he has conducted 42, include 7,200 Surprise Minor in 10 methods. This was his first peal of London as conductor.

Tenor.—Edward JENKINS (54) was the only non-Cheshire man of the band, but one to whom the Chester Guild owes much. He started to ring in 1912, rang his first peal in 1913 and his first as conductor in 1920. His 554 peals include 11,232 Superlative, 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major, both of which he conducted, and 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, and he has conducted 303 of them.

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

MR. W. M. GREENAWAY.

Rodbourne Cheney tower suffers a grave sense of loss at the passing of Mr. William Greenaway after a short illness at the age of 77. A native of Ogbourne St. Andrew, he learned to ring a bell as a young man, but did nothing more until Rodbourne Cheney bells were restored in 1931 when he joined the newly-formed band, and, despite his age, made good progress in Doubles methods and Bob Minor. He had rung 20 peals and for a number of years all the beginners at this tower received their first lessons from Mr. Greenaway. He was a member of the P.C.C. from its inception in 1921 until last year.

The funeral took place at Radbourne Cheney on December 6th, and the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was represented by Mr. W. H. Trueman (chairman) and Mr. W. B. Kynaston (secretary). The bells were rung half-muffled by ringers from various towers, and a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by Marion Harry 1, Bernice Strange 2, Beryl Strange 3, D. Bounds 4, J. E. Manners (conductor) 5, T. I. Holborow 6. All the band were taught to handle a bell by Mr. Greenaway, proof, surely, that his labour had not been in vain. W.B.K.

MR. R. J. STEED.

The death occurred on December 2nd of Mr. Robert J. Steed, of Buxhall, Suffolk, at the early age of 37. He had been in indifferent health for several months following a serious illness in the early part of the year, but had continued with his work and his ringing activities until a day or two before his death, which came with tragic suddenness. He leaves a widow and two children.

Mr. Steed was a member of the Stowmarket company, with whom he regularly rang, besides assisting whenever required at his home tower and in neighbouring villages. He had rung about 40 peals for the Suffolk Guild.

At the funeral service on December 6th ringers were present from Buxhall, Cotton, Great Finborough, Finchingfield, Rattlesden, Stonham and Stowmarket. The Suffolk Guild was also represented, and the lesson was read by one of the deceased's fellow ringers.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by L. G. Forster, F. Sterry, O. G. Barnard and E. A. Cracknell, followed by muffled ringing on the tower bells. On Saturday, December 10th, a quarter peal was rung at Stowmarket as a tribute to the memory of a valued and popular colleague.

AN APPRECIATION.

Although his name was not constantly, or even frequently, in the public eye, Jack Steed was nevertheless one of those who form the very backbone of the Exercise—a regular service ringer. Sunday by Sunday he and his companions cycled in all weathers over bleak roads the four odd miles from Buxhall to Stowmarket, as well as on practice nights and for special occasions. Jack was a safe ringer and a good striker in the standard methods on any number, and his cheerful disposition made him a welcome visitor to any tower.

He was, however, happiest when he could get a band together to ring for services at his home tower on the old-fashioned five with a cracked tenor and a badly-going second, and it is ironical that only a few days before he died Jack had assisted a colleague to carry out some repairs to the bells, little thinking that the next time they were to ring would be for his own requiem. Our hearts were heavy when, in the fading light of a grey December afternoon, we saw all that was mortal of him laid to rest in the shadow of the little village church and within the sound of the bells that in life he had loved so well. In his passing we have lost a colleague and friend whose place it will indeed be hard to fill. O.G.B.

MR. BENJAMIN THORPE.

Many friends will learn with regret of the death of Mr. Benjamin Thorpe, of Ashton-under-Lyne, on November 29th, aged 69 years.

The interment was on December 3rd, the Rev. F. F. Rigby officiating. A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside. Ringers present were from Manchester, Oldham, Mossley, Hyde and Ashton-under-Lyne.

After the funeral a plain course of Grandsire Cinques was rung on the tower bells of St. Michael's with the bells half-muffled.

Mr. Thorpe had been a ringer at Ashton Parish Church for over 50 years, and was also Ringing Master of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society. He had rung over 100 peals. Owing to ill-health, he had done very little ringing during the last 12 months, but maintained a great interest in it J. C.

THE LADIES' GUILD

MIDLAND DISTRICT.

On November 26th, the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild held their meeting at Kettering. The bells of the Parish Church were rung during the afternoon and evening. The bells of Burton Latimer were also available in the evening.

A most interesting service was conducted by the Rev. Holborrow, and a party of 66 ringers and friends sat down to an enjoyable tea in the Parish Hall, arranged under the direction of Messrs. Turner and Bird and the ladies of the district.

Before the business meeting, Miss Thompson (vice-president) welcomed all to the meeting and she was particularly pleased to see Miss E. Steele, of Bedford (formerly president of the Ladies' Guild) and Mrs. A. Richardson (secretary of the Lincolnshire Branch). Three new members were elected.

Miss Steele spoke for a few moments about the late Canon Coleridge; what a tremendous friend and helper the Ladies' Guild had lost. It was Canon Coleridge who assisted Mrs. Fletcher in the commencement of the Guild and he was also one of the instigators of the Guild being represented upon the Central Council. The company present stood for one minute's silence to the respect of his memory.

A LEICESTER RECORD

Dear Sir,—The two gramophone records now available at Leicester are worthy of comment.

The reproduction in the half-muffled Grandsire Triples at St. John's is really grand. As regards the striking, I do not think one could hear better. Each bell can be heard distinctly all through.

On the reverse side are the hymn tunes chimed by the writer. A system of coupling is employed at St. John's, introduced by the late William Willson, which allows several bells to be played at once. This gives a carillon effect. This recording was made on Sunday, September 4th, at 8 a.m. The singing birds can be heard mingled with the bells and as an interlude between each tune.

The tunes by the Beltonians Handbell Ringers recorded are the first two that were put over at the jubilee dinner of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Yours truly,

S. HARRISON, Steeplekeeper,
St. John the Divine, Leicester.

5,184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I should like to point out that the 5,184 Yorkshire Surprise Major by W. E. Critchley, published in a recent issue, was composed by me in 1933, and was rung at Crayford on December 1st of that year, conducted by E. A. Barnett.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Waltham Abbey, Essex.

LETTERS

ST. MARGARET'S PEAL

Dear Sir,—Yes, your correspondents are quite right. It is the microphone in the clock tower of the Houses of Parliament which, when switched on to broadcast the Big Ben chimes, automatically picks up St. Margaret's bells should they at the same time be ringing. The peal finished at 9.5 p.m.

The late Rupert Richardson used to like to know when we were going for a peal so that he could listen in at the time signals (Big Ben 7 o'clock and 9 o'clock) and hear how we were going on. On practice nights we used to make it a point of ringing at 7 o'clock for his benefit. These times, of course, allude to pre-war days. W. H. HEWETT.

119, Coleman Road, S.E.5.

HEARD IN WALES

Dear Sir,—On October 15th bells were ringing before the chiming of Big Ben and all through until the news started. My wife and myself were listening to the Welsh Home Service at the time and the bells came over very plainly. (I remarked that must be St. Margaret's.) I may say they were very plain before the chimes started. They were, of course, more in the background while the chimes and the hour were striking. I am wondering if the conductor of the peal at St. Margaret's on that date would say if they were ringing at 9 p.m.—Yours faithfully,

Port Talbot, Glam. E. STITCH.

PLACES OF BOBS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Sedgley is liable to mislead in saying that a 6ths place bob in Cambridge Major implies an 8ths in Royal and a 10ths in Maximus; though he admits these would be 'absurd'!

This persistent confusion of 'place' with 'functional effect' was quite a common error at one time. It is the latter of course, and not the former, which gives rise to the factor of 'position fixity' of the bob. Otherwise Mr. Sedgley might equally well say that a Cambridge Major 4ths place bob implies a 6ths in Royal and an 8ths in Maximus; which, of course, is equally absurd!

Consider the facts: The functional effect of a bob is variation of the coursing order of a given number of bells specifically below or specifically above (and including) the bob-making position. So in Cambridge, where the bob alters things *below* it, the 4ths place bob varies positions 2, 3 and 4, in all stages, Minor to Maximus. And the 6ths place bob varies positions 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, in all stages, Minor to Maximus. In Primrose, where the bob alters things *above* it, the back-minus-two placed bob varies the order of the 3 back positions, in all stages, Minor to Maximus. It is the same in Double Norwich. The ruling applies equally in such methods as Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Bristol, where the bob has a lengthening-lead effect.

Perhaps Mr. Sedgley will, on reflection, allow a travesty of his concluding sentence, thus: Variable-place bobs, functionally understood, will no doubt be rung consistently in compositions, when the inconsistent dicta of yesterday have been consigned to that same limbo of forgotten things.—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Fountains Park, Southampton.

WORDSWORTH SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—In connection with the letter from Mr. W. Barton published in 'The Ringing World' of December 9th concerning the composition of Wordsworth, I was the conductor of the peal of St. Clement's which he mentions, and I would like to add that I obtained it from the C.C. Collection, in which it is published as a peal of Double Oxford.—Yours sincerely, W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Scawthorpe, Doncaster.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 2, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 840 Canterbury, 720 Plain Bob, 480 St. Simon's, 360 April Day and 2,640 Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN A. UNDERWOOD...*Treble*	*C. WILLIAM HALL ... 3
†JOHN HAWTIN 2	*SAMUEL MARTIN 4

*ROLAND BENISTON ... *Tenor*
Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal in five methods. † First peal of Doubles.

CASTLE EATON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores of Grandsire and 10 six-scores each of Plain Bob, St. Simon's and Stedman. Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).

ANTHONY R. PEAKE ...*Treble*	*ENID LLOYD-ROBERTS ... 4
JOHN E. MANNERS... ... 2	WALTER H. TRUEMAN ... 5
BRIAN BLADEN 3	†EDWARD G. ADAMS ... *Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER H. TRUEMAN.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

INTWOOD, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1940, *in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being ten extents of Canterbury Reverse, six each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Grandsire and April Day, and eight of Plain Bob.

C. FRANK PHILLIPPO ...*Treble*	HARRY J. HALL 3
FRANK C. ARNOLD 2	*FRANK PEARSON 4

F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... *Tenor*
Conducted by F. CHARLES GOODMAN.
* First peal of Doubles. Tenor 6 cwt.

KING'S SOMBORNE, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in 3 Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*JOYCE COX ... ...*Treble*	ARCHIE G. LEAHY ... 4
*MAURICE J. BUTLER ... 2	†CHARLES PERRY 5
NELIA M. LEAHY 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... *Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal and the first member of the local band to ring one.

STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM WARR ... ...*Treble*	ARTHUR H. REED 4
MRS. E. S. POWELL ... 2	WILLIAM G. GIGG 5
REGINALD BEALE 3	JACK W. DREW ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.
First peal on the six bells. A memorial peal to Rev. E. S. Powell, to whose memory the new treble is dedicated.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 4, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Double Oxford and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

FREDK. J. CRAPNELL ...*Treble*	*WILLIAM J. BUTTON 4
*GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 2	GEORGE W. PIPE 5
CHARLES E. FISHER ... 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* 50th peal together.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 5, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A.

*IAN O. CAMPBELL ... ...*Treble*	†PETER G. PARROTT ... 4
HARRY GRUNDY 2	*HARRY BLACKBURN ... 5
WILLIAM E. COURT ... 3	CHARLES BLACKBURN ... *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. COURT.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung on the front six.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 27, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,*
IN ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOLS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

ERNEST MORRIS 1-2	ALAN CATTELL 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	JOHN BRAMLEY 7-8

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.
Rung on the 96th birthday of the composer.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 27, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	WILLIAM G. YOUNG 7-8

KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER... 9-10
Composed by J. PIGOTT. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
The conductor's 100th peal this year.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 28, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	ROY C. HURST 7-8

ALBERT H. WARD 9-10
Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

CARACAS, VENEZUELA.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 29, 1949, *in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,*
AT APARTAMENTOS CAJIGAL, AVENIDA CAJIGAL, SAN BERNARDINO,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 120's of Stedman, eighteen 120's of Grandsire, and twenty-two 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.

BELFAST.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 30, 1949, *in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different callings. Tenor size 11 in G.

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 96th birthday of Mr. James George.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Nov. 30, 1949, *in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,*
AT 78, NEW ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Four different callings.

*VINCENT W. RIGG 1-2	*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3-4

†N. DAVID LANE 5-6
Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.
* First peal of Bob Doubles. † First peal.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 1, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,*
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

PETER J. STANIFORTH ... 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method on handbells.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 2, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
No. 37. Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 7-8

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Christmas Greetings

To all ringing friends, a happy Christmas and a successful New Year is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. PULLING, 144, Woodside Road, Guildford. 6215

Seasonal greetings to all members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and ringing friends everywhere. — Mr. and Mrs. W. B. KYNASTON, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts. 6213

All best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all my ringing friends at Plymouth, St. Mary's, Cardington, Hereford Cathedral, St. Aldate's, Oxford, and Lostwithiel.—Stuart WORTH. 6218

To J. Martin Thorley, R.A.F., Middle East Forces. Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year.—From THORNE RINGERS and all members of Doncaster District Society. 6224

Christmas and New Year greetings to all ringing friends.—From Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. BARKER, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks. 6225

Best wishes to all friends for Christmas and New Year. To the Rovers and all other visitors this year, greetings. To those we have visited, thanks.—Charles ROUSE, Cheltenham. 6229

To all my ringing friends, both far and near, I wish a very happy Christmas and best of luck during 1950.—From Ronald J. SHARP, 7, Clophill Road, Maulden, Bedford. 6227

Christmas greetings and sincere good wishes for the New Year to all my ringing friends everywhere.—Ronald H. BULLEN, 39a, High Street, Ely, Cambs. 6231

Sincere and hearty good wishes to all ringing friends, especially Huntingdon District, E.D.A.R. — Frank WARRINGTON, St. Ives, Hunts. 6232

Sincere Christmas greetings to all my ringing friends far and near. Best wishes for the New Year. 'Go to it.'—From W. C. BLYTHE, Southwold, Suffolk. 6233

To ringing friends old and new, a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.—From Mr. and Mrs. F. BRADLEY, 60, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham. 6234

A merry Christmas to all users of the Bellringer's Notebook and Diary. May all your entries be happy ones and all your peals come round. — Will VIGGERS and Maurice HODGSON. 6236

A merry Christmas to all our ringing friends. —From Mr. and Mrs. Norman V. HARDING, of Roydon, King's Lynn, Norfolk. 6242

To all my ringing friends, wherever you may be, a joyous Christmastide and a prosperous New Year with good ringing is the wish of yours sincerely, W. WENBAN, Harrow Weald. 6243

The President of the Hertford County Association sends hearty Christmas greetings to all members of the Association. May 1950 be a year of good ringing and good fellowship. 6244

ST. MARY'S, APSLEY, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, ringers send their best wishes for Christmas to all ringing friends. Good ringing and good luck in 1950, with many happy gatherings. 6245

To all my ringing friends, wherever they may be, the joys of a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. — Leonard DERRICK, Nailsea, Somerset.

To all ringing friends greetings for Christmas and the New Year.—Mr. and Mrs. F. I. HAIRS, 26, Iron Mill Lane, Crayford, Kent. 6247

Very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all our ringing friends everywhere.—Mr. and Mrs. LATHBURY and NORA, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 6250

Mr. E. T. P. FIELD wishes all his many ringing friends a very happy Christmas. 6251

Christmas greetings to all ringing friends, with a kindly thought of those who have passed along.—Charles J. NORTH, Norton Cottage, West Street, Selsey-on-Sea, Sussex. 6252

Christmas and New Year greetings to my old and new friends.—C. W. R. GRIMWOOD, 19, Endsleigh Gardens, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames. 6253

Heartiest of Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all our ringing friends everywhere. — Mr. and Mrs. Frank SKIDMORE, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5. 6254

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District.—To all ringers and friends, best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. —E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam. 6257

To all our friends, best wishes for your health and happiness this Christmas and throughout the coming year.—From Mr. and Mrs. Fred PRICE, St. Michael's, 5, Fisherman's Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. 6237

A happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all friends is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. Albert WALKER, Birmingham. 6239

To all ringing friends a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil J. MATTHEWS, 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 6240

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, Elwell Avenue, Beverley. 6241

To all my friends wherever they may be, best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.— T. J. FOWLER, Cookham. 6277

The very best of Christmas greetings to all ringing friends and a prosperous New Year is the wish of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert MINGAY, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby. 6276

Mr. Peter N. BOND, 30, Elvaston Place, S.W.7, sends sincere good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all his ringing friends. 6275

Greetings and good wishes to all our ringing friends.—From Mr. and Mrs. H. C. SPENCER, Lower Durrian Farm, Stithians, Truro. 6273

A happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all our ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. T. E. SONE. 6272

To our brother and sister ringers in all places, a right merry Christmas. In the coming year, health, happiness and peace. — ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, Barking, Essex. 6271

Our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, especially for ringing in the New Year, to all our ringing friends.—From S. Geoffrey WATERS and Malcolm S. CLOKE. 6270

A happy Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year to all my ringing friends wherever they may be. — From William D. ASHDOWN, Beare Cottage, Dog Village, Broadclyst, Devon. 6269

Mr. J. MARTIN PAGE and Miss M. L. HICKSON send Christmas greetings to all their ringing friends, wishing them good ringing in 1950. 6268

To my ringing pals everywhere, a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. Are you there, Titchfield? Good hunting.— From G. WHITEMORE, Bay View, Lyme Regis, Dorset. 6266

Christmas and New Year greetings to all ringing friends.—From Mr. and Mrs. E. Dennis POOLE, Marlow, Bucks. 6274

A happy Christmas and New Year to many, many good friends and fellow-ringers, and as many well-struck touches as you wish.—From Mr. and Mrs. STAFFORD GREEN. 6267

Hearty Christmas greetings and every good wish for the New Year to all ringing friends. —From Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. LADD and MARGARET, Tunbridge Wells. 6265

DON MEARS sends heartiest season's greetings to all ringing friends. Good health, good luck and good striking. 6264

Sussex, Western Division. — BILLINGSHURST sends Christmas greetings to Wisborough Green and all ringers this festive season. 6263

Mr. Frederick WHITE, 142, Stephens Road, Tunbridge Wells, sends greetings to all ringers wherever scattered over the face of earth or water, wishing them a safe and happy homing course. To those with whom I have rung and lost peals and touches I wish all blessings. I recall them in happy memory. 6262

To all ringing friends, best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. — From W. E. CLARKE, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 6261

Wishing the compliments of the season to ringing friends, old and new, home and overseas.—Thomas G. MYERS, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 6259

To all ringing friends, subscribers and contributors, happiness and prosperity in 1950, specially remembering all invalids. — A. J. CORRIGAN, Bitton. 6258

To all my ringing friends, both far and near, I send my best wishes for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.—Malcolm C. C. MELVILLE, Escola Britanica, Caixa Postal 3412, Sao Paulo, Brazil, S.A. 6260

Mr. and Mrs. William COLES, with Sheila and Malcolm, would like to wish all ringing friends and their families every joy at Christmas time and throughout the coming year. 6284

Sincere and hearty greetings to all ringing friends.—From Mr. and Mrs. G. R. NEWTON. A very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. 6288

Essex Association. — N.W. District. — The Master and Secretary of the district wish all members a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. — B. G. BURTON, G. BLAKE. 6290

Christmas greetings and best wishes for 1950 from the All Saints' Society of Change Ringers, Parramatta, N.S.W., Australia, to all fellow-ringers in the Old Land.—Bruce DUNBAR, Sec.; R. W. FERRISS, Capt.; A. R. BOTTING, Vice-Capt. 6287

Christmas and New Year's greetings to all bellringers. — A. R. WILSON, Holy Trinity Bellringers' Association, Hobart, Tasmania. 6292

A Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all members of the Society of Roving Ringers.—From the HON. SECRETARY. 6298

Greetings and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.—From Archie A. FITCH, 7, Croft Road, Sudbury, Suffolk. 6296

Mr. and Mrs. COLCLOUGH, Bilston, send best Christmas wishes and New Year greetings to all ringing friends near and far. 6295

To all our many friends throughout the country, especially 'Cumberlands,' we send the season's greetings.—Mr. and Mrs. George H. CROSS, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent. 6294

NOTICES

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MISCELLANEOUS

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Will all who have called peals for the Yorkshire Association during 1949 please send particulars (including compositions) to me without delay unless they have already done so.—Wm. Barton, 9, Pembroke Road, Pudsey. 6293

ALL SAINTS', ISLEWORTH.—All ringing is stopped until further notice, owing to structural repairs to the tower.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 6299

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

'THE CHURCH BELLS OF BERKSHIRE,' Part XI., reprinted from 'The Berkshire Archæological Journal.' To be obtained from the author, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. Supplied to purchasers of previous parts only. Price 1s. 6d. post free. 6193

'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.

'SCOTTISH RINGS OF BELLS,' by Ranald Clouston, 2s. post free from the author at The Châlet, Yaxley, near Eye, Suffolk. This book gives full particulars, including weights of all known rings in Scotland. 6199

No better pen picture of early ringing societies has been published than J. Armiger Trollope's 'COLLEGE YOUTHS.' illustrated, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Somersham, Saturday, Dec. 31st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 6255

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern District.—There will be no practice at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, Dec. 31st.—H. W. Shadrack. 6291

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice, Monday, Jan. 2nd, 7.15, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Meeting, Jan. 7th, St. Mary's, Putney Bridge, 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business, All Saints', Fulham, 5.45. Ringing 7 p.m. Annual general, Feb. 4th, Southwark Cathedral and other towers. Everyone welcome to all meetings.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 6230

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 7th. Cathedral (12) bells 1.30 to 2.30, 6 to 7.30; St. Maurice's (6) 1.30 to 2.30, 6 to 8. Meeting 2.30 at the Tea Rooms above Smith's Book Shop, High Street, Winchester. Tea (4.30) only for those who notify by Tuesday, Jan. 3rd. Service, Cathedral, 5.15.—L. A. Tremeer, 34, The Dean, Alresford. 6249

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Marden (8), Jan. 7th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Jan. 3rd to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge. 6235

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Meeting at Sedgley, Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by Jan. 3rd to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 6282

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery.—Annual meeting, Martock, Jan. 7th. Please notify early for tea. — F. Farrant, Martock. 6283

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Annual meeting, Hornchurch (8), Jan. 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and meeting. Elections, etc. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Numbers for tea by Jan. 4th to F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 6280

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—Annual general meeting at East Haddon, Saturday, Jan. 7th. Names for tea to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, before Jan. 2nd, please. 6239

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Annual meeting, Bocking, Jan. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to Mrs. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 6285

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Upottery, Jan. 14th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea after. Names for tea to the Rev. F. J. Prowse, Upottery, Honiton, not later than Jan. 7th. 6248

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Annual dinner at Newark Town Hall, Jan. 28th, 6.30. Parish Church bells (10) available. Accommodation limited. Tickets 10s. 6d. each from J. W. Raithby, 145, Farndon Road, Newark. 6220

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Shrewsbury, Jan. 28th next. Details later, probably.—C. A. Barron. 6279

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

The Bristol Rural Branch held their second annual supper and social at the Crown Hotel, Mangotsfield, on Saturday, December 3rd. Seventy-five members and friends sat down to supper. The guests of the evening were the Rev. A. D. H. Allan and Mrs. Allan, of Cromhall.

After the loyal toast, the chairman, Mr. C. R. Harding, proposed the toast of the Church, and said he often wondered if we ever thought of what this country would be like if we had no churches. There would be no bells, and he thought it would be something like the dark days when the ban was on the bells and all the ringers would seem lost. He thought there was a great revival coming in the Church, and until that did come, this country would not make much headway. He would like to impress on the young ringers the importance of good striking and loyalty in the belfry.

The Rev. Beard, Mangotsfield, responded to the toast, and said it was only by everyone in the Church pulling together that the spirit of Christian fellowship could be maintained.

The toast of the Bristol Rural Branch was proposed by the Rev. A. D. H. Allan, who said he was often surprised at the numbers who attended the rural branch meetings. It showed that the meetings were enjoyed, and although this branch adjoined the Bristol Rural Branch, there was no barrier between the two branches, and any members from one branch were always welcomed at the other's meetings.

Mr. J. G. Jefferies responded to the toast and said he had been ringing at Mangotsfield ever since the ring of eight had been there. He was pleased to be able to say the oldest bellringer was still ringing there. He referred to Mr. Sears, who was aged 90 next birthday. During the last few years the Bristol Rural Branch had improved by leaps and bounds, and he was pleased to say that they were now the largest branch in the Association. This was due to the untiring work of the officers and loyalty of the members.

Songs were rendered by Mr. C. Harding and the Misses Pritchard and Thorne, and accordion solos by Miss Sheppard, all members of the Rural Branch, and a party of artistes from Bristol provided further entertainment.

PURTON, WILTS. — On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Shailes (cond.) 1, F. H. Strange 2, C. R. Shailes 3, V. Griffin 4, A. Mabbut 5, W. Dash 6.

Quarter Peals

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,264 Bob Major: W. Sear 1, W. Daniells 2, H. Sear 3, F. Stonton 4, J. Marks 5, J. R. Rootes 6, D. J. Meager (first in Major) 7, R. Cadamy (cond.) 8. In honour of Mr. H. Sear's 50 years' service to this tower.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 4th, at St. Nicholas', 1,295 Grandsire Caters: H. Stalham 1, P. Romney (first on ten) 2, J. Feist 3, G. Elphick (first of Caters 'inside') 4, J. Whitehead 5, G. Ades 6, F. Bennett (cond.) 7, M. Thomas 8, R. W. E. Dawe 9, F. Pullman 10.

CHIEVELEY, BERKS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Tuffley 1, K. Sherman 2, M. Rosier 3, G. Townsend 4, R. Crook (cond.) 5, F. Tuffley 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam to Mr. C. Calloway, a local ringer, and to Canon Coleridge.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Ateyo 1, H. Pearce 2, S. Guppy 3, W. H. Poole 4, R. White 5, A. S. Ateyo 6, W. E. Turner (cond.) 7, G. H. Pike 8.

DEVIZES, WILTS. — On Dec. 4th, at St. James', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. P. Yates 1, E. J. Potter 2, M. S. Hunt 3, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 4, W. Mortimer 5, A. T. Weeks 6. First for 1 and 3 away from tenor. A welcome to the Bishop of Salisbury for Confirmation.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On Dec. 4th at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Bennett (first away from tenor) 1, J. E. Churchill 2, J. P. Kent 3, P. E. Clark 4, T. Davies 5, A. H. Fulwell (cond.) 6, A. Harding 7, R. D. Candy (first quarter) 8.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND. — On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Norman 1, G. W. Tembey 2, W. H. Cooke 3, Miss M. Johnstone 4, R. Johnstone 5, A. Eilbeck 6, S. Richardson (cond.) 7, J. H. Rothery 8. A farewell compliment to the Rector, who is leaving for Barrow-in-Furness.

FULHAM, LONDON. — On Dec. 4th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: J. Chilcott 1, M. Chilcott 2, R. Mackrill 3, J. Allsop 4, W. J. Paice 5, A. Appleton 6, G. Debenham (cond.) 7, P. Chalk 8, H. Belcher 9, H. M. Page 10.

GRAYSHOTT, HANTS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. A. Yarborough 1, A. J. Bartlett (cond.) 2, H. Mullard 3, F. Bowden 4, Mrs. F. Bowden 5, C. Hazelden 6, C. E. Smith 7, F. Maybee 8. First quarter by 1 and 8.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Whitby 1, C. Finch 2, Miss S. Coles 3, W. Aley 4, W. Wheeler 5, F. C. Coles 6, E. E. Holman (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, V. Tipton 8. First of Stedman 2 and 3.

HUYTON, LANCS. — On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Audrey Adshead 1, S. T. Smith 2, Doreen Jones (cond.) 3, R. C. Preston (first of Doubles) 4, W. R. Birchall 5, W. E. Court 6.

LINCOLN.—At St. Giles' on Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Hepworth (first quarter) 1, G. Parker 2, Margaret A. Swann 3, O. A. Needham 4, R. Parker 5, S. A. Chambers 6, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 7, J. E. Cook 8. First of Grandsire for 2, 4, 5 and 8.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK. — On Dec. 5th, 1,440 Bob Minor: J. H. Kindred 1, Miss Daphne Cook (first quarter) 2, J. W. G. Kindred 3, E. Newson 4, P. Kindred (cond.) 5, A. E. Coleman 6.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX. — On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. W. Rogers (first quarter) 1, F. V. Gant (cond.) 2, J. Carrott 3, S. Meadows (first in method) 4, A. R. Chapman 5, W. J. Carter 6. A birthday compliment for Mrs. Austin, of Pretoria, South Africa, staying in this country.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas the Martyr's on Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. M. Grayson 1, E. H. Edge 2, E. B. Wood 3, D. Jones (cond.) 4, J. G. M. Scott 5, E. F. W. Seymour 6. First quarter for all except the conductor. All the band are members of St. Edmund Hall.

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MEMORIES OF 1949

LOOKING back on 1949, English change ringers can regard the year as one of progress. While the number of new ringers is not so large as in the years immediately following the war, there has been a steady influx of new recruits, and if the circulation of 'The Ringing World' is any indication of those who have a sustained interest in the Exercise then the number is an increase of 500.

The main thing that emerged from the Central Council meeting at York was the decision to proceed on the revision of Rules and Decisions of the Council. On all sides there was a desire to tighten conditions and to ensure that what constitutes a true peal should be clearly understood by the Exercise at large. The scheme of representation on the Council is also under review. An interesting agenda is certainly promised next Whitsuntide at Eastbourne.

The fraternal side of the Exercise has been stimulated by a number of big gatherings. At the Henry Johnson dinner, Mr. T. H. Reeves laid down the reins of office as secretary of St. Martin's Guild, a post he had held for 20 years. The Cambridge University Guild celebrated their 70th anniversary, and the Lincoln Diocesan Guild their 50th anniversary. The Ancient Society of College Youths' dinner was of particular interest in view of an account of research into Fabian Stedman's life in London as a civil servant. To the ringer's calendar is to be added another commemoration dinner, that of George Williams, the veteran Master of the Winchester Guild, whose passing is deplored. His name is to be associated with the annual gatherings at Bournemouth.

Ringing tours have more than maintained their popularity. Most prominent of these was the visit of Leicester ringers to Ireland. It not only brought about a better understanding of the principles of change ringing in Ireland, but socially was a means of cementing friendship. The Yorkshire tour of Mr. Frank Knight's party resulted in visits to some towers where the bells are rarely heard. The West Country was again popular with a number of bands. From a peal-ringing point of view the tour in Suffolk and Norfolk was most productive, with 20 peals being rung.

In the realm of performance, there has been hardly a week when we have not had to record a peal of real merit. To assess the most meritorious performance of the year is not easy, and we should like the views of readers on what they regard as the three outstanding peals of the year. Naturally we lift our hats to the peal of Cambridge Maximus at Exeter Cathedral for the Ancient Society. From Leicester there has been a continual outpouring of peals, and some of these are worthy of consideration. The Lincoln band, with their record length of Bristol, the non-conducted peal of London by the Chester Guild ringers, Spliced Surprise Minor in 32 methods at Frampton, Lincolnshire, the Oxford Guild's excursions into the humble field of Doubles, all add lustre to the picture.

Another feature has been the work of the bell founders, which has added to ringing facilities. We recall Blackburn Cathedral's new 10, the provision of a third ring of 12 for Birmingham and Evercreech, Luton, Thaxted, St. Paul's, Salisbury, Grundisburgh, and there are many others. Some of these improvements are the direct result of ringers' enthusiasm and work; a marked thing is the readiness of the public to subscribe, at a time when money is not too plentiful, for the maintenance of English bells.

The march of time has brought with it the passing of many dear ones. We think of Canon G. F. Coleridge, Canon C. C. Marshall, Messrs. Geo. Williams, F. J. Pitstow, William Taylor, Adam Deas, William Andrews, W. W. Worthington, W. R. Melville, W. Linter, C. Swain, John Potter, F. W. Middleton, Eric B. Hartley, F. A. Smith, W. A. Smith, F. S. W. Butler, C. Marshall, W. Jones, F. G. Briggs, W. B. Frith, W. Woodhead and many others. These are men honoured in their day and generation, whose love of bells and fellow-ringers is ever associated by friends in memories of 1949.

TEN BELL PEALS

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

FREDK. W. ROGERS	*Treble*	*FREDK. W. BURNETT	6
*E. JOAN SALMONS	2	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	7
*NELIA M. LEAHY	3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	8
*MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	4	ERNEST F. SALMONS	9
DANIEL T. MATKIN	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal. Rung for the dedication of the new east window, the previous one being destroyed during the war.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

*THOMAS BARKER	*Treble*	*CHARLES CLEGG	6
CHARLES W. BLAKEY	2	ROGER LEIGH	7
*SELWYN H. DEARDEN	3	ERNEST T. J. GOWER	8
*VICTOR J. C. WOOD	4	PERCY DERBYSHIRE	9
*ERIC BRUNTON	5	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 275). Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Kent Royal as conductor. In memoriam Canon G. F. Coleridge.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 24½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	*Treble*	†GEORGE J. HAWKINS	6
BETTY SPICE	2	THOMAS F. KING	7
*PETER T. ROBBINS	3	ERNEST PARKER	8
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	4	GILBERT H. HARDING	9
FRANK A. PENN	5	FREDK. S. SLATFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. R. FARDON. Conducted by GEO. J. HAWKINS.
* First peal of Stedman and first peal on ten tower bells. † First peal of Stedman Caters. In memoriam Canon G. F. Coleridge.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

ALLEN MORGAN	*Treble*	REGINALD WOODYATT	5
DENIS R. MORRIS	2	GEORGE AMBLER	6
*JEAN A. SOUTHERST	3	*CYRIL TANSELL	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal in the method.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 6¾ cwt.

JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	*Treble*	VINCENT HEMMINGS	5
MARGARET ROWLANDS	2	JOHN THOMAS	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	PATRICK HARRIS	7
GEOFFREY J. HEMMINGS	4	THOMAS ABBOTTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

SEATON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

JACK SALWAY	*Treble*	GEORGE A. WHITEMORE	5
*ELI HAWKER	2	CHARLES TURNER	6
ROGER KEELEY	3	GEORGE E. RETTER	7
JACK ARBURY	4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. RETTER.
* First peal of Triples 'inside.' First peal on the bells since being augmented from six to eight.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	*Treble*	BERNARD J. SADDINGTON	5
JOHN KING	2	ERNEST E. WHITMORE	6
HARRY RICHARDSON	3	RONALD C. NOON	7
JOHN E. SKERRIT	4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by G. E. WATSON.
First peal of Major on the bells for at least 25 years. A welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. M. Clarke. Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

BROMLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 5, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	*Treble*	*JOHN E. LYDDIARD	5
JOHN L. MORRIS	2	*PERCY J. SPICE	6
*HILDA OAKSHETT	3	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT	7
JAMES BENNETT	4	REGINALD L. SILLS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells. A birthday compliment to John E. Lyddiard, captain and steeplekeeper.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 5, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

VERNON SYKES	*Treble*	FRED MELLOR	5
HAROLD ARMSTEAD	2	RICHARD BENSON	6
STEPHEN LL. PARRY	3	FRED DUNKERLEY	7
IVAN KAY	4	S.S.M. P. H. TOCOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.
Memorial peal to Benjamin Thorpe, of Ashton-under-Lyne.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Tues., Dec. 6, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

FRED LACEY	*Treble*	GEORGE W. MOODY	5
FRANK LORD	2	GEORGE DOBBS	6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3	PHILIP BARNES	7
G. LESLIE LUNN	4	JACK BRAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.
The conductor's 200th peal as conductor. A thanksgiving for the recovery from a serious illness of the Vicar, the Rev. O. G. O. Larr.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 7, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE	*Treble*	HAROLD J. POOLE	5
*NORMAN G. MCCRUM	2	JOHN J. MORRIS	6
SHIRLEY BURTON	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	4	ALAN JACQUES	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 14½ cwt.

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On Thurs., Dec. 8, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

ANDREW C. SINFIELD	*Treble*	*GEORGE CARE	5
C. HENRY HARDING	2	*RONALD C. NOON	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	7
HERRICK B. BOWLEY	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method. First Surprise peal on the bells.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE A. FLEMING	*Treble*	RANALD W. M. CLOUSTON	5
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	2	CECIL W. PIPE	6
FRANK L. FISHER	3	GEORGE W. PIPE	7
CHARLES E. FISHER	4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
First peal of Surprise as conductor.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*WALTER J. LEMON	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
EDWIN BARNETT	2	JAMES BENNETT	6
*FREDK. W. BUDGEN	3	FRANK I. HAIRS	7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	4	FREDK. J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.
* First peal of Cambridge. F. J. Cullum's 450th peal and 150th as conductor.

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On Sat., Dec. 10, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

JOHN SAVAGE	*Treble*	JAMES EDGAR	5
JOHN T. DUNWOODY	2	FRED E. DUKES	6
*JOHN J. FIELDING	3	*JOHN CAMPBELL	7
WILLIAM PRATT	4	JAMES LEWIS (15)	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.
* First peal in the method and on tower bells. First peal of Grandsire on the bells and in the county. First peal on the bells since they were rehung. Rung in honour of the anniversary of His Majesty's accession to the throne.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

MRS. I. TODD	*Treble*	JOHN H. FOSTER	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	WILLIAM H. RATCLIFFE	6
CHARLES SHARPLES	3	EDWARD IDDON	7
DEREK WHITFORD	4	PETER CROOK	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
A farewell peal to Mrs. Todd, who is shortly leaving the country to join her husband in Malaya.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON	*Treble*	GEORGE W. FAULKNER	5
ALFRED W. BRIGHTON	2	JOHN F. GROVE	6
ALBERT W. BEARD	3	FRANK V. GANT	7
DAVID W. BEARD	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
A compliment from the Association to Alfred W. Brighton on the occasion of his golden wedding.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Comprising 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, and 1,312 Bristol, with 113 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES E. BROWN	*Treble*	WALTER TOMLINSON	5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	2	JOHN FREEMAN	6
*BETTY BROWN	3	FREDK. W. STOKES	7
CHARLES MCGUINESS	4	JOHN A. FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

WILFRED JARVIS	*Treble*	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
FREDK. F. MORTLOCK	3	WM. C. DUFFIELD	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1949, *in* 3 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

*MILTON C. FOWLER	*Treble*	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	5
†J. EDWARD CAWSER	2	*ARTHUR FIRTH	6
‡GIBSON JACKSON	3	ERNEST A. THORPE	7
†W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	JOHN E. TURLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* 25th peal together. † 50th peal together. ‡ First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS

APPLEBY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 30, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 12 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MAURICE BUCK	*Treble*	F. GEORGE BAILEY	4
FRANK SHARP	2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	5
W. GEOFFREY HAIR	3	WILLIAM MILLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. GEOFFREY HAIR.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 19 extents of Grandsire, eight each of St. Simon's and St. Martin's, and seven of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*PHILIP C. HOLMES	*Treble*	†A. TREVOR SUTTON	4
CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	5
†ANDREW J. H. SCOTT	3	THOMAS W. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal in four Doubles methods by all the band. A birthday compliment to Messrs. P. C. Holmes, A. J. H. Scott, T. W. Wood and G. F. Pickthall.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*MICHAEL M. QUARMBY	*Treble*	†R. FRANK PRICE	4
LIONEL H. PINK	2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	5
HAROLD E. WHITE	3	*ERNEST A. BISHOP	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

BREDWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*JANICE PARSONS (15) ...*Treble*	LAWRENCE T. MAINWARING 4
FRANK SANDFORD ... 2	LESLIE EVANS 5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS... 3	IVOR W. PROSSER ... *Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.
* First peal. Rung as a welcome to Rev. S. F. Jolliffe on his institution to the parish.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 5, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Rossendale and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

RONALD J. SHARP ...*Treble*	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 4
C. HENRY HARDING ... 2	*WILLIAM STAPLETON ... 5
CLIFFORD W. IZZARD ... 3	*ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.
* 25th peal together. Rung for the 78th birthday of C. W. Sinfield, churchwarden for 48 years.

STOW, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 5, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven methods: Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN ELLERTON ... ...*Treble*	G. LESLIE A. LUNN ... 4
JACK BRAY 2	PHILIP BARNES 5
BERNARD O. MANN ... 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
First peal in seven methods on the bells. For the jubilee of the Guild.

DALLINGTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 6, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT ...*Treble*	E. GAVAN D. TONKIN ... 4
WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 2	CHARLES A. BASSETT ... 5
*ARCHIBALD G. GRIMWOOD 3	FRANK H. HICKS ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal in seven methods. A birthday compliment to the Vicar.

PRESCOT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 6, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

*RONALD PRESTON ... ...*Treble*	†FRANK VARTY 4
JULIA M. PRESTON ... 2	WILLIAM E. COURT ... 5
†ROGER C. PRESTON ... 3	WILFRED RILEY ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. COURT.
* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor. To mark the birth of Robert Michael, son of the tenor ringer.

LAUGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 7, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 720 of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

WM. A. KITCHENSIDE...*Treble*	FRANK H. HICKS 4
*C. JOHN PIPER 2	BENJAMIN STEPNEY ... 5
ARCHIBALD G. GRIMWOOD 3	E. GAVAN D. TONKIN... *Tenor*

Conducted by E. GAVIN D. TONKIN.
* First peal in three methods. First peal in three methods as conductor. Rung on the 16th birthday of the conductor. Also an 87th birthday compliment to Mr. W. S. Piper, grandfather of the ringer of the second.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 7, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three methods, three extents of Oxford and three of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILLIAM DUFFY ... ...*Treble*	AUBREY D. MILLS 4
MAURICE BENNETT 2	KENNETH W. DUFFY ... 5
GEORGE W. MILLS 3	STANLEY E. BENNETT ... *Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY E. BENNETT.
First peal of Minor as conductor and 100th peal. Believed to be the first peal on tower bells by fathers and sons for the Guild.

COWLEY, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 8, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WALTER F. HOLLOWAY *Treble*	*WALTER FERN 4
*DAVID WOODLEY 2	*JAMES ADAMS 5
*LAWRENCE H. W. BUSBY 3	GRAHAM WEBB ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by LAWRENCE H. W. BUSBY.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on recast bells and believed to be the first in the tower. Tenor 6 cwt

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 9, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being an extent each of (1) (Spliced) St. Clement's, Lytham, College, Thelwall, Wavertree, Reverse, Fulbeck, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, London Bob, Childwall, Double Bob and Double Oxford, (2) Single Oxford, (3) Single Court, (4) Double Court, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, and (7) Cambridge Surprise.

JOHN HAWTIN ... ...*Treble*	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ... 4
C. WILLIAM HALL 2	JAMES W. BOWLEY 5
SAMUEL MARTIN 3	ROLAND BENISTON ... *Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
First peal in 19 methods by all. Also first for the Guild in 19 methods. Tenor 10 cwt.

GODSHILL, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four extents of Oxford and three extents of Kent. Tenor 9½ cwt.

BRYAN C. STIRLAND ...*Treble*	LESTER BAILEY 4
WILLIAM UPTON 2	PATRICK PAGE 5
FRANK S. TAYLOR 3	JOHN H. HUNT ... ... *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

SOUTH NEWTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

JACK MUSSELL ... ...*Treble*	JOHN HARTLESS 4
*JEAN M. BROWN 2	FRANK L. HARRIS 5
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS 3	RONALD N. MARLOW ... *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal of Surprise. First Surprise peal on the bells.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 20 cwt.

*EILEEN MOUNFIELD (17) *Treble*	WILLIAM SMITH 4
*JOSE TURNER (13) 2	FRANK WARRINGTON ... 5
*DAVID PETERS (15) ... 3	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN ... *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal. A birthday compliment to Eileen Mounfield.

UPHOLLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of Oxford Bob and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE MILLS ... ...*Treble*	ELLEN RICE 4
ROBERT CRITCHLEY 2	JOHN POUNDS 5
CUTHBERT ACKERS 3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... *Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.
The first peal of Minor on the bells.

(More peals on page 633.)

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE. — On Nov. 26th, 1,344 Bob Major: W. Allwood 1, S. Slaney 2, D. Cooper 3, Miss B. Moss 4, H. Wagstaffe 5, C. Wright 6, J. Saxton 7. A. B. Cooper (cond.) 8. For the wedding of Mr. Harold Jackson (member of the local band) to Miss Kathleen Lee.

BRADFIELD, BERKS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Doubles, being 120 Reading, 120 Stedman, 240 St. Simon's, 120 April Day, 360 Bob and 300 Grandsire: W. Young 1, C. Humphries 2, E. W. C. Reeves 3, G. Keal 4, J. Butler (cond.) 5, R. Allum 6. First quarter by 1, 2, 3, 6. First of Doubles by 4 and 5. To celebrate Mrs. Reeves' 50 years' ringing at Bradfield.

BRADFIELD, YORKSHIRE.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Hurst 1, H. O. Chaddock 2, D. Elaine Wright 3, R. Birch 4, D. Holland 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Dec. 11th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. Wiffen 1, Basil Redgwell 2, H. E. Hammond 3, H. R. Pelton 4, G. Lindridge 5, J. Warner 6, L. W. Wiffen (cond.) 7, A. Wiffen 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. H. E. Hammond on his 84th birthday.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Cyril Price 1, Frank Jones 2, George Pugh 3, Walter Pugh 4, Samuel Jones, sen., 5, Samuel Jones, jun. (cond.) 6, Harry Thomas 7, Edward Price 8. An 81st birthday compliment to S. Jones, sen.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Cook 1, A. Eilbeck 2, J. H. Rothery 3, R. F. Grisdale 4, R. A. Johnston (first in method) 5, J. W. Brownrigg 6, H. S. Grisdale (cond.) 7, S. Richardson 8. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. Bucks.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS. — On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: B. S. Cope 1, P. J. Eaton 2, G. E. Watson 3, Mrs. G. E. Watson 4, R. F. Turner 5, R. G. Black 6, C. W. Bird 7, J. E. Skerritt 8, B. J. Saddington 9, P. I. Chapman (first as cond.) 10. First of Royal, 1, 2 and 8.

QUARTER PEALS

KINGSBURY, LONDON.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Southgate 1, Roy Stoddard 2, Mrs. E. Eveleigh 3, Maud Lane 4, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 5, W. E. Evelcigh 6, E. H. Eveleigh 7, D. Smith 8. First of Triples for 2, 3, 8. First of Triples ' inside ' for 6 and 7.

KINGSCLERE, HANTS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: M. J. Dodd 1, R. C. Christopher 2, S. F. Tuffley 3, R. W. Rex 4, R. F. Crook (cond.) 5, G. K. Dodd 6. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. D. N. Thomas.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. S. Grainger 1, J. H. Lott 2, Miss P. G. Kitchen 3, J. Bullock 4, T. H. Taffender 5, C. W. Othey 6, H. G. Andrews (first in method as cond.) 7, W. Hardy 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Giles', on Dec. 11th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss Rita Parker 1, Miss M. B. Valentine 2, F. Burgess 3, G. F. Roome (first ' inside ') 4, S. F. Earl 5, E. Nobles 6, S. Foskett 7, W. R. Hammons (cond.) 8. First quarter peal of Major for 1 and 2.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: W. D. Ashdown 1, J. Salway 2, A. Holway 3, Miss Q. Pring 4, D. Callard 5, E. E. Retter 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. R. Retter 8. A wedding compliment to Brian Pidgeon (Branch Sec.).

SIDMOUTH, DEVON.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Bromfield 1, J. B. Sansom 2, Marion Davis (first quarter ' inside ') 3, Betty Smith 4, P. Davis 5, E. Rowe 6, R. Woodley (cond.) 7, B. Vincent 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. D. Rivers 1, R. Franklin 2, W. W. Wolstencroft 3, F. G. Groombridge 4, Miss F. Murkett 5, E. L. A. Hudson 6, W. Welling (cond.) 7, E. H. Preston 8. Rung half-muffled for Mr. A. E. Kirk, churchwarden.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On Dec. 11th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob: T. Clark 1, A. Wenban 2, R. Wenban 3, E. J. Leversuch 4, C. Wenban 5, J. E. Rootes 6, W. Wenban 7, W. J. Nudds (cond., aged 81) 8.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Jeanes 1, W. Tarr 2, D. Witt 3, C. Williams 4, Pamela Woolley 5, H. Mockridge 6, W. Gigg (cond.) 7, E. Symonds 8. For the anniversary of the King's Accession.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS. — On Nov. 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Bellamy 1, A. Gibbs 2, W. Whitmore 3, H. Richardson 4, G. Jeffs 5, A. Wilson 6, E. Whitmore (cond.) 7, L. Groom 8. First quarter in method by 2, 6 and 8.

THORNE, YORKS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. H. Jackson 1, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 2, G. Jackson 3, E. J. Padgett 4, J. Thorley 5, R. C. Westney 6, E. Thorley 7, C. Thorley 8. First quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Major for all except conductor.

WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY. — On Dec. 4th, 1,264 Grandsire Triples: W. Alterton (first quarter) 1, Mrs. V. Lathbury 2, G. Curtis 3, R. Andrews 4, L. Houghton 5, B. Calcombe 6, R. Lathbury (cond.) 7, G. Barnett 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: O. Pole 1, E. Norman 2, H. Davis 3, C. Clarke 4, F. Sweet 5, R. Short (first as cond.) 6. First of Minor by 1 and 2. First ' inside ' by 3.

WEST MALLING, KENT. — On Dec. 4th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Margaret Baker 1, R. Sills 2, J. Morris 3, Edna Sills 4, B. Baker 5, F. Knight 6, P. Wright (cond.) 7, F. Wright 8. A farewell to R. Sills on his call-up to the Army.

WESTON - BY - WELLAND, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On December 13th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Miss Frances Hart 1, C. Windram 2, F. Wallington 3, E. J. Sharp 4, W. Hector (cond.) 5.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Eight members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild had a field day on Saturday, December 17th, when they took part in four peals in the one day. Superlative Surprise Major was rung at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, London Surprise Major at Thurcaston, Bristol Surprise Major at Anstey and Cambridge Surprise Royal in the evening at the Bell Foundry. This is the first time that three peals of Surprise Major and one of Royal have been rung in a day. In offering congratulations we trust that memories are not too blurred for a full story for our readers.

Will those who have rung 40 or more peals during 1949 please send the following particulars: Number rung in tower and 'in hand,' and number of each conducted? We should also like photographs of those who completed 100 peals in 1949.

Bexhill Grammar School boys rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles in honour of the school speech day and commemoration service on December 12th. The boys are now seriously considering forming a ringing club in the school.

Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, celebrated his 84th birthday on December 5th. A peal in honour of the happy occasion at Bridgend came to grief through a miscall. On December 10th an attempt was made for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Aberavon. A good start was made and after about 20 minutes the light was put out at the main. Afterwards 1,632 Cambridge Surprise Major was rung by J. Evans 1, E. Stitch 2, A. Hoare 3, T. M. Roderick 4, G. I. Lewis 5, J. Lovett 6, F. Lasbury 7, A. J. Pitman (cond.) 8. This was the longest length in the method by 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

For longevity in ringing go to Chedzoy, Somerset. Mr. B. Jeanes is the fourth member of his family to complete 50 years as a ringer. The others were Mr. H. Chapple (85½ years of age) 59 years, the late Mr. R. Hooper 51 years, and Mr. T. Jeanes 50½ years. He now rings at Bridgwater. On December 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung at Chedzoy in honour of his half-century of service by W. Chiswick 1, S. Baker 2, P. Tucker 3, B. Jeanes 4, T. Chapple (cond.) 5, C. Newton 6.

The peal as Blewbury, Berks, on Dec. 3rd was the first by the local service band for 27 years.

The attempt for 6,496 Spliced Surprise Major in six methods will be made at Frodsham on December 31st and not January 31st as stated on page 606.

The band who rang Glasgow Surprise at Frodsham recently would like to offer apologies to the band who first made the 4th place bob (at Willesden on August 11th) in this method.

The peal of Stedman Caters at Trowbridge on December 10th was rung on the 40th anniversary of a peal of Grandsire Triples at Trowbridge in which Gilbert Harding, Thomas King and William Prescott took part. It was the first peal of Triples of Gilbert Harding and also of that Trowbridge stalwart, Sam Hector.

Apropos recent correspondence on Spliced Oxford and Kent Minor, Mr. A. D. Barker writes: On January 30th, 1926, a peal of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung at Stoke Poges consisting of seven different 720's. All 5-6's were at backstroke and without bobs. One of the band was 16, another 17 and two 18 years of age.

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SOMETHING NEW FOR THE NEW YEAR

'STEADFAST.'

There are, of course, hundreds of new methods for even-bell rings, but they are nearly all Surprise methods, and, as such, appeal only to the more expert bands. Here is something rather different, which may have an appeal to the average band as offering some degree of interest in practice, and a change from the Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob so often constituting the manageable repertoire. Oftentimes a method, mastered in one stage, is found to have no acceptable extension to other stages; but this method, which is a principle of the Stedman type, runs true to form from Minor to Maximus, and can be rung straight away by any competent Stedman band. So it should have a two-fold appeal to those who like to have their tenor turned in.

If we apply Grid Analysis to the Stedman method we derive a specification or 'formula' for producing the principle on all numbers, both odd and even. Translated into plain terms, the formula yields this:—

Let a front-group of bells of minimum number do plain hunting to their extent, forming a 'set' of rows, then reverse the hunting from forward to backward for the next set. While the sets thus alternate, let the bells above do a treble-bob form of hunt, an exchange of two bells taking place between front and rear groups at every set-junction.

Boiled down, that becomes just this:—

'Extended treble-bob hunting on all bells above a minimum, reversing, plain hunting, front group.'

In the front bell-group it is, of course, the forward hunting which gives the quick sets and the backward hunting which gives the slow sets.

The Stedman we know so well being on odd numbers, the front group is an odd number, of minimum 3, giving sets of extents of six change rows, causing the back-group bells to do a treble-bob hunt of the double-dodging kind.

With the formula applied to even numbers, the front group becomes an even number, of minimum 4, giving sets of extents of eight change rows, causing the back-group bells to do a treble-bob hunt of the triple-dodging kind. (The dodging, being, of course, in 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12.)

And so we find, as in Stedman, Quick-work, Dodging, Slow-work and Dodging again, with bells coming to lead at hand in a Quick set and at back in a Slow set. Also the same rule applies for the 'way into' the front work from the dodging; thus:—

'When dodging in 5-6 down, if you are QUICK to strike your course bell (i.e., at start of dodging), you go in QUICK; but if you are SLOW to strike your course bell (i.e., at end of dodging), you go in SLOW.'

An even more remarkable indication of the validity of the working of Grid Analysis in these matters is that the 'blue line' of the Slow work in the method is found to be similar to that of Stedman, but 'extended' to cover the four bells therein, so that all 3rds places become 4ths, the rest being as in Stedman: First whole turn, first half turn, last half turn and last whole turn, all in their correct order. The two extra change rows in the set, however (8 instead of 6 as in Stedman) give rise to just one extra tit-bit at the entry of the Slow, and its reverse at the exit from the Slow. This is called the 'Turn IN'—4ths, lead and 3rds; and the 'Turn Out'—3rds, lead and 4th. There is no need to take up space here with a diagram. A few seconds with pencil and paper will give the blue line for the Slow work without any difficulty.

From its connection and consistency with the Stedman methods it has been named 'Steadfast.' Here are comparable stages of Doubles and Minor:—

Stedman.	Steadfast.
	2135 46
	Q 1234 56
342 51	2143 65
Q 435 21	2413 56
453 12	4231 65
543 21	4321 56
534 12	3412 65
354 21	3142 56
345 12	1324 65
S 431 52	S 3126 45
341 25	3216 54
314 52	2361 45
134 25	2631 54
143 52	6213 45
413 25	6123 54
Q 142 35	1632 45
	1362 54
	Q 3165 24

As Steadfast is an even-bell method rounds is the first row of a set (back-stroke), and for the treble to move straight up on 'Go', it must be a Quick set to start.

Note that the only 3rds places in Steadfast (in the Turns In and Out) come at the parting of the sets.

Calls are made exactly as in Stedman.

The method received its 'baptism' in the tower of St. Mary Magdalene, Upton, Devon, on Friday, Aug. 19th, 1949, when members of the Universities' Association, after a look at the blue line and the go-offs, rang the plain course in the Major.

A. Y.-B.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

WEST DORSET BRANCH.

The annual meeting on December 10th at Bridport brought together about 50 ringers from nine towers in the branch, with visitors from Abbotsbury, Stratton, Bovingdon and Templecombe.

Canon G. C. Clare conducted the service in church, the lesson being read by the Rev. C. F. Chase. The Rev. O. L. Willmott, Vicar of Loders, gave an arresting address on the character of English bellringing and bellringers.

The business meeting was held after tea in the Church Hall, the Rev. C. Carew Cox, branch chairman, presiding. At the outset Mr. L. Hayball and the chairman paid a tribute to the late Mr. Harry Bull, of Hawkchurch, a long standing member of the Guild, and all stood in silence for a moment to his memory.

The accounts showed a satisfactory credit balance of £23 8s. 8d. All the officers were unanimously re-elected, and four new members, Messrs. C. Chard, R. Drake, J. Drake and E. Bonnell, from Loders, were welcomed.

Future meetings were provisionally arranged to be held at Burton Bradstock, Lyme Regis, Corscombe and Powerstock.

A communication from the Central Council in connection with the formation of a roll of honour of ringers who gave their lives in the last war elicited the happy fact that all who served from the towers represented at the meeting had returned safely. Members were glad to hear that Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, of Ferndown, was making satisfactory progress after an operation in Wimborne Hospital.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was moved by the chairman to Canon Clare for his welcome, to the incumbents who had granted the use of their bells that day, to the Rev. O. L. Willmott for his excellent address, to Mr. B. Elsworth, the branch organist, and to the hon. secretary, Mr. C. H. Lathey, for his arrangements.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening included call changes, Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles and Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major.

Gloucester and Bristol

SWINDON BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Christ Church, Swindon, on Dec. 10th, and there were visitors from Cirencester, Melksham, Chippenham and Olney, Bucks, in addition to the branch members. The usual ringing and service took place, and the company was entertained to tea.

At the business meeting sympathetic reference was made to the passing of Mr. W. M. Greenaway. The retiring chairman (Mr. W. H. Trueman) and secretary (Mr. W. B. Kynaston) were re-elected, and it was proposed that meetings be held at St. Mark's, Swindon, Malmesbury and Rodbourne Cheney during the next three months. A collection for the Association Belfry Repair Fund realised £1 10s.

CHELTENHAM BRANCH ANNUAL.

Twenty-three members and 12 visitors attended the annual meeting at Charlton Kings, the Vicar presiding. The annual report, presented by Mr. C. Rouse, stated that the branch had now reached the end of its 30th year. Of the 19 members elected at the first meeting, only two, W. Townsend and G. H. Walters, were still on their list. During the 30 years 72 meetings had been held and 62 peals rung in their area for the Association.

The dinner, revived after an interval of ten years, was a success and it would be a pity to let it drop again. There was no doubt as to the success of the branch outing, but some members felt that the experiment of allowing ladies in the party should not be repeated.

No new members had been made during the year and they had lost three by death. Paid-up membership was 69, against 85 last year. He advocated more frequent meetings as a means of stimulating interest.

Ringing for Sunday service had not been so frequent in some towers as it should be. More members were needed and every effort should be made by all to find those who were willing to learn. 'We shall have to make a very great effort if we are to retain our position as one of the strongest branches, there having been great progress made in other areas.'

Mr. T. Boreham was re-elected chairman and Mr. C. Rouse, secretary, was also re-elected after saying it would be impossible to put in so much work again. Thanks were largely due to Mrs. West, who was now seriously ill in hospital. Mr. G. Kilmister, of Badgeworth, was elected representative on the Management Committee.

A service was held and ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge.

MIDDLESEX JOINT MEETING

The occasion of the joint meeting between the Royal Cumberland Youths and the Middlesex and London Diocesan Guild, held at St. Ann's, Highgate, and St. Stephen's, Hampstead, on December 10th, had a most successful and encouraging response. Approximately 60 ringers attended, the gathering being composed of those from all districts of London and visitors from places as far apart as Cambridge, Croydon, Hertford, Reading and Southampton.

Ringing at both towers took place with crowded ringing chambers and consequently there was little time between touches, but care was taken to see that everyone was catered for, and the methods ranged up to Cambridge Surprise, with some rounds for those as yet not far advanced.

Mr. C. J. Matthews, Past Master of the Cumberlands, welcomed the Middlesex Association, but was sorry to announce that the present Master, Mr. G. H. Cross, had just entered hospital for an operation. The meeting wished Mr. Cross an early and complete recovery. Mr. A. W. Coles, vice-president of the Middlesex Association, replied with thanks to all concerned, including Mr. T. Bevan, who had made the arrangements for use of the bells, evensong service and tea.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THOSE OUTSIDE THE PALE

Dear Sir,—I feel that I must congratulate you on the admirable sentiments expressed in the final paragraph of your leader, 'The Lincon Jubilee,' in the issue of December 9th.

The fact that it is the small town and village bands who perform their duties faithfully, who are the backbone of the ringing world, is a doctrine which I have been trying to drum into you for some time. One can only hope that your conversion to the true faith is genuine and lasting.

May I suggest a further stage in your education?

Make a point as frequently as you can to visit isolated towers—the more isolated the better—and, without disclosing your identity, try and find out how interested the band is in the Central Council, Guilds and 'The Ringing World.'

I suggest questions on these lines:—

What is the name of your Association?

Who are the Ringing Master and secretary?

How is your Guild or Association subdivided?

What are the names of your district or branch chairman and secretary?

Do you attend any ringing meetings, and how frequently do you ring away from your own tower?

What is the Central Council and what does it do?

Does anyone in your tower take in 'The Ringing World'?

Having collated your replies, I feel certain that you would be forced to the following conclusions:—

That the average village band has no interest outside about a five-mile radius.

That the disbandment of the Central Council would not even be a matter of fleeting interest.

That about 50 per cent. of ringers have a vague interest in their own Association and about 75 per cent. in their own branch or district.

That not more than 25 per cent. of known ringers are the least interested in 'The Ringing World.'

Your paragraph which I have referred to above is oddly at variance with the first sentence of the last paragraph of your leader of October 28th. The fact is that to the small town or village band it would not make the slightest difference if the Central Council was disbanded, 'The Ringing World' ceased publication, and very little difference if their local Association ceased to operate.

If and when you realise how little the Central Council, large Guilds and 'The Ringing World' count in the scheme of things, your conversion to the true faith will be complete.

—Yours faithfully,

T. V. LISTER (Group Captain).

Apperley, Glos.

[It is the sole purpose of 'The Ringing World,' working in conjunction with the Central Council and the Guilds, to advance change ringing. We agree that in 'the scheme of things' we are of little count to those uninterested in our art. So is the Church Assembly to many members of the Church of England, but it is very real to those conscious of its work and responsibilities.—Editor.]

In response to the Rector's written request, eight members of the Sheffield and District Society visited Bradfield Parish Church, in snow and ice, on December 10th to help him and his ringers in their efforts to master the art. After a useful and enjoyable afternoon's ringing on the six bells, the Rector (the Rev. A. King) and his wife kindly provided refreshment at the Rectory.

BRITISH BELLS AND AMERICAN FILMS

Dear Sir,—I was extremely interested in the letter from Mr. P. J. L. Purslow re the touch of Grandsire Triples, which I also heard in Saturday Night Theatre on November 19th. On December 10th in the same programme a play was presented called 'Our Town.' It was about a small town in America with a typical small American church. At one stage in the play there was a wedding at the church and before the ceremony I heard eight bells ringing, which sounded like Westminster Abbey bells. Surely a small town in America with a small church would not possess eight bells. Could anybody please help? Perhaps the B.B.C. have the answer.—Yours faithfully,

F. STUART WORTH.

R.N. Hospital, Plymouth.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS GREETING

Dear Sir,—In the radio play, 'The man with a cloak full of holes,' Christopher Columbus, on his triumphant return from his voyage of discovery in 1492, was greeted by the ringing of some excellent Stedman Triples on tower bells (suspiciously like those of Westminster Abbey), which could be clearly heard in the background of the celebration din.

I have informed the B.B.C. that, quite apart from the fact that neither Spain nor Portugal has ever possessed a ringing ring of bells, Fabian Stedman, the author of the method depicted, was not born until shortly before the middle of the seventeenth century.

As a record was obviously used, it would be interesting to know whether the bells were, in fact, those of Westminster Abbey. — Yours faithfully,

T. R. BUTLER.

Liverpool 9.

THETFORD'S 37 YEARS' BLANK

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to see in 'The Ringing World' of December 16th that at last another peal has been rung at St. Peter's, Thetford. I well remember the last, a peal of Bob Major, conducted by the late Thomas Fitzjohn on December 1st, 1912. How proud I felt that day, having rung a peal in my own tower. Thirty-seven years is a long time, but these things help to take one back to one's youth.

I should also like to take this opportunity to thank all friends who have written and visited me during my long illness, and am pleased to say I hope soon to be back in harness.—Yours sincerely,

FREDERICK A. SALTER.

110, Noel Street, Nottingham.

THANKS TO NEWCASTLE

Dear Sir,—I had to be in Newcastle-on-Tyne on Wednesday, December 14th, on a distasteful but necessary piece of duty. May I say thank you to the ringers of St. Nicholas' for lightening the end of a hard morning's work? I was too much occupied to listen with any close attention, but the half-hour's ringing to which they treated me from 12.30 till one o'clock was a fine refreshment for the mind and spirit.—Yours sincerely,

A. M. HOUGHTON.

YATTON BELLS TO BE RESTORED

The Church Council of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Yatton, Somerset, have entrusted the restoration of the ring of eight (tenor 22 cwt. approximately) with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The cost is in the region of £1,400.

Work includes the recasting of the front four bells, retuning the remainder and rehanging on a steel frame. The frame will be installed some 12ft. lower than the present frame. The 7th bell (pre-Reformation) is to be retained.

What's In a Name?

By MARGARET WOOLLEY.

There is nothing new in the idea of grouping ringers into peal bands according to their surnames; it has been done before in theory and in practice. Possibly, however, some of the following combinations have not been noticed before. All the names have appeared in 'The Ringing World' within the last two months.

(a) Lords and Commons: King, Bishop, Duke, Nobles, Lord, Barron, Knight and Squires.

(b) Bishops: Birmingham, Blackburn, Carlisle, Chester, Durham, Exeter, Salisbury and Bath-and-Wells.

(c) Ecclesiastical: Bishop, Deacon, Dean, Monk, Prior and Pope.

(d) International: Brittain, England and Holland; Fleming, Scott and Pole; French and Welch.

(e) Nautical: Fleet, Goodship, Hull, Manship, Marriner, Seaman, Shipp, Waterman, Derrick and Winch.

(f) Waterways: Beck, Brooks, Burns, Bywaters, Dyke, Poole, Rivers and Wells.

(g) Rowing (a handbell band): Cox, Rowe, Steere and Henley.

(h) Cricket: Ball, Bowler, Fielding, Gulley, Legg and Over.

Incidentally there is at least a major band of 'famous cricketers' available!

(i) A slow band: Ambler, Miles, Palmer, Pilgrim, Walker and Wander.

(j) A quick band: Dash, Fleet, Gallop, Rush, Sharp and Speed.

(k) Topographical: Cave, Fenn, Heath, Hill, Lane, Marsh, Moor and Wood.

(l) Agricultural: Farmer, Garner, Grain, Meadows, Orchard, Reeve, Root and Rye.

(a) Hunting and Shooting: Badger, Buck, Fox, Hare, Hart, Hinde, Partridge, Stag, Basset, Fowler, Hunt and Butt.

(n) Financial: Banks, Bond, Charge, Deal, Dear, Price, Purchase and Worth.

(o) Emotional: Anger, Bliss, Care and Hope; Meek, Moody, Savage and Wild. (These can be made up to a Royal band at the cost of a bad pun, with Bould and Sangwin.)

(p) Measurement: Acres, Bayles, Bushel, Measures, Miles and Peck.

(q) A Seasonal Band: Fogg, Frost, Hoare, Sleet, Midwinter and Winters.

Other possible groups which readers may care to work out for themselves could be described as culinary, legal, ornithological, mountainous and geographical. Someone may also find a fourth Conservative statesman to combine with Churchill, Eden and Chamberlain!

SUFFOLK GUILD

A most successful meeting was held at Stoke (6) and Clare (8) on December 17th. Stoke-by-Clare has a reputation for its hospitality, and the bountiful tea and roaring fire and a bottle of port given by the churchwarden were ample reward for those attending. Mrs. Leslie Mills, Master Donald Mills, aged 10, of Bures, and Miss Rosemary Seabrook (14), of Clare, were elected members. A total of 30 or more from the district and Essex and Cambs visitors much enjoyed a good variety of methods on these two well-kept rings. The annual district meeting will be held at Sudbury early in February.

WORCESTER.—At the Church of All Saints, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. Bentley 1, T. W. Lewis 2, R. G. Morris (first on 10) 3, Miss C. A. Harding 4, W. Lewis 5, W. H. Compton 6, C. Tansell 7, J. J. Jeffries 8, D. R. Morris (cond.) 9, G. Ambler 10.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 2,160 and four 720's, different callings.

JOHN E. COOK	*Treble*	*LOUIS WILLDERS	4
*OWEN A. NEEDHAM ...	2	JOHN WALDEN	5
*AMOS INGALL	3	MOSES BILLINGS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.
* First peal of Surprise. First of Surprise as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 11, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 50 *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, 15 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 6 of Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES RANFORD	*Treble*	THOMAS COOPER	4
C. WILLIAM NUTT	2	FREDERICK MERRICK ...	5
ROLAND E. LEWIS... ...	3	WILLIAM RANFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. WILLIAM NUTT.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 14 in D.

ALBERT H. WARD	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN... ...	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	*MICHAEL J. E. BEST (15)	7-8

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.
* First peal 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 10 *Minutes.*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 14 in D.

ALBERT H. WARD	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
*JAMES E. DANIELS (16) ...	3-4	MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	7-8

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.
* First peal of Triples away from the tenors.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 16 *Minutes.*
IN ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOLS,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

*ALFRED MOULD	1-2	ERNEST MORRIS	5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD...	3-4	*JACK BAILEY	7-8

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal 'in hand.' Tenor size 17 in A.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*ALAN A. POTTS	1-2	JOHN WORTH	5-6
C. KENNETH LEWIS ...	3-4	PETER LAFLIN	7-8

*JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... 9-10
Composed by EDWARD FRANCIS. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal of Royal 'in hand.' First peal of Bob Royal as conductor. A birthday compliment to ringer of 7-8. Tenor size 17

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 4, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 28 *Minutes.*
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

GEORGE E. FEIRN	1-2	JACK BRAY	5-6
PHILIP BARNES	3-4	GEORGE E. FEARN	7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 4, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's Variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

HAROLD J. POOLE	1-2	*ARTHUR V. DAVIS	5-6
ALFRED BALLARD	3-4	†MARY E. DAVIS	7-8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Stedman on handbells. † First peal of Stedman.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 4, 1949, *in* 1 *Hour and* 47 *Minutes,*
IN ST. PETER'S VICARAGE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being ten callings. Tenor size 14 in D.

*EDWARD F. M. SAMSON...	1-2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	3-4
MARY E. DAVIS			5-6

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.
* First peal on 'inside' pair.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 5, 1949, *in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,*
IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

JOSEPH A. FENTON	1-2	ALAN CATTELL	5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	3-4	ERNEST MORRIS	7-8
JOHN BRAMLEY			9-10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 6, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*PETER J. STANIFORTH ...	1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE	5-6
ALFRED BALLARD	3-4	†NORMAN G. MCCRUM ...	7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 50th peal this year. † First peal on handbells. Tenor size 15 in C.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 6, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 14 in D.

ALBERT H. WARD	1-2	WILLIAM G. YOUNG	5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN	3-4	FRANCIS S. WILSON ...	7-8

Conducted by WILLIAM G. YOUNG.
First peal as conductor on a 'working' pair. Arranged so that the two veterans, Messrs. Ward and Wilson, who are 77 and 74 respectively, could ring another peal together. Also a compliment to John W. Jones, of Newport, Mon., who was 84 on December 5th.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 7, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT NEWSTEAD, STOKE ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ALFRED JORDAN	1-2	EDGAR VALLANCE	5-6
ALFRED BALLARD	3-4	HECTOR KNIGHTS	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by EDGAR VALLANCE.
Rung for the birthday of the conductor. Tenor size 12 in F.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 8, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 35 *Minutes.*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
No. 16. Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ...	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
*MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	ROY C. HURST	7-8
ALBERT H. WARD			9-10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* 100th peal this year. The conductor's 100th peal as conductor 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 9, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 3 *Minutes.*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG	1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ...	7-8

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 11, 1949, *in 2 Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT 129, STOKE ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being ten different callings. Tenor size 14 in D.

*HAROLD A. MAY	1-2	†ROGER O. FRY	3-4
T. MARK WHITE			5-6

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First peal 'in hand.' First peal on six handbells by all the band. An 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. R. White, grandmother of the tenor ringer.

Book Review

'Introduction to the Theory of Finite Groups,' by W. Ledermann. University Mathematical Texts (Oliver and Boyd), 1st Edition, 1949, 8s. 6d.

This is a welcome addition to the very few books which are of importance to the composer. The Theory of Groups is expounded in a straightforward way, which, however, will only appeal to the mathematician. Most of the fundamental ideas of part composition will be found buried in its pages. The later chapters are indigestible on a first reading, but may possibly yield fresh angles on composition.

There seems to be nothing in the book which is irrelevant. It serves to stress the chaos which exists in the naming of technical terms between mathematicians and ringers. The terms 'transposition' and 'permutation' are used in senses entirely different from those generally accepted by ringers; this, of course, does not alter the basic ideas behind the names, but it is confusing. The three basic ideas in change ringing are:—

(a) Arrangements of the figures (bells) in particular order.

(b) The way in which one particular order gives way to another may be thought of in two ways: (b1) Paying attention to the way in which the *figures* replace one another irrespective of which positions they happen to be in for the particular case. (b2) Paying attention to the way in which the figures change *positions* irrespective of which figures they are.

(a) is invariably called 'row' (change ringing), 'permutation' (some text books). (b1) is called 'permutation' in the above book, but apparently has no name for the ringer. (b2) to the ringer is transposition.' In the above book, 'transposition' is used for (b1), in which only one pair of figures change places. Above all, we have the bogey-man 'change,' which has apparently no precise meaning at all. The more I read old correspondence on this matter the more confused I get.

The preface truly says, 'Elementary expositions of the subject are not readily available in English,' then tongue-in-cheek later states 'of such an elementary character that it can be readily understood by an honours student in his second or third year.' Notwithstanding, the book brings Group Theory within the reach of all interested. The time seems ripe for us to revise our naming of the three fundamental ideas.

B. D. P.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
LOUGHBOROUGH DISTRICT.

Whitwick was the venue for the last meeting of 1949. About 30 ringers and friends gathered for what was one of the most successful meetings of the year.

Quite a number of methods were successfully brought round, including Cambridge, St. Clement's and College Major. Also by an entirely Loughborough District band a course of Yorkshire Major was rung. This is believed to be the first time it has been rung at a Loughborough District meeting by a local band. The local band rang a touch of Spliced Minor in eleven methods.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. F. G. Hogarth, who in the course of his address spoke of the spirit of service and co-operation.

Tea, provided by the local ringers and members of the Mothers' Union, was held in the school. The contribution, amounting to £2, was given to the Church Restoration Fund.

At the business meeting it was decided that the next meeting should be the annual, this to be held at Loughborough on January 28th as a joint meeting with the Ladies' Guild, Midland District.

After the meeting ringing continued until 8 p.m., ending what had been a year of real progress in the Loughborough District, not only in the methods rung, but also in the quality of the striking.

J.A.U.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild
NORTH DORSET BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the North Dorset Branch was held at Sherborne on December 10th. Towers represented were Cann, Childe Okeford, Ferndown, Gillingham, Hazelbury Bryan, Manston, Kington Magna, Sherborne, Shaftesbury, Shroton, Sturminster Newton, Stoke Trister, Stourpaine and Yetminster. There were also visitors from Buckland Newton, Ditcheat, Horsington, North and South Cadbury, Piddlehinton and Yeovil.

Ringing was followed by the Guild service. The secretary officiated, the Rev. R. M. Taylor read the lesson, and the address was given by the Vicar of Sherborne, the Rev. S. B. Wingfield Digby.

At the business meeting the secretary read the financial statement for 1949, which showed an income of £22 12s. 9d., expenditure to date of £6 14s. 4d., leaving a credit balance of £22 18s. 5d.

The Revs. R. M. Taylor, F. Ll. Edwards and Wm. Uphill were re-elected as chairman, vice-chairman and secretary and treasurer, respectively. The Rev. B. S. Wingfield Digby and Mr. J. Ralph were elected to the Branch Committee. Messrs. P. Thomas, Durweston, and T. E. Lamey, Hazelbury Bryan, were elected ringing members, and Mr. R. G. Field, Evercreech, as life member.

The name of the late W. E. Green, of Hazelbury Bryan, is to be placed on the National Ringers' War Memorial Roll of Honour. Thanks were expressed to the Vicar of Sherborne and to the Abbey organist.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS
EXETER BRANCH.

The meeting at St. David's, Exeter, was attended by a large number of branch members and visitors from other branches. The service in the Parish Church was taken by the Rev. C. M. Major, who welcomed the gathering.

About 40 took tea in the St. David's Institute. At the business meeting, which followed, Mr. A. W. Searle presided in the absence of the chairman, Mr. T. Bartlett, indisposed.

Regret was expressed at the absence of the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox (president) in hospital and Mr. T. Bartlett through illness. A silence was observed in memory of the Rev. Canon Coleridge, the oldest member of the Devon Guild.

The officials of 1949 were re-elected: Mr. T. Bartlett (chairman), Mr. E. J. Ryall (hon. secretary and treasurer), Mr. E. W. Biffin (Ringing Master), Messrs. H. Corry, H. Pook and E. W. Biffin (Guild Committee). During the afternoon ringing was at St. David's and in the evening an enjoyable time was spent at the Cathedral belfry, by kind permission of the Dean.

A PEAL AT LISKEARD

A peal has been rung at Liskeard, Cornwall, the first for 46 years, that being one by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson and his touring band in 1903. Talk of the attempt began in the summer, and it was hoped that Mr. W. G. Hiscott, at one time a most active Plymouth ringer, now living at Liskeard, would stand in, but when the time came he felt he could not.

When the fixed date—October 22nd—came, four each from Devon and Cornwall met. Local interest was encouraging, and six ropes had been spliced, but after 1¼ hours down came the third rope. The most disappointed man was the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Parsons, who demanded that a further attempt be made, and the same band met four weeks later to ring the kind of peal that does method ringing good in this 'stoney' area.

The Vicar and Mrs. Parsons climbed the tower immediately rounds came to offer congratulations. Liskeard tower is very fine, having been rebuilt in 1901, but the bells are a mixed lot and have for long had a 'reputation.' The tenor is by an unknown founder.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
WIRRAL BRANCH 'AT PLAY.'

The third annual social, held this year at St. Bridget's Parish Hall, West Kirby, on Nov. 25th, was attended by over 230 ringers and friends and proved most entertaining.

The young West Kirby ringers, under the guidance of Mr. W. R. Stanley, are to be congratulated upon the decorative transformation they had wrought and the hall had a real festive atmosphere.

Almost from the word 'go' everyone was determined to enjoy themselves, and the interval with its consequent lavish refreshments soon arrived. The Rector's warden (Mr. T. Morgan) apologised for the Rector's unavoidable absence owing to a slight indisposition.

Balloons and streamers added to later jollities and, as usual, midnight arrived before the programme of dances, games and novelty items had been exhausted. A fleet of buses conveyed the party home.

From concluding speeches, applause and subsequent remarks all present voted the function a huge success. The Social Committee, Mesdames G. Webster and M. Webster and Messrs. W. R. Stanley, J. A. Webster, W. O. Wharton and A. J. Martin, are to be complimented on its excellent organisation.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

The quarterly meeting was held at Halesowen on December 3rd. The Rev. H. Davies, curate-in-charge of Hasbury, conducted the Guild service and presided at the meeting following, which was attended by 60 members and friends.

The election of two members was ratified. The arrangements for the annual meeting on March 18th, made by the secretary, were confirmed.

Further ringing until nine o'clock brought another successful meeting to a close.

LATE NOTICES

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Annual district meeting, Jan. 7th, Market Harborough. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Schoolroom. P.C. for tea by Jan. 3rd to F. Wallington, St. Mary Road, Market Harborough. 6326

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Fenny Stratford, Saturday, Jan. 7th, at 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson. 6321

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Annual meeting, St. John's, Devizes, Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells also available, St. Mary's and St. James'. Names for tea.—F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 6319

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 7th, All Saints', Wigan. Bells (10) 2.30. No arrangements for tea. Cafes nearby.—J. Burns. 6325

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — North-East Branch. — Annual meeting, Tiverton, Jan. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea by Jan. 4th to E. J. Taylor, National Provincial Bank, Tiverton. 6324

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual dinner and social, Jan. 14th, Working Men's Club, Stoney Stanton. Bells 4 o'clock. Dinner 6.30. Tickets 6s. Late buses to all parts of district, fare 1s. Buses from Stanton leave Lawns, Hinckley, 15 and 45 minutes past hour; Boulevard, Leicester, 15 minutes past hour. Names for dinner and late bus with remittance to Mr. C. Turner, Barian, Cowper Road, Hinckley, by Tuesday, Jan. 10th. —F. Measures, Dis. Sec. 6322

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Annual meeting, Weedon, Jan. 14th. Tea for those who send names to Mr. V. Perry, The Yews, Weedon, Northampton, by Thursday, Jan. 5th. 6323

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MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Chelmsford, no practice December 31st. 6306

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Somersham, Saturday, Dec. 31st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 6255

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice, Monday, Jan. 2nd, 7.15, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Meeting, Jan. 7th, St. Mary's, Putney Bridge, 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business, All Saints', Fulham, 5.45. Ringing 7 p.m. Annual general, Feb. 4th, Southwark Cathedral and other towers. Everyone welcome to all meetings.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 6230

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 7th. Cathedral (12) bells 1.30 to 2.30, 6 to 7.30; St. Maurice's (6) 1.30 to 2.30, 6 to 8. Meeting 2.30 at the Tea Rooms above Smith's Book Shop, High Street, Winchester. Tea (4.30) only for those who notify by Tuesday, Jan. 3rd. Service, Cathedral, 5.15.—L. A. Tremeer, 34, The Dean, Alresford. 6249

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Marden (8), Jan. 7th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Jan. 3rd to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge. 6235

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. — Meeting at Sedgley, Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by Jan. 3rd to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 6282

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery.—Annual meeting, Martock, Jan. 7th. Please notify early for tea. — F. Farrant, Martock. 6283

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Bocking, Jan. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to Mrs. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 6285

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Annual meeting, Hornchurch (8), Jan. 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and meeting. Elections, etc. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Numbers for tea by Jan. 4th to F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 6280

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to W. Nicholls, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgeford, by Wednesday, Jan. 4th, latest.—W. Thornley. 6305

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Chesterfield, Jan. 7th. Committee 3.30. Names for tea 5 to Sam Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Sheepbridge, Chesterfield, by Jan. 4th. General meeting 6.—William Lancaster, Gen. Sec. 6256

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, Jan. 7th, St. Luke's, Brislington. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea.—A. Bennett, Hon. Sec. 6297

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Annual meeting, Kettering, Jan. 7th. Bells (10) 3. Names for tea before Tuesday.—G. Watson, 81, Church Street, Burton Latimer. 6300

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, on Saturday, Jan. 7th, at 6 p.m. prompt. St. Martin's bells available at 5.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. 6301

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Oxhey (8), Jan. 7th. Practice meeting 3. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 6302

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Annual meeting at Eardisland, Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Meeting after. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, Jan. 4th.—J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 6312

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Horsham (8), Jan. 7th, 3. Names for tea by Jan. 4th to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 6316

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bedford (8) on Jan. 7th, 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock in St. Peter's Hall.—P. L. Gilbert, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6317

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirton-on-Holland on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, in Parish Hall. Names for tea to me by Monday, Jan. 2nd.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 6318

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Upottery, Jan. 14th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea after. Names for tea to the Rev. F. J. Prowse, Upottery, Honiton, not later than Jan. 7th. 6248

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual district meeting at Apsley (6) on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells 3. Handbells also available in Woodbarner's Cafe, near church, from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, by Jan. 11th.—Pamela A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 6308

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Bishop's Stortford, Jan. 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will all members please make an effort to attend. Names for tea by 11th.—A. S. Carter, 93, North Road, Hertford. 6281

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting at Wellingborough, Saturday, Jan. 14th. Names sure by Tuesday previous.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 6304

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Harlow Town on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. Names for tea, please.—G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 6286

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Annual general meeting will be held at Great Waltham on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Number for tea to A. H. Everest, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 6307

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting, Horsham St. Faith's, Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Hall. Business meeting follows. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 10th, please.—H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 6309

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Repton on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to S. H. Jones, 6, Brook End, Repton, near Derby, by Jan. 12th.—J. Cotton. 6310

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting, Metheringham (8), Jan. 14th. Bells available 2. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 6311

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual meeting, Leicester, Saturday, Jan. 14th. Tea and meeting 5, St. Martin's Day School, Friar Lane. Ringing details later. Names for tea by Jan. 10th to W. Root, 70, New Parks Boulevard, Leicester. 6314

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) from 2 to 5 and 7 to 8. Service 5, followed by tea and business meeting, St. Peter's Hall. Names for tea by the 10th, please.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec., 106, Hythe Hill, Colchester. 6315

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Annual dinner at Newark Town Hall, Jan. 28th, 6.30. Parish Church bells (10) available. Accommodation limited. Tickets 10s. 6d. each from J. W. Raithby, 145, Farndon Road, Newark. 6220

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Annual meeting, Revelstoke, Jan. 28th. Usual arrangements. Names by Jan. 21st to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 6278

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AN 81st BIRTHDAY

The peal of Bristol, rung at St. Thomas', South Wigston, on December 7th, was a birthday compliment to Mr. John E. Clarke, who attained the age of 81 on December 5th. We are delighted to say that Mr. Clarke is still an 'ever present' Sunday service ringer at the above church and trust his 'happy returns' will be many to enable him to continue to follow the art that has meant, and still does mean, so very much to him.

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