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FOURPENCE

FROM to-day the price of 'The Ringing World' will be fourpence. The decision to increase the price was taken last Whitsuntide at York. There was no other alternative. An examination of the accounts showed that it was an impracticable proposition to produce a 12-page paper for 3d., but that it would be possible to give our readers 16 pages if the price was increased to 4d.

The Editor also wanted a 16-page paper. While he realises that to ringers peals are news, he has been conscious for many months of the limitations of space. A severe curtailment of reports at times was necessary, and special articles which were such a feature during the editorship of Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, could rarely be entertained. There are other directions in which the extra space could be used with advantage. To fulfil its rightful position there should appear regularly in 'The Ringing World' instructional articles, and an eminent writer has kindly undertaken to write a series of articles—firstly from the beginner's point of view and then 'the improvers.' It is quite possible that he will raise points of controversy. We shall have the space to give our readers' observations.

Correspondence has always been a strong feature of 'The Ringing World.' We hope to include in each issue a page of letters. This must not be interpreted that the Editor will publish each letter submitted or the whole of it. A letter has to be weighed-up and its general or particular interest considered. 'The Ringing World' is not a forum for expressing personal animosity against ringers, living or dead, and we trust that correspondents will bear this in mind. This does not mean that the Editor will exercise his personal censorship on views that do not coincide with his own; he is prepared to give reasonable latitude, and an example of this was to be found in the last issue. On the other hand, the Editor, in his duty, has a loyalty and responsibility. First and foremost is that 'The Ringing World' exists for the advancement of church bell ringing, with particular regard to the English method by the art of change ringing. The legislating body for our art are the proprietors of this journal, and it is the Editor's duty to uphold the Rules and Decisions of the Council.

In the matter of advancement of ringing the fundamental principle is unity. The camaraderie in bell ringing is one of the most pleasing features of ringing

to-day, and it is the responsibility of 'The Ringing World' to foster and encourage this family spirit. Bell ringers are drawn from all stations in life; no section has a monopoly, a man or woman is judged by two factors—ability and faithfulness to the art. Regularity of service ringing, loyalty to Church and Guild, are qualities we must cultivate if the Exercise is to advance. Above all, we must extend this understanding of the ringing family to newcomers. It is a great heritage that we must maintain.

To the newcomer ringing is fraught with difficulties. The concentration required and its continuous application when the confidence for correct handling and striking has been acquired naturally cause a heavy wastage among would-be recruits. In consequence, no tower can be content with its present strength; there must always be an inflow of new blood. Our columns exist for the encouragement of these newcomers. Space will be allocated weekly for quarter peals, and we trust that conductors will not hesitate to send in first performances.

So far 'The Ringing World' has had a continuous progress in recent years. There was a gain in 1949 of 500 new readers. The general indication in the newspaper industry is that the public have accepted increases and circulation has not suffered. We hope to give as a compensation for the increase in price better service. This can only be secured by greater co-operation. The Editor is very conscious in the running of this journal of the helpfulness of many of his contributors. It is impossible to write personal letters of thanks to each individually, but it is the work of many that enables this family news letter to reach ringers in this country and the world over.

FOUR PEALS IN A DAY

Very few ringing bands would desire to emulate Mr. Harold J. Poole and his Leicester Guild Band in ringing four peals in a day. It is many years since an attempt of this kind has been successful, in fact, it has only twice been performed before.

The first occasion was at Easter, 1913, when a Kentish band rang four 5,000s of Minor in a day. The ambition to ring four Surprise peals was very much in the minds of Guildford ringers, and on August Bank Holiday, 1911, an attempt was planned at Warnham, Sussex. Unfortunately, it happened to be the hottest day of the year. Bristol and Cambridge were rung, but London was lost half-way through.

The second attempt was arranged by the late Mr. W. H. Fussell on January 7th, 1913. Peals were rung at Egham and Staines. The third peal, at Wraysbury, was lost after 2 hours 5 minutes. The fourth tower was to be Old Windsor, and here the ringers rang touches.

On Easter Monday, 1914, four 'Surprise' peals were rung, viz., Bristol at Egham, London at Chertsey, Cambridge at St. Peter's, Staines, and Superlative at Old Windsor. All the peals were conducted by Mr. Wm. Pye, and the ringers were Messrs. W. J. Nudds, George R. Pye, A. W. Grimes, Isaac G. Shade, Reuben Sanders, J. H. Cheesman, Ernest Pye and William Pye. The peals were rung under the auspices of the Middlesex Association.

'They were all old campaigners,' commented the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' 'and we may quite well imagine, made few "bones" about the task. Indeed, the last peal on a tenor of over a ton was rung in six minutes more than three hours, so that it looks as if it was, after all, quite a holiday job.' Of this band only two, Messrs. W. J. Nudds and Reuben Sanders, are alive to-day.

The time occupied in actually ringing was close upon 12 hours—a prodigious day's work for ordinary mortals, comments 'The Ringing World' of that time. 'But then, as ringers, the men who took part are hardly ordinary mortals. All but one were in the 15,000 of Bristol at Hornchurch two years ago, and that one, with four of the others, was in the famous 18,027 at Loughborough in 1909. Nevertheless, four Surprise peals in four methods in one day is a performance of great merit as a feat of physical and mental endurance.'

TWELVE BELL PEAL

SOUTHWARK.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Dec. 10, 1949, in 3 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 48 cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT ... <i>Treble</i>	RICHARD F. DEAL ... 7
DAVID E. PARSONS ... 2	PHILIP A. F. CHALK ... 8
HORACE BELCHER ... 3	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... 9
JOHN CHILCOTT ... 4	JOHN PHILLIPS ... 10
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT ... 5	FRANK E. DARBY ... 11
HERBERT LANGDON ... 6	A. W. J. APPLETON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

In memoriam Canon G. F. Coleridge, M.A.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM

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

On Tues., Dec. 13, 1949, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

H. JAMES TURNER ... <i>Treble</i>	*ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER ... 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	*ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
JOHN PINFOLD ... 3	HENRY H. FEARN ... 8
ALBERT WALKER ... 4	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 9
*TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. A birthday compliment to Terry R. Hampton.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

JOHN SCOTT ... <i>Treble</i>	*TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 6
MARIE R. CROSS ... 2	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7
JOHN PINFOLD ... 3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ... 8
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 4	HENRY H. FEARN ... 9
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 5	JOHN E. TURLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	ALAN ELSMORE ... 6
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 2	*JOHN LUCK ... 7
MAURICE G. TURNER ... 3	†J. NORMAN HADLEY ... 8
P. GEORGE GOLDER ... 4	JOHN N. LINDON ... 9
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 5	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal of Caters 'inside.' † First peal of Stedman.

FOUR SURPRISE PEALS IN A DAY

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN R. SMITH ... <i>Treble</i>	NORMAN G. MCCRUM ... 5
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 6
ALFRED BALLARD ... 3	ALAN JACQUES ... 7
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

NORMAN G. MCCRUM ... <i>Treble</i>	ALAN JACQUES ... 5
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 2	ALFRED BALLARD ... 6
JOHN R. SMITH ... 3	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 7
HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 5
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 6
NORMAN G. MCCRUM ... 3	ALAN JACQUES ... 7
JOHN R. SMITH ... 4	ALFRED BALLARD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

TERENCE A. THORNBURGH ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	ALFRED BALLARD ... 7
MICHAEL D. STANFORTH ... 3	NORMAN G. MCCRUM ... 8
JOHN R. SMITH ... 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 9
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 5	ALAN JACQUES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.



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EIGHT BELL PEALS

WORTLEY, NEAR SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 3, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR CHAMPION ... Treble	JOHN R. BREARLEY ... 5
ERIC STAINROD ... 2	ERNEST SHORT ... 6
PETER CARBUTT ... 3	BURLEY WALSHAW ... 7
L. WILLIAM CARBUTT ... 4	DANIEL SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec., 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

ALEXANDER J. WEBSTER Treble	†RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 5
*JULIA M. PRESTON ... 2	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 6
FRANK VARTY ... 3	WALTER ALLMAN ... 7
†JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

* First touch of London. † 50th peal this year, and 50th peal of London. ‡ 200th peal and 25th peal of London.

MIDDLEWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 10, 1949, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb.

*DAVID GODFREY ... Treble	ALBERT BOOTH ... 5
REGINALD W. WORRALL ... 2	HARRY W. HOWARD ... 6
ERIC HORNBY ... 3	DAVID SMITH ... 7
HARRY PARKER ... 4	†A. GORDON LAWRENCE Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by A. GORDON LAWRENCE.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 10, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

Dr. A. B. Carpenter's Ten-part.	
ARTHUR WATKIN ... Treble	HENRY O. BAKER ... 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 2	BRIAN HARRIS ... 6
FREDK. H. 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

SALFORD PRIORS, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 10, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

MRS. J. THOMAS ... Treble	*EDWIN T. NEWBURY ... 5
*ROBERT G. FREEMAN ... 2	*ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY... 6
JOHN THOMAS ... 3	PATRICK HARRIS ... 7
*FREDK. G. NURDEN ... 4	*CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Containing 2,560 Bristol, 1,600 London and 448 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 110 changes of method. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.	
OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE ... 5
WALTER ALLMAN ... 2	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 3	FRANCIS BIBBY ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 12, 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.

*WILLIAM H. INWOOD... Treble	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY... 5
†THOS. W. TOMLINSON ... 2	HAROLD A. MAY ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON... 3	FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 7
JOHN A. ETHERINGTON ... 4	†T. MARK WHITE ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' ‡ 100th peal. Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first peal by members of the Holy Trinity Society, December 12th, 1899.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*JOHN P. FIDLER ... Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 2	ALAN JACQUES ... 6
DOROTHY M. UDAL ... 3	*COLIN HARRISON ... 7
*STANLEY R. GARDNER ... 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Alfred Ballard.

SALISBURY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 14, 1949, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 27½ cwt.

HAROLD A. ROLES ... Treble	†JACK MUSSELL ... 5
*JEAN M. BROWN ... 2	FRANK L. HARRIS ... 6
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS ... 3	LEONARD HARRIS ... 7
RONALD N. MARLOW ... 4	JAMES LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' First peal on the bells since rehanging. Rung on the occasion of the Right Hon. Viscount Montgomery of Alamein being made a Freeman of the City.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM A. WOOD ... Treble	JOHN R. SMITH ... 5
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	†ALFRED BALLARD ... 6
*BRIAN AUSTIN ... 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 7
†MICHAEL D. STANFORTH ... 4	*LEONARD TREVOR ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major in this method.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

PAUL BIRKETT ... Treble	HARRY WILDE ... 5
FRED HODGSON ... 2	EDWARD JENKINS ... 6
WILLIAM BARTON ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
ROY B. COOKE ... 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

*GORDON WALFORD Treble	†EDWARD J. BRAGG ... 5
WILLIAM H. VIGGERS... 2	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 3	T. MARK WHITE ... 7
GEORGE L. GROVER ... 4	HAROLD A. MAY ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN H. HUNT	Treble	*STUART McCUTCHEON ...	5
E. JOAN SALMONS	2	LESLIE A. TREMEER ...	6
NELIA M. LEAHY	3	*ERIC LANE	7
ERNEST F. SALMONS ...	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.
* First peal.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Molt's Original.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

ALBERT H. WARD	Treble	HENRY ROGERS	5
PATRICK PRESTON	2	FREDK. G. HOOPER ...	6
CLEMENT GLENN	3	WALTER NICHOLS ...	7
*J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ...	Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* 50th peal. First in the method on the bells. A compliment to the Rector, the Rev. G. Sprittles, on his elevation to a canonry, the first held by a Bulwell Rector since 1701.

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in C.

PETER BAKER	Treble	HARRY J. SANGER	5
*ARTHUR H. REED	2	JOSEPH T. DYKE	6
ALFRED E. REEVES	3	RONALD G. BECK	7
EDWARD J. CHIVERS ...	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ...	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method and on the bells.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

J. W. Washbrook's Six-part.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDNA M. SILLS	Treble	JOHN O. WELLER	5
JOHN L. MORRIS	2	FRANK P. WRIGHT ...	6
JOHN E. LYDDIARD	3	PETER C. WRIGHT ...	7
*GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN	4	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ...	Tenor

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' The conductor's 50th peal and first in the method as conductor.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSEPH L. STANIER	Treble	WALTER LAGO	5
G. LEONARD HEWITT ...	2	JOSEPH HANLEY	6
ROBERT EVANS	3	ALFRED S. BAYLEY ...	7
*GEOFFREY BAGLEY	4	ALISTAIR MACLEAN ...	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED S. BAYLEY.

* First peal of Triples 'inside.' In honour of the 100th birthday of Miss Craven, of Oswald House. Also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

COOKHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

T. JOHN FOWLER	Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ...	5
DOROTHY FLETCHER ...	2	E. DENIS POOLE	6
GEORGE MARTIN	3	ERNEST E. GOSLING ...	7
MRS. E. D. POOLE	4	S.S.M. P. H. TOCOK ...	Tenor

Composed by G. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by P. H. TOCOK.
First peal of Major on the bells.

DOWNTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

JACK MUSSELL	Treble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ...	5
FRANK L. HARRIS	2	*JOHN HARTLESS	6
JEAN M. BROWN	3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ...	7
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS ...	4	A. PATRICK CANNON ...	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

G. WILFRED SLACK	Treble	PHILIP J. COWARD ...	5
*WALTER J. BOWDEN ...	2	JOHN H. CRAMPION ...	6
†MRS. N. O. L. MANCHIP	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.
* 50th peal on the bells. † First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

GEORGE H. MOORE	Treble	*SIDNEY MARSHALL ...	5
CHARLES H. MOORE	2	ARTHUR G. BASON ...	6
RAYMOND G. LOFTY	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
DR. FREWEN MOOR	4	GEORGE SAYER	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. An 80th birthday compliment to John Aldborough, for many years a member of the local band.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 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 19 cwt.

*ERNEST E. RETTER	Treble	HENRY G. KEELEY ...	5
QUEENIE PRING	2	†GEORGE E. RETTER ...	6
ROGER KEELEY	3	CUTHBERT W. POWELL	7
†JOHN SALWAY	4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ...	Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Brian Pidgeon, of East Budleigh, Devon.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDK. WM. GROCOTT Treble	WALTER LONGMAN ...	5
*MARGARET FLACKETT ...	CHARLES H. PAGE ...	6
*G. ARNOLD MOORE	ARTHUR PEAKE	7
†RONALD BARLOW	REGINALD ROWLEY ...	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PEAKE.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Stedman and first peal of Triples.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

FREDERICK SHERATON ...	Treble	JOHN A. BROWN	5
THOMAS W. CROWE	2	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ...	6
JOHN ANDERSON	3	ERNEST WALLACE	7
MARGARET FIDELL	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
First touch in the method by all. First peal in the method for the Association.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

BERNARD MADELEY ... Treble	THOMAS PRICE ... 5
WILLIAM H. TYLER ... 2	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 6
GEORGE A. PACKER ... 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
FREDERICK PRICE ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 6½ cwt. in B. flat.

*MICHAEL T. BARTLETT ... Treble	ARTHUR D. COOK ... 5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	S. GEORGE CHAPLIN ... 6
LEONARD TUFFREY ... 3	VINCENT A. HEMMING ... 7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 4	THOMAS ABBOTTS ... Tenor

Conducted by VINCENT A. HEMMING.

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

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

MRS. A. RICHARDSON ... Treble	†THOMAS H. CHARLTON ... 5
*LINDA M. REDHEAD ... 2	FRANK TAYLOR ... 6
MAURICE BENNETT ... 3	AUDREY D. MILLS ... 7
†FREDA OLDERSHAW ... 4	JOHN G. AMES ... Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Major. A welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. Michael H. R. Syngé.

TILEHURST, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. (approx.).

MRS. A. DISERENS ... Treble	NOEL J. DISERENS ... 5
*AUDREY B. DISERENS ... 2	MICHAEL E. H. BARROW ... 6
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal in the method.

• WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES' Five-part. Tenor 22 cwt.

HARRY HARGREAVES ... Treble	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	ERNEST J. GOWER ... 6
PHILIP NORMAN ... 3	JAMES L. WRIGHT ... 7
WILLIAM PROCTER ... 4	HAROLD BIRTWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the bells.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb.

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

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* 125th peal.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

FRED ORRISS ... Treble	EDWARD E. DAVEY ... 5
WILLIAM A. ROUSE ... 2	WALTER A. SOUTHGATE ... 6
ALAN R. ANDREWS ... 3	RONALD G. BUGG ... 7
GEORGE A. ANDREWS ... 4	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST, MILES PLATTING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

HAROLD WALKER ... Treble	RICHARD BENSON ... 5
*R. MARY ELKINGTON ... 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 6
A. EDWARD REEVES ... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
ALLEN J. BROWN ... 4	ROGER LEIGH ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal of Triples. This band represents eight different towers and four counties.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JOHN LAWRENCE ... Treble	ERNEST PIMLOTT ... 4
†ARNOLD WORTH ... 2	*ARTHUR STREET ... 5
*ROBERT BARRATT ... 3	JOHN P. JACKSON ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a Sunday service band. A compliment to Clement Ll. Taylor, being a choirister for 64 years and a ringer for 62 years at the above church.

DEEPIING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Norfolk Surprise, (2) Primrose Surprise, (3) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Oxford, (5) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST BRITTAIN ... Treble	KENNETH W. DUFFY ... 4
BETTINA A. DUFFY ... 2	FRED BRIGHTMAN ... 5
WILLIAM DUFFY ... 3	FRANK TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

First peal in nine methods by all the band and first in nine methods by a local band. Rung for the patronal festival.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

*SIDNEY HOWARD ... Treble	*SIDNEY W. BALL ... 4
*JAMES TOMSETT ... 2	JOHN W. PARSLAW ... 5
*HARRY ALLEN ... 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

* First peal of Minor. A 58th birthday compliment to ringer of 3rd, who is a churchwarden at Christ Church, and also a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. A. Millar, captain of the local band.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores (ten callings), and six 240's by Morris.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

*PETER PARRY ... Treble	*ETHEL WISE ... 4
*BRENDA ROWE ... 2	RONALD AIREY ... 5
*NEVILLE HAILE ... 3	ERIC NIXON ... Tenor

Conducted by RONALD AIREY.

* First peal. First peal on tower bells for the Guild.

WILLOUGHBY WATERLEYS, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 240's each by L. W. G. Morris, B. D. Price, G. Lindoff and A. J. Pitman, and ten ordinary 120's (360 calls). Tenor 6½ cwt.

*HAROLD KILBY ... Treble	ERNEST MORRIS ... 3
*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 2	ARTHUR BODYCOTE ... 4

*JOHN J. MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Doubles. Rung on the birthday of H.M. King George VI.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 10, 1949, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 33 methods: (1) Hanley, Allendale, Milton, Westminster, (2) Whitley, Northumberland, Carlisle, Wooler, (3) Chester, Newcastle, Munden, Canterbury, (4) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York, Berwick, (5) Wearmouth, Rossendale, Lightfoot, Annable's, London, Stamford, Netherseale, (6) London, Wells, Cuncastre, (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull, Bourne. Tenor 13½ 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 33 Surprise methods by all the band and for the Guild. Believed to be the first peal in 33 Surprise methods in the country. There were 104 changes of methods.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Oxford Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... Treble | LESLIE EVANS 4
FREDERICK A. JAINE ... 2 | MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 5
GEORGE DAVIS 3 | WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

MUCH DEWCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.
WILFRID F. MORETON ... Treble | *GEORGE DAVIS 4
MONICA DAVIS 2 | MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 5
*F. ERIC ROBERTS ... 3 | LESLIE EVANS Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.
*RONALD WEELEY ... Treble | LESLIE BARRY 4
JOAN BUSSEY 2 | WILLIAM RITCHINGS ... 5
*MRS. BETTY VEALE ... 3 | CHARLES LARNER Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal.

TARRING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 14, 1949, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 11 240's, two variations, and 20 six-scores. Tenor 9 cwt.
HENRY LUTHER ... Treble | ERNEST TREAGUS 4
SIDNEY ANSELL 2 | RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... 5
FRANK CHIPPER 3 | HENRY WEAVER Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND WOOD, JUN.

A welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. H. Dyer.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.
R. GEORGE MORRIS ... Treble | WM. H. A. COMPTON ... 4
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 2 | REGINALD WOODYATT ... 5
*CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... 3 | THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First seven-method peal 'inside.'

ASHLEWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ANDREW AND BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 18½ cwt.
JOAN BUSSEY ... Treble | JOHN WHITING 4
*HARRY BARNETT ... 2 | WILLIAM RITCHINGS ... 5
WILLIAM JONES ... 3 | LESLIE BARRY Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. First peal since June, 1907.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of April Day (different) and 10 each of Grandsire (ten callings) and Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 16 cwt.
J. WILLIAM HOVEY ... Treble | LESLIE L. WILLIS ... 3
KEITH T. TAYLOR ... 2 | WILLIAM C. RHODES ... 4

GORDON H. LANE ... Tenor

Conducted by GORDON H. LANE.

First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells. Rung for the centenary of their recasting from four to five by Taylor's in 1849.

CROCOTOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 19½ cwt.
*CYRIL LOCK ... Treble | †GILBERT DAVIS ... 4
*REGINALD COLMAN ... 2 | CLAUDE TARR 5
EDWIN WEBBER ... 3 | HARRY COMMINS Tenor

Conducted by CLAUDE TARR.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

BILHORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Wragby, Kingston, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. approx.
*WILLIAM POTTS ... Treble | ARTHUR W. HALL ... 4
ERNEST TWIGG ... 2 | WILLIAM EDWARDS ... 5
CHARLES S. RYLES ... 3 | WILLIAM CARNWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CARNWELL.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Double Oxford, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.
*DAVID GODFREY ... Treble | ALBERT H. BOOTH ... 4
ELIZABETH MORTON ... 2 | HARRY W. HOWARD ... 5
ERIC HORNBY ... 3 | CECIL RADDON Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal in four methods.

HOLT, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.
P. W. J. HARDING ... Treble | LAURENCE E. HITCHINS ... 4
*RUBY GIBBONS ... 2 | FRANK A. PENN ... 5
MARY I. KENNELLY ... 3 | FREDERICK S. SLATFORD Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.

* First peal of Minor. First peal in the method as conductor.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE WYCHE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.
FRANCIS J. CUBBERLEY ... Treble | ARTHUR JOFF 4
*JOHN MOULE ... 2 | ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ... 5
HAROLD WILLETT ... 3 | CHARLES J. CAMM Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY.

* First peal.

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AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. M. Onions 1, E. How 2, W. Edwards 3, L. Haddon 4, J. Townsend 5, W. E. Redrup (cond.) 6. First quarter by 1 and 2. Rung half-muffled in memorial of Rev. C. E. Briggs, Rector.

BEXHILL, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. Bruce Willard 1, Rev. P. J. Boulsover (first in method) 2, Martin E. Turner 3, C. John Piper 4, E. Gavan D. Tonkin (cond.) 5, Hugh Miller 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 6. Rung for the annual Speech Day commemoration service of Bexhill Grammar School.

BUCKNALL, STAFFS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Walklate (longest touch) 1, Mrs. C. Bowen 2, G. Mountford 3, O. Bowen 4, W. Fradley 5, R. O. Preston (cond.) 6. A wedding day compliment to Miss Betty Palmer, one of the Bucknall ringers.

CALNE, WILTS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: J. Cherrill (first quarter) 1, F. Hacker 2, W. Hacker 3, E. Dixon 4, T. Freegard (first 'inside') 5, R. Saye 6, R. Barry (cond.) 7, W. Haines 8.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Stedman and Grand-sire, rung alternately): A. H. Hayward (cond.) 1, L. G. Walters 2, Miss B. M. Boyle 3, F. T. Yeo 4, C. Rook 5, A. Smallridge 6. First in three methods by all the band. Rung in honour of the King's Birthday.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Carter 1, E. Thomas 2, E. E. Coles (cond.) 3, I. Jones 4, H. Blick 5, K. Vaughan 6, W. Blick 7, W. Sloper 8. Rung with 7-6-8 covering for the induction of the Rev. E. O. T. Lewis as Vicar.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. F. Newton 1, D. R. Airey 2, E. Burnett 3, T. Hill 4, T. Cooke 5, T. Senior 6, R. D. Airey (first of Stedman Triples as cond.) 7, R. W. James 8. First in method for 1, 2, 5 and 8.

QUARTER PEALS

DEPTFORD, KENT.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, being the first and last of Holt's Original: G. H. Daynes 1, F. W. Richardson (cond.) 2, E. B. Crowder 3, T. A. Easterby 4, R. G. Long 5, J. Warner, jun. 6, J. E. Warner, sen. 7, A. F. Bennington 8. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

DONINGTON, Lincs.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Minor, being 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob: E. W. Taylor (first quarter) 1, J. E. Allen 2, E. Staples 3, S. V. Woods 4, C. Wander 5, A. E. Woods 6.

FLEET, Lincs.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. A. Bennett 1, E. S. Seth (longest touch) 2, J. B. Halifax 3, G. Sisson 4, G. R. G. Butler (cond.) 5, H. Waltham 6. A birthday compliment to treble and tenor ringers.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 6th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. G. Whiting 1, C. W. Beecroft (first of Surprise) 2, W. Wightman 3, L. C. Wightman 4, W. W. Miller 5, R. Parker 6, A. E. Whiting 7, L. G. Brett (cond.) 8.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Dec. 18th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: A. W. J. Appleton 1, H. M. Page 2, J. E. Chilcott 3, M. V. Chilcott (cond.) 4, E. R. Mackrill 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, H. Belcher 7, W. J. Paice 8, G. W. Debenham 9, H. Langdon 10.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barry Sydenham (first quarter, aged 15) 1, G. Green (cond.) 2, L. Ainger 3, E. W. Furbank 4, Dr. P. J. Spencer-Phillips 5, P. Green 6, Dr. Spencer-Phillips 7, Miss A. Young (first quarter) 8.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On Dec. 11th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss E. K. Tulton 1, Miss F. Clayton 2, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 3, P. D. Beedie 4, H. D. Butler 5, J. R. Mayne 6, C. C. Mayne 7, H. G. Hart (first in method as cond.) 8.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Markew (first quarter peal) 2, A. Ballard 2, E. Sowman 3, E. Vallance 4, W. Aldridge 5, B. Ridgeway 6, H. A. Knights (first as cond. on tower bells) 7, F. Mellor 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Salisbury 1, J. Carrott (cond.) 2, S. Meadows 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, S. Penfold 5, A. R. Chapman 6, F. V. Gant 7, W. J. Carter 8. With the compliments of the band to A. W. Brighton on the occasion of his golden wedding.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. Biggs (first in method as cond.) 1, A. R. Blaby 2, A. E. Cox 3, J. Kape 4, F. D. Boreham 5, E. Timpson 6, P. Newton 7, W. Lee 8. First in method by 2, 3, 4 and 6.

KILBURN, LONDON.—On Dec. 18th, 1,288 Little Bob Major: Elsie Lankester 1, C. E. Lankester 2, R. H. Gilbert 3, Maud Lane 4, D. C. Birkinshaw 5, Audrey Barker 6, A. Bone 7, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method for 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, and first in the method on the bells.

LINCOLN.—At St. Peter-at-Gowt's on Dec. 13th, a quarter peal of Plain Bob: H. Radley (first quarter) 1, F. Dixon 2, A. Meton 3, F. Crowe 4, V. Briggs 5, H. Hurst (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Mr. P. Todber, former parish clerk and chorister.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. A. Tomlin (first quarter) 1, Miss D. G. Dobbie 2, B. Chittenden 3, F. W. Tomlin (first 'inside') 4, S. B. Dobbie 5, G. Eastman 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, G. Kenward 8.

STOTFOLD, BEDS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. L. Smith 1, S. W. Sharman 2, J. V. Livock 3, S. E. Cooper 4, P. Mehew (first as cond.) 5, J. R. Preston 6. Farewell to conductor before joining the Forces.

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A WEEK OF GRACE.

This is the last reminder to postal
subscribers who have not forwarded
their subscriptions to Mrs. Fletcher,
The White House, Caister-on-Sea,
Norfolk. New rates are 12 months £1,
6 months 10s. 6d., 3 months 5s. 6d.
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subscribers.

Of the Christmas Day
ringing which was broad-
cast by the B.B.C., the
1,259 Grandsire Caters at St. Andrew's, Ply-
mouth, has been the subject of congratulatory
messages from a number of readers.

Mr. C. Wallater has 'circled' Willenhall,
Stas, tower.

That popular veteran of the Oxford Guild,
Mr. George Martin, has now taken part in the
first peal of Minor, Triples and Major on the
bells of Cookham Parish Church.

Fifteen-year-old Barry Sydenham, of Great
Baddow, Essex, who started change ringing a
fortnight previously, rang his first quarter on
December 19th.

A broadcast is proposed on the Welsh Pro-
gramme on January 10th, 8 to 8.15 p.m. Bells
likely to be on the air are St. Mary's, Haver-
fordwest, and St. Peter's, Carmarthen.

St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, broadcast in
the General and Overseas Service Newsreel at
midnight on December 31st. This was the first
time St. Mary's bells have been rung at
Hogmanay since prior to 1914.

Mr. Roland Biggs asks us to correct the
footnote to the peal at Hughenden, Bucks, on
December 3rd. It was by a local band and
not the first by a local band. The first local
peal was rung in 1891 and there have been
several rung since.

The peal at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Guild-
ford, recorded in this week's issue, was rung
on the 50th anniversary of the first peal by
the Holy Trinity Society. It was regretted
that health reasons prevented the two sur-
viving members, resident in Guildford, who
rang in the first peal, from participating in
the anniversary peal. They are Messrs. A. H.
Pulling and H. Hutton. The third surviving
member is Mr. C. Wiltshire, who now lives in
Canada.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Owing to the state of the
pinnacles on Worcester
Cathedral tower, the bells

will not be available for peals or ringers' out-
ings, but only for service ringing at the discre-
tion of the Dean and Chapter. Two of the
pinnacles have been repaired, but work on the
other two will not be started until about
April or May.

The peal at Alresford, Hants, was made pos-
sible by two local ringers—Mr. S. McCutcheon
and Mr. Eric Lane—standing in at a moment's
notice after the band had met two short for
Superlative.

Mr. Harold Walker, of York Minster, has
completed the circle of St. John the Evange-
list's, Mile Platting, Manchester. All the peals
were rung on Monday evenings during the past
two years.

Heene, Worthing, bells, which have been
silent for nearly three years, were able to be
rung for early Communion on Christmas morn-
ing, thanks to the efforts of Messrs. Mears and
Stainbank. All friends of Mr. A. W. Groves,
a ringer at this church, will wish him a speedy
return to health.

Squadron Sergt.-Major P. H. Toccock, who
conducted a peal of Bob Major at Cookham
on December 17th, began his ringing career in
this tower in 1933. He has been in the Royal
Armoured Corps for 14 years and is now well
known as a back-ender in the Lancashire Asso-
ciation. He has at last achieved his ambition
to ring a peal in his home tower.

When a defendant appeared before the Hull
Stipendiary charged with thefts from a shop,
he said in a police statement that he had
broken the window of a Scale Lane shop with
a brick and stolen some pens. Nobody had
heard it because the church bells were ringing
at the time. His arrest must have been a
'Major Surprise.'

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BRANCH CHAIRMAN SEVERELY CRITICISED

Letter to 'The Ringing World' Resented

The letter from Group Capt. T. V. Lister, chairman of the Tewkesbury Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, maintaining that to the small town and 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, has brought forth by return of post a number of protests.

Not Independent Units

Dear Sir,—My initial reaction on reading Group Capt. Lister's letter in your issue of December 30th was to wonder why he even reads 'The Ringing World,' much less endeavours to inculcate its Editor with the doctrine of the utter uselessness of Central Council, large guilds and their official journal. After all, in their own good time, these harmless superstructures will collapse and disappear quite naturally, to be mourned by no one except their eccentric adherents.

My second reaction was to wonder if Group Captain Lister wasn't unconsciously fearful that he might be mistaken, that indeed these organisations do matter vitally, and that their very persistence necessitated protest if only to succour his own convictions. It is this possibility, Mr. Editor, which prompts me to trespass on your space.

A little amateur dissection appears to have been responsible for the current re-examination of ideas, with the whole ringing Exercise the patient. It has not taken long to distinguish its backbone, and surely no one will dispute the view that it is composed of all the many hundreds of bands, up and down the country, in small town and large, in village and in hamlet, collectively and not individually, each a minute part of a very great whole. But the acceptance of this view has a crucial implication, which is that individual bands of ringers are not independent units, however much they are deemed to be so, or however much they may behave so. Theirs is a common tradition, and though they may be isolated geographically, the duties they perform Sunday by Sunday are a constant expression of this tradition; and what they do so faithfully and so well was at some time or other in the vanguard of creative ringing thought. In this sense every ringer is indebted to the great leaders of the Exercise, and though at any one moment of time the vast majority of ringers may be quite oblivious of the new paths being opened up by their contemporaries, yet it is these same paths which in succeeding generations will be explored by the average ringer.

Perhaps it is this conception which is lost sight of in regarding the findings of the anatomical dissection as the complete answer, instead of realising that the patient we have been examining is not dead, but growing and developing in stature. We must, in fact, be physiologists as well as anatomists and observe

the behaviour of our ringing Exercise if we are to understand just how it is maintained in such a healthy and vigorous state. It is when this is done that the full implication of our examination is appreciated, and we know without one shadow of doubt that our organisational methods, our guilds and associations, our Central Council, our literature, our weekly paper, are the very mechanism and expression of that life and vigour which ultimately means everything to the ringer wherever he may happen to find himself.

I do hope that Group Captain Lister may think it worth while to apply both physiological and anatomical methods in his studies, for I am certain that this will leave him in no doubt as to what his or any ringer's faith should be.—Yours sincerely,

E. St. JOHN HATCHER.

Ditton, near Maidstone.



FRAMPTON SUNDAY SERVICE BAND, who rang a peal of Spliced Surprise Minor in 33 Methods on December 10th for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. The conductor, Mr. J. R. Young, expresses his thanks to Mr. A. Relfe, of Lamberhurst, Kent, Mr. J. Bray and Mr. G. Feirn, of Scunthorpe, for their help to the band with compositions. Names from left to right: T. Cummins, J. R. Kemp, A. Young, A. E. Flatters, E. Fisher and J. R. Young.

'Completely Refuted'

Dear Sir,—Having read the letter of Group Captain T. V. Lister and compared it with other examples of his writings, I have come to the conclusion that he is trying to achieve the fame (or notoriety) in ringing circles that his ringing ability has failed to do.

He writes of *controversial* matters (see also last paragraph of leader on Lincoln Jubilee) as though he were a great expert on these matters. I challenge both his authority and experience in all ringing matters, especially with regard to isolated towers.

If the conditions he lists are existent in his own area, then he is entirely unfair to judge the Exercise as a whole by his own yardstick.

I have discussed the subject of this and previous letters of Mr. Lister (pardon, Group Captain!) with many ringers and we are convinced that his whole object seems to deprecate any ringers who have made progress in ringing circles, and, on the whole, he appears to enjoy insulting the Exercise on the slightest excuse.

With regard to isolated towers, I think I can claim to have been in more such towers in various parts of the country than Mr. Lister ever will, and can completely refute his statements with regard to interest in their associations, the Central Council and 'The

Ringing World.' After all, where would we be without them?

Remember, all grapes are not sour, in fact those nearer the top of the vine are sweeter and better by being closer to the sun, but one will not reach them by standing and wailing. One has to reach them by one's own efforts with perhaps a little assistance, but it is useless 'flogging a dead horse.'

With every good wish for 1950, Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

Holloway, London.

KEEP RINGING ALIVE IN DEVON

Dear Sir,—Just a little bit of news for you from a struggling band in North Devon (the home of 'Stoney'), where change ringing isn't heard in many towers.

We have a ring of eight here, tenor 10½ cwt., but unfortunately not an eight-bell band at the present time.

When the late war started we had a very promising eight-bell band, but when the ban on ringing was lifted interest had gone with some of the band. We are now practising Bob

Minor and I hope it won't be long before I am able to send you a report of a quarter peal being rung.

Perhaps you are wondering how change ringing got here. In June, 1912, I came here from Taunton, taking charge of the place under the Ilfracombe Gas Co., retiring August last. At that time there was a ring of six bells, bad going, and a stoney band which I could not interest in change ringing.

In 1920 the band was in a bad state. Consequently the then Rector asked me to take charge of affairs and see what I could do. By July, 1922, I got the bells recast into eight, complete with

new cage and fittings, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and a nice band of learners.

In July, 1924, we rang our first peal of Grandsire Doubles, 4.6.8 covering. Exactly when we rang our first quarter peal of Grandsire Triples I can't recall from memory, but by 1939 we had a very sure band for quarter peals of Grandsire Triples.

I could not get them to go for a peal. The only peal of Grandsire Triples rung here was by a mixed band, conducted by the late W. J. Jeffries, of Deptford, in 1927. I rang the sixth.—Yours faithfully,

A. H. HAYWARD.

Combe Martin, Ilfracombe.

A LEICESTER WELCOME

Mr. S. Harrison, steeplekeeper of St. John the Divine's, Leicester, has received the following letter of thanks from the Rev. Gordon Strutt, thanking those who participated in the peal of welcome to him on December 3rd upon his appointment as priest-in-charge of St. John the Divine's.—

'I would like you to convey to those who had any part in the ringing of the welcome peal my deep appreciation of their kind thought and my thanks for the energetic way in which they expressed it. It was a grand gesture. Every good wish, yours sincerely, Gordon Strutt.'

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE YEAR AT ISLEWORTH

Dear Sir,—Since the smallest unit of organised ringing and the basis of the structure which builds up through the associations and guilds to the Central Council is the local company, we felt you might care to have details of some of the landmarks which have indicated the progress of the Isleworth company during the year.

For Sunday services the number of true touches exceeding 1,248 changes actually rung at Isleworth has been 26. These quarter peals have consisted of 15 different lengths, i.e., 1,248, 1,259, 1,260, 1,263, 1,272, 1,277, 1,278, 1,280, 1,287, 1,299, 1,344, 1,350, 1,400 and 1,440.

The balance between various methods was as follows: Grandsire Triples 1, Stedman Triples 5, Erin Triples 1, Bob Major 2, Cambridge Surprise Major 3, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Grandsire Caters 4, Stedman Caters 5, Erin Caters 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 1, Cambridge Surprise Royal 1, Yorkshire Surprise Royal 1.

Additionally a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus was rung for Sunday service at another tower.

In the majority of quarter peals only Isleworth members have taken part, and in no single case have more than three visitors participated. Five peals have been rung at Isleworth in which no more than two visitors have taken part, and among these was a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal rung entirely by constitutionally elected members of the local company.

For the Mission to London six Isleworthians took part in the first peal for over 35 years on the bells of St. Stephen's, Westminster. Throughout the year initial training of recruits has continued unabated. If this may be considered as some measure of success it is due entirely to co-operation and team work by all concerned and not to one or two individuals. This is reflected in our quarter peals of Stedman and Yorkshire Surprise Royal on the last Sunday we have been able to ring.

You will, after reading the foregoing, realise our feelings at having to stop our activities in the tower until extremely extensive structural renovations have taken place. The tower is now encased in scaffolding and work should start almost immediately. The spaces which form a large nest for bees and the many holes, some reaching up to 3ft. 6in. into the walls of the tower, making ideal homes for the pigeons, will then no longer exist, and the external surfaces will once again be fit to withstand the ravages of the weather for a few more hundred years.—Yours sincerely, H. W. ROGERS.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY'S OLD SIX

Dear Sir,—Some weeks ago the name of J. H. W. White, of Coventry area, was mentioned in the gossip column. Now this week the name of A. W. Brighton. I met Mr. White about a year ago and in conversation he told me he had in his early days rung on the old six bells at Westminster Abbey. I know Mr. Brighton has.

I and six more rang them for the last time on November 11th, 1918—the original Armistice Day. Of that band only G. M. Kilby and myself are alive. This has made me wonder how many ringers are alive now who have rung on the old six of Westminster Abbey.—Yours sincerely, W. H. HEWETT.

119, Coleman Road, S.E.5.

YORKSHIRE SURPRISE AT GAINSBOROUGH

Dear Sir,—I should like to point out to the conductor of the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major, rung at Gainsborough on December 3rd last and claimed to be the first peal on the bells, that a peal in this method was rung there on December 12th, 1925, conducted by the late Mr. John Flint.—Yours faithfully, Ecclesall, Sheffield 11. F. B. DITCHER.

STEDMAN AND CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the broadcast of bells during 'Saturday Night Theatre' on November 19th, your correspondent, Mr. P. J. L. Purslow, is mistaken in his assertion that Christopher Columbus, on his triumphant return from the voyage of discovery of 1492, was greeted by a well-struck touch of Grandsire Triples.

I, too, heard the broadcast and the method was clearly Stedman, a fair part of the plain course being used.

As I have previously informed you by letter, I wrote forthwith to the B.B.C. pointing out, amongst other items, that the author, Fabian Stedman, was not born until almost precisely a century and a half later.

I do not believe that a definite record of bells *only* was used at all, in fact to me the broadcast of the 'celebration din' sounded suspiciously like a repeat recording of the jubilant noise we were privileged to 'listen in' to from Westminster on the occasion of the Royal Wedding when excellent Stedman Triples on bells (the Abbey's, I surmise) could similarly be heard in the background.

So far, however, the B.B.C. has not satisfied my curiosity regarding this matter?—Yours faithfully, T. R. BUTLER.

Orrell Park, Liverpool 9.

P.S.—What a preponderance of Grandsire and chiming we had in 'Christmas Bells' this year, there being one exception only! Are we to take it that the method Stedman is now becoming extinct?—T.R.B.

RECORDING WAS FROM LAVENHAM

Dear Sir,—I, too, heard the bells ringing in Saturday Night Theatre on November 19th. On writing to the B.B.C. I was informed that they were the bells of Lavenham, Suffolk, ringing Stedman Triples and not Grandsire as Mr. P. J. L. Purslow stated.

There was never any change ringing done in Spain during the 1400's or at any other time, and Mr. E. Morris in his book, 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' bears this out by quoting the following: '... The most discordant and unceasing peals...' There is also an excellent illustration of Spanish bells being rung in this work.—Yours faithfully, Nailsea, Somerset. M. J. HORSEMAN.

ST. MARGARET'S BELLS

Dear Sir,—Like Mr. Bayles, I have been hoping to see a letter from somebody who was taking part in the St. Margaret's peal on October 15th.

He may be assured, however, that the bells he heard were those of St. Margaret's, as the following incident will prove. In January, 1943, the Middlesex Association held a meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, with the bells of St. Margaret's available in the evening. I was at St. Giles', but when ringing finished there returned home. As I reached my house I heard faintly on the radio eight bells. Before I could turn to 'The Radio Times' to see what programme was on, Big Ben struck nine o'clock. I then realised the bells were those of St. Margaret's: I listened hard and recognised them quite definitely. But why only eight?

The following morning a ringer who had been there told me that a rope broke (I think the second) early in the evening, and they carried on on the back eight only.—Yours faithfully, E. J. LEVERSUCH.

Stanmore, Middlesex.

Mr. B. J. Ongley, of Goostrey, Crewe, writes: We at Goostrey also heard part of the peal on the air.

BUCKINGHAM. — On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Yates (first of Triples away from tenor) 1, F. Townsend 2, H. Jones 3, J. A. Waite 4, F. Vickers 5, E. Nicholls 6, W. Yates (cond.) 7, G. W. Holland 8.

Shipway's Principle

Dear Sir,—The method in last week's 'Ringing World' over the initials A.Y.B. is Shipway's Principle, first published in Shipway's 'Campanalogia' in 1816.

Those who possess the reprint will find the Minor and Major with a different start on page 106.

Fabian Stedman understood the meaning of symmetrical construction, hence the way he gave the Doubles in Stedman.

Shipway did not understand, nor does York-Bramble understand, or they would have given the Minor and Major as below.—Yours faithfully, GEORGE BAKER.

Minor	Major
123456	12345678
214365	21436587
241356	24135678
423165	42316587

243615	24361857
234651	23468175
326415	32641857
362451	36248175
634215	63421857
643251	64328175
462315	46231857
426351	42638175

246531	24683715
425613	42867351
452631	48263715
546213	84627351

564231	86423715
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P.S.—Every perfectly constructed Method or Principle, regular or irregular, has a simple transposition row at Lead-end or Division-end. 546213 and 84627351 are both simple transposition rows, i.e., their face value and proving value are one and the same.—G.B.

120 YEARS TOO LATE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Yorke-Bramble is at least 120 years too late. 'Steadfast' is Shipway's Principle, published on page 106 of his book; two peals at least of the Major were rung well over 40 years ago.

'This system,' said Shipway, 'being nearly allied to Stedman's principle, it will not require much additional explanation.' Perhaps it is as well that he had never studied 'Grid Analysis' and the like.—Yours faithfully, Crayford, Kent. E. A. BARNETT.

AN OLD BELL

Dear Sir,—I enclose particulars of a bell which has recently been found in our neighbourhood. Do you think Mr. E. Morris or Mr. F. Sharpe or any reader of 'The Ringing World' could tell me if it has been a sanctus bell?—Yours truly, S. FLINT.

Maghull, Liverpool.

Particulars of bell: Weight about $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.; canons and argent; 5 moulding wires round shoulder; 2 moulding wires above sound bow; 2 moulding wires below sound bow; date, MDLXXXIIII round sound bow.

Above the sound bow on the waist of the bell are four raised castings (cast with the bell) representing the Madonna and Child. On the opposite side a saint holding a staff with flowing pendant on which are the words Agnus Dei and a small animal at the foot on the right-hand side. St. George and the dragon opposite side a crucifix. There is no founder's mark. The bell has a fairly long waist. The clapper staple is cast in the crown of the bell and the clapper hooks on. That says the bell has never been hung for ringing.

CHURCH BELLS OF CORNWALL

Dear Sir,—Could any reader please tell me if a book on the church bells of Cornwall has ever been published, and, if so, where I could obtain a copy?—Yours faithfully, F. STUART WORTH.

Ward D.2, R.N. Hospital, Plymouth.

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

MR. J. BARRICK.

The death took place of Mr. Joseph Barrick at Barrow-on-Humber, his native village, on December 9th, at the advanced age of 85 years.

Of a kindly and quiet disposition, Joe was one of the original band which first learned change ringing at Holy Trinity Church. A member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, he had only rung two peals during his 50 years of ringing, and up to the ban could always be relied upon to take his full share of Sunday service duties.

After the funeral on December 12th, a well-struck quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung half muffled.

MR. WILLIAM COBB.

An outstanding peal ringer of the last century, Mr. William Cobb, died at Dorchester, Oxon, on December 12th, aged 84 years. The funeral was at Dorchester on December 15th.

Mr. Cobb from 1886 and for about 10 years was a regular performer in peals with the Rev. F. E. Robinson and Mr. J. W. Washbrook. His most prominent effort was on August 6th, 1888, when they met at Drayton at 6 a.m., and after losing a peal of Cambridge Surprise before breakfast through a rope slipping wheel, scored three peals that day—5,056 Cambridge Surprise in the morning, 5,088 Superlative Surprise in the afternoon and 5,184 Double Norwich in the evening.

The band consisted of W. Cobb, F. Field, C. Trinder, H. Fruin, T. Short, H. D. Beteridge, Rev. F. E. Robinson and J. W. Washbrook (conductor).

MR. W. J. POWELL.

A well-known bellringing personality in the South Wales area, Mr. William James Powell, of Llanfrefcha, Monmouthshire, has passed away after an illness of more than three years.

Mr. Powell, who had attained the age of 69, had lived in Llanfrefcha all his life, and had been associated with every local institution. He was a tireless worker in connection with any church work, being also a chorister and sidesman at the Parish Church. He was instrumental in the augmentation of Llanfrefcha bells, from six to eight.

He had taken an extreme interest in the training of young ringers, both boys and girls, and had shown great patience and understanding in this respect. Mr. Powell and his young band of ringers were well known at association meetings.

He also served on the Parish Council as well as the Parochial Church Council for many years, and had performed various offices in connection with these Councils. He was a Past Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.

Mr. Powell, who had rung 16 peals, including a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor, will be sadly missed by all local ringers and by all who had been associated with him.

The funeral took place at his own church, All Saints', Llanfrefcha. The cortege was met at the church by the choir, who led the procession into church. The service, which was choral, was conducted by the Vicar of Llanfrefcha, the Rev. Rhys Morris (Rural Dean), who was assisted by the Rev. Ivor J. Richards (Vicar of Crumlin). Both clergy are members of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.

Representing the bellringers at the service were Mr. Fred J. Hannington (secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association), Mr. John W. Jones (All Saints', Newport), Mr. George Large (St. Woolos', Newport), Mr. Alsop (Ebbw Vale), Mr. Leslie Bainham (All Saints', Newport), Mr. Charles Greedy, Mr. W. Phillips (both of St. Woolos', Newport), the Rev. Ivor J. Richards (Vicar of Crumlin) and Mr. Robert E. R. Smith (Llanfrefcha).

MR. R. H. SMITH.

The Melton Mowbray district has lost another old ringer and friend by the death at Nottingham General Hospital of Mr. Richard Henry Smith, in his 72nd year. He had lived in the village all his life.

Mr. Smith was a member of the Framland Association for 50 years and of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. A stalwart of Oddfellowship, he was secretary of the 'Queen Adelaide' Lodge from January, 1907, till June, 1949. He was also a member of the Church Council.

For 46 years he was employed as an engine driver by the Staveley Iron Ore Co. and upon his retirement acted as village postman. He rang at Long Clawson.

The funeral took place on Sunday, December 11th, at St. Michael's Church, the Rev. E. W. J. Bennett officiating. The service was very largely attended and the Oddfellows' funeral address was given at the graveside by the Grand Master of the Nottingham District, Bro. W. J. Whitehead. The bells were rung half-muffled.

To his memory on December 23rd a quarter peal of Doubles (480 St. Simon's, 480 Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire) was rung with the bells half-muffled by A. A. Hose 1, A. M. Hose 2, E. Tinsley 3, W. S. Hose (cond.) 4, J. H. Cook 5.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

TEWKESBURY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Tewkesbury Branch took place at Ashchurch on December 17th and was attended by some 35 members representing nearly all the towers in the branch.

The Master of the Association (the Rev. N. E. Hope) also attended, as well as friends from Bristol, Clevedon, Coventry, Gloucester, Badsey and Hinton-on-the-Green. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. P. Harvey, who also gave a very forceful address. An excellent tea was served in the Village Hall and was followed by the business meeting, which was presided over by the Master, Mr. W. Kynaston.

Five new performing members and one honorary member were elected. The retiring officials were re-elected for another year, viz., Group Capt. Lister (chairman), Messrs. E. T. Newbury (hon. secretary) and W. Poulton (representative on Management Committee).

Group Capt. Lister referred to the passing of two branch members, and the members stood in silence for a few moments. Ashton-under-Hill was chosen as the place of the next meeting. Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise.

MR. A. H. BEAMISH'S 100 PEALS

Mr. A. H. Beamish, Master of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, has completed his 100 peals. They have been rung in 25 towers and for five associations. His list is as follows:—

Minor.—Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 2, Cambridge Surprise 1, total 5.

Triples.—Grandsire 9 (conducted 5), Stedman 9 (2), total 18.

Major.—Plain Bob 18 (11), Double Oxford Bob 1, Double Norwich Court Bob 4, Kent Treble Bob 2 (1), Oxford Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 18, New Cambridge 3, Superlative Surprise 2, Bristol Surprise 4, London Surprise 6, Yorkshire Surprise 1, Peterborough Surprise 1, Belgrave Surprise 1, Painswick Surprise 1, Hinton Surprise 1, total 64.

Caters.—Grandsire 3 (1), Stedman 1, Double Norwich Court Bob 1, total 5.

Royal.—Plain Bob 1 (1), Cambridge Surprise 4, Yorkshire Surprise 1, total 6.

Cinques.—Stedman 1.
Maximus.—Plain Bob 1.

Grand total 100 (21).

Useful Propaganda

AN EXAMPLE FROM KENT

The Canterbury Diocesan Notes, a monthly news letter for clergy and people which has a circulation of 43,000, contains the following explanatory article explaining change ringing organisation to non-ringers. We commend it to other diocesan guilds and associations as useful propaganda.

THEY RING THE BELLS.

Among the various associations connected with church life of to-day, little is perhaps known of those which have for their title The County Association of Change Ringers, or in some cases The Diocesan Guild or Society of Ringers, which take their name from the county or diocese in which they are situate. The Kent County Association of Change Ringers is one of the most progressive, with a membership of over one thousand practising ringers.

The Kent Association, of which the Archbishop of Canterbury is president, was formed in the year 1880 and its objects are:—

- (1) To cultivate and encourage the good old English art of change ringing, and to create a more general interest of it.
- (2) To secure the due recognition of ringers as church officials and the proper care and use of bells and belfries.

Since those early days much has been accomplished. In the past, ringers had been looked upon as a body apart from the Church and rarely visited by the incumbent, but to-day there is close unity between clergy and ringers, and in many parishes the incumbent is both a ringer and member of the association.

A popular ringing member was the late Canon F. J. O. Helmore, Precentor of Canterbury Cathedral, who from the year 1891 to 1929 was general secretary of the Association, and on October 2nd of this year a memorial in the form of a solid oak door leading to the belfry of the Cathedral was dedicated.

Following the resignation of the late Canon Helmore, Mr. Frederick M. Mitchell, of Milton-next-Gravesend, was appointed as hon. secretary and treasurer, and after serving in this capacity for 17 years, resigned as secretary, but still remains as treasurer. Mr. Mitchell has been an official of the Association for the past 37 years and a ringer at Milton-next-Gravesend for 40 years. To mark the occasion a peal of Stedman Triples (5,040 changes) was rung at the Parish Church on Oct. 1st, 1949.

Another honoured member is Mr. Edward S. Ruck, of Willesborough, near Ashford. Although well over 80 years of age, Mr. Ruck is still an active ringer at Willesborough and is the only foundation member of the Association remaining to-day.

Any interested in the work of the Association should communicate with the Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. H. Spice, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne, Kent. F.S.M.

CHRISTMAS AT CHICHESTER

Handbells were rung by the Chichester Cathedral ringers accompanying the Chichester Amateur Operatic Society when they took their turn singing carols round the Christmas tree which had been erected by the Rotary Club in the Cathedral grounds for their Christmas charitable appeal.

Grandsire Triples were rung to introduce the programme and descants were rung with 'Past Three O'clock' and 'The First Noel.'

A MITCHAM REUNION

There was a reunion at Christ Church, Mitcham, on December 10th, when a peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung as birthday compliments to Mr. H. Allen and Mr. A. Millar. The peal was arranged to enable Messrs. S. Howard, J. Tomsett, H. Allen, S. W. Ball and J. W. Parslow to meet again at the church where they used to ring in their boyhood days. Mr. Allen rang more than half the peal with a single rope, the tail end having come untucked early in the fourth 720.

'The Certain Ringing Clergyman' Replies

Dear Sir,—I feel that Mr. Birmingham has by implication judged me a little harshly. It is surely better for a clergyman interested in ringing matters to serve a parish where there are bells, for by so doing he can make a contribution towards strengthening the relationship between the clergy and ringers. It is well known, and a matter for regret, that some clergy serving churches with fine bells hardly know who ring them.

If I were a ringer of the calibre of the late revered Canon Coleridge one might be tempted to neglect one's parish for the personal enjoyment of ringing. But as a mere tyro I find that the claims of parish life prevent me from making more ringing progress. Are not most ringing clergymen in the same position—trying to serve sincerely, with honesty of purpose, and keeping first things first?

Mr. Birmingham's priest friend who works without a stipend presumably has private means. He is fortunate, but under a wrong impression. For did not the Blessed Apostle say that those who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel, and is not the labourer worthy of his hire? The income of a clergyman is generally referred to as a stipend, i.e., money given to him to enable him to live, as distinct from a salary, which is a fixed payment for work done. Pedantic though this may be, it contains the right idea, viz., that a clergyman is not paid for his services as such.—Yours faithfully, L. J. BIRCH.

Hanbury Rectory, Bromsgrove.

'THE LORD BE THANKIT'

Dear Sir,—I was much impressed by the article, 'The Lord be thankit,' on the front page of the last issue of 'The Ringing World.' It seems to set forth the spirit which should prevail in all belfries and does exist in the little country church where I ring. We have but five bells and ring only call changes (at least at present), but we ring our 'simple praise' every Sunday.—Yours truly,

L. SEWELL.

Long Melford, Sudbury.

LINCOLN'S EARLY RINGERS

Dr. Srawley, of Lincoln, in his recently published book on Lincoln Minster, writes: 'One other interesting corporation connected with the Cathedral establishment is "The Company of Ringers of our Blessed Virgin Mary of Lincoln."

'This arose out of a voluntary association of bellringers in the City of Lincoln, the members of which drew up a set of ordinances in 1612, which was confirmed by the Dean and Chapter in 1614 in Letters Patent, which granted to the ringers access to the south-west tower and the adjoining Ringers' Chapel (the old "altar of the pele"), and placed them under the control of the Clerk of the Fabric and their own Master, providing them also with an annual grant of money.'

This company of ringers is the earliest known society of the kind, and preceded by 15 years the celebrated Society of College Youths. The names of the masters, wardens and other ringers between the years 1614 and 1725 may still be seen painted on the walls of the Ringers' Chapel.

BEGINNERS—continued.

sarily the best ever—probably a long way short of it. But it has helped others and should help you in a supplementary way.

Later on we may be able to find room to answer a question or two of general interest to those like yourselves; but for the present, good progress in your ringing study and practice!—Yours very truly,

CORN. R. STONE.

Mainly for Beginners (1)

(A series of open letters)

Dear Initiates.—There is a time of beginning for everything; so welcome, in this New Year of Grace, 1950, to the great Brotherhood of Ringers; which, though English in origin, and to-day is still confined to English-speaking peoples, is nevertheless world-wide. With its roots deep in tradition, its nature is unique; and its pursuit, as an adjunct of Christian worship, remains a challenge to the atheistic outlook of totalitarianism.

Here is recreation for hand and brain, together with a passport to human fellowship in every Christian land. Here is a fraternity which, once joined, should never be left, for the loss is invariably mutual. Here, too, is indeed a lifelong source of refreshment and delight!

From the physical—even the strongest alive cannot 'ring' a bell without training—to the mental—even the cleverest academician cannot compete with the simple rustic unless he has developed his powers of continued concentration—there is always scope for pleasurable exercise.

And now you are to be one of this great Exercise! Consider well, therefore, the trouble and patience your instructor must bestow upon you to set you on the road to become a good ringer; and, having once set your hand to the rope, turn not away from it. Reward your tutor's care by your own painstaking and persevering effort, and your mutual joy may then be full.

In this first chat together we can do little more than gain some idea of what ringing means and involves and of the stages of progress to be aimed at. And we may say, at once, that no matter how skilled you may become in its art, its science has always to offer something new for study and mastery.

What, then, are the main branches of the art? Broadly they comprise:—

1. Bell control—chiming, ringing, raising, lowering.
2. Striking, or control variation, in actual ringing.
3. Tone-telling and rope-sight.
4. Method appreciation. ('Learning the music'.)
5. Change ringing, or the application of (3) to (4).
6. Rob-calling, the making of 'calls' for simple 'touches'.
7. The study of method analysis.
8. Composition.
9. Conducting, ringing maintenance and peal calling.
10. Design or method building.

The order given here is the logical one for intelligent study and undertaking of the whole, though not all fully competent ringers follow it.

While you need not be a musician to become a good ringer, you must certainly develop the use of your ear, so that you can pick out from amongst the others the note, not only of your own bell, but also that of the one striking next to you. A quick eye is the necessary adjunct to the good ear and checks the 'next move.' But we anticipate!

As and when our Editor may be able to let us forgoth in this column we will discuss these stages, up to the point at which we may consider ourselves 'improvers' in the art. Then we may take up the succeeding stages, perhaps, in an Improvers' Column.

In any event, we shall doubtless derive some interest and perhaps a little help. One thing must remain clear—your instructor is right. Don't argue with him! Ask a question or two by all means, but do as he says even if you think it could be done otherwise. There are 'more ways than one of killing a cat,' just as there are more ways than one of teaching a pupil to become a ringer; and what we have to say here is the best we can tell you from our knowledge and experience; but is not necessary.

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Dedication

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON.

In 1923, the six old bells of St. Peter's Church, Fairfield, which, as the inscription on the 12 cwt. tenor goes, 'were provided chiefly by the exertions of Matilda Wainwright and Jane Flint in 1867,' were recast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Ltd., and rehung in a new iron frame. At the same time pits were provided for the accommodation of two trebles to complete the ring of eight. After remaining empty for 26 years, these two pits have just been filled in.

The new treble bell has been provided by the ringers, whilst the new second was given by the local group of Boy Scouts in memory of their original group Scoutmaster and founder, Mr. William Smith, who lost his life whilst attempting to rescue a man from drowning in the sea.

The bells were dedicated on Christmas Eve. The Vicar, the Rev. S. Williams, conducted the service, assisted by the curate, the Rev. R. J. Rowbury, whilst the Rural Dean, Canon W. H. Green, performed the actual dedication.

In spite of it being Christmas Eve, there was a large number of ringers present from far and near, amongst whom were Mr. W. H. Elkin and Mr. C. K. Lewis, of the Stockport and Bowden Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, Mr. J. Worth and daughter from Macclesfield, Mr. J. A. Milner, Disley, and Mr. J. P. Fidler, representing the founders.

After the service touches of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Stedman Triples and other standard methods were rung on the bells by the visitors, who all stated that the bells are now a grand ring of eight.

For the information of visiting ringers, the practice night is Monday from 7.30 to 9 p.m.

MR. JOHN BASS

500 PEALS BY WOLLASTON VETERAN.

Mr. John Bass, the veteran leader of the Wollaston band, Stourbridge, Worcs., has rung his 500th peal. Noteworthy peals in his list are 10,176 Double Oxford Bob Major, rung in 5 hours 55 minutes, at Brierley Hill on Dec. 27th, 1909, and 9,782 Superlative Surprise Major in 5 hours 52 minutes at Clent, Dec. 26th, 1910. Also silent peals of Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major. His list is appended:—

Grandsire—Doubles 10; Triples (in hand 1) 59; Caters 6; Cinques 3; Major 1.

Plain Bob—Minor (in hand 1) 59; Major (in hand 2) 28; Royal 1; Maximus 2.

Kent Treble Bob—Minor 1; Major (in hand 1) 18; Royal 3; Maximus 2.

Cambridge Surprise—Minor 4; Major 36; Royal 3; Maximus 3.

New Cambridge Surprise Major 1; Bristol Surprise Major 27; London Surprise Minor 2; ditto, Major 47.

Double Norwich Court Bob—Major 38; Caters 1.

Stedman—Doubles 3; Triples 79; Caters 8; Cinques 4; Canterbury Pleasure Major 2.

Oxford Bob—Triples 2; Major 1.

Oxford Treble Bob—Minor 1; Major 4; Royal 2; Maximus 1.

Superlative Surprise Major 14; Norfolk Surprise Major 2; Ashted Surprise Major 1; Yorkshire Surprise Major 2; Yorkshire Surprise Royal 1.

Double Plain Bob Royal 1; Forward Major 1; Darlaston Bob Triples 1; Double Oxford Bob Major 3; Double Oxford Bob Royal 1; Double Yorkshire Court Bob Major 2.

Spliced Major—4 methods, London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, 2; 5 methods, London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Lincolnshire, 1; 8 methods, London, Rutland, Bristol, Pudsey, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Superlative, Cambridge, 1.

Total: 5 in hand, 495 on tower bells.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 3½ cwt.

THOMAS HEMMING ... Treble	*JOSEPH WARR ... 4
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 2	*ERNEST TURNER ... 5
*DEREK WOOLDRIDGE ... 3	*GEOFFREY WESTWOOD... Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY WESTWOOD.

* First peal of Surprise.

HANDBELL PEALS

LAMPETER, CARDIGANSHIRE.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 6, 1949, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,

At ST. DAVID'S COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

*BRIAN G. HENRY ... 1-2	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 3-4
KENNETH H. WILLIAMS ... 5-6	

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 8, 1949, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, called differently.

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 1-2	*JOHN J. MORRIS ... 3-4
ALFRED BALLARD ... 5-6	

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

PETER J. STANFORTH ... 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD ... 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3-4	*TERENCE A. THORNER ... 7-8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Stedman on handbells.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S VESTRY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 15 in C.

MARY E. DAVIS ... 1-2	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 5-6
PERCY W. BRAYSHAW ... 3-4	FRED PRICE ... 7-8

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

This was Percy Brayshaw's first peal attempt after a lapse of over two years, most of which time has been spent abroad with the R.A.F. A good performance, he having had no preliminary 'refresher' practice.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At 11, EXTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5112 CHANCES:

In eight methods, comprising 1,504 Plain Bob, 1,416 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 416 Reverse, 352 each of Double and St. Clement's College, 288 Wellington, and 208 Crayford Little Bob, with 403 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 F. NOLAN GOYDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: MR. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

JILL POOLE ... 1-2	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3-4	TERENCE A. THORNER ... 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

A birthday compliment to Peter J. Staniforth.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 13, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.

*JILL POOLE ... 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE... 7-8
ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4	*NORMAN G. MCCRUM ... 9-10
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 5-6	*TERENCE A. THORNER 11-12

Composed by S. WOOD.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* 50th peal on handbells. † First peal on 12 handbells. ‡ First peal of Treble Bob Maximus.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 14, 1949, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

At NEWSTEAD, STOKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 12 in F.

ALFRED JORDAN ... 1-2	EDGER VALLANCE ... 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4	HECTOR KNIGHT ... 7-8

Conducted by HECTOR KNIGHT.

A birthday compliment to A. Ballard.

HEREFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 15, 1949, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,

At THE CLOSE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

GEORGE DAVIS ... 1-2	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 3-4
MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 5-6	

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	*MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 7-8

Composed by JOE PIGGOTT. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Bob Major and first of Major 'in hand.' The conductor's 100th peal 'in hand' this year.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,

At FREETWOOD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 14 Plain methods: (1) Oxford Bob and Single Court, (2) Double Oxford and London Bob, (3) Thelwall and Lytham, (4) St. Clement's and College, (5) Childwall and Wavertree, (6) Double and Reverse Bob, (7) Fulbeck and Canterbury Pleasure; 170 changes of method. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 3-4
JACK BRAY ... 5-6	

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

At 11, EXTON 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	*JAMES E. DANIELS ... 7-8

*MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 9-10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First ten-bell peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 14 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	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
*ROY C. HURST ... 3-4	*BRIAN GOULD (13) ... 7-8

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

First peal of Triples on a 'working' pair. † First peal on handbells.

NOTICES

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DEATH

WITHERS.—On Christmas Day, 1949, at 67, Herbert Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham, J. Henry Withers, aged 74 years. 6330

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

Set of 26 handbells, tenor in B, size 4½. Chromatic except for C's, G's and lower D. Made as a set by Taylors. Perfect condition. Suitable for change ringing or tunes. £20.—Write Box 6366, 'Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford. 6366

Set of 12 handbells, tenor 15—C, in excellent condition. Nearest offer £20.—Apply E. Armstrong, 2, Faraday Road, Slough, Bucks. 6376

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; June to September (both inclusive), 15s. per day, all inclusive.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Price, St. Michael's, 9, Fishermans Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. Telephone, Southbourne 2693. 6238

MISCELLANEOUS

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.—Ringing practice will be held on Saturdays, 2.30 p.m. to 5.30, except on the third Saturday in the month. Rounds to Surprise. Everybody welcome. 6341

NEW YEAR resolutions. A higher standard of ringing and a 'Delight' loose-leaf book to record your activities. Prices from 7s. Sample sheets from William Viggers, 78, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 6009

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MEETINGS

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

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Marden (8), Jan. 7th, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 6235

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. 6280

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Chesterfield, Jan. 7th. Committee 3.30. General meeting 6.—William Lancaster, Gen. Sec. 6256

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

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Horsham (8), Jan. 7th, 3. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 6316

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirtyn-on-Holland on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, in Parish Hall.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 6318

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Melling, near Carnforth, on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Tea at Royal Oak Hotel, Hornby. A good attendance is requested.—John Woods, Hon. Sec. 6327

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Pontefract on Saturday, Jan. 7th. All Saints' bells (8) from 2.30, St. Giles' bells (10) after tea. Service in All Saints' Church at 4.30. Tea (2s. each) in Church House at 5 p.m.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec. 6362

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

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

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Bootle (6), Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to me by Tuesday, Jan. 10th.—Julia M. Preston, 12, Stanley Crescent, Prescott. 6374

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

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

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

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

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Bowness-on-Windermere, St. Martin's Church, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Wilson, Woodside, Bank Road, Windermere.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 6375

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 6373

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Jan. 14th, North Wingfield (8). Bells available 3 p.m. Cups of tea. Bring own food. 6372

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Barnesley, Jan. 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify me not later than Jan. 11th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnesley. 6371

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Names for tea by Jan. 10th to W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough. 6333

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bloxham (8), Saturday, Jan. 14th. Service 4. Tea 4.45.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 6329

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Uckfield (8), Jan. 14th. Names for tea to Miss J. Durrant, The Mount, Cooper's Green, Uckfield. Buxted (8) in evening, Uckfield not available.—C. A. Bassett. 6332

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Salisbury, Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. St. Thomas' and St. Martin's bells available in evening. Names to F. L. Harris, Britford, near Salisbury. 6331

LADIES' GUILD.—Wiltshire Branch.—Meeting at Marlborough, Jan. 14th. Names for tea to Mr. J. Buckley, Clarendon, London Road, Marlborough. 6334

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Wisbech, Jan. 14th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6335

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Michael's, Macclesfield, Jan. 14th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service in church 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. C. Lonyon, 87a, Mill Street, Macclesfield. 6336

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual, Ross, Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30, Central Cafe. Please notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 11th.—W. T. Poston, Viewlands, Walford Road, Ross-on-Wye. 6337

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Annual meeting, Bath Abbey, Jan. 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea limited to ticket holders. Notify by Jan. 11th.—S. S. Woodburn, Manor Lodge, Weston, Bath. 6340

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—St. Mark's, Swindon (8), Jan. 14th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 6338

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30. Cups of tea. Bring own food. Meeting in School after tea. Members and non-members are cordially invited.—L. Walmsley, Branch Sec. 6342

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Christ Church, Erith, Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 followed by social evening. Names, please, by Tuesday, Jan. 10th, to A. Hill. Quarterly meeting, Woolwich, Saturday, Jan. 28th.—A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 6343

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Annual district meeting, Southampton, Jan. 14th. Two rings from 2.30. Names for tea by Jan. 10th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh. 6365

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice, Mapledurham, Saturday, Jan. 14th, 6 to 9 p.m.—T. N. Lanaghan. 6364

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Burgess Hill (8), Saturday, Jan. 14th. Names for tea by Jan. 11th to B. W. White, 14, Southview, Hensfield. 6363

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting, Shepton Mallet, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. H. Nash, Hon. Sec., The Talbot, Mells. 6361

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual meeting, Leicester, Saturday, Jan. 14th. St. Margaret's (12) 2 to 4.30, All Saints (6) 2.30 to 4.30, Cathedral (12) 2.45 to 4.45. Tea and meeting 5, St. Martin's School, Friar Lane. Names by Tuesday, Jan. 10th, to W. Root, 70, New Parks Boulevard, Leicester. 6359

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual, Littleport (8), Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Lincoln's Cafe. — C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 6358

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Huntingdon, Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells, St. Mary's (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All Saints' (6) available after tea.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 6356

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 6355

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting for January at St. Mary's, Beverley, on Jan. 14th. Bells (10) available 2 p.m. Tea for all who notify Mr. A. Taylor, 25, Albert Terrace, Beverley, before Wednesday, Jan. 11th. 6351

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Rampton (6), Saturday, Jan. 14th. Lincolnshire bus from East Retford Church at 3 p.m. Favourite bus from Anchor Inn at 2.15. Names for tea to Mr. A. Crawford, Rampton, Retford, by Jan. 11th.—H. Denman. 6350

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Church Kirk, Jan. 14th. Tower open at 2.30. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 6353

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton (10 bells), Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by 12th, please. Business meeting following tea. Social 7.30 to 11.30. Whist, games, dancing. Tickets 2s. each from district secretaries and general secretary. Private bus to Coventry and district following social.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nun. 3296. 6348

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Harrietsham (8), Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, near Maidstone. 6346

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting at St. James', Milnrow, on January 14th. Bells (8) at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—V. Wilson Sykes, Hon. Sec. 6369

BURNHAM, BUCKS, DEDICATION by Bishop of Oxford, Sunday, Jan. 15th, 3 p.m. service. Whole recast (eight) and new frame by Taylor's. Opening ringing after service by local band. Bells available to visitors from half an hour after service until 5.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained at Reedham Cafe, Burnham. Buses every 15 minutes from Slough or Maidenhead. Keep touches short. All pull.—G. Gilbert. 6339

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Jan. 18th.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 6303

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Sulgrave (6), Saturday, Jan. 21st, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Friday, 13th, please.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 6320

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting at Southwell Minster, Jan. 21st, 2.30. Service. Tea if you notify Mr. Fred Pickard, 47, Westgate, Southwell, by 19th. A cordial welcome to all ringers.—J. W. Raithby, Dis. Sec. 6328

SELBY AND DISTRICT SECRETARY.—Annual meeting and dinner at Selby, Jan. 21st. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. (approx.), followed by annual meeting. Dinner to be held in George Hotel, 8s. 6d. each. Names and fees to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby, by Jan. 14th.—L. M. Woodhead, Act. Hon. Sec. 6344

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual, Withcombe Raleigh, Jan. 21st. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh, by Jan. 16th. 6345

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Bells available 3 to 5 p.m., followed by tea (5.15) and meeting in Fellowship Hall. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, Jan. 17th.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 6352

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual district meeting, St. Albans, Saturday, Jan. 21st. St. Peter's (10) 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting, Abbey Restaurant, 5 p.m. Cathedral (12) in evening. Names for tea, please, if possible, by Tuesday, Jan. 17th, to T. J. Southam, 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (10) 2.30. Committee meet 3 p.m. in Parish Hall. Brief service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Talbot Hotel, Kirkgate, only to those who notify me by Jan. 25th. General meeting, Parish Hall, 6 p.m.—L. W. G. Morris, 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 6370

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Deanery.—Annual meeting, Wells, Saturday, Jan. 21st. St. Cuthbert's bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting. Cathedral bells after tea. Notify by Tuesday, 17th, for tea.—W. Marsh, Dovecotes, Street. 6360

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Northfleet (8) on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Usual arrangements. Tea, by kind invitation, to those who inform Mr. E. Peartree, 1, Plane Avenue, Northfleet, Kent, by Tuesday, Jan. 17th.—B. W. May, Hon. Sec. 6347

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Jan. 21st, 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Mary's, Walthamstow.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 6354

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at Benson, Oxon. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service and tea to follow. Names for tea by Jan. 17th to H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 6368

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Edenham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Holmes, The Retreat, Edenham, Bourn, Lincs, by Tuesday previous.—Bernard H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 6367

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Annual meeting, Revelstoke, Jan. 28th. Usual arrangements. Names by Jan. 21st to G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 6278

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—N.-Western District.—Annual meeting, Epsom, Jan. 28th, St. Martin's (10). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Church Hall, 5 p.m. Christ Church bells (8) after meeting. Nominations for general officers at this meeting. Nominations for district officers by Jan. 14th. Notifications for tea by Jan. 26th, first post, to R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 6357

Quarter Peals

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's on Christmas Eve, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Brenda Philpott 1, Derek Wilsden 2, A. Charles Philpott 3, Ronald Pepper 4, Alan Butler 5, Derek Chatfield (cond.) 6.

CROFT, LEICS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: R. F. Collis 1, F. Watson 2, G. A. Charlton 3, W. A. Wood 4, J. Taylor (cond.) 5, W. H. Cheney 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of John Barker, organist and churchwarden.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,306 Stedman Cinques: F. Hayes (cond.) 1, J. Kape 2, R. Biggs 3, Sylvia Coker 4, Doreen Coker 5, P. Newton 6, A. Newton 7, W. H. Plumridge 8, A. Cox 9, W. Avery 10, R. Coles 11, M. Ward 12.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. E. Harris 1, Miss J. E. Askew 2, S. Croft 3, Mrs. K. Parr 4, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 5, H. W. Rogers 6, D. J. Charnley 7, H. Brooks 8. Also 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: E. Dodds 1, Miss R. J. Pett 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Miss S. E. Harris 4, Mrs. K. Parr 5, N. G. Hollingworth 6, S. Croft 7, T. E. Davies 8, D. J. Charnley 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. First quarter of Yorkshire Surprise Royal by all. Last quarter on the bells before complete restoration of the tower.

KEYNSHAM, NEAR BRISTOL.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Beale 1, Miss J. Lear (first quarter) 2, L. Ellis 3, T. Harris 4, C. J. Ford 5, F. Day 6, J. Owen (cond.) 7, E. Veale 8. First quarter-peal by an all local band.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—At the Cathedral on Dec. 19th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Betty Crossman (first quarter) 1, June Brindley (first of Caters) 2, P. Beresford 3, W. J. Cope 4, Joan Beresford 5, A. F. Sedgwick 6, T. Reynolds 7, J. B. Webb 8, G. E. Oliver (cond.) 9, M. N. Culling 10.

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PEAL RINGING, 1948

OWING to a set of unfortunate circumstances we have not until this week been able to publish the Peal Analysis Table for 1948. The six months' delay arose over the sudden illness of Mr. C. Dean, who, in recent years, with meticulous care, compiled these tables, and would have published it within a few weeks of the Central Council meeting at York. The work passed to Mr. Walter Ayre, and a discrepancy of one peal in the total entailed a great deal of research. While late, we feel that the tables should be published as a guide to the future and indicating the trend of ringing in the British Isles.

The popularity of peal ringing is apparent from the analysis. While 1948 set a new high water mark in the history of peal ringing, the closing year will probably record an advance of 200. It is particularly interesting to examine the trend of events since the war. Peals rung in succeeding years have been 1945, 1,304; 1946, 1,795; 1947, 2,174; and 1948, 2,639. There is no question that the number of ringers who enjoy peal ringing is on the increase and peal ringing to-day is not the exclusive monopoly of confined bands of ringers.

Of the 2,639 peals in 1948 2,365 were on tower bells and 274 rung on handbells. There was no appreciable change in 12 and 10 bell ringing, the comparative figures with 1947 being: Maximus 17 (19), Cinques 43 (32), Royal 98 (76), Caters 82 (106). It is on the lower numbers of bells that the advance is most marked with Major 958 (861), Triples 346 (305) and Minor and Doubles 821 (605). The quality of the Major peals calls for comment. Of the 957 peals 426 were in Surprise methods, against 299 the previous year, and 274 in 1946. This is definite evidence of advance and reveals the degree of mastery of Surprise ringing. The order of popularity of standard Surprise ringing is Cambridge 107 (97), Superlative 63 (46), Yorkshire 62 (49), London 45 (49), Bristol 41 (36). Spliced Surprise Major is attracting more interest. The 25 peals were distributed among 13 guilds and associations, with the crowning achievements the peals by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild in 22 methods at Harmston on November 27th.

Double Norwich Court Bob Major was in great favour with 152 peals, against 132 in 1947 and 115 in last year. No fewer than 35 guilds or associations recorded peals in this method. Kent Treble Bob also showed an advance

on the previous year with 103 peals against 88. Naturally, Plain Bob Major is still the most popular method; it would be a bad sign for the Exercise if it was not, as it would be a pointer to a lack of peal ringing recruits. The number of peals was 222 against 185.

Triples had an increase, but it was not so marked as Major. There were 346 peals against 305. Grandsire had 199 peals against 166, but Stedman showed a decline, being 124 against 129. The advance from Stedman to Double Norwich or Surprise methods of certain sections of ringers undoubtedly accounted for the drop. Kent County Association rang 20 peals of Stedman, an indication of the hold of the method in their territory.

Five and six bell towers have more than come into their own with 821 peals against 605. The enthusiasm of the Ely Diocesan Guild should be noted with 62 peals, 31 being in one method of Minor. A Guild is, of course, limited in its activities by the bells available. Achievements of special mention were the peals of Minor in 35 methods by the Chester Diocesan Guild and Doubles in 42 methods by the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

There were 274 peals rung in hand against 221 in 1947. This number falls short of the enthusiasm displayed in 1949 at Bournemouth and in Leicestershire. As far as numbers are concerned, the leading Guilds were Winchester and Portsmouth 27, Leicester Guild and Irish Association with 26 each. It was singular that there was not a peal of Maximus in hand rung during the year, but 10 peals of Stedman Cinques. Generally speaking, the quality of the ringing was not equal to 1947, Hertford County and Leicester and Lincoln have the best performances.

For the past three years there has been no change in the position of the three leading associations, viz., Kent County 156 (last year 136), Lancashire 146 (133) and Leicester 141 (125). The fourth position is still held by Chester 128 (120), followed by Oxford Diocesan 124 (110), Lincoln 113 (112), Yorkshire 111 (99), Ely 105 (47), Norwich 96 (73), Bath and Wells 91 (74). The two rivals—the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths—rang 20 and 23 peals respectively. The Ancient Society had five peals of Cinques against three by the Cumberlands. As to the Universities, Cambridge had 12 peals to Oxford's 10. London University do not appear in the 1948 list, but otherwise every other Guild or Association which recorded a peal in 1947 appears.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,

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ALAN CATTELL Treble	†W. HARRY DUNCOMBE... 7
ERNEST MORRIS 2	†JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 8
*WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 3	†WILLIAM THORNLEY ... 9
†ALFRED MOULD 4	†JOHN J. MORRIS 10
†JACK BAILEY 5	†J. W. FRANK TROTMAN 11
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Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

* First peal of Maximus on tower bells. † First peal of Maximus.
† First peal on twelve bells. First peal as conductor on twelve bells.

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ALAN A. POTTS 2	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 8
*WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	PETER LAFLIN 9
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER... 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 11
EDWARD JENKINS ... 6	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* 250th peal. First peal of Rochester Surprise Maximus by all the band, for the Guild and in the county.

TEN BELL PEALS

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 10, 1949, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, LITCHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD Treble	*ALFRED MOULD 6
*FREDERICK E. WILSHAW 2	*DENNIS R. CARLISLE ... 7
†ALBERT E. THOMPSON... 3	*NEVILLE R. HOLLAND... 8
*WILLIAM CARNALL ... 4	*FREDK. W. GROCOIT ... 9
*JACK BAILEY 5	†JOHN BRAMLEY Tenor

Composed by H. L. JAMES. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Cambridge Royal on the bells. Ringers of 3, 5, 6 and 7 from Derby, 2, 8 and 9 Stoke-on-Trent, treble and tenor from Leicester.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF LEICESTERSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY... .. 7
MICHAEL D. STANFORTH 3	NORMAN G. MCCRUM ... 8
JILL POOLE 4	ALAN JACQUES 9
HARRY G. WAYNE 5	PETER J. STANFORTH ... Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Royal in the method. Birthday compliment to Shirley Burton.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1949, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE TOWN HALL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 42½ cwt.

CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... Treble	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 6
JOHN L. MORRIS 2	JACK CLEGG 7
CHARLES CLEGG 3	ERNEST J. GOWER... .. 8
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 4	RICHARD BENSON 9
ALBERT GREENHALGH ... 5	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

E. JOAN SALMONS ... Treble	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 6
REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD 2	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 7
NELIA M. LEAHY ... 3	REGINALD W. REX ... 8
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 9
*LESLIE A. TREMEER ... 5	*JOHN H. HUNT Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	*ERNEST J. GOWER ... 6
ROBERT ALLRED 2	JACK CLEGG 7
JOHN L. MORRIS 3	FRED GRUNDY 8
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 4	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE... 9
ROGER LEIGH 5	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT... Tenor

Composed by J. SHAW.

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* 50th peal

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 36 courses, 198 singles 46 hobs. Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

HENRY TOOKE Treble	JOHN F. MOOR 6
ARTHUR G. BASON 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	GEORGE SAYER 8
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 4	GEORGE BAILEY 9
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW 5	WILLIAM CLOVER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal of Royal in the method by all and the Association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 2, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM AARON Treble	ALBERT GREENHALGH ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	ROGER LEIGH 6
MISS M. ELKINGTON ... 3	PETER CROOK 7
RICHARD BENSON 4	*EDWARD IDDON Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* 50th peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 10, 1949, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Comprising 960 London, 736 Bristol, 640 Rutland, 480 each Ealing, Wembley and Cambridge, and 320 each of Watford, Pudsey, Yorkshire and Superlative, with 133 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 ten Spliced by all the band.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY ... Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE 5
*ALEC J. WEBSTER ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN 6
ERIC J. GILBERT 3	JOHN E. BIBBY 7
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON... 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

* First peal in the method.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

DAVID H. BENNETT ... Treble	*F. ERIC ROBERTS ... 5
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 2	FREDK. R. HARRIS ... 6
LESLIE EVANS ... 3	REGINALD T. JONES ... 7
*CHARLES G. JONES ... 4	†WILFRID F. MORETON Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by W. F. MORETON.
* First peal on eight bells. † 50th peal in 1949.

DERBY,
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

JOHN BRAMLEY ... Treble	WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 5
NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... 2	ALFRED MOULD ... 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	DENNIS R. CARLISLE ... 7
JOHN W. GLEW ... 4	JACK BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

First peal of Surprise on the bells: Rung for the wedding of Miss Edna Spencer and Charles William Bond, a member of St. Peter's Society.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM DIXON ... Treble	HARRY WILDE ... 5
E. BENJAMIN BETTS ... 2	DONAL R. MARSHALL ... 6
EDWARD JENKINS ... 3	FRED HODGSON ... 7
*THOS. W. STRANGEWAY ... 4	*FRED DUNKERLEY ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN E. T. WISEMAN ... Treble	CHARLES E. FISHER ... 5
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 6
FRANK L. FISHER ... 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 7
FRANK BLOOMFIELD ... 4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

*DENNIS J. CRAPNELL ... Treble	*JOHN W. CRAPNELL ... 5
†ROBERT J. MUNNINGS ... 2	ERNEST W. PYE ... 6
*ERNEST W. BLOMFIELD ... 3	†CLAUD W. WOODARD ... 7
†JANET MATTINSON ... 4	ERNEST E. GRIMES ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by E. W. BLOMFIELD.
* First of Surprise. † First in the method. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb. in E.

OGDEN MOORES ... Treble	VERNON SYKES ... 5
JAMES TAYLOR ... 2	DEREK OGDEN ... 6
STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... 3	GERALD DARE ... 7
SELWYN H. DEARDEN ... 4	IVAN KAY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by IVAN KAY.
Rung for the patronal festival.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Consisting of 1,440 London, 1,440 Rutland, 640 Bristol, and 320 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire and Pudsey, with 120 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*ARTHUR HIBBERT ... Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
†ALAN A. POTTS ... 2	†JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... 6
†WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	†PETER LAFLIN ... 7
†JAMES A. MILNER ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Spiced Surprise. † First peal of Spiced Surprise in eight methods. First peal of Spiced Surprise in eight methods in the county and for the Guild.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 50 lb.

*FRANK C. ARNOLD ... Treble	CHARLES CATCHPOLE ... 5
FREDK. J. ROOPE ... 2	LEONARD G. TOOKE ... 6
†F. CEDRIC W. PHILLIPPO ... 3	HENRY TOOKE ... 7
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 4	ERNEST WHITING ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.'

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... Treble	ALFRED SMITH ... 5
G. GORDON GRAHAM ... 2	GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 6
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 7
JACK G. BROTHWELL ... 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

STOW BARDOLPH, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in G.

WALLACE COUSINS ... Treble	EDWARD BARKER ... 5
ARTHUR ROLFE ... 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 6
FRED WIGMORE ... 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... 7
JOHN E. FOX ... 4	TONY PRICE ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by TONY PRICE.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 18, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

*TONY OWEN ... Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 5
†GORDON DYE ... 2	GEORGE A. COOK ... 6
SIDNEY MARSHALL ... 3	GEORGE P. ADAMS ... 7
VINCENT R. OVENS ... 4	BERT GOGLE ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by BERT GOGLE.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. To welcome the birth of a son (John Arnold) to the ring of the seventh.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY ... Treble	RALPH BIRD ... 5
THOMAS A. CLARK ... 2	ALICK CUTLER ... 6
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 7
WILLIAM WENBAN ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.



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BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

E. Taylor's Six-part.		Tenor 8½ cwt.	
STANLEY E. BENNETT ... Treble		*JOHN P. MORRISS ...	5
ALBERT H. BENNETT ... 2		CYRIL WANDER ...	6
*WILLIAM B. DAWSON ... 3		*GEORGE R. DAWSON ...	7
*NORMAN B. FOVARGUE ... 4		*ROBERT HOWARD ...	Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal as conductor. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bennett. Mr. Bennett has been a ringer at this church for 35 years.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 23, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.	
*HORACE O. OVER ... Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5
TERENCE A. THORNER ... 2	*CHARLES W. HALL ... 6
*ROLAND BENISTON ... 3	*LESLIE E. STEVENS ... 7
*ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... 4	COLIN HARRISON ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method. Specially rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Over on the occasion of their silver wedding.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.		Tenor 16 cwt. in F.	
WALTER W. MILLER ... Treble		GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	5
*CHARLES W. BEECROFT ... 2		LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 3		ALBERT E. WHITING ...	7
FRANK L. FISHER ... 4		LESLIE G. BRETT ...	Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First peal of Surprise. A birthday compliment to 6th and tenor.

HEADINGLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.	
ROY BETTLEY-COOKE ... Treble	*ALEXANDER E. MARSH ... 5
*WILLIAM WARD ... 2	GEORGE ROBINSON ... 6
ALFRED SMITH ... 3	*PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 7
MOLLY AMBLER ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 75). Conducted by ED. JENKINS.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. A 21st birthday compliment to W. (Billy) Ward.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.		Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.	
FREDERICK LEECH ... Treble		*FREDERICK W. GROCOTT ...	5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW ... 2		NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ...	6
EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 3		CHARLES H. PAGE ...	7
ARTHUR PEAKE ... 4		*EDWARD T. GREGORY ...	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal on eight bells.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.	
*MARGARET A. SWANN ... Treble	*RAYMOND F. SMITH ... 5
*FREDK. W. STOKES ... 2	JOHN F. HODSON ... 6
*OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... 3	*JOHN E. COOK ... 7
H. LESLIE PASK ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN FREEMAN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.	
*THOMAS E. SONE ... Treble	DORIS E. COLGATE ... 5
*A. ROBIN GUY ... 2	*ROBERT COLLINS ... 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 3	JOHN O. WELLER ... 7
*JOHN B. GUY ... 4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 25th peal together. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal. § First peal of Oxford.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF WIGSTON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.	
*TERENCE A. THORNER Treble	*FRANK S. CHENEY ... 5
*SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 2	EDWIN LLOYD ... 6
*NORMAN G. MCCRUM ... 3	*T. EDWARD HARROLD ... 7
*SHIRLEY BURTON ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Wigston Surprise Major.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.	
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH ... Treble	JAMES DRAYCOTT ... 5
*MARGARET A. BAILEY (15) ... 2	JOHN GIBBONS ... 6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH ... 3	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 7
JOHN E. S. MORETON ... 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON Tenor

Comp. by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Cond. by MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH.

* First peal. First peal of Major as conductor.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.	
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... Treble	*ALAN ROGERS ... 5
*WILLIAM H. JACKSON ... 2	*RAYMOND C. WESTNEY ... 6
*MILTON C. FOWLER ... 3	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 7
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal for the Yorkshire Association. ‡ First peal of Cambridge Major. First peal of Surprise.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr.	
MAURICE THURMOTT ... Treble	*CLAUDE GIMBERT ... 5
*MARION GRAY ... 2	*ROBERT BROOKER ... 6
RONALD H. BULLEN ... 3	JOHN B. ROWSELL ... 7
JOHN ACRES ... 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal of Kent Major 'inside.' † First peal of Kent Major. ‡ First peal in the method. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Gimbert.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, OXTON,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E.	
LESTER L. GRAY ... Treble	*ALEX. J. WEBSTER ... 5
*ERNEST T. CARVELL ... 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 6
FRANK VARTY ... 3	ERNEST F. BENNETT ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

NORMA BICKERDIKE ... Treble	ALFRED SMITH ... 5
ROY BETTLEY-COOKE ... 2	*ALEXANDER E. MARSH ... 6
*WILLIAM WARD ... 3	JOHN W. GIBSON ... 7
MOLLY AMBLER ... 4	EDWARD GIBSON ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by ALFRED SMITH.

* First peal of Superlative.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOHN CHAMBERS ... Treble	BRYAN J. LEWIS ... 5
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... 2	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... 6
JOHN KING ... 3	†HARRY RICHARDSON ... 7
ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 4	JOHN E. SKERRITT ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN E. SKERRITT.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Superlative.

ROWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 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.

JOHN WORTH ... Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
*ANNE WORTH ... 2	WILFRED STEVENSON ... 6
JUNE HENSHAW ... 3	ALAN A. POTTS ... 7
*MRS. C. K. LEWIS ... 4	ALAN J. BROWN ... Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

* First peal in the method.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF HEREFORDSHIRE LITTLE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

REGINALD T. JONES ... Treble	E. PETER ROCK ... 5
AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... 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.

The first peal of Little Surprise.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*PAMELA A. WARREN ... Treble	†JOHN A. ETHERINGTON ... 5
GEORGE E. CLODE ... 2	HAROLD A. MAY ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	T. MARK WHITE ... 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 4	FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDK. A. MUNDAY.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

First peal of Surprise as conductor.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*NORMAN HEPWORTH ... Treble	OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... 5
CYRIL WARD ... 2	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 6
JEAN METHAM ... 3	JOHN F. HODSON ... 7
†MARGARET A. SWANN ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.

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

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Davies' Transposition.

Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat

ALBERT H. WARD ... Treble	FRANK BRADLEY ... 5
PATRICK PRESTON ... 2	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 6
*GEORGE H. CLIFT ... 3	WALTER NICHOLS ... 7
CLEMENT GLENN ... 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... Treble	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 5
*E. JOAN SALMONS ... 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 6
FREDK. W. ROGERS ... 3	JOHN H. HUNT ... 7
FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 4	*ERNEST F. SALMONS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* 50th peal together.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FREDERICK KINCHIN ... Treble	REGINALD C. CHAPMAN ... 5
FRED C. LYNE ... 2	CHARLES J. CAMM ... 6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 3	C. ARTHUR MANNING ... 7
VIVIAN B. HUNT ... 4	†FRANCES POWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

LINDLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK LINFOOT ... Treble	ARNOLD ROTHERY ... 5
*DEREK SHARPLES ... 2	ALBERT W. BOND ... 6
*BRIAN E. MOORHOUSE ... 3	GEOFFREY GEE ... 7
WILLIAM HARGREAVES ... 4	HENRY H. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS.

Conducted by HENRY H. SMITH.

* First peal.

SIX BELL PEALS

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., Dec. 12, 1949, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN MITCHELL ... Treble	MICHAEL BOARD ... 4
JOHN CARTER ... 2	JOHN L. GLANVILL ... 5
SIDNEY SKINNER ... 3	JOHN QUICK ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.

A wedding compliment to Brian Pidgeon (district secretary).

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 16, 1949, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two extents of Kent Treble Bob (C.C.C. Nos. 150 and 151), and five extents of Plain Bob (C.C.C. Nos. 49, 51, 34, 28 and 29).

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

VICTOR A. PERRY ... Treble	†EDWARD G. BENNETT ... 4
*GEORGE ROOME ... 2	KILBY R. HOLTOM ... 5
WILLIAM R. HAMMONS ... 3	ERIC NOBLES ... Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal. † First peal in two methods 'inside.' Conductor's 75th peal.

BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 14 plain methods: (1) Oxford Bob and Single Court, (2) Double Oxford and London Bob, (3) Thelwall and Lytham, (4) St. Clement's and Colledge, (5) Childwall and Wavertree, (6) Double and Reverse Bob, (7) Fulbeck and Canterbury Pleasure; 170 changes of method. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JOHN ELLERTON Treble	FRANK LORD 4
GEORGE E. FEIRN 2	JACK BRAY 5
*G. LESLIE A. LUNN 3	GEORGE W. MOODY ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal in 14 methods.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's, these being: (1) Plain Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Canterbury, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall, London Bob, Lytham, Colledge, Wavertree and Fulbeck, (2) Hereward; (3) Single Oxford, (4) Double Court, (5) Single Court, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

G. RONALD EDWARDS ... Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ... 4
RICHARD MANTON 2	JAMES W. BOWLEY ... 5
C. WILLIAM HALL 3	ROLAND BENISTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

First peal in twenty Minor methods by all the band and for the Guild.

EVERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of St. Clement's and two 720's each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HAROLD DENMAN ... Treble	HARRY BARNES 4
*GEORGE CHALLANS 2	*FREDERICK JACKSON ... 5
ERNEST SHORT 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal in four methods.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four methods: Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb.

I. W. SMITH Treble	W. A. SMITH 4
MRS. M. WHITE 2	A. RICHARDSON 5
J. N. SMITH 3	E. ELLISON Tenor

Conducted by E. ELLISON.

First peal on the bells by a local band. Rung as a compliment to ringers of 3rd and tenor after completing 26 and 25 years' service respectively.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Stamford Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CLIFFORD W. IZZARD ... Treble	MICHAEL STEPHENS ... 4
C. HENRY HARDING 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... 5
RONALD J. SHARP 3	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

J. DEREK SMITH ... Treble	KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH ... 4
*MARY WALLACE 2	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 5
*ARTHUR WATTS 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT CRAWLEY.

* First peal. For the christening of Susan Barbara Wallace, niece of the ringer of the second.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*M. VERNON (15) ... Treble	*M. ABBOT 4
N. WALKER 2	W. BRIGGS 5
R. C. TIPLER 3	*R. HAYWARD (16) ... Tenor

Conducted by R. C. TIPLER.

* First peal.

NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GILBERT LATTY ... Treble	TERRANCE DAVIES ... 4
WHYNDHAM LEWIS 2	HARRY BOYCE 5
THOMAS SCOTT 3	*VICTOR EVANS ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BOYCE.

* First peal. All Sunday service ringers.

DEEPISTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Primrose, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford, Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

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

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of London Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and two extents each of Norwich Surprise and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 4½ cwt.

W. EDWIN GOUGH ... Treble	PETER H. WRIGHT 4
BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS ... 2	ERIC J. STERLAND 5
HAROLD FRANKLIN 3	R. MICHAEL E. RICHARDS Tenor

Conducted by ERIC J. STERLAND.

First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to Peter H. Wright. The oldest member of this band is 19 years of age.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

ROBERT E. R. SMITH ... Treble	GEORGE LARGE 4
MRS. LESLIE BAINHAM ... 2	ALFRED W. HEATH 5
DONALD G. CLARKE 3	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.

Rung in honour of the 84th birthday of Mr. J. W. Jones, who has been Master of the above Association on two occasions. He also held the office of secretary for 50 years.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 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.

ROBERT C. HEAZEL ... Treble	*RICHARD GRICE 4
BERT ELLIOTT 2	ALFRED T. M. PERRY ... 5
GEORGE SAUNDERS 3	H. WALTER SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by H. WALTER SMITH.

* First peal.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 22, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT Treble	EDWIN BROMLEY 4
*WILLIAM ROGERS 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 5
THOMAS E. SONE 3	ALFRED W. DURHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal of Minor.

DAMERHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 23, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 8½ 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.

* 50th peal. First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt.
EDGAR QUICKE ... Treble *GILBERT DAVIS ... 4
CLAUDE TARR ... 2 HARRY PURCHASE ... 5
*FRANK MORRIS ... 3 HARRY COMMINS ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PURCHASE.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven extents in eight methods, viz., Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Bob, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

EDWIN G. MOORE ... Treble *MICHAEL E. H. BARROW 4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS ... 2 *HARRY P. FLOYD ... 5
*NOEL J. DISERENS ... 3 ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in eight Minor methods.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of eight extents of St. Simon's, eight of Plain Bob, six of April Day and 20 of Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT H. BOOTH ... Treble *DAVID SMITH ... 4
HARRY W. HOWARD ... 2 HARRY PARKER ... 5
ERIC HORNBY ... 3 DOROTHY C. OSBORN ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKER.

* First peal of Doubles.

TEWIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*MARY CORNELL ... Treble †R. A. COCHRANE ... 4
*D. HISCOCK ... 2 †S. HUCKLE ... 5
W. T. HOLMES ... 3 B. MCKIE ... Tenor

Conducted by B. MCKIE.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods. A compliment to Mr. A. Lyles, who has rung for over 50 years at St. Peter's, Tewin.

BALLYLESSON, IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one extent of St. Clement's Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN SAVAGE ... Treble †JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 4
*WILLIAM PRATT ... 2 *JAMES EDGAR ... 5
*NAT SAVAGE ... 3 *HARRY BROWN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

* First peal of Minor and in four methods. † First peal in four methods on tower bells. First peal in four Minor methods as conductor. First peal on tower bells in four methods in Ireland. Fastest peal on tower bells ever rung in Ireland.

(More peals on page 29.)

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: T. Hasting 1, W. A. Stote 2, C. H. Webb 3, J. Oughton 4, J. W. Taylor 5, G. Gardner 6, C. Aylett 7, J. W. T. Taylor (cond.) 8.

ARLESEY, BEDS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. S. Dear 1, S. E. Cooper 2, P. Mehew 3, W. D. Pooley 4, J. V. Livock 5, R. V. Webb (cond.) 6. First quarter of Bob Minor for 2, 3 and 5.

BASFORD, NOTTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Pinder 1, S. Pinder 2, H. Bates 3, P. Ball 4, R. Carlisle 5, E. Pickering 6, H. Seagrave (cond.) 7, A. Scott 8. For the wedding of Miss R. Harrison and Mr. F. Selby.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Mark's Church on Dec. 18th, 1,280 Plain Bob Minor: S. Townsland 1, R. W. Perry 2, E. J. White 3, L. Coles 4, M. Helps (first as cond.) 5, C. S. Knott 6. First quarter of Bob Minor by 1, 4 and 5.

BLACKBURN, LANCOS.—On Christmas Day at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: B. A. Tomlinson 1, J. Skeats 2, L. Henrys 3, A. Swindelhurst 4, J. L. Morris 5, J. A. Tomlinson 6, T. Wilson (cond.) 7, F. Heyes 8, H. Anderton 9, F. C. W. Knight 10. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 4. First on the new bells.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. R. A. Peake 1, B. Bladon (first as cond.) 2, F. G. Wilton 3, A. Tickner 4, Miss E. L. Roberts 5, Miss C. Smith (first quarter) 6. All the ringers are still at school.

BULKINGTON, NUNFATON.—On Dec. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss F. Warden 1, Miss F. Bailey 2, Miss R. Ashley 3, H. F. Ashley 4, C. Hughes 5, A. J. Hinde 6, H. Ashley (cond.) 7, C. Neale 8. First quarter peal on the augmented eight bells. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major by the same company, A. J. Hinde conducting.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Dob Doubles: A. Street 1, A. Worth 2, E. Pimlott 3, D. B. Ongley 4, B. J. Ongley (first as cond.) 5, R. Barratt 6. First quarter 1 and 4. First in method 2, 3, 5 and 6.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples in the Cathedral Campanile: H. F. Dunford 1, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 2, R. G. Blackman 3, W. G. Challen 4, N. J. Smith 5, J. T. Finey (first 'inside') 6, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 7, F. S. Smithers 8.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bennett 1, W. Francis, jun. 2, E. Drew (cond.) 3, G. Newman 4, G. Goodson 5, C. Jones 6, F. Hinton 7, T. Davies 8. In memoriam Harry Jones, a sidesman at Claverley Church.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. Read (first quarter) 1, J. Wells 2, C. Beadle 3, R. Hale 4, J. Read 5, E. Gardner 6, R. Collins 7, C. Wells 8. Conductor, C. W. Denver.

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral on Christmas Day, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. Sargent 1, J. L. Stanier 2, J. Hutchinson 3, R. O. Street (cond.) 4, Miss R. M. K. How 5, L. Bournemouth 6, E. Bournemouth 7, E. A. Stafford 8, T. C. Winderam 9, A. E. Haynes 10.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Latham (first quarter) 1, A. W. Barber 2, B. Hammond 3, A. G. Chambers 4, G. Bunning 5, S. Marshall (first as cond.) 6.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Helen Gorringe (first of Stedman) 1, S. C. Driver 2, W. Gorringe 3, J. A. Downing 4, J. A. Pennells 5, G. Billenness 6, C. A. Levett (cond.) 7, W. Levett 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Carrott 1, F. V. Gant (cond.) 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, S. Penfold 4, J. G. Macdougall 5, A. Salisbury (first 'inside') 6, T. East 7, C. E. Wright 8.

ILLSTON, LEICS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (180 St. Simon's, 360 Canterbury, 360 Plain Bob and 360 Grandsire): N. T. Dyer 1, J. H. Wadkin 2, G. Lee 3, J. G. Geary (cond.) 4, A. N. Geary 5, A. E. Dyer 6.

QUARTER PEALS

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—

On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Cragg (first quarter on the treble) 1, W. Small 2, J. Backshall (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. Backshall 4, P. Romney (cond.) 5, A. Backshall 6.

KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Beale 1, Miss J. Lear (first quarter) 2, L. F. Ellis 3, T. Harris 4, C. J. Ford 5, F. Day 6, J. Owen (cond.) 7, E. Veale 8. First quarter by a local band.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Duffell 1, N. Carr 2, W. Avery 3, J. Meakes 4, R. Wright 5, K. Seymour (cond.) 6.

LANGFORD BUDVILLE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Tattersall (first quarter) 1, G. Salter (first 'inside') 2, G. Walford (cond.) 3, F. W. Slocombe 4, D. T. North 5, A. E. Hawkins 6.

LEICESTER.—At St. John the Divine's on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Ward 1, S. A. Jenson 2, G. H. Hebborn 3, C. Kirk 4, C. P. Walker 5, J. Morris 6, S. Harrison (first as cond.) 7, E. T. Clements 8. First of Grandsire Triples 'inside' by 2, 3 and 4.

LINCOLN.—At St. Giles' on Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Hepworth 1, Mrs. F. Metham 2, Margaret A. Swann 3, Jean Metham 4, R. Stallibrass 5, J. F. Hodson 6, S. A. Chambers (first as cond.) 7, C. Ward 8.

LLANTRISANT, GLAM.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Yeomans 1, F. Rowell 2, Mrs. H. Oatway 3, F. Bailey 4, W. Oatway 5, J. Evans 6, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 7, R. Davies 8. First in the method 3 and 6.

LONDON.—On Dec. 26th, at Westminster Abbey, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Pasmore 1, W. S. Langdon 2, H. Belcher 3, R. Green 4, A. B. Peck (cond.) 5, H. Langdon 6, R. F. Deal 7, J. Phillips 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Keeley 1, R. Keeley 2, G. S. Morris (cond.) 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, C. W. Powell 5, H. G. Keeley 6, G. H. Whitmore 7, E. C. Tett 8. For the Confirmation by the Bishop of Sherborne.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. L. J. Dadds (first quarter, age 14) 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, L. Everest 3, A. J. Dadds (first as cond.) 4, L. Twyman 5, R. G. Dadds (first 'inside') 6, F. G. Gadsden 7, H. Lade 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Gadsden.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Wallis (first of Minor) 1, M. Lockey 2, A. C. Sinfild 3, C. Mann (first 'inside') 4, R. J. Sharp (cond.) 5, C. E. Jeffries 6.

OXFORD.—At St. Giles' on Dec. 23rd, 1,949 Stedman Triples: A. Higgins 1, J. R. Chaundy 2, R. Higgins 3, V. J. F. Bennett 4, W. F. Judge 5, W. Collett 6, J. Higgins (composer and conductor) 7, H. Gardiner 8.

PAULTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,440 Minor (720 Single Court and 720 Oxford Bob): V. Savage 1, Mrs. J. Naish 2, A. G. Clare 3, J. Naish 4, F. Savage 5, D. Hoare (cond.) 6.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Andrew's on Christmas Day, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Skinner (first quarter) 1, G. H. Myers 2, D. F. Wheeler 3, A. S. Weatherby 4, J. H. Tippet 5, A. Mitchelmore 6, H. F. Myers 7, S. O'Shaughnessy 8, T. G. Myers (cond.) 9, A. W. Myers 10. During this ringing these bells were broadcast in the B.B.C.'s 'Christmas Bells' programme.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: S. Brown (first quarter) 1, J. Holbrook 2, F. Carter 3, H. Griffin 4, D. Hoare (cond.) 5, T. Griffin 6.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Clayton 1, G. F. Hoad 2, J. W. Euston 3, R. M. Foreman 4, G. Oliver 5, A. T. Shelton 6, J. W. Crouch 7, A. J. Hughes 8, E. G. Talbot 9, F. T. Hoad 10.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. Ransome 1, R. Clements 2, Rev. B. F. Sheppard 3, F. Warrington (cond.) 4, C. Goodyear 5, W. Ransome 6.

ANALYSIS

ASSOCIATION

	Cambridge	New Cambridge	Yorkshire	Lincolnshire	Kent Treble Bob	Oxford Treble Bob	Little Bob	Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	Cambridge	Yorkshire	Pringlewell
An. Soc. College Yths.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bath and Wells Dio.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bedfordshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cambridge Univ. Gld.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chester Diocesan	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Coventry Dio. Guild	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cumberland County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Derby Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Devonshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dudley and District	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Durham & Newcastle	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
East Grinstead Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
East Hertfordshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ely Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Essex Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gloucester & Bristol	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Guilford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hereford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hertford County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Irish Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kent County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lancashire Assoc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Leicester Dio. Guild	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lincoln Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Llandaff & Monmouth	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
London County Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Midlesex County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Midland Counties	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
North Staffs Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
North Wales Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Norwich Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oxford Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oxford University Soc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Peterborough Dio.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
St. David's Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
St. Martin's Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Salisbury Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scottish Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shropshire Assoc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Soc. R. Cum. Youths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Southwell Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stafford Archdeaconry	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Suffolk Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Surrey Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sussex Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Swansea and Brecon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Truro Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Universities Assoc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Win. and Portsmouth	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Worcester & Districts	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Yorkshire Assoc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unattached	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	9	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	40	327	12	1	1

* Other Surprise peals: Kent County, Norwich Diocesan, Southgate; Oxf.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. R. Guy 1, J. B. Guy 2, L. Turley 3, P. Turley 4, E. Andrews 5, Miss D. Colgate 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, H. Baker 8. First in method 1 and 2.

SHAW-CUM-DONNINGTON, BERKS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (360 St. Simon's, 480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): M. J. Dodd 1, G. J. Townsend 2, G. K. Dodd 3, S. F. Tufley 4, R. W. Rex (cond.) 5.

SPRATTON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Adams (first quarter) 1, S. Brown 2, C. Gilby (first 'inside') 3, E. Orland (cond.) 4, G. Wykes 5.

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TAUNTON, SOMERSET. — On Dec. 15th, 1890 Stedman Triples: Miss P. Woolley 1, W. H. Tarr 2, P. Avery 3, A. H. Reed 4, C. Williams 5, H. Mockridge 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, E. Symonds 8. Rung half-muffled in memorial to the Rev. W. H. Green, Vicar of St. James' from 1936 to 1946.

Owing to the illness of the Vicar of Ferriby, the service was taken by the Rev. C. Kendrick Hughes, Vicar of Brantingham. In his address

The tea and business meeting were held in the Duke of Cumberland Hotel, where the Vicar, the organist, Mr. H. L. Greenfield, and Mr. J. Laws were thanked for their services and arrangements. Handbells were then rung for a short time and a return was made to the tower, where the bells were kept going until 8 p.m.

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LATE NEWS

The longest length of Spliced Sur-
prise Major, 8,498 changes, was rung at
Frodsham, Cheshire, on December 31st.

The year at Leicester closed with
three peals on December 31st, Alden-
ham Surprise Major and Maximus and
New Cambridge Surprise Royal. Partic-
ipating in all three were Messrs.
H. J. Poole, H. B. Bowley, P. J. Stan-
forth and M. D. Staniforth.

Apropos the Leicester
Guild's four peals in a
day, Mr. James George
recalls the ringing of three peals of Stedman
Cinques in 24 hours at Quex Park on April
22nd-23rd, 1906. The first peal started at 6.30
p.m. and ended at 10.8 p.m.; the second from
7 a.m. to 10.31 a.m., and the third from 2 p.m.
to 5.34 p.m. The respective conductors were
John H. Cheesman, George R. Pye and W.
Pye. Mr. George thinks he is the only sur-
vivor of this record.

Regarding the peal of Minor on 19 methods
at Copt Oak on December 9th, Mr. C. K.
Lewis only composed the 720 containing 13
methods.

Mr. Frank Blondell has been seriously ill
with lung and heart trouble and has to give
up ringing and walking. He is living with a
married son at 5, Whitton Manor Road, Isle-
worth, Middlesex. Frank, who is 79, is very
cheerful and faces the new situation philo-
sophically.

Miss Mary Cornell, who rang the treble to
the peal of Major at Hatfield, Herts, on Dec.
27th, is the first lady of the Hatfield band to
have the honour to ring a peal on the bells.
It was her first attempt and the conductor,
Mr. S. Carter, congratulated her on her steady-
ness and striking. The day before at Tewin
she had rung the treble to a peal of Minor.

A ringer from Cheshire named Walter,
Whose car has a horrible falter,

Would better by far
Take a rope with his car,
And lead it along by the halter.

Inspired by the ringer concerned failing to
arrive for a peal at Birkenhead. The band are
indebted to Lester Gray for standing in at a
moment's notice.—F.V.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The visit of the Universi-
ties Association to Croydon
was a great success. Pres-
sure of space necessitates holding the report
over to next week. A snag has developed in
regard to the Nottingham week (August 18th
and 26th), and Dr. Hatcher would welcome a
solution. American visitors have booked in
advance most of the accommodation.

Miss Dorothy C. Osborn has 'completed the
circle' of Davenham tower, Cheshire.

The peal of Rochester Maximus at Maccles-
field was the 150th together by John E. Bibby
and Edward Jenkins—28 years' happy comradeship.

Nearly 50 years after his first attempt to
call a peal of Stedman Triples, Mr. J. D.
Harris, the oldest member of St. Mary's,
Portsea, company, completed the performance
there on December 31st. In all, however, he
has only made five attempts during this time.

A silver-mounted and inscribed walking stick
was presented to Mr. T. Upshall on Christmas
morning to commemorate his 50 years as a bell-
ringer at Farnham Parish Church. The Rector
(the Rev. G. N. Selby-Lowndes) made the
presentation.

The friends of Mr. D. C. Birkinshaw will
rejoice to see his name again in a quarter peal
at Kilburn. He has now almost completely
recovered from the illness with which he was
smitten in August, 1947, and we should like to
congratulate him on the event.

Congratulations to Norman G. McCrum on
ringing his first handbell peal, a peal of Kent
Treble Bob Major, and two days later in ring-
ing an 'inside' pair to Kent Treble Bob Maxi-
mus. Young Terry Thornber rang the tenors
to the Maximus and demonstrated his appre-
ciation of rhythm and his ability to keep a
good Maximus beat.

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THE STORY OF FOUR PEALS IN ONE DAY

THE LEICESTER GUILD'S ACHIEVEMENT

TO ring four peals in one day is a rare achievement, but on a recent Saturday eight members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild were successful in ringing a peal each of Superlative, London and Bristol Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

Such an occasion was a 'red letter' day, and, apart from the general arrangements, it was thought advisable to put the band under 'starter's orders' the night before. Some of the younger members had other ideas about the Friday evening, but the gaffer was emphatic, 'Early to bed, early to rise, is the way to be fit for major surprise.' Nothing was left to chance and the doubtfuls were placed in lodgings under complete supervision and so all went to bed in good time.

The Saturday morning found us astir very early and the two chariots set off to pick up the remainder of the party. Two of the band from the same lodgings were so intent on the peals that they left behind their mid-morning sandwiches. 'Don't worry,' said the chauffeur, 'you can share mine.' It was not very far on the journey—but too far to turn back—when the driver discovered that the sandwiches to be shared had also been left at home. Undaunted and by no means dismayed, we arrived at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, ten minutes late on schedule. A hot meal had been booked for lunch and therefore no time could be lost.

Superlative Surprise had been chosen for the first peal and the bells set off into changes at 7.45 a.m. It very soon became obvious that lost time would be made up, for the bells settled down to a fast pace in good ringing. The speed was such that any serious trip would certainly have proved fatal. The bells ran into rounds at 9.52 a.m., and the 2 hours 7 minutes taken to ring the peal was one minute longer than the fastest peal on the bells.

Without delay the two cars were soon speeding off to Thurcaston and it was on this journey that those whose memory had not failed them were able to partake of some sandwiches.

Upon arrival at All Saints' Church, we were very pleased to find that Mr. Bindley, the local steeplekeeper, had prepared for us even to the extent of pulling up the bells. Without delay a start was made for the London Surprise at 10.30 a.m., and the bells ran into rounds after a very good peal at 1.12 p.m. Only one member of the band had mentioned blisters after the first peal, and enquiries revealed that they were no worse after the London.

A DIVERSION.

We journeyed on to Anstey, where the mid-day meal had been arranged. Interest was diverted from ringing by two pictures on the walls at the cafe of two pin-up girls. Indeed, one youthful member of the party nearly became cross-eyed in trying to look at both walls at once. It was at the cafe that some

of the missing sandwiches caught up with the party, thanks to the ladies, bless 'em.

After the meal it was a case of 'on with the show' and into St. Mary's belfry at Anstey for Bristol Surprise Major. From the indifferent start which was made it appeared that London Surprise had not properly cleared itself from the minds of some of the band, and at the end of the first course the order, 'Stand—that won't do,' stopped the proceedings. A second start—after some good but straight advice—was made at 2.38 p.m., and the bells came into rounds at 5.5 p.m.

On return to the cafe for tea it was found that both pin-up pictures had been placed on the same wall. Obviously to prevent further eyestrain.

Now for the last lap. Michael D. Staniforth and Terence A. Thornber, two very promising

ALFRED BALLARD, Central Council member for the Leicester Guild, who rang over 100 peals last year and has been one of the most enthusiastic members.

SHIRLEY BURTON, the Guild peal secretary and member of the Leicester Cathedral company for over 30 years.

HERRICK B. BOWLEY, Deputy Ringing Master at Leicester Cathedral, an enthusiastic peal ringer, exceeded the 50 mark last year.

ALAN JACQUES, the youth from Woodhouse, who rings regularly at the Leicester Cathedral on Sunday evenings. Had rung three peals when he joined the Cathedral company in January, 1949, and compiled a good record for 18 years of age with a total of 76 last year.

NORMAN G. McCURM, a pupil of R. F. Elington, of Anstey, for whom he deputised in the four peals. At home from Oxford for Christmas, he jumped at the opportunity of the four-in-a-day effort.

HAROLD J. POOLE, president of the Leicester Guild and Ringing Master at the Cathedral. He conducted over a hundred peals last year.

WILLIAM J. ROOT, secretary for the Leicester District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. Member of the Cathedral company and a recognised back-end.

JOHN R. SMITH, the Norfolk born member of the Cathedral band, with which he learned his change ringing. Was looked upon as the mascot of the company. Scored his first 25 peals without losing one. Rang over 50 peals in 1949.

The band would take this opportunity of expressing thanks to those

persons who contributed to making this four-peal-in-a-day possible and to the two boys for standing in the Cambridge at short notice.

'A MENACE'

Dear Sir,—For Heaven's sake protect the public and the ordinary ringer from the menace of a number of peals per day competition.—Yours faithfully, W. A. OSBORN.
Galhampton, Yeovil.

CAMBRIDGE EXAMINATION DATES

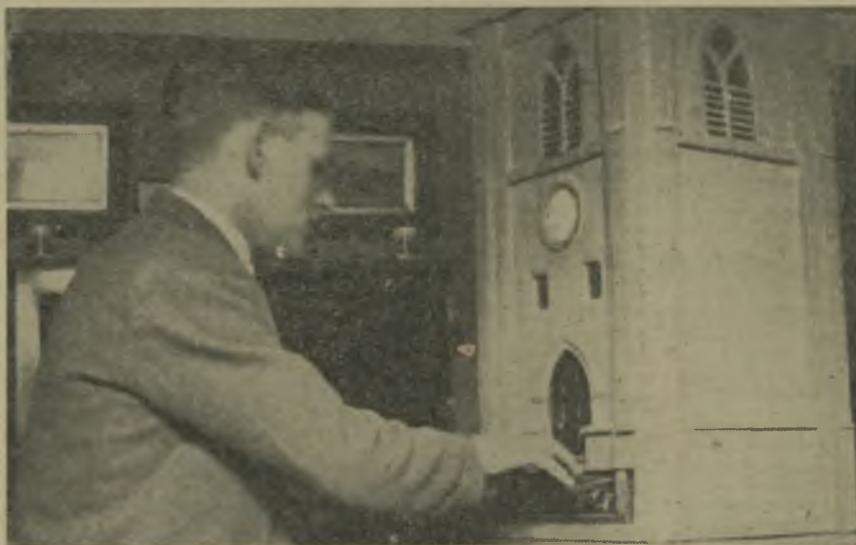
Dear Sir,—Having commenced another year, ringers will soon be looking forward to the coming summer and more ringing outings.

May I ask all those who are arranging outings, and thinking of including Cambridge in their list of towers to be visited, to please avoid the period May 20th-June 10th, both dates inclusive, owing to university examinations being in progress, making it difficult to arrange ringing.

With best wishes to all ringers for happy outings.—Yours sincerely,

Cambridge.

H. L. MARTIN.



Mr. W. H. Male, of St. Mary's, Warwick, at the keyboard of his chime of 10 bells. The apparatus and tower were made by his father, Mr. T. Male. The tower contains an eight-day clock.

On Monday, December 26th, Mr. Male tapped 5,040 Plain Bob Caters, from figures, written out in full, it being his own composition, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. He now taps touches of Grandsire Triples, courses of Stedman Triples and Caters and Plain Bob Major without the aid of figures.

youths of 17 and 16 years respectively, had agreed at rather short notice to stand in the last peal upon the suggestion to make it Cambridge Surprise Royal.

On to Loughborough for the 'grand finale,' and at the Bell Foundry we were met by Colin Harrison, who turned up unexpectedly in case of any last fence casualties. Thanks were duly expressed to him for his kind thoughts and interest. There certainly was no lack of enthusiasm in between peals number three and four, and, as one younger member said at the start, 'If I ring in the first three they'll have to chop my hands off to stop me ringing in number four.'

The light ring of ten went off into changes for Cambridge Surprise Royal at 6.32 p.m., and the bells soon settled down to quick ringing as with the Superlative Surprise Major in the morning. The peal finished at 8.57 p.m., taking 2 hours 25 minutes, and is believed to be the quickest peal of Royal on the bells. All finished up in good form, certainly in good spirits, and so ended another day to make history in the annuals of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Those taking part in the four peals were:—

Death of Mr. Harry Withers

FEATS AS AN UMPIRE.

The St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham has suffered another heavy loss in the death of Joseph Henry Withers at the age of 74 on Christmas Day. For many years in the employment of Cadbury Bros., of Bournville, he had charge of the fine carillon in the garden village, and gave frequent recitals there and elsewhere. He was acquainted with M. Josef Denyn, the celebrated Belgian carillonneur, and on several occasions was sent abroad by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston to open carillons and to give recitals upon them. These visits included trips to Canada and Scandinavia.

He was a change ringer of outstanding merit, a meticulous striker and a clever conductor, and he had rung peals in all the well-known methods and on all numbers of bells. Despite his great abilities as a ringer, he was not fond of peal ringing, and in all rang only 99 peals. As Ringing Master and ringing member at Edgbaston Parish Church he always stressed the importance of Sunday service ringing and insisted on a very high standard of excellence in this work.

His two most notable faculties, however, were his remarkably sensitive ear and his great talent for tapping changes on bells, piano, carillon or dulcimer. In 1903 he took down from outside the tower every lead of the 14,112 of London Surprise rung at King's Norton Church on May 11th. On October 4th, 1947, he repeated this feat at Heydour, Lincs, when the Lincoln Diocesan Guild beat the King's Norton performance. This peal lasted for 8 hours and 25 minutes, and (be it noted) Harry Withers was then well over 70 years of age.

In the previous year he attended at Oxford when the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang the record length of Stedman Cinques, and for 8 hours and 48 minutes concentrated on umpiring this great peal. On one other notable occasion he conducted a peal of Superlative at Selly Oak Church from outside the tower, notifying the hobs by an electric push-bell communicating with the ringing chamber.

His gift of tapping changes was a constant delight to all his friends. His favourite instrument was his dulcimer, and upon this he would tap any method from Grandire Doubles to Stedman Cinques, including the Surprise methods, and would invite anyone to conduct for him. The writer remembers with gratitude having the great privilege of calling a touch on the Bournville carillon, the changes being perfectly tapped off on the huge clavier by this most remarkable man. All visitors to the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner years ago will recollect the delightful entertainment Harry Withers provided with his dulcimer: even now the strains of 'Killarney' and 'The Huntsman Chorus' are full of wistful memories of past dinners, carefree enjoyment, and Harry Withers.

The funeral service was held at Edgbaston Parish Church, conducted by the curate, the Rev. W. Fuller, and the lesson was read by Mr. W. C. Dowding. The widow and family were present, and the St. Martin's Guild was represented by the Master, Mr. A. Walker: the Ringing Master, Mr. E. C. Shepherd; the secretary, Mr. G. E. Fearn; the librarian, Mr. J. F. Harvey; Alderman A. Paddon Smith, J.P., Messrs. H. H. Fearn, J. Eaton, T. H. Reeves, H. Williams, E. T. Allaway, W. T. Froggatt, A. W. T. Cleaver, R. T. Russell, W. Mumford, A. Timmins, W. Dyer and that grand old veteran, W. H. Barber. The bearers were Messrs. Dowding, Dyer (Croydon), G. E. Fearn, Pitter, Russell and Timmins.

The interment was at Lodge Hill Cemetery, and after the committal a course of Grandire Triples was rung over the open grave by A. Walker 1-2, W. H. Barber 3-4, E. C. Shepherd 5-6, G. E. Fearn 7-8. E. C. S.

Canon G. F. Coleridge

FORMER CENTRAL COUNCIL SECRETARY'S APPRECIATION.

Dear Sir,—A few weeks ago the Exercise learned from your journal that we had sustained, as members of the same, from the highest to the lowest, and from the youngest to the oldest, an irreparable loss. I have read and re-read your leader; it is, indeed, a worthy obituary. It frames our beloved friend, from Wordsworth's opening lines to your own conclusion in likening him unto 'one of the pillars upon which the temple of the Exercise has been built.'

You are good enough, sir, to add that you would welcome letters of appreciation of Canon Coleridge's services, covering various aspects of his activities in 'ringing.' And I would like to add a few words as to his presidency of the Central Council, to which we were both elected upon the same day—Whitsun Tuesday, 1921—thenceforward, he and I conducted the affairs of the Council, he as one of its most distinguished presidents and myself as its hon. secretary and treasurer.

It was during the ensuing nine years when we were so closely thrown together (I under the shelter of his wing, as it were) that I got to know and love the man himself. Of course, his very presence, vocation, voice and manner all won immediate attention and respect; there then followed also as a matter of course not only a feeling of regard and esteem, but one of a full confidence. One instinctively knew that, with such a skipper, our ship would ride out all difficulties. I think it was with such a knowledge that the Council justified itself when in 1921, faced with the unexpected choice of filling its two chief posts on the same day by two fresh men, it elected Canon Coleridge and myself to the double vacancy. The confidence at the moment was well expressed by the late W. T. Cockerill, who said, "Our new president can easily 'fill the chair'!" And, with regard to myself—when the late C. D. P. Davies recalled that, though almost unknown to the Exercise till now, I had carried through with skill and success the recent general memorial service for the fallen (war of 1914-18).

And so it turned out. We leaned upon each other, fulfilling our several parts. He with his great knowledge of public affairs, his urbanity—both so delightfully blended to suit either the man or the occasion; and I, for my part, seeing that he was properly supplied with just that modicum of notes upon which he could extemporise, in his happy and well-known manner. He was never at a loss for the fitting word, nor did I ever know him perturbed but once. That was at Chelmsford in 1929. It was a hot afternoon and produced a hot and acrimonious discussion on the 'Methods' debate. (In the midst of the turmoil the late Rev. Law James threatened to resign the Council.)

Upon one occasion that afternoon, when the president was appealing to the noisy, dissident factions, he was directly challenged upon a certain statement. During the interruption he bent and whispered to me, 'That was not exactly as I had meant to express it.' It was, however, a difficult afternoon with much counting of hands, at narrow margins. In the end we sailed out with a sigh of relief, and he gave me his usual parting gift of thanks. 'Many thanks, my dear fellow, for all you have done.' (He never missed a point.)

The day may have left its mark, for a few months afterwards I heard that he was resigning at the next meeting of the Council. This led me to tell him that I, too, had thought of doing so, as I was off to South Africa for a long holiday. But Canon Coleridge and others pressed me to stay on for another year, because it was inadvisable to relinquish the two offices simultaneously, nor was there a suitable secretary in the offing at the moment. Thus it was, by eventually agreeing to return

earlier, I had the pleasure of serving under Mr. E. H. Lewis, the new president, and helping to install my successor—the admirable Mr. G. W. Fletcher. Many happy memories stand out from the years we were together. Particularly our going down to Coventry to save the famous bells. We put up a good fight, but lost them. (Though, as the opposing counsel, Sir Charles Maddocks, upon meeting Canon Coleridge afterwards at a City function, told the latter, that the Chancellor's judgment was against the weight of evidence, and that the Exercise ought not to have lost the day, nor Coventry its famous bells.) Another memory, which I often recall, is when we stood together at the Abbey, holding the large wreath, one given by the Exercise, and which we had to lay upon the grave of their 'Unknown Warrior.' As the solemn service proceeded I could not but be impressed by the deportment and gravity of this giant who stood beside me and, indeed, towered over me despite my being well over the 6ft. mark and the 13 stone.

You have, sir, in your obituary, referred to Canon Coleridge's ever alert intellect and his ready sense of humour. The Council has always been fortunate in its presidents, but never more so than during these nine years. I observed that, whenever we had to meet the particular 'authority' of a place, he always had the just punctilio at command, quietly instructing me beforehand as to the part which I had to play in my minor role. Thus the Dean or a Bishop, my Lord Mayor or any other dignitary received a suitable reception, hearty thanks and decorous adieu. (I would receive them at the door and bow them out at the same.)

Yes, the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge has left deep imprints in the 'sands of time.'—I am, your obedient servant,

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

Bromley, Kent.

A PEAL IN IRELAND

A peal is a rare occurrence in some parts of Ireland. Mr. John T. Dunwoody gives his experiences of the peal at Ballyleson on Boxing Day.

When we arrived at the church we found that the belfry door could not be locked and to lock the church would not have been permissible. Two of the local ringers appeared on the scene before the start and stated that they would stay for a while during the peal attempt.

After about three-quarters of an hour, they left and must have locked the church on their way out. Shortly afterwards someone started throwing pebbles at the windows of the belfry and cracked some of the panes. About the half-way mark there arrived in the belfry another local ringer, his wife and two children, who sat down and watched the ringing. (We later discovered that this was the stone thrower as he wanted someone to let him in.)

Two more ringers later appeared and one of them tried to start a conversation with the ringer of the treble, only to be ticked off severely by the conductor. Shortly afterwards the family departed with one of the others leaving the other watching the changing very carefully.

Shortly afterwards our friend who had been ticked off for talking appeared with a plate of cake, only to be greeted by a yell from one of the ringers to 'take it out of here.' Later the other ringer left, leaving us to complete the peal in peace.

It showed how much the peal hand were on their toes that they completed the peal without a hitch. In explanation of the local ringers' interruptions, it is only fair to say that they do not practise change-ringing and did not appreciate what a peal meant. Evidently they thought that we could stop and start as we pleased.

HORNCASTLE, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of College Exercise, Bourne Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Court, and one combined 720 of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

*AMOS INGALL Treble	*LOUIS WILLDERS 4
JEFFERY PARKER 2	OWEN A. NEEDHAM 5
MOSES BILLINGS 3	JOHN E. COOK Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

* First peal in eight methods. To celebrate the birth of a son to the ringer of the fourth.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 11, 1949, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOLS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 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 JOHN CARTER.

Non-conducted.

The first peal of Major non-conducted in the diocese of Leicester.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 17 in A.

*MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 1-2	MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4	JAMES E. DANIELS ... 7-8

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal away from the tenors.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;

Consisting of Plain Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob and Little Bob. 176 changes of method. 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.

* 250th peal. To celebrate the engagement of Miss Enid Bray and Mr. Peter Worley.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 19, 1949, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Morris J. Morris's Variation of Parker's. Tenor size 17 in A.

*JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 1-2	ALAN CATTELL 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	JOHN BRAMLEY 7-8

Conducted by JOHN BRAMLEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.' First peal as conductor 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 in A.

*ALFRED BALLARD 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE 5-6
*PETER J. STANFORTH ... 3-4	HARRY POYNER 7-8

TERENCE A. THORNER ... 9-10

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* 50th peal together. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. A birthday compliment to G. Stedman Morris.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 20, 1949, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 6048 CHANCES;

In seven methods, comprising: 1,920 Plain Bob, 1,440 Gainsborough Little Bob, 768 each of Double Bob and St. Clement's College, 576 Little Bob, 384 Reverse and 192 Crayford Little Bob, with 455 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.

Longest peal by all except the conductor. Believed to be the longest peal in seven Spliced Major methods on handbells. A birthday compliment to the conductor's son.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE AFRICAN OIL MILL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

*RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 1-2	JOHN E. SPICE 5-6
JULIA M. PRESTON 3-4	*FRANK VARTY 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 21, 1949, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

ALFRED BALLARD 1-2	*HARRY POYNER 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	*DEREK G. GOODMAN ... 7-8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Stedman Triples on handbells.

CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 22, 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 G. PATRICK. Conducted by WILLIAM WIGHTMAN.

First peal as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 22, 1949, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Containing 206 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.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 23, 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.

JAMES E. DANIELS 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	GEORGE E. EVENDEN ... 7-8

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

Umpire: MICHAEL J. E. BEST, who checked every lead-end.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Morris G. Morris' Variation of Parker's. Tenor size 17 in A.

*JOHN BRAMLEY 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 7-8

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal away from the tenors.

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DEATH

THORPE.—On Jan. 6th, 1950, at 3, Oakdene Road, Brockham, Betchworth, Surrey, Hugh Reginald Thorpe, aged 67 years. Interred in Buckland Churchyard, Surrey. 6426

RETURN THANKS

WITHERS.—The wife and daughter of the late Harry Withers wish to thank Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Taylor and Co., ringers of Edgbaston Old Church, St. Martin's and other churches throughout the country for their messages of sympathy and floral tributes in their sad loss. 6429

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

Set of 26 handbells, tenor in B, size 4½. Chromatic except for C's, G's and lower D. Made as a set by Taylors. Perfect condition. Suitable for change ringing or tunes. £20.—Write Box 6366, 'Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford. 6366

HANDBELLS WANTED

Wanted, a set of eight handbells (diatonic scale) by Rev. W. Boldero, 17, Southampton Road, Salisbury. 6420

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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; June to September (both inclusive), 15s. per day, all inclusive.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Price, St. Michael's, 9, Fishermans Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. Telephone, Southbourne 2693. 6238

MISCELLANEOUS

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.—Ringing practice will be held on Saturdays, 2.30 p.m. to 5.30, except on the third Saturday in the month. Rounds to Surprise. Everybody welcome. 6341

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.

'SCOTTISH RINGS OF BELLS,' by Randal Clouston, 2s. post free from the author at The Chalet, Yaxley, near Eyre, Suffolk. This book gives full particulars including weights of all known rings in Scotland. 6412

MEETINGS

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

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.—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. 6315

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Uckfield (8), Jan. 14th. Names for tea to Miss J. Durrant, The Mount, Cooper's Green, Uckfield. Buxted (8) in evening, Uckfield not available.—C. A. Bassett. 6332

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Repton on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Cotton. 6310

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A.G.M., Saturday, Jan. 14th, St. Stephen's, Rochester Row. Business 5.45. Ringing afterwards. Afternoon tower to be announced later.—Hart, 29, Edna Street, S.W.11. B.A.T. 3946. 6428

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Jan. 14th, North Wingfield (8). Bells available 3 p.m. Cups of tea. Bring own food. 6372

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bloxham (8), Saturday, Jan. 14th. Service 4. Tea 4.45.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 6329

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Wisbech, Jan. 14th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6335

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Michael's, Macclesfield, Jan. 14th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service in church 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. C. Lonyon, 87a, Mill Street, Macclesfield. 6336

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Burgess Hill (8), Saturday, Jan. 14th. 6363

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual, Littleport (8), Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Lincoln's Cafe.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 6358

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Huntingdon, Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells, St. Mary's (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All Saints' (6) available after tea.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 6356

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 6355

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton (10 bells), Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting following tea. Social 7.30 to 11.30. Whist, games, dancing. Tickets 2s. each from district secretaries and general secretary. Private bus to Coventry and district following social.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nun. 3296. 6348

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Harrietsham (8), Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, near Maidstone. 6346

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Paul's, Salisbury, originally on Jan. 14th, is postponed. Details of new arrangements later.—F. L. Harris, Britford, near Salisbury. 6380

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, St. Saviour's (8), Oxtom, Birkenhead, Jan. 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided.—A. J. Martin, Hon. Sec. 6382

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Jan. 18th.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 6303

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting at Southwell Minster, Jan. 21st, 2.30. Service. Tea if you notify Mr. Fred Pickard, 47, Westgate, Southwell, by 19th. A cordial welcome to all ringers.—J. W. Raithby, Dis. Sec. 6328

SELBY AND DISTRICT SECRETARY.—Annual meeting and dinner at Selby, Jan. 21st. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. (approx.), followed by annual meeting. Dinner to be held in George Hotel, 8s. 6d. each. Names and fees to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby, by Jan. 14th.—L. M. Woodhead, Act. Hon. Sec. 6344

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual, Withycombe Raleigh, Jan. 21st. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh, by Jan. 16th. 6341

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Bells available 3 to 5 p.m., followed by tea (5.15) and meeting in Fellowship Hall. Names for tea by Saturday, Jan. 14th without fail, please.—No name no tea!—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton Surrey. 6381

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual district meeting, St. Albans, Saturday, Jan. 21st. St. Peter's (10) 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting, Abbey Restaurant, 5 p.m. Cathedral (12) in evening. Names for tea, please, if possible, by Tuesday, Jan. 17th, to T. J. Southam, 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 6382

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (10) 2.30. Committee meet 3 p.m. in Parish Hall. Brief service, 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Talbot Hotel, Kirkgate, only to those who notify me by Jan. 19th. General meeting, Parish Hall, 6 p.m.—L. W. G. Morris, 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 6371

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Deanery.—Annual meeting, Wells, Saturday, Jan. 21st. St. Cuthbert's bells 1 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting. Cathedral bells after tea. Notify by Tuesday, 17th, for tea.—W. Marsh, Dovecotes, Street. 6380

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Northfleet (8) on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Usual arrangements. Tea, by kind invitation, to those who inform Mr. E. Peartree, 1, Plane Avenue, Northfleet, Kent, by Tuesday, Jan. 17th.—B. W. May, Hon. Sec. 6340

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Jan. 21st, 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Mary's, Walthamstow.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 6350

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at Benson, Oxon. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service and tea to follow. Names for tea by Jan. 17th to H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 6380

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Edenhall (8) on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Holmes, The Retreat, Edenhall, Bourn, Lincs, by Tuesday previous.—Bernard H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 6380

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting at Sawston, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. F. Hurry, 2, Portobello Lane, Sawston, Cambridge, for tea by Jan. 19th.—H. L. Martin, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6381

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual district meeting, St. John's, Hackney, Saturday, Jan. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. Business meeting 6.15 p.m. Further ringing to follow.—R. H. Begrie, Dis. Sec. 6380

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cradley (8), Saturday, Jan. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 6401

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Draycott, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Names for tea to Mr. F. Shelley, Cresswell Farm, Blyth Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 6401

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available 2.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 6401

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Hawkhurst, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names, tea, H. Gorrings, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 6379

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Storrington (6), Jan. 21st, 3. Names for tea (by 18th) to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 6398

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Annual meeting at Tichmarsh on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday, please.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 6383

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Annual meeting at Syston, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. Payne, The Green, Syston, Leics., by Tuesday, Jan. 17th. All ringers and friends welcome. 6400

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual, Dorchester, Jan. 21st. Service 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify by Jan. 17th.—Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 6384

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual meeting, Bakewell (8), Jan. 21st, 2.30 p.m. A tea can be obtained at the Wheat-sheaf Hotel.—Miss D. J. Dunn, Darley Dale. 6406

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Annual meeting at Luton, Jan. 21st. Bells (10) at 3. No tea arrangements, cafes available.—Valerie Willard, Dis. Sec., Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 6404

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (6) at 3. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those only who let me know by Wed., 18th.—A. S. Tomkins, Harp Cottage, Bredebury, Hereford. 6407

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Annual branch meeting at Bridgwater, Jan. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5, names essential.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 6408

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Easton-in-Gordano, Jan. 21st, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 6409

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Annual, Cirencester, Jan. 21st. Watermoor (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Parish Church (12) after tea. Card for tea by Jan. 16th.—W. H. Hayward, 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester. 6411

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Nicolas', Chiswick, Saturday, Jan. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Further ringing until 8.15. Names for tea to T. Thurley, 35, Paxton Road, W.4, by Wed., 18th.—F. Finch. 6413

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Derby, Saturday, Jan. 21st, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. W. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby, by Jan. 18th. 6414

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Shildon (8), Jan. 21st, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, please notify, by Jan. 18th.—J. T. Titt, 54, Stoopersdale Avenue, Darlington. 6417

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual district meeting at Royston on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 6419

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Next meeting, Ramsbury, Jan. 21st. Usual arrangements.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wills. 6422

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting, Alverstoke, Jan. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea, followed by business, 4.40, in St. Faith's Institute (10 minutes from church). Names by Jan. 17th to Mr. H. A. Nobes, 72, St. Andrew's Road, Gosport.—John H. Hunt, Dis. Sec. 6391

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Annual meeting, Jan. 21st, Crewe (10), 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea. Names by 18th, please.—Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 6423

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at the Cathedral, Jan. 21st, 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Richard Benson, Branch Sec. 6424

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Annual meeting at Calne on Jan. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Please advise M. Bury, Church Street, Calne, for tea.—L. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec. 6397

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me, please, by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 6430

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting, Evercreech, Jan. 28th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea for all who notify by 25th inst.—H. C. Lintern, Ditchat, Shepton Mallet. 6421

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

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—N.-Western District.—Annual meeting, Epsom, Jan. 28th, St. Martin's (10). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Church Hall, 5 p.m. Christ Church bells (8) after meeting. Nominations for general officers at this meeting. Nominations for district officers by Jan. 14th. Notifications for tea by Jan. 26th, first post, to R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 6357

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion, Wraxall, Jan. 22nd, 8 a.m. Bells 7 a.m. Breakfast reserved for those notifying me by Jan. 19th.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 6410

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, Woolwich, Saturday, Jan. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting in Rectory Room. Names for tea by Saturday, Jan. 21st, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 6418

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Alfriston, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Tower open 2.30. Tea 4.45. Names by 23rd to P. H. Rollison, 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne, Hon. Div. Sec. 6416

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting at Basingstoke, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30. St. Michael's (8), All Saints' (9). Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, by Tuesday, Jan. 24th. 6388

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston District.—Annual, Heanor, Jan. 28th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 4.45. Names to H. Farnsworth, 5, Godfrey Street, Heanor, by Jan. 25th. 6378

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting, Towcester, Jan. 28th. Names for tea to V. Burt, 13, Watling Street West, Towcester, by Jan. 24th. 6377

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Service in St. Paul's Church 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in St. Paul's Rooms after service. Ringing, St. Paul's, 3 to 4 and 7 to 9: All Saints' 7 to 9. Please notify for tea by Jan. 23rd.—B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 6399

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting, Bosbury (6), Jan. 28th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Jan. 25th to H. K. Hill, Hon. Sec., The Village, Bosbury, Ledbury. 6393

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Ilminster (8), Jan. 28th, 3. Usual arrangements. Notify early for tea.—J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Taunton. 6390

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Annual meeting at Grimsby, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Jan. 26th to Mr. H. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby. 6403

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Birchington, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business. It is essential that names for tea reach Mr. J. A. Russell, 40a, Station Road, Birchington, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 25th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 6405

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Annual meeting of district at Guildford, Jan. 28th. Ringing at Cathedral and St. Nicolas' 2.30. Service, St. Nicolas', 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at St. Nicolas' Hall. The evening will conclude with a social arranged by the Ladies' Guild. See separate notice.—A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 6389

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Social evening to be held at St. Nicolas' Hall, Guildford, Saturday, Jan. 28th, in conjunction with Guildford District annual meeting. Tea 1s. 9d., social 1s. 9d., combined 3s. Tickets by Jan. 23rd from Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford. 6425

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District annual) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Midland District).—Joint meeting, Loughborough, Jan. 28th. Parish Church and Poultry bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Fearon Hall. Names to Mr. J. H. Grundy, Limehurst, Bridge Street, Loughborough, by Tuesday, 24th.—C. W. Hall/J. Poole. 6394

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Annual dinner at Newark Town Hall, Jan. 28th, 6.30. Parish Church bells (10) available 2.30. Admission 10s. 6d. by ticket only to be purchased by 25th. A noble ring of bells, food, drink, entertainment, good fellowship; what more do you require? Get your ticket now from J. W. Raithby, 145, Farndon Road, Newark. 6395

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CONFIDENCE

RINGING literature is wide and varied. Many writers have with care and thought tried to explain in the simplest language the principles of bell-control, hunting and learning methods. Others have developed the theory of composition and the more complicated matters of proof, while the students of higher mathematics have recently had placed at their disposal a treatise on ringing reduced to pure mathematics.

It is not the Editor's intention to indulge in an article for the erudite on the higher flights of mental gymnastics but to present certain simple and perplexing things that spoil enjoyment in ringing, not only for beginners but for those who regard their knowledge and at times proficiency in the art as well above the average in ringing.

These thoughts are embraced in one word, 'confidence.' Its lack is the enemy of most beginners and is probably the cause of the loss of more recruits to the Exercise than any other source. The realisation that man is the master of the bell and that he has only to apply an elementary degree of intelligence to control at his will several hundredweights of metal, has to be instilled firmly in the mind of each entrant. Some ringers, although they handle perfectly and their ears are attuned to perfect striking, are perpetually conscious of the mass of metal that constitutes the bells. 'I was only scared of a bell once,' remarked a veteran ringer to the writer on one occasion. 'That was when I looked down and saw the huge tenor of St. Paul's revolving. It made me feel my puny insignificance.'

Bells are not toys; nevertheless there should be nothing terrifying about them. The mechanism of the bell should be perfectly understood by each novice as well as the principles of control that exist should a stay break. The physical control of mind and body is essential in ringing. That is why continual practice and the complete mastery of the bell are vital before any advance can be made in the principles of change ringing. The writer is old-fashioned enough to believe that there is no short cut. It is practice, practice and practice, until bell control becomes a

sub-conscious act, and the ability to cut in the proper way is an automatic action. Early errors are rarely satisfactorily eradicated, and these are at the root of much of the bad striking, coupled with the fact that there are ringers who do not listen to their own bells. Some months ago a well-known instructor in an article made this testing of the ears of would-be recruits an essential before admission to the belfry.

Unfortunately 'confidence' is not mastered by bell control. It enters into each succeeding stage of ringing. The problem is closely allied with psychology. Many ringers never advance beyond the stage of mediocrity because they are obsessed by an inferiority complex. They are invariably intelligent people; many, in fact, have their mental faculties highly developed in other directions, but they fail to apply that degree of concentration that they would normally employ in other walks of life to the mastery of change ringing.

Why is it? Ringing, like any other pursuit or hobby if the individual desires to reach the front rank, must be a No. 1 in his attention. It calls for a strong measure of specialisation. A correspondent once wrote to the Editor a personal letter in which he deplored that very few of the outstanding personalities in life were ringers. 'Point to a really great man who is a bellringer,' he challenged. The Editor duly replied; it is well known that there are in our ranks people of many callings, but what we desire to emphasise is that the mastery of ringing requires at the time a 100 per cent. concentration.

Nevertheless, there are many who enjoy their ringing and make it their main recreation who fail because of an inferiority complex. We know of ringers capable of performing satisfactorily on a wide variety of methods in their own towers who seem to 'go to pieces' when in the presence of certain of the masters of our art. It is just the lack of that self-confidence that prevents them demonstrating to that degree they know they are capable of. Some might say it is 'the magnetic eye' or 'the evil eye.' The answer can only rest with the individual and an inner determination not to be disturbed by outside influences. A too vivid imagination is also a big contributory factor. The essence of successful peal ringing is a 'one-track' mind during the performance. This self-discipline is just the margin between success and failure. The securing of that perfect discipline is attainable if heart and mind are in the particular task at hand.

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A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT ... Treble	FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 5
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Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

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Tenor 21 cwt.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 5
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Tenor 14½ cwt.

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ERIC HORNBY ... 3	HARRY W. HOWARD ... 7
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A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

NORMAN MALIETT ... Treble	CUTHBERT W. POWELL ... 5
ROGER KEELEY ... 2	HENRY G. KEELEY ... 6
ARTHUR H. REED ... 3	*WILLIAM G. GIGG ... 7
JOHN T. LOCKE ... 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by THOMAS DAY. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* 100th peal. First peal in the Oxford Variation on the bells and also by all the band, except the ringer of the 3rd. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Treble	GEORGE W. PIPE ... 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 2	RONALD W. STEWARD ... 6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 7
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEO. A. FLEMING.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

Middleton's.	†THOMAS E. SONE ... 5
DORIS E. COLGATE ... Treble	†ERNEST J. LADD ... 6
*EDWIN H. LEWIS ... 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 3	WILLIAM ROGERS ... Tenor
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4	

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* 250th peal. † 25th peal together. The conductor's 25th peal of Cambridge Major. Rung as an 85th and 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ladd, parents of the ringer of the 6th.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

Middleton's.	*DAVID BEVERIDGE ... 5
JOHN WHEADON ... Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 6
MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
ALFRED G. HILL ... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... Tenor
JAMES M. BAILEY ... 4	

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.
* First peal of Cambridge. A birthday compliment to Frank I. Hairs.

HATFIELD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETMELDREDA,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

*MARY E. CORNELL ... Treble	WILLIAM T. HOLMES ... 5
*DAVID J. HISCOCK ... 2	J. MARTIN PAGE ... 6
†STANLEY HUCKLE ... 3	BRUCE MCKIE ... 7
*ROBERT A. COCHRANE ... 4	SYDNEY F. CARTER ... Tenor

Composed by CALEB FENN. Conducted by SYDNEY F. CARTER.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major in the method. Rung in honour of the appointment of Rev. B. Montague Dale, M.A., Rector, as Lord Bishop of Jamaica.

MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans, arranged by Dexter. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE H. PAULSON ... Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 5
HAROLD TAYLOR ... 2	*DENNIS SCOTT ... 6
EDWIN HOPKINSON ... 3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 7
ALBERT E. THOMPSON ... 4	*NORMAN HOTCHIN ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

* First peal of Stedman.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEODIGARIUS, OLD BASFORD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

SAMUEL PINDER ... Treble	HERBERT LEWIN ... 5
RALPH W. CARLISLE ... 2	G. ROBERT WIDMALL ... 6
HAROLD SEGRAVE ... 3	DENNIS R. CARLISLE ... 7
MAUREEN PINDER ... 4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

For the coming of age of Sylvia Patricia Mary Lewin, daughter of the 5th ringer.

PRESTEIGNE, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWIN T. NEWBURY ... Treble	LESLIE EVANS ... 5
DONALD G. CLIFT ... 2	*MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 3	JACK R. WORRALL ... 7
FREDERICK R. HARRIS ... 4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

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

* 75th peal. The first peal in the county.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF LITTLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ARTHUR B. CLOSE ... Treble	*BRIAN HARRIS ... 5
*R. GORDON CORBY ... 2	*FREDK. H. BIRKS ... 6
*NANCY P. BIRKS ... 3	*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD ... 7
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. MORGAN. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

* First peal in the method.

SANDRACH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HARRY PARKER ... Treble	DOROTHY C. OSBORN ... 5
ERIC HORNBY ... 2	HAROLD WORRALL ... 6
ELIZABETH MORTON ... 3	DAVID SMITH ... 7
HARRY W. HOWARD ... 4	CECIL RADDON ... Tenor

Composed by W. HUBBARD. Conducted by HARRY PARKER.

A birthday compliment to Sheila Edwards, granddaughter of C. Raddon.

SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ARTHUR E. WILSON ... Treble	*J. ERIC WALLEY ... 5
*MADELINE P. SMITH ... 2	*PHILIP WEBSTER ... 6
†C. WILLIAM HALL ... 3	†ROLAND BENISTON ... 7
‡JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ... 4	‡G. RONALD EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. R. EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First peal in method. ‡ First peal of Major. First peal on the recast bells.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21½ cwt.

*MARGARET TOMLIN ... Treble	*FRANK W. TOMLIN ... 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 2	FRANK P. WRIGHT ... 6
MALCOLM S. CLOKE ... 3	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 7
PETER C. WRIGHT ... 4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER H. DOBBIE.

* First peal.

TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF SINGLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

RONALD BARLOW ... Treble	*FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 5
G. ARNOLD MOORE ... 2	ARTHUR PEAKE ... 6
MARGARET FLACKETT ... 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 7
MARGARET RIGBY ... 4	FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by F. WM. GROCOTT.

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

TURNERS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

50th peal of Double Norwich as conductor.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE A. FLEMING ... Treble	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 5
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ... 2	GEORGE W. PIPE ... 6
WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 3	RONALD W. STEWARD ... 7
CHARLES E. FISHER ... 4	FRANK L. FISHER ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FRANK L. FISHER.

Messrs. Wm. Button and F. Fisher have now circled this tower to peals.

WARMINSTER, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Denys,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM A. THEORALD ... Treble	JOHN HARTLESS ... 5
FRANK L. HARRIS ... 2	DAVID R. REED ... 6
JEAN BROWN ... 3	RONALD N. MARLOW ... 7
HERBERT A. ABRAHAMS ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR ... Treble	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 5
KATHLEEN TILLEY ... 2	ALAN JACQUES ... 6
JILL POOLE ... 3	*NORMAN G. MCCRUM ... 7
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell.

MARK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 19 cwt.

*J. CREBER ... Treble	ALFRED J. PEACOCK ... 5
JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 2	*I. J. BURROUGHS ... 6
*STANLEY BODY ... 3	JACK A. LINTERN ... 7
*F. BEN COMER ... 4	†GILBERT A. WALL ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK A. LINTERN.

* First peal on eight. † First peal. First peal on the bells since augmentation.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter de Merton,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

STANLEY HARLOW ... Treble	C. HENRY HARDING ... 5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 2	CLIFFORD W. IZZARD ... 6
RONALD C. NOON ... 3	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 7
RONALD J. SHARP ... 4	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

100th peal as conductor.

BORDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

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

Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE H. SPICE ... Treble	*MALCOLM S. CLOKE ... 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 2	S. GEOFFREY WATERS ... 6
BETTY SPICE ... 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 7
GEORGE KENWARD ... 4	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD (C.C.C. 62). Conducted by BETTY SPICE.

* First peal in the method.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CONISBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

JAMES THORLEY ... Treble	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 6
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 3	ERNEST A. THORPE ... 7
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 4	JOHN E. TURLEY ... Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. ED. CAWSE.

The first peal rung in this method. E. W. Tipler's F 4 3 f.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Remigius,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

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

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method by all except conductor.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

SHIRLEY BAMPTON (15) <i>Treble</i>	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ...	5
D. ELAINE WRIGHT (16) 2	JOHN E. TURLEY ...	6
*WILFRED ROBINSON (16) 3	GORDON C. BRIGGS ...	7
†JACK G. BROTHWELL ... 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ...	Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal on eight bells. † 50th peal.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 30, 1949, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDWARD B. WEBSTER ... <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT GREENHALGH ...	5
WILLIE AARON ... 2	ROGER LEIGH ...	6
EDWARD IDDON ... 3	*VINCENT MARTIN ...	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 4	PETER CROOK, SEN. ...	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal of Major. To celebrate the 250th anniversary of the casting of the back five bells.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX. THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*N. WM. WINCHESTER ... <i>Treble</i>	RONALD W. PANKHURST ...	5
ROBERT W. R. PERCY ... 2	ERNEST GOWER ...	6
†JOHN W. ROLLISON ... 3	PETER H. ROLLISON ...	7
MRS. BETTY PERCY ... 4	FREDK. H. DALLAWAY ...	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST GOWER.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' In honour of the golden weddings of Mr. and Mrs. C. Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. L. Faulkner, both old ringers of St. Mary's.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LEICESTERSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR ... <i>Treble</i>	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ...	5
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 2	ALFRED BALLARD ...	6
JILL POOLE ... 3	ALAN JACQUES ...	7
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ...	Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Major in the method by all the band.

KNIGHTON, RADNORSHIRE. THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN D. ROCK ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT ...	5
*F. ERIC ROBERTS ... 2	REV. ROY HALETT ...	6
ERIC O. DAVIES ... 3	WILFRID F. MORETON ...	7
LESLIE EVANS ... 4	E. PETER ROCK ...	Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Triples.

NORWICH. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 30, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*WILFRED G. SAUNDERS <i>Treble</i>	NOLAN GOLDEN ...	5
JOHN R. SMITH ... 2	ARTHUR G. BASON ...	6
ELIZABETH FAULKNALL ... 3	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ...	7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 4	GEORGE SAYER ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

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

Tenor 4½ cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE ... <i>Treble</i>	PHILIP WALKER ...	5
WM. H. B. WILKINS ... 2	ALAN R. PINK ...	6
MARIE R. CROSS ... 3	CHARLES COLES ...	7
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 4	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

A 79th birthday compliment to William H. B. Wilkins.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*C. T. H. HOMEWOOD <i>Treble</i>	†GEORGE E. AVIS ...	5
†RUBY K. UPTON ... 2	JOHN L. F. UPTON ...	6
*DAVID F. BOWYER ... 3	E. S. JOHN HATCHER ...	7
JOHN H. HOMEWOOD ... 4	ALBERT GREEN ...	Tenor

Conducted by E. S. JOHN HATCHER.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' In honour of the golden wedding of Mr. Arthur Lambert and of the engagement of Mr. Leonard Wells and Miss Elsie Rimmington, fellow members of the Aylesford band.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BREDFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 13, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

LEWIS J. LAST ... <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES E. FISHER ...	4
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 2	GEORGE W. PIPE ...	5
WILLIAM A. WOODS ... 3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ...	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

ASPLEY GUISE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 15, 1949, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, differently called.

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... <i>Treble</i>	RONALD J. SHARP ...	4
ARTHUR KERSHAW ... 2	*GEOFFREY JACKSON ...	5
EDMUND J. HOBBS ... 3	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ...	Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* First peal in five methods.

HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Plain Bob, three of Oxford and three of Kent.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

ARTHUR CHAMPION ... <i>Treble</i>	ERIC STAINROD ...	4
PETER CARBUTT ... 2	SQUIRE FIELDING ...	5
L. WILLIAM CARBUTT ... 3	HARRY MANN ...	Tenor

Conducted by L. WILLIAM CARBUTT.

First peal as conductor. First peal in three methods by all the band.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM M. STONE ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN HESSEY ...	4
JAMES BRACKLEY ... 2	ROYAL COLLINS ...	5
*JAMES RIBBANS ... 3	DAVID SLEET ...	Tenor

Conducted by DAVID SLEET.

* First peal.

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 1949, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM RANFORD Treble	*ARTHUR F. WALL 4
*ROWLAND PRICE 2	FREDERICK MERRICK 5
*WILLIAM HINKSMAN 3	THOMAS COOPER Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS COOPER.

* First peal of Minor.

HUNTON, KENT.
THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 26, 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 13½ cwt.

*BRIDGET TOMLIN Treble	†JOHN THOMAS 4
LAWRENCE T. POPE 2	S. GEOFFREY WATERS 5
LESLIE W. JARVIS 3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

* First peal in the method and of Minor. † First peal.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*EDITH STRIDE Treble	*THOMAS GUILT 4
†WILLIAM DAVIS 2	ERNEST CALCUTT 5
*JOHN HILDER 3	RALPH PARTON Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST CALCUTT.

* First peal. † First peal on 'inside' bell. First peal of Bob Minor by local band. Farewell peal to Mr. T. GUILT.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE A. NAYLOR Treble	FRANCIS J. CHEAL 4
TREVOR A. CROSS 2	BERT W. MAY 5
JOHN HALE 3	ERIC NAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

First peal as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to both Eileen S. Wyles and Eric Naylor.

BODIAM, SUSSEX.

THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,880 Plain Bob and 2,160 Grandsire.

Tenor 7 cwt.

*J. OWEN SANTER Treble	†*HELEN GORRINGE 3
*MALCOLM S. CLOKE 2	LESLIE W. JARVIS 4

S. GEOFFREY WATERS ... Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

* First peal of Doubles in two methods. † First peal of Doubles 'inside.' Fastest peal on the bells.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

Being one 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE 4
*R. GEORGE MORRIS 2	CYRIL TANSELL 5
ALLEN MORGAN 3	REGINALD WOODYATT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First seven-method peal 'inside.'

KILMERSDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 six-scores of Grandsire, 10 of Old Doubles and 12 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*HENLEY HAWKINS Treble	DAVID HOARE 4
MRS. J. NAISH 2	JACK NAISH 5
JOHN FOWLER 3	*GILBERT POMEROY ... Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

BOXLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 40 six-scores, 10 callings, and one Morris's 240. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MAURICE G. WHITE Treble	WALTER C. GOSLING 4
JOHN H. R. BETTS 2	†HUBERT F. GOSLING 5
GEORGE F. CANTRILL 3	WILLIAM R. MANSER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. CANTRILL.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. To commemorate the birth of a daughter to the ringer of 5th and a granddaughter to the ringer of 4th, and as a compliment to Miss J. Burton, of the local band, on her engagement.

KIDSGROVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb.

*J. HANCOCK Treble	FREDK. E. WILSHAW 4
†ARTHUR PEAKE 2	CHARLES H. PAGE 5
MARGARET FLACKETT 3	†FREDK. WM. GROCOTT Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PEAKE.

* First peal. † 25th peal together. First peal of Cambridge Minor by all except conductor. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

NAVENBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) College Exercise, (2) Bourne Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Single Court, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F.

EVELYN WRIGHT Treble	LOUIS WILDERS 4
GEOFFREY R. PARKER 2	OWEN A. NEEDHAM 5
AMOS INGALL 3	JOHN E. COOK Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores of St. Simon's and 38 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*PETER BEALES Treble	*ROBERT ALLCOCK 4
*MICHAEL TYRELL 2	TONY OWEN 5
FREDERICK BEALES 3	*ROY OWEN Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal by all resident band.

PENCOMBE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*FRANK CLEMENTS Treble	JOHN CLEMENTS 4
DONALD HINKSMAN 2	FREDK. F. BEDFORD 5
WILLIAM HINKSMAN 3	THOMAS COOPER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CLEMENTS.

* First peal.

TAXAL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in twelve methods, viz.: (1) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob, (2) Charlwood, Neasden and St. Albans Delight, (3) St. Albans and Wragby Delight, (4) Kingston and London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob, (5) London Scholars' Pleasure and Sandal Treble Bob, (6) Sandal and Capel Treble Bob, (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*FRANCES M. LAFLIN Treble	ERIC SIMPSON 4
*WILLIAM SMITH 2	JAMES A. MILNER 5
ARTHUR HIBBERT 3	ALEX. RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by ALEX. RICHARDSON.

* First peal in twelve methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Dec. 24, 1949, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE NOOK,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 18 in G.

PETER J. STANFORTH ... 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5-6
DEREK G. GOODMAN ... 3-4	ALFRED BALLARD ... 7-8
BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 9-10	

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

AYLESTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 1 Hour and 34 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

TERENCE A. THORNER ... 1-2	*HARRY POWER ... 3-4
†BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 5-6	

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles 'in hand.' First peal of Doubles and of Grandsire as conductor.

FERNDOWN, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT FERNDOWN HILL,*

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5076 CHANGES;
Being eight methods, comprising 1,488 Plain Bob, 1,404 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 432 Reverse, 336 each of Double and St. Clement's, 288 Wellington Little Bob, and 216 Crayford Little Bob, with 401 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.

Witness: MR. A. F. MARTIN-STEWART.

* 100th peal on handbells in 1949. The first peal of Spliced Major 'in hand' in the county of Dorset.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dexter's Variation. Tenor size 15 in O.
JILL POOLE ... 1-2 | HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5-6
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 3-4 | *NORMAN G. MCCRUM ... 7-8
Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. JAMES' CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 extents, four callings. Tenor size 12 in F.
SCOUT (S) D. WHITFORD (15) 1-2 | S.M. ROGER LEIGH ... 3-4
*SCOUT (S) C. ABRAHAM (15) 5-6
Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

* First peal.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C.
JILL POOLE ... 1-2 | PETER J. STANFORTH ... 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4 | HAROLD J. POOLE ... 7-8
*GORDON M. MACLURE ... 9-10

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal on ten bells.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1949, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 120's of Stedman, two 240's of Grandsire, eighteen 120's of Grandsire and eighteen 120's of Plain Bob. Tenor size 12 in F.
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW ... 1-2 | FREDERICK W. GROCOTT ... 3-4
*MARGARET FLACKETT ... 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK W. GROCOTT.

* First peal 'in hand.' First peal of Doubles by all in more than one method.

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LATE NEWS.

Mr. R. Hayes, of Haslemere, Surrey, died suddenly on Friday.

The dedication of Burnham bells last Sunday by the Bishop of Oxford created widespread interest. B.B.C. television cameras were in attendance.

Congratulations to Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, on ringing his 250th peal. The honour of calling the peal was greatly appreciated by Mr. T. E. Sone.

Messrs. S. G. Waters and M. S. Cloke have rung Grandsire from Doubles to Caters in a week as well as three other peals.

Mr. John Clements, of Bromyard, Herefordshire, conducted his father's first peal. How many sons have had a similar privilege?

After ringing on and off for nearly 50 years, Mr. C. W. Beecroft, of Earl Soham, Suffolk, has just rung his first Surprise peal. Congratulations!

Tower 'circles': W. J. Button and F. L. Fisher, Ufford, Suffolk; Garnham A. Blaxcell, Debenham, Suffolk; George W. Pipe, Burgh, Suffolk.

Mr. W. J. Nudds writes informing Mr. James George that he participated in the three peals of Stedman Cinques at Quex Park in 24 hours in 1905. Another correspondent mentions two other survivors: John R. Sharman, Cogenhoe, Northants, and H. P. Harman.

In connection with the Henry Johnson dinner on March 4th, the accommodation at the Imperial Hotel is limited to 180. No bedrooms are available at the 'Imperial.' A room for ringers will be at their disposal on Sunday at the Midland Hotel, New Street, City. Those applying to the 'Midland' for accommodation should mention the purpose of their visit.

Barwell, Leics., ringers held a farewell party on New Year's Eve to the Rev. J. D. Wakeling, their secretary and curate, who has accepted an appointment at Cambridge. They hope that their Cambridge friends will carry on with his training where they were forced to leave off.

BELFRY GOSSIP

More than one ringer has written to the Midland Bank protesting against their January advertisement. Writes one critic to the bank: 'I wonder if you realise that the depicting of bellringers handling the ropes with their coats on is an affront to the ringers of England, who, to a man, always take off their coats and ring in their shirt sleeves.' The bank acknowledged the complaint with a handsome calendar for 1950.

The winners and answers of our Christmas Quiz will appear in our next issue.

St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, band rang 35 quarter peals for Sunday services during 1950, in which 42 ringers shared.

Mr. Harry Poyner, of Leicester, has during 1949 completed peals of Grandsire Doubles to Cinques on handbells, all with an 'inside' pair.

Regarding the peal of Double Oxford Bob Major at Warminster (tenor 28 cwt.), Mr. A. Patrick Cannon claims that this is the heaviest tenor rung to a peal in this multi-dodging method.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Baldwin, of Chesterton Lane, Cirencester, on their diamond wedding. They were married at Little Snoring, Norfolk, on December 31st, 1889. Mr. Baldwin, who is 87 years of age, was until recently an active Cirencester ringer.

An interesting 720 of Plain Bob Minor was that by the Moor family at Hethersett, Norfolk, on December 28th. Ringers: Selina Moor 1, Lucy Moor 2, Mrs. Frewen Moor 3; Christopher Moor (cond.) 4, Dr. Frewen Moor 5, John Moor 6.

Appropos the peal of Lincolnshire reported on page 4, we are asked to state that Miss Margaret Fidell had previously rung a peal in the method. It was the seven males in the band who rang the method without any previous practice.

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UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION REUNION ANNUAL DINNER AT CROYDON

The winter reunion of the Universities Association of Change Ringers was held at Croydon on January 4th. The programme included a visit to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's foundry; a service in the Croydon Parish Church, taken by the Rev. A. C. F. Davies, assisted by the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg. The lessons were read by Dr. E. St. J. Hatcher and Mr. E. H. Lewis, and the Archdeacon of Croydon preached. Ringing was at St. John's and St. Peter's, arranged by Mr. Dennis N. Layton, who also planned the peal attempts. The service, dinner and local accommodation were arranged by the Rev. A. C. F. Davies.

The president (Mr. E. H. Lewis) presided at the dinner, held at the Greyhound, when the guest of honour was the Archdeacon of Croydon. Others present were the Revs. C. Elliot Wigg (vice-president), A. G. G. Thurlow, A. C. F. Davies, K. W. H. Felstead and F. L. Edwards, Dr. E. St. John Hatcher (hon. secretary).

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Woolley, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby, Mr. and Mrs. A. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. P. Gray, the Misses M. Cross, Betty Spice, H. J. Whettam, A. B. Stockdale, J. A. Southerst, Frances Edgar, Benedicta Whistler, M. Kenneley.

Messrs. A. York-Bramble, E. M. Atkins, H. Michael Howard, R. W. M. Clouston, J. P. Crawley, J. R. Worrall, A. R. Guy, Ivor H. Truman, P. T. Robbins, W. E. Court, P. R. Layton, P. R. Blackman, R. F. B. Speed, S. A. Jarman, C. G. Woodhead, G. Dodds, L. C. I. Watson, W. Leese, M. W. H. Gray, P. C. Wright, F. P. Wright, A. S. Wett, R. Meadows, V. J. Benning, D. N. Layton, F. E. Haynes, G. F. Carter and T. W. White.

The toast of 'The Church' was proposed by Mr. E. H. Lewis and responded to by the Archdeacon of Croydon.

In his reply, the Archdeacon said a school-boy was asked, 'What is the Church?' and gave as his answer, 'The Church is one foundation.' The Association had come to a place closely associated with the Church throughout the centuries. Just at the back of that building was the Old Palace of Croydon, which was the home of the Archbishops of Canterbury for 800 years.

There had been vicars of Croydon since 900 A.D. Croydon was a place that had grown enormously. Until 1827 there was only one church; to-day they had 29 parish churches, 14 railway stations and a population of 249,000.

Mr. H. Michael Howard (Messrs. Gillett and Johnston), who proposed the toast of 'The Association,' also extended a welcome to the company to Croydon, which, he said, was one of the centres of English bell founding.

'We, as bellfounders, in company with our colleagues at Whitechapel and Loughborough, are endeavouring to keep up the great heritage of English bell founding, and we are most happy to show ringers what is being done and how every possible means is being taken to improve and assist the practice and science of change ringing.'

'I feel that ringing is a marvellously democratic pastime that appeals to every section of the community, and the universities should not be behindhand in their representation.' He wished the Association every success.

The Rev. C. Elliot Wigg, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who replied, said he could only say the Association was a very happy family—at least it was twice a year when they met, coming from the four quarters of the Kingdom. He suggested that the Association should keep a family album giving details of their members.

GILBERT'S FIRST OF DOUBLES.

In humorous vein, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow proposed 'The Exercise.' He said that only last Saturday he rang the treble to his first peal of Doubles (prolonged cheers), so he felt he had the qualification of knowing something

the College Youths' dinner they were expecting Canon Coleridge, who was 92, to propose the toast, but unfortunately he had a fall that morning from which he never recovered. But another College Youth came forward, who was only 86, to take his place.

CLERGY RINGERS WANTED.

He would like to emphasise what he said at Lincoln and hoped that among the U.A.C.R. there were some ordinands. To-day the really competent clergymen ringers were very much fewer than in his youth. In each diocese there ought to be one clergyman who knew more about ringing than the ringers and could give the ringers a real lead. About a year ago he was asked to find in his county a parson who could preach a ringers' sermon. He knew of not a single one who could preach an appropriate sermon with the result that he had to do it himself.

He appealed to U.A.C.R. to catch their ordinands before they put on their dog collars. Looking back 30 or 40 years he remembered that those clergy who could strike had learnt to ring before they were ordained.

In wishing the company a happy New Year, Mr. Lewis regretted that he would be unable to join the Association this summer, as he had to work rather hard and a quiet holiday was essential for him. One thing he was determined. He would never become a civil servant, and if the election went the wrong way his trade was liable to be nationalised. In that case he would have very much more time for ringing.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The business meeting followed. Dr. Hatcher reported apologies from Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. George Cross. Among their members, Lieut.-Comdr. Gordon Cross was now at sea and said he might be with them if they held their week at Hong Kong!

The hon. secretary reported a balance in hand of £14 3s. 5d. and announced that there was a profit of £2 14s. 2d. on the Exeter week.

Reporting on the Association, Dr. Hatcher said the number of members who had joined the society was 285. In 1946, 27 were considered to be inactive and they had lapsed them. He had carried out another census and the number he had had no news of, either direct or indirect, was 63. He proposed that they should cease to be active, which reduced the membership to 192, representing 14 different universities.

The election of the following new members was ratified: Oxford: E. H. Edge, K. M. Grayson, J. G. M. Scott, E. B. Wood, D. Edwards, W. G. Thomas, F. Wright, the Misses M. E. Roe, P. M. Warehorn, R. Buchthal, C. A. Isles, D. J. Borer. Cambridge: M. N. Bland, A. R. Gray, H. M. Howard. Bristol: R. Stokes. London: Miss A. Bowers, Miss Margaret Paton, J. Crawley.

NOTTINGHAM WEEK DIFFICULTIES.

Regarding the proposed Ringing Week at (Continued next page)



THREE OLD VETERANS of All Saints', Asfordby, who have together given 160 years' service in the belfry of this Leicestershire church. They are, from left to right: Stephen Read (76), 45 years, having previously rung at Easton, Hunts; Evander L. Littlewood (76), 60 years; Ernest Edward Lomas (75), 55 years. They all ring regularly, and rang to herald in 1950.

Standing behind are those who rang a peal of Minor as a birthday compliment to the old ringers—viz.: E. Morris, J. H. Cook, R. Looker, H. T. Bonshor, D. Toon, A. Thompson (not in the peal) and H. Bell (captain).

about the Exercise and not in the category of those who know nothing at all. He only wished he knew enough about the subject to make a speech, but for those who desired to know more he would advise them to buy his book, price 5s. (laughter).

The wonderful thing about ringing was it went on spontaneously, whether the vicars liked it or not. In West Norfolk the Education Committee was paying a ringer a guinea a week to teach ringing, providing that the class was not limited to members of the Church of England. He hoped that ringers would not only increase in numbers, but in certain places in brotherly love. They knew that a spontaneous activity could only continue to exist if that brotherly love between all and sundry went on.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, who replied, said he was a little amused at advice on brotherly love coming from Norwich. They all knew of that story of the early days of the ringers of St. Peter's, Mancroft, when some of them were sent home with 'blood on their noses.'

One of the things about ringing was the great age to which ringers lived. It was now nearly 50 years since he started to ring. At

Universities' Assn. Reunion

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Nottingham from August 18th to 26th, about 50 hoped to come. Unfortunately, they had not succeeded in finding accommodation. Alternative suggestions were Lincoln and Birmingham.—It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of Dr. Hatcher and the committee.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow announced that if the Association decided to visit Norwich again he would endeavour to find accommodation.

Future activities were discussed. The suggestion of quarterly meetings was rejected. Miss Betty Spice thought the holding of exclusive meetings would be regarded by the Exercise as undemocratic and rather 'snooty.'

Mr. Dennis N. Layton agreed. The experience of London University Association was that joint meetings with territorial associations were most successful.

Another suggestion was the holding of meetings for the reading of scientific papers on ringing matters.

Mr. York-Bramble said the Association was founded with one expressed object, that its members should go down from the universities and spread the knowledge of ringing. The idea of learned discussions on scientific matters was not then in view.

The meeting decided to let the matter lie on the table.

Another suggestion was a register of members with addresses for circulation. This was left to the secretary to consider as to price.

On the Thursday there were peal attempts at Godstone and Christ Church, Epsom

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS ROMANCE

The marriage took place at Whittle-le-Woods Parish Church on December 31st of Ruth, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Bradley, and Walter, younger son of Mr. F. and the late Mrs. Mansley, of Walton-le-Dale. The ceremony was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Read), assisted by the Rev. John Ginnever, B.A., a friend of the bride.

The bride and bridegroom are both ringers, and their fellow-ringers saluted the event with a beautifully struck peal of Stedman Triples, which will be recorded elsewhere.

After a reception at the Pines Hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Mansley left for a short holiday in the Lake district amid the hearty congratulations of a numerous company of relations and friends.

OUTING TO NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

On December 27th, eight ringers from the Bedford district visited a number of towers to the south and east of Northampton. This locality is suitable for a day's ringing outing because within a comparatively short distance of each other there are many rings of bells. This feature enabled these eight ringers in two cars to visit ten churches during the day.

We began well at Yardley Hastings (6) and Easton Maudit (5). We survived the rough heavy ring at Castle Ashby (5) and the long, guideless draught at Whiston (5), where the church is lit by candles, to have some excellent ringing on the light ring of six at Cogenhoe. At Brafield-on-the-Green (5) we were reinforced by some Cambridge Royalists, who had been defeated at Leighton Buzzard that morning. We then found our way to the fives of Little Houghton, Hardingstone and Wootton, ending the day on the six at Piddington.

Eighteen methods were rung, up to Stedman and London Bob Doubles on five and Spliced Surprise on six.

We were warmly received by the local clergy and ringers, the latter delighting to recount to us stories of ringers of a seemingly bygone age. To visit these grey-walled villages, built entirely with local stone, and to talk with the men who ring there, was indeed a pleasure.

R. W. S.

Golden Wedding

MR. AND MRS. J. E. R. KEEN

The Ringing Master of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild, Mr. J. E. R. Keen, was a very far-sighted man when he arranged to be married to Miss Margaret Lumsden at St. Silas', Newcastle, on January 2nd, 1900. He was far-sighted because that arrangement caused his golden wedding to fall on a day when his fellow-ringers on Tyneside were on their day's holiday for the New Year.

The arrangements for the celebration were successfully carried through with a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on the 'Dixon Eight' at Newcastle Cathedral, the band including the president, general secretary and other officials of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. (Unfortunately, the tenor of the twelve is out of commission and awaiting attentions of the bellhanger, so the light eight only were available. The last part of the preceding sentence would be contested by the Ringing Master, for he would point out that the 'minor ten' were still available!)

A congratulatory telegram was despatched by the peal band just prior to the start of the peal, but later, while partaking of the refreshment generously provided by Mr. Keen, an opportunity for congratulations in person occurred when Joe was able to make a short appearance for the second time, having managed to get down to listen for a while when the peal was in progress. The congratulations were coupled with the hope that Mr. and Mrs. Keen would have many more years together.

'Joe' Keen joined the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association in 1892 and is now one of its oldest members. With over three hundred peals to his credit for this Association he holds the record as its most prolific peal ringer, and, in his younger days especially, was a fine heavy-bell ringer. He was a member of the old paid ringing guild at Newcastle Cathedral, but left prior to its final break-up.

After an interval at St. John's he became a member of the present Newcastle Cathedral Guild, a voluntary band formed by the late C. L. Routledge about 1913. When Mr. Routledge died in 1945, Joe succeeded him as Ringing Master and he has proved a very popular head of the Guild. May he be spared to continue in office for many ears yet.

WRINGTON RINGERS' SUPPER

That hardy annual of the West Country, the Wrington ringers' supper, took place on January 5th, when a company of 21, including the Rector, the Rev. Arthur Talbot, ringing friends from neighbouring towers and the local band, sat down to the really excellent repast one has come to expect at this yearly gathering.

When the inner man had been satisfied, there was handbell ringing, with lapped changes as well as the more orthodox method.

A diversion was created when two of the locals entered wearing firemen's helmets, having been announced as the brass hats; this might not have much significance elsewhere, but the special monthly practices held at Wrington on the first Saturdays are known to the irreverent younger element as the 'brass hats' meetings, and everyone caught the allusion. There was an unfortunate sequel when the wearer of one such ornamental headpiece replaced his helmet, only to find it had been used as a receptacle for the dregs from the glasses!

Instead of concluding with the customary sing-song, the evening closed with a film show of quite professional standards, which all thoroughly enjoyed.

The only speech-making of the evening was the warm thanks of the Rector to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Knight for arranging the supper.

E. G. C.

OBITUARY

MR. HARRY COLLINS.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Harry Collins, the hon. secretary of the St. Michael's Guild, Braintree, Essex, aged 68 years.

Harry Collins started ringing at an early age and in his younger days rang a few peals. Unfortunately, through a difference of opinion he left the Exercise about 30 years ago and did not rejoin the local company until just after the war. Since then he had been a very keen ringer, attending regularly for Sunday service ringing.

The funeral took place on January 8th and was attended by members of the local company. In the evening a quarter peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung with the bells half-muffled as a farewell tribute.

MR. J. E. FLINT.

The Melton Mowbray district has lost another ringer by the death of Mr. John Edward Flint, of Kirby Bellars, who died on January 8th, aged 71.

A ringer for 50 years, Mr. Flint had lived at Kirby Bellars for 34 years, and had also served the church as churchwarden. Last September he celebrated his golden wedding.

On January 14th, a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles (half-muffled) was rung at St. Peter's Church to his memory by J. Gilson 1, E. Littlewood 2, J. H. Cook (cond.) 3, H. Bell 4, H. Clayton 5. The same team rang for his golden wedding on September 3rd last.

MR. CHARLES R. FORFITT.

On December 31st, Mr. Charles R. Forfitt, of Bourne-mouth St. Peter's, passed away at the age of 87 years. The many visitors to Bourne-mouth will remember Charlie, who in between the touches used to sit in his favourite place underneath the clock in St. Peter's tower.

Of late years he had helped considerably with the training of young ringers, with whom he was a firm favourite, so that when the doctor firmly said early in 1948, 'No more ringing,' Charlie used to occasionally break the rule to climb the 64 steps to 'come and watch,' as he said. However, if his favourite fifth seemed to be neglected for a touch (sometimes purposely) he would see her through a short touch.

Charlie Forfitt, like his friend, Eli Waters, who died earlier in 1949, served St. Peter's faithfully for nearly 50 years, rarely being late or missing a practice. He had rung many peals in standard methods, but a complete record is not available.

The funeral service was in St. Peter's Church on January 2nd, followed by interment in Wimborne Road Cemetery.

The Rev. J. Coutts, a member of St. Peter's company and assistant priest, officiated, and Andrew Pearmain played the organ. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service, whilst A. I. Pearmain 1-2, B. B. Rogers 3-4, A. V. Davis 5-6, J. V. Davis 7-8, rang a course of Grandsire Triples at the graveside after the committal.

MRS. F. J. JOHNSON.

The death occurred on January 4th at Evesham Hospital of Mrs. F. J. Johnson, widow of the late Frederick J. Johnson, of Hinton-on-the-Green. Mrs. Johnson was an honorary member of the Worcestershire and Districts Association and is survived by two sons and six daughters, all of whom are ringers. Her eldest son is the present general secretary of the Worcestershire Association.

The interment took place at Hinton-on-the-Green on January 7th, and the service, conducted by the Rev. F. C. Champion, was attended by a large number of friends and ringers. Members of the local band rang handbells over the grave, and afterwards rang touches half-muffled on the tower bells, assisted by other association members. Later in the day a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung.

LETTERS

'DOWN YOUR WAY'

Dear Sir,—I wonder how many of your readers were listening to 'Down Your Way' at approximately 3.20 p.m. on January 8th. I was, and I listened with pleasure to the introduction of Mr. Locke, of the Abingdon ringers, and to his subsequent remarks in connection with the Exercise.

The anticipated moment arrived when Richard Dimpleby asked Mr. Locke if he would like a recording of bells, and Mr. Locke replied asking for Grandire or Stedman Caters.

'It's sure to be St. Margaret's, Westminster' (H.M.V.), was my thought, but instead there followed a few rounds on first five and then six bells. But the crowning moment came when the announcer wound up the programme by telling us that we had, in fact, been listening to Stedman Caters.

Needless to say, I have written to Mr. Dimpleby and I sincerely hope many more of your readers have done the same. I cannot imagine what Mr. Locke's feelings were.—Yours faithfully,

BERT SUTTON.

Scarborough.

'A CLASSIC BLUNDER'

Dear Sir,—A classic blunder has been perpetrated by the B.B.C. in 'Down Your Way.' Mr. Locke, of Abingdon, asks for Stedman Caters and gets a record of some badly struck rounds on five bells! Ringers have surely sent a card of protest, for it is on such cards that programmes are based. Every time bells are broadcast, drop a line to applaud or correct. Then we shall get more broadcasts and on a higher level. Cards to B.B.C., Park Place, Cardiff.

D. H. B.

Haverfordwest.

Note.—We thank A/C1 F. S. Worth and other readers for letters on the same subject.—Editor.

A DISAPPOINTMENT FOR GLASGOW RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I regret that I informed you (albeit in good faith) that we were to broadcast St. Mary's Cathedral bells on Hogmanay.

Unfortunately, this did not take place as arranged.

I received a telegram from the B.B.C. on Thursday, December 29th, at 6.30 p.m.—when the local Post Offices were closed—saying that the broadcast could not take place 'owing to unforeseen circumstances,' and a letter on the following day with the same bald statement, plus their regrets, but no explanation from them since.

We feel that we have had a raw deal as we had arranged to hold a social evening in the Synod Hall, with a spot of handbells, and to which we had invited the Cathedral clergy and some of our friends. Each one of us had, of course, gone out of our way to make the broadcast known as widely as possible.

I have written to the B.B.C. asking for a full explanation and enclosing an account of expenses incurred.

I expect it will be a long time before we are again asked to broadcast, but here's hoping.—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST A. STAFFORD, Hon. Sec.,
St. Mary's Cathedral (Glasgow) Society.

ANALYSIS OF TOWER BELL PEALS (cont.)

ASSOCIATION	MINOR																				DOUBLES																				Total
	35 Methods	21 Methods	20 Methods	18 Methods	17 Methods	15 Methods	14 Methods	13 Methods	12 Methods	11 Methods	10 Methods	9 Methods	8 Methods	7 Methods	6 Methods	5 Methods	4 Methods	3 Methods	2 Methods	1 Method	42 Methods	33 Methods	32 Methods	21 Methods	14 Methods	11 Methods	10 Methods	9 Methods	8 Methods	7 Methods	6 Methods	5 Methods	4 Methods	3 Methods	2 Methods	1 Method					
An. Soc. College Yths.																																						1			
Bath and Wells Dio.																																					49				
Bedfordshire																																					28				
Cambridge Univ. Gld.		1					1						1	17	1			1	1		3												1	1							
Chester Diocesan																																									
Coventry Dio. Guild			1	1	2			1	1		1	2		8	1	5	1	7	1	14															2	49					
Cumberland County																																				14					
Derbyshire Assn.															2			1	2	2	4														12						
Devonshire																																				4					
Dudley and District																																									
Durham and Newcastle															4		1				3														1						
East Grinstead																																				9					
East Derbyshire																																				2					
Ely Diocesan																																									
Essex Association						1					1			10		3	3	7	3	31													1	2		68					
Gloucester and Bristol																																				20					
Guildford Diocesan																																				24					
Hereford Diocesan											1			2																					2						
Hertford County										1				2																					3						
Irish Association														5		1	1	1		3															13						
Kent County																																				1					
Lancashire Association															2																					38					
Leicester Dio. Guild																																				39					
Lincoln Dio. Guild																																				42					
Llandaff & Monmouth														1	14	1	1	1	3	10															10						
London County Assn.																																				3					
Middlesex County																																				1					
Midland Counties																																				5					
North Staffs Assn.																																				9					
North Wales Assoc.																																				6					
Norwich Diocesan																																				40					
Oxford Dio. Guild																																				29					
Oxford University Soc.																																				1					
Peterborough Diocesan																																				37					
St. David's Dio. Guild																																				1					
St. Martin's Guild																																				2					
Salisbury Guild																																				23					
Scottish Association																																									
Shropshire Association																																				13					
Soc. R. Cum. Youths																																				5					
Southwell Dio. Guild																																				19					
Stafford Archdeaconry																																				13					
Suffolk Guild																																				13					
Surrey Association																																				1					
Sussex Association																																				26					
Swansea & Brecon																																				9					
Truro Diocesan																																				11					
Universities' Assn.																																									
Win. and Portsmouth																																				5					
Worcester & Districts																																				15					
Yorkshire Association																																				20					
Unattached																																				10					
TOTAL	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	4	3	1	108	8	30	58	75	26	284	1	1	1	1	3	1	—	1	—	6	5	6	17	21	30	116	921				

INVERARAY BELLS

Dear Sir,—The article on the front page of 'The Ringing World' of December 16th, 'The Bells of Scotland,' was of interest to me. Like many more, I have heard Edinburgh Cathedral bells and also St. Cuthbert's.

But in July, 1939, I had the pleasure of seeing the bells of All Saints', Inveraray, through glass doors. It was indeed delightful. In another room there was a chiming apparatus and with some persuasion I was allowed to play.

The caretaker was doubtful and reminded me they were the Duke's bells. This tapping, the simplest of bellringing, seems to impress them more than the fine art of change ringing.

The caretaker told me the Duke was staying

at the Farne Islands and would I tell him when I went home that I had tuned his bells.

Later, when back home, I received a letter from him saying the London girls had been to Inveraray, but they did not ring like me (I had tuned the bells). He asked me to put my name in the visitors' book, and said, 'I am not taking your sixpence.' I often wish I had taken more notice. I shall always remember that beautifully kept church.—I am, Yours truly,

JENNIE ARMSTRONG (Miss).

Morpeth.

P.S.—The bells of the Watch Tower, Morpeth, are unringable at present, except for the ringing of the Curfew each night at 8 and the Market bell every Wednesday morning at 11.—J.A.

Letters (continued)

SHIPWAY AND STEADFAST

Dear Sir,—Your correspondents, Mr. George 'I-alone-understand' Baker and Mr. E. A. '120-years-too-late' Barnett do the Exercise a service, in that they furnish an excellent example (and warning) of what has too often occurred (sadly enough) in the past—i.e., fruitless controversy, falsely based, giving readers generally wrong impressions.

Perhaps I may surprise them by adding further apparent support to their contention, and recalling (what even Mr. Baker's omniscience seems to have overlooked!) that long ago in the 'Bell News' William Hale, on page 65 of Vol. 6, quoted figures which superficially give the same method as that which, in Shipway's 'Campanologia,' is called his 'Principle.'

The fact remains, of course, that of all these methods the fundamental principle is attributable solely to Stedman. No originality on that score was, or could be, claimed for Steadfast. This method has a new feature, however, as reaffirmed below, and, as such, was no doubt rung for the first time last year.

But no serious student of method structure to-day would attribute originality to Shipway for the principle inherent in his method, any more than recognise his Royal version as genuine 'Superlative.' It is a function of Grid Analysis to extract the residual values in these things; and it yields Steadfast, as a method of portraying Stedman's principle on even numbers, entirely symmetrical in structure. This is quite true in spite of the flat contradiction of Mr. Baker, who apparently has not realised that two distinct methods, Original and Plain Bob, for example, may have the identical grid pattern, with differing grid-links. (A further example is Cambridge and Primrose.)

If the Steadfast figures already published are compared with these here, Hale's above-mentioned (Mr. Baker's, of course, are his own version), readers may see for themselves that it is Steadfast that conforms with the fundamental principle of Stedman, in having simply forward hunting in the quick sets and backward hunting in the slow sets, i.e., in the work of the front group. In this sense it was offered as something new 'for practice' in the New Year. Mr. Baker achieves no technical improvement by what is simply, in plain language, splitting up the sets so as to give the good old 'magic circle' set-end figures. And surely he has not forgotten that even some peals of Stedman are rung starting, not in the conventional way, but at the parting of the sixes!—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

LAVENHAM RECORDING

Dear Sir,—I am rather at a loss to understand how a ringer could mix up Grandshire and Stedman, also Westminster Abbey bells, with those of Lavenham, as the Abbey bells are lacking that soft mellow tone which makes Lavenham the pride of Suffolk.

The recording in question has been used by the B.B.C. on quite a number of occasions, in fact it's a close runner to the Bow Bells signal.

It was made for and broadcast for the first time in the 'St. George's Day' programme in 1948, the producer being Mr. Maurice Brown. It is a complete plain course of Stedman, the band being all pupils of the late Arthur Symonds.

As the B.B.C. seem to realise it is good, I mark it as one of the finest memorials a man could have, especially as there were 58 more of his pupils who could 'strike 'em' just as well.—Yours sincerely,

LESLIE MILLS.

Bures, Suffolk.

Analysis of Handbell Peals rung during 1948

	CINQUES			ROYAL		CATERS		MAJOR					TRIPLES			MINOR		DOUBLES														
Association.	Stedman	Grandshire	Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandshire	London	Cambridge	Superlative	Spiced Plain	Kent Treble Bob	Oxford Treble Bob	Double Norwich	Plain Bob	Little Bob	Gainsborough L. Bob	Stedman	Grandshire	4 Methods	3 Methods	2 Methods	1 Method	10 Methods	9 Methods	8 Methods	7 Methods	6 Methods	5 Methods	4 Methods	3 Methods	2 Methods	1 Method	TOTAL
Cambridge U. Gld.	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	
Coventry D Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	
Devonshire Guild	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	
Durh'm & Newcle	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	
Ely Dio. Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21	
Essex Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	
Glouc't'r & Bristol	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	
Guildford Dio.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	
Hereford Dio.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	
Hertford County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	
Irish Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	
Kent County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	
Lancashire Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	
Leicester Diocesan	4	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	
Lincoln Diocesan	2	—	6	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	
Norwich Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	
Oxford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
Oxford University	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	
St. David's Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	
St. Martin's Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	
Salisbury Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	
Soc. R. Cum. Yths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	
Southwell Dio.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	
Stafford Arch.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	
Suffolk Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	
Surrey Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	
Sussex County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	
Swansea & Brecon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	
Universities Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	
Win. & Ports Dio.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	27	
Worcester & Dis.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	
Yorkshire Assoc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	
Totals	10	—	10	23	8	2	5	2	216	1	4	71	1	11	21	2	2	44	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	5	416	274		

IN DEFENCE OF STEDMAN

Dear Sir,—The last sentence in the postscript of Mr. T. R. Butler's letter this week, 'Are we to take it that Stedman is now becoming extinct?' is something which I have been wondering for some time. Why is it that so (comparatively) few peals of Stedman Triples are rung nowadays?

It is never wasted time to ring peals of Stedman Triples (in fact, if Stedman were the only method in existence ringing would still be worth while), and no matter how many peals of it one has rung, there is still the feeling of 'something accomplished' every time.

And what of the conductor? If the ringer can be proud of his performance the conductor can be doubly so. The conductor of one peal of Stedman Triples has accomplished far more than one who has called 40 peals of Surprise.—Yours faithfully,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

CHIMES IN 'HAMLET'

Dear Sir,—The B.B.C. and the Americans are not the only ones with an astonishing lack of knowledge concerning bells.

In the famous British film, 'Hamlet,' there is a scene during which the 'Westminster' chimes can be heard. The action of the film takes place in Denmark somewhere about the 10th century, I believe, but the Westminster or more properly the Cambridge chimes were not composed until 1790.

L. SEWELL.

Sudbury, Suffolk.

THE FIRST FOUR PEALS IN A DAY

Dear Sir,—I should like to congratulate the ringers under the conductorship of Mr. Poole for their achievement in ringing four peals in one day. I know what it is, as I was the conductor in ringing four peals of Minor when living at Sheerness-on-Sea, referred to in your last issue of 'The Ringing World.' It does, as you say, require a good bit of stamina, both mentally and physically.

No doubt the travelling facilities are much different now to what they were when we rang our peals. I expect they had cars to take them to their separate towers, whereas we had to depend on cycling. There were no buses running at that time. I had 13 miles to cycle across country roads to start our first peal at 6.45. This meant rising at 4.30 to have breakfast. Between each peal there was a distance of 4 to 5 miles to cycle, sometimes more. The last peal was started about 7 in the evening, and then an 11-mile ride back home, which I reached just before midnight, well satisfied with our day's enjoyment.

Two or three of the ringers taking part are still doing a bit of ringing for service and peal ringing as well as myself. Good luck and success to the Leicester band.—Yours sincerely,

W. H. B. WILKINS.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. Watts 1, Mrs. P. Lewington 2, J. Marsh 3, H. Hunt 4, E. Langley (first of Stedman) 5, F. Brooks 6, A. Wiggins (cond.) 7, C. Watts 8. A farewell to Mr. E. Langley, who is returning to Wokingham.

Letters (continued)

INSTRUCTORS

Dear Sir,—The remarks of Mr. Lewis at the recent Lincoln dinner are worthy of attention. He did not say how the standard could be raised, and he might also have added that the men or women capable of doing the job are not as plentiful as they used to be.

Nearly every association has as one of its objects the provision of competent instructors for towers where they are needed. This is very rarely carried out, as witness Mr. R. H. Dove's tilt last summer, viz., that associations are more concerned in building up huge bank balances than in providing instruction where it is badly needed.

Here is something which all association committees could look into. A panel could be prepared of those willing and competent to teach. Expenses should be granted or recovered from the people concerned. This is controversial, but everybody's circumstances are not the same, and if the tutor does not want his expenses, so much the better. The great thing is that an effort should be made to wipe out the black spots.—Yours faithfully,
E. R. MARTIN.

Preston.

AN OLD BELL

Dear Sir,—Referring to Mr. Flint's letter, I would say, without going very deeply into the matter, this bell would probably be a sanctus, and most likely from the Nottingham foundry of Oldfield, which flourished at this period. We have an example of a 'Madonna stamp' on the tenor bell at Thurstaston, Leics., which came from this foundry, c. 1560.

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter by Mr. Flint in your last issue, it is not possible from his description of the small bell to tell for what reason it has been used. It may have been used for any purpose requiring a small bell of this type. If Mr. Flint would send me a photograph of the bell and a rubbing of the date letters, I will do my best to identify its founder. From the description he gives, however, I strongly suspect that the bell is foreign.—Yours truly,

FREDERICK SHARPE.

Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

ST. CUTHBERT'S, EDINBURGH

Dear Sir,—Sorry for the delay in not writing before to point out an error (or a misleading sentence) in No. 2,019, December 16th, re 'The Bells of Scotland.'

I spent a week in Edinburgh in September and really enjoyed ringing Grandsire Triples for Sunday service, both morning and evening, at St. Cuthbert's, an excellent eight. They ring regularly on Sundays and, I understand, practise in the winter months.

The statement, 'Proximity to important building prevents them being rung except on national occasions' is misleading to anyone visiting Edinburgh and would be a pity for a ringer to miss such a fine ring and beautiful bell.—Yours faithfully,
C. GIMBERT.
Sutton, Ely, Cambs.

P.S.—Wife says my visit could not have been 'a national occasion.'—C.G.

THE PEAL AT LISKEARD

Dear Sir,—While on tour with a band with the late W. Pye, I took part in a peal of Cambridge on these bells on September 8th, 1913. The peal was rung for the Devonshire Guild. The footnote states, 'The first peal in the method in the county.'

ALAN R. MACDONALD.

Parkstone.

MAINLY FOR BEGINNERS (2)

(A Series of Open Letters)

Dear Beginners,—Since my last letter that successful instructor, Tom Truettouch, has kindly offered to take us on in his tower. So let's go along. As one of the preliminaries to the first stage of 'bell control,' Tom's intelligent approach is to take us up to the bells themselves. So, leaving one of his band, Mary Makebob, with certain instructions in the ringing chamber below, we go aloft, following Tom's instructions implicitly.

First we note the size and obvious weight of the bells, all 'hanging' in the strongly-built 'frame,' their 'headstocks' mounted in 'bearings,' allowing free swinging of each bell in its 'pit.' We observe the large 'wheel' fixed to the headstock, with the rope running in its rim channel and down through the floor. Now Tom takes hold of the rope where it leaves the wheel and pulls down on it. The bell swings a little and strikes its note as the rope goes down. Tom tells us this is 'chiming.'

Now it stops and Tom gives a few short lifts to the hanging rope, as a sign to Mary below. We stand clear as the bell begins to move again, chimed by Mary from the ringing chamber. This chiming seems a little overdone by Mary! Her bell swings higher and higher, and now sounds as the rope comes up, as well as on the down-stroke.

The bell is being 'raised,' says Tom, as it turns completely mouth upwards and pauses at the top of the swing, held balanced there by Mary's skill. Between strokes Tom tells us this is 'ringing' proper. Now the bell goes just over the top position and stops altogether. Tom says it's 'up' and 'set,' and he points out how its 'stay' engages its 'slider' against the 'stop.'

We look into the upturned bell and notice the clapper-bell resting against the lower side of the bell, while Tom tells us that heavy bells need raising with care to prevent them being 'clappered wrong,' i.e., going up with clapper resting on the upper side. He lifts the rope up from below, showing us that Mary is no longer holding the bell in balance, and he points out the possible results of over-pulling, with broken stays!

But we stand back, since the lifted rope was also a signal to Mary. A pause, and off goes the bell again, swinging less and less high at each quickening stroke until 'down.' Having been 'lowered,' she is now chiming once more. Now that we've seen what is 'up top' and what happens at the upper end of a rope, Tom tells us we'll go down and have a pull ourselves. This encourages us; and although it will be just to try chiming, at this very early stage, yet we are to be allowed actually to make a bell sound 'by ourselves,' right away!

Back in the ringing chamber Tom points to the 'circle' of ropes (we'll suppose there are eight) running round in musical scale order from the highest note—the 'treble'—to the lowest note and heaviest bell—the 'tenor.' Reminding us that the bells are all 'down,' he takes hold of the tufted part of the treble's rope—its 'sally'—and chimes the bell. We observe Tom's action for this and listen to the bell's note. On eight bells, of course, this is the upper 'doh' of the scale. Tom now points to the rope of the bell we have seen rung (say, the third), and asks us to hum its note, which we attempt by reckoning down three from 'doh'; thus, 'doh, te, lah.' We listen as Tom chimes her. Were we right in 'lah'?

This is perhaps the most important part of our introduction to change ringing, for it is our first step in tone-felling, or picking out a bell by its note. It is the foundation of good striking, as Tom tells us, for we must get that particular note of our bell to sound correctly in a set time-interval as small as one-quarter of a second!

Now, says Tom, it's our turn. He indicates

the long part of each rope below its sally, called the 'rope's end,' tied up in a loop to keep it off the floor, and the mat immediately below, to save the rope from floor-chafing and dust collecting during actual 'ringing.' We learn that it's part of our job to set the mat right before we start ringing; but more important still is our own position and action.

So we follow Tom's example and step up to our rope (the third). But before we touch it we get our position right, as this is the same for chiming as for ringing. Standing on the outside of the rope-circle, with the nose about six inches from the freely-hanging rope, we face the centre of the circle. We now place one foot slightly in advance of the other (right foot if right-handed and vice versa), so as to increase our 'balance-base' fore and aft. Tom says experience will show us quickly that this stance is less fatiguing to the trunk muscles in ringing for long stretches. Without turning the head from facing centre, we swing our eyes at sally level from side to side and check whether we can see all ropes in turn. 'First watch Mary and me,' says Tom, 'then, when I call, try to join in as third bell. Remember, only a short pull and check!'

Then, 'Stand to for chiming!' he calls, and he on the treble and Mary on the second raise their arms and reach well up the sally and grasp it with both hands close together, touching in fact, leaving the rope's end hanging below, still tied in its loop.

'Treble's chiming!' calls Tom, pulling shortly and checking his rope, followed by Mary. We watch closely their action and we listen carefully to the rhythmic 'doh, te, doh, te, doh, te,' and we think we might manage to follow suit. 'Bring in the third!' calls Tom. So we reach up, grasp the sally and follow Mary. After a pull or two we manage to make our bell 'speak,' so we listen carefully and try to fit in our note of 'lah' after their 'doh, te,' so that we should hear, 'doh, te, lah, doh, te, lah,' in steady repetition. 'Cease!' calls Tom, and as the gently oscillating ropes come to a standstill we feel rather thrilled with our sweet, though short, very first stand-in to ring bells.

'That's only chiming, of course,' says Tom. 'Real ringing has quite a different rope action, as I'll demonstrate in our next lesson. Still, you've made a bell speak. Now don't rest content until you can make it speak just when and where you wish in relation to the other bells. But before you begin to learn to manage a "ringing" bell, I'll introduce you to the "pole and pigtail,"'

Wondering what that can be, we look forward to the next lesson, and in the meantime we try to recollect at least two dozen terms and tins introduced to us in this first visit to the tower.—Yours till next time,

CORN. R. STONE.

CHURCH AND LOYALTY

Dear Sir,—Two of our ringers, Mr. Frederick Blunden and Mr. William Curtis, have just completed 30 years' service as ringers at Storrington Church. This period was completed on New Year's Eve, when to celebrate the occasion they both took part in ringing a quarter peal, Grandsire Doubles, 1,260 changes. Both these gentlemen take a full part in the life of the church here, as do the other ringers.

Since ringing restarted after the war, our bells have been rung regularly twice every Sunday and on other special occasions. The enthusiasm of the older ringers has caused a junior band of ringers to start, and consequently we are never in want of ringers. The church here owes a big debt of gratitude to them for their loyal service.—Yours very truly,

W. G. FROSTICK

Rector and Rural Dean of Storrington.

Quarter Peals

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 1-2 leading: F. Cuss 1, E. Sheppard 2, A. V. Jerram 3, F. Read (first as cond.) 4, G. Newman 5, T. A. Palmer 6, P. Newman 7, G. Barnes 8.

MARSTON MAGNA, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Critchell 1, J. Bartlett 2, F. Andrews 3, W. Tiley (cond.) 4, D. Gare 5, C. Thomas 6. In memoriam to Mr. Charles Hockey, for many years churchwarden.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 17th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Jean Thomas (cond.) 1, Mary Shadrack 2, A. Bartholomew 3, P. Evcs 4, H. W. Shadrack 5, H. Devenish 6. A silver wedding compliment to the conductor's parents.—On December 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Shadrack 1, E. J. Runter 2, Jean Thomas 3, H. W. Shadrack 4, H. A. Shadrack 5, J. K. Shadrack (first as cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer and the first quarter peal together by the ringers of 1, 4, 5 and 6.

STOKE GOLDINGTON, BUCKS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Whiting (first quarter) 1, L. Wesley (aged 15, first 'inside') 2, A. Armstrong 3, E. Shouler 4, O. G. Warren (cond.) 5.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Print 1, V. B. Hunt (cond.) 2, W. Cockings 3, R. C. Chapman 4, F. C. Lyne 5, F. Kinchin 6, C. R. Steed 7, E. Goode 8.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Sheppard 1, G. Latham 2, B. Latham 3, T. Pritchard 4, R. Thain 5, T. Wits (cond.) 6, W. Dean 7, M. Simpson 8.

SUTTON, ISLE OF ELY.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Barker (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Grain (first as cond.) 2, R. Brooker 3, C. Gimbert 4, M. J. Thurmott 5, R. H. Bullen 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Gimbert.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Anker 1, D. Nock (first quarter 'inside') 2, H. Dicken, jun. 3, N. Eaton 4, W. G. Anker (cond.) 5, E. Thompson 6.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss K. Robinson 1, C. Skinner 2, C. Hone 3, F. Brooks 4, B. Farhall (cond.) 5, J. Robinson 6.

TOTTENHOE, BEDS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 St. Clement's and 180 Plain Bob): Dennis Knox 1, Joan Newman 2, Alan Brody 3, John Sinfield 4, John Scott 5, James Newman (cond.) 6. First quarter for ringers of 1 and 4.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): J. Hardy 1, F. Purcell 2, F. Kirtland 3, R. Eggleton 4, W. Lee (cond.) 5, N. Razey 6.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 27th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Oxford, 720 Kent): W. Kerrison 1, J. Pilgrim 2, A. Watson 3, J. Blythe 4, J. Gibson 5, N. R. Bailey (cond.) 6.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 11th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. F. Rickwood 1, A. G. Ballom 2, R. J. Stannard 3, E. Footer 4, E. A. Murrell 5, A. F. Ballam (first as cond.) 6. First quarter for 1 and 3.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Mitchell 1, Wm. A. Hughes 2, Anne Holmes (first quarter 'inside') 3, L. W. G. Skinner 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, J. Porter 6.

WINTHORPE, NOTTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Wing 1, H. Longland 2, M. Leach 3, F. Copeland 4, H. Cloxton (cond.) 5, C. Copp 6. To celebrate the wedding of Mr. J. Leach and Miss J. Paling.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Brunt 1, A. McTiffen 2, S. C. Thain 3, E. Risbey 4, R. J. Thain (cond.) 5, G. Latham 6. Rung half-muffled for Holy Innocents' Day.

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DEATH

WHITE.—On Jan. 9th, 1950, Rose Eleanor, beloved wife of Joseph H. W. White, of 31, George Eliot Road, Coventry, who passed away in hospital after much suffering. 6442

MISCELLANEOUS

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCs.—Ringing practice will be held on Saturdays, 2.30 p.m. to 5.30, except on the third Saturday in the month. Rounds to Surprise. Everybody welcome. 6341

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.—Subscriptions for 1950 (unanimously increased to 2s. 6d. at annual meeting) to H. G. Jenney, Hon. Sec., 23, Larch Street, Leicester. 6431

PEAL REPORT SHEETS suitable for sending reports to 'The Ringing World' or guild secretaries. Sheets for 6, 8, 10 or 12 bells available at 1s. 6d. for 25, post free, from Powell and Morris, printers, Lyme Regis, Dorset. 6452

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.

MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 6303

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual, Withycombe Raleigh, Jan. 21st. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 6345

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Bells available 3 to 5 p.m., followed by tea (5.15) and meeting in Fellowship Hall.—G. W. Steere, Hon. Sec., 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 6352

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual district meeting, St. Albans, Saturday, Jan. 21st. St. Peter's (10) 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting, Abbey Restaurant, 5 p.m. Cathedral (12) in evening.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 6349

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Jan. 21st, 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Mary's, Walthamstow.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 6354

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual district meeting, St. John's, Hackney, Saturday, Jan. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. Business meeting 6.15 p.m. Further ringing to follow.—R. H. Begrie, Dis. Sec. 6387

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Northfleet (8) on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Usual arrangements.—B. W. May, Hon. Sec. 6347

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting at Sawston, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6381

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Hawkhurst, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names, tea, H. Gorringer, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 6379

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual, Dorchester, Jan. 21st. Service 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow.—Hayne, Abbotbury, Weymouth. 6384

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cradley (8), Saturday, Jan. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 6400

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Annual meeting at Luton, Jan. 21st. Bells (10) at 3. No tea arrangements, cafes available.—Valerie Willard, Dis. Sec., Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 6404

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (6) at 3. Service 4.30.—A. S. Tomking, Harp Cottage, Bredenbury, Hereford. 6407

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Annual branch meeting at Bridgwater, Jan. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5, names essential.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 6406

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Nicolas', Chiswick, Saturday, Jan. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Further ringing until 8.15.—F. Finch. 6413

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Derby, Saturday, Jan. 21st, 2.30. 6414

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Annual meeting at Calne on Jan. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Please advise M. Bury, Church Street, Calne, for tea.—L. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec. 6397

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 6430

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting, Alverstoke, Jan. 21st.—John H. Hunt, Dis. Sec. 6392

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting, Evercreech, Jan. 28th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea for all who notify by 25th inst.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat, Shepton Mallet. 6421

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—N. Western District.—Annual meeting, Epsom, Jan. 28th, St. Martin's (10). Bells 3 p.m.—Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Church Hall, 5 p.m. Christ Church bells (8) after meeting. Nominations for general officers at this meeting. Notifications for tea by Jan. 26th, first post, to R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 6357

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, Woolwich, Saturday, Jan. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting in Rectory Room. Names for tea by Saturday, Jan. 21st, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 6418

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Alfriston, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Tower open 2.30. Tea 4.45. Names by 23rd to P. H. Rollison, 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. Hon. Div. Sec. 6416

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting at Basingstoke, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30. St. Michael's (8), All Saints' (9). Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, by Tuesday, Jan. 24th. 6388

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Alfriston, Jan. 28th. Tower open 3.30, not 2.30.—Hon. Div. Sec. 6464

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Dursley (8), Jan. 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Notify for tea by Jan. 24th to Miss Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cronihall. 6465

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Ramsbottom on Jan. 28th. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower at 6. All ringers welcome. 6466

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston District.—Annual, Heanor, Jan. 28th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 4.45. Names to H. Farnsworth, 5, Godfrey Street, Heanor, by Jan. 25th. 6378

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting, Towcester, Jan. 28th. Names for tea to V. Burt, 13, Watling Street West, Towcester, by Jan. 24th. 6377

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Service in St. Paul's Church 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in St. Paul's Rooms after service. Ringing, St. Paul's, 3 to 4 and 7 to 9; All Saints' 7 to 9. Please notify for tea by Jan. 23rd.—B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 6399

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Ilminster (8), Jan. 28th. 3. Usual arrangements. Notify early for tea.—J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Taunton. 6390

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Annual meeting at Grimsby, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Jan. 26th to Mr. H. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby. 6403

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Birkington, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business. It is essential that names for tea reach Mr. J. A. Russell, 40a, Station Road, Birkington, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 25th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 6405

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Annual meeting of district at Guildford, Jan. 28th. Ringing at Cathedral and S. Nicolas' 2.30. Service, S. Nicolas', 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at S. Nicolas' Hall. The evening will conclude with a social arranged by the Ladies' Guild. See separate notice.—A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 6389

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A social evening to be held at S. Nicolas' Hall, Guildford, Saturday, Jan. 28th, in conjunction with Guildford District annual meeting. Tea 1s. 9d., social 1s. 9d., combined 3s. Tickets by Jan. 23rd from Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford. 6425

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District annual) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Midland District).—Joint meeting, Loughborough, Jan. 28th. Parish Church and Foundry bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30, Fearon Hall. Names to Mr. J. H. Grundy, Limehurst, Bridge Street, Loughborough, by Tuesday, 24th.—C. W. Hall/J. Poole. 6394

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Annual dinner at Newark Town Hall, Jan. 28th, 6.30. Parish Church bells (10) available 2.30. Admission 10s. 6d. by ticket only to be purchased by 25th. A noble ring of bells, food, drink, entertainment, good fellowship: what more do you require? Get your ticket now from J. W. Raithby, 145, Farndon Road, Newark. 6395

PINCHLEY (St. Mary's).—Dedication of two new bells—one a memorial to Charles T. Coles—Jan. 28th, 4 p.m. Names for tea before 24th to Ernest Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing. 6395

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Stonehouse (6 bells), Saturday, Jan. 28th, 3. Service 4.45. Tea afterwards. Names for tea by Jan. 24th.—Mr. S. T. Price, Bridge Cottage, Stonehouse, Glos. 6443

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool, St. Oswald's, Sat., Jan. 28th, 2.30. Tea provided for all who notify Mr. F. Robson, 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool, by Jan. 26th. Method: Grandire Caters, among others. 6440

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting, Stockport (St. George's), Jan. 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise W. Jackson, 31 Woodsome Lane, Stockport, by Jan. 24th.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 6439

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—St. Paul's, Chippenham (8), Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30. Tea 4.45. Please notify Marsh, 4, Hawthorne Road, Chippenham. 6438

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Shrewsbury, Jan. 28th. St. Mary's 2.30, followed by service there at 4.30 and tea and business in Parish Room. St. Chad's available 7.—C. A. Barron. 6459

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The January meeting will be held at Drighlington on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells from 3 p.m. Members take own food, cups of tea provided. Business meeting in the tower 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12. 6460

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Ashton, on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m.—Elsie Walker, Sec. 6437

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Annual meeting, Almondsbury (8), Jan. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss M. P. Hilliar, 48, Kennington Avenue, Bristol 7. 6436

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Annual meeting at Bridgnorth, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notifications for tea to H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 6435

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 28th, at Christchurch. Priory bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.; preacher, Rev. A. L. E. Williams, M.A. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Notify Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 6434

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Annual meeting at Kewstoke, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea to Mr. G. Prescott, 1, High Street, Worle, Weston-super-Mare.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec., Sandford, Bristol. 6433

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Eye District.—Meeting, Yaxley (6), Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea in Village Hall at 5 p.m. Short meeting to follow. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 24th, please.—W. A. Lock, Valley Farm, Shimpling, Diss, Norfolk. 6432

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Annual meeting at Asfordby, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names to J. H. Cook, New Street, Asfordby. All ringers welcome. 6445

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual meeting, Hinckley, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. B. Ridgway, 61, Priesthills Road, Hinckley, by Tuesday, Jan. 24th. 6446

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Doncaster, Jan. 28th. Ringing 2.30. Dedication of peal board 4.15. Service 4.30. Tea in the Church Hall 5. Names for tea as soon as possible and by Wed., 25th, to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 6447

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Annual, Holy Sepulchre, Northampton, Jan. 28th. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. W. Ashby, 19, Connaught Street, Northampton, by Jan. 25th.—E. Nobles, Hon. Sec. 6449

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Annual meeting, Witton, Northwich, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea before Jan. 23rd to Alfred Johnson, Elston, King Street, Rudheath, Northwich. 6451

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Salisbury, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. St. Thomas' and St. Martin's bells available in evening. Names to F. L. Harris, Briford, near Salisbury. 6454

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Committee meeting, Bray Vicarage, Jan. 28th, 3.30. Bells 6. Names for tea.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 6455

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 4th. St. Mary's, Holloway Road, 2.30 to 3.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, 3 to 4.30; Southwark

Cathedral, 4 to 5. Evensong, Cathedral, 5. Tea, business and handbell competition, 5.45. Further ringing Cathedral. Names early, please. Practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth, Monday, Feb. 6th, 7.15 p.m.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 6463

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District annual meeting) and **SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Bolsover, Feb. 4th. Names for tea by Feb. 1st to Mr. A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Reclory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. 6457

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting, Diss, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (8) from 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Corn Hall. Meeting follows. Also Diocesan Standing Committee meeting immediately after brunch meeting. Names for tea by Jan. 31st. Suffolk ringers invited.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk. 6458

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, St. John's Church, Hensingham, Feb. 4th. Bells available 2.30. Tea 4.30. meeting 5.30. 6461

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Bulwell, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names to Miss Sprittles, Bulwell Rectory, Nottingham, by Wed., Feb. 1st, latest. 6456

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual district meeting at Chertsey, Feb. 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Church Room, 5. Numbers for tea to J. B. Hessey, 11, Queen's Street, Chertsey, by Wed., 1st.—F. Hawthorne. 6453

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual general meeting at Horley, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (8) 3. Service 5. Tea and business. Election of district officers for 1950. Nominations for general officers, 1950. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 31st, to Mr. A. J. Bull, Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley. 6448

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Sleaford District.—Annual meeting, Sleaford (8), Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Room, near church. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Wray, 16, Eastgate, Sleaford, by Monday, Jan. 30th.—A. Wray, Hon. Sec. 6386

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Annual district meeting, Feb. 4th, St. Mary-le-Tower (12). St. Margaret's (8), St. Clement's (6). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5, Tudor Cafe. Names essential to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. Tel. 78926. 6441

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Melton Mowbray (10) on Feb. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Blakeney Institute 5. Names to Mr. E. Bartram, 55, King's Road, Melton Mowbray, not later than Jan. 31st.—Wm. A. Wood, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6444

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Supper and social, Angel Hotel, Feb. 11th, 6.30 p.m. All welcome. Names to be sent to Mr. W. Ashby, 19, Connaught Street, Northampton, by Feb. 7th.—E. Nobles, Hon. Sec. 6450

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HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,949 Stedman Triples: Miss E. Fulton 1, P. Beedie 2, Miss F. Clayton 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. Butler 6, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 7, C. C. Mayne 8.

HENDON, MIDDLESEX. — On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Smith (first quarter away from tenor) 1, Roy Stoddard 2, E. H. Eveleigh 3, D. Corning 4, E. E. Pratchett (cond.) 5, R. J. Pitman 6.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Keeley 1, R. Keeley 2, G. S. Morris 3, Rev. C. C. Cox (cond.) 4, H. G. Keeley 5, C. W. Powell 6, J. Barrett 7, E. C. Tett 8.

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PEAL RINGERS, 1949

WE make no excuse for presenting in this issue the records of the leading peal ringers of 1949, although there are some of our readers who would prefer such records to be unpublished and unsung. They are obsessed with the opening words of the Epistle of last Sunday, 'Be not wise in your own conceits,' and assume that achievement is a pandering to the vanities of the flesh, overlooking the sheer enjoyment of achievement.

The past year has been phenomenal in the number of peals rung, and the fact that five ringers have rung 100 peals or more is an indication of the degree of enthusiasm attained. The history of ringing contains very few century makers in one year, viz.: Alfred W. Grimes, 136 in 1913 and 114 in 1932; J. W. Washbrook, 127 in 1888; G. R. Pye, 100 in 1933, Bertram Prewett in 1912; and George E. Fearn, 108 in 1948. The record of Mr. Harold Poole is unique with 143 peals to his credit, of which over 100 were conducted by him. Perhaps more striking is his performance of 100 peals in the last six months of the year. The president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild has set a pace that is not likely to be surpassed for many years to come. There is also quality among his peals, which indicates not only his personal powers but the clever band of ringers associated with him at Leicester Cathedral.

High on the list as regards the total number of peals are those two Bournemouth enthusiasts, Daniel T. Matkin and Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, with 121 and 113 peals respectively. Their peals were mainly 'in hand.' At 23, Wellington Road, no fewer than 103 handbell peals were rung during the year, in which 30 ringers participated—13 'locals' and 17 visitors. Mrs. Marshallsay is the first woman to reach the century mark in a year. She is at business during the daytime and has also a home to look after. In the previous year she rang 43 peals.

The Leicester Guild have also another century maker in Mr. Alfred Ballard, of Burbage, with 118 peals to his credit. This has been accomplished without neglecting the work of the Guild. Mr. Ballard has attended every meeting in his own district as well as Guild general meetings and special practices for the district. He was one of the participants in the recent four peals in one day.

Another Leicestershire man, Walter P. Whitehead, a staunch supporter of the Midland County Guild, also reached the century mark. His 100 peals include three long lengths of Bristol, 9,344, 10,976 and 13,024, all of which he conducted. In two of these Ernest Morris

participated. This Leicester veteran is the only 1,000 peal man to appear in this year's list, and his 88 ranged from five to 12-bell peals.

Mr. George E. Fearn, who headed last year's list with 108 peals, rang 91 this year, of which 88 were on tower bells. His tower-bell record for 1949 was only exceeded by Mr. Harold J. Poole, with 102. Three other members of St. Martin's Guild figure in the list—John Pinfold 56, Henry H. Fearn 45, and Arthur D. Cook 43.

The Leicester Guild is rich in youngsters of promise who will have an important influence on the Exercise in years to come. Alan Cattell, who was associated with many of Mr. Ernest Morris' peals, rang in 77. The Leicester Cathedral band had a strong contingent, with Alan Jacques (18) 76, Herrick B. Bowley 70, Peter J. Staniforth 64, Shirley Burton 56, John R. Smith 55, Sidney O. Cheney 51, Miss Jill Poole 50, and Brian G. Warwick (who rang his first peal on November 6th, 1948) 42.

As usual, the Chester Diocesan Guild also made a valuable contribution to ringing. In the list are Walter Allman (Runcorn), John Worth (Macclesfield), John Bibby (Frodsham), C. Kenneth Lewis, Dr. J. C. E. Simpson (Sale) and Ralph G. Edwards (Birkenhead).

An interesting list has Arthur V. Pearson, of Wolverhampton. Of his 55 peals, 40 were in Surprise methods, and included 23 different methods or extension. His list contains 155 ringers who had obtained 'stars' for 'first in the method.' Two Stoke-on-Trent ringers deserve congratulation for their year's work in Frederick W. Grocott (41) and Frederick E. Wilshaw (42). Oxford University ringers will note with satisfaction the name of Wilfrid F. Moreton (54), of Hereford, in the list. F. W. Frank Trotman, of Nuneaton, has improved on his last year's total of 40, reaching 52, and including the three long lengths of Bristol.

Heading the East Anglian list is Nolan Golden, who conducted 60 peals. In most of his peals he was accompanied by George Sayer. The Suffolk Guild had three representatives, George A. Fleming, William J. Button and 14-year-old George W. Pipe, whose mother's name appeared in last year's list. The Lincoln Diocesan Guild had two in the honours list, Jack L. Millhouse (52) and George E. Feirn (44). The sole representative of London and the Home Counties is Philip A. Corby, with 41 peals. He has maintained an average of 51 peals a year over the last five years. From Ireland appears the name of Fred E. Dukes (41), with eight 'firsts' on tower bells. Mention should also be made of Howard Howell with 41 and Ernest W. Rawson (Leicester) with 40.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY <i>Treble</i>	HENRY H. FEARN ... 7
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 2	*NOEL J. DISERENS ... 8
GEORGE E. FEARN ... 3	*ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 9
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 4	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 10
JOHN PINFOLD ... 5	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 11
*TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 6	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal of Yorkshire Maximus. In memoriam Harry Withers.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALAN JACQUES ... <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 7
KATHLEEN TILLEY ... 2	MICHAEL D. STANFORTH ... 8
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 9
JILL POOLE ... 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 10
JOHN R. SMITH ... 5	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 11
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Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Maximus to be rung in this method.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANCES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*F. ERIC ROBERTS ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT ... 6
JOHN D. ROCK ... 2	*†GEORGE DAVIS ... 7
WILFRID F. MORETON ... 3	*†E. PETER ROCK ... 8
AUSTIN T. WINDGATE ... 4	*†MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 9
REGINALD T. JONES ... 5	*†LESLIE EVANS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. F. MORETON.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † 25th peal together. ‡ 50th peal together. Rung on M. P. Moreton's 18th birthday.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANCES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*WILLIAM S. MAY ... <i>Treble</i>	*SYDNEY C. EASTER ... 6
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 2	*FRANK C. MAY ... 7
*DONALD COOMBS ... 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 8
*PERCY GREEN ... 4	FRANK R. LUFKIN ... 9
WILLIAM PERRY ... 5	*GERALD FRONT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 40 cwt. 10 lb. in B.

MRS. JOHN E. TURLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	RONALD H. DOVE ... 6
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 2	*NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 7
CYRIL WRIGHT ... 3	GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 8
JACK G. BROTHWELL ... 4	G. GORDON GRAHAM ... 9
*HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 5	JOHN E. TURLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* 50th peal together. First of Treble Bob Royal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*TERENCE A. THORNBUR <i>Treble</i>	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 6
*†PETER J. STANFORTH ... 2	*JOHN R. SMITH ... 7
*MICHAEL D. STANFORTH ... 3	*ALAN JACQUES ... 8
ALFRED BALLARD ... 4	*HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 9
*ELIZABETH FAULKNALL ... 5	HAROLD J. POOLE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Royal in the method. The conductor's 100th peal in six months.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

RAYMOND SUART ... <i>Treble</i>	ALAN CAPSTICK ... 6
ELIZABETH M. SUART ... 2	JAMES E. BURLS ... 7
SYDNEY USHER ... 3	WILLIAM T. TURNER ... 8
JOHN BAGNALL ... 4	GEO. E. BRAITHWAITE ... 9
JAMES W. METCALFE ... 5	THOMAS METCALFE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN ROGERS. Conducted by JAMES E. BURLS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 11 lb. in F sharp.

*ROY COLEMAN ... <i>Treble</i>	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 6
THOMAS C. BELTON ... 2	CHARLES R. BELTON ... 7
ALAN H. HOUGH ... 3	*†THOMAS K. DEACON ... 8
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ... 4	GEORGE P. GARNER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method by a Barwell band. A farewell to the Rev. J. D. Wake-ling, M.C., M.A., curate of Barwell, and member of the local band, who is leaving for Cambridge.

RICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

E. Taylor's Six-part.	ISAAC P. BENNETT ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE R. DAWSON ... 5
	NORMAN B. FOVARGUE ... 2	CYRIL WANDER ... 6
	ALBERT H. BENNETT ... 3	STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 7
	*MAURICE BENNETT ... 4	JOHN P. MORRIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

* First peal of Grandsire on an 'inside' bell. In honour of the wedding of Joyce Bennett, daughter of the ringer of the 3rd, and Mr. R. Darling.

CARISBROOKE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

PATRICK PAGE ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK S. TAYLOR ... 5
EDWARD T. DRAKE ... 2	JOHN W. MEADE ... 6
WILLIAM UPTON ... 3	*FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 7
BRYAN C. STIRLAND ... 4	*JOHN H. HUNT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* 100th peal together.



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A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

DAPHNE LLOYD Treble	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD 5
*HENRY O. BAKER 2	†BRIAN HARRIS 6
JOHN W. BEST 3	*JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 7
GEORGE F. SPERRING 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN W. BEST.

*50th peal together. †First peal of Bob Major. To celebrate the wedding of Miss Brenda Mary Richards (a ringer at this church) and Mr. William Ewart Lewis.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE 5
EDWARD JENKINS 2	ERIC J. GILBERT 6
WALTER ALLMAN 3	RAIPLI G. EDWARDS 7
JOHN E. BIBB 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

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HAYFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.	Tenor 12 cwt.
WILFRED STEVENSON ... Treble	ALAN A. POTTS 5
ANNE WORTH 2	JOHN WORTH 6
JAMES A. MILNER 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*JOSEPH H. BRITTAN ... Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY 5
WILLIAM J. LEACH 2	SIDNEY H. JONES 6
*ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE ... 3	*PERCIVAL W. GRICE 7
*JOSEPH WM. COTTON 4	*WM. F. WOODWARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

*First peal in the method.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*GEOFFREY PERKINS ... Treble	THOS. W. STRANGEWAY ... 5
ARTHUR G. WOOD 2	PERCY MASSAM 6
GEORGE W. STEEL 3	*ERNEST SPENCER 7
*EDWARD MARSH 4	HARRY HOMER Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOS. W. STRANGEWAY.

*First peal. In honour of the appointment of the Vicar, Rev. F. E. Mercer, to an honorary canonry of Ripon.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstons' Four-part.	Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.
MRS. E. F. SALMONS ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
*LESLIE D. DUGUID 2	ERNEST F. SALMONS 6
FREDK. W. ROGERS 3	JOSIAH D. HARRIS 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 4	HENRY T. MACEY Tenor

Conducted by JOSIAH D. HARRIS.

*First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung with half-muffled clappers for the watchnight service.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

MARGARET E. RIDYARD ... Treble	PETER COXALL 5
THOMAS HORRIDGE 2	RONALD KENRICK 6
THOMAS HAMMOND 3	THOMAS HESKETH 7
JACK ASHCROFT 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

First peal in the method by all the band. First peal in the method on the bells. To celebrate the wedding of Miss Ruth Bradley, daughter of Mr. Geo. Bradley, of Whittle-le-Woods.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Davies's Transposition.	Tenor 21½ cwt.
THOMAS BARKER Treble	JOHN H. GARTSIDE 5
SYDNEY TUSON 2	JAMES BLACKBURN 6
E. ROGER MARTIN 3	ARTHUR HATCH 7
G. ALEC DIMMOCK 4	JOHN CHARNOCK Tenor

Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.

For the wedding of Miss Ruth Bradley (of the local band) and Mr. Frank Mansley, of St. Leonard's, Walton-le-Dale.

ASHFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

HARRY BAKER Treble	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 5
*PERCY PAGE 2	HARRY PARKES 6
*PETER D. HUCKSTEPP 3	*HILDRED S. WICKENS ... 7
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 4	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP.

*First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Comprising 3,200 Superlative and 1,856 Cambridge, with 86 changes of method. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

ERNEST T. CARVELL ... Treble	WILLIAM DEAN 5
JAMES H. COOKE 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL ... 6
*CHARLES B. PEMBERTON ... 3	JOHN COOKE 7
*ALFRED W. CUSICK 4	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

*25th peal together. First peal of Spiced Surprise Major by all the band and on the bells. First peal of Spiced Surprise Major to be rung in Wirral Peninsula. A 21st birthday compliment to B. D. Threlfall.

BENGEO, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*STANLEY J. MABBITT ... Treble	†JOHN H. PHILLIPS 5
SIDNEY F. CARTER 2	*GEOFFREY FREESTONE ... 6
*DOROTHY H. JACKSON 3	*REGINALD A. FARNHAM ... 7
*EDWARD J. PHILLIPS 4	*ARCHIE H. WHITE Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER.

*First peal. †First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor.

BIRLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*MARGARET H. BAKER ... Treble	PETER C. WRIGHT 5
†WILLIAM R. MANSEY 2	REGINALD L. SILLS 6
*JOHN H. R. BETTS 3	FRANK P. WRIGHT 7
EDNA M. SILLS 4	*ALFRED CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by J. HOLT. Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

*First peal of Triples. †25th peal. First peal of Bob Triples by all. A 17th birthday compliment to Margaret H. Baker.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 28 lb.

GIBSON JACKSON Treble	*ERNEST A. THORPE 5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 2	ARTHUR FIRTH 6
*MILTON C. FOWLER 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 7
WILLIAM BARTON 4	J. EDWARD CAWSEY Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

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

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE APPS Treble	RAYMOND OVERY 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	CECIL NICE 6
LEONARD STILWELL 3	KENNETH SNELLING 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS 4	GEORGE W. CECIL Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's No. 1.	Tenor 18½ cwt.
ROBERT G. RAYFIELD ... Treble	HERBERT F. AUDSLEY ... 5
JOHN WHEADON 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 7
FRANK E. WALKER 4	WALTER J. LEMON Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

PATRICK S. CHAPMAN ... Treble	*JOHN E. SKERRITT 5
RONALD C. NOON 2	*HARRY WOODING 6
JOHN KING 3	BURLEY P. MORRIS 7
RAYMOND H. IDLE 4	BRIAN AUSTIN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BRIAN AUSTIN.

* First peal of Major in the method. First peal as conductor.

Birthday compliment to Patrick I. Chapman.

DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*CYRIL COUSINS Treble	EDWARD BARKER 5
STANLEY G. ELSEY 2	CLAUDE COUSINS 6
CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... 3	ERNEST H. MASTIN 7
JOHN FOX 4	F. JOHN ELSEY Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal of Plain Bob Triples by all.
Rung half-muffled.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON Treble	*THOMAS G. FOX 5
*C. RONALD SMITH 2	*CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON ... 6
FREDK. W. HOUSDEN ... 3	*JOHN F. GROVE 7
*CHARLES A. HUGHES ... 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

* First peal in the method.

OVER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TRIPLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

DOROTHY C. OSBORN ... Treble	CECIL RADDON 5
HARRY W. HOWARD 2	HARRY PARKER 6
ERIC HORNEY 3	DAVID SMITH 7
HAROLD WORRALL 4	A GORDON LAWRENCE Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by A. GORDON LAWRENCE.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*EDWARD F. M. SAMSON Treble	ALFRED BALLARD 5
*KATHLEEN TILLEY 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 6
DOROTHY M. UDAL 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY 7
MICHAEL D. STANFORTH ... 4	*PETER J. STANFORTH Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Major in the method. The conductor's 100th tower-bell peal this year.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Morris's Variation.	Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.
*JOHN E. LLOYD Treble	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	W. HARRY DUNCOMBE 6
JOHN BRAMLEY 3	JOHN J. MORRIS 7
MAVIS A. WHITEHEAD 4	WALTER BEEBE Tenor

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

* First peal on a working bell.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TRIPLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ELSIE K. FULTON Treble	THOMAS J. CLARK 5
*FREDK. A. H. CATTELL ... 2	*ALBERT C. WENBAN 6
ALFRED BONE 3	WILLIAM WENBAN 7
HENRY G. HART 4	JOHN E. ROOTES Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM WENBAN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as an appreciation of Mr. G. A. Hughes' 54 years' Sunday service ringing at this church.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Carter's Twelve-part.	Tenor 20 cwt.
ALBERT TURNER Treble	GEORGE SPARKES 5
CLAUDE TARR 2	*GEORGE ALDERMAN 6
*WILLIAM G. HARTNELL ... 3	*CECIL BELLEW 7
FRED CASLEY 4	*ARCHIE GALE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SPARKES.

* First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

On the Dixon eight.	Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb. in G flat.
FREDERICK SHERATON ... Treble	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ... 5
MARGARET FIDELL 2	THOMAS W. CROWE 6
JOHN A. BROWN 3	DENIS A. BAYLES 7
JOHN ANDERSON 4	W. NORMAN PARK Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

Rung on the golden wedding anniversary of the Ringing Master of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild, Mr. J. E. R. Keen, and Mrs. Keen.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Jan. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ALAN ELSMORE Treble	GEORGE W. HUGHES 5
†P. GEORGE GOLDER 2	HOWARD HOWELL 6
†NORMAN J. HADLEY 3	JOHN N. LINDON 7
RICHARD C. INGRAM 4	†MAURICE G. TURNER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal of Major. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal of Major 'inside.'

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 5, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*COLIN HALL Treble	FREDERICK WATSON ... 4
†GEORGE PICKERING ... 2	JOSEPH TAYLOR ... 5
†PETER HALLAM ... 3	*HERBERT NEEDHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Rung half-muffled in memory of the men of Whetstone, who fell in the two world wars.

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1949, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores and six 240's of Grandsire, 8 six-scores of Bob Doubles and 12 six-scores of April Day.

Tenor 13 cwt.

DAVID BEACHAM Treble	MRS. J. ROBERTS ... 4
CHARLES HAYTINGS ... 2	JACK ROBERTS ... 5
KEN SPIERS ... 3	PETER BENNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK ROBERTS.

First peal as conductor.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF YORK SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

MARGARET A. SWANN ... Treble	JOHN F. HODSON ... 4
EVELYN WRIGHT ... 2	JOHN E. COOK ... 5
GEOFFREY R. PARKER ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

The first peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 28, 1949, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE W. PIPE Treble	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ... 4
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 5
CHARLES E. FISHER ... 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

SANDHURST, KENT.

THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 28, 1949, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM GORRINGE ... Treble	ALBERT H. KEMP ... 4
HELEN GORRINGE ... 2	S. GEOFFREY WATERS ... 5
LESLIE W. JARVIS ... 3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

For the wedding of Miss Edna Mary Argyle and Mr. Harry Wilson Smith-Wood, celebrated that day at Burton-on-Trent Parish Church.

ROYSTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*FRANK MITCHELL Treble	EDWIN ATKINSON ... 4
†DOUGLAS HALL ... 2	FRED PRICE ... 5
STANLEY DANCE ... 3	DANIEL SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung half-muffled in memory of Dr. H. B. Pare, who had been in practice at Royston for the last 39 years and retired last September.

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WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 29, 1949, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire (five 240's each by Pitman and Price and 10 ordinary 120's). Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON ... Treble	PETER HALLAM ... 4
GEORGE PICKERING ... 2	JOSEPH TAYLOR ... 5
ERNEST MORRIS ... 3	*JOHN H. BURBAGE ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. Four of the ringers are vergers, viz.: 1 Croft; 3 St. Margaret's, Leicester; 5 Thurlaston; 6 Whetstone.

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

FRED LACEY ... Treble	GEORGE W. MOODY ... 4
JACK BRAY ... 2	GEORGE DOBBS ... 5
FRANK LORD ... 3	PHILIP BARNES ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in D.

*HAROLD T. BONSHOR ... Treble	J. HARRY COOK ... 4
DENNIS TOON ... 2	HUGH BELL ... 5
†REGINALD LOOKER ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal.

CLEWER, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

*AUDREY EWINS ... Treble	ROYSTON PURCHASE ... 4
WILLIAM F. BUTLER ... 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 5
JAMES BROOKS ... 3	A. JAMES GLASS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM F. BUTLER.

* First peal of Minor.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON ... Treble	LEON WATKINSON ... 4
WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 2	PETER HALLAM ... 5
GEORGE PICKERING ... 3	JOSEPH TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH TAYLOR.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*WALTER SHAW ... Treble	*WALTER STEEN ... 4
JOHN W. GLEW ... 2	*BEN BARKER ... 5
JACK BAILEY ... 3	WM. LANCASTER ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to J. W. Glew (captain).

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK JACKSON ... Treble	HENRY WILLOWS ... 4
WILLIAM BRETT ... 2	JOHN NEWBERT ... 5
JOSEPHINE SALT ... 3	HAROLD DENMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

Rung half-muffled for the passing of 1949.

GREAT GADDESSEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Ipswich, Beverley, Bourne, York, Cambridge, London and Norwich. Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWIN J. UPTON ... Treble	AUGUSTINE V. GOOD ... 4
*ANNE M. DICKINSON ... 2	TERENCE G. MORTON ... 5
PAMELA A. MARTIN ... 3	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Surprise, and in seven methods.

KEWSTOKE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 six-scores each of Plain Bob and Grandsire, and 240 of Morris's arrangement. Tenor 11 cwt.

*TERRY ELLARD ... Treble	MARJORIE LEGG ... 4
EDWARD THOMAS ... 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT ... 5
WILLIAM HART ... 3	JOHN WEAKLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5100 CHANGES;

Being 42½ scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*CHARLES SMITH ... Treble	*CECIL POOCK ... 4
†PEGGY HART ... 2	†REGINALD HUNT ... 5
*MARY HART ... 3	*LESLIE FOGG ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD HUNT.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles. First peal as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on these bells since March 27th, 1909.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 45 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. Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... Treble	STUART SMITH ... 4
DEREK WHITFORD ... 2	ROGER LEIGH ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 3	CHARLES CLEGG ... Tenor

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six extents each of Raveningham Slow Course, Reverse Canterbury, St. Martin's, Stedman, three each of Plain Bob, April Day, St. Simon's and Winchendon Place and six of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.

*REV. A. G. G. THURLOW Treble	†GODFREY G. WALPOLE ... 3
†ERNEST A. LONG ... 2	†GEORGE SAYER ... 4

NOLAN GOLDEN ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in nine Doubles methods. Rung in honour of Sir Edmund Bacon, premier baronet of England and a ringer at this church, being created His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant.

TRULL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*ROBERT W. SHIRE ... Treble	*REGINALD HARRIS ... 4
*REGINALD PERRY ... 2	HARRY CHURCHILL ... 5
WILLIAM G. GIGG ... 3	*LEONARD VICKERY ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY CHURCHILL.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells. A compliment to Mr. A. S. Pyke, who has been a ringer at Trull for 50 years.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.

THE CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND BEGA,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*JOHN A. HAILE (15) ... Treble	*ROBERT A. JOHNSTON (17) ... 4
*GRAHAM MCKAY (14) ... 2	*JOHN H. BOADLE ... 5
†J. NEVILLE HAILE ... 3	STANLEY RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY RICHARDSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. First peal of Minor on the bells and first peal on the bells by a local band. First peal by local ringers for the Association since its formation in 1947. A welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. C. E. Last.

EAST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Double Court and Single Oxford and one extent each of Reverse Canterbury, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

LEWIS NEWMAN ... Treble	*FRANK P. WRIGHT ... 4
EDNA M. SILLS ... 2	LUTHER J. HONESS ... 5
PETER C. WRIGHT ... 3	REGINALD L. SILLS ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

* 25th peal.

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 3, 1950, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr.

*BRIAN HEGINBOTTOM ... Treble	MARJORIE LEACH ... 4
BEATRICE BRIERLEY ... 2	ALLAN SMITH ... 5
†IAN TAYLOR ... 3	JAMES TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung for the centenary of the church.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Cambridge, two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

HERMON J. OLIVER ... Treble	GERALD FROST ... 4
MRS. C. G. WOODGATE ... 2	*FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5
*WILLIAM PERRY ... 3	PETER J. EVES ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* 50th peal together.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Double Court, (2) St. Clement's Bob, (3) Single Oxford Bob, (4) Double Oxford Bob, (5) Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

C. JOHN PIPER ... Treble	*CHARLES A. BASSETT ... 4
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 2	E. GAVAN D. TONKIN ... 5
WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 3	FRANK H. HICKS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* 25th peal for the Association. First peal in eight methods by the band and on the bells.

WELTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF LINCOLN SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

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

MARGARET A. SWANN ... Treble	JOHN F. HODSON ... 4
GEOFFREY R. PARKER ... 2	JOHN E. COOK ... 5
OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.

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LATE NEWS

Coventry Diocesan Guild have accepted the design of Mr. W. B. Ellender, of Stoke Coventry, for a Guild badge.

Farnham District of Guildford Diocesan Guild had an increase of 25 members last year.

The Royal Exchange Chimes, London, are now electrically operated. The Lord Mayor officially inaugurated the new equipment last Friday.

Congratulations to the new band at Mapledurham, Oxon. They started from scratch on February 14th and have now rung their first peal. Handbell ringing is also indulged in. Carolling on four evenings before Christmas (playing tunes and Grandsire on the handbells), £13 8s. was raised for tower funds. Hopes are entertained for progress in other methods during 1950.

Mr. Michael D. Staniforth, who is 17 years of age, took part in three peals of Surprise (Major, Royal and Maximus) in a day. Congratulations.

Mr. A. S. Pyke has completed 50 years as a ringer at Trull, Somerset, 27 years of which he has been captain. A peal of Stedman Doubles, his favourite method, was rung on December 31st in honour of the event.

An unusual feature during the peal at Whitworth, Lancs, rung for the centenary of the church, was that during the ringing the church, including the tower, was floodlit. Mr. Heginbottom, who rang his first peal, was responsible for the floodlighting.

The peal of Plain Bob Triples at Bengoe, Herts, by the Bengoe Society was the first peal on the bells for nearly 15 years. This band decided to go over to change ringing in February, 1948, and there has been practically no service at which changes have not been rung.

Mr. C. W. Pipe, of Grundisburgh, is arranging, in co-operation with Mr. J. Dyke, four days' ringing in Somerset during July or possibly August. He plans to visit seven or eight towers a day. No peals will be attempted unless specially requested. He requires about 10 good ringers to complete the party. The headquarters will be either at Glastonbury or Wells. The journey will be made by coach, leaving Clopton about 8 a.m. on the Monday.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. George Cross was re-elected Master of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths on Saturday. Mr. Peter N. Bond is the new secretary of the Society, Mr. G. W. Steere carrying on in the less onerous role of treasurer.

Another instance of a son conducting his father's first peal occurred at All Saints', Basingstoke, on October 1st, 1938, when Mr. C. W. Munday called the first peal of the late Mr. H. Munday.

This is the season of ringers' suppers. The Vicar of Wellow (Somerset) has revived the function after a lapse of 40 years, due to the bells being silent through 'death-watch' in the tower. For the first time the Vicar of Christ Church, Ebbw Vale, and his wardens entertained the ringers and their wives on January 14th.

Mr. William Packer, of Lewisham, celebrated his engagement by standing in a peal of Double Norwich, his second peal, at Eynsford. The peal could not be attempted at Lewisham, as the 7th bell there has been condemned for ringing owing to a cracked gudgeon plate. An earlier attempt was made at Cubitt Town, but was lost because the ringers concerned thought one of the bobs sounded like the rattling of a rope guide and so ignored it!

Mr. Albert F. Hughes, of Bangor, who unfortunately is in the County Hospital, Bangor, writes of Mr. Harry Withers: He never forgot a face he had once seen. I was with him the whole of the time he took down the lead ends of the long peal of London at Kingsworthy. When the peal was completed he handed the figures to Gabriel Lindoff and said, 'That's the peal you have rung to-day.' There was a sealed copy at 'The Bell News' office. I took back to Birmingham two borrowed bell ropes after the peal.

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LEADING PEAL RINGERS OF 1949

Five Pass the Century Mark

The year 1949 was unprecedented in the history of peal ringing. No fewer than five ringers rang 100 peals or over, and Mr. Harold J. Poole accomplished no fewer than 143 peals, a feat never before having been accomplished in the history of ringing. Mrs. F. J. Marshall-say, of Bournemouth, had the honour to be the first woman to ring 100 peals in a year.

The following table has been compiled from returns submitted by ringers in response to our appeal:—

	Tower	Hand	Total
Harold J. Poole	102 (93)	41 (38)	143
Daniel T. Matkin	12 (1)	109 (76)	121
A. Ballard	54	64 (17)	118
Mrs. F. J. Marshall-say	11	102 (24)	113
W. P. Whitehead			100
George E. Fearn	88	3	91
E. Morris	67 (30)	21 (5)	88
W. G. Young	3	77 (3)	80
Alan Cattell	51 (10)	26 (5)	77
Alan Jacques	76		76
Herrick B. Bowley	70		70
P. J. Staniforth	40 (6)	24 (1)	64
Nolan Golden	57 (57)	3 (3)	60
Roy C. Hurst	2	57 (1)	59
Shirley Burton	56 (1)		56
John Pinfold	56		56
A. V. Pearson	55 (8)		55
John E. Bibby	55 (6)		55
John Worth	53	2	55
John R. Smith	54	1	55
W. Allman	55 (5)		55
Wilfrid F. Moreton	48 (22)	6 (3)	54
J. W. Frank Trotman	49 (19)	3	52
J. L. Milhouse	49 (24)	3	52
C. K. Lewis	50 (16)	1 (1)	51
Sidney O. Cheney	51		51
J. C. E. Simpson	51 (27)		51
Miss Jill Poole	37 (1)	13	50
G. Sayer	50		50
Henry H. Fearn	45		45
George A. Fleming	45 (2)		45
George E. Feirn	29 (15)	15 (9)	44
Arthur D. Cook	43		43
Alan A. Potts	42	1	43
Brian G. Warwick	23	19 (3)	42
F. E. Wilshaw	37	5	42
P. A. Corby	41 (28)		41
W. J. Button	41		41
F. E. Dukes	22 (1)	19 (8)	41
Howard Howell	41 (19)		41
F. W. Grocott	31 (6)	10 (6)	41
E. W. Rawson	40		40
R. G. Edwards	37	3	40
George W. Pipe (14)	40 (7)		40
Ronald J. Sharp	40		40

Number conducted in parentheses.

MR. HAROLD J. POOLE'S RECORD

The record of Mr. H. J. Poole for 1949 is as follows:—

PEALS ON TOWER BELLS.

Surprise Maximus (16): New Cambridge, Superlative, Cambridge, Yorkshire 4, Rochester, Bedford, Lindsey, Lincolnshire, Belgrave, Albanian, Wigston, Leicestershire and Aldenham.

Surprise Royal (20): Cambridge 5, Rochester 2, Bedford, Lindsey 2, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire 2, Belgrave 2, Albanian 2, Aldenham, Leicestershire and New Cambridge.

Surprise Major (58): London 10, New Cambridge, Bristol 9, Cambridge 10, Rochester 2, Bedford 2, Lincolnshire 5, Spliced (4 methods), Dublin 2, Yorkshire 4, Belgrave 2, Superlative 4, Aldenham 4, Wigston and Leicestershire.

Stedman (8): Cinques 2, Caters 1, Triples 5. Conducted all except nine as follows: Stedman Triples 3, Yorkshire Surprise Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 2, New Cambridge Surprise Major 1, Cambridge Surprise Royal 1, and Cambridge Surprise Maximus 1.

HANDBELL PEALS.

Kent Treble Bob: Maximus 1, Royal 5, Major 6.
Plain Bob: Maximus 1, Royal 7, Major 4.

Cambridge Surprise: Major 1, Minor 1.
Stedman: Cinques 2, Caters 3, Triples 5.
Grandsire: Cinques 1, Caters 2, Triples 2.
Conducted all except one peal each of Grand-sire Triples, Plain Bob Royal and Kent Treble Bob Royal.

Rung with 110 different ringers and for six different guilds, viz., 130 Leicester Diocesan Guild, 2 Peterborough Diocesan Guild, 2 North Wales Association, 7 Irish Association, 1 Coventry Diocesan Guild, 1 Salisbury Diocesan Guild.



MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY,
of Bournemouth, the first woman to
ring 100 peals in a year.

MONTHLY PROGRESS.

Month	Tower	Hand
January	4 (4)	
February	3 (1)	2 (1)
March	7 (6)	1 (1)
April	6 (6)	3 (3)
May	7 (7)	2 (2)
June	6 (6)	1
July	9 (8)	3 (1)
August	14 (12)	4 (1)
September	9 (7)	5 (5)
October	7 (7)	5 (5)
November	11 (11)	4 (4)
December	19 (19)	11 (11)
Total	102 (94)	41 (34)

First half-year: Rung 42, conducted 37.
Second half-year: Rung 101, conducted 94.
Number conducted in parentheses.

FOUR PEALS OF MINOR IN 1934

Dear Sir,—On May 21st, 1934, six members of the Herts Association rang four peals of Minor in one day, at Anster, Great Munden, Ardley and Walkern, Herts. Each peal had seven different extents, ringers being Stanley Carter, A. Lawrence, W. A. Tack, R. Howard (conducted 1), B. Patmore (conducted 1), Sidney Carter (conducted 2). I am sorry that I cannot tell you the volume number of 'The Ringing World' that they were published in.—I am, Yours faithfully,
Hertford, Herts. SIDNEY F. CARTER.

Christmas Quiz Answers

Appended are the answers to our Christmas Quiz:—

1. St. Editha, Tamworth, Staffs.
2. St. Mark, Worsley, Lancs.
3. Sacred Trinity, Salford, Manchester.
4. The six at his church of Fittleworth, Sussex.
5. St. Lawrence, Appleby, Westmorland.
6. St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin ('R.W.', 1949, p. 453).
7. On meridian, All Saints', Danehill, Sussex (ring of 4 bells); 69 yards west of meridian, St. Andrew's, Swavesey, Cambs. (ring of six bells); 80 yards west of meridian, St. John-the-Baptist, Somersham, Hunts (ring of 6 bells); 115 yards west of meridian, Waltham Abbey, Essex (ring of 12 bells). These are the nearest with bells.
8. St. Matthew's, Auckland, New Zealand. The New Year starts on the Date Line and moves west.
9. 16. 5 to finish a 720. An extra touch of 6 singles. Then 5 to commence a 720. This is quite within rules.
10. 4, 6, 8 in Major. (2, 5, 7 on 7 bells also strictly true, but unlikely.)
11. 72.
12. 1920.
13. 168 changes (7 leads).
14. Blackpool Tower.
15. Sticking plaster; Marlinspike; Smelling salts; Castor oil.
16. A certain young ringer of Deal
Was blowing his nose in a peal.
The hanky got fanned
By a sneeze of large brand,
And flew up and jammed in the wheel.
There was a young lady of Peel
Got her rope-end mixed up round her heel.
The conductor said 'Stand,'
But the rest of the band
Went on ringing and finished the peal.
There was a peal-grabber of Seale,
Rang all day and all night with no meal.
When rounds came as planned
He didn't say 'Stand,'
But launched out again with great zeal.

KEWSETT.

THE WINNERS.

No competitor succeeded in sending a correct solution. Those nearest to Kewsett's solutions were:—

T. G. HAWKINS,
1, Cherry Orchard Close,
Stoke Poges,
Bucks.

FRANK E. HAYNES,
102 Vicarage Road,
Smethwick 41,
Staffs.

S. H. HOARL,
56, Acme Road,
Watford,
Herts.

MARRIAGE OF MISS RICHARDSON

The wedding took place at St. Peter's, Parkstone, between Miss Dorothy T. Richardson and Mr. Ralph Gardiner on Jan. 14th. As St. Peter's has only tubular bells, handbells were rung afterwards by the bride and her three sisters. Mr. E. H. Lewis and Miss Betty Spice also joined in ringing Bob Major.

The bridal toast was proposed by the bride's uncle, Mr. E. H. Lewis. Among the presents was a dinner bell cast in the shape of a church bell, presented by Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner will be living in Bristol.

The University of Bristol Society rang its first peal of Major as a compliment to the bride, who was one of its stalwart members.

MAINLY FOR BEGINNERS (3)

(A Series of Open Letters)

Dear Beginners,—It seems that other ringers—even instructors—are reading our correspondence! And finding this feature interesting and useful. But some, possibly, think little of it and some may even consider what they find new to them as 'quite daft.' Still, the steps in tuition here detailed will prove their worth, and, in any case, we like to hear all views. As we said in our first letter, there are more ways than one of teaching a pupil ringer, and what proves excellent for some learners under one instructor may not be so successful under another, and vice versa. One thing is most encouraging: owing to the increased interest our new-found friend, Tom Truetouch, is running our special practice night for beginners only. So let's get along to the tower.

This week Tom begins with a short talk, reminding us that he started our training by showing us the bells themselves and then letting us handle one—gently, in chiming attempt only. He maintains this has proved best in awakening early a keen and intelligent interest in all his successful pupils, and he then surprises us by saying we shall not touch a bell-rope again during these next two 'practices.'

Now we all come under a series of quick-fire questions as Tom asks us what we remember from last week of each of these: Frame, pit, headstock, bearings, stay, slider, stop, wheel, rim-channel or wheel-groove, sally, rope-end, chiming, raising, clappered wrong, ringing, bell up, bell set, bell raised, lowering, bell down, Treble, Tenor, tone-telling striking, ringing-mat, correct stance, balance-base, and 'Cease!' Tom is not very lenient, I'm afraid, with those who have forgotten. Indeed, he tells us that any of us who haven't made up our minds, by the end of this practice, to learn thoroughly from week to week, determining to stick to it so as to become reliable change ringers, had better drop out; thus avoiding a waste of everyone else's time and making way for others.

Having introduced our other new friend, Mary Makebob, to this week's newcomers, Tom tells us she is the most promising of his last batch of pupils and that he is training her as a Beginners' Instructor. They are now going to show us what the rope action of 'ringing proper' looks like, Mary ringing, while Tom explains.

We get up from our seats round the ringing chamber and go and stand opposite the rope of No. 3 that we chimed last week, and watch Mary carefully as she takes her stance at that rope. Tom reminds us that to 'ring' a bell she must have been 'raised' from 'down' to 'up'; and that when raised she swings full circle, her large wheel taking up the rope until the full length is in use. So Mary will have to undo the rope-end loop for this demonstration.

Setting the mat and taking her stance, Mary coils the rope-end in her left hand and grasps the sally, well up, with both hands. Tom tells us not to worry about the coiling up at this stage, nor how it is let out as the bell rises, since we shall learn this after we have acquired bell control. As Mary's chiming action extends into longer pulls, with the sally rising higher and higher and the striking interval widening, we notice the coils disappearing, until the last is out and the sally is high up with Mary's arms unstretched at the rope-end. Now a pause, with the bell held 'up' at 'back' before Mary pulls her off the balance with a downright pull called 'back-stroke.' As the sally 'dances' at the bottom of the stroke Mary catches it and checks its rise to pause with the bell 'up' at 'hand,' before she pulls her off again, this time at 'hand-stroke.' The bell is now being truly 'rung,' and is performing the full-circle motion we observed last week in the bell chamber itself.

'Watch carefully this action of "ringing,"' calls Tom to us, 'noting especially: (1) the

reaching well up at both "hand" and "back."
(2) The touching of the two hands when they grasp the rope at both "hand" and "back."
(3) The dead-straight full-length down-pull action at both "hand" and "back." These are the secrets of absolute bell-control of even the heaviest bells.'

We observe all this as Mary's apparently effortless performance arouses our admiration. 'Stand!' calls Tom. And as the sally comes up to pause at 'hand,' Mary holds the bell steady for a moment, then eases up on tip-toe as she sets the bell, and ties up the rope-end loop as before.

'Now,' says Tom, 'any questions?' Well, of course, we have many things to ask. Most questions Tom answers right away, but to some he promises an answer later when we have learnt more about the whole thing. 'You've seen raising and ringing,' he goes on, 'now Mary will lower. Being the reverse of raising, as the bell drops lower, the spare end-rope is gathered up in loops again. But don't worry about that now, as you'll learn how to do it later.'

As Mary lowers the bell Tom tells us to take our seats again, as he's going to introduce us to the promised 'Pole and pig-tail,' a useful device for giving us safely and accurately the preliminary instruction and practice in the action of 'ringing' that Mary has just demonstrated so well.

But I see that we've used up our space, and I must stop, anyway, to catch the post, so, till next practice, Yours ever,

CORN. R. STONE.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The annual meeting of the North-East Branch was held on January 7th at Tiverton. A very pleasant feature of the service was that it was conducted by two past chairmen of the branch, the Rev. F. Carter and the Rev. J. M. Turner, the latter giving the address. Visitors came from near and far, about 40 sitting down to tea.

At the subsequent business meeting the hope was expressed that the Guild president, Preb. E. V. Cox, who was prevented by illness from being present, would speedily be restored to health. Ten new members were elected, and the retiring officers—chairman, Mr. E. J. Taylor; secretary, Mr. C. J. Dymond; and Ringing Master, Mr. A. G. Selley—were re-elected. The meeting stood in silence in memory of Canon Coleridge and Mr. John Heard.

Tiverton's grand ring of bells was kept going to a variety of methods during the afternoon and evening, some of the striking—notably that of the service touch—being very good.

The spring meeting will be held at Huntsham on April 15th.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD DEVIZES BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Devizes on Jan. 7th and was attended by some 80 members and friends.

The service was conducted by the Rev. E. S. Dabbs, of St. John's Parish Church. An excellent tea was served, being followed by the business meeting.

Six new ringing members and one life ringing member were elected. The secretary's report and accounts were presented and accepted. The retiring officers were re-elected for another year, and Mr. S. G. Grant, Bishop Cannings, was added to the list of ringing masters.

Bradford-on-Avon was chosen as the place for the next quarterly meeting, with Devizes for the annual meeting in January, 1951.

Ringings at all three churches in the town was of a good standard, methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major and Minor being rung.

Television Features

Twice recently ringers who have access to television sets have had excellent features presented. The visit of Richard Dimbleby to St. Paul's Cathedral was one of the finest new features presented. The ringers were introduced to Mr. Dimbleby on the steps of St. Paul's by Mr. Herbert Langdon. They were seen climbing the stairs and finally in the ringing chamber. Here Mr. Frank Smalwood explained points to the famous broadcaster. Then came rounds and Stedman Cinques, followed by shots of the bells revolving.

The second was the dedication of Burnham bells, which was shown last Friday. The handing over of the bells by Mr. P. L. Taylor to the churchwarden and their dedication by the Bishop of Oxford were well done. Mr. George Gilbert was clearly seen receiving from the Bishop the bells for his care and attention. The young ladies of Burnham performed in a manner which must have given Mr. Gilbert a sense of pride. At any rate, they were unperturbed by the glare of the lights and added grace and charm to the general scene. Shows were also taken of the bells in motion.

Bells as news features are undoubtedly popular, and the televising of performances should add materially to general interest.

WELSH BROADCAST

In connection with the broadcast in the Welsh Home Service on January 10th, a ringer narrates his experiences as follows:—

For the 15 minutes of radio time some 25 ringers were drawn from their usual routine. Some spent from 7 to 8.30 p.m. whilst a plain course of Grandsire Doubles and a few rounds were recorded. A dance band burst upon the microphone during a 'cut' and in the change a ringer wandered. Motor-cycles and screaming children caused some delay. Even the clock had to start chiming (without bells) during an interview. Ringers going in for a broadcast must not arrange any other pursuit or pastime for the evening!

At the second church flies were a nuisance and settled on ringers and speakers frequently.

Microphone nerves affected our champion caller. After a booming instruction to an errant ringer to move rapidly from 4th place to lead it was hard to realise that it was the same timid voice at the microphone.

It is hoped that many ringers will express their appreciation or otherwise of 'Plain Bob Minors' (as it was called). If there is a great demand for a more advanced talk we can get it.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

About 67 members and friends attended the annual meeting of the South-Western Division at Hornchurch on January 7th, when some good ringing was heard on this grand night.

The very impressive service was conducted by Canon Courthope, and Mr. Page was at the organ.

The liveliness and virility of the Division was reflected at the meeting which followed, when many provocative arguments were debated.

In his report, the secretary reported a satisfactory financial position, with ringing membership standing at 227, honorary membership at 28 and three new towers in union—Haverhill (6), North Ockendon (6) and South Benfleet (6). Appealing to towers where Sunday ringing was irregular, the secretary said that bells on Sunday were a part of the English way of life and he hoped that very soon all towers in the Division would be ringing regularly for divine service. Crusader meetings had been well attended and much good work had been done.

The following officers were re-elected: Master Mr. J. Chalk (Wanstead); secretary, Mr. F. V. Gant (Hornchurch); committee, Mr. J. Grove (Leytonstone), Mr. J. Sitch (Brentwood).

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM

MR. G. W. CRITCHLEY NEW RINGING MASTER.

An extremely well-attended meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on January 7th at the Tamworth Arms, Birmingham, the Master, Mr. Albert Walker, presiding.

The Chairman referred to the loss the Guild had suffered by the deaths of Ernest Mansell and Harry Withers, and asked all present to stand in silence as a mark of respect to their memory. Ernest Mansell had been a loyal member of the St. Martin's Sunday band for many years, whilst Harry Withers was famous throughout the ringing Exercise for his exceptional abilities.

HENRY JOHNSON DINNER.

It was decided to invite the Rev. S. Harvie Clark, Archdeacon of Birmingham, to preside at the Henry Johnson dinner on Saturday, March 4th. Criticism having been received regarding overcrowding at last year's dinner, it was agreed to restrict the number to the capacity of the Connaught Room, tickets to be issued in order of application. All other arrangements in connection with the dinner were left in the hands of the Guild's officers.

The balance sheet was presented by the treasurer, and, in view of the heavy expenditure during the year, the finances were considered to be satisfactory. The treasurer drew attention to the cost of writing up peals, and estimated that some 300 awaited recording in the books.

Mr. J. Pinfold, having given notice of motion at the previous meeting, proposed that the subscription be raised by 1s. per annum. This was seconded by Mr. W. C. Dowding, and carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The president and vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc on the proposition of Mr. F. W. Perrins seconded by Mr. J. Pinfold. On the proposition of the hon. secretary, seconded by Mr. T. H. Reeves, Mr. Albert Walker was unanimously re-elected Master for the ensuing year. In acknowledging his re-election, Mr. Walker thanked the members for their continued confidence.

The Ringing Master, Mr. E. C. Shepherd, gave a resumé of the peals rung during the past year. They numbered 61, and included Lindsey, Prittlewell and Albanian Maximus. The practices, said Mr. Shepherd, had been well attended by numerous young ringers, who had been helped by more experienced Maximus ringers. He thanked the Master and the hon. secretary for the assistance they had given him towards making it a successful year. Unfortunately, owing to increasing professional duties, the calls upon his spare time had grown considerably, and he regretted that he could not possibly hold office for the ensuing year. The Master expressed his regret that Mr. Shepherd found it impossible to continue, and thanked him for his valued services during the past year.

The hon. secretary proposed and the chairman seconded that Mr. G. W. Critchley be elected Ringing Master. Mr. Critchley, said the hon. secretary, was an excellent conductor who would have the support of every member. No other nominations being received, Mr. Critchley was elected, and returned thanks to the members.

The trustees, Alderman Paddon Smith and Mr. E. T. Allaway, were re-elected. Mr. H. H. Fearn was re-elected auditor, and Mr. S. O'C. Holloway was elected in place of Mr. Critchley. The librarian, Mr. J. F. Harvey, and the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. G. E. Fearn) were also re-elected.

NEW MEMBERS.

Fourteen full ringing members were elected, including eight ringers attached to Hampton-in-Arden Church, and the following life members were duly ratified: Miss J. E. Askew

(Osterley) and Messrs. J. E. Turley (Sheffield), J. A. L. Thompson (Nuneaton) and W. H. Pickett (Edinburgh).

Mr. A. Short gave a warm invitation to the Guild to hold the next meeting at Aston on April 1st, which met with approval.

Sympathy was extended to Mr. J. W. Pemberton and Mr. S. Grove, who were both suffering from long illnesses, and the hon. secretary was asked to write and express the best wishes of the members for their speedy recovery.

The Master said how pleased he was to welcome back to Birmingham Mr. William H. Barber, who, after leaving many years ago for Dublin, Edinburgh and Newcastle, had now found his way back to Birmingham and had joined the St. Martin's Sunday band.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman proposed by Mr. V. A. Hemming, and carried with acclamation.



MR. DANIEL T. MATKIN, of Bournemouth, who created a new handbell record with 109 peals in 1949.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION
ILCHESTER DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual meeting took place at Martock on January 7th, attended by members from Martock, Stoke-under-Ham, Limington, Drayton, Yeovil, West Coker, Hardington Mandeville, Shepton Beauchamp, North Cadbury, Templecombe, Castle Carey and Ditchat.

The service was conducted by the Vicar and branch chairman, Preb. G. W. Saunders. Mr. R. Higgs was the organist. An excellent tea was served in the Church House by Mesdames Moorey, Strickland, Richards and Miss Strickland, followed by the business meeting, presided over by the chairman.

The retiring officials were re-elected, namely, Preb. G. W. Saunders, chairman; T. Setter, vice-chairman; F. Farrant, secretary; W. H. Poole, Ringing Master. Six new members were elected, which included the Rev. D. Ballard, Vicar of Stoke-under-Ham.

East Coker, Stoke-under-Ham and South Petherton were chosen as meeting places. The next annual meeting will be held at Yeovil. Preb. Saunders warmly welcomed those present, and, reviewing the past year, made special reference to the augmentation and restoration carried out at Stoke-under-Ham. The meeting closed with thanks to the organist and the ladies who had served tea.

OBITUARY

MR. ALLEN BROWN.

The death occurred on December 28th of Mr. Allen Brown, of Gorseinon, at the early age of 16 after a few days' illness. He will be a great loss to Gorseinon, as he was always at service ringing.

The funeral took place on January 2nd. On the following Sunday a quarter peal of Grand-sire Doubles with the bells half-muffled was rung by the following with 1 and 2 as leading bells: R. Edwards 1, B. Thomas 2, A. Trew 3, A. Jones 4, R. Dobbins 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. T. Williams (cond.) 7, C. Pettit 8.

MR. RICHARD HAYES.

For over 40 years a ringer at Haslemere (Surrey) Church, Mr. Richard Hayes died suddenly on January 13th, aged 71. A Nottinghamshire min, Mr. Hayes came to Haslemere in 1901 and was for many years associated with the late Mr. J. H. B. Hesse.

An accomplished ringer, he served his own tower as captain and secretary at various times and was for a period ringing master of the Guildford district of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. A skilled craftsman in wood, many of the peal boards in West Surrey churches were his handiwork. He is survived by his wife, a son and two daughters, the younger of whom, Miss V. Hayes, is a missionary in India.

The funeral service was at Haslemere on January 17th, the Rector (the Rev. Gordon Shelford) officiating, assisted by the Rev. K. Jardine and the Rev. R. Newham. A course of Grand-sire Triples was rung over the open grave by C. Hazelden 1-2, A. H. Pulling 3-4, F. Bowden 5-6, Mrs. Hazelden 7-8. A number of other ringers attended the service, and in the evening 1,260 Grand-sire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled by H. Mullahd 1, C. Hazelden 2, G. Grover 3, Mrs. Bowden 4, A. J. Bartlett 5, F. Radford 6, F. Bowden (cond.) 7, F. Maybee 8.

MR. W. SPARKES.

The death is announced of Mr. Whitted Sparkes, of Streatham, S.W., after three weeks' illness, at the age of 66. He was a native of Chippenham, Cambs, where he learnt to ring, and was a member for many years of the Surrey Association.

Mr. Sparkes was a member of the Mitcham Parish Church band until the bells were put out of action by fire in 1915. He then joined St. Leonard's, Streatham, band and was most regular in ringing for the Sunday services. He took part in a number of peals of Triples, mostly at Mitcham, and was a good striker.

The funeral took place at Streatham Cemetery on January 8th. Ringers present were Messrs. R. Charge, J. Chapman, S. Howard (Streatham), A. Miller, T. G. Miller (Christ Church, Mitcham).

ESSFX ASSOCIATION
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

Bocking was the venue of the annual meeting of the Northern District on January 7th. Only a small number of members attended, which was disappointing to the local ringers, as they had a bountiful tea prepared. The service was Solemn Evensong for the Epiphany, conducted by the Dean, who also gave an address. Tea was prepared in the Workman's Hall.

Miss H. G. Snowden presided over the business meeting, supported by the Dean, Sub-Dean and Mrs. Rush. At the outset, the company stood in silent memory of Mr. H. Collins, of Braintree, who died the previous Thursday night.

The following were elected to serve for the ensuing year: District Master, Miss H. G. Snowden; district secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. A. Pratt; committee, Messrs. G. Trendell and H. W. Smith.

Pebmarsh was chosen for the next meeting on March 18th. Afterwards handbells as well as the church bells were rung.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A REALLY FINE PEAL

Dear Sir,—I am pleased to congratulate Mr. J. C. E. Simpson and his band through 'The Ringing World' on their success in ringing the peal of 6,486 Spliced Surprise Major, rung in six methods, at Frodsham on December 31st. I had the great pleasure of being in the vicinity most of the time, only leaving for a cup of tea. The striking was simply grand, a good beat being kept up. Having a copy of the lead ends with me, I was able to check them as they came up quite distinctly. It was a really fine peal.—Yours sincerely,
Port Talbot. A. J. PITMAN.

THOSE OUTSIDE THE PALE

Dear Sir,—Having read 'The Ringing World' for at least 20 years, and having been a member of the Central Council and travelled many miles, more than most working men, I feel rather disappointed reading Mr. Lister's letter. Does he really believe what he wrote? Is it just so around Apperley? What is most required (it would appear) is for someone of Mr. Lister's ability to get around and educate. My ringing history and records tell me that it would be tragedy if the Central Council and 'The Ringing World' stopped. We are all cogs in a great ringing machine—associations, branches to the small village band. One God, one service.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK WARRINGTON.

St. Ives, Hunts.

PERSONAL ANIMOSITY

Dear Sir,—Your editorial of the first issue of 1950 warns readers to eschew spleen in their correspondence, yet in this same copy you print a glaring example of this regrettable trait.

As a non-ringer, I have no interest or side to take in the argument started by your correspondent Lister, and for all I know the reply from Theobald is a very good answer, but I am sure the Services rank of Mr. Lister has no bearing on his views or ability to conduct his case. Mr. Theobald's gibe is just another example of the bigotry now and then displayed by ringers.

The next obvious step is for some mud-slinger on the other side (possibly an amateur psychologist) to enquire what rank Mr. Theobald attained in the late war, or whether he secured a comfortable job in civil life of national importance, and so it goes on. For all I know, Mr. Theobald may have been a Marshal of the Air Force, but nothing excuses his cheap sneer.—Yours truly,

CHURCHWARDEN DARK.

Bristol 7.

ITCHINGFIELD SLOW COURSE

Dear Sir,—Is there somebody who can give me the origin of the method, 'Itchingfield Slow Course'? I found the method in a book which had been written completely by hand, and I do not know if it is a recognised method. The book was in Shipley Church, and the parish of Shipley joins Itchingfield. The method is for five bells, and there are five bells at Itchingfield. Has this any connection with the church at Itchingfield? The Itchingfield ringers have never heard of it, and I should be very glad if someone would give me some information of its history.

I should also be very glad if somebody could quote for me a rhyme about ringing in Bugbrook Church, Northants. It runs something like this:—

He who rings and breaks a stay
Shall have half-a-crown to pay.

There was also a line:—

He who rings in hat or spur.

These are the only lines I know. — Yours sincerely,
C. HONE.
Takeham.

CHANGE RINGING IN SPAIN

Dear Sir,—Mr. T. R. Butler, of Liverpool, writes in your issue of December 30th that neither Spain nor Portugal has ever possessed a *ringing* ring of bells.

There is a church in Madrid—I think, St. Francis—which possesses eight bells hung for ringing. A full account of the story can be found in 'The Bell News'—I am afraid I cannot quote the volume without search—and it is interesting to note that the English bell-hangers sent by the firm to Madrid remained after completing the work, in order to teach a band of Spaniards to ring. The extent of their efforts was certainly no more than Grand-sire, but the art did not catch hold, and it was reported that the band died out.—Yours faithfully,
K. S. B. CROFT.

Lincoln.

SPANISH JANGLING OF BELLS

Dear Sir,—The correspondence headed 'Christopher Columbus Greeting' prompts me to write as one of the few who read these letters with the background of Spanish bells. If only those who at home protest about practice and peal ringing could have a sufficient dose of Spanish jangling and clashing, incumbents would be saved many a difficult interview. 'The Ringing World' week by week both keeps us, who are at present exiled from active participation, in touch with the Exercise, and is a valuable medium for promoting interest abroad.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT J. COBE.

Bella Vista, Minas de Rio-Tinto,
Prov. de Huelva, Spain.

GROUPED NAMES—A PREVIOUS ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—Seeing Margaret Woolley's recent letter reminded me of a job never done. When Mr. Ernest Morris was compiling his book some 20 years ago he sent me a short list of grouped names. The list covered about 40 pages of foolscap and I was fairly flummoxed. Ernest needed a few verses for a preface, but had to go without. This is what I think he was after:—

Said Pye to the Baker,
That Miller's a Quaker,
With his Beans, Barley, Wheat and Oats,
He'll go for a quarter
When he know's he didn't oughter.
He'll send them Whiteheaded
Before they are half Breaded,
Leaving the Tarts and the Cakes in the Poole.

'A FLAT.'

FOUR PEALS IN ONE DAY

Dear Sir,—To my mind, no further comment is necessary when one observes that 2 hours 25 minutes was the time taken for the peal of Surprise Royal.

Any ringer of experience can draw certain obvious conclusions regarding the quality of the peal. I am not suggesting for one moment that it was false in any way.—Yours faithfully,

HERBERT G. ANDREWS.

Kingston-on-Thames.

A MEMORY OF CANON COLERIDGE

Dear Sir,—I am not a ringer, but I had the privilege of playing at the service when Canon Coleridge dedicated the war memorial in his native village of Cadbury after the first world war. During the ringing, in which he took part, one of the team collapsed. Still ringing, Canon Coleridge caught him and placed him on a chair, and went on ringing. I, for one, much deplore the passing of such a personality.—Yours truly,
S. A. WELCH (Miss).
Thorverton, near Exeter.

Holsworthy Celebrations

NEW OCTAVE AND CARILLON.

Since 1904 the old carillon ceased to function, though the Mears octave (tenor 12½ cwt.) were regularly rung. But Holsworthy people loved their carillon, and, led by their Rector (the Rev. E. Royle), a committee of townsmen, with Mr. A. E. Axtell as secretary, decided on a job worthy of the fine old granite tower and the town. The bells must be recast and a new electrical carillon installed. The work was done by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and Dr. Mortimer, Bishop of Exeter, dedicated the bells and carillon on Dec. 20th last.

On January 14th, the 500th anniversary of the building of the tower was celebrated, with thanksgiving for the recast and rehung bells and new carillon.

More than a hundred ringers from Devon and Cornwall rang the bells during the day, and the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston was represented by Messrs. M. Howard and B. Newson.

In the morning Eucharist was sung and a special service of thanksgiving was held at 3.30 p.m. This was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. H. Ravenhill, R.D., read the lesson, and the Rev. J. A. Durling, Rector of Bideford preached. Mr. Fulford Oke, a prominent Free Churchman, gave an account of the tower and the choir sang the anthem, 'Holsworthy Church Bells,' composed by Dr. S. S. Wesley and set to words by Mr. F. J. Sluman, the Rector's churchwarden. The sum of £60 was realised from the public luncheon and tea, and the work, costing over £2,100, is now clear or nearly so.

There is no question of the excellence and 'go' of the new bells, which, in the opinion of good judges, will rank high amongst Devon's many first-class octaves. The Croydon firm must be congratulated on doing a fine job.

A broadcast of part of the service, the carillon and the bells will occur on February 5th, West Regional. Details of the bells:—

Treble.—F sharp. Thomas Mears, of London, founder, 1836. Recast 1949 by Gillett and Johnston, founders, London. 5 cwt. 5 lb.

2nd.—E sharp. As No. 1 bell. 5 cwt. 5 lb.

3rd.—D sharp. As No. 1 bell. 5 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

4th.—C sharp. As No. 1 bell. 5 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

5th.—B. Thomas Mears, of London, founder, 1836. Given by the family of the late Rector, Owen Lewis Mayrick, consisting of two sons and four daughters. Recast 1949 by Gillett and Johnston, founders, Croydon. 6 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

6th.—A sharp. Thomas Mears, of London, founder, 1836. The expense incurred by placing a set of eight bells in this tower was defrayed by a subscription, which was raised through the persevering exertions of Francis Thorne and his nephew, Francis Thorne Honey. Roger Kingdon, Rector. Francis Thorne, Chh. Wardn. 8 cwt.

7th.—G sharp. Thomas Mears, of London, founder. F. Donn Humfredi P. Davie Baronetti A.D. MDCCCXXXVI. Recast 1949 by Gillett and Johnston, founders, Croydon.

Tenor.—F sharp. Thomas Mears, of London, founder, 1836. The gift of Philip Henry Earl Stanhope, 1836. Recast 1949 by Gillett and Johnston, founders, Croydon. 15 cwt.

'CHURCH BELLS OF CORNWALL'

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Stuart Worth's enquiry, 'The Church Bells of Cornwall' was published by Bemrose and Sons, of Derby, in 1878, being reprinted from a series of articles in 'The Reliquary.' The author was E. H. W. Dunkin. The book is extremely rare, and is now much out of date in view of the extensive work done in Cornish towers in recent years.—Yours truly,

FREDERICK SHARPE.

Bicester, Oxon.

BIRMINGHAM.
NON-ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE BASILICA OF ST. CHAD, R.C. METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL OF BIRMINGHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.
 *GWYNETH M. BUTLER...Treble | †ALBERT H. FITTER ... 4
 †JOHN SCOTT ... 2 | JOHN F. BUTLER ... 5
 JOHN N. LINDON ... 3 *BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY...Tenor

Conducted by JOHN N. LINDON.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First six-bell peal on the bells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.
 BRIAN S. CHAPMAN ...Treble | ERNEST MORRIS ... 4
 HAROLD KILBY ... 2 | ALAN CATTELL ... 5
 ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE ... 3 | JOHN J. MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.

TARRING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eleven 240's and 20 six-scores. Tenor 9 cwt.
 *JACK ASHDOWN ...Treble | FREDERICK MEETENS ... 4
 HENRY WEAVER ... 2 | RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... 5
 SIDNEY ANSELL ... 3 | HANLEY WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND WOOD, JUN.

* First peal. A silver wedding compliment to the treble ringer.

HANDRELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

IN THE VICAR'S VESTRY AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5077 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

ALAN CATTELL ... 1-2 | EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD... 5-6
 WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4 | ERNEST MORRIS ... 7-8
 JOHN BRAMLEY ... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

A birthday peal to Thomas C. Belton, of Barwell.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 30, 1949, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5188 CHANGES;

No. 38. Tenor size 17 in A.
 *JAMES E. DANIELS ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
 MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | MICHAEL J. E. BEST... 7-8
 *Composed by M. I. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
 * First peal of Major away from the tenors 'in hand.'

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

IN THE CHANCEL OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

ALAN CATTELL ... 1-2 | †HUBERT E. ASHLEY ... 5-6
 *WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 3-4 | †JOHN J. MORRIS ... 7-8
 *Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

* 100th peal in 1949. † First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.' First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

ALBERT H. WARD ... 1-2 | *PATRICK PRESTON ... 5-6
 *CLEMENT GLENN ... 3-4 | FREDERICK G. HOOPER ... 7-8
 Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in method with an 'inside' pair.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 31, 1949, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,

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, 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.
 'Go' was called at 10.17 p.m. and 'This is all' at 12.18 a.m.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT 26, IRON MILL LANE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 1-2 | *ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... 5-6
 CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4 | FRANK I. HAIRS ... 7-8
 Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY
 * First peal in the method.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF CAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5064 CHANGES;

Composition No. 5126. Kent County Association Report, 1949.

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
 Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

First peal in the method by all and for the Guild 'in hand.'

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Being 12 methods: Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's, Crayford College; Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Wellington Little Court, Little Bob and Plain Bob; 281 changes of method. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.
 MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2 | JACK BRAY ... 5-6
 GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 3-4 | PHILIP BARNES ... 7-8
 Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

First peal in 12 Major methods 'in hand' by all and for the Guild.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT PERCY HOUSE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11 in G.

*ALAN F. THIRST ... 1-2 | †JACK R. WORRALL ... 5-6
 GEOFFREY DODDS ... 3-4 | *DAVID J. CHARNLEY ... 7-8
 Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.
 * First peal 'in hand.' † First peal of Major 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 in G.

HARRY POYNER ... 1-2 | JILL POOLE ... 7-8
 HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3-4 | ALFRED BALLARD ... 9-10
 PETER J. STANFORTH ... 5-6 | *TERENCE A. THORNBERRY... 11-12
 Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
 * First peal of Stedman Cinques. A birthday compliment to Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, of Ferndown.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5149 CHANGES;

Being seven methods, comprising 1,520 Plain Bob, 1,140 Gainsborough Little Bob, 784 Reverse Bob, 576 Little Bob, 392 Crayford Little Bob, and 368 each of Double Bob and St. Clement's College, with 405 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.

APSLEY END, HERTS.

—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's and 540 Plain Bob): K. Good 1, Gwen Good 2, T. Morton 3, E. Upton 4, A. V. Good (cond.) 5, W. Hughes 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles J. Stringfellow 1, J. Carter (first as cond.) 2, Miss J. Carter 3, L. Hill 4, N. Ledger 5, C. Cheetham 6. First quarter 1, 5, 6. First 'inside' 3, 4.

BERWICK, SALOME, OXON. — On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Smith 1, W. Absolom 2, F. Absolom (cond.) 3 J. Godman 4, T. Selwood 5, J. Cherrill 6. First of Grandsire Doubles 1, 4, 5 and 6.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Audrey D. Eldridge 1, Miss B. R. Cowlin 2, C. Verdon 3, Rev. P. J. Boulsover 4, Shirley Rhymer 5, Mrs. M. Silva 6, F. H. Hicks 7, E. G. D. Tonkin (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major by 1, 3 and 5.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 3rd, at St. Martin's Church, with the bells half-muffled, 1,319 Stedman Cinques: J. Scott 1, Miss M. Reay 2, E. C. Shepherd 3, W. C. Dowding 4, H. J. Turner 5, T. R. Hampton 6, E. T. Lloyd 7, A. W. T. Cleaver 8, A. V. Pearson 9, J. N. Lindon 10, A. Walker (cond.) 11, G. E. Fearn 12. A tribute to the memory of Harry Withers.

BROMLEY, KENT. — On Jan. 1st, 1,264 Double Norwich: G. F. James 1, I. Emery 2, Hilda Oakshett 3, J. E. Lyddiard 4, E. C. Bishop (first in method) 5, G. Waterman 6, M. F. Oakshett 7, P. J. Spice (first as cond.) 8.

BYFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles D. W. Lewis 1, R. W. Pennell 2, F. W. Hutt 3, J. E. Smith (first quarter) 4, S. G. Osborne (cond.) 5, W. J. Haynes 6. First quarter on the rehung bells.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK. — On Dec. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: K. W. Muttock (first quarter, aged 13) 1, R. E. Burt 2, F. Pearson 3, T. C. Browne 4, F. C. Arnold 5, C. F. Phillipppo (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSELY, YORKS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,950 changes (30 Bob Doubles, 600 Duke of York, 600 Sandal and 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor): K. H. Wood 1, A. Rusby 2, F. Gowling 3, R. Brogan 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON. — On New Year's Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, half-muffled: H. Francis 1, H. Cook 2, M. Sindon 3, C. Taplin 4, R. Jarvis (cond.) 5, F. Perry 6, J. Jarvis 7, C. Tompkins 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS. — On Dec. 31st, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. T. J. Roberts 1, F. J. Lewis, jun. 2, F. J. Lewis (cond.) 3, Rev. T. P. Hearn 4, V. R. Williams 5, E. H. Jefferies 6, W. H. Hayward 7, W. Wrigley 8. For the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Baldwin, of Cirencester.

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Saunders 1, B. Elliott 2, R. C. Heazel 3, G. Schleuter 4, Dr. Castleden 5, A. T. M. Perry 6, H. W. Smith 7, J. C. Jennings (cond.) 8.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 31st, 1,560 Plain Bob Minor (half-muffled): J. Latham 1, H. Barber 2, B. Hammond 3, G. Chambers 4, G. Bunning 5, S. Marshall (cond.) 6.

HITCHIN, HERTS. — On Jan. 1st, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: W. F. Todd 1, C. V. Hare 2, A. E. Symonds 3, G. Cherry 4, W. Symonds 5, L. Fidler 6, D. C. Mears 7, F. W. Croft (cond.) 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Biggs (first of Major) 1, R. Biggs 2, A. Cox 3, J. Kape (first of Cambridge) 4, E. Timpon 5, D. Cox 6, P. Newton 7, W. Lee (cond.) 8.

KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Just 1, D. Davies (first in method) 2, R. F. Grisdale 3, F. Hogarth 4, T. Hogarth 5, J. W. Brownrigg 6, H. S. Grisdale (cond.) 7, F. Barnes 8.

QUARTER PEALS

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—

On Dec. 20th, 1,320 Minor (360 Kent, 360 Oxford, 600 Plain Bob): P. Elliott 1, J. Papworth 2, J. Elliott (cond.) 3, J. E. Elliott 4, C. Burton 5, A. Elliott 6. First quarter in three methods for 1 and 6. A birthday compliment to J. Papworth.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Jan. 1st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Royal: R. Joyce Pett (first in method) 1, Sheila E. Harris 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Eileen D. Farrell 4, H. J. Eldred 5, E. Dodds 6, F. C. Grimwood 7, S. Croft 8, D. J. Charnley 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10.

LLANDILO, CARMS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Davies 1, R. E. Scudamore 2, B. Morris 3, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 4, A. Reynolds 5, J. H. Price 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6. First quarter on the bells by a local band.

MAISEYHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,949 Grandsire Doubles: G. Millsom 1, Miss E. Morse 2, Miss J. Morse 3, Miss F. Hope 4, G. Peare 5, W. A. Godwin (cond.) 6. For the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Baldwin.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On New Year's Eve, 1,949 Doubles, being 600 April Day, 600 Plain Bob and 749 Grandsire: J. Wallis 1, M. J. Lockey 2, A. C. Sinfield 3, C. Mann 4, R. J. Sharp (cond.) 5, S. Sharp 6.

OLD BASFORD, NOTTS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss M. Pinder 1, Mrs. D. R. Carlisle 2, S. Pinder (cond.) 3, R. W. Carlisle 4, H. Lewin 5, H. Seagreave 6, H. Bates 7, D. R. Carlisle 8. First quarter in the method by all.

PEASEMORE, BERKS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Sneller 1, Mrs. C. J. Hibbert 2, C. J. Hibbert 3, F. Tufley 4, R. F. Crook 5, R. W. Rex (cond.) 6. Rung by guests at the wedding of Miss E. Rosier, daughter of the tower foreman, and Mr. G. H. Wells.

PYCHLEY, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (240 St. Simon's, 240 Reverse Cantabury Pleasure, 360 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): E. E. Church 1, G. S. F. Brian 2, P. I. Chapman 3, C. E. Brown 4, B. Austin (cond.) 5.

RADLEY, BERKS. — On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles, being 240 of Stedman and 1,020 of Grandsire: Hilary Eason 1, Marie R. Cross (cond.) 2, Mrs. R. G. Cross 3, Margaret Paton 4, Ruth Paton 5, Rev. J. V. Pixell 6. First quarter by 1, 5, 6, and first of Doubles by 3 and 4. First quarter by a Sunday service band on the bells.

ROYSTON, YORKS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,950 Plain Bob Minor: F. Mitchell 1, D. Hall 2, L. W. Carbutt (cond.) 3, S. Dance 4, P. Carbutt 5, E. Atkinson 6. Rung as a welcome to the Vicar's wife after being in hospital 17 months.

SANDY, BEDS.—On New Year's Day, 1,260 Plain Bob: J. Daniels (first quarter) 1, D. Munns 2, H. Gurney (first 'inside') 3, C. Blain 4, J. Ashton (first as cond.) 5, C. J. Ball 6.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Pridgeon 1, J. Howe 2, R. Challen 3, H. Gearing 4, M. Thomas 5, F. Howe 6, F. Page (cond.) 7, J. Arnold 8.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Rumens 1, F. C. Maynard 2, Sonia Coles 3, A. J. N. Boyack 4, E. E. Holman 5, C. T. Coles 6, C. Finch (cond., first in method) 7, F. Taylor 8.

WATFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Bush (first quarter) 1, L. Townsend (first quarter 'inside') 2, R. Seaton 3, S. Manning 4, E. Orland (cond.) 5.

WINDSOR, BERKS. — On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. A. Wratten (first quarter) 1, J. Brooks 2, Audrey Ewins 3, K. Curtis 4, A. Wratten 5, W. Butler (cond.) 5, A. J. Glass 7, J. H. Cropley 8.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS. — On Dec. 31st, Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: W. Brunt 1, G. Latham (cond.) 2, S. C. Thain 3, E. Risbey 4, R. J. Thain 5, F. Garland 6.

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MEETINGS

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting at Basingstoke, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30, St. Michael's (8), All Saints' (9). Service 4.15. Tea 5. 6388

FINCHLEY (St. Mary's).—Dedication of two new bells—one a memorial to Charles T. Coles.—Jan. 28th, 4 p.m. 6396

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Birchington, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business. 6405

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting, Stockport (St. George's), Jan. 28th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 6439

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Annual meeting of district at Guildford, Jan. 28th. Ringing at Cathedral and S. Nicolas' 2.30. Service, S. Nicolas', 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at S. Nicolas' Hall. The evening will conclude with a social arranged by the Ladies' Guild.—A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 6389

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION—Chippenham Branch.—St. Paul's, Chippenham (8), Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30. Tea 4.45. Please notify Marsh, 4, Hawthorne Road, Chippenham. 6438

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Shrewsbury, Jan. 28th. St. Mary's 2.30, followed by service there at 4.30 and tea and business in Parish Room. St. Chad's available 7.—C. A. Barron. 6459

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 28th, at Christchurch. Priory bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.; preacher, Rev. A. L. E. Williams, M.A. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Notify Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 6434

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Eye District.—Meeting, Yaxley (6), Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea in Village Hall at 5 p.m. Short meeting to follow.—W. A. Lock, Diss, Norfolk. 6432

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Salisbury, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. St. Thomas' and St. Martin's bells available in evening. Names to F. L. Harris, Briford, near Salisbury. 6454

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Committee meeting, Bray Vicarage, Jan. 28th, 3.30. Bells 6. Names for tea.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 6455

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Ringing Day, Jan. 28th, St. Mary Redcliffe, 2 to 3.30 p.m.; SS. Philip and Jacob's, 4 to 5 p.m. Service, St. Michael's, 6 p.m.—E. M. Bliss. 6491

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 4th. St. Mary's, Holloway Road, 2.30 to 3.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, 3 to 4.30; Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5. Evensong, Cathedral, 5. Tea, business and handbell competition, 5.45. Further ringing Cathedral. Names early, please. Practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth, Monday, Feb. 6th, 7.15 p.m.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 6463

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District annual meeting) and **SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Bolsover, Feb. 4th. Names for tea by Feb. 1st to Mr. A. B. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, Chesterfield. 6457

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting, Diss, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (8) from 2. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Corn Hall. Meeting follows. Also Diocesan Standing Committee meeting immediately after ringing meeting. Names for tea by Jan. 31st. Suffolk ringers invited.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk. 6458

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, St. John's Church, Hensingham, Feb. 4th. Bells available 2.30. Tea 4.30. meeting 5.30. 6461

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual district meeting at Chertsey, Feb. 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Church Room, 5. Numbers for tea to J. B. Hessey, 11, Queen's Street, Chertsey, by Wed., 1st.—F. Hawthorne. 6453

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Bulwell, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names to Miss Sprittles, Bulwell Rectory, Nottingham, by Wed., Feb. 1st, latest. 6456

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual general meeting at Horley, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (8) 3. Service 5. Tea and business. Election of district officers for 1950. Nominations for general officers, 1950. Names for tea by Tuesday, Jan. 31st, to Mr. A. J. Bull, Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley. 6448

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Sleaford District.—Annual meeting, Sleaford (8), Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Room, near church. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Wray, 16, Eastgate, Sleaford, by Monday, Jan. 30th.—A. Wray, Hon. Sec. 6386

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Annual district meeting, Feb. 4th, St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8), St. Clement's (6). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5, Tudor Cafe. Names essential to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. Tel. 78926. 6441

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Melton Mowbray (10) on Feb. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Blakeney Institute 5. Names to Mr. E. Bartram, 55, King's Road, Melton Mowbray, not later than Jan. 31st.—Wm. A. Wood, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6444

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—District annual, Watford (10), Saturday, Feb. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 6462

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Audley, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Names for tea to Mr. R. Rowley, Swanley, Nantwich Road, Audley, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 6467

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Launton (6), Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Feb. 1st. Bicester (8) available 6.30 p.m. Preacher, the Right Rev. Bishop H. J. Buxton.—C. H. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 6468

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Sharnbrook (6), Feb. 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5.—Michael Stephens, District Sec., Durler Avenue, Kempston. 6472

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Buckden, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 6481

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 4th, St. James', Poolstock. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea provided to those who notify Mr. A. Parker, 89, Barnsby Street, Wigan, by Feb. 1st.—J. Burns. 6479

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Babbacombe, Torquay (8), Saturday, Feb. 4th. Usual arrangements.—A. Bennett, Cornwags, Buckfastleigh. 6477

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Annual meeting Cathedral, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea by Feb. 1st.—G. E. Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 6476

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—St. Philip's (8), Feb. 4th 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Cafe Royal, Old Market Street, 5. Important to notify by Feb. 1st.—A. Bennett, 5, Lancaster Street, Redfield, Bristol. 6469

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Longcot, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 1st.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 6492

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting, Hilperton (6), Feb. 4th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Names to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 6484

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual meeting, Crawley, Saturday, Feb. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 6486

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District.—Annual meeting, Brading, Feb. 4th. Bells from 2.30. Notify for tea by Feb. 1st.—Mrs. Guy, Merriemeade, Watergate Road, Newport, I.W. 6490

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Spratton, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Names for tea to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby, before Jan. 31st. 6489

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be at Cockerham, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Bring own food, cups of tea provided. All ringers welcome.—John Woods, Branch Sec. 6494

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Supper and social, Angel Hotel, Feb. 11th, 6.30 p.m. All welcome. Names to be sent to Mr. W. Ashby, 19, Connaught Street, Northampton, by Feb. 7th.—E. Nobles, Hon. Sec. 6450

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, Willesborough, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 8th, please, to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 6485

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Peasemore (6), Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. M. Rosier, Peasemore, Newbury, by Feb. 8th. 6487

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Feb. 11th, Braunston. Names for tea to me not later than Saturday, Feb. 4th.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 6488

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held in Cambridge on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Ringing at all towers in the afternoon, details later. Members wishing to attend should write to A. S. Watt, Pembroke College. 6475

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Annual meeting at Ludlow, Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Feb. 8th to G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 6471

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—East Farleigh (6), Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, near Maidstone. 6496

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Annual district meeting at Elveden, Feb. 11th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. S. Atkins, The Dell, Elveden, by Wednesday, Feb. 8th.—Miss D. M. Reeve, District Sec. 6493

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—The 62nd annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will take place on Saturday, March 4th, at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street. Dinner 6 p.m. prompt. Tickets to fully paid-up ringing members, 6s. each; to other members and friends, 10s. 6d. each. Early application essential, with remittance, to G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 6495

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice. Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Taunton. A Wrington lunch will be provided. Please get your names in early.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 6497

ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): S. V. Hall 1, W. J. Norton 2, G. F. Webb 3, G. A. Atkins 4, E. G. Bennett (cond.) 5. First in two methods for 1, 3 and 4.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Holbrough (first quarter) 1, F. J. Lewis (cond.) 2, Rev. T. P. Hearn 3, V. R. Williams 4, F. J. Lewis, jun. 5, E. H. Jefferies 6, W. H. Hayward 7, R. R. Wallis 8. Rung half-muffled for Holy Innocent's Day.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 1st, 1,320 Doubles (600 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob, 240 April Day): Mrs. J. Naish 1, T. W. Kimber (first quarter Doubles) 2, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 3, J. Naish 4, W. J. Gait (cond.) 5, J. Brooks 6.

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THE OLDEST BELL

CAVERSFIELD, near Bicester, has the oldest dated bell in England. The story of this bell is told by Mr. Frederick Sharpe in the first part of 'The Church Bells of Oxfordshire,' which has now left the printers. This will be a monumental work when completed, as this volume of 112 pages only embraces the towers from A to C. Its value is enhanced by the many illustrations and drawings, and the Oxfordshire Record Society, who are publishing the work for the benefit of their members and not the general public, are to be congratulated on securing such a knowledgeable author and practical ringer for the work. At the moment no copies are available for ringers.

The old bell of Caversfield is disused and cracked. It now hangs with its fittings of elm headstock and strap gudgeons in an oak frame on the ground floor of the church, and has been in that state since 1927. An attempt was made in 1874 to save the bell by having it quarter tuned, but this was too late to prevent the development of the crack. Had it been done a century or two earlier this disaster would not have happened.

While the actual date of its casting is not inscribed on the bell, its authenticity is well established. The inscription is in two parts. On the shoulder inscription band appears, in Latin, 'In honour of God and Saint Lawrence,' and above the sound bow appears: 'Hugh Gargate and Sibilla, his wife, had these bells erected.' Now, Hugh Gargate was Lord of the Manor of Caversfield in the first years of the 13th century, having inherited it from the father, Roger. He is mentioned in the Close Rolls for 1216; but in 1219 his wife is described in a deed published in Parochial Antiquities as 'Sybil de Kavarsfeld, widow of Hugh de Gargat.'

Characteristics of the Caversfield bell are as follows: Weight, 1 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.; principal dimensions, diameter 20½ inches, height from lip to crown 20½ inches, from top of crown to top of canons 5½ inches, top of crown to top of argent about 7 inches, and thickness of lips 2 inches. As to the lettering of the inscription, while it is mainly uniform, some letters, such as A, E and M, are Gothic in character. Owing to roughness in the casting other letters are badly formed. The inscription implies

that at least two bells were then given to the church by Hugh Gargate and his wife.

How was such a bell cast? Mr. Frederick Sharpe explains that in ancient times the 'core,' or inner mould, was constructed of stonework, plastered over with clay, shaped by a 'crook' or 'strickle,' to the inner dimensions of the bell and baked dry. On the finished core was built a full-size clay model of the bell, likewise shaped by means of a strickle, but to the outer dimensions, the inside of the model taking its shape from the core. On the model were placed in relief the inscriptions and mouldings as they were to appear on the bell. When dry, the model itself was coped with a sufficient thickness of clay to form the outer mould, or 'cope.' After drying, cope and model were lifted from the core, the model broken out and the cope replaced, leaving a cavity between the two moulds. The 'cap' or canon mould was fixed last, having in its top the hole through which the molten metal was to be poured.

A simple form of reverberatory furnace, often constructed in the churchyard, sufficed to melt the alloy of tin and copper, which, after the tapping of the furnace, was run by gravity to the mouth of the mould. Mr. Sharpe adds that it is often possible to trace fire-reddened stones in the masonry at or near the base of a church tower which may have formed part of a temporary furnace. To-day the moulds are made independently, without the use of a model; specially prepared loam takes the place of clay; inscriptions are impressed into the mould by means of stamps; steel cases are used in which to form the copes; and modern reverberatory furnaces and mechanically operated foundry ladles are employed.

A few bells of similar shape to the 13th century Caversfield bell are found in other counties, but the majority of these lack inscriptions or marks to prove their age. Mr. H. B. Walters noted a bell at Marton-cum-Grafton, Yorkshire, which he considered somewhat later in date than the Caversfield bell. These two bells are the only known examples in England of mediæval bells with inscriptions in Roman lettering. In Oxfordshire uninscribed bells of the same shape as Caversfield's are found at Kelmscott and Shifford.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Jan. 10, 1950, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

JOHN SCOTT	Treble	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ...	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON ...	8
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY	3	HENRY H. FEARN ...	9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY...	4	*GEORGE E. FEARN ...	10
H. JAMES TURNER ...	5	HARRY PARKES ...	11
ALBERT WALKER ...	6	*FRANK E. HAYNES ...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.

* 200th peal together. In memoriam Harry Withers.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Jan. 12, 1950, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALBERT WALKER	Treble	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	2	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	8
H. JAMES TURNER ...	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	9
HENRY H. FEARN ...	4	ARTHUR D. COOK ...	10
TERRY R. HAMPTON ...	5	HARRY PARKES ...	11
JAMES F. HARVEY ...	6	JOHN N. LONDON ...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

WILFRED WILLIAMS ...	Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS...	7
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ...	2	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY...	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	9
JOHN PINFOLD ...	4	HENRY H. FEARN ...	10
ALBERT WALKER ...	5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	11
FRANK E. HAYNES ...	6	*GEORGE E. FEARN ...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* 600th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

No. 3 Version.

Tenor 30½ in D.

JOYCE A. ENGLAND ...	Treble	THOMAS G. BANNISTER...	6
DAVID E. PARSONS ...	2	FRANK E. DARBY ...	7
JILL BRITAIN ...	3	TONY PRICE ...	8
ROYDON DAVIES ...	4	JOHN H. HUNT ...	9
HAROLD N. PITSTOW ...	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ...	Treble	CYRIL J. HIBBERT ...	6
JOYCE A. ENGLAND ...	2	DAVID E. PARSONS ...	7
JILL BRITAIN ...	3	JOHN CHILCOTT ...	8
JOHN PHILLIPS ...	4	WILLIAM HIBBERT ...	9
HERBERT LANGDON ...	5	WILLIAM H. RAMPTON ...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

A birthday compliment to Joyce A. England.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM R. MANSER ...	Treble	PETER C. WRIGHT ...	5
FRANK P. WRIGHT ...	2	EDNA M. SILLS ...	6
GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN	3	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ...	7
JOHN L. MORRIS ...	4	REGINALD L. SILLS ...	Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.
First in the method as conductor.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 3, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Six-part.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS ...	Treble	KENNETH SNELLING ...	5
ERNEST J. KING ...	2	†SIDNEY A. PAICE ...	6
*AUDREY M. TROTT ...	3	LEONARD STILWELL ...	7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ...	4	†CECIL DENVER ...	Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

* First peal. † First peal for 20 years.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

G. DULCIE ROBINSON ...	Treble	FRANK TAYLOR ...	5
WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON	2	C. HAROLD WHITTON ...	6
JOHN E. ALLEN ...	3	JOHN G. AMES ...	7
GEORGE R. DAWSON ...	4	STANLEY E. BENNETT ...	Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

In memoriam Ferris Cleveland Royce, hon. member of the Elloes Deaneries Branch.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 6, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Comprising 640 London, 320 each of New Gloucester, Bristol, Wodsworth, Eastcote, Rutland, Wembley, Lindum, Norfolk, Yorkshire, Cambridge and Lincolnshire, and 160 each of Watford, Uxbridge, Pudsey, Langley, Hitchin and Superlative, with 139 changes of method. No. 4 Arrangement.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. PORTER ...	Treble	ALAN R. PINK ...	5
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ...	2	WILFRID F. MORETON ...	6
MARGARET L. TUTT ...	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS...	7
MARIE R. CROSS ...	4	WALTER F. JUDGE ...	Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. FITMAN.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 18 methods by all the band.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY NEWMAN ...	Treble	GEORGE CASE ...	5
*NESTA GARDINER ...	2	LESLIE BARRY ...	6
WILLIAM RITCHINGS ...	3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ...	7
CHARLES JEFFRIES ...	4	CHARLES LARNER ...	Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTON.

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal. Mr. John J. Jefferies has now completed 50 years as a ringer.



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On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

HERBERT H. ALEXANDER <i>Treble</i>	KILBY R. HOLTOM ... 5
*CYRIL H. KINCH ... 2	ERIC NOBLES ... 6
EDMUND E. PEARSON ... 3	*EDGAR J. SMITH ... 7
GEORGE F. BURTON ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
*First peal of Treble Bob.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

C. W. H. POWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	NORMAN MALLETT ... 5
*J. LEONARD GLYDE ... 2	*JOSEPH T. BARRETT ... 6
ROGER KEELEY ... 3	†ARTHUR J. SCOTT ... 7
HENRY G. KEELEY ... 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by FRED H. DEXTER. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
*First peal of Major. †First peal on eight bells.

BUCKLAND, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE ... <i>Treble</i>	*NOEL J. DISERENS ... 5
MARIE R. CROSS ... 2	PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 6
WILFRID F. MORETON ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
*AUDREY B. DISERENS ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
*First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Pitstow's Variation. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... 5
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 2	EDWIN BARNETT ... 6
JOHN WHEADON ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
JAMES W. EDEN ... 4	WALTER J. LEMON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

A compliment to John Wheadon, aged 78.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Carters' Twelve-part. Tenor 21 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5
CHARLES E. FISHER ... 2	GEORGE W. PIPE ... 6
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ... 3	FRANK WILLIS-BETTS ... 7
CECIL W. PIPE ... 4	WILLIAM LAST ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

*100th peal. A birthday compliment to William Last.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTS.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5800 CHANGES;
G.C.C. 40. Tenor 10½ cwt. (approx.).

*DOUGLAS ROOKE ... <i>Treble</i>	FRED FLINT ... 5
HAROLD DENMAN ... 2	HERBERT ROOKE ... 6
HARRY BARNES ... 3	*FRANK BRADLEY ... 7
*DONALD CHADWICK ... 4	FREDK. J. JACKSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by FREDK. J. JACKSON.
*First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. Longest peal by all except third. Longest by the Guild. First peal of Major by the North Notts Branch.

EYNSFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

WILLIAM G. COOK ... <i>Treble</i>	†WILLIAM PACKER ... 5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 2	JOHN O. WELLER ... 6
*DAVID BEVERIDGE ... 3	JACK DAFTERS ... 7
†RALPH BIRD ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
*First peal in the method 'inside.' †100th peal. †First peal in the method. To celebrate the engagement of Mr. William Packer to Miss B. E. Lee.

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

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

*N. DAVID LANE ... <i>Treble</i>	TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 5
MURIEL REAY ... 2	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 6
IAN W. G. FULFORD ... 3	ANTHONY W. T. CLEAVER ... 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ANTHONY W. T. CLEAVER.

*First peal on tower bells. First peal as conductor.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 10½ cwt.

TOM GRIFFITHS ... <i>Treble</i>	RALPH HARRIS ... 5
MARGARET ROWLANDS ... 2	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	PATRICK HARRIS ... 7
FREDK. G. NURDEN ... 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by PATRICK HARRIS.

First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mrs. F. J. Johnson, who was interred at the above church the same day.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE W. DEBENHAM <i>Treble</i>	ROY WEBB ... 5
HORACE E. WERRETT ... 2	*EDGAR W. WINTERS ... 6
JACK S. DEAR ... 3	EDWIN G. BUCK ... 7
*GEORGE CHERRY ... 4	FRANK W. CROFT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by GEO. W. DEBENHAM.
*First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in the Oxford Variation by all the band except by the treble and tenor men. A birthday compliment to George Cherry.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

*ALBERT RELFE ... <i>Treble</i>	F. GAVAN D. TONKIN ... 5
HENRY N. VAUGHAN ... 2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 6
*ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 3	*WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 7
*LESLIE W. JARVIS ... 4	*FRANK H. HICKS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
*25th peal together. In honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kitchenside (January 12th). Fastest peal of Major on the bells.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

ALEXANDER J. WEBSTER <i>Treble</i>	†FRANK VARTY ... 5
*JULIA M. PRESTON ... 2	JOHN E. BIBBY ... 6
WALTER ALLMAN ... 3	†ERIC J. GILBERT ... 7
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
*First touch of Bristol. †First peal of Bristol. †100th peal. A welcome to Rev. E. A. Lee, who was inducted on December 16th.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROLAND BIGGS Treble	PERCY NEWTON 5
ANTHONY E. COX 2	DAVID COX 6
JOHN D. KAPE 3	WALTER LEE 7
ARTHUR NEWTON 4	A. REGINALD BLABY ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 35 cwt. 4 lb.

JOHN T. WALMSLEY ... Treble	IVAN KAY 5
SELWYN H. DEARDEN ... 2	VERNON SYKES 6
DEREK OGDEN 3	FRED DUNKERLEY 7
STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... 4	S.S.M. P. H. TOCOK ... Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by P. H. TOCOK.

First in the method on the back eight. Farewell to the Rev. G. Abbot (curate) and a welcome to his successor.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Tenor 18 cwt.

*JUNE HENSHAW ... Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
JAMES A. MILNER ... 2	ALAN A. POTTS 6
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	JOHN WORTH 7
PETER LAFLIN 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

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

STAPLEHURST, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 21½ cwt.

LEWIS NEWMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM R. MANER ... 5
EDNA M. SILLS 2	PETER C. WRIGHT 6
LUTHER J. HONESS ... 3	FRANK P. WRIGHT 7
JOHN T. MEDHURST ... 4	ALBERT HONESS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

WARBURTON, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERNBURGH.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES; Tenor 23 cwt. (approx.).

HARRY W. HOWARD ... Treble	HAROLD WORRELL 5
NORAH M. BIBBY 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES 6
ERIC HORNBY 3	HARRY PARKER 7
DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK ... 4	CECIL RADDON Tenor

Composed by W. HUBBARD. Conducted by HARRY PARKER.

A birthday compliment to C. Raddon.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES; Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROLAND BENISTON ... Treble	C. WILLIAM HALL ... 5
RICHARD MANTON 2	HAROLD MARCON 6
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ... 3	*HORACE MYATT 7
JAMES BOWLEY 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by G. RONALD EDWARDS.

* First peal of Major. First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 6th.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Jan. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN F. ATKINS ... Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 5
*EVELYN FLETCHER ... 2	JOHN N. LINDON 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
JOHN E. EATON 4	THEODORE RUSSELL ... Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung half-muffled in memory of Harry Withers.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE. THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES; Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MONICA DAVIS ... Treble	*FREDERICK R. HARRIS ... 5
LESLIE EVANS 2	*REGINALD T. JONES ... 6
†AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... 3	GEORGE DAVIS 7
MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE DAVIS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. First peal in the method as conductor. A farewell peal to the Vicar, Preb. A. Wynne-Thomas, on his retirement.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES; Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK S. CHENEY ... Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 5
JOHN R. SMITH 2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 6
ELIZABETH FAULKNAI ... 3	ALFRED BALLARD 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

A birthday compliment to Herrick B. Bowley.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

GEORGE W. MOODY ... Treble	*HARRY HALL 5
*RONALD CHAFER 2	ARTHUR CROWDER 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 3	GEORGE DOBBS 7
JACK BRAY 4	PHILIP BARNES ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal on eight bells. In memoriam Rupert Richardson.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Middleton's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

ALAN JACQUES ... Treble	STANLEY R. GARDNER ... 5
JOHN R. SMITH 2	BRIAN AUSTIN 6
JILL POOLE 3	*PETER J. STANFORTH ... 7
MICHAEL D. STANFORTH ... 4	NORMAN G. MCCRUM ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN G. MCCRUM.

* 150th peal. First peal as conductor.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX. THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 12, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tenor 21½ cwt.

ERNEST J. LADD ... Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 5
HENRY N. VAUGHAN ... 2	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 6
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 3	STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL ... 7
CHARLES A. BASSETT ... 4	WILLIAM ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

To celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kitchenside.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

VERNON SYKES	Treble	DAVID VINCENT	5
STEPHEN LL. PARRY	2	*IVAN KAY	6
SELWYN H. DEARDEN	3	FRED DUNKERLEY	7
ALAN J. BROWN	4	S.S.M. P. H. TOCCK...Tenor	

Composed by GEO. WILLIAMS. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.
* 100th peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS E. DAVIS... ..	Treble	*LEONARD H. BOWLER... ..	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	MAURICE HODGSON	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE... ..	7
RICHARD F. B. SPEED	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS... Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.
* 100th peal. This is the first peal in the method by all the band and by the Association.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew.

A PEAL OF REVERSE GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

BRIAN HARRIS	Treble	FREDERICK H. BIRKS	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	R. GORDON CORBY	6
HENRY O. BAKER	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.

CARRICKFERGUS, CO. ANTRIM.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

*JOHN SAVAGE	Treble	*JAMES EDGAR	5
*WILLIAM PRATT	2	*NAT. SAVAGE	6
*JOHN PALMER	3	*JAMES LEWIS (15)	7
*JOHN T. DUNWOODY	4	HARRY BROWN	Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by HARRY BROWN.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob Major.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

AUDREY A. TIMMS	Treble	*NORMAN PURNELL	5
JACK R. WORRALL	2	*ERIC G. TAYLOR	6
MARY I. KENNELLY	3	†CHRISTOPHER T. BROWN	7
GEOFFREY BEYNON	4	IVOR H. TRUEMAN ... Tenor	

Composed by J. HOWLETT. Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major on tower bells. The first peal of Major for the society. A wedding compliment to Miss Dorothy T. Richardson and Mr. Ralph S. Gardiner.

EAST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

*PAMELA A. COLLIS	Treble	WILLIAM SIMMONDS	5
HERBERT COLCOMBE	2	†JAMES A. BRENT	6
PATRICK PAGE	3	JOHN H. HUNT	7
JOHN W. MEADE	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT Tenor	

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal. † First peal of Major.

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On Sat., Dec. 17, 1949, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GRAHAM LEWIS Treble	*JOHN G. HEATH 4
ALFRED OWEN 2	RICHARD F. DAVIES 5
EDWARD W. COLLEY 3	*RAYMOND HUMPHREYS... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. DAVIES.

* First peal.

BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents: (1) London and Wells, (2) Double Bob, Plain Bob and St. Clement's, (3) York and Durham, (4) Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Double and Single Oxford Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Treble	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... 4
†J. MICHAEL STEVENS ... 2	*ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 5
C. HENRY HARDING ... 3	†CLIFFORD IZZARD ... Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* 100th peal together. † First peal in more than seven methods.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*KILBY R. HOLTOM ... Treble	GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 4
MRS. G. E. WATSON ... 2	BRIAN AUSTIN ... 5
RONALD C. NOON ... 3	†A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in seven Minor methods. † 70th peal of Minor. A birthday compliment to Mr. K. R. Holtom (36) and to Mr. A. P. Cannon (37).

NETTLEBED, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 7 cwt.

*ROBERT J. GROVE ... Treble	*RONALD A. CUMMINS ... 4
EDGAR C. BELSON ... 2	†PERCY J. DYKE ... 5
*ROBERT F. HOPE ... 3	A. JOHN PINCHIN ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCY J. DYKE.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles. First peal as conductor.

QUADRING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN P. MORRIS ... Treble	JOHN G. AMES ... 4
JOHN E. ALLEN ... 2	ALBERT H. BENNETT ... 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 3	CYRIL WANDER ... Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*KATHLEEN STREETON ... Treble	†F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER ... 4
FREDK. G. HOOPER ... 2	HENRY J. CLOXTON ... 5
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS ... 3	*CHARLES J. COPP ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal of Grandsire as conductor.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM PERRY ... Treble	FRANK C. MAY ... 4
DONALD COOMBS ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5
MRS. C. G. WOODGATE ... 3	GERALD FROST ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

RONALD D. SHORT ... Treble	*FREDK. W. SWEET ... 4
*MARJORIE LEGG ... 2	*WILFRED R. KENT ... 5
*CECIL CLARKE ... 3	GEORGE PRESCOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

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

KIRBY MUXLOE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 7 cwt.

COLIN HALL ... Treble	PETER HALLAM ... 3
GEORGE PICKERING ... 2	FREDERICK WATSON ... 4

JOSEPH TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH TAYLOR.

RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

DENIS FRITH ... Treble	LEONARD P. WILSON ... 4
FREDK. T. CARFORD ... 2	HARRY GIBBARD ... 5
*ROY S. WILSON ... 3	JAMES H. MUSSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal 'inside.'

TRYSULL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALAN ELSMORE ... Treble	P. GEORGE GOLDER ... 4
J. NORMAN HADLEY ... 2	MAURICE G. TURNER ... 5
*ARTHUR G. NEWMAN ... 3	HOWARD HOWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal of Minor. The quickest peal on the bells.

WORTHEN, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

GRAHAM LEWIS ... Treble	JOHN G. HEATH ... 4
CHARLES E. OVERTON ... 2	RICHARD F. DAVIES ... 5
EDWARD W. COLLEY ... 3	JOHN COLLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. DAVIES.

First peal on the bells. For the 100th anniversary of the bells.

BONVILSTON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 2,160 (C.C.C. 152) and four 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

JACK R. WORRELL ... Treble	LEONARD I. HULBERT ... 4
THOS. T. YEOMANS ... 2	WILLIAM H. DARE ... 5
FRED J. BAILEY ... 3	ROBERT E. COLES ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRELL.

The first peal of Kent Minor by all the band except the conductor. A birthday compliment to the conductor's mother.

ANGMERING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 six-scores and eleven 240's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*FREDERICK H. JACKSON <i>Treble</i>	†KEITH S. BRYDER... 4
SIDNEY A. ANSELL ... 2	RAYMOND P. WOOD, JUN. 5
†BARRY W. M. COWPER 3	ERNEST TREAGUS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD, JUN.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal.
A welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. W. H. Oswald.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARWENNE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN DOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in G.

ROBERT J. HICKS ... <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES E. TAYLOR ... 4
ALBERT E. BISSAT ... 2	CHARLES SANGWIN ... 5
ALAN J. HICKS ... 3	FREDERICK SANGWIN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRERERICK SANGWIN.

First peal of Minor on the bells. A farewell compliment to Alan J. Hicks, who is joining the R.A.F. A birthday compliment to Charles E. Taylor. Rung by an all-local band.

PEVENSEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor and three 720's each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

FRANK H. HICKS... <i>Treble</i>	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 4
*REV. P. J. BOULSOVER... 2	C. JOHN PIPER ... 5
†COLIN E. VERDON ... 3	†E. GAVIN D. TONKIN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by E. GAVIN D. TONKIN.

* First peal in three Minor methods. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ 250th peal. A 15th birthday compliment to John Piper.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in eleven methods: (1) Wavertree and College, (2) Double Oxford and Single Oxford, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Plain Bob and Double Bob, (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) St. Clement's and Childwall, (7) Double Oxford and Thelwall; 84 changes of method. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*STANLEY G. ELSEY ... <i>Treble</i>	WALLACE COUSINS ... 4
CLAUDIA A. HARDING... 2	†ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 5
†JOHN FOX ... 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

* 25th peal. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal of Minor in more than one method. First peal of Spliced Minor by all and for the Ely Association.

SOMERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 1,200 April Day, 1,200 Plain Bob, 1,200 Canterbury and 1,440 Grandsire. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*ROBERT GILSON ... <i>Treble</i>	*BERYL TYLER ... 4
CYRIL TYLER ... 2	HAROLD T. BONSHOR ... 5
DENNIS TOON ... 3	CHAS. ED. COOPER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HAROLD T. BONSHOR.

* First peal. First peal on the newly augmented six. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to William Charles Trevor Fox (20), a regular ringer at Somerby, who was buried on January 10th.

NORTH PERROTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Jan. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

*EDWIN C. ATYEO ... <i>Treble</i>	*SIDNEY WHITE ... 4
FREDA M. POOLE ... 2	WILLIAM E. TURNER ... 5
RONALD WHITE ... 3	ALBERT S. ATYEO ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal.

(More peals on p. 77.)

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year 1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who
remained its proprietor and editor until his
death in 1942.*

Congratulations to Wm.
J. Button on reaching his
100th peal; this was rung
at Debenham on December 27th. Also to Ralph
Bird at Eynsford on January 7th, Eric J.
Gilbert at Newchurch, Lancs, Ivan Kay at
Saddleworth, Yorks, and Leonard H. Bowler
at Willesden.

Mr. Francis R. Lowe has 'circled' Ockbrook,
Derbyshire, tower.

All tickets have been sold for the Henry
Johnson dinner.

Wrighton bells will form the background to
the broadcast on February 5th to the 'Week's
Good Cause' on the West Regional.

The peal of Spliced Minor in 11 methods at
Terrington St. John, Norfolk, was accomplished
at the fourth attempt. Previous ones failed
half-way through the fifth 720 and in the last
120 changes of the sixth 720.

The peal of Double Norwich rung at Hughen-
den, Bucks, on January 7th, was specially
rung as a 21st birthday compliment to David
Cox. He also took part in the peal. Also by
ringing the tenor to the same peal Mr. A.
Reginald Blaby has now 'circled' the tower.

The University of London Society of Change
Ringers in 1948 rang peals of London Surprise
Major and Little Bob Royal. In the Analysis
Table they appear as 'Unattached,' as they
have not a direct Central Council representa-
tive.

Hampshire seems to lead the way with lady
ringers, Mr. George Pullinger, Master of the
Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, informed
the Christchurch annual district meeting. The
late Mrs. George Williams was the first lady
to ring a handbell bell, Miss Alice White the
first lady to ring a tower-bell peal, and now
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay the first lady to accom-
plish 100 peals in a year.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. F. H. Birks, who
rang his 25th peal at
Buckley, Flintshire, on
Jan. 14th, rang his first peal, on the treble to
Grandsire, on May 31st, 1948. Since then, with
the exception of one other peal of Grandsire
'inside,' no peal has been repeated.

The peal of Plain Bob Minor at Whitworth,
Lancs, on January 3rd, was conducted by Mr.
Allan Smith and not Mr. James Taylor as
stated in our last issue.

Correction.—The name of the bridegroom in
the footnote to the peal of Stedman at Whittle-
le-Woods should have read Walter Mansley.
Apologies for the error.—E.R.M.

Aldridge, Staffs, band, who rang a peal of
Plain Bob Doubles on January 7th, with the
exception of the conductor, could not ring by
ropesight until last September. The band is
now practising for a peal of Plain Bob Minor.

The officers of the Midland Counties Guild
opened 1949 with a peal and had hoped to
complete the year with a peal on December
31st. At the last moment the chairman had
to withdraw owing to his wife's indisposition.
Mr. P. W. Grice deputised for him at short
notice.

The late Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Maple
Hayes, Lichfield, who left £1,469,006 gross
(death duties £1,092,325), bequeathed £200 to
the rector and churchwardens of Netherseale
for the upkeep of the tower, bells and belfry,
and £150 for ringing the curfew bell 101 times
each evening. The executors have informed
the Rector that it is not likely, on account
of the heavy death duties, that the setting
up of a trust for ringing the curfew will be
practicable. To the following bellringer friend
he left £25 each: E. W. Beadmoore, Ashby-
de-la-Zouch; John Hough, Burton-on-Trent;
and Herbert Hurdman.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Resignation of Mr. G. W. Steere as Secretary

Hon. Secretary of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths since 1928, Mr. George W. Steere tendered his resignation of the office at the annual meeting of the Society at St. Martin's Hall on January 21st. He is remaining in office as treasurer.

Mr. George Cross, the veteran Master, was in the chair, supported by the Rev. Charles Edwards (Vicar of St. Martin's), Mr. G. W. Steere and Mr. Peter N. Bond (assistant secretary). The congratulations of the company were voiced to the Master on his recovery from his operation, but Mr. Cross had to admit that he was not yet fit for ringing. He thanked those people who wrote to him and made enquiries while he was away from home.

The accounts were presented by Mr. Steere, which showed that the balance from 1948 was £35 19s. 2½d., and the year concluded with a balance of £78 19s. 8d. cash in bank and £20 in hand. Subscriptions from 40 new members totalled £10. The accounts were approved, subject to audit, on the proposition of Mr. E. Barnett.

The secretary reported that it had not been an exceptional year, but from the peals point of view it had been a good year with 11 peals, including one of 10 different Surprise methods, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major by a band of ladies, Cambridge Maximus conducted by Mr. Cross, Stedman Cinques at Reading and Yorkshire Surprise Major.

During the year they had lost their oldest member in Mr. George Williams and another old friend in Mr. Robert Warner, who was responsible for casting many bells, including those of Shoreditch. The Exercise had suffered a great loss by the death of Canon Coleridge.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members were elected: Miss Jean Durrant (Uckfield), Miss Mary Walshaw (Manchester), Miss Jill Brierley (Winslow, Cheshire), Mr. Frank J. Matthews (son of two esteemed members), Mr. John A. Hilton (Broadstairs), Mrs. Hawthorne (Thames Ditton), Messrs. Michael Denham, John Hill and Alfred Patten (Erith), Miss Margaret Addison (Thornaby, Yorks) and Mr. Eric Naylor (Rainham). There were also three ratifications—Miss Eileen Arthur, Miss Joyce Cox (Southampton) and Miss J. Askew (Osterley).

NO INCREASE IN SUBSCRIPTION.

Miss P. Holmes introduced the question of increasing the membership subscription from 5s. to 7s. 6d. Immediately a discussion ensued on the eligibility of most of those present to vote in view of the Society's rule: 'At any annual meeting no member shall be allowed to vote on matters of finance unless he or she has paid in steeples the sum of 2s. in the previous year.'

Mr. Matthews argued that it was not a matter of voting money out of the Society, but into the Society. This view was eventually accepted and all members present were allowed to vote.

The resolution to increase the subscription was moved by Miss Pat Holmes and seconded by Mr. Frank G. W. Knight. The resolution had only 14 supporters and was heavily defeated.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Mr. George Cross was re-elected Master, and, in returning thanks, said he was afraid he would not be able to do much for a while, but with their help they would get through the year.

Mr. G. W. Steere announced that he was unable to continue as secretary, in view of pressure of work. He was prepared to continue as hon. treasurer and to stand behind the new secretary.

Mr. Frank Hawthorne voiced the appreciation of the Society to Mr. Steere for his past services and proposed the election of Mr. Peter Bond. This was seconded by Mr. T. Bevan and carried unanimously. Mr. Steere was then elected hon. treasurer.

Other officers elected were Mr. C. J. Matthews and Mr. Paul Winterton, trustees; Mr. Tom Bevan, senior steward; Mr. Frank Hawthorne, junior steward; Mr. Tom Francis and Mrs. Deal, auditors.

ANNUAL DINNER.

Mr. Steere reported that on the last dinner there was a deficit of £1 4s. 6d.

Mrs. Davis proposed that an annual dinner be held on the second Saturday in October at the Old Bell, Holborn. This was agreed to and the dinner committee was reappointed.

Mr. Geoffrey Carter's opinion that the paid artistes be dispensed with and that the company rely for their entertainment on their own talent was accepted.

Meetings for the coming year and suggested dates were: Luton, April 29th; Westerham, July 22nd, Burnham or Bray, September 23rd. A meeting might also be arranged at Guildford.

Mr. T. Francis announced that he would be unable to attend the Central Council meeting at Eastbourne at Whitsun, and tendered his resignation as a member of the Council. Mr. Frank Hawthorne was elected to fill the vacancy.

Mrs. Davis said she understood that the Society had not a gavel. She had pleasure in presenting one to the Society which was among her late husband's possessions. The Master thanked Mrs. Davis for her gift.

The Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields for his continued interest in the Society. The Vicar had suggested that the windows on three sides of the tower be blocked up to reduce the sound from the bells to neighbouring houses, leaving open those facing Trafalgar Square.

Miss Lidbetter agreed to represent the Society on the following Saturday at Finchley at the dedication of the memorial bell to the late Mr. C. T. Coles.

Previous to the meeting there was ringing at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and the big company present enjoyed the excellent tea arrangements that were made.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AT EASTBOURNE

The Central Council meeting will be held at Eastbourne on Whit Tuesday, May 30th. All members have been advised by post of hotel accommodation. If any member has not received a copy please communicate with the hon. secretary.

The Imperial Hotel is the headquarters. Any ringer who is not a member of the Council, but who wishes to visit Eastbourne at Whitsun, may have a list of holiday accommodation, published by Eastbourne Publicity Department, on application to the hon. secretary, G. W. Fletcher, White House, Caister-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth.

Will secretaries of affiliated societies please note that the affiliation fee is now due.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Dear Sir,—In the current issue of 'The Ringing World' the answer to Question No. 5 of Kewsett's Christmas Quiz—'Which English county town has only a ring of six bells?'—is given as St. Lawrence's, Appleby, Westmorland.

May I point out that Brentford, which is the county town of Middlesex, also has only a ring of six bells, and, oddly enough, the church here too is dedicated to St. Lawrence.—Yours faithfully,

KATHLEEN M. LOCK.

North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts.

[In awarding the prizes, Brentford was taken into consideration as an answer.—Editor.]

Royal Exchange Chimes

NOW ELECTRICALLY OPERATED.

The old hand-wound weight driven chiming mechanism in the tower of the Royal Exchange in the City of London, which has been out of commission since 1939, has now been replaced by electrically operated equipment. The new equipment was officially inaugurated on Jan. 20th by the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Fredk. Rowland.

A more or less normal clock mechanism, with a series of bells which are over 100 years old, is used to chime each hour, half hour and quarter hour. In addition, a motor-driven chime can be used at will to play a series of tunes on the bells, of which there are 13 altogether. This is operated by a cylindrical drum or barrel which turns slowly through gearing from an electric motor of 1/30th h.p. The exact tune played is determined by a number of spikes or projections on the cylinder, very similar to those on the barrel in a musical box or barrel organ.

As the barrel revolves, the projections close electrical contacts causing steel rods to move and hammers to strike the bells in the tower above. Each hammer is at once returned to the striking position by means of a compressed air mechanism. The compressed air is supplied at 45 pounds square inch from a compressor driven by a 2½ h.p. motor. Sufficient projections are provided on a barrel to enable four different tunes to be played, but the repertoire can be extended in a few minutes by changing to another barrel.

In another chamber above is the clock mechanism. This is gravity-driven by means of a falling weight which is wound up at intervals by an electric motor. Associated with the clock mechanism is a number of mercury switches and relays which provide for the compressor starting up to fill an air vessel, before another motor starts which drives the barrel.

The modernisation of the mechanism and the retuning of the bells have been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd. The work is somewhat of an achievement because of the confined space in the tower and the narrow winding staircase leading to it. This necessitated the equipment being built and tested at the works, after which it was dismantled, transported to and carried up the tower, where it had again to be reassembled and tested.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

NEWARK DISTRICT.

About fifty members and friends attended the annual meeting of the Newark District on January 21st. Ringing on the Cathedral bells ranged from rounds to Double Norwich, but the standard of striking was rather low owing to most of those present being unfamiliar with these unusual ringing chamber conditions. The wide spacing of the ropes and the obstruction caused by the 'cage' thoroughly tested the ropesight of the large number of young ringers present.

After tea the Provost apologised for his leaving, and Mr. R. T. Vessey deputised in the chair. At the business meeting which followed the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, Mr. R. T. Vessey; hon. district secretary, Mr. P. N. White; Ringing Master, Mr. A. E. Chilton; committee, Mr. F. Vernon, Mr. H. Closton.

Mr. J. W. Raithby, the retiring district secretary, presented his report, which was approved, there being a net gain of 10 members during the year. He excused his retirement by pointing out that he also had on his hands the general secretaryship, and his burden would be reduced if a separate district secretary was appointed. Twelve new members were elected.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Provost for conducting the service and for the use of the bells, and to Mr. F. Pickard for carrying out the excellent tea arrangements.

Midland Counties Guild

ELECT A NEW PRESIDENT.

The fourth annual meeting of the Guild was held at Repton, when a good muster of ringers and friends attended. This historic town lies in South Derbyshire, situated on rising ground above the Trent, and the church, dedicated to St. Wystan, with its tall slender spire, 210ft. high, is a feature of the Trentside landscape.

Most of the fabric of the church was rebuilt about 1340, but the chancel of the old building was retained. Beneath this is a unique Saxon crypt, which has always been regarded as a remarkable example of ancient Saxon work.

Ringing commenced at 2.30 under the supervision of Mr. B. G. Key (Ringing Master), and touches in various methods were rung before the Rev. J. G. Pope (Vicar of Ticknall), in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar of Repton, conducted a short service, giving an inspiring address from the text, 'There is neither speech nor language, but their voices are heard among them.' Miss Noble (a Repton ringer) was at the organ.

Later in the Court Room the company were entertained by the local ringers to an excellent tea.

The annual business meeting followed, with Mr. W. H. Curson in the chair. One honorary and three ringing members were elected members of the Guild. The yearly report was presented by the secretary (Mr. J. W. Cotton), who stated 10 meetings had been held and 63 peals rung. Noteworthy peals were the officers' peal of Bob Major at Repton on January 1st, the non-residents' 13.024 changes of Bristol Surprise Major at Gilmorton on September 17th, and the peal of Stedman Triples at St. Paul's, Burton, on December 3rd, rung by members of St. Paul's Society.

The treasurer (Mr. J. H. Brittan) presented the statement of accounts, which showed a deficit of £15 6s. 6d. owing to the purchase of 500 Guild certificates, an item of expenditure which would not recur again for many years.

Election of officers for 1950 was as follows: President, Ven. H. E. FitzHerbert, Archdeacon of Derby; chairman, Mr. W. H. Curson; Ringing Master, Mr. S. H. Jones; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittan; secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton; auditor, Mr. T. Pryce; committee, Miss R. Hemmings, Messrs. E. W. Beadsmoore, W. F. Woodward and W. G. Soar.

It was agreed to alter three of the meeting dates on the rota system in order to avoid overlapping with the Derbyshire Association.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks, in particular to the Rev. J. G. Pope and the local ringers for their kindness and generosity.

On returning to the tower, Mr. B. G. Key (Ringing Master) ably catered for all tastes of ringing that brought out the beauty of this very fine octave.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

A quarterly meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Mold on January 14th, attended by members from Rhyl, Buckley, Hawarden, Wrexham, Gresford, Holt and the local ringers.

The service was conducted by the Rev. W. J. Thomas, who gave the members a cordial welcome to Mold, and wished them good luck and a good meeting, and said how much their services were appreciated.

At the business meeting which followed, and presided over by Mr. S. Birks, mention was made of the serious illness of Mr. J. Randles, Gresford, and the secretary was asked to convey to him the sympathy of the members and wish him a speedy recovery.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Holt on April 15th, subject to permission being obtained.

The business concluded with the usual votes of thanks.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Kent Minor.

A Century-Maker of 1949



MR. ALFRED BALLARD,

Ringing Master of the Hinckley District and a representative of the Diocesan Guild on the Central Council, who rang 118 peals in 1949. He never missed a meeting of his district during the year.

GLOUCESTER RINGERS' DINNER:

On January 14th, after a lapse of several years, the Gloucester Branch met at the Saracens Head Hotel, Gloucester, for their annual dinner. Under the chairmanship of the Rev. de Lacy Mann, of Brockworth, who himself is a ringer, 36 ringers, including visitors from Wotton-under-Edge and Cheltenham, with their friends, sat down in anticipation of a good evening.

An excellent dinner put the whole party in the right spirit to let themselves go, and between the various toasts entertainment was provided by three friends on the piano, dialect and guitar. The party joined in community singing. No such evening would be complete without a touch on the handbells, so a short touch of Grandsire Triples was tapped out by four of the regular band of ringers, but they declined to show their paces in tune playing. It was a very merry party that joined in the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne.' It was unanimously voted a successful event, with the express wish that it was the forerunner of many more. Responsible for the evening's arrangements were Mr. H. Newman, Mr. L. Barry and Mr. C. C. Lerner.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Members of the Chew Deanery Branch attended the dedication of a peal board in All Saints' tower, Long Ashton, on January 14th. The peal board is of solid natural oak with letters in gold leaf recording the peal rung on February 18th, 1949, commemorating the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. Yeo.

After several touches on the bells a service was held, when the board was dedicated by the Vicar of Long Ashton (the Rev. H. W. Knapman). Tea followed in the Church House, when Mr. G. Yeo thanked the donors for providing such a splendid memento of the occasion. The tower was again visited and various methods rung during the evening.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.

There was a large gathering at the annual meeting of the Wellingborough Branch on Jan. 14th. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. M. M. Clarke), who gave a short address, and the branch organist, Mr. E. J. Holloway, was at the organ. The collection, amounting to £2 2s. 1d., was for the Guild Restoration Fund.

Eighty ringers and friends were present at tea. The Rev. J. C. R. Creagh Coen presided at the business meeting. The branch secretary, Mr. A. Bigley (Irthlingborough), reported a balance in hand of £4 16s. 7d.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Mears Ashby, and a summer meeting at Yardley Hastings.

New ringing members elected were: The Rev. J. P. Bryant, Basil Shives, John Manning, Robert Mole, Miss Valerie Maycock, Miss Hilary Leach, Irchester; Miss D. Hacksley and Mr. W. Sidwell (Wellingborough); Mrs. Morris, Brian Rollings, P. W. Craven (Stanwick). Honorary members elected were: The Rev. M. M. Clark (Wellingborough), Mrs. J. King (Wellingborough) and Mrs. A. Bigley (Irthlingborough).

The Rev. J. C. R. Creagh Coen (Vicar of Wollaston) was elected branch president. Other officers were re-elected.

A vote of thanks to all concerned was proposed by Mr. W. G. Callis (Ringing Master).

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET

For the first time this century the custom of ringing out the Old Year and ringing in the New was celebrated in Piddlehinton. For many years—estimates given are 55-70 years—the bells have been silent, but early last summer they were completely restored and augmented to six.

During the last evening of the Old Year the bells were rung open for about an hour, and at 11.30 they sounded out half-muffled. After the hour of midnight had been tolled on the tenor, the New Year was greeted with 20 minutes of open ringing.

With the assistance of a Guild instructor, the ringers taking part were: Miss Dorothy Walden (13), I. Read (14), B. Cheeseman (15), F. C. Davis, T. Jeanes, G. Lord, R. Walden and W. Tatchell, the last named having just recommenced ringing after a lapse of 50 years. With the exception of Messrs. Walden and Tatchell and the instructor, all the ringers have learnt to handle a bell within the last few months, so only rounds and call changes were possible, but all are determined that 1950 shall be honoured at its passing with a '720,' rung by all locals.

If any ringer has a record of the last time these bells were rung, the information would be gratefully received. Also concerning a tablet in the ringing chamber which states that 'On Christmas morning, 1820, a peal was rung in 4 hours 2 minutes.' It hardly seems possible that there was a change ringing band at Piddlehinton at that date, and in any case the time seems very long for a 5,040 with a tenor of about 12½ cwt. E.T.P.F.

DEDICATION

DITTISHAM, DEVON.

The ring of six (tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.) at Dittisham, Devon, has now been rehung with modern fittings in a new cast-iron 'A' type framework by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., of Croydon. Nos. 3, 4 and 5 were found to be badly cracked and have been recast and the whole ring put into absolute tune.

The rededication service was held on Nov. 23rd, and the ceremony performed by the Lord Bishop of Exeter. Many ringers were present and the firm were congratulated on doing a first-class job.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SPEED OF FOUNDRY PEALS

Dear Sir,—Personally, I think it would have been wiser if you had blue pencilled Mr. Andrews' letter in last week's issue. If he had rung with the band he would not have questioned their ability to ring fast and well. These bells are not heard by the outside public and ringers consequently can go at the pace they desire. In a church tower speed must always be secondary to good striking and studying the interest of the general public.

In 1913 it took us 3 hours 41 minutes to ring a peal of Triples at the foundry; in these days, no doubt, if you took 2 hours 30 minutes they would think you had a sleep on the way.

One more record for the Leicester friends to lower, Stedman Triples 'in hand,' 1 hour 44 minutes, December 11th, 1911, with an umpire. —Yours sincerely, A. H. PULLING, Guildford.

FOUR PEALS IN A DAY

Dear Sir,—In your issue of January 6th you stated that four peals in a day have only been rung on two occasions before the latest achievement by the Leicester Guild. My brother, Mr. R. Howard, of 2, Flint Cottages, Church End, Barley, near Royston, Herts, rang four peals in a day. He also took part in the 18,144 Bob Major at Benington, Herts, on June 3rd, 1933, which, I think, is still the longest peal of Bob Major.

The peal of Bob Minor at Christ Church, Mitcham, was not my first peal of Minor. I rang the treble to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Barley, Herts, on August 23rd, 1928.—Yours faithfully, S. HOWARD. Colliers Wood, S.W.19.

SCIENTIFIC TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—I would like to second the letter of Mr. Barnett in the issue of January 20th re peals of Stedman. I have been partial to Surprise peals myself, chiefly because they offer a greater and more complex variety than other classes of methods, but coming back to Stedman is like dropping back to plain beef after a surfeit of rich food, it never palls! Some wonderful performances have been accomplished by bands in the line of Cheshire, Birmingham, Leicester and Lincoln, but there is a bigger job yet to be done which has been waiting accomplishment for 44 years.

And it is only Triples! Seven men to ring the method, and a tenor man. In fact, just the thing for the Ladies' Guild to do and outshine the men, as it only requires a light eight and only a 5,040. Or those cerebral giants, the Universities Association?

I refer to Scientific Triples, by John Carter, published in 'The Bell News' of July 21st, 1906. The band who ring this will, in my opinion, have accomplished the acme of mental effort in bellringing, any branch or numbers. So, my multi-Surprise method friends, here is a challenge for you, something that really requires thorough chewing before you can digest it, if ever! I consider any attempt should have a competent umpire.—Yours sincerely, Bushey, Herts. M. F. R. HIBBERT.

A LEEDS PEAL?

Dear Sir,—I have in my possession Benjamin Thackrah's book on change ringing, printed in 1852.

It contains the list of names as stated below. Is this a peal band, with a peal of Kent recorded at Leeds? After six of the names appear strokes or dashes, probably indicating peals rung.—Yours sincerely, St. Albans. G. W. CARTMEL.

Leeds peal, Kent, 1864: Treble, Richard Gibbs; 2, Abm. Salmon; 3, L. Tomlinson; 4, C. Wood; 5, R. Barnett; 6, C. Hobbs; 7, Wm. Stone; 8, Alfred Burke; 9, Solomon Haigh; tenor, Ernest Mears (25 cwt.).

PEALS AND VISITORS

Dear Sir,—I was reminded, on reading the account of the Irish peal on page 28 of your issue of January 13th, of a similar incident that happened when I was ringing the tenor to a peal of Grandire Doubles some time ago.

On that occasion while we were ringing the church had perforce to remain open and the ringing chamber was on the ground floor, open to the church.

The church in question is a perfect gem and in consequence had many visitors. The summer evening on which we rang the peal was no exception and several persons came in. These persons, quite naturally, began talking in a normal voice. This prompted the conductor of the peal to shout, in a very rude manner, I thought, at them to stop talking.

I don't know what these visitors thought of us and ringers in general, but I do know that they immediately left the church not to return.

In conclusion I would like to ask is the gaining of a peal sufficiently important for persons to be driven from the house of God by people who are supposed to be its servants? I sincerely hope that the ringers of the Irish peal apologised handsomely for the manner in which they treated the local ringers, who were, after all, in their ignorance of peals and peal ringers, only attempting to welcome visitors to their church and refresh them with cake.—Yours faithfully, A. JAMES VINCENT. Tuckingmill, Cornwall.

PEALS AND SERVICE RINGERS

Dear Sir,—May I suggest a way to end the occasional unpleasantness about peal ringing? It is that the incumbent, when asked for permission for an attempt for a peal on his bells, shall ask the applicant for an assurance that all taking part in it are regular Sunday service ringers. This, I think, might discourage 'peal grabbers' and encourage peal ringers.

I am not a peal ringer, but ring for Sunday services, and have no objection to peal ringing as such. Also I consider Grandire, Stedman and the simpler methods, well struck, sound far better than fancy higher methods indifferently rung—I am, yours, etc., 'FAIR DO'S.'

Oxfordshire.

[Probably 98 per cent. of those who ring peals are Sunday service ringers.—Editor.]

A NEW SOMERSET COMPANY

Dear Sir,—The bells of St. Julian's, Wellow, near Bath, have been out of action for 40 years, due to the ravages of the death-watch beetle, and were rung for the first time in June last year. Instruction of the new band began from scratch in early September, and weekly practices take place on Wednesdays (7.30 to 9.15 p.m.); and, in addition, theoretical instruction, backed up by handbell practice, has been held twice a week in the ringers' homes in rotation. Regular ringing for services on Sundays was started late in October, and, of course, is still confined to rounds, Queens and a few call changes.

Emphasis is being placed on the importance of accurate striking, and although we are hesitant of trying to run before we can walk, there is a great determination to get beyond the first stages before the end of the long winter evenings, and this new band is looking forward to being able to join the great fraternity of change ringers.

We have ten regular ringers in the new band, and another beginners' class has been asked for. This is gratifying response in an isolated village of only 260 inhabitants.—Yours faithfully,

D. S. E. ROW, Lieut. (E), R.N., Tower Master.

Wellow, near Bath.

Ringing Instructor and Education Committee

Dear Sir,—Re paragraph on page 41, Jan. 20th, 'In West Norfolk the Education Committee was paying a ringer a guinea a week to teach ringing.'

I have been on the books of the Norfolk Education Committee as an instructor for nearly two years. At present I am teaching a band at Mundford, Norfolk, where there is a ring of six, tenor 6 cwt.

On October 26th, 1949, I commenced a class with 12 pupils of the local youth movement, and after seven lessons they rang rounds without any assistance (two ringing minus stays), and all are now raising, setting and lowering their bell with the confidence of an old ringer. Unaccompanied, they rang for Christmas services, and as we have arrived each week since then the bells have been ringing.

For the benefit of those churches without ringers I understand that if the schoolmaster or the youth warden arranges a class of 12 pupils, the Education Committee will pay an instructor a fee and travelling expenses.—Yours faithfully, ERNEST H. MASTIN. Downham Market.

CONGRATULATIONS, BOURNEMOUTH

Dear Sir,—I would like to be able to congratulate Mr. Daniel T. Matkin, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay and the rest of their band on their very fine peal performances during the year 1949. To Mrs. Marshallsay on being the first lady to ring a hundred peals in one year and to Mr. D. Matkin for the wonderful hospitality one receives at 26, Wellington Road, a special tribute and a vote of thanks are due.

It has been my very great pleasure to take part in several of these handbell peals, and I was very surprised at the exceptionally high standard of ringing which they expect before they will call it a peal. There is not a doubt in my mind that every one of the peals they rang last year was a 'good 'un.' May they carry on this good work. It's very nice to know when in Bournemouth like myself, a 'visitor,' you will always be made welcome, and if you want to ring in a handbell peal they will always ask you what you would like to ring. Wishing them every success for year 1950, I remain, Yours sincerely, W. ROGERS. Rotherfield, Sussex.

QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS

Dear Sir,—At a recent annual meeting of the diocesan guild branch of which I am a member, the question of qualification for admission as a ringing member was raised and discussed at some length.

At this meeting it was finally resolved that new members be admitted to the branch only on condition that they could handle a bell, whereas it had been contended that new members should be admitted if they satisfied the tower captain as to their ability to ring, say, 120 changes of Grandire Doubles on the treble bell. It was pointed out at this meeting that were all the branch members liable to this elementary qualification, then the finances of the guild would be sadly depleted, and this is undoubtedly true, for in the West Country quite a good deal of 'stone' or 'call-change' ringing is practised.

I am of opinion that it is very necessary to maintain a good standard of scientific change ringing throughout the country, and can think of no reason why each recruit should not serve a probationary period, during which he or she should 'qualify' in some sort of manner as outlined above. The time taken to become proficient as a change ringer on the treble bell in one of the basic methods is not lengthy, and surely it is preferable to have quality rather than quantity at the outset. Perhaps other readers of our 'Ringing World' have ideas on this controversial subject.—Yours sincerely, Swanage, Dorset. H. R. PINK.

Winchester and Portsmouth

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

The annual district meeting was held at Alverstoke on January 21st, when over 40 people attended, including Mr. George Pullinger (Master of the Guild), Mr. N. Andrews (Andover District), Mr. C. H. Kippin and Miss N. Leahy (Southampton District), and Mrs. Guy (secretary, Isle of Wight District).

The service was conducted by the Rector (Canon Windsor-Roberts), after which tea was served at St. Faith's Institute.

The district chairman (Mr. W. Linter) presided at the business meeting. The secretary's report contained an appeal to the members for early payment of annual subscriptions, and also to send names for tea by the date on meeting cards.

All retiring officers were re-elected, details being: Chairman, Mr. W. Linter; secretary, Mr. John H. Hunt; auditor, Mr. F. W. Burnett; representatives on Central Committee, Mr. L. P. Cook and Mr. Tom Page.

Ratifications were approved of four new compounding members (Mr. R. Crook, of Yattenden, and Miss Pamela Collis, Mr. Herbert Colcombe, Mr. James A. Brent, all of Hershaw, Surrey).

The secretary's three-year rota, whereby all towers in the district would get a visit during the period, the country places in the summer and the towns in the winter, was adopted unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the Rector, Mr. Nobes, the lady helper and to the district secretary for his year's work was moved by the chairman.

The types of ringing during the day ranged from rounds to Spiced Surprise Major in four and six methods.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

HUNTS DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Hunts District of Ely Diocesan Association was held at Huntingdon on January 14th. Both St. Mary's and All Saints' bells were used during the afternoon and evening. The ringers' service was conducted by the Rev. A. Morris at St. Mary's Church.

At the business meeting the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley, Rector of All Saints', acted as chairman. The secretary reported that 15 meetings had been held during 1949 and 22 peals were rung by the district.

Officers elected for 1950 were: Mr. S. Gilbert, re-elected secretary; Mr. F. Warrington, re-elected Ringing Master; committee, Messrs. F. W. Lack, F. Newman, F. Baker, Miss C. Dunnington, T. Austin, H. Fields, S. Peck, C. Young, W. Ransome; diocesan representatives, F. Warrington and F. W. Lack.

Tea was kindly arranged by Mr. H. Peacock, of Huntingdon, and was served by local ladies.

Mr. Lack proposed a vote of thanks to the two incumbents (who always made the ringers so welcome to Huntingdon) for allowing the use of the bells, to the organist and to Mr. Peacock and the ladies who worked so hard to prepare the tea.

WISBECH BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Wisbech Branch was held at Wisbech on January 14th. Members and friends attended from Tilney, Shouldham, Downham, Hileav, Terrington St. John, Leverington, Tydd, Walpole, Elm, Long Sutton, King's Lynn and Walsoken.

Officers elected for 1950 were: President, Archdeacon Evans; secretary, J. E. Fox; Ringing Master, C. Cousins; Deputy Ringing Master, E. H. Mastin.

Methods rung during afternoon and evening ranged from Bob Major to Stedman Caters.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. G. Dobbie 1, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 2, S. V. Ravfield (first in method) 3, W. A. Wood 4, G. E. Eastman 5, G. Kenward 6, S. B. Dobbie 7, G. Wood 8.

Guildford Diocesan Guild

FARNHAM DISTRICT.

Twenty-five new members were gained by the Farnham District during the past year. This satisfactory progress was reported at the annual meeting on January 21st, presided over by Mr. A. J. Stedman. The company of 55 stood in memory of Mr. A. J. Chuter (Frensham) and Mr. R. Hayes (Haslemere).

Mr. C. W. Denyer (Ringing Master) reported that Frensham bells were in a bad state, and he understood that a donation of £50 had been received towards opening a fund for their overhaul. Messrs. Taylor's had removed Ash bells for their recasting and rehanging in a new frame.

Mr. G. S. Joyce (secretary), in his report, stated that the average attendance at meetings was 58 from 18 towers. There was a balance in hand of £11 18s. 8d.

Officers elected were Mr. C. W. Denyer (Ringing Master), Mr. G. S. Joyce (hon. secretary and treasurer), Mr. P. Eldridge (hon. auditor), and Mr. F. J. Bragg (committee representative). New ringing members elected were E. Quick, E. Smith and Miss C. Islers (Aldershot), C. Hall (Bentley), J. White and Miss A. Butler (Frensham), J. Farquharson and N. Tovey (Worplesdon).

Meetings were arranged for Crondall, Grayshott, Pirbright, Worplesdon, Frensham, Ash and Aldershot.

The Rev. K. C. Davis voiced the thanks of the Hawley company to Mr. C. S. Joyce for help given during the year, and the chairman thanked the officers for their work. Thanks were also expressed to the Rector (the Rev. G. N. Selby-Lowndes), who conducted the service, and to Mr. C. Wells for his help as steeplekeeper and in the tea arrangements.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

Chief business at the quarterly meeting of the Guild, held at Chilvers Coton on January 14th, which was attended by 60 members and presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby), was the discussion on designs for a Guild badge.

These had been prepared by Mr. W. B. Ellender (Stoke, Coventry, band), and one was approved. An order was placed for two gross. The badge would be in enamel and chromium, and the estimated cost was 3s. each.

A design for a new Guild certificate, also prepared by Mr. Ellender, did not appeal to the majority of members, who preferred one on similar lines to that formerly used by the old Warwickshire Guild, which incorporated photographs of important churches in the diocese.

Mr. F. E. Pervin, a former Master of the Guild, on behalf of all the members, wished Godspeed to Mr. T. W. Sheppard, of Coventry, who would be leaving England for America for a period of two years on a science scholarship. Mr. Sheppard responded, saying that he hoped to find Guild affairs in an even more flourishing position than at present upon his return from Lafayette, Indiana, U.S.A.

A social followed the business meeting, about 200 attending, an enjoyable time being spent in whist, games and dancing.

NAVAL WEDDING AT DEBENHAM

On January 21st, the wedding took place of Lieut. Cyril Arthur Caudle, of Cambridge, and Miss Lilian Maud Rumsey, of Debenham, only daughter of the late William C. Rumsey and Mrs. Rumsey. Prior to entering nursing the bride was organist at St. Mary's, Debenham, and learned to pull a bell.

A guard of honour of naval officers attended, and the bride and bridegroom on leaving the church passed under an archway of crossed swords. The bells were rung and fired by the Helmingham service band. Afterwards 448 Kent Treble Bob was rung.

OBITUARY

MR. J. S. WILDE.

News has reached us this week of the passing of Mr. James S. Wilde, of Dunedin, New Zealand, on November 10th, aged 87.

A prominent ringer in Cheshire before he went to New Zealand some 57 years ago, Mr. Wilde maintained his love of ringing and was for many years a subscriber to 'The Ringing World.'

To his great regret there was not a ring of bells at Dunedin, so he secured a fine set of handbells and trained a band to ring them. Some 17 years ago a peal of Plain Bob Major was rung by J. Wilde, sen., C. Wilde, J. Whipp and J. Grimes. It was accomplished after 24 years of practice and was the first peal 'in hand' to be rung in New Zealand. A peal of Minor 'in hand' was also rung, consisting of 720's of Plain Bob, Court and Double Court, Double Oxford, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and a Surprise method.

MR. H. W. ELSE.

On January 14th, Mr. H. W. Else, of Hitchin, died after a recurrence of the illness that was the cause of his stay in hospital nearly 12 months ago. He made a good recovery from this and was again able to visit the tower and ring short touches.

He was one of the oldest ringers at St. Mary's, Hitchin, being elected a member of the local band in 1916. Mr. Else was a regular service ringer and was steeplekeeper for several years. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

A quarter peal, half-muffled, was rung for evening service on January 15th, and the bells were rung fully muffled, with the tenor half-muffled, for the funeral service.

SONS WHO CONDUCTED FATHER'S FIRST PEAL

Mr. Percy Webb, of Ickleton, Cambs, writes that he conducted his father's first peal in 1900 at Ickleton. It was the first peal on the bells and first by all except the conductor.

Mr. R. J. Hicks, of Marhamchurch, Cornwall, writes that 'my son, A. J. Hicks, conducted my first peal (Grandsire Doubles) on August 12th, 1947, being then 15½ years old. He has now just started his National Service and is at present in the R.A.F. at West Kirby, Cheshire.'

Mr. Ernest J. Ladd, of Tunbridge Wells, states: 'I had the privilege of conducting my father's first and only peal when he was 70 years of age. The peal was rung in honour of the Silver Jubilee of H.M. King George V. on May 5th, 1935. Although now 85, my father still rings for Sunday services at East Grinstead, Sussex, and is able to attend meetings in the district.'

Mr. R. J. Black, of Geddington, Kettering, writes: 'On June 11th, 1947, at Weedon Bec, Northants, Mr. J. H. Webb, at the age of 15, conducted his first peal. This was also the first peal by his father (Mr. G. H. Webb).'

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD

A pleasing feature of the annual meeting at St. Lawrence's, Hawkhurst, on January 21st, was the number of beginners who were catered for by rounds and call changes. A band of ladies also performed.

Officers elected at the business meeting were Mr. W. Gorringe, chairman and Ringing Master; Mr. G. Billenness, vice-chairman; Miss H. Gorringe, hon. secretary; Mr. W. Gorringe, hon. treasurer. Vacancies on the committee were filled by the appointment of Miss F. Wood and Mr. C. A. Levett.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 8th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Miss K. Robinson 1, C. Skinner 2, Miss J. Gumbrell (first quarter) 3, C. Hone 4, B. Farhall (cond.) 5, J. Robinson 6.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (3) Double Court, (4) Double Oxford, (5) Oxford Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob.
 Tenor 9½ cwt.

ARTHUR GIBBS Treble	GEORGE E. WATSON ... 4
*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... 2	†HARRY WOODING ... 5
MRS. G. E. WATSON ... 3	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

* First peal in eight Minor methods.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 40 six-scores, ten callings, and one Lindoff's 240. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MARGARET JENKINS ... Treble	FRANK E. SANDFORD ... 4
*BERT PRICE ... 2	LESLIE EVANS ... 5
WILFRED NORGROVE ... 3	WILLIAM A. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

* First peal. A compliment to James T. Randle on completing 40 years as a ringer at the above church.

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Donard, Bloomfield,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDK. G. BURROWS ... Treble	HAROLD J. MCGRATH ... 4
*JAMES RUSH ... 2	A. ERNEST MCGRATH ... 5
WILLIAM PATTERSON ... 3	SAM MCCLELLAND ... Tenor

Conducted by A. ERNEST MCGRATH.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. First peal on the bells, which were hung by John Taylor and Co. and dedicated on November 26th, 1949.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

E. BRIGHT Treble	J. ELLIOTT 4
J. PAPWORTH ... 2	C. BURTON ... 5
*MISS W. M. ELLIOTT ... 3	*A. R. ELLIOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by J. ELLIOTT.

* First peal. First lady to ring a peal on these bells.

MARTINSTOWN, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

*WALTER G. TREVEIT ... Treble	JOSEPH H. HAYNE ... 4
FREDERICK PRECEY ... 2	HARRY J. FORD ... 5
MRS. M. M. GODLEY ... 3	RICHARD H. DUKE ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK PRECEY.

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

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

JACK BAILEY Treble	†HAROLD TAYLOR ... 4
*FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 2	†PHILIP WHITTAKER ... 5
†JOHN F. WILKINSON ... 3	*DENIS R. CARLISLE ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* 25th peal together. † First peal in seven methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, 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.
 JAMES E. DANIELS ... 1-2 | WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 5-6
 DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4 | MICHAEL J. E. BEST (16) ... 7-8

Conducted by MICHAEL J. E. BEST.

First peal as conductor.

HAMPSTEAD, LONDON.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At 18, WESTBERE ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor size 8 in C.

*RENATE BUCHTHAL ... 1-2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3-4
RODNEY B. MEADOWS ... 5-6	

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

At 19, FALCON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor size 17 in A.

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 of Minor 'in hand' by all the band and for the Wirral Branch.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

No. 32. Tenor size 17 in A.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 1-2	WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4	JAMES E. DANIELS ... 7-8

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

WEST DIDSLEY, MANCHESTER.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 11, 1950, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,

In the Belfry of Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-one 240's (4 of Pitman's and 17 of Morris's).

ERIC NIXON ... 1-2	RONALD AIREY ... 3-4
*NEVILLE HAILE ... 5-6	

Conducted by RONALD AIREY.

* First peal 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 12, 1950, in 1 Hour and 34 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three methods, comprising two extents each of St. Clement's and Double Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2	MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6	

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 12, 1950, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

At 24, DURLER AVENUE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 7920 CHANGES;

Being eleven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

JOHN B. LONG ... 1-2	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS ... 3-4
CHRIS. G. WOODHEAD ... 5-6	

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER G. WOODHEAD.

Witness: RICHARD STEPHENS.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4	JAMES E. DANIELS ... 7-8

Michael J. E. Best ... 9-10
 Composed by JOSEPH PIGOTT. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,320 Surprise Minor, being 240

each of York, Durham, Norwich, Cambridge and 360 of London: Wm. Smith 1, J. Pilgrim 2, E. Peck 3, C. F. Bailey (cond.) 4, P. S. Bedford 5, N. R. Bailey 6. A 70th birthday compliment to C. F. Bailey.

ALMONDSBURY, BRISTOL.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Atwell 1, W. Smith 2, C. Harding 3, H. Robbins 4, D. Gardner 5, J. Turner (first quarter 'inside') 6, V. Wills (cond.) 7, W. Cook 8.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—On Jan. 8th, at St. Michael's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Stringfellow 1, J. Carter (cond.) 2, Miss Joan Carter 3, L. Hill 4, N. Ledger 5, C. Ormrod (first quarter) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Stringfellow on the birth of a son.

BERRICK SALOME, OXON.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Wells 1, W. Absolom 2, F. Absolom (cond.) 3, J. Godman 4, T. Selwood 5, J. Cherril 6. Rung half-muffled after the interment of Mr. Wells, wife of Mr. E. Wells, an old ringer of this parish.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Turner 1, B. J. Saddington 2, Mrs. G. E. Watson 3, C. W. Bird 4, P. I. Chapman 5, G. E. Watson 6, T. Garley 7, B. S. Cope (first as cond.) 8. A farewell to the conductor, who is joining the R.A.F.

CHATHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. A. Jarrett 1, C. C. Bishop 2, Miss G. K. Jarrett 3, C. S. Jarrett (first as cond.) 4, T. Beaumont 5, F. J. Cheal 6, C. E. Norris 7, T. A. Cross 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Wiltshire 1, R. Perry 2, F. Lambeth 3, G. Eyles 4, H. Heath 5, H. Marsh 6, T. Davison (first as cond.) 7, D. Comley 8. First in method by 2, 4, 5 and 8. A compliment to S. Wiltshire, 50 years tower captain.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): G. Herd (first quarter) 1, R. Purchase 2, J. Brooks 3, R. Posnett 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5, H. J. Croyley 6.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Jan. 14th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. H. Winch 1, G. Peters 2, J. Hill 3, G. Marriner 4, A. H. Smith 5, C. W. Munday 6, E. Coward 7, A. Harman (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge for 2, 3 and 6.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Ford (first quarter) 1, M. Limmer (first of Doubles) 2, Miss R. Lund 3, W. Henley 4, Miss R. Tabraham (cond.) 5, B. J. Matthews 6. A birthday compliment to Miss R. Ford and D. H. Pearce, on service, Far East.

FARNWORTH, LANCs.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Rushton (first quarter, age 14) 1, Miss A. Potter 2, J. Boyer 3, J. Thomley (first 'inside') 4, R. Collier (cond.) 5, T. Alfred 6, T. Bratley 7, H. Prescott 8. In memoriam M. J. Lawton, many years apparitor at All Saints', Farnworth.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Jemmett 1, H. Manual 2, C. Fades (first quarter) 3, Miss E. Wyles 4, F. Pack 5, W. Palin (cond.) 6, E. Eades 7, D. Fades 8.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Cooke (first quarter) 1, E. Pimlott 2, Miss F. Laffin 3, A. Hibbert 4, B. J. Ongley (cond.) 5, D. B. Ongley 6. First in method by 3 and 4. A birthday compliment to 1 and 5.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Woodall 1, Miss W. Pretty 2, L. Clissett 3, J. H. Cox (cond.) 4, H. Shilvock 4, T. Greenhall 6, D. Morton (first quarter 'inside') 7, T. Cockin (first quarter) 8. In memoriam Mrs. G. Cockin.

HAWORTH, YORKS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: J. I. Robertshaw 1, B. T. Phalp 2, A. Rushworth 3, G. Shackleton 4, L. Helliwell 5, A. Bairdow (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band.

QUARTER PEALS

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. D. Beedie 1, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 2, Miss E. K. Fulton 3, G. R. Goodship 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. D. Butler 6, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 7, C. C. Mayne 8. For the wedding of the daughter of the ringer of the 4th.

HELMON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,440 York Surprise Minor: C. Hinton 1, G. Burton 2, W. J. Chester 3, M. Saunders 4, E. Lines 5, W. Yates (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band.

HERTFORD, HERTS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Agar (first quarter) 1, J. Kemp (first quarter) 2, V. Neale (cond.) 3, A. Wright 4, G. J. H. Ditton 5, E. Edmondson 6. First in the method by all the band.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Jan. 8th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. D. Prockson 1, R. F. H. Harman (first in method) 2, E. F. Pryor 3, Miss J. M. Brown 4, R. Newman 5, W. A. Theobald (first in method as cond.) 6, D. F. Harman 7, F. L. Harris 8.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 8th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. Ellenger 1, E. Grimes 2, D. Crapnell 3, Janet Mattinson 4, J. Munnings 5, E. Pye 6, C. Woodard 7, E. Blomfield (cond.) 8. First of Yorkshire by 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8.

KILBURN, LONDON.—On Jan. 8th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: R. H. Gilbert 1, Dorothy Watts 2, E. Lankester 3, Maud Lane 4, D. C. Birkinshaw 5, Audrey Barker 6, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 7, R. B. Meadows 8. First in the method 2 and 8.

MORTON, DERBYS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: K. Greaves 1, F. Lindley (first quarter) 2, E. G. Holdgate 3, H. Franklin 4, R. M. E. Richards 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6.

NETTLEHAM, LINCs.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. H. Jeffery 1, A. G. Cotten (first quarter) 2, W. S. Hill 3, F. W. Stokes (cond.) 4, N. Jubb 5, E. Needham 6. A welcome home to E. Needham from the Forces.

OVERSEAL, DERBYS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Cotton 1, H. Carter 2, J. W. Cotton 3, Mrs. J. Quimby 4, W. H. Curson 5, J. Quimby 6, P. W. Grice 7, H. C. Adams 8.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 10th, 1,440 Bob Minor: E. Connock 1, A. Jones (first quarter) 2, J. Holbrook 3, H. Griffin 4, F. Carter 5, D. Hoare (cond.) 6. A 76th birthday compliment to Mr. T. Griffin, tower captain.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. W. Steel 1, A. G. Wood 2, P. Massam 3, A. W. Strangeway 4, T. W. Strangeway (cond.) 5, A. E. Marsh 6, E. Spencer 7, H. Homer 8. First in method by 4 and 7.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hunt 1, M. Messenger 2, Miss J. Burrows 3, T. J. Southam (cond.) 4, E. H. Durrant 5, W. Scott (first quarter) 6. To mark the diamond jubilee of the installation of bells.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Muriel Griffiths 1, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 2, E. T. Lloyd 3, T. Abbotts 4, A. Morris 5, T. H. Bartlett 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Smith (first quarter, age 12) 1, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 2, Miss M. Skinner (first 'inside') 3, F. Wilton 4, B. Bladen 5, W. W. Daniell 6.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Gooch 1, S. G. Elsey 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, Miss C. A. Harding 4, J. Paul 5, T. Stagg 6, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 7, E. Barker 8. First in method 1 and 3.

THORNABY-ON-TEES, YORKS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Addison 1, H. A. Ward 2, E. Sinclair 3, Mrs. L. Warrior 4, G. Worthy 5, K. Arthur (cond.) 6, P. W. B. Semmens 7, T. Banks 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Sir Guy Wrightson, son of the donor of the bells in 1899.

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MEETINGS

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 4th, 8 Mary's, Holloway Road, 2.30 to 3.30; 8 Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, 3 to 4.30; Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5. Evensong, Cathedral, 5. Tea, business and handbell competition, 5.45. Further ringing Cathedral. Names early please. Practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth, Monday, Feb. 6th, 7.15 p.m.—Rogers, 14, T. Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual district meeting Chertsey, Feb. 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Church Room, 5.—F. Hawthorn.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—District annual, Watford (10), Saturday, Feb. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Launceston, (6), Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Bicester (8) available 6 p.m. Preacher, the Right Rev. Bishop H. Buxton.—C. H. Kinch.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Haverhill District.—Buckden, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.V.V. Branch.—Longcot, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30.—R. F. J. Gilling, Farnham, Faringdon.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Crawley, Saturday, Feb. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to G. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILDS.—I.W. District.—Annual meeting, Bournemouth, Feb. 4th. Bells from 2.30.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Annual meeting, Feb. 4th, St. Peter's, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Garrick Hotel.—J. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bay Road, Hereford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The first practice meeting of the year is to be held at Wareham on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Ringing from 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the Rainbow Cafe.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec. 6501

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, W.C., on Monday, Feb. 6th, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 6506

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, Willersborough, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 8th, please, to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 6485

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Peasemore (6), Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. M. Rosier, Peasemore, Newbury, by Feb. 8th. 6487

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—East Farleigh (6), Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, near Maidstone. 6496

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Annual district meeting at Elveden, Feb. 11th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. S. Atkins, The Dell, Elveden, by Wednesday, Feb. 8th.—Miss D. M. Reeve, District Sec. 6493

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Malmesbury (5), Feb. 11th. For tea advise H. Blanchard, Braemore, Filands, Malmesbury, Wilts. — W. B. Kynaston. 6500

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Thomas', Moorside, on Feb. 11th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—V. Wilson Sykes, Hon. Sec. 6514

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Denver, Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Own food.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6516

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at St. George's Church, Millom, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ullock, 23, Wellington Street, Millom, Cumberland.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 6522

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual meeting, Southover, Lewes (10), Saturday, Feb. 11th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea to reach me by Tuesday, Feb. 7th.—B. W. White, 14, Southview, Henfield. 6502

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Annual meeting at Retford, Saturday, Feb. 11th. East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) from 2.30. Service at East Retford 4.30. Tea at White Hart Hotel 5 p.m. Please notify Miss Joan Greasby, 63, Hallcroft Road, Retford, by Feb. 7th.—H. Denman. 6508

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Supper and social, Angel Hotel, Feb. 11th, 6.30 p.m. All welcome. Names to be sent to Mr. W. Ashby, 19, Connaught Street, Northampton, by Feb. 7th.—E. Nobles, Hon. Sec. 6450

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Kirkburton, near Huddersfield, Feb. 11th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea must reach Mr. R. E. Carter, George Street, Kirkburton, not later than Feb. 8th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 6520

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Next meeting at Emmanuel Church, West Derby Road, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells 3, Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by meeting. Names for tea to E. Radcliffe, 8, Radnor Place, Tuebrook, Liverpool 6.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 6521

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Sacred Heart, Blackpool, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (8) 4 to 6 p.m.—J. H. Foster. 6519

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 6518

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual meeting, Alton, Feb. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Warsash. 6513

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bilsborrow on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30. Cups of tea at 5. Meeting after tea. Members and non-members are cordially invited. Garstang, Morecambe or Lancaster buses frequent from Preston.—L. Walmsley, Branch Sec. 6512

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Laurence's, Reading, Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea (1s. 6d.) by Feb. 9th.—T. N. Lanaghan, 31, Blenheim Road, Reading. 6511

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Leigh (6), Feb. 11th. Bells 3. Tea 4.45 at Bat and Ball. Service 6. Names by Feb. 9th to B. Pankhurst, Chestnuts, Leigh, Tonbridge.—C. A. Bassett. 6510

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Farr, Cemetery Lodge, Pinchbeck Road, Spalding, by Feb. 4th. 6507

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Newton St. Cyres, Feb. 11th. Usual arrangements.—E. J. Ryall, Hon. Sec. 6528

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Stone, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) 3. Tea 4.30. Service 5. Notify for tea by Feb. 7th to Miss Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall, Glos. 6525

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Lubenham, Feb. 11th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. School. Names tea by Feb. 7th.—L. W. Allen, Great Glenn. 6527

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting, Leatherhead, Feb. 18th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting the Institute. Numbers for tea to George Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by Feb. 15th. 6509

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at All Hallows', Bruce Castle, Tottenham, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. and tea to follow. Ringing at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill (approach by bus or trolley bus from Manor House to St. Ann's Road Station), 2.30 to 4 p.m.—T. J. Lock, District Sec. 6504

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Llantrisant (8), Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business to follow.—J. Hannington. 6515

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Feb. 18th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, from 5 o'clock. The payment of 2s. 6d. to enable members who have not attended the requisite number of meetings to vote on financial matters must be paid by Feb. 28th (Rule 12).—A. B. Peck. 6526

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Winchcombe, Feb. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea booked at cafe only if notified before 13th. Bus times from Cheltenham on request.—Charles Rouse, 52, St. George's Drive, Cheltenham. 6482

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice. The annual general committee meeting will be held (D.V.) at Oxford on Saturday, March 11th, at 3 p.m.—W. Hibbert, General Sec. 6474

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Barton-under-Needwood, Saturday, March 11th.—C. H. Barker. 6499

BURFORD, OXFORD.—Preliminary notice. Dedication of restored ring of eight by Lord Bishop of Dorchester, Saturday, March 25th. Service, tea and evening ringing. Times later.—B. S. Nichols, c/o 85, The Avenue, Kennington, Oxford. 6503

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice. Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Taunton. A Wrington lunch will be provided. Please get your names in early.—J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath. 6497

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION PEAK DISTRICT.

About 30 members and friends attended the annual meeting of the Peak District at Bakewell on January 21st.

At the business meeting in the belfry after tea, Mr. G. H. Paulson, district chairman, gave a review of the year's activities. He was re-elected, as was the hon. secretary (Miss J. Dunn, Darley Dale). Mr. W. Smith (Buxton) was elected vice-chairman, and Mr. E. Hopkinson (Ashover) and Mr. J. Sykes (Dore) to the general committee.

Mr. A. Rooke, of Darley Dale, an old ringer, interested the meeting with lively remarks and encouragements to members to maintain Sunday service ringing. He recalled ringing for Queen Victoria's Jubilee in 1887.

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A VINTAGE YEAR

LAST October in one of our national dailies there appeared an article headed: 'There really is a boom in bells.' The view was there advanced by one spokesman that the young men in towns as well as the country were getting a bit tired of the pictures and turning to bellringing as a new hobby with plenty of interest and physical effort.

Relatively few young people have forsaken the silver screen for pictures, but this we know, that 1949 was a year of great progress, and that where keen bands exist there has been a steady flow of young people into the ranks of ringers.

It is, however, in the realm of achievement that the Exercise has had an unprecedented 12 months. Never before have so many peals been rung, and the total of 2,895 has never been surpassed in the history of change ringing. The monthly totals for the past three years are a striking commentary on the progress:—

	1949	1948	1947
January	242	207	140
February	234	193	101
March	199	188	138
April	232	253	180
May	214	234	201
June	209	177	161
July	199	184	137
August	249	231	170
September	238	177	167
October	270	236	184
November	251	334	349
December	368	225	246
Totals	2,905	2,639	2,174
Tower bells	2,527	2,365	1,953
Handbells	378	274	221

While the amazing performance of Mr. Harold Poole in ringing 143 peals in a year and the enthusiasm of the Bournemouth ringers in bringing round 118 peals 'in hand' accounts for a substantial number of the increase of 256, it cannot be said that peal ringing was confined to a relatively few ringers. A large number of ringers

regard themselves as lucky if they can maintain an average of one peal a month. Very few bands can look back on the year with 100 per cent. success; in fact, it was a striking feature of the peal tours of 1949 that only one company had the satisfaction of securing a maximum success. There is no means of checking peal failures, and we have no desire to compile such a list, but we know of cases of men who have gone well into double figures before securing their first peal of Stedman or a particular Surprise peal.

It is the many factors that have to be taken into account for the scoring of a true peal that add zest and interest to the Exercise. Success in peal ringing is dependent on others besides the individual—the conductor, the rest of the company, the mechanism of the bells and outside interference. While many young ringers feel justly proud of being able to say, 'I rang my first peal at my first attempt,' the many other influences outside the control of the individual lessen the glory of the performance. We know of ringers who, having rung their first peal, have had the mortification of being told the peal was false!

In analysing the record for 1949, tribute must also be paid to the skill and development of the mechanical side of ringing in the work of our bell foundries. There is no comparison between the modern bells of to-day with those of 50 years ago; still less with those of 100 years. It was then a case of 'By sweat of thy brow . . .' We know of ringers who search for bells typical of past generations and glory in their endurance. Ball bearings and other contrivances have added to the pleasure of peal ringing and the popularity of the Exercise.

Another factor of 1949 ringing was that there was no special occasion for national rejoicings. The high November figures of 1947 were on account of the wedding of Princess Elizabeth, and those of 1948 were due to the birth of Prince Charles. The absence of any great occasion makes the peal record of the year more meritorious.

Later we shall have available the records of the different Guilds and Associations. There is no question however, that the place of honour as regards numbers has been secured by the Leicester Diocesan Guild. They and their president will receive the congratulations of the peal ringing fraternity. It will be many years before the ringing of 100 peals in six months by an individual will be surpassed.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... Treble	JOHN PHILLIPS ... 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 2	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 8
THOMAS J. LOCK ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 9
PHILIP A. CORBY ... 4	REUBEN SANDERS ... 10
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 5	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... 11
RICHARD F. DEAL ... 6	TONY PRICE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

*TERENCE A. THORNER Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 7
JILL POOLE ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 8
†DOROTHY M. UDALE ... 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 9
†ANNE B. STOCKDALE ... 4	JOHN R. SMITH ... 10
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 5	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 11
§GEOFFREY DODDS ... 6	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal on 12 tower bells. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal of Surprise and on twelve bells. § First peal of Maximus.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Town Hall,

A PEAL OF PLAIN ROB MAXIMUS, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 42½ cwt.

FREDERICK R. WILLIAMS Treble	FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 8
THOMAS WILSON ... 3	EDWARD IDDON ... 9
DAVID VINCENT ... 4	PETER CROOK, JUN. ... 10
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WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL (St. Matthew's, Walsall) ... Treble	
EDGAR MARLOW (St. Paul's, Wood Green) ... 2	
RICHARD J. WARRILOW (St. Mary's, Stafford) ... 3	
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BARNABAS G. KEY (St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent) ... 11	
†WALTER J. COPE (St. Mary's, Lichfield) ... Tenor	

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* 100th peal. † First peal on twelve bells. The band represents twelve towers from the archdeaconry of Stafford.

TEN BELL PEALS

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	HARRY ANDERTON ... 6
*JAMES SKEATS ... 2	*JOSEPH E. WILSON ... 7
*JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON ... 3	THOMAS WILSON ... 8
*FRANK HEYES ... 4	*LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 9
†ARTHUR SWINDLEHURST ... 5	*ERNEST J. GOWER ... Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by THOMAS WILSON.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal. First peal on the bells since recasting.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*RICHARD HYDE ... Treble	FREDK. H. DALLAWAY ... 6
ALBERT W. BOND ... 2	FRANK BENNETT ... 7
†GEORGE P. ELPHICK ... 3	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 8
*MAURICE THOMAS ... 4	ROBERT E. W. DAWE ... 9
†HERBERT S. JAMES ... 5	HENRY STALHAM ... Tenor

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPPARD. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Caters with 'inside' bell. ‡ First peal. First peal on the bells since being rehung by Mears and Stainbank.

EIGHT BELI PEALS

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr.

*NORMA BICKERDIKE ... Treble	*ALEXANDER E. MARSH ... 5
ALFRED SMITH ... 2	*ROY BETTLEY-COOKE ... 6
*WILLIAM WARD ... 3	*JOHN W. GIBSON ... 7
MOLLY AMBLER ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by ALFRED SMITH.

* First peal of Cambridge.

ASH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

Parker's Twelve-part.	
*PETER NEWING ... Treble	*ALAN BUTLER ... 5
EILEEN S. WYLES ... 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 6
WILFRED S. PALIN ... 3	EDWARD J. WELLS ... 7
*THOMAS H. HOLMES ... 4	E. THOMAS FLENDER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. The conductor's 25th peal for the Association and 25th tower in Kent.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Augustine.

A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Comprising 1,856 Superlative, 1,440 Cambridge, 992 London and 768 of Bristol, with 111 changes of methods. Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN BASS ... Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE ... 5
THOMAS HEMMING ... 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 3	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.



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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

J. W. Washbrook's Six-part.

Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

*HENRY L. BISHOP ... Treble	*ROBERT B. BLOND ... 5
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 6
NOEL J. DISERENS ... 3	*BERTRAM L. J. BROWN ... 7
*JAMES GORDON ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal in the method.

ILKLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5182 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr.

*WILLIAM DIXON ... Treble	*HARRY WILDE ... 5
*HARRY DAVISON ... 2	*VERNON BOTTOMLEY ... 6
EDWARD JENKINS ... 3	*FRED HODGSON ... 7
*ERNEST B. BETTS ... 4	ALFRED SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal of Pudsey. First peal of Pudsey on the bells.

LYMM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR 5058 CHANCES;

Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

ALEXANDER J. WEBSTER Treble	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 5
CYRIL VALENTINE ... 2	JOHN E. BIBBY ... 6
WALTER ALLMAN ... 3	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 7
*FRANK VARTY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

* First touch of Rochester. First peal in the method on the bells.

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

DENIS R. CARLISLE ... Treble	WILFRED H. BUXTON ... 5
*JOHN F. WILKINSON ... 2	FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 6
R. ALLEN HICKTON ... 3	HAROLD TAYLOR ... 7
WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 4	WILLIAM A. PARSONS ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by W. A. PARSONS.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

J. Washbrook's.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

HELEN GORRINGE ... Treble	*LESLIE W. JARVIS ... 5
WILLIAM GORRINGE ... 2	*WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 6
ARTHUR J. LEWRY ... 3	FRANK H. HICKS ... 7
FREDK. J. LAMBERT ... 4	*LAWRENCE T. POPE ... Tenor

Conducted by LAWRENCE T. POPE.

* 50th peal together. † First peal 'inside' in the method. ‡ Peal in the method.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 6½ cwt. in B flat.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... Treble	*JOHN SCOTT ... 5
EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 2	*GEORGE BAILEY ... 6
JAMES F. HARVEY ... 3	*THOMAS ABBOTTS ... 7
LEONARD TUFFREY ... 4	VINCENT A. HEMMING ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by VINCENT A. HEMMING.

* First peal of Major other than on treble. † First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

BARBARA M. HARRIS ... Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 5
PEGGY G. KITCHEN ... 2	GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 6
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 7
HERBERT J. ELDRED ... 4	HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by HERBERT G. ANDREWS.

First peal as conductor.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.

*K. MARY COWLEY (15) Treble	GEORGE W. HOLLAND ... 5
WILLIAM YATES ... 2	GEORGE F. BURTON ... 6
THOMAS E. ROBERTS ... 3	JOHN A. GREEN ... 7
FREDK. C. CASE ... 4	*PETER COWLEY (16) ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. GREEN.

* First peal.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL Treble	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 5
*REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 2	*THOMAS E. SONE ... 6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 3	*ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
ERNEST J. LADD ... 4	† WILLIAM ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by DANIEL WOODS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 75th peal together. † First peal of Major in the method. To celebrate the 61st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. Bishop. Also a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. C. Brasier and a birthday compliment to Miss V. Lambert, sister of 2nd and 7th ringers.

KIRKBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Pritchard's Four-part.

Tenor 9 cwt.

URBAN W. WILDNEY ... Treble	*GORDON CLARKE ... 5
FRED ORRIS ... 2	EDWARD B. SMITH ... 6
WILLIAM A. ROUSE ... 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY ... 7
WALTER A. SOUTHGATE ... 4	RONALD G. BUGG ... Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BUGG.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. For the 10th anniversary of Rev. J. W. Thomas as Vicar of the parish.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., Jan. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

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

*JOHN SCOTT ... Treble	*SIDNEY O C. HOLLOWAY ... 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD ... 6
*TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 3	*ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
HENRY H. FEARN ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by G. W. CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method.

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

G. STANLEY BREWIN ... Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 5
PAUL L. TAYLOR ... 2	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 6
DOROTHY M. UDAL ... 3	ALAN JACQUES ... 7
JOHN R. SMITH ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

First peal in the method as conductor. A farewell to the ringer of the 7th on leaving to join H.M. Forces.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Jan. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

*PAUL BIRKETT Treble	HARRY WILDE 5
*SAM LONGBOTTOM 2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY 6
EDWARD JENKINS 3	FRED HODGSON 7
MOLLY AMBLER 4	FRED DUNKERLEY Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDS. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

*First peal of Belgrave. First peal of Belgrave as conductor.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 20, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS ... Treble	MAURICE BENNETT 5
JOHN S. ALLEN 2	CYRIL WANDER 6
MRS. A. RICHARDSON 3	JOHN G. AMES 7
FRANK I. HAIRS 4	STANLEY E. BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by STAN. E. BENNETT.

In memoriam Rupert Richardson.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BANSTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

HARRY J. SMERDON ... Treble	NORMAN HOBDEN 5
JILL R. BRITTAIN 2	ALBERT J. ADAMS 6
DENIS N. LAYTON 3	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... 7
DAVID E. PARSONS 4	HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... Tenor

Composed by D. N. LAYTON. Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.

The first peal to be rung in this method. A birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. Canon F. N. Skene, M.A.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 28½ cwt.

ROGER KEELEY Treble	HENRY G. KEELEY 5
CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL ... 2	†JOSEPH T. BARRETT 6
*ARTHUR J. SCOTT 3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS 7
GEORGE H. WHITEMORE ... 4	*CECIL POOLE Tenor

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

*First peal of Triples. †First peal of Stedman Triples on a working bell.

BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES B. PEMBERTON Treble	ERNEST L. HUMPHRIES ... 5
ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ... 2	†DEREK PARRY 6
ROBERT S. F. P. HARRIS ... 3	JOSEPH GODDARD 7
*H. STEWART BAILEY 4	FRANK T. PARRY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK T. PARRY.

*First peal away from the treble. †First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. Parry on their first wedding anniversary. Also a birthday compliment to Mary Parry and Mrs. D. Parry.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

KEITH T. TAYLOR Treble	HENRY H. FEARN 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 6
JOHN PINFOLD 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 7
FRANK E. HAYNES 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*ALLAN G. CLARKE ... Treble	IVAN KAY 5
MARY WALSHAW 2	†ROGER LEIGH 6
†ARTHUR HIBBERT 3	STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... 7
CHARLES CLEGG 4	*JACK CLEGG Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JACK CLEGG.

*First peal of Major. †First peal in the method. ‡100th peal. §50th peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

LESTER L. GRAY ... Treble	FRANK VARTY 5
JULIA M. PRESTON 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS 6
WALTER ALLMAN 3	ERIC J. GILBERT 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*DOROTHY SCHOFIELD ... Treble	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE ... 5
†FRED SCHOFIELD 2	HERBERT S. PALMER 6
BETTY SCHOFIELD 3	*REV. ALFRED HODGSON ... 7
JOHN BAGNALL 4	JAMES E. BURLS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by JAMES E. BURLS.

*First peal. †First peal 'inside.' A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert S. Palmer.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt 1 qr. 14 lb.

JOHN WALMSLEY ... Treble	†FRED PRITCHARD 5
*GERALD DARE 2	VERNON SYKES 6
DEREK OGDEN 3	SELWYN DEARDEN 7
HAROLD ARMSTEAD 4	PHILIP TOCOK Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by PHILIP TOCOK.

*25th peal. †First peal. Contains all 7.6.4.8's and 7.4.6.8's at course-ends.

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM CORFIELD ... Treble	*WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE ... 5
*SAMUEL B. BAILEY 2	CHARLES S. RYLES 6
†FRANK TRINER 3	ALBAN J. JACK 7
*†OWEN WILLIAMS 4	*JAMES WALLEY Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by CHARLES S. RYLES.

*First peal on eight bells. †First peal of Major 'inside.' ‡First peal with an 'inside' bell. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal on the bells since being augmented to eight.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTOLINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Grove's Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

*BERYL SKERRATT ... Treble	†GEORGE ASTBURY 5
JOHN BRASSINGTON 2	JOHN TIMMS 6
ERIC B. ALLMAN 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN 7
REGINALD ROWLEY 4	GEORGE MEADE Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR ALLMAN.

*First peal. †First peal 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Allman, wife of the conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS

ALDRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, four callings.

Tenor 8 cwt.

BARRY J. PERKINS (14)...Treble	P. GEORGE GOLDEN ... 4
WILLIAM A. HUMPHREYS ... 2	JOHN A. BUCKLEY ... 5
JOHN F. HUMPHREYS ... 3	WILLIAM F. PERKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by P. GEORGE GOLDEN.

First peal by all the band except the conductor. First peal of Bob Doubles as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local band.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*RONALD BARLOW ... Treble	*FREDK. E. WILSHAW... 4
*ARTHUR PEAKE ... 2	*CHARLES H. PAGE ... 5
†MARGARET FLACKETT ... 3	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT...Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

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

EASTWELL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of Durham Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Plain Bob and Double Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 13 cwt.

PERCY PAGE ... Treble	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 4
*WILFRED W. RING ... 2	THOS. CULLINGWORTH ... 5
*PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal in seven methods.

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST WILSON ... Treble	CYRIL TANSELL ... 4
CHARLES HAYLINGS ... 2	JENNIS R. MORRIS ... 5
*GEORGE AMBLER ... 3	WILLIAM RANFORD ... Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL TANSELL.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. First peal of Grandsire Doubles as conductor.

HELMDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

CECH. HINTON ... Treble	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS ... 4
*GEORGE F. BURTON ... 2	ERNEST LINES ... 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 3	WILLIAM YATES ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method by all the band. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Believed to be the first peal of London Minor to be rung in the Peterborough Diocese.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in A.

*JOAN WRIGHT ... Treble	*HENRY P. COLLIN ... 4
*MARY SMITH ... 2	DENIS FRITH ... 5
*JAMES W. HAW ... 3	*JAMES H. MUSSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal of Plain Bob.

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On Fri., Jan. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Plain Bob and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER ... <i>Treble</i>	ROBERT W. PARKER ... 4
*MARGARET A. SWANN ... 2	OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... 5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 3	JOHN E. COOK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

A. G. LING, JUN. ... <i>Treble</i>	A. SMITH ... 4
F. SHAW ... 2	A. S. PIPE ... 5
A. A. LING ... 3	*E. STEWARD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. G. LING, JUN.

* First peal of Minor.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

ALBERT TURNER ... <i>Treble</i>	CLAUDE TARR ... 4
SYDNEY SMITH ... 2	GEORGE SPARKES ... 5
HARRY PURCHASE ... 3	EDGAR QUICKE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by EDGAR QUICKE.

A farewell to the Rev. W. F. Brimson.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720's of (1) Plain Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall, College, Wavertree, London Bob, Lytham, Canterbury and Fulbeck, (2) Hereward, Single Oxford, Single Court and Double Court, (3) London Surprise, (4) Chester and Munden Surprise, (5) Surfleet and Beverley Surprise, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 10 cwt.

STANLEY R. GARDNER ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ... 4
SAMUEL A. MARTIN ... 2	JAMES W. BOWLEY ... 5
C. WILLIAM HALL ... 3	ROLAND BENISTON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

First peal in 25 Minor methods by all the band and for the Guild.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*FRED PAYNE ... <i>Treble</i>	†C. HAROLD WHITTON ... 4
G. DULCIE ROBINSON ... 2	CYRIL WANDER ... 5
W. ALLEN RICHARDSON ... 3	HORACE BENNETT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor.

KIRKBY MALLORY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 4
E. CHARLES TURNER ... 2	ALFRED BALLARD ... 5
EDGAR VALLANCE ... 3	EDWARD SOWMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by EDWARD SOWMAN.

First peal as conductor.

LEIGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents, 226 singles. Tenor 8½ cwt.

BERNARD V. COLLISON <i>Treble</i>	BERNARD W. PANKHURST 4
*GORDON D. WHITEHEAD 2	DORIS E. COLGATE ... 5
ERNEST J. LADD ... 3	ROBERT COLLINS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ROBERT COLLINS.

* First peal and a 21st birthday compliment. Also a birthday compliment to Bernard Pankhurst.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

ROBERT E. R. SMITH ... <i>Treble</i>	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS 4
MRS. LESLIE BAINHAM ... 2	LESLIE F. G. BAINHAM ... 5
GEORGE LARGE ... 3	ALFRED W. HEATH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. J. Powell, former leader of the band.

MAVESYN RIDWARE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*PETER BERESFORD ... <i>Treble</i>	*DENNIS BERESFORD ... 4
*JOAN BERESFORD ... 2	*WALTER J. COPE ... 5
*KENNETH L. BROWN ... 3	GEORGE E. OLIVER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

* First peal in three Minor methods. First as conductor in three Minor methods.

STANTON HARCOURT, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS W. BOND ... <i>Treble</i>	DOUGLAS O. WILKS ... 4
*M. ANGELA CARTER ... 2	HARRY P. FLOYD ... 5
*AUDREY J. WEST ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in seven Minor methods. First seven-method peal on the bells.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE DERRYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD ... <i>Treble</i>	*CYRIL WRIGHT ... 4
*WILLIAM DICKENSON ... 2	FREDERICK FLINT ... 5
HERBERT T. ROOKE ... 3	GORDON C. BRIGGS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

WELLAND, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

REGINALD WOODYATT ... <i>Treble</i>	CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... 4
R. GEORGE MORRIS ... 2	ALLEN MORGAN ... 5
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

150th peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS**LEICESTER.****THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Fri., Jan. 13, 1950, in 3 Hours,**At THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,***A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;***A Variation and Transposition of J. Reeves' Two-part.**Tenor size 18 in G.*

BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD ... 7-8
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 3-4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 9-10
JILL POOLE ... 5-6	TERENCE A. THORNER ... 11-12

Arranged and Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

First peal as conductor on 12 bells. In memoriam Lay Canon Sydney Frank Herbert, a member of Leicester Cathedral College of Lay Canons since its constitution, who died on January 6th.

DUBLIN.**THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.***On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,**IN THE BELFREY OF ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH,***A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;***Consisting of eight extents each of April Day and Plain Bob and 260 of Grandsire.**Tenor size 8 in C.*

*ADA C. DUKES ... 1-2	FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 3-4
*JOAN M. ROWE ... 5-6	

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

*First peal in three methods. Rung in honour of Miss Rowe's engagement to Mr. Stanley Baldwin, who witnessed the peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,**At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;***No. 37. Tenor size 17 in A.*

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2	*DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
*MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4	JAMES E. DANIELS ... 7-8
MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 9-10	

*Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.***150th peal together on handbells.***BOURNEMOUTH.****THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,**At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,***A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;***No. 82. Tenor size 17 in A.*

JAMES E. DANIELS ... 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4	*GEORGE E. EVENDEN ... 7-8

*Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.***First peal of Major 'in hand.'***ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.****THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.***On Mon., Jan. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,**At 13, PEVREL ROAD,***A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;***Tenor size 16½ in B flat.*

*WILFRED L. ROBINSON ... 1-2	G. GORDON GRAHAM ... 5-6
GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 3-4	*†BARRY COPE ... 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

*First peal 'in hand.' †First peal on eight bells. First peal of Major 'in hand' as conductor. First handbell peal for the Association.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Mon., Jan. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,**At No. 12A, ROWSON STREET,***A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

*ALEX. J. WEBSTER ... 1-2	*ERIC J. GILBERT ... 3-4
†FRANK VARTY ... 5-6	

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

*First peal on handbells. †First peal of Minor 'in hand.' First peal as conductor 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.**THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Tues., Jan. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,**At THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;***Tenor size 18 in G.*

PETER J. STANFORTH ... 1-2	JILL POOLE ... 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3-4	ALFRED BALLARD ... 7-8
BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 9-10	

*Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH**First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.***John Taylor & Co.****LOUGHBOROUGH****The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS**

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year 1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who
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death in 1942.*

The Universities Association will hold their week this year at Lincoln from August 18th to 26th. Through the good services of Mr. J. A. Freeman, Master of the Guild, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher has arranged accommodation at the Lincoln Training College. A true Lincoln welcome awaits the visitors.

Congratulations to Mr. Roger Leigh on his 100th peal.

J. Frederick Milner makes a welcome re-appearance in the peal columns, following his operation, with a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus at Leicester.

The quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Stratford-on-Avon, reported in our issue of January 20th, was to the memory of Mr. H. Withers. A composition of Mr. Withers was selected for the tribute.

There must be scores of ringers who have been to Morecambe for their holidays and have met Mr. Herbert Palmer. Recently he celebrated his 70th birthday, and to mark the occasion his friends in the area joined with him in a peal of Bob Major.

Mr. Frank V. H. Sinkings, of Slough, attained his 85th birthday on January 30th. He still rings regularly every Sunday, having started 73 years ago. On Saturday he participated in a peal attempt of Stedman Triples in honour of the event. He learnt to ring at St. Mary's, Slough, in company with the late Mr. W. H. Fussell.

Congratulations to Anne B. Stockdale and Geoffrey Dodds on ringing their first peal of Surprise Maximus. They travelled to Leicester on the Sunday and had their preliminary run in the method for evening service. Miss Stockdale had previously only rung three peals on tower bells, being Major and Royal in the plain methods.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Tettenhall Church, Staffordshire, which contains the best ring of eight in the county, in the opinion of many, was destroyed by fire on February 3rd. The greater part of the church was built in the 10th century and was one of the finest examples of its era. The tower and bells, according to our report, have been saved.

Mr. Urban W. Wildney has three times 'circled' Kirby-le-Soken tower, and Mr. H. Purchase that at Chipstable, Somerset, once.

Thieves have stolen the lead from the church roof of Middleton Stoney, Oxfordshire, and water coming through the roof has damaged the organ. The Bicester Deanery Branch at their last meeting expressed their regret at such a dastardly act of sacrilege.

Following the peal at Lancaster Priory on January 28th, the Vicar, the Rt. Rev. B. Pollard, Suffragan Bishop of Lancaster, entertained the band to a sumptuous tea at the Castle Hotel, a gesture which was much appreciated.

Lay interest in ringing seems to be developing in the Southampton area. Recently there was considerable correspondence in the local paper on the subject of the newly-installed ring of ten at St. Mary's and the ringing of them. Now the Rotary Club of Southampton has invited Mr. York-Bramble as a guest to luncheon and to give an address (which is to be illustrated) on 'Campanology.'

The peal of Double Norwich at Melbourne, Derbyshire, was rung in honour of the visit to the town of Miss M. Deans, whose great-grandfather was Vicar there from 1831-1887. When he first came to the parish he was pleased the bells were being rung, as he thought, to welcome him. To his mortification he later discovered that they were rung to celebrate the victory of a local prize-fighter. The Exercise has now made amends.

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Progress Reviewed at Annual Dinner

THE second annual dinner of the Southwell Diocesan Guild was held in the Town Hall, Newark, on January 28th. The Parish Church bells—a noble ring of ten, tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.—were rung during the afternoon in methods ranging from Surprise Royal to Grandsire.

Canon R. F. Wilkinson (chairman of the Guild) was in the chair and was supported by the officers. The guests of honour were the Mayor of Newark (Councillor B. L. Maule) and the Vicar of Newark (the Rev. G. W. Clarkson).

The close links between the Southwell Guild and her powerful neighbour were further cemented by the presence of the Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, accompanied by a strong party.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Freeman, Mr. John Freeman and friend, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGuinness, Mr. and Mrs. John Walden, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown, Mr. Harry Squires and son and Mr. John E. Cook, all of the Lincoln Guild; Mr. Albert Ward (Derby), Mr. Ernest H. Mastin (Downham Market, Norfolk), and Mr. J. P. Fidler (Loughborough). Also Mr. R. V. Appleby (Borough Chamberlain of Newark), Mr. W. C. Woodhouse and Mr. E. C. Thrale.

The dinner itself took place in the ballroom of the Town Hall, which is famed for its wonderful ceiling, the work of the famous Adam brothers. Illuminated by enormous chandeliers and scores of concealed lights, the ballroom made a perfect setting for a function of this nature.

RINGERS TO FIGHT INDIFFERENCE.

The toast of 'The Church,' coupled with that of the Vicar of Newark, was given by Lt.-Col. J. Anderson Smith, O.B.E. He traced briefly the history of church bells in relation to the Church. The speaker spoke of the need of the Church to be openly honoured and to be actively supported. Abroad in many countries the Church was being persecuted as she had not been for many centuries, and at home she was confronted by what might well be a greater danger—that of indifference. The Church, therefore, claimed the active support of all Christians; and bellringers, who were in a special sense servants of the Church, could not lag behind.

In the speaker's view the principal object of bellringing was to summon people to church. To ring for service and then to turn one's back on the whole proceedings was rather a cynical, not to say stultifying, thing to do. It was on par with putting up a large advertisement for somebody's backache pills and writing in slightly smaller print across the face of it, 'Mind you, I have no faith in them myself!'

Moreover, such conduct made for indifferent relations with the Vicar, with whom it was most important they should be cordial. It was at his instance the bells were rung, and indeed it was illegal to do so without his permission.

An ideal arrangement was to have the Vicar as a member of the band, and it was also desirable for ringers to be represented on the Parochial Church Council.

Col. Anderson Smith concluded by saying that it was the wish of all present that night that the Church might ever flourish, that the shadows of her towers might never grow less, nor the sound of her bells ever cease.

A CALL TO LISTEN.

The Rev. G. W. Clarkson, in response, complimented the proposer on the dignity of his words and the skill of his tongue. The Church asked for support. He (the Vicar of Newark) never asked in vain from his ringers. Sunday after Sunday the bells rang out at 9 o'clock.



MR. HAROLD J. POOLE,
President of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, the outstanding peal ringer of 1949, with 143 peals to his credit. He is an honorary lay canon of Leicester Cathedral.

It was a hard job, it called for sacrifice. They did splendid work calling people to worship, and calling those who were too idle to worship, to listen.

Referring to mixed bands of ringers and the long dark staircase at Newark Parish Church, the Vicar slyly remarked (amidst laughter) that he hoped that whatever happened in the dark might be fit to happen in the light!

'The Mayor and Corporation' was admirably proposed by Mr. W. C. Woodhouse, who spoke of the message of the bells. Did they not bid Dick Whittington, the failure, to return, and did he not hearken and make good? So it was with his Worship: he had come to Newark to seek his fortune and become a successful business man. He recalled that the bells were rung to welcome the first Alderman of Newark in 1549, and in 1626 the first Mayor, and for hundred of years the Parish Church bells had proclaimed to townsmen the accession of the new Mayor.

His Worship, Councillor B. L. Maule, made appreciative references to the Guild in his reply.

SOUTHWELL GUILD'S PROGRESS.

In proposing the toast of 'The Southwell Guild,' Mr. F. A. Salter outlined the circumstances giving rise to the formation of the Guild and the progress that had been made since the creation. He also spoke of the formation of the Newark District and likened it to a little landing field midway between two large areas, the Nottingham and North Notts Districts.

In 1947, went on the speaker, the Guild was well established, and the Association had begun to make its influence felt. Meetings were held in towers that had never been visited for years, more and more peals were rung, fresh bands sprang up and new members flowed in.

The year 1948 came in; more advanced methods were being practised, and then in May the Guild suffered its first great loss by the tragic death of Mr. T. Groombridge, jun. His dynamic personality and leadership were suddenly removed from their midst, leaving a void. For a time the Guild was thrown out

of gear, and it was some time before it recovered its momentum. Then Mr. J. W. Raithby was elected general secretary, and in the speaker's opinion he did not think the Guild could have found a better or more hard-working secretary.

By the end of 1948 more peals had been rung than in the previous year and things were beginning to hum again. The year 1949 opened very well. The Guild was expanding in all directions, and one peal by the Guild was rung for the very first time anywhere, namely, Grandsire Triples spliced with Double Grandsire. Now they were well established they were bent on creating a bigger and better Guild.

NEWARK BELLS.

Canon R. F. Wilkinson covered a good deal of ground in his reply, and, amongst other things, mischievously drew the Mayor's attention to the necessity of putting Newark Parish Church bells into a first-class condition. Money was the only stumbling-block, and in other towns had not Mayors opened appeals for similar purposes? covertly questioned the Canon.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was adequately proposed by Mr. H. Pailing and responded to by Mr. John Freeman, of the Lincoln Guild, who referred to the warm ties between the two Guilds and the duty of all members to support such functions. He urged that after peals the band should spend some time together and get to know one another better. John Smith might be an indifferent striker, but he was most likely an excellent fellow in other directions.

Entertainment included handbell ringing, items by a concert party and a poem with a moral, recited by Mr. Clement Glenn, entitled 'The happy discovery' or 'The culprits found out.'

DAVID'S BIRTHDAY

The Christmas season over, our thoughts in Sudbury turn to January 14th (David's birthday). Owing to indisposition, David is unable to come to the belfry this year, so Arthur suggests we all go to David's at Grotton Place.

We arrive dead on time to find our host looking somewhat better. After several minutes being occupied with greetings, all eyes gaze at the magnificent carved oak ceiling which was undoubtedly there in 'Stedman's' time, followed by guesses as to how many cart-loads of logs it takes to make a fire in the old English fireplace.

We start handbell ringing, methods being Plain Major, Stedman, Grandsire Caters, with David handling the two tenors to Double Norwich in that expert manner which is the envy of us all. We sit down to a good old English supper, Mrs. Elliott mothering us all and carefully watching every need.

The time then arrives that we have all been waiting for (our host relating his ringing experiences of nearly 60 years ago). One of the most amusing is that of a party from his local tower who walked some distance to a ring of six where a meeting was being held. The rule was that you paid 1s. for every first 720 in a new method. A good 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung, but one of the party was left with 10d., having bought a pint for 2d. on the way, so the visitors did not 'split,' as they were thinking about a drink on the way home.

Charlie (72) and David get really settled down to swapping yarns when Arthur suggests that the hour is getting late for a sick man, so with a final plain course of Major we prepare to leave, and as we pass out of the hall we take another quick look at the grand old stairs made with solid blocks of oak and arrange to meet on Sunday for a quarter peal in his honour.

So ends the 74th birthday of a great ringer whose efforts in the past have contributed so much to make the Exercise what it is to-day.
L. M.

MANGOTSFIELD — VILLAGE OF HAPPY RINGERS

By F. SKIDMORE.

ABOUT five miles to the north-east of Bristol is situated the village of Mangotsfield, which, although in close proximity of a large city, still retains its old rural aspects. It is about Mangotsfield ringers that I wish to portray some of the things of interest that have occurred during the past few weeks.

On December 28th, Mr. W. Seers celebrated his 90th birthday, and on the evening of that date a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following: W. Seers 1, Miss Brenda Sheppard 2, Miss Betty Poole 3, F. Skidmore 4, C. Jefferies 5, W. Ritchings 6, J. G. Jefferies (conductor) 7, E. Cooksley 8.

Mr. Seers is a regular Sunday service ringer at Mangotsfield, walking two miles every Sunday to ring. We wonder if this is a record. He also attends the Association branch meetings whenever possible.

Mangotsfield has a band of about 22 ringers of all ages, and the success of the Guild is largely due to the genial personality of their captain, Mr. John G. Jefferies. Nothing is too much trouble for him, and his reward is in seeing the young ringers progress. The bells are part of his life. Mr. Jefferies has been a ringer for 50 years and has been captain of Mangotsfield Guild for 28 years (ever since the ring was augmented to eight). He has two sons and two grandsons ringing with him. Three generations in one band, quite a unique occurrence. Can this be equalled or beaten?

Many well-known ringers can recall with pleasant memories the cordial welcome that is extended to all ringers visiting Mangotsfield.

FAREWELL SUPPER.

On January 12th, the Guild met at the Vicarage for a farewell supper to one of their young ringers, Miss Brenda Sheppard (who is leaving this country for Australia early in February), to which Mr. C. R. Harding and myself were invited. After the supper the Vicar, the Rev. W. Beard, made a presentation to Miss Sheppard on behalf of the Mangotsfield ringers in the form of a 'Miniature Belle' brooch. They had tried to get a real bell brooch, but were unsuccessful. In the course of his remarks, the Vicar referred to Brenda as one who had come amongst them, about three years ago, a perfect stranger who wished to learn bellringing; but now she was one of them. Her personality and lovable disposition made her many friends amongst the ringers and the youth movement, and Mangotsfield's loss, undoubtedly, would be someone's gain. Down Under.

Mr. Jefferies also referred to Brenda as one of his large family of ringers whom he would be sorry to lose, but was sure that wherever she went Brenda would find and make a lot of friends, especially amongst ringers; in fact she had already started by getting in touch

with Mr. Bennett, of Melbourne, who had extended to her a very hearty welcome to Australia, on behalf of ringers, and had promised to give her all the assistance possible.

50 YEARS A RINGER.

Mr. Jefferies also referred to the team spirit and cordial atmosphere which always prevailed at Mangotsfield, which was the foundation of their present happy position. He also mentioned that during his 50 years as a ringer there had been four vicars, all of whom had been very helpful and encouraging to the ringers, especially their present one. He was also pleased to say that during the 28 years that he had been captain, Mangotsfield bells had been rung twice every Sunday (with the exception of the ban during the last war), and change ringing up to the capability of the



MANGOTSFIELD RINGERS.—Reading left to right: Back row, Miss J. Maslin, E. Cooksley, R. Beard, A. Rodway, T. James and W. Ritchings. Middle row, T. Jefferies, Miss G. Clark, C. Jefferies, Miss B. Poole, Miss B. Cooksley, Miss N. Gardiner. Front row, C. Beakes, M. Jefferies, Miss B. Sheppard, Rev. W. Beard (Vicar), John G. Jefferies (captain), W. Seers, E. Palmer (secretary) and J. W. Jefferies.

band present had always been their objective. Mr. C. R. Harding also responded, saying that it was largely due to the tuition he had received from Mr. Jefferies that had made him take the keen interest he did in ringing.

In conclusion, I would like to add that there is a great deal to be drawn from these happenings. First, that it is through the efforts of such companies as Mangotsfield that the Exercise has to look for their recruits, and if recruitment is going on all over the country in the same way, and meeting with the same degree of success, bellringing is not one of the dying English arts, but very much alive; and, secondly, the ringers of early 1900 were either short-sighted or jealous, as it is undoubtedly due to their not training someone to take their place that so many of our towers have not a band of their own.

I am pleased to see that associations are now realising this and that some have schools of instruction in bellringing, such as the Gloucester and Bristol have in Bristol.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Page (first quarter) 1. S. A. Page 2, W. Romaine 3, F. E. Manns 4. R. E. Turner (cond.) 5, J. Merrifield 6.

Winchester and Portsmouth

PRESENTATION TO MR. G. PULLINGER.

In recognition of his work as hon. secretary of the Southampton District since 1932, members presented Mr. George Pullinger with an oak barometer at the district's annual meeting at St. Michael's, Southampton, on Jan. 14th.

The meeting was presided over by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and there was an attendance of 60, including Mr. Paul Field and three pupils from Buckland Newton, Dorset.

At the conclusion of routine business the chairman announced that as Mr. Pullinger had been elected Master of the Guild, he was not eligible to be elected district secretary, a post he had held with much faithfulness since 1932. He expressed thanks to him.

Mrs. Kippin, before making the presentation of a barometer, said the success of a guild or district depended to a great extent upon the secretary, and they in the Southampton district owed a deep debt of gratitude to Mr. Pullinger.

The barometer was inscribed: 'Presented to Mr. Geo. Pullinger, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers, by members of the Southampton District, in appreciation of his services as secretary, 1932-1950.'

Mr. Pullinger, in reply, said that the presentation came as a complete surprise to him. He appreciated their kind thought. What little he had been able to do was due to his interest in ringing and its advancement.

The following district officers were elected: Chairman, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead; secretary, Mr. M. Butler;

auditor, Mr. H. Higson; representatives on committee, Mr. R. Brown and Mr. R. Faithfull. Meetings were arranged at Eling, Sherfield English and Mottsfont, with the annual for 1951 at St. Mary's, Southampton.

Members were kindly entertained to tea by the Rev. and Mrs. Felstead.

SONS WHO CONDUCTED FATHER'S FIRST PEAL

Mr. William R. Birchall, of Huyton, Liverpool, writes:—

I also have had the privilege of conducting my father's first peal on St. George's Day, April 23rd, 1949. It was rung as a compliment to my father (Mr. William Birchall), who had celebrated his 80th birthday ten days previously; it was the first peal for all excepting myself, and the first by a local service band. It was also my first peal as conductor, and was rung at Huyton Parish Church, tenor 19 cwt.

Mr. A. W. Rolfe, of Chevington, Bury St. Edmunds, writes that he conducted his father's first peal about 1916 or 1918 at Chevington. It was a peal of Grandsire Doubles.

THE LATE MR. C. T. COLES

MEMORIAL BELL DEDICATED AT FINCHLEY.

WELL over 100 members and friends of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild attended St. Mary's, Finchley, on January 28th, to take part in a service held to dedicate two new bells. One of these was installed as a memorial to the late Mr. C. T. Coles and bore the following inscription: 'In memoriam Charles T. Coles, 1882-1946, secretary of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers 1910-1945.'

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. M. Ridley, and the Association's president, the Rev. P. Gough. In his address the Rector said how proud they were at last to possess a complete octave. The organist was Mr. A. T. Parker, an unattached member. Immediately following the dedication of the new bells, several whole-pulls of rounds were rung by a representative band.

Among those present were Mrs. L. Coles (widow), Messrs. C. T. W. and A. Coles (sons), Mrs. L. Hurle and Miss D. Coles (daughters), Mr. B. Hurle, Sonia and George Coles (grandchildren), Mr. A. W. Coles (brother), Mrs. A. W. Coles and Peter Coles. Mr. T. Bevan represented the Cumberland Youths.

After the tea the Rector referred more fully to the bell provided locally and stated that the money was collected over many years almost entirely through the efforts and enthusiasm of Mr. B. F. Tubb, the captain of the local ringers.

In his tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Coles, the general secretary (Mr. Ernest C. S. Turner) said: 'Mr. Coles joined the Middlesex Association in 1903 and soon became one of our foremost members. When Mr. A. T. King, who had been secretary of the North and East District, retired from that office in 1910, Mr. Coles was elected in his place. The office of secretary in those days, when the Association was comparatively young, entailed a considerable amount of work, and during the 35 years he held that office many of our bands reached a standard of ringing as high as any in the country.'

'Mr. Coles was an excellent striker, a competent conductor and a superb organiser. He took a great interest in the work of the Central Council, to which he was one of our representatives from 1921 to his death. He soon became one of the more influential members and his opinions commanded the respect of all. During the last few years we have greatly missed his guidance and help.'

'We are all, I am sure, very pleased to see his widow and members of his family here to-day. They already know of our great regard for the late Mr. Coles, and the memorial bell, which has been installed in St. Mary's, Finchley, tower, is a tangible expression of our respect and affection. We considered this to be the most appropriate tower to house this bell, as it was among the original towers to be affiliated to our Association when it was founded. The fact that there was already a frame to take the extra bells was an important consideration, and, due mainly to the efforts of Mr. B. F. Tubb and the local ringers, a fund was already in existence to defray the cost of the other bell.'

Mr. C. T. W. Coles thanked the ringers on behalf of the family for the tribute paid to the memory of his father.

The bellfounders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who were represented by Mr. F. C. W. Stevenson, were congratulated on the quality of the two new bells, which blend so well with the original six.

The bells were rung to the usual variety of methods during the evening under the direction of Mr. A. Cutler, the Ringing Master of the North and East District.



THE LATE MR. C. T. COLES.

HILLINGDON RINGERS' SUPPER

The ringers of St. John's, Hillingdon, held their third annual supper on January 20th at the Windsor Restaurant, Uxbridge. A happy party of 31 sat down, with the new Vicar of Hillingdon (the Rev. F. C. Tyler) in the chair. He and Mrs. Tyler were guests of the Guild, and he expressed his pleasure at being with his ringers, and his belief in the value of bellringing to the Church.

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, in his reply, referred to the fact that he had recently completed 21 years as secretary of the Guild. He expressed the regret of the company at the absence of Mr. W. Honor, who had been a ringer at Hillingdon for over 60 years, and Mr. Frank Blondell, a frequent visitor to Hillingdon, both of whom were prevented by indisposition from attending. It was reassuring to hear of Mr. Blondell's continued progress after his recent serious illness.

The toast of 'The Middlesex Association' was ably proposed by Mr. W. N. Genna, and replied to by the general secretary, Mr. E. C. S. Turner. 'The Guests' was dealt with by Mr. W. H. Coles in his inimitable way. Handbells were rung in changes and to tunes, while songs and choruses were performed by one of St. John's choir.

A happy evening came to an end all too quickly about 11 o'clock, and it was felt that most cordial relations had been established between ringers and the new incumbent.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION CHEW DEANERY BRANCH.

The monthly practice meeting was held at Easton in Gordano on January 21st. From 30 to 40 members attended.

Wraxall was the venue for the quarterly corporate Communion on January 22nd, and this fine octave was set ringing soon after 7 a.m. The ringers attended parish Communion, at which the Rector, the Rev. H. S. Briggs, celebrated. Twenty ringers then sat down to an excellent breakfast, and afterwards a return was made to the tower to ring for morning service.

Ringings on both occasions was under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Knight.

Shropshire Association

ANNUAL MEETING AT SHREWSBURY.

The Shropshire Association again held their annual meeting in Shrewsbury, on Jan. 28th.

Officers elected were: Ringing Master and peal secretary, Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst; deputy, Mr. F. H. Bennett; secretary, Miss E. A. Carter; treasurer, Mr. W. A. Farmer.

The necessary business proceeded very smoothly with Mr. A. Bayley in the chair. Life memberships of Messrs. C. Ingram, G. Turner, H. Parker, A. Peake and F. W. Grocott were confirmed, and Mr. C. Golding was elected a ringing member.

The biennial report being due, the necessary expenditure was authorised, and meetings for the year, subject to the necessary permission, were decided as follows: Oswestry, March; Market Drayton, May 27th; Clive, July; Broseley and Much Wenlock, August; Berrington, September; Bridgnorth, October; Westbury, November. All will be held on second Saturdays except as stated, and after due notice in 'The Ringing World.'

Members and visitors enjoyed the fine ten at St. Mary's during the afternoon, although the original eight were considered superior to the later trebles. Some enthusiasts tried the six at St. Michael's, but as might have been expected, were soon back at St. Mary's for the Association service.

An all too brief period of ringing at St. Chad's closed the events of a successful day with attendance of over forty.

Methods rung included several periods of rounds on ten and twelve for beginners, standard methods up to Cinques and Cambridge and Double Norwich Major.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD SONNING DEANERY.

The annual meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch was held at Wokingham on January 28th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and the service followed in St. Paul's Church, conducted by the Rector, assisted by the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Master of the Guild). The Rev. C. Sparshott, Rector of Arborfield, preached. About 80 ringers sat down to tea.

At the business meeting, presided over by the branch chairman, the Ven. Thorndike Shaw, the secretary reported an active year with increased membership and well-attended meetings.

All the officers were re-elected and eight new members. Meetings for practice were fixed for the first Saturday in each month, with a summer meeting at Sandhurst. The secretary spoke of the forthcoming four guilds festival, to be held at Wokingham in August, and asked for full support from the branch.

After a few words from the Master of the Guild, the meeting closed, and ringing took place at All Saints' and St. Paul's Churches until 9 p.m.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD LOUGHBOROUGH'S JOINT MEETING WITH LADIES' GUILD.

Approximately 70 ringers and friends were present at a joint meeting of the Loughborough District and the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild on January 28th at Loughborough.

The bells of the Parish Church and the Foundry were rung to various methods, from rounds on ten to Cambridge Surprise Royal.

A short service was conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Lyons, who was afterwards entertained to tea with the rest of the company in the Fearon Hall.

After votes of thanks had been expressed by Mr. P. L. Taylor (chairman of the Loughborough District) and Miss I. B. Thompson (vice-president of the Midland District), the company divided for their respective Guild meetings.

The next meeting of the Loughborough District is to be held at Ibstock on February 25th, and Melton Mowbray was the place decided upon by the Ladies' Guild for March 25th.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FOUR PEALS IN A DAY

Dear Sir,—As conductor of the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal, rung in 2 hours 25 minutes, may I assure Mr. Andrews that there was nothing wrong with the peal and that the striking was good. Any ringer with experience on the foundry bells will know that fast ringing must be good to succeed at all. The two essentials for good ringing, and particularly good fast ringing, on the bells are (a) recent experience in peal ringing; (b) recent experience in ringing the foundry bells.

In regard to (a), the total number of peals rung in 1949 by the ten ringers exceed 550. In regard to (b), no less than 40 peals were rung during the year on the foundry bells and the majority of the ringers in the Royal rang in most of them. In the light of this wide experience, it is hardly fair, I suggest, for anyone to conclude and much less allege that because the ringing was quick it must be bad striking.

Maybe Mr. Andrews is basing his judgment on tenors of 20 cwt.—the more usual for peals of ten. The tenor at the foundry, as many will know, is only 9 cwt.

A few months ago a young band—average age just under 21 years—rang Cambridge Royal on these bells in 2 hours 29 minutes. The average time for the 18 Surprise peals of Royal rung last year is 2 hours 38 minutes, and some of those peals included visitors unaccustomed to the bells, in which instances the pace obviously had to be slowed up.

I do not wish to say anything unkind to or about Mr. Andrews, but I suggest that remarks such as those in his letter should be confined to personal knowledge of the event and not based on imagination or lack of it whichever the case may be.—Yours truly,

Leicester. HAROLD J. POOLE.

'PERFECT STRIKING'

Dear Sir.—The pace of the peal of Surprise Royal at Loughborough has been criticised. The truth is, of course, that such a performance presupposes a very expert band accustomed to ringing together, and absolutely perfect striking. We may not all want to ring at such a rate and, indeed, many of us have not the skill. But let us not seek, either from ignorance or jealousy, to belittle an outstanding feat of ringing.

There is a tendency for contributors to your columns to give vent to ill-informed criticism and even to snipe. This is all very regrettable and presumably comes from those who will one day be old enough to know better. ('I also knew when I was young.')—Yours,

'FORTY-SIX YEARS A RINGER.'

'CHURCH BELLS OF CORNWALL'

Dear Sir,—Dunkin's 'Church Bells of Cornwall' (1878) gives details of sixty-four 3's, fifteen 4's, forty-two 5's, fifty 6's and seven 8's. At present (I take into account two new sizes in hand and two pending) there are thirty-two 3's, seven 4's, eight 5's, ninety-four 6's and forty-three 8's. The augmentations of the additional thirty-six 8's may be of interest: sixteen have been from rings of six, six from fives, eleven from threes, one from one bell, and two complete 8's in new towers. Something like 38 of the 8's have been in bell-founders' hands this century, so there has been much recasting, and metal frames predominate, whilst ball bearings are common. Much the same story could be told of the sixes, although to a lesser degree.

Th extent to which Dunkin's book needs revising can be judged from the above. It may be possible to produce something in a few years' time, but such a book would be more for the practical ringer than for the antiquarian. This, I believe, would make the book more saleable.—Yours faithfully,

Carbis Bay, Cornwall. A. S. ROBERTS.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AT EASTBOURNE

Dear Sir,—It is proposed to organise motor-coach trip or trips to towers, Lewes, Brighton, etc., on Whitsun Monday for delegates and friends. If any delegates would let me know that they would like to be included I can make the necessary arrangements. I would be glad to have the information as soon as possible.—Yours faithfully,

O. SIPPETTS.

Crawley, Sussex.

DECLINE OF STEDMAN

Sir,—Referring to recent comments and letters in 'The Ringing World' on the subject of the decline in the number of peals of Stedman now being rung, I will quote an incident from my own experience which may throw some light on the matter.

A party of us, including a prominent peal ringer and conductor, was discussing what method should be chosen for a peal attempt on the morrow. Knowing the grand quality of the bells on which the attempt was to be made, I suggested Stedman Triples. The P.P.R. before-mentioned thereupon said, 'No, we don't want to go for Stedman: it is too easily lost.'

As one who seldom stands in a peal attempt, but who follows the activities of the Exercise with very great interest, it does appear to me that at the present time far more stress is laid on the scoring of a peal rather than on the quality of the ringing which goes to make up the attempt. I will even go so far as to suggest that 'The Ringing World' helps to foster this outlook by the undue prominence and adulation which it gives to every sort of peal ringing activity.

I, for one, hope that the Exercise may eventually regain a more balanced outlook on this subject, when the quality of the ringing will count as the first consideration, and the actual scoring of a peal as only incidental.—Yours faithfully,

A. R. POYNTZ.

Goring-on-Thames.

SHIPWAY'S PRINCIPLE

Dear Sir.—It is difficult to understand what Mr. York-Bramble is talking about. If, as I gather, he is endeavouring to imply that, by starting what has become known as Shipway's Principle in a different place, and presenting it with a different name, he has produced some 'new feature,' he is giving your readers the 'generally wrong impressions' of which he accuses Mr. Baker and myself. This, of course, is nothing fresh.

The similarity between Shipway's Principle and Stedman has never been questioned, to my knowledge. I previously quoted some of Shipway's remarks: here they are in more detail: 'This system being nearly allied to Stedman's Principle, it will not require much additional explanation; for as that is founded on the principle of ringing the changes on three bells before, while those above thirds place make double dodging: so this principle is founded on that of working the changes on four bells before, while those above fourths place make treble dodging. . . . It being necessary to give a name to this system, the author has been induced to call it after himself, not merely because it was invented by him, but also for the sake of distinction.'

We would not now say that Shipway 'invented' the principle, but at least he did not reproduce someone else's figures a century late under the heading, 'Something New for the New Year.' Moreover, he was able, in a few sentences intelligible to any ringer, to describe the principle perfectly, whereas Mr. York-Bramble, for all the supposed advantages of his self-invented jargon, was quite unable to do so in one and a half columns.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

Inferiority Complex

Dear Sir,—The leading article of 'The Ringing World' of January 20th is most remarkable and outstanding in its significance. It is to be hoped it will be well read and thought about by the Exercise as a whole.

To be confident in all that one attempts is indeed a great blessing. But what of those who lack this self-confidence? It is usually accompanied by that awful obsession, 'inferiority complex,' which is often present at the time a different and difficult task is attempted. Inferiority complex usually takes root during childhood by some form of nervousness: as the child grows so does this obsession until by the time adult stage is reached the person is fighting a battle within himself.

To feel one is not so good as the other person in whatever he attempts, by way of sports, in the factory and, last but not least, in the ringing room, is indeed a great handicap. A ringer enters the ringing room, either the home tower or another, with every intention of enjoying a pleasant ring, but one or more famous ringers may be present. The victim of this obsession is instantly affected, in spite of the fact that all are jolly good friends: there is no 'magnetic' or 'evil' eye. The unfortunate one usually tries to give of his best, but the result, alas, is a lamentable failure. He cannot control the bell properly and makes silly 'method' mistakes.

It is here that the expert can do a great deal of good. It would indeed be kindness itself if these experts would give a word of encouragement, not begin to shout or pass unkind remarks behind the person's back while ringing. Try to make a psychological summing up of the person involved. Fortunately, there are expert ringers who do.

Strange ringing rooms sometimes have a great effect on these sufferers of inferiority complex, more so if the room is small, for claustrophobia (the dread of enclosed places) can at times be linked with inferiority complex. No doubt there are people who will say this kind of people should not take up ringing or social activities, but that would be entirely wrong, for the more active these unfortunate compel themselves to become the better it is for them to overcome their trouble. But it never entirely vanishes.—Yours faithfully,

Holloway, N.7.

R. NEWMAN.

ST. CUTHBERT'S, EDINBURGH

Dear Sir,—With regard to Mr. Gimbert's letter about ringing at St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, I would like to take this opportunity of clarifying the position. In my booklet on Scottish rings of bells the following sentences appear: 'As in other Scottish towers, a silent practice mechanism is provided and is regularly used on practice nights. Peals have been rung on these bells, but the proximity to the most important street in Edinburgh prevents them being rung except on important national occasions.'

The latter sentence was inserted for the benefit of those who may in the future hope to organise peal ringing tours of Scotland and does only refer to peal ringing.

As made clear in the first sentence quoted, there is a regular Sunday service band which is trying hard to keep change ringing going in that part of Scotland.

It is an unfortunate fact that few natives of Scotland are able to appreciate good change ringing, and it is because of the letters of protest received from time to time that a silent practice mechanism is installed in a number of the towers, a device which is very rare in England. So, alas, ringing for as long as three hours continuously is looked on in Scotland as a bad thing, especially when the tower is near a business centre and offices are open. The last word, of course, rests with the Minister and Kirk Session.

RANALD W. M. CLOUSTON.

Yaxley, near Eye, Suffolk.

Letters (continued)

AN EXAMPLE FROM NORTHANTS

Dear Sir,—Behind the report of the peal of London Surprise Minor rung at Helmdon, Northants, on Jan. 18th, lies a story that may be of encouragement to keen bands living in remote country districts.

Helmdon lies in a part of Northamptonshire where change ringing is almost extinct, and where anyone who can knock off a 120 of Grandsire Doubles is considered a very useful ringer. Even this moderate achievement could not be indulged in unless several villages joined to form a band.

Thus it was that in 1945 six keen ringers drawn from five different villages arranged to meet one night a week during the winter months for practice.

Bob Minor was tackled first and a peal in the method was rung in November, 1946. After practising Oxford and Kent, the weather became too bad for the band to meet again until the following winter of 1947-8. These two methods and Stedman Doubles were thoroughly digested then, although no peals were rung. The following season of 1948-49 brought with it a windfall in the shape of a native of the district, who, after having spent some years in Shropshire, returned a polished Surprise ringer, and this fact at a time when Cambridge Minor was being tackled. Consequently rapid progress was made in the method, and a peal was rung in February, 1949. Before the winter ended London had received a fair amount of practice.

The present season has brought with it the flood tide of success, and within the space of ten days, in addition to the peal of London, quarter peals of York, Beverley and Carlisle have been rung, and a peal in seven Surprise methods is in prospect for the near future.—Yours truly, 'PROGRESS.'

HE CAME SECOND!

Dear Sir,—I thought perhaps you might like to pass on to readers of 'The Ringing World' one of the best ringing howlers I've heard.

As the recent quarter peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Faversham was a local effort, it appeared in 'The Faversham News' on the following Friday, given in the usual 'Ringing World' style.

On returning to work the next Monday morning one of the ringers was greeted with, 'See you came 2nd in the bellringing, Harry.'—Faversham. W. S. PALIN.

THE OLDEST BELL

Dear Sir.—Your editorial, 'The Oldest Bell': 'Caversfield has the oldest dated bell in England. . . . While the actual date of its casting is not inscribed on the bell. . . .'

I beg to submit it is not a dated bell, as it does not bear any date. You can't have it both ways. J. R. Nichols in 'Bells Thro' the Ages' states the oldest dated bell is at Cloughton, Lancs, and bears the date 1296. For further details (including Caversfield), see above book. W. B. KYNASTON.

NORTH DEVON RINGING

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read ('Ringing World', Jan. 6th, 1950) of the work of the Combe Martin band. Two deaneries in North Devon have, I believe, only two change ringing towers between them: Combe Martin and Ilfracombe. These gave a very kind welcome to one novice last summer, and sent him back to his own method-ringing county a good deal wiser.

Better for North Devon ringing, and amply rewarding, would be more visits from experienced ringers among the numerous holiday-makers. Combe tower itself is as lovely as its surroundings.

In spite of its situation, Mr. Hayward's outpost has left our six-bell band standing. Both in post-war quarters and in methods.—Yours, Bristol. GRAHAM WATT.

Letters (continued)

ITCHINGFIELD SLOW COURSE

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. C. Hone, the late Mr. Henry Burstow, of Horsham, was the originator of this method and the Itchingfield ringers of his period used to ring it.

I paid a visit to Itchingfield in 1903; there was then no local band. When at Shipley in the same year my attention was not drawn to the book he mentions, but it is highly probable it is the work of Mr. H. Burstow.

Mr. H. Burstow was a most remarkable man, who thought nothing of walking the 10 or 12 miles to Bolney to teach the local ringers. He took part in the record peal of 13,440 Canterbury Pleasure Major at Warnham. He once pricked out the whole 5,040 of Grandsire Triples to satisfy the doubts of a local lady, who thought the number of changes not possible. He could also sing 365 songs.—Yours sincerely, 90, Hall Road, Hull. G. F. WILLIAMS.

A DORSET APPEAL

Dear Sir,—May I, through the courtesy of 'The Ringing World,' make an appeal for Mappowder, a small agricultural parish of about 160 inhabitants in the beautiful Blackmore Vale in Dorset.

Hanging in the tower of the lovely little church are five bells, all cast by Knight about 1735, which have not been rung in living memory. Estimates have been received for re-hanging in a new frame and with all new fittings, recasting at least one bell and augmentation to six, but the task of raising the necessary funds is herculean for so small a parish and will take years to accomplish.

May I appeal to ringers throughout the country to help by sending what they can, however small, to Dr. S. F. Jackson, Mappowder Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset, who will gratefully acknowledge every donation.—Yours fraternally, Dorchester. E. T. PAUL FIELD.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Crewe Branch was held at Christ Church, Crewe, where there is a ring of 10 bells, on January 21st.

The company present numbered over 80, and included the Master of the Chester Guild, Mr. J. W. Clarke, and Mrs. Clarke; the hon. secretary, Rev. J. Kingdon; the Rev. W. Gwynne John, Vicar of Christ Church, Crewe; and ringers from many places in Cheshire, North Staffs and Shropshire. Ringing took place under the guidance of Mr. J. Brough, Nantwich, Ringing Master.

Later, a service was held in Christ Church, the preacher being the Vicar. The company were afterwards entertained to tea as the guests of the Parochial Church Council.

The business meeting followed, the Master of the Guild being in the chair.

The following appointments were made for 1950: Chairman, the Rev. C. Parry-Williams; hon. secretary, Mr. Rich. D. Langford; hon. treasurer, Mr. Wilfred Kerr; member of General Committee, Mr. George Packer; Ringing Master (8 bells), Mr. Jack Brough (Nantwich); Ringing Master (6 bells), Mr. Fred Sutton (Acton); instructor, Mr. George Packer (Crewe).

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society's January meeting at Drighlington was very well attended. Ringing started early and various methods were successfully rung when a halt was called for tea. Further ringing took place after tea until 7 p.m., when the business meeting was held in the tower. Mr. T. Hill presided, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company, especially naming Mr. Barron, who had arranged the meeting at short notice, was proposed by Mr. J. W. Benton and seconded by Mr. H. Davison. Mr. Barron suitably replied and hoped that all present had enjoyed their visit.

Essex Association

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

Notwithstanding the increase to 2s. 6d. of the annual subscription, the number of paid members had grown to 148. During the year 3 honorary members, 17 ringing and 13 probationers had been elected. This satisfactory statement was contained in the annual report of Mr. A. H. Everett (hon. secretary) at the annual meeting at Great Waltham on January 14th. Forty-five members attended, the service was conducted by the Rev. B. Jukes (Vicar) and Mrs. M. R. French entertained the members to tea.

Other points from the report were that 16 peals, including an officers' peal (Superlative) to mark the 70th anniversary of the Society, were rung; Mr. Peter Eves had joined the ranks of conductors and two members had rung their first peal.

During the past three months, Saturday afternoon and evening practices were arranged for the benefit of the less experienced. The quicker learners were taught to take a real active part in ringing, the less would be the losses amongst pupils, which now probably stood at 75 per cent.

The veterans of the Association continued to give faithful service—Mr. G. Green and Mr. Harry Allen, both with 64 years of membership.

The election of officers was as follows: Master, Mr. H. W. Shadrack; secretary, Mr. A. H. Everett; committee, Mr. R. Thrift and Mr. W. Barrett. The Rev. B. Jukes was elected an honorary member; Messrs. B. Sydenham and R. Sutton, of Great Baddow, ringing members; Messrs. Butcher, Day, Nottidge and Wallace, full ringing members; the Misses S. Bone, D. Forbes, J. Lightfoot and C. James, of Galleywood, probationer members.

Mr. L. J. Clark expressed the thanks of the meeting to Mrs. M. R. French for her generous hospitality, and to the Rev. Jukes. Dr. Spencer-Phillips seconded and also thanked the local ringers for making the arrangements.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Winchester District was held at the Audry Tea Rooms, Winchester, on January 7th, the attendance being 47 members, with visitors from Swindon, Bournemouth, Guildford, Newbury and Southampton.

Mr. G. Pullinger, Master of the Guild, presided and paid tributes to two well-known ringers who had passed away during 1949, Mr. W. Andrews, of Winchester Cathedral, and Mr. W. Melville, of Wonston, both of whom had done very good work in teaching new ringers in the Winchester area.

The Rev. J. S. D. Mansel, of Winchester College, was elected chairman for the coming year; Mr. L. A. Tremear (Alresford), secretary; Mr. W. C. Lampard (Winchester Cathedral), treasurer; Mr. R. Smith (Wonston), Master; Mr. H. Newnham (Alresford) and Mr. S. J. Sanders (Twyford), representatives on Central Committee; and Mr. G. Smith, of Twyford, auditor.

Quarterly meetings were arranged for Alresford in April, Micheldever with Wonston in July, and King's Somborne with Stockbridge in October. Good change ringing progress was reported from Twyford, Ropley and Alresford, and new ringers had started in several towers.

After the meeting and tea, the Guild service was held in conjunction with evensong at the Cathedral.

The bells of the Cathedral were rung until seven o'clock, then a move was made by a small party to Twyford, where permission to ring was given by the Vicar, the Rev. Beynon, at very short notice, and this was very much appreciated by all concerned.

QUARTER PEALS

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

—On Jan. 15th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. Luke (first of Major) 1, D. Judd 2, J. E. L. Cockey 3, W. Cook 4, W. Ellis 5, A. Cutler 6, J. Birt 7, F. A. Finch (cond.) 8.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—On Jan. 8th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): W. Bates 1, W. Harrison 2, J. B. Robinson 3, R. H. Wimpenny 4, D. Ogden (cond.) 5, P. R. Harrison 6, E. Redfern 8. The first quarter in two methods for all the band.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Mark's on Jan. 15th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. G. Brown 1, C. S. Knott 2, T. F. King 3, L. Coles 4, R. W. Perry 5, M. Helps (first of Kent as cond.) 6.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 3rd, at St. Martin's, a quarter peal of Stedman Cinques: J. Scott 1, Miss M. Reay (longest touch of Cinques) 2, E. C. Shepherd 3, W. C. Dowling 4, J. Turner 5, T. Hampton 6, E. T. Lloyd 7, A. W. T. Cleaver 8, A. V. Pearson 9, J. N. Lindon 10, A. Walker (cond.) 11, G. E. Fearn 12. Half-muffled in memoriam Harry Withers.

BRIGHTON.—At St. Peter's, on Jan. 15th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss B. Stephenson 1, E. P. Cox 2, A. W. Bond 3, R. Beale (first 'inside') 4, A. W. Gravett (cond.) 5, H. W. Woolven 6, J. V. Lonsbrough (first in method) 7, W. H. Hargreaves 8. First quarter for 2.

BURBAGE, LEICS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Turner 1, W. Clough 2, E. Clough 3, E. Campton 4, Miss E. Lawson (first quarter) 5, F. K. Measures 6, R. Mayne (cond.) 7, J. Veasey 8.

CAMBERWELL, LONDON.—On Jan. 15th, 1,272 Stedman Caters: Mrs. O. L. Rogers 1, Sheila E. Harris 2, R. Joyce Pett 3, Mrs. K. Parr 4, Eileen D. Farrell 5, T. Davies 6, F. D. Bishop 7, E. Hynard 8, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 9, C. M. Meyer 10.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: J. E. S. Moreton 1, L. Trevor (cond.) 2, Miss M. Beamish 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, A. H. Beamish 5, J. Gibbons (first of London) 6, J. F. Clarke 7, J. A. L. Thompson 8. Rung by the local Sunday service band, and first in the method as such.

CROWCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Welsher (first quarter) 1, C. W. J. Lock 2, J. Henson 3, L. T. Richards 4, R. E. Colman (first as cond.) 5, W. Chidley (first quarter) 6.

DINTON, WILTS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: J. Hartless 1, H. Abrahams 2, Miss J. M. Brown 3, D. Reed 4, F. Harris (cond.) 5, R. Marlow 6.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Jones 1, W. G. Wilson 2, D. R. Judd 3, W. J. Ellis 4, J. E. Lewis Cockey 5, W. T. Cook (first in method) 6, J. C. Birt (first as cond.) 7, E. C. S. Turner 8. A welcome to the Rev. A. C. Heath, chaplain to St. Paul's School.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: F. Kaye 1, Miss J. Greasy 2, J. Bartram 3, Mrs. Rowntree 4, W. Coates 5, C. Cook 6, H. Denman 7, W. Norton 8, K. Beardsall (cond.) 9, H. Willows 10.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Smith 1, I. J. Attwater (cond.) 2, S. Scott 3, R. F. Bootman 4, P. J. Coward 5, D. Towers 6, J. Towers 7, J. Dyer 8.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. T. Godfrey 1, W. W. Webb 2, H. C. Chandler 3, A. Jones 4, J. Cobb 5, E. R. Gladman 6, W. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, W. J. Winter 8. An 81st birthday compliment to H. C. Chandler.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. C. Mears 1, C. V. Hare 2, A. E. Symonds 3, G. Cherry 4, E. Winters 5, F. W. Croft 6, L. Fidler (cond.) 7, W. P. Todd 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. H. W. Elise.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Keith

Biggs (first quarter, age 11) 1, A. E. Cox 2, I. S. Biggs 3, W. Lee 4, N. Cornwall 5, F. D. Boreham (cond.) 6, A. R. Blaby 7, J. D. Kape 8.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 15th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. Grimes 1, J. Muntings 2, D. Crapnell 3, E. Blomfield (cond.) 4, S. Arbon 5, J. Crapnell 6, C. Woodard 7, E. Pye 8. First in method 5 and 6.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,288 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, G. S. Smith 2, W. R. J. Poulsom 3, F. Day 4, F. Boreham 5, L. Offord 6, W. Jarvis 7, L. G. Pryke 8.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: G. Marriner 1, G. Peters 2, Alan Smith 3, E. Coward 4, H. V. Young 5, A. H. Winch 6, C. Smart 7, A. Harman 8, W. Newberry 9, A. H. Smith (first on 10 as cond.) 10.

LEICESTER.—At All Saints' on Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Alan Cattell 1 and 2, Mavis Whitehead 3, Arthur Cattell 4, Colin A. Kirk (first as cond.) 5, Joy Whitehead (age 7, first quarter) 6.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Taylor 1, M. P. Moreton 2, J. W. Downes 3, W. T. Rowley (first of Stedman Triples) 4, G. Davis 5, A. T. Wingate 6, A. W. Davis (cond.) 7, F. Arrowsmith 8. For the last service of the Vicar, the Rev. Preb. A. Wynne-Thomas, who is retiring.

OLDHAM, LANCs.—At St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Fletcher 1, O. Moores 2, Miss A. T. Seville 3, F. Pritchard (first as cond.) 4, A. F. Taylor 5, Miss M. I. Jaggar 6, R. Edwards 7, E. Casterton 8.

PADWORTH, BERKS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. E. Dodd 1, Miss E. Knight 2, Miss H. Cane 3, D. Vince (first 'inside') 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, M. J. Dodd 6. Average age of the band is 15 years.

POPLAR, LONDON.—At All Saints' on Jan. 15th, 1,043 Stedman Caters: Miss O. Wade (longest length) 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, H. W. Andrews 3, Miss P. Kitchen 4, A. J. N. Boyack 5, J. Goodall 6, C. E. Willmington 7, C. W. Otley 8, J. Bullock 9, C. A. Hughes 10.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Boardman (first quarter) 1, A. Frost 2, A. G. Clarke 3, E. A. Jackson 4, J. Clegg 5, A. Cairns (first quarter as cond.) 6.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: O. J. Cripps 1, Mrs. I. Simpson 2, T. Measures 3, D. J. Marshall (cond. age 15) 4, A. Hickton 5, W. E. Simpson 6.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On Jan. 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob: E. J. Leversuch 1, T. Clark 2, F. Cattell 3, W. Wenban 4, C. Wenban 5, A. Wenban 6, J. E. Rootes 7, W. J. Nudds 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of 4.

THORNABY-ON-TEES, YORKS.—At St. Paul's Church, on Jan. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. R. Addison 1, J. Jefferson 2, H. A. Ward 3, E. Sinclair 4, P. Semmens 5, P. Rock 6, T. Cox (cond.) 7, T. Banks 8. Rung for the institution of the Rev. S. F. Gunyon, M.A.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (2 six-scores Reverse Canterbury 3 each of April Day and Plain Bob and 2 Grandsire): J. Cannell (first quarter) 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, Barbara Mitchell (first in four methods) 3, W. A. Hughes 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, Anne Holmes 6.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Piggins 1, Miss M. Longbottom 2, Miss M. Whitlock 3, W. Jarvis 4, W. Storey 5, T. Bevis (first in method as cond.) 6, H. Means 7, W. Freeman 8.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Dodd 1, P. F. Dodd (first quarter) 2, A. Braine 3, B. C. Stirland 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, B. A. Brooks (first quarter) 6.

OBITUARY

MR. W. J. POWELL.

We regret to record the death of Mr. William James Powell, of Llanfrecfha, Monmouthshire, aged 69, after an illness of more than three years' duration, borne with great patience.

On two occasions he had been Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, and he and his young band were familiar figures at all association meetings. In all he had taken part in 16 peals, including one of Cambridge Surprise Major.

Mr. Powell had taken an active interest in the welfare of the Church, serving as a chorister at the Parish Church since boyhood, a member of the Parochial Church Council and a sidesman. Parishioners will miss his good-humoured personality at local functions. He was instrumental in augmenting Llanfrecfha bells from six to eight, but was never happier than when ringing on six bells.

A peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung at Llanfrecfha to his memory.

MR. J. A. RANGLES.

Mr. John Arthur Randles, of Coed-y-rae, Gresford, North Wales, passed away on Jan. 25th in his 58th year. He had been a ringer at All Saints' Church, Gresford, since he was 12 years old. For 46 years he had been a most loyal and regular service ringer, and had rung 25 peals of Grandsire and Stedman.

His courtesy and kindly welcome to visitors to the tower, his interest in ringing meetings of the North Wales Association, and the Wrexham and District Branch in particular, will long be remembered by his many ringing friends.

He followed his father, Richard Randles, who had been for many years a ringer on these famous bells. Four of his brothers still ring and his son and daughter are learning. He and his daughter took part in the recent broadcast of Gresford bells.

He was a very loyal churchman and had been a member of the church choir for 49 years.

The funeral took place on January 28th, attended by ringers of neighbouring towers. The service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Glyn Jones), was fully choral. After the service touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung with the bells half-muffled.

Sympathy is extended to his wife and two children.

H.M.S. 'Truculent'

The following quarter peals have been rung to the memory of those who lost their lives in H.M.S. 'Truculent'.—

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. D. Chantler 1, Miss P. Smith 2, T. A. Cross 3, J. Hale 4, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 5, W. J. Walker 6, E. Naylor 7, G. A. Naylor 8.

CHATHAM, KENT.—1,259 Grandsire Caters: V. Jarrett 1, T. Beaumont 2, Miss G. Jarrett 3, E. A. G. Allen 4, F. J. Cheal 5, C. Jarrett 6, R. Norris 7, C. E. J. Norris 8, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 9, G. Davis 10. First quarter of Caters for 3, 6 and 10.

DOVER, KENT.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. George 1, M. O. Tyler (first of Triples) 2, C. Turner (cond.) 3, A. Binfield 4, C. George 5, E. T. Ellender 6, E. J. Walker 7, F. Dennis 8.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. White 1, I. Jackson 2, A. R. Ward 3, F. Taylor (cond.) 4, J. Collis (first 'inside') 5, E. Collis (first quarter) 6, A. Jackson 7, P. A. B. Cory (first quarter) 8.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss I. Dearing 1, J. Tomsett 2, E. Cassell 3, T. Miller 4, A. Miller 5, J. Chapman 6, E. Blake (cond.) 7, F. Wicks 8. Also to the memory of W. Sparks, member of St. Leonard's, Streatham, band.

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MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—East Farleigh (6), Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, near Maidstone. 6496

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Denver, Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Own food.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6516

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual meeting, Southover, Lewes (10), Saturday, Feb. 11th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. 6502

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Laurence's, Reading, Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. 6511

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Leigh (6), Feb. 11th. Bells 3. Tea 4.45 at Bat and Ball. Service 6.—C. A. Bassett. 6510

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Hull, Feb. 11th. St. Mary's (6) 2 to 4. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Holy Trinity (10) after tea to 9. Tea for those notifying Miss D. Houghton, 10, Derwent Avenue, Alfonso Street, Hull. 6550

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting, Leatherhead, Feb. 18th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting the Institute. Numbers for tea to George Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by Feb. 15th. 6509

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at All Hallows', Bruce Castle, Tottenham, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. and tea to follow. Ringing at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill (approach by bus or trolley bus from Manor House to St. Ann's Road Station), 2.30 to 4 p.m.—T. J. Lock, District Sec. 6504

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Llantrisant (8), Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington. 6515

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Feb. 18th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, from 5 o'clock. The payment of 2s. 6d. to enable members who have not attended the requisite number of meetings to vote on financial matters must be paid by Feb. 28th (Rule 12).—A. B. Peck. 6526

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Winchcombe, Feb. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea booked at cafe only if notified before 13th. Bus times from Cheltenham on request.—Charles Rouse, 52, St. George's Drive, Cheltenham. 6482

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Eastern and Western Districts, Saturday, Feb. 18th, 2.30. Chester-le-Street, SS. Mary and Cuthbert's. Tea, Church Institute. Charge approximately 2s. each. Names by Feb. 16th to Mr. J. A. Brown, 7, Finchdale Terrace. 6529

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Annual meeting, Billingshurst, Feb. 18th, 3. Names for tea, please, by 13th, to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 6530

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Westhoughton on Saturday, Feb. 18th, not 25th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. Tea provided. Names to Wm. Smalley, 15, Sunny Garth, Westhoughton.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 6533

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Sudbury, Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells of St. Gregory's (8) and All Saints' (8) 3 to 9 p.m. Tea 5.15. Business follows. Names, please, to A. A. Fitch, Dis. Sec., 7, Croft Road, Sudbury, Suffolk. 6558

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Bridget's, West Kirby, Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided only for those notifying me on or before 14th.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 6559

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Bexhill, Feb. 18th. Bells 3. Names: tea by 15th, Rev. P. Boulsover, Chantry Croft, Barrack Road, Bexhill-on-Sea. 6531

COVENTRY GUILD.—Coventry District.—Meeting, Feb. 18th, Keresley. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 15th to Pervin, 68, Newfield Road, Coventry. 6532

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Thurnby on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea to Mr. H. L. Wykes, Grange Cottage, Grange Lane, by Tuesday, Feb. 14th.—F. Key, Hon. Sec. 6535

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Pewsey, Feb. 18th. Usual arrangements.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 6561

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Practice meeting, Abbots Ann, Feb. 18th. Bells 2.30 to 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Amport (6) after tea. Names by Feb. 15th. J. A. Hill, Anna Valley, Andover. 6556

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Feb. 18th, Kirkby-in-Ashfield. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided 5 p.m. Bring own food. 6554

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Monthly meeting at Tilsworth on Feb. 18th. Bells (6) at 3. Cups of tea at 5. Bring own food.—Valerie Willard, Dis. Sec., Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 6553

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Monthly meeting, Eyam (6), Saturday, Feb. 18th, 3. Afternoon tea (2s.). 5. Names for tea to Miss Dunn, Crowstones, Crowstones Road, Darley Dale, before 14th.—D. J. Dunn. 6552

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Annual meeting at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. and evening. Committee 4. Service 4.30. Tea at Regal 5. Business, St. Andrew's Hall, 6. Names for tea Frank Corke, 6, Lynch Close, Uxbridge, by 13th.—F. Finch, District Sec. 6538

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Bishop's Hull, Saturday, Feb. 18th, 3. Service 4.15. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 6536

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Chew Stoke, Feb. 18th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 6537

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Cheshunt, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. Newnham, Jasmine Cottage, Goffs Oak, Waltham Cross, by 22nd. 6539

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Melbourne, Saturday, Feb. 25th, 2.30. Names for tea to Rev. R. J. Morris, The Vicarage, Melbourne, by Wednesday, Feb. 22nd. 6551

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting (annual), Saturday, Feb. 25th, at Gorleston-on-Sea. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Mather Assembly Room, England's Lane. Names or numbers for tea not later than Wednesday, Feb. 22nd, to J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 6534

HELMOND, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,440 Beverley Surprise Minor: C. Hinton 1, G. Burton 2, W. J. Chester 3, M. Saunders 4, E. Lines 5, W. Yates (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by all the band.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,312 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Congreve-Pridgeon (cond.) 1, F. T. Green 2, R. Challen 3, A. H. Gearing 4, J. V. Lonsbrough 5, F. Howe 6, M. O. Thomas 7, F. Page 8.

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RINGER AS LORD MAYOR

BIRMINGHAM, now the second city of the country, is to have a ringer as its Lord Mayor next year. Last week at a special meeting of the Birmingham City Council Alderman Alfred Paddon Smith, J.P., was elected as Lord Mayor designate of the City. Birmingham has been famed for the high standing of its chief citizens, and the services of the Chamberlain family in this office—Joseph and Neville—are known far and wide. The congratulations of the Exercise will be extended to Ald. Paddon Smith on the high honour conferred upon him, and with them their good wishes for a happy and successful year of office.

Since his boyhood days, Ald. Paddon Smith has lived at Handsworth. He came of bellringing stock, his father, grandfather and great-grandfather all being ringers. At Handsworth Old Church about 50 years ago he learnt to ring, and as a young man cycled in to St. Martin's, Birmingham, to master 12-bell ringing with this famous company. In those days St. Martin's was the only 12-bell tower in Birmingham, and attracted the enthusiastic young ringers of the neighbourhood, among whom was Mr. T. H. Reeves.

While still a young man, he was appointed hon. secretary of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, and the 20 years he held the office coincided with an expansion of the Guild and of its towers. His boyhood friend, Mr. T. H. Reeves, succeeded him and held office for a like period. Birmingham ringers knew his worth, and for many years he has been one of the Guild's representatives on the Central Council. Ald. Paddon Smith knows the bells of England well; he has travelled extensively and has a creditable peal record, although of late years this has had to give way to the call of civic and public work. He is also a past Master of the St. Martin's Guild.

In the industrial life of the great city of Birmingham Ald. Paddon Smith has played a prominent part. He is a director of Joseph Lucas (Sales and Service), Ltd., and commercial manager of Joseph Lucas, Ltd., and in the interests of his firm he has travelled overseas extensively. The recognition of his ability has come in many ways. He is a past chairman of the National Union of Manufacturers and is now a vice-president. He is also hon.

treasurer of the Economic League. For more than 30 years he has been associated with the Motor and Cycle Trades Benevolent Fund (Midland area), and is vice-chairman of that body.

Ald. Paddon Smith's membership of Birmingham City Council dates back to October 3rd, 1935, when he was elected as a Unionist member for the Sandwell Ward. A keen and able debater and never at a loss for a word, he was soon recognised as one of the most effective speakers in the Unionist Group on the City Council. One of his outstanding jobs on the Council was that of chairman of the Transport Committee from 1943-46, and under his guidance Birmingham's transport services were successfully piloted from a war-time organisation, with good foundations laid for expanding necessary services and for replacing worn-out and uneconomic ones.

His list of other public offices is formidable. He is chairman of the Birmingham District Tame and Rea Drainage Board, chairman of the governors of Handsworth Grammar School, governor of Handsworth Parochial Charities, vice-president and one-time secretary of the Birmingham Savings Committee, chairman of the Handsworth Chrysanthemum Society (one of his hobbies is gardening), chairman of No. 491 (Handsworth) Squadron A.T.C. during the war, and until the National Health Service came into operation was president of the Handsworth District Nursing Association. He was added to the Commission of the Peace for Birmingham in 1942, and last May was elected an alderman.

At the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinners he is a popular figure. A master of epigram and a raconteur with a wit appreciated by ringers, his speeches are full of interest. But in the midst of a busy life he still finds time to participate in his Sunday ringing, and follows with the closest interest the happenings of the Exercise. To his ears Stedman Cinques is the sweetest of all music, and he usually rings the seventh or eighth bell with sureness and perfect mastery, the characteristic of the St. Martin's band.

Alderman Paddon Smith is a widower, and his daughter-in-law, Jean, wife of his eldest son, Lieut.-Colonel Donald Paddon Smith, will act as Mayoress. They have two children, a son aged seven and a daughter aged 2½ years. We feel certain that never will the bells of Birmingham ring out more joyously than next May in honour of the new Lord Mayor, and we trust that the event will be duly recorded in our peal columns.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL AND ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5981 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

BERTIE A. CORNELL ... Treble	*LESLIE T. HANSELL ... 7
H. E. C. GOODENOUGH ... 2	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON ... 8
HAROLD V. FROST ... 3	ALFRED J. HATTEN ... 9
CHARLES F. SAYER ... 4	THOMAS J. LOCK ... 10
*OLIVE M. MARTIN ... 5	WILLIAM A. ARNOLD ... 11
ARTHUR DAY ... 6	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by BERTRAM C. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Cinques. First peal of Grandsire Cinques by all except 2 and 4. First peal of Cinques as conductor. First peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells and for the Association on tower bells.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	*TREVOR REYNOLDS ... 7
*JOAN BERESFORD ... 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 8
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... 9
GEORGE A. PACKER ... 4	MAURICE G. TURNER ... 10
RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 5	JOHN N. LINDON ... 11
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 6	RICHARD D. LANGFORD Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal on twelve bells. A birthday compliment to Mrs. R. J. Warriow, also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Packer for their 17th wedding anniversary.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... Treble	*THOMAS E. SONE ... 6
*WILLIAM ROGERS ... 2	*REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 7
ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 3	RAYMOND P. WOOD ... 8
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 9
*FRANK H. HICKS ... 5	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal 'inside.' † 200th peal. † First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal on ten bells as conductor. A birthday peal for Mrs. A. W. Durham.

OLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WILSON ... Treble	ALLEN MORGAN ... 6
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 2	RALPH W. SAYERS ... 7
CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... 3	ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES ... 8
*R. GEORGE MORRIS ... 4	CYRIL TANSSELL ... 9
REGINALD WOODYATT ... 5	GEORGE AMBLER ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by REG. WOODYATT.

* First peal on ten bells.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

ALAN A. POTTS ... Treble	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 2	PETER LAFLIN ... 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... 8
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 9
JOHN WORTH ... 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

The first peal of Rutland Royal by all the band, on the bells, in the county and for the Guild.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*EILEEN V. ARTHUR ... Treble	*ARCHIBALD L. MITCHELL ... 6
CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 2	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 7
*JOYCE COX ... 3	REGINALD BROWN ... 8
MAURICE J. BUTLER ... 4	JOHN H. HUNT ... 9
NELIA M. LEAHY ... 5	NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal † First peal 'inside.' † First peal on ten bells. A welcome to the new Rector, Rev. G. F. Hales, M.C., M.A.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

EDWARD J. CHIVERS ... Treble	*HARRY J. GAYLARD ... 6
*H. PERCY SPARKS ... 2	WILLIAM E. TURNER ... 7
TREVOR E. MARKS ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 8
HARRY J. SANGER ... 4	THOMAS J. SETTER ... 9
*VICTOR SAVAGE ... 5	*WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by THOMAS J. SETTER.

* First peal of Caters. First peal as conductor. Commemorates 30 years of service as a ringer at this tower by T. J. Setter.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*GEORGE F. SPERRING ... Treble	*FREDERICK H. BIRKS ... 5
*BRIAN HARRIS ... 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 6
*HENRY O. BAKER ... 3	*R. GORDON CORBY ... 7
*JOHN W. BEST ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. MORGAN.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

* First peal in the method.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Treble	EDWIN T. NEWBURY ... 5
PETER BAKER ... 2	LESLIE BARRY ... 6
FREDK. G. NURDEN ... 3	THOMAS BOREHAM ... 7
CHARLES W. MARTIN ... 4	HARRY NEWMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.



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STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.		Tenor 24 cwt. in D.
HARRY D. LISTER ... Treble	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 5	
LESLIE G. FORSTER ... 2	ERNEST W. PYE ... 6	
*ROBERT E. LESTER ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 7	
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... 4	OLIVER G. BARNARD ... Tenor	

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal of Cambridge. A first birthday compliment to William, son of Ernest W. Pye.

THROWLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

	Tenor 11 cwt.
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL Treble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 5
PERCY PAGE ... 2	PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 6
RALPH BIRD ... 3	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 7
WILFRED W. RING ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PETER D. HUCKSTEPP.
First peal as conductor.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., Jan. 24, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

	Tenor 12 cwt.
*FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK ... Treble	*PETER BERESFORD ... 5
*JEFFREY B. WEBB ... 2	*DENNIS BERESFORD ... 6
*JOAN BERESFORD ... 3	*WALTER J. COPE ... 7
KENNETH L. BROWN ... 4	GEORGE E. OLIVER ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

	Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.
*JOHN CHURCH ... Treble	*CLIFFORD W. IZZARD ... 5
C. HENRY HARDING ... 2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 6
LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 3	*J. MICHAEL STEVENS ... 7
RONALD J. SHARP ... 4	RONALD C. NOON ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise Major on the bells. A birthday compliment to A. C. Sinfield.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Jan. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

	Tenor 10 cwt.
*JEAN MARSHALL (12) ... Treble	*PETER COXALL ... 5
†MARGARET E. RIDYARD ... 2	THOMAS MARSHALL ... 6
ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... 3	NORMAN HEAPS ... 7
RONALD KENRICK ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal. † First peal in the method 'inside.' ‡ First peal in the method.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Containing 2,560 Bristol, 1,600 London and 480 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 114 changes of method. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.	
OSWALD CLAYBROOK ... Treble	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 5
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 2	CYRIL VALENTINE ... 6
WALTER ALLMAN ... 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
*HENRY O. BAKER ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major on an 'inside' bell.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

	Tenor 9 cwt.
LEONARD STILWELL ... Treble	ERIC H. KNAPP ... 5
GEORGE W. CECIL ... 2	GEORGE APPS ... 6
ALBERT E. LAKER ... 3	KENNETH SNELLING ... 7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 4	RAYMOND OVERY ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
FRANK PENN ... Treble	*DONALD LEE ... 5
MRS. F. PENN ... 2	ERNEST PARKER ... 6
LAURIE HITCHENS ... 3	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 7
WILLIAM C. WEST ... 4	PERCIVAL HARDING ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PARKER.

* First peal on eight bells. A tribute to the conductor on attaining his 70th birthday.

BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

	Tenor 25 cwt.
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... Treble	CLIFFORD W. IZZARD ... 5
C. HENRY HARDING ... 2	BRIAN F. SIMS ... 6
RONALD J. SHARP ... 3	LEWIS A. BYWATERS ... 7
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 4	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... Tenor

Composed by D. A. BAYLES. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.
100th peal by the Association.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

	Tenor 11 cwt.
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... Treble	JOHN ASHCROFT ... 5
*THOMAS MARSHALL ... 2	PETER COXALL ... 6
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 3	RONALD KENRICK ... 7
THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 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.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

	Tenor 15 cwt.
REGINALD E. LAMBERT Treble	*THOMAS E. SONE ... 5
*TOM SAUNDERS ... 2	†LUTHER J. HONESS ... 6
†PETER CARTER ... 3	§ERNEST J. LADD ... 7
EDNA M. SILLS ... 4	‡ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* 125th peal together. † First peal of Treble Bob. ‡ 100th peal together. § 25th peal together. A compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. S. H. Monypenny, on attaining his 80th birthday.

LANCASTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

	Tenor 32 cwt.
G. ALEC DIMMOCK ... Treble	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE ... 5
THOMAS BARKER ... 2	ERNEST J. GOWER ... 6
JOHN JACKSON ... 3	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... 7
E. ROGER MARTIN ... 4	ARTHUR HATCH ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.

LYMINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours.

At the Church of SS. Mary and Eadburga,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY BAKER Treble	PETER D. HUCKSTEFF ... 5
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEFF ... 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH... 6
*CYRIL A. WRATTEN ... 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 7
†WILLIAM P. GARNER ... 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD J. BOFFEY ... Treble	GEORGE A. PACKER ... 5
*HAROLD G. SMITH ... 2	WILFRED KERR 6
*FRANK BARNARD ... 3	FREDK. S. SUTTON... .. 7
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 4	JOHN E. BROUGH Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* First peal in method. First peal in the method as conductor.
For the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. Ollier,
parents of a local ringer. Also a birthday compliment to H.
Chesworth.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

*PATRICK PAGE ... Treble	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 5
MRS. E. F. SALMONS ... 2	*JOHN H. HUNT 6
TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 3	FREDK. W. ROGERS ... 7
†CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Rutland.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

CHARLES J. GARDENER Treble	WILLIAM A. T. CARTER... 5
MARGARET E. RICHARD... 2	WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL 6
*BRIAN BLADON ... 3	PETER ANGER 7
ENID LLOYD-ROBERTS ... 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by FREDK. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Double Norwich away from the treble. First peal
on the augmented eight.

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... Treble	*WILLIAM CARNWELL ... 5
*ALAN D. RIVERS ... 2	JOHN N. LINDON 6
CHARLES H. PAGE ... 3	ARTHUR PEAKE 7
MARGARET RIGBY ... 4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PEAKE.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman on the
bells.

TWYFORD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*ALAN D. RIVERS ... Treble	EDWARD ARMSTRONG ... 5
MARY R. JAYCOCK ... 2	WILLIAM F. BUTLER ... 6
AUDREY A. EWINS ... 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
FREDA G. MURKETT ... 4	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM F. BUTLER.

* First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor. A
valedictory peal for Miss A. A. Ewins, of Slough, who is leaving the
district to join the staff of Queen Mary's Children's Hospital, Car-
shalton.

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF LINGOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

JOAN GRAY ... Treble	*RODNEY B. MEADOWS... 5
FRANCES A. EDGAR ... 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL ... 6
*ANNE DACKINSON ... 3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 7
DENIS N. LAYTON ... 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method by all
the band and for the Association.

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GORDON RUSHTON (14) Treble	ROY COLLIER 5
JOE BOYER 2	THOMAS BRATBY 6
†JOE THORNLEY 3	PETER CROOK 7
THOMAS ALLRED 4	HENRY PRESCOTT Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal. † First peal on 'inside' bell. Rung half-muffled
prior to the dedication service of a war memorial chapel to the
memory of the men of this parish killed 1939-45.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Twelve-part No. 3.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... Treble	*SIDNEY MARSHALL ... 5
NORMAN V. HARDING ... 2	VINCENT R. OVENS ... 6
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	BERT GOGLE 7
GEORGE P. ADAMS ... 4	GEORGE SAYER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRED LACEY ... Treble	GEORGE E. FEIRN 5
PHILIP BARNES 2	G. LESLIE LUNN 6
JACK BRAY 3	GEORGE W. MOODY ... 7
*ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 4	GEORGE DOBBS Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 3, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

ARTHUR TILSTON ... Treble	THOMAS R. GRIFFITHS ... 5
NORAH M. BIBBY 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 6
FRED EVANS 3	T. SIDNEY RANGLES ... 7
WILLIAM CATHRALL ... 4	ROBERT JARVIS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. RANGLES.

In memory of Mr. J. A. Randles.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

At the Church of EMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM R. DUNBAR ... Treble	WILLIAM PROCTOR 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 6
KENNETH HARTLEY ... 3	CHARLES CLEGG 7
ALFRED V. WILLIAMS ... 4	ROGER LEIGH Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by CHARLES W. BLAKEY.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEOFFREY WM. HAIR ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE F. BAILEY ...	5
*MRS. S. H. JONES ... 2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ...	6
H. GEORGE HART ... 3	SIDNEY H. JONES ...	7
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE ... 4	EDWARD J. WHITE ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by SIDNEY H. JONES.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' A birthday compliment to the conductor.

EXETER.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, HEAVITREE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in D.

WILLIAM H. HOWE ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE SKINNER ...	5
*EDWARD W. BIFFIN ... 2	HORACE W. J. BUTT ...	6
TOM G. BARTLETT ... 3	FREDERICK WREFORD ...	7
JOHN L. S. GLANVILL ... 4	EDGAR GLASS ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by FREDERICK WREFORD.

* 50th peal. A compliment to Mr. T. G. Bartlett, who celebrated his 70th birthday.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE N. ORMAN ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM A. ROUSE ...	5
*FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ... 2	EDWARD B. SMITH ...	6
EDWARD E. DAVEY ... 3	RONALD G. BUGG ...	7
GEORGE A. ANDREWS ... 4	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by W. ROYLE (C.C.C. 63). Conducted by U. W. WILDNEY.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. 50th peal as conductor.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... <i>Treble</i>	†OWEN A. NEEDHAM ...	5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	†GEOFFREY M. MAYER ...	6
*GEOFFREY R. PARKER ... 3	H. LESLIE PASK ...	7
†MARGARET A. SWANN ... 4	†JOHN E. COOK ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. ‡ 25th peal. First peal as conductor.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN AMBLER ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM BARTON ...	5
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 2	J. EDWARD CAWSE ...	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ...	7
*GIBSON JACKSON ... 4	J. FREDK. MILNER ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method.

THROWLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOVENY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

HARRY BAKER ... <i>Treble</i>	PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ...	5
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ...	6
PERCY PAGE ... 3	HARRY PARKES ...	7
WILFRED W. RING ... 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by T. CULLINGWORTH.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

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PIDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 23, 1950, 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 720's.	Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.
ERIC NOBLES Treble	HARRY WOODING 4
WILLIAM R. HAMMONS 2	*WALTER MAWBY 5
GEORGE CARE 3	PHILIP JONES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CARE.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Miss M. Valentine and W. Mawby.

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.

THE CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Tues., Jan. 24, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents, on the 'light six.'	Tenor 14 cwt.
*C. HOLLOBON Treble	*N. SLOAN 4
†RUTH DONNELLY 2	*F. REEVES 5
*C. WARD 3	A. J. LANCEFIELD Tenor

Conducted by A. J. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor for the society and in the Dominion of New Zealand. Rung as a farewell to Miss R. Donnelly, who returns to Australia on February 1st.

PRESCOT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 24, 1950, 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.
*WALTER C. FINNEY ... Treble	HARRY BLACKBURN ... 4
†RONALD PRESTON ... 2	WILFRED RILEY ... 5
ROGER C. PRESTON ... 3	WILLIAM E. COURT ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. COURT.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' A compliment to the curate, Rev. E. S. Woods, on the birth of a daughter.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.	
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Treble	MOSES BILLINGS ... 4
*MARGARET A. SWANN ... 2	*GEOFFREY R. PARKER ... 5
ROBERT W. PARKER ... 3	OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

BELFAST, NORTH IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JOHN SAVAGE Treble	†JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 4
*WILLIAM PRATT 2	*JAMES EDGAR 5
*NAT SAVAGE 3	*HARRY BROWN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

* First peal in five methods. † First peal in five methods on tower bells. Fastest peal ever rung in Ireland on tower bells, and first peal in five methods on tower bells in Ireland. First time Cambridge Surprise Minor and Spliced Treble Bob Minor have been included in a peal here. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James Rush, Ringing Master of the St. Donard's band.

CADOXTON, NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRFCN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.	
HARRY BOYCE Treble	EDMUND MORRIS ... 4
*WYNDHAM LEWIS 2	ERNEST STITCH ... 5
TREVOR M. RODERICK ... 3	GWYN I. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal in method 'inside.' A birthday compliment to treble ringer.

PEASMORE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

MARK ROSIER Treble	FRANK S. TUFFLEY ... 4
GILBERT F. TOWNSEND ... 2	GEOFFREY K. DODD ... 5
CYRIL J. HIBBERT 3	REGINALD W. REX ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD W. REX.

STAMFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Kent Treble Bob, 1,440 each of Single Court Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr.

EDWARD COX Treble	PERCY D. BALDOCK ... 4
RONALD RUSSELL 2	JOHN H. BLUFF ... 5
GEORGE SLAUGHTER ... 3	JAMES BLUFF ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

To celebrate the 70th birthday of George Slaughter, who has been a bellringer at St. Martin's Church for 55 years.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE WYCHE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of York, London and Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

R. GEORGE MORRIS ... Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4
CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... 2	ALLEN MORGAN ... 5
REGINALD WOODYATT ... 3	CYRIL TANSSELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 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.

*JOHN G. CHAPMAN ... Treble	RONALD E. BURT ... 4
†BASIL H. HYATT 2	T. CHARLES BROWNE ... 5
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD ... 3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILIPPO Tenor

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILIPPO.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor by a local band for 44 years.

SEAVINGTON ST. MARY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 29, 1950, 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 6½ cwt. (approx.).

JACK W. DREW Treble	HARRY J. GAYLARD ... 4
*JOHN T. LOCKE 2	REGINALD BEALE ... 5
FREDERICK WELCH ... 3	†ARTHUR H. ROWSELL ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.

* 50th peal. † First peal of Minor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Jan. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

PETER ROMNEY Treble	FREDERICK J. ROBERTS ... 4
LEONARD STILWELL ... 2	CECIL R. LONGHURST ... 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 3	ERNEST J. KING ... Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR R. RAPLEY.

First peal in the method by all.

COWLEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

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 Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE Treble	CHARLES COLES ... 4
MRS. B. S. NICHOLS ... 2	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS**LEICESTER.****THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Mon., Jan. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,**IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,***A PEAL OF STEFMAN CATER, 5077 CHANGES;***Tenor size 17 in A.*

JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 1-2 | ALAN CATTELL ... 5-6

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4 | EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 7-8

ERNEST MORRIS ... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

LEICESTER.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.***On Sat., Jan. 7, 1950, in 1 Hour and 56½ Minutes,**IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,***A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;***Tenor size 17 in A.*

ERNEST MORRIS ... 1-2 | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6

ALAN CATTELL ... 3-4 | JOHN J. MORRIS ... 7-8

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM. Conducted by E. MORRIS.

A birthday peal for Patrick William, son of the ringer of 5-6.

LEICESTER.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.***On Sat., Jan. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,**IN THE VICAR'S VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;***M. J. Morris' Variation of Parker's. Tenor 17 in A.*

ERNEST MORRIS ... 1-2 | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6

JOHN J. MORRIS ... 3-4 | J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 7-8

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

NOTTINGHAM.**THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Wed., Jan. 18, 1950, 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.*

FREDERICK G. HOOPER ... 1-2 | ALBERT H. WARD ... 5-6

CLEMENT GLENN ... 3-4 | *FRANK BRADLEY ... 7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First handbell peal in the method.

BELFAST.**THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.***On Wed., Jan. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,**IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Childwall, 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 JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

First peal in five methods for all the band, for the Association and in Ireland. In memoriam for those who lost their lives in H.M.S. Submarine 'Truculent.'

BOURNEMOUTH.**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Fri., Jan. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,**AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,***A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**The 'Barrabool' peal. *Tenor size 17 in A.*

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 1-2 | WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 5-6

DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4 | KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 7-8

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by D. T. MATKIN.

BOURNEMOUTH.**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sun., Jan. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 8 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

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | *JOHN H. HUNT ... 7-8

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

* First peal of Triples 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.***On Sun., Jan. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours,**AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,***A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;***Tenor size 14 in D.*

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | JOHN H. HUNT ... 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

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Owing to the regretted illness of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Central Council publications are now being dealt with by Mr. C. W. Woolley, 39, Titan Avenue, Bushey, Herts. Will readers ordering books kindly note the change of address?

The joint meeting of the Middlesex Association and the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Sept. 16th.

The bells of St. Andrew's, Chippenham, Wilts, have been removed to Messrs. John Taylor's foundry for turning and retuning. They will be rehung on ball bearings.

Mr. Arthur V. Pearson, of Wolverhampton, has started his next 200 peals with a new Surprise method rung for the first time — Somerset Surprise Major.

The Oxford University Society rang courses of Double Oxford Royal at New College and Steadfast Minor on the heavy six at St. Mary-the-Virgin's on February 5th. This was the first in the method for all and probably the first in Oxford.

To hand is the January number of the Maidstone District's quarterly magazine. Tower snatchers will be particularly interested in the map of the district. A feature article deals with West Malling Church. Instructional articles and bright chatter complete an interesting number.

Twelve-year-old Jean Marshall stepped in at the last minute to complete the band for London Surprise at Southport. This was her first attempt for a peal and she handled a bell never easy to ring in an expert way. This was the first peal of London for the Wigan Branch of the Lancashire Association.

Mr. Albert Relfe has now rung 12 peals of Minor on each bell in Lamberhurst tower.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The ten bells of St. Mary's Parish Church, Whitby, Yorks, have recently been removed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, bell founders, to be recast and, later in the year, to be rehung on ball-bearings in a new metal frame.

The many friends of Mr. F. Warrington will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Warrington is now out of hospital and progressing favourably.

Bunwell, Norfolk, where a peal of Minor was rung on January 29th, had its last of Minor 44 years ago to the day. Three of the original band are still living.

By ringing the treble, Mr. Jack L. Millhouse on February 4th completed 'the circle' of Metheringham tower. Mr. Geoffrey M. Mayer at the same time completed the Cambridge 'family' from Minor to Maximus.

Mr. A. H. Pulling writes that the time taken in the peal of Triples in 1913 at the Loughborough Bell Foundry was 2 hours and 41 minutes, and not as published in his letter on page 75 of 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. William G. Young has left Bournemouth upon his appointment as chief clerk at the Hants and Dorset Bus Depot, Winchester. 'As the treble man in our spliced efforts,' writes Mr. D. T. Matkin, 'we shall miss him. The treble was always "there," no easy job in Soliced Plain Major. We all wish him the best of luck in his new position.'

The George Williams Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Pavilion, Bournemouth, on May 6th, at 7 p.m. Full details will be advertised in March, but Mr. Arthur V. Davis, the hon. organising secretary, asks ringing friends to book the date and to remind them that Bournemouth is very beautiful in early May. A coach tour and a full programme of ringing is being arranged.

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Oxford University Society

The annual lunch was held on January 28th in Oxford. The Society was pleased to welcome as guests Mr. Ernest Morris (Leicester), Mr. D. N. Layton (Master, London University Guild) and Mr. B. D. Threlfall (Master, Cambridge University Guild), Messrs. W. F. Judge, V. J. F. Bennett, E. Moore and P. Walker from the Oxford Society of Change Ringers, and of the Oxford clergy the Rev. and Mrs. R. S. Lee, the Rev. J. Lucas and the Rev. J. C. Stephenson.

Ringling in the morning at St. Thomas-the-Martyr's and St. Mary Magdalen's was followed by a service at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, conducted by the Rev. R. S. Lee, at which the Rev. C. E. Wigg, president of the Society, gave an address.

After lunch at the Forum Restaurant, at the suggestion of the president the company stood for a moment in silent tribute to the memory of the late Canon G. F. Coleridge, vice-president, a fine ringer, whose encouragement and example have been an unfailing inspiration for as long as any present could remember.

Miss Margaret Tutt then proposed the toast of 'The Guests.' She warmly welcomed Mr. Morris, whose reputation had, of course, preceded him. There could be few there who had not heard something of this great man and his works. She also expressed the pleasure which members felt at the presence of the clergy, without whose forbearance the Society could not function, and the city ringers, without whose co-operation its standards of performance would sharply deteriorate.

Mr. Ernest Morris, in replying, gratified his audience with a speech rich in lore and anecdote. He reminded members of the interesting field for study that Oxford bells and ringers provided, and commended it to those with an inclination towards research. The importance of the universities in training as ringers those who were to be clergymen was worth emphasising again and again. Ringing parsons were all too rare at present. He wished the Society every success. Once ringing was ingrained in them, members should, on leaving Oxford, join the local tower wherever they might be and help in spreading the art.

Mr. Denis Layton proposed the toast of 'The O.U.S.C.R.' He congratulated the Society on leading other university societies, at any rate chronologically. He had attended the last six annual lunches. Great names in the Society had come and gone. Some had said that without them it would not last. But, in fact, it had and he would like to pay tribute to the work of those masters who had carried on John Spice's work and brought things to their present flourishing state. An outstanding conductor was a great advantage, but not an essential.

The Master, Mr. M. E. H. Barrow, in thanking Mr. Layton, briefly reviewed the year's activities. He singled out particularly a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles rung one evening in Michaelmas Term by a resident band from St. Edmund Hall, in which there were five 'firsts.' The ringing week at Cheltenham in 1949 had been an unqualified success. The 1950 week was to be held in Shropshire from April 13th-20th, based at Shrewsbury. Old members interested were invited to communicate with the secretary.

In the afternoon the bells of Christ Church were rung to rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus. At Magdalen this programme was varied with well-struck courses of Plain Bob Royal and Yorkshire Royal. In the evening at St. Martin's and All Saints' standard eight-bell methods were rung, culminating in Spliced Surprise. At these three towers Mr. Judge's conducting was the mainstay in the ringing of the more difficult methods.

The success of the day's ringing was due not least to our distinguished guests and to those whom we were pleased to welcome as visitors, Messrs. P. M. J. Gray, E. P. Rock, S. E. Darmon and R. F. B. Speed. The loyal support of old members was most heartening and we were particularly glad to see again the Rev. F. L. Edwards, who had journeyed up from Dorset, and Mr. H. Miles (vice-president), spending a week in Oxford renewing his many friendships with ringers both inside and outside the University.

Bristol University Society

The annual ringing day and dinner of the University of Bristol Society was held in Bristol on January 28th. During the morning a peal attempt of Grandsire Triples at Henbury was lost owing to an omission in the calling. An excellent practice of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain and Little Bob Major ensued. After lunch ringing at St. Mary Redcliffe ranged from rounds and Stedman Cinques, and at SS. Philip and Jacob's a well-struck course of Cambridge Major was rung. The service, conducted by the Rev. D. A. R. Allen, was held at St. Michael's.

Some 37 members and visitors sat down to dinner at the Full Moon Hotel. The honorary president, Dr. S. H. Piper, having proposed 'The King' and 'The Church,' raised the toast of 'The Exercise.' He spoke of the keenness of the members and the leadership of the officers, in spite of the difficulties occasioned by the loss of All Saints', and later St. Michael's owing to the tower becoming unsafe. He expressed the Society's appreciation of the fine hospitality of the ringers in the towers used during the year.

The secretary, Miss Mary Bliss, proposed 'The Visitors,' and conveyed greetings from Cambridge, Oxford and London. The several visitors from the Bristol City Branch were welcomed, also Mr. Kynaston, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and Mr. Geoff Carter and Mr. Ronald Clouston from London.

Mr. Carter, in reply, mentioned the fact that Bristol was the first provincial university to form a ringing society, and expressed pleasure at the close relationship existing between the U.B.S.C.R. and other societies.

Mr. Leaker, chairman of the Bristol City Branch, in proposing 'The U.B.S.C.R.,' brought greetings to the Society and congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner (née Dorothy Richardson) on their recent marriage. He was sorry about the loss of the Society's two towers, and suggested that the Lord Mayor's Chapel might prove to be a suitable 'home tower.' It was, he said, a pleasure to ring with the Society and the standard of ringing was remarkably good.

The Master, Mr. Jack Worrall, replied, and reaffirmed the Society's indebtedness to the City ringers. He reviewed the year's activities, which included several first peals for members in both Minor and Major methods, a first peal as conductor for Mr. Ivor Truman, and various new methods for the Society. Membership was up to sixty, comparing favourably with Oxford. He stated that the objects of the Society are to further the art of change ringing by helping other towers as the occasion offers, and by training leaders as well as ringers.

The meeting ended with the presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner of a morning tea set as a wedding gift from the U.B.S.C.R. Mr. Eric Taylor, in a brief speech, expressed the hope that the gift would be useful, and also that Mr. Gardiner would be persuaded to learn to ring. Mrs. Gardiner suitably replied.

On Sunday morning ringing took place at Christ Church, where some well-struck Grandsire Caters were rung, and at St. John's-on-the-Wall. In the evening members joined the resident ringers at St. James' in ringing Stedman and Grandsire Caters.

6,496 Spliced Surprise Major

Commenting on this peal, which was rung at Frodsham, Cheshire, on December 31st, Dr. J. C. E. Simpson writes:—

In its own small way, this 6,496 is a record length. Mr. A. J. Pitman has composed a 9,600, but from the ringing point of view the latter does not compare with the 6,496 in six methods.

The band who rang this peal were much impressed by the composition, which will always stand as a tribute to the composer's ingenuity. It employs the 60 course ends, and it thus seems unlikely that a longer length will be obtainable on what is essentially the three-lead course plan. The beauty of the composition lies in the extremely regular manner in which the 60 course ends are introduced.

After the peal, the band were entertained, first by Mr. and Mrs. Claybrook and later by Mr. and Mrs. Bibby. All this hospitality was greatly appreciated and was a very pleasant sequel to what was felt to be a memorable rounding off of a successful year's peal ringing activity.

6,496 SPLICED BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, LONDON, PUDSEY, SUPERLATIVE AND WATFORD SURPRISE.

23456	M	W	H	
35264	2	2		LBXBL
62453	—	—	3	PSCYWBB
54326	—	—		WZCSP
42563	2	2		LBXBL
64523	—	—	3	PSCYWBB
25346	—	—		WZCSP
43526				'A'
24536				'B'
35426				'A'
42356				'B' + 1H in 3rd course
25463	2	2		LBXBL
64352	—	—	3	PSCYWBB
45362	—	2		WZBL
63254	—	—	3	PSCYWBB
52436	—	—		WZCSP
23564	2	2		LBXBL
65432	—	—	3	PSCYWBB
45236	—	—		WZCSP
32546				'A'
53246				'C'
34562	2	2		LBXBL
65243	—	—	3	PSCYWBB
34256	—	—		WZCSP
23456	—	—		LZCSP

X = Cambridge or Superlative; Y and Z = Cambridge or Pudsey. As rung at Frodsham X was Superlative, Y was Pudsey, and Z was Cambridge.

MR. LEONARD H. BOWLER'S 100

Mr. Leonard H. Bowler, of St. Mary's, Willeaden, has the following interesting first 100 peals:—

Minor.—Plain Bob 1, four methods 1, seven methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 5.

Major.—Plain Bob 4, Little Bob 1, Double Norwich 1, Duffield 1, Cambridge 7, Superlative 7, London 4, Bristol 12, Yorkshire 8, Rutland 6, Pudsey 2, Hitchin 2, Faling 1, Eastcote 1, Willeaden 1, Belgrave 1, Ashted 1, Lincolnshire 1, Rochester 1, Bayswater 1, Peterborough 1, Benington 1, Glasgow 1, Dublin 1, Spliced Surprise in two methods 1, four methods 8, five methods 1, six methods 2, eight methods 1, ten methods 1.

Caters.—Stedman 4.

Royal.—Oxford Treble Bob 1, Yorkshire 1, Prittlewell 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 3.

Ringling in South Australia

In forwarding a copy of the first quarter to be rung in South Australia, Mr. Philip L. Cooper, of 26, North Street, Collinswood, Adelaide, writes that it was rung by a combined team from the two towers in the city, viz., St. Peter's Cathedral, where a Taylor eight (tenor 41 cwt.) was hung in 1947, and St. Andrew's, which has a Mears and Stainbank six, hung in 1886, and for most of the ensuing time was the only ringing tower in the State.

Mr. Cooper continues: We also have a glorious ring of eight, tenor 13 cwt., by Warners, in our Town Hall. Unfortunately, these have not been rung for nearly 50 years, but we hope to get them going again soon.

Change ringing has only been practised thoroughly here since a year ago, and we feel pleased with our progress, as we have had to struggle on by ourselves. The nearest ringing bells are about 600 miles away. The progress was made possible mainly by my having the opportunity of a trip to Sydney last February, where I gained considerable experience.

It is worthy of note that except for the treble (37) and tenor (35), the other ringers are comparatively young. The second is 22, third 23, fourth 18, and myself 19.

With this success we hope for many more quarters in the future and eventually we hope to get to peal standard, after venturing through Doubles and Minor, to Triples.

I receive your paper weekly, and I can assure you that it is full of interest. Later this year I hope to publish a book giving the history of all the Australian ringing towers, of which there are about 30. I hope that it will be popular in England. In preparation, I recently re-read the late Mr. Goldsmith's 'A Great Adventure,' and was greatly stirred by it. Would another such tour be possible some day? Since 1945 change ringing in Australia has made great advances—as in the recent peal of Minor you recorded from Sydney—and another such tour would be of inestimable value to the Exercise out here.

I fully realise the great expenses involved, but, like the previous tour, could it not coincide with the proposed Royal Tour? All Australian ringers would warmly welcome such an event, and we would benefit from it greatly, much more so than in 1934.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD BICESTER DEANERY BRANCH.

St. Mary's, Launton, with its small ringing chamber that will only hold nine ringers and is reached by an outside iron ladder, was selected for the quarterly meeting on Feb. 4th.

Bishop H. Buxton, Rector of Launton, preached, and the local choir was augmented by members of the branch. A company of 60 sat down to an excellent tea provided by the Mothers' Union.

Mr. F. Sharpe, branch vice-president, was in the chair at the business meeting. The branch annual meeting was fixed for Saturday, April 1st, at Kirtlington. Bishop H. J. Buxton was elected an honorary member; one non-resident and seven ringing members (five ladies) were also elected, believed to be a record for a similar meeting.

Mr. Alan Pink pointed out that he was writing an article in 'The Oxford Diocesan Magazine' each month under the heading 'Campanology Corner,' and would be glad of any articles of interest for publication to be sent through the branch secretary.

Miss Cross (the Guild librarian) congratulated Mr. Sharpe on his very fine exhibition, consisting of photographs of bells, frames, etc., and a small bell complete in a frame, two old treble bells and a very fine set of handbells. These were displayed in the Village Hall for the benefit of the members and visitors present.

The Launton bells were available again in the evening and also the eight at Bicester.

A Yorkshire Ringer



MR. NORMAN CHADDOCK,
of Whiston, near Rotherham, who has
completed his first 100 peals. He
joined the Yorkshire Association in
1933.

MR. NORMAN CHADDOCK'S 100 PEALS

Plain Bob.—Minor 2 (conducted 2); Major 17 (10); Royal 5 (1).

Little Bob.—Major 7 (2); Royal 4; Maximus 1. Grandsire.—Triples 6 (2); Caters 2 (2).

Stedman.—Doubles 1 (1); Triples 2; Caters 1; Cinques 1.

Kent Treble Bob.—Major 11 (4); Royal 2. Oxford Treble Bob 1; Spliced Kent and Oxford 1.

Cambridge.—Minor 1; Major 1; Royal 1. Minor.—Three methods 2 (1); four methods 5 (1).

St. Clement's College Bob Major 1 (1). Double Norwich Court Bob Major 7 (1). Surprise Major.—Superlative 2; Yorkshire 8 (1); New Cambridge 1 (1); Pudsey 2; Ashstead 1; Lincolnshire 1; Aldenham 1; Bristol 1; London 1.

Total 100 (conducted 30).

DEVON RINGER'S WEDDING GIFT

Aylesbeare Deanery Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers is a particularly strong and vigorous unit. Much credit for this circumstance is due to Mr. Brian Pidgeon, of East Budleigh, hon. secretary and treasurer, so the branch seized the opportunity afforded by his wedding to present him with a handsome canteen of cutlery.

The Rev. H. V. Christie (chairman) made the presentation at the annual meeting and expressed appreciation of Mr. Pidgeon's services for many years and his readiness at all times to promote the interests of the branch and Guild.

Mr. Pidgeon, loudly applauded, remarked that the gift would be among the most treasured of the two hundred odd presents he had received. He would always do what he could for campanology, but continuance of the support of the members generally for developing activities was indispensable.

The meeting, held at Withycombe Raleigh (8 bells), heard that membership and finances had increased. All officers, including Mr. J. L. Glanville (Ringing Master), were re-elected, and Woodbury (8) was chosen for the next meeting on a date to be arranged.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild

DORCHESTER BRANCH.

Twenty-nine new members, including 23 from Piddlehinton, where the six bells have been recently restored, were elected at the annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch at Dorchester on January 21st. Over 100 ringers and friends were present, the Guild service being conducted by the branch chairman, Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, assisted by the vice-chairman, the Ven. J. C. Chute.

The hon. secretary (Mr. J. H. Hayne) reported on the progress made during 1949. Five meetings had been held and two peals of Bob Major and one of Minor rung for the branch.

The balance sheet showed a credit balance of £36 and a reserve fund of £20.

The following officers were re-elected: Chairman, Canon Markby; vice-chairman, Ven. J. C. Chute; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. H. Hayne; Ringing Master, Mr. F. Precey; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. F. Stedman; assistant secretary, Mr. R. H. Duke. Mr. E. T. P. Field was elected Deputy Ringing Master in addition to Mr. Stedman.

Meetings were provisionally arranged for 1950 as follows: Upwey, Piddlehinton, Maiden Newton, Sydling, and an invitation was extended by the Rev. Edwards for the branch to visit Wool when the repairs to the tower were completed.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

Youth is now at the helm as regards the officers of the Guildford District. At the annual meeting on January 28th, Mr. Eric T. Lee was appointed hon. secretary and Mr. Harold A. May Ringing Master. The Rev. Ken Davis, who presided at the business meeting, said 'Thank you' to Mr. A. C. Hazelden for his nine years in office—'a labour of love,' Mr. Hazelden described it in returning thanks. His report was brief owing to his illness during the past year, but it recorded an increase in membership and a satisfactory financial position. Mr. F. A. Munday was appointed to the Guild Committee and Mr. Leslie Hunter hon. auditor.

A company of 95 enjoyed a ringers' tea, provided by Miss W. A. Oliver, with the help of Mr. and Mrs. Hazelden. While the company enjoyed a social evening arranged by the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, the Guild secretary (Mr. G. A. Grover) and the Editor of 'The Ringing World' washed up the tea things.

There was plenty of fun and competitions at the social evening, including 'spotting the towers.' Miss Y. Elvie, of Salisbury, gave a very amusing rendering of 'The Lay of the Ancient Ringer,' by the late Mr. J. A. Trollope, and another entertainment was given by a non-ringer, a lady of 83, who recited with verve, which won her much applause and a special prize, a monologue entitled 'The Hole in the Road.'

The service was held in the afternoon at St. Nicolas' Church, the Rev. Ken Davis officiating. For the 'not so young' a motor-coach was provided to convey them to the meeting place, St. Nicolas' Hall.

CHURCH DESTROYED BY FIRE

We briefly announced last week the destruction of Tettenthall Church, near Wolverhampton, by fire and its great loss to Staffordshire ringing.

The bells (8) were recast and rehung by Gillett and Johnston in 1923 with the tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. They were originally a six by Thomas Mears (tenor 13 cwt. 2 lb.) and were installed in 1841. Two trebles were added by Mears and Stainbank in 1911.

An appeal has been launched for £50,000 for the restoration of the church to augment the £34,000 for which the church was insured.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers

ANNUAL MEETING AT TORQUAY.

The annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at All Saints', Babbacombe, on Feb. 4th. Ringing took place throughout the afternoon and was followed by a service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. A. H. Bate).

After a bountiful tea at the Tudor Cafe, St. Marychurch, the usual business meeting followed, with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair.

A letter was read from Ippepen parish concerning the raising of funds for the restoration. After a short discussion it was resolved that it be left to individual members to subscribe.

Two new members—Miss Olive Briggs (Torquay) and Master Anthony Parnell (Dartington)—were elected, the latter being the youngest member of the branch.

The secretary's report was adopted, and the treasurer's report, showing an increased balance in hand, approved.

The officers were re-elected as follows: Chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. J. E. Lilley; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. L. Bennett; auditor, Mr. B. H. Cooper; and three members to serve on the General Committee, Messrs. C. F. Austin, F. Turner and W. C. Wakley.

The next meeting will take place (subject to permission) at Lustleigh on April 22nd. The secretary was asked to write to Mr. B. H. Cooper sympathising with him in the illness in his household.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, the organist, the caterers and to the branch secretary for his work during the past year. There was further ringing in the evening.

ESSFX ASSOCIATION

NORTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

St. Peter's, Colchester, proved a popular venue for the annual meeting, when 50 ringers were present from 18 towers, their ages ranging from 12-year-old lads to that active veteran of 80, Mr. 'Dick' Stannard, of Barking.

Good use was made of the fine ring of eight during the afternoon, and the Vicar (the Rev. T. Hollingdale) conducted the service, the collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realising £1 7s. 6d.

After an excellent tea in the Parish Hall the business meeting was held, with the Vicar taking the chair.

The secretary's report for 1949 showed that both membership and number of peals rung had increased.

The District Master (Mr. G. Waterman) and district secretary (Mr. H. J. Millatt) were both unanimously re-elected, as were also the committee members (Messrs. A. Andrews and G. W. Moss). Eight new ringing and one honorary member were elected, and Great Bentley was chosen for the spring meeting.

The Vicar, who spoke of the cordial relations existing between the local ringers and himself, was thanked for allowing the meeting and giving a fine address.

Further ringing took place after the meeting, ranging from rounds to London Surprise, and the six at St. Leonard's were also in use during the evening. H.J.M.

YARDLEY BELLS

Owing to the ravages of the death-watch beetle, ringing at Yardley Parish Church, Birmingham, was stopped. A church restoration appeal for £10,000 was launched.

The local ringers undertook to dismantle the bells and frame. This has been successfully accomplished. The bells have been lowered to the ground and now await despatch to Loughborough. They will be rehung in a new steel frame and two new trebles added to make a ring of eight.

It is necessary that the tower and spire should be repaired, repointed and treated owing to the advanced state of erosion, and the ringers hope that this will be completed by the time the bells are ready.

MAINLY FOR BEGINNERS (4)

(A SERIES OF OPEN LETTERS)

Dear Beginners,—We had to break off last time (remember?) just as our instructor, Tom Truetouch, announced the introduction of the 'Pole and Pig-tail.' Evidently there has been adapted, for ringing-training, the modern idea of a 'synthetic training apparatus,' as they call this artificial device which simulates the real thing, for safe and inexpensive training.

First, Tom brings forward an ordinary, plain, Windsor type of chair, with a hole drilled through its wooden seat; and then a sort of scout-pole, about 7ft. long and 1½in. thick. The pole is slightly tapered near the lower end and cut off 'square' at the upper end. Tom inserts the tapered end of the pole through the closely fitting hole in the chair-seat, which hole is in the middle, though slightly nearer the front edge. The tapered end fits tightly into a slightly smaller hole, immediately below, in a strip of wood tacked across the side-spars of the chair legs. The pole is now rigidly held upright, its flat top being about 7ft. 9in. from the floor.

Slipped over the pole itself is a tube about 18in. long, painted in corkscrew-like strips of red and white. Closer inspection shows it to be a bit of cardboard tube (such as is used to protect drawings, etc.), measuring about 1½in. across, inside, and so just fitting loosely round the pole. Near the upper end of the tube, through two small holes one on either side, are tied two pieces of elastic about ¼in. wide and 3ft. long, as obtainable at any draper's. The upper ends of the elastic strands are tied each to a small screw-eye, run into the pole on opposite sides about an inch from its top. So the tube is hanging on its two yard long elastic strips, and if pulled down and released will slide up the pole until checked by the screw-eyes at the top.

Two further screw-eyes are run into the pole, on opposite sides, at about 1ft. 4in. from its lower end, which will set them at about 2ft. from the floor itself. These prevent the tube from being lowered too far, the round heads of the screw-eyes being smooth to the hands if contacting them.

Stepping on to the chair seat Tom reaches up and places, edgewise on top of the pole, a match-box. Finally he produces a short length of bell-rope, seen to be doubled back and threaded through itself and tied off at the ends; the whole being about 12 or 14 inches in length, and just as though cut from the end of a standard rope. 'The Pig-tail,' says Tom briefly, hanging its curving form over the chair-back.

(In my next letter, Beginners, I will try to include a sketch of this device; but I hope you have understood the foregoing description sufficiently to follow what Tom goes on to explain.)

As you see,' continues Tom, 'the whole thing is simple, easy to make up, and costs next to nothing. It should be available, I think, to all learners of ringing. But before we go any further with it, let us be quite clear about its purpose.

'Bad habits formed in the early stages of any kind of training are very difficult to get rid of. They prolong the learning period and yield only unsatisfactory results in the end. This is especially true of learning bell control. The simple device before you, properly employed, warns the learner of faulty action and nips the bad habit in the bud. This paves the way for acquiring perfect bell control, to result in the good striking which is so essential.

'Now I'm not saying,' Tom goes on, 'that this gadget is essential in learning to ring. In the past all good strikers learned their bell control without it. Indeed, even the scheme of training I shall put you through could dispense with the pole part of it; but the "pig-tail," as a training aid, is not new. What I do say, however, is that a surprising number of indifferent, and even bad, strikers might have become good ones if they'd passed their

initial training on this thing. A valuable feature is that it avoids the risk of your losing confidence in bell management at the start; and, in conjunction with the particular steps by which we shall be taking you over to the real rope-action on a bell, it builds up that confidence until good striking becomes an automatic accomplishment.

'The coloured tube represents the sally. The pole is simply a pull-guide, and, in conjunction with the matchbox, a fault indicator. The pig-tail, of course, represents the rope's end. If the pull is incorrect the pole position is disturbed and the matchbox is displaced. But there's no harm done, no fear of mishandled, flaying rope, and no need for an instructor to spend time standing by while you practise on it.

'Pull-error may arise from incorrect grip, incorrect stance, incorrect body posture and incorrect arm action, all resulting in direction of rope-thrust not truly vertical, as it must be. The resulting error may be lateral (least common) or fore-and-aft (more common) or a combination of both; and the matchbox may be positioned at the pole-top to check any particular form of these errors. Set fore-and-aft, it shows up, particularly, lateral pull-error. Set cross-wise it will indicate, especially, fore-and-aft pull-error. The most severe test is with the box standing on end and inclined mid-way between fore-and-aft and cross-wise. If, through reaction vibration, due to the "sally" hitting the upper stops, the matchbox tumbles off, it may be weighted with a little lead shot or sand, to suit. In the very early stages it may be dispensed with altogether.

'Now let me show you the apparatus in use. Afterwards, Mary will demonstrate the stages of exercise you will take on it. Each pupil will have to pass a stage satisfactorily before going on to the next.'

And there, Beginners, we must leave it till next time.—Yours ever,

CORN. R. STONE.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Some forty members attended the district annual meeting, held at Christchurch on Jan. 28th. At the service, held in the Priory, the Vicar of Bournemouth, the Rev. A. L. E. Williams, preached. The Vicar of Christchurch, the Rev. R. P. Price, took the service and presided at the meeting.

The hon. secretary, Mr. Arthur Davis, reported steady work during the year, during which six meetings had been held at the different towers. Members endorsed his congratulations to the handbell band in Bournemouth upon the progress made during 1949.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. J. M. Turner; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. Arthur V. Davis; joint ringing masters, Mr. W. E. Cheater and Mr. D. T. Matkin; representatives to Central Committee, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay and the Rev. R. F. R. Routh; hon. auditor, Mrs. E. W. Newman; representatives to Bournemouth Dinner Committee, the Rev. R. F. R. Routh and Mr. J. M. Turner.

Dates and places for the quarterly meetings for 1950 were fixed and general business discharged.

The meeting regretted the absence of Mr. George Preston through indisposition, the first annual he had missed since he started ringing. Miss Valerie Willard, of Bedfordshire, was a welcome visitor.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Jefferies (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Sheppard 2, Miss B. Poole 3, Miss N. Gardner 4, M. Jefferies 5, J. W. Jefferies 6, J. G. Jefferies (cond.) 7, A. Rodway 8. A farewell to Miss B. Sheppard, who left for Australia on Feb. 1st.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

720's OF PLAIN BOB MINOR

Sir,—Some months ago one of your correspondents wanted to know how many different 720's of Bob Minor there were. No one has replied to his question. I would not like to answer it, but I am sure that if singles be used freely the number must be very large.

As an example of how they can be produced in quantity take this simple three-part:—

23456	
S 46235	4
S 36524	2
S 26453	2
S 24653	5
S 35624	3
S 42635	3
— 42356	1

By putting in calls which do not alter the work of 5 and 6, at least 26 other 720's can be obtained and 13 more if —, S, —, — be used to replace five consecutive singles.

One of these variations has 36 singles. From it the well-known three-part with 42 singles can be got by adding two singles which affect the 5th in each part, and again 17 more variations can be made.

All these 58 720's contain 65's at backstroke, and, therefore, may not be considered to be worth ringing except in parts of Yorkshire. If any of your readers want the callings I shall be glad to forward them.

I do not remember having seen the figures of any regular six-part 720's published. The following might be of interest.

23456	23456	23456	23456
S 32564	—23564	S 32564	S 32564
S 46532	S 46523	S 62453	S 62453
S 36254	—46235	S 26534	S 26534
—42365	—46352	S 62345	S 62345
	P.L.34265	S 26453	S 26453
		P.L.42365	—34265

Each five times repeated.

I am, yours, etc.,

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

Brasted, Sevenoaks, Kent.

THE OLDEST DATED BELL

Sir,—In your first paragraph in the current issue, you state that Caversfield has the oldest dated bell in England. Your third paragraph stated that this bell is 'undated.'

St. Chad's, Cloughton, Lancashire, has the oldest dated bell in England (1296). The characteristics of the bell at Cloughton are diameter 21in. and the inscription is as follows:

+ ANNO · D N I · M · C · C · NONOG · AI
E. JENNINGS.

Braintree, Essex.

CAVERSFIELD BELL

Dear Sir,—If you are challenged on the first sentence of your leader, the answer is that the Caversfield bell is the oldest dateable inscribed bell in England.—Yours sincerely,

FREDERICK SHARPE.

Bicester, Oxon.

JARROW'S BELL

Dear Sir,—With reference to the oldest bell. I have been reading a book from the local library, 'In the Steps of the Anglo Saxons.' The writer mentions Jarrow, where he discovered a foundation stone dated 685, claimed to be oldest of any Christian church in Europe. A small stained glass Saxon window, dated 685, is still brilliant in colour and is claimed to be as old as any in the world. In the tower there is a Saxon bell inscribed 'Pray for us all St. Paul.' Three of the letters are upside down, and two reversed, but no date mentioned. Can any of our antiquarians enlighten us on this one?—Yours truly,

Epsom.

J. HOYLE.

RECORDINGS AND PLAYS

Dear Sir,—I am sorry if I have upset Mr. Leslie Mills by suggesting that bells which proved to be Lavenham's were those of Westminster Abbey, apparently a much inferior sounding ring.

I had not previously heard the former and, on the one or two occasions I have 'listened in' to the latter, they certainly did not seem such a bad lot!

Mr. Mills may receive some consolation from the fact that the excellent standard of ringing in the Lavenham recording heard during 'Saturday Night Theatre' on November 19th somewhat assisted my erroneous conjecture that they were the Abbey's bells, and, although the record was 'faded out' in the seventh sixth of the plain course of Stedman Triples, I agree with him that it is difficult to understand how two of your correspondents have confused the method with Grandsire.

Incidentally, during another recent wireless play (on January 7th, if I remember correctly), I also heard some fairly well-struck 'Whittingtons' on a comparatively nice-sounding 'eight.' I wonder which tower this was from?

It is, indeed, interesting to learn from Mr. K. S. B. Croft that a church in Madrid possesses eight bells hung for ringing and that, at one time, a Grandsire band comprising Spaniards rang there. After this, I shall not be surprised to hear that Joe Stalin conducts a double-handed handbell band at the Kremlin!

Finally, may I deplore, along with Mr. E. Barnett, that, in the pursuit of alleged progress or glory, we appear to be sacrificing good old worthwhile Stedman Triples for what I, personally, consider are often far less musical products.—Yours faithfully,

T. R. BUTLER.

Orrell Park, Liverpool 9.

RINGING AT CHRISTCHURCH, N.Z.

Dear Sir,—I have pleasure in informing you that a good peal of Bob Minor was successfully accomplished on the 'light six' at the Cathedral of All Saints, Christchurch, New Zealand, on January 24th. This was the first peal of Minor rung in the Dominion of New Zealand, and the first peal on tower bells since 1903.

The tenor bell at All Saints' has recently been rehung on ball bearings and now runs perfectly. Numbers 7, 8 and 9 are badly in need of similar attention, and it is hoped to have them done before the opening of the centennial year of the City of Christchurch in August. There will then be no obstacles to prevent the band from going ahead with Triples and Major ringing. In the meantime, it will be my endeavour to further the band's interest in Minor ringing.—Yours truly,

ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.

Christchurch, N.Z.

AUSTRALIAN GIFT PARCELS

Dear Sir,—I have received a gift parcel for the third successive year from the New South Wales Change Ringers Association, and I appreciate very much this kind thought of Mr. Will Rowe, the Editor of 'The Ringing Towers,' and all those who supported his efforts. It is encouraging to read of the success of the Association in the art of change ringing and the fine spirit that is revealed.

There are many ringers in England who closely watch the activities of the Association, especially those who received such a grand reception when on duty with H.M. Services in the last war.

CHARLES TURNER, Captain,
St. Mary's Ringers, Dover.

Qualification of Members

Dear Sir,—Having read my friend, Mr. H. R. Pink's, letter re the above in your issue of February 3rd, and knowing that my nomination of 22 members from a certain tower was largely the cause of the discussion mentioned, I feel I should like to make a reply.

Last summer I was approached as a Guild instructor by the incumbent of the parish in question asking whether I would undertake the training of a band of ringers. This I gladly undertook, and at the first lesson and again subsequently I told the recruits that there were only two conditions to my teaching them, viz.: (1) That they joined the Guild. (2) That they all learnt change ringing in due course. To these they all readily agreed.

In the Guild to which both Mr. Pink and I belong, to be a change ringer is not, as he states, a necessary qualification, but the promotion of change ringing is one of its objects. As another member said at the meeting, surely the prime object in any tower is to have a band of ringers who officiate regularly twice a Sunday. With this I heartily agree, and this is now an accomplished fact in the tower where I am teaching. I feel, too, that to have a whole band of 22 to join a guild is to encourage them in change ringing, even though at the time of joining they may not be change ringers. I feel certain that at the meeting doubts were in the minds of some whether all the recruits could handle their bells. At that time only four were not quite 'safe,' although many were too nervous to try in a strange tower.

If those members, who at meetings very nearly discourage young recruits by questioning their qualifications, were to give up three or four evenings a week training or assisting young bands, there would be far fewer complaints regarding the lack of progress in change ringing.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. P. FIELD.

Buckland Newton, Dorset.

MEMBERSHIP—SOMETHING TO WORK FOR

Dear Sir,—I agree wholeheartedly with the letter in your issue of February 3rd, which raises the question of qualification for guild membership.

The Guild to which I belong requires a ringer to ring 120 half-pull changes on treble or tenor before he attains full membership, but I am afraid that, for the sake of the number of members, this qualification is sometimes passed over when new members are elected. This I consider to be wrong, and I think that it gives a false picture of the strength of any guild which has for one of its objects the promotion of change ringing.

I also think that it is a very good thing to set a standard which people must reach before becoming eligible for guild membership, as it makes membership something to work for, and, as such, much more worth while than something which comes without any effort.—I am,

Yours sincerely,

JACK W. DREW.

Stoke-under-Ham, Somerset.

A SHROPSHIRE EXILE

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the letter by 'Progress' in your issue of the 10th inst. As an exile from London at present domiciled in Shropshire, I would like to know the name of the tower where the ringer mentioned in the letter learned to ring Surmise. In a year's ringing and attending meetings, I have stood in one plain course of Cambridge, and then the band was mainly composed of visiting ringers from Bedfordshire.

Anyway, I envy the ringers of Helmdon; at least it is possible to get six keen ringers together. After my sojourn here I am beginning to wonder if there are six keen ringers in Shropshire; at least in this district anyway.—Sincerely yours,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

Broseley, Salop.

Letters (continued)

STEEL BARS FOR BELLS

Dear Sir,—I append a copy of a letter, which I discovered during my researches into Irish church bells, which may be of interest to readers. It was published in 'The Irish Ecclesiastical Journal' in August, 1844:—

'Dear Sir,—Will you allow me to inform the clergy through the columns of "The Irish Ecclesiastical Journal" that they can substitute cast steel bars for the ordinary church bell with very considerable advantage as regards both tone and cheapness. I have after several experiments ascertained the fact that any clergyman can procure for thirty shillings a bar of cast steel producing a better tone than the ordinary small church bells, which cost from four to six pounds. I can furnish any person, who wishes it, with a drawing of the manner of suspending the bar, the dimensions, etc.

'Perhaps some of your correspondents may be able to inform me as to the reason of a fact, which I never yet met anyone who had himself discovered, namely, that all bells produce a common chord with flat third, also the reason that some bells sound one note of the chord predominant and some another note, but I am not yet aware which note is most general—I fancy the third.—Yours, dear Sir, very truly, W. M. Crosthwaite, Dunn's Glebe, Bantry. August 16th, 1844.'

No replies appeared in subsequent issues of the journal, nor did there appear to be any further interest in the matter in Ireland, anyhow, for I have not come across any 'steel bars' in place of ordinary church bells. I have, of course, found quite a number of cast steel bells, most of which were very badly rusted. Is it possible, therefore, that, just as a humble Irish saint was responsible for the introduction of bells to England for Christian worship, a humble Irish clergyman gave the idea to England of cast steel bells? Also, could he have been responsible for the idea of improved tuning methods of our church bells?—Yours faithfully,

FRED E. DUKES.

Jenkinson, Dundalk.

SCIENTIFIC TRIPLES AND HARRY WITHERS

With reference to Mr. Hibbert's letter, I agree that the band who ring the first peal in this method will achieve something to be proud of, yet I heard my old friend, Harry Withers, tap a course of this method on his dulcimer at one of the Henry Johnson dinners round about 40 years ago. I think this was at the Old Royal, Temple Row.

This course consisted of about 252 changes in which each of the seven bells do the same work. I had a typed copy of the figures of this method in my possession at the time, and, aided by this, I was able to trace or check the path of the treble as tapped during the performance, which was perfectly struck. No doubt other Birmingham ringers will remember this occasion.

While on this subject I should like to express my appreciation and admiration of the obituary report of the late Harry Withers in 'The Ringing World.' I have heard him tap London and other Surprise methods and I have called quite a number of touches of Stedman, which he tapped on the dulcimer or piano. The strange thing about it was he used to say he didn't know how he did it.

A remarkable man who will be sadly missed.
—Yours faithfully, ALFRED DAVIES.
Netherton, Wores.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Davidge (first of Triples) 1, Miss E. L. Roberts (cond.) 2, Miss M. Stinger (first of Triples 'inside') 3, C. J. Gardner 4, F. G. Wilton 5, E. J. Berry 6, W. W. Daniell 7, E. Vincent 8.

Dedication

MOREBATH, N.E. DEVON.

This little church with its unusual slate-roofed tower standing amidst fields, in a parish on the border of Devon and Somerset not far from a point of Exmoor, will again hear bells ringing.

By her will, Mrs. Shorney, a former resident, bequeathed a sum of money and directed that Morebath bells be made in a ringable condition. Her late husband, who died twenty years ago, was a lover of bells and a conscientious call change ringer. For a long period he was head gardener on Morebath Manor Estate.

On January 14th, the Lord Bishop of Exeter rededicated the bells after rehanging and re-tuning, together with a memorial window in memory of Major Rothwell. A crowded congregation was present. Invitations to neighbouring teams included Bampton, Oakford, Dulverton, Huntsham and Dunster. The work was carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Tea was provided.

The Dunster party, on their return journey in the evening, called at Bampton Church. Some good touches of Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor were also brought round here.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

All records for attendance were broken at the quarterly meeting of the Canterbury District, which was held at Birchington recently. A company of 120 was present, of whom very few were non-members. They came from 22 towers in the district as well as three more towers being represented from other districts of the Association. One enterprising ringer had booked a special coach, a thought that was much appreciated by those who had a seat.

Ringings were held prior to the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. N. M. Granville-Sharp, who also gave a short address, keeping it, as he said, away from bells.

Tea, very generously provided by the Vicar and churchwarden, who were both present, was followed by the usual business meeting, at which 12 new practising members were elected; also four honorary members. Good-nestone was chosen for a quarterly meeting, and from a nap hand of towers Chartham got the vote for a by-meeting.

The donors of the tea were gratefully thanked, also the ladies who waited at table. Further ringing was held until late in the evening.

T. MARK WHITE'S 100 PEALS

These were rung for 11 societies in 45 different towers.

Doubles.—Grandsire 2 (1 'in hand').

Minor.—In 3 methods 1.

Triples.—Stedman 26; Grandsire 6 (2 'in hand').

Major.—Plain Bob 4 (2 'in hand'); Oxford Treble Bob 1; Double Norwich 18; Cambridge Surprise 2; Superlative 2; Bristol 8; Yorkshire 8; Norfolk 1; Rutland 2; Lincolnshire 3; Pudsey 1; Painswick 1; Aldenham 1; New Cambridge 1; London 3; treble to other Surprise methods 2.

Caters.—Stedman 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 2; Cambridge Surprise 1; Yorkshire Surprise 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 1.

Maximus.—Cambridge 1.

FILM STRIPS WANTED

Dear Sir,—I am wondering if any of your readers can help me with regard to films or film strips about ringing.

In the near future we hope to arrange a social evening for a small number of ringers, and we thought that if we could hire a cine-projector film or any film strips they would be very much appreciated.—Yours faithfully,
Aldington, Sussex. HARRY W. BROWN.

OBITUARY

MR. GRAHAM LINRIDGE.

St. Michael's, Braintree, suffered another sad loss on January 31st with the death of Mr. Graham Linridge, aged 68 years.

Graham Linridge came to Braintree about 35 years ago from Ashford in Kent, and although not a very great peal ringer, he attended Sunday service ringing and practices very consistently, and was able to take his part in most methods up to London Surprise Major.

The funeral took place on February 4th and was attended by Miss H. Snowden and Mr. H. Pratt, the Master and secretary respectively of the Northern Division of the Essex Association. In addition, the majority of the Braintree company were present.

While the cortege was proceeding from the Parish Church to the cemetery, touches of Bob Major and Superlative Surprise Major were rung with the bells half-muffled.

TRIBUTE TO MR. J. S. WILDE.

Mr. George Baker, of Brighton, writes: I was grieved to read in a recent issue of the death of my old friend, J. S. Wilde, of New Zealand. He was one of the all too few ringers who understood Round Blocks and Transpositions in Methods, Principles and Systems and what they stand for.

For many years he and I corresponded, and the last time I heard from him was in December, 1945, and now he has passed away at the age of 87, five years my senior.

SURREY ASSOCIATION SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Ill-health is responsible for two important resignations among the officers of the Southern District. To the regret of members attending the annual meeting at Horley on February 4th, both the Ringing Master (Mr. J. Jeal) and the hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Knight) tendered their resignations. The new team of officers elected are: Ringing Master, Mr. J. Crouch; hon. secretary, Miss R. M. Foreman; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Gear; hon. auditor, Mr. H. Jordan; committee, Messrs. J. W. Knight, G. Olliver and A. P. Cannon.

Although many of the less experienced ringers found difficulty at first in completely controlling the bells, methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Stedman, Cambridge and Superlative. Thanks are extended to Mr. A. J. Bull for the tea.

NORTH-WEST DISTRICT.

The annual North-Western District meeting, held on January 28th at St. Martin's and Christ Church, Epsom, was attended by 60 ringers, representing 13 towers in the district, with visitors from St. Albans, Rickmansworth and Coventry.

The tea and meeting was held in the Church Hall, Mr. F. E. Collins presiding. The members stood in silence in memory of Mr. W. Sparkes, of Streatham.

District officers elected for 1950 were: F. E. Collins, Master; R. Lathbury, hon. secretary; H. N. Pitstow, hon. treasurer; C. Dean, hon. auditor; committee, R. Davies, D. Parsons and Miss Joan Smith.

Mr. Collins, in announcing the closing of the Benhilton Bell Fund, thanked those who had subscribed the grand total of £10 10s. Mr. Gosden also thanked all for their response. A new report for 1951 was also proposed.

Ashted was chosen for the Easter Monday meeting. Further ringing was indulged in at Christ Church.

WESTBURY, WILTS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Gale 1, P. Chapman 2, Mrs. F. Penn 3, T. Dawe 4, F. Brown 5, T. B. Holloway (cond.) 6, F. Penn 7, H. Wordley 8. First quarter for 4 and 8. A birthday compliment to Miss Jean Brown.

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.

DEATHS

MILLER.—On Jan. 5th, 1950, Tom Miller, of Queen's Park Road, Harborne, Birmingham, aged 90 years. 6599

WHITE.—On Sunday, Feb. 5th, at 142, Stephens Road, Tunbridge Wells, after a few hours' illness, Jessie Kathleen, the dearly loved wife of Frederick White (formerly of Cranbrook). 6590

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

SCARBOROUGH.—Board residence or bed and breakfast; hot and cold; two minutes to buses and shops. Comfort assured. Personal attention of Mr. and Mrs. B. Sutton, 12, Highfield. Garage adjoining. 6564

SITUATION VACANT

MARRIED COUPLE for entire work of house, 3 in family. Country village 25 miles from London. Personal references essential.—Mrs. E. H. Lewis, Moorcocks, Brasted, Sevenoaks, Kent. 6591

WANTED, DRAUGHTSMAN for bell work. Ringer preferred, but must be good general and structural engineer and interested in bells. Permanency to right man. State age, experience and salary required.—Apply Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., The Bell Foundry, Croydon. 6597

MISCELLANEOUS

ST. MARY'S, ELY.—Practices during Lent, Fridays instead of Wednesdays. All welcome. ST. LAWRENCE'S, SEAL CHART.—Practice night is now Thursday at 7.30. The new secretary is Mr. G. T. Acott, 7, Zion Cottages, Seal, Sevenoaks, Kent. 6563

CENTRAL COUNCIL Reminder.—I should be glad if all secretaries of associations who have not yet returned to me their completed Roll of Honour Forms would do so soon.—H. Miles, Tolverne, Headland Road, Carbis Bay, Cornwall. 6570

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.

'CHURCH BELLS OF BUNBURY,' by J. W. Clarke. A history of a Cheshire village ring from the 17th century. Fully illustrated. Price 2s. from Rev. M. H. Ridgway, Bunbury, Cheshire. 6557

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

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual meeting, Leatherhead, Feb. 18th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting the Institute. 6509

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at All Hallows', Bruce Castle, Tottenham, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. and tea to follow. Ringing at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill (approach by bus or trolley bus from Manor House to St. Ann's Road Station), 2.30 to 4 p.m.—T. J. Lock, District Sec. 6504

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Feb. 18th, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, from 5 o'clock. The payment of 2s. 6d. to enable members who have not attended the requisite number of meetings to vote on financial matters must be paid by Feb. 28th (Rule 12).—A. B. Peck. 6526

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Bexhill, Feb. 18th. Bells 3. Names tea to Rev. F. Boulsover, Chantry Croft, Barrack Road, Bexhill-on-Sea. 6531

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Monthly meeting at Tilsworth on Feb. 18th. Bells (6) at 3. Cups of tea at 5. Bring own food.—Valerie Willard, Dis. Sec., Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 6553

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Annual meeting at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. and evening. Committee 4. Service 4.30. Tea at Regal 5. Business, St. Andrew's Hall, 6.—F. Finch, District Sec. 6538

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Bishop's Hull, Saturday, Feb. 18th, 3. Service 4.15. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 6536

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The annual social will be held at the Church House, King's Langley, on Saturday, Feb. 18th, 7 to 11.30 p.m. Tickets (2s. 6d. each) may be obtained at the door.—P. A. M. 6566

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at Christ Church, Pendlebury, Feb. 18th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea. 21 bus from King Street West. —Richard Benson. 6584

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Cheshunt, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. Newnham, Jasmine Cottage, Goffs Oak, Waltham Cross, by 22nd. 6539

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Melbourne, Saturday, Feb. 25th, 2.30. Names for tea to Rev. R. J. Morris, The Vicarage, Melbourne, by Wednesday, Feb. 22nd. 6551

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting (annual), Saturday, Feb. 25th, at Gorleston-on-Sea. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Matther Assembly Room, England's Lane. Names or numbers for tea not later than Wednesday, Feb. 22nd, to J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 6534

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Feb. 25th, Darlington. Holy Trinity (6) 2.30; St. John's (8) 6 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 22nd.—J. T. Titt, 54, Stooperdale Avenue, Darlington. 6578

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—Practice, Rowberrow (6), Feb. 25th, 5 to 9.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 6567

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton District.—Meeting at Bedworth, Feb. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea at Howard's Cafe 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Feb. 22nd.—A. J. Hinde, 15, Church Street, Bulkington, Nuneaton. 6569

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Tower open 2.30 (All Saints' 7 p.m.). Service 4.30. Tea FREE to members who notify Secretary by 23rd.—P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec., 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 6571

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at the Hind Hotel, Wellingborough, on Feb. 25th at 3.—R. C. Noon, Gen. Sec. 6572

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, Feb. 25th, Clewer, 3. Tea. Names by 20th. Windsor Parish 6.30.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 6576

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The meeting at Westhoughton has been postponed to Saturday, Feb. 25th. Same arrangements.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 6575

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting, King's Lynn, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Service, St. Margaret's, 4.30. Tea, St. Nicholas' Room, 5.15. Names, please, by 22nd to W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 6582

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Ibstock, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 4.30 in Vicarage. Names to Mr. R. Tonks, 86, High Street, Ibstock, by Tuesday, 21st. 6574

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—St. Ives, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 6585

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Fordingham (6), Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 6586

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Newhall, Feb. 25th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Thursday, 23rd, to J. W. Cotton, Overseal. 6596

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Sapcote, Feb. 25th. Bells 3. Tea in Village Hall 5. Names to Mr. M. Brown, 57, Stanton Road, Sapcote, near Leicester, by Tuesday, Feb. 21st. 6595

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale and Blackburn Branches.—A meeting will be held at Bury on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells from 3. We are trying to arrange tea at a reasonable figure for those who send their names by the previous Tuesday to the Rev. G. O. Morgan, 136, Parkhills Road, Bury. 6593

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Headingley, on Feb. 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided, members carry own food. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Loftthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 15. 6594

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Markfield (6), Feb. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to J. Wardle, Main Street, Markfield, by Feb. 22nd.—J. R. Smith. 6587

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Shapwick, Feb. 25th, 6.30 p.m.—R. Short, Hon. Sec. 6592

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Buckingham, Saturday, March 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 25th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 6589

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—The service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the bells will take place on Saturday, March 4th, at 3.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby, before Feb. 28th. All ringers welcome. 6588

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Ringing meeting, Gorseinon, March 4th. Bells (8) 4 to 7.—E. Stich, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam. 6577

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Milton Regis (6), near Sittingbourne, on Saturday, March 4th. Usual arrangements. Tea is by kind invitation to those who let me know by Wednesday, March 1st.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 6579

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Springfield (6), March 4th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 6524

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District and Saxmundham District.—Joint meeting at Yoxford, Saturday, March 4th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Peasenhall bells (6) also available after tea. Names for tea to Mr. R. S. Payne, 63, Pier Avenue, Southwold, Suffolk. 6568

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—The annual supper and social of the South and West District will take place at Heston on March 18th. Tickets (8s. 6d.) from tower secretaries. Details later.—F. A. Finch. 6583

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Worcester. General secretary must be notified in good time of those requiring meals.—J. D. Johnson, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 6565

Quarter Peals

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. Pizzey 1, Margaret Jarvis 2, W. Clark 3, J. T. Corder 4, Mrs. J. Willis Betts 5, F. Bloomfield 6, F. Willis Betts (cond.) 7, J. Hynard 8. In memoriam to the Very Rev. E. A. Downes.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Levett 1, S. C. Driver 2, J. A. Downing 3, J. Pennells 4, S. G. Smith 5, G. S. Piper 6, C. A. Levett (cond.) 7, G. R. Roberts (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled as a message of sympathy to A. Easton, of the local band, whose wife passed away on Jan. 23rd.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. Sandford 1, J. Salway 2, Miss Q. Pring 3, D. Callard 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. R. Retter 8. Farewell to R. Sandford on joining H.M. Forces.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. E. Harris 1, Miss E. D. Farrell 2, S. Croft 3, Mrs. O. L. Rodgers 4, H. W. Rogers 5, T. Davies 6, N. Hollingworth (cond.) 7, P. W. Wicks 8.

SOUTH NEWTON, WILTS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Smith 1, P. E. Manns 2, J. Sutton 3, R. E. Turner (cond.) 4, S. A. Page 5, G. Smith 6. In honour of the homecoming of Mr. E. F. Smith, who has been in America for 29 years.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. G. Bell 1, J. Brookman 2, W. G. Paul (cond.) 3, S. H. Hoare 4, H. G. Timms 5, G. F. Ball, R.E.M.E. 6, F. H. Crook 7, G. W. Seaman 8.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ian Couch 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, Barbara Mitchell (first quarter of Minor) 3, Wilfred Hollamby 4, Wm. A. Hughes 5, Arthur S. Richards (cond.) 6.

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A-ROVING

That with this bright believing band
I have no claim to be,
That faiths by which my comrades stand
Seem phantasies to me,
And mirage-mists their Shining Land,
Is a strange destiny.

THE 'mirage-mists' of Thomas Hardy are still alive to-day. The Society of Roving Ringers believe in them and so do their forerunners of previous days. A-roving, a-wheel, with pleasant companions and opportunities to indulge in their favourite pastime amid the glorious countryside and in some of the grandest of ecclesiastical architecture in our land is, indeed, a holiday to fire the imagination of any young ringer.

It was outside Winchester Cathedral in July, 1947, that the society first met. The majority of the company were strangers to each other; their standard of ringing was then not particularly high; some were just wrestling with Stedman. They had met for a week to a fortnight's holiday of cycling and ringing and finding their accommodation in youth hostels. The average age of the party was 18 to 19; everything was planned within the slender resources of the youthful pocket. That afternoon there was a preliminary get-together at an eight and two six-bell towers. The testing time came the following (Sunday) afternoon in the spacious belfry of Winchester Cathedral. There in the corner, unbeknown to them, was one of the critics of the Exercise, who is known throughout England as a master of heavy-bell ringing. He spoke not; but the members of the society just wonder whether they, as representatives of the next generation, as they rang a modest touch of Grandsire Triples, made the mark.

The tour that followed averaged 30 to 40 miles a day cycling, and among the towers visited were Romsey Abbey, Wimborne Minster, Sherborne Minster, Queen's Camel with its heavy six, and Bath Abbey. Double Norwich Court Bob Major was the highest flight of ringing, but the Master, Roger Fry, looks back with pleasant memories on the Plain Bob Major at Sherborne and the Grandsire Caters at Bath.

Exeter was the meeting place of the society in August, 1948. It was here that Roger Fry and Mark

White rang the tenor and 'Bill' Kingcott the ninth to Plain Bob Royal. The tour was amid the leafy lanes of Devonshire and over moorland. The three-mile climb to Buckland-in-the-Moor, where a peal attempt was unsuccessful, is still remembered. Peal ringing has been limited on these tours to one a week, but it was at Broadclyst that the society's first peal was scored—one of Plain Bob Major. There were new faces in the society, but the standard of ringing had improved, and a selection of Surprise methods, including London, were brought home.

The West Country was again favoured for the 1949 tour. The company numbered 23, although not all the members attended for the full fortnight. This tour was a unique opportunity for 12-bell ringing, and among the towers visited were St. Mary Redcliffe, Cirencester, Painswick, Cheltenham, Tewkesbury and Worcester Cathedral. Perhaps the crowning achievement of the society this year was the Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Royal on the mellow bells of Worcester Cathedral—a ring that requires experience of heavy bells to bring out their true beauty. Standard Surprise methods were rung on this tour and also Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Royal. Cambridge Maximus was gallantly attempted.

On February 4th the society held a reunion in London. Of the 39 members eligible to attend, 24 were present. The coming year's programme was planned, and it was decided to limit the party to 20. A waiting list of prospective members was started. The fundamental principles of the society were endorsed—a cycling youth hostel tour. 'Tower snatching,' it was agreed, should not be a principle of the society's activities—a general limitation being imposed of four towers a day and approximately two peal attempts a week. Last Saturday the society had the pleasure of ringing a peal at Hatfield in honour of the marriage of J. Martin Page, the first member of the society to be married.

Such holidays are to be commended for our young ringers. Not only do they result in improving the standard of ringing, but they widen the conception of the individual of the beauties of our countryside, the glories of our churches, and establish that spirit of friendship which contributes so much to the great family of ringers the world over.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES Treble	RALPH COLES 7
*JOHN D. KAPE 2	*ANTHONY E. COX 8
ROLAND BIGGS 3	*RONALD C. MOON 9
WILLIAM WELLING 4	*†GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 10
DOREEN COKER 5	FRANK COOKE 11
SYLVIA COKER 6	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal in the method away from tenor.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	JOHN PHILLIPS 7
JAMES PRIOR 2	PHILIP A. F. CHALK 8
HERBERT LANGDON 3	ANTHONY W. J. APPLETON ... 9
DAVID E. PARSONS 4	JOHN E. CHILCOTT 10
HAROLD N. PITSTOW 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 11
ALFRED B. PECK 6	JACK WAUGH Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

To celebrate the 85th birthday of Mr. H. R. Newton, a most respected member of the above Society.

TEN BELL PEALS

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY, DENYS AND GEORGE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

*JOHN T. WALMSLEY Treble	RICHARD BENSON 6
FRANK BARRACLOUGH 2	STEPHEN LL. PARRY 7
SELYWN H. DEARDEN 3	IVAN KAY 8
DEREK OGDEN 4	VERNON SYKES 9
RICHARD LONGDEN 5	S.S.M. P. H. TOCOCK... Tenor

Composed by H. E. TUCKER.

Conducted by P. H. TOCOCK.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor. A birthday tribute to Canon Peter Green, M.A., D.D., Sub-Dean.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CECIL RADDON Treble	*DAVID SMITH 6
ALEC CAIRNS 2	HENRY PARKER 7
WILLIAM PYE 3	†HAROLD WORRALL 8
†ERIC HORNBLY 4	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE... 9
HARRY W. HOWARD 5	†JACK CLEGG Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ 50th peal for Lancashire Association. First peal of Treble Bob Royal as conductor.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL Treble	*ALAN FOSTER 6
BARNABAS G. KEY 2	JOHN N. LINDON 7
WILLIAM J. LEACH... .. 3	GORDON HARRISON 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... 4	GEORGE L. RODEN 9
MAURICE G. TURNER 5	EDWARD J. WHITE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK Treble	†ALAN CATTELL 6
*JILL POOLE 2	†MICHAEL D. STANFORTH ... 7
†JOHN BRAMLEY 3	SIDNEY HARRISON 8
†S. ANTHONY JESSON 4	*PETER J. STANFORTH 9
†GORDON H. ARGUILE 5	†TERENCE A. THORNER Tenor

Composed by HARRY POYNER. Conducted by T. A. THORNER.

* First peal in the method on tower bells. † First peal of Royal in the method on tower bells. ‡ First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. D. Staniforth, father of the 7th and 9th ringers.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5021 CHANGES;

Containing 1,952 Bristol, 1,536 Bolton and 1,533 Peterborough, with 27 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER 5
ALICK CUTLER 2	THOMAS J. LOCK 6
THOMAS H. FRANCIS 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
MAURICE HODGSON 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by M. HODGSON. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

First peal in three methods by all the band.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

BARRY CORBISHLEY Treble	DENIS HEAPY 5
ANNE WORTH 2	HAROLD C. LONYON 6
JUNE HENSHAW 3	*IVOR NICHOLS 7
DENNIS MOTHERHEAD 4	ALAN A. POTTS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALAN A. POTTS.

* First peal. Average age of band 18 years.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE 5
WALTER ALLMAN 2	JOHN E. BIBBY 6
HENRY O. BAKER 3	FRANCIS BIBBY 7
ERIC J. GILBERT 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by RALPH G. EDWARDS.

First peal of London as conductor. A birthday compliment to John E. Bibby.



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THORPE BAY	Tenor 16 cwt.	ORMSKIRK	Tenor 21½ cwt.
CARBIS BAY	Tenor 9½ cwt.	SHEPSHED	Tenor 15 cwt.
MACCLESFIELD, St. Peter's	Tenor 7½ cwt.	OTTERY ST. MARY	Tenor 18½ cwt.
BLACKHILL	Tenor 16 cwt.	WELLINGTON (Somerset)	Tenor 19 cwt.
BLAENAVON	Tenor 9½ cwt.	HOOK NORTON	Tenor 20½ cwt.
ALCESTER	Tenor 12½ cwt.	BURNHAM	Tenor 12½ cwt.
MADELEY (Salop)	Tenor 13½ cwt.	WALTON, LIVERPOOL	Tenor 10 cwt.
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NEW OR RECAST RINGS OF 6

MUNDFORD	Tenor 6 cwt.	MARTINSTOWN	Tenor 8½ cwt.
ROYSTON (Yorks)	Tenor 14½ cwt.	FISHTOFT	Tenor 12 cwt.
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On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JOHN E. S. MORETON...Treble	†JAMES DRAYCOTT ... 5
LEONARD TREVOR ... 2	†JOHN GIBBONS ... 6
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 3	JAMES F. CLARKE... 7
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH... 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

* 100th peal. † First peal in the method. First in the method by the local band.

KINGSWINSFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF SOMERSET SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ERIC SPEAKE ... Treble	ARTHUR D. COOK ... 5
JOHN PINFOLD ... 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 3	ARTHUR S. PRITCHARD ... 7
TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES (Arr.). Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method.

MALTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter Norton,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*NORMA BICKERDIKE ...Treble	*ROY BETTLEY-COOKE ... 5
EDWARD JENKINS ... 2	*ALEXANDER E. MARSH... 6
*WILLIAM WARD ... 3	*JOHN W. GIBSON ... 7
*MOLLY AMBLER ... 4	ALFRED SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal of Pudsey. First peal of Pudsey on the bells.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

CLAUDIA A. HARDING ...Treble	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 5
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 6
H. JAMES TURNER ... 3	ARTHUR D. COOK ... 7
*TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* 50th peal.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 5, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*PETER J. KING ... Treble	FRANK C. MAY ... 5
†BERNARD SADLER ... 2	†PHILIP SADLER ... 6
WILLIAM PERRY ... 3	GERALD FROST ... 7
DONALD COOMBS ... 4	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... Tenor

Composed by A. REEVES. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob. Rung as a welcome to Diane Wendy Frost, born January 26th, 1950.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Tues., Feb. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Mrs. J. E. TURLEY ...Treble	T. COLIN RYDER ... 5
GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 2	JOHN E. TURLEY ... 6
*D. ELAINE WRIGHT ... 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 7
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 4	HENRY HURST ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal in the method.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Treble	BASIL W. WHITE ... 5
FLORRIE WYMAN ... 2	FRANK LUFKIN ... 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3	LEONARD STILWELL ... 7
ERNEST TREAGUS ... 4	KENNETH SNELLING ... Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

First peal in the method on the bells.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

GEOFFREY W. HAIR ...Treble	H. GEORGE HART ... 5
JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 2	*WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ... 6
F. GEORGE BAILEY ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
ALFRED B. BEARDSMOORE ... 4	BARNABAS G. KEY... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Major 'inside.' The conductor's 400th peal of Major.

WOODSTOCK, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*†DOUGLAS O. WILKS ...Treble	†HARRY P. FLOYD ... 5
†ALAN R. PINK ... 2	†GILBERT WRIGHT ... 6
†MRS. B. S. NICHOLS... 3	†WALTER F. JUDGE ... 7
BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... 4	*†GRAHAM H. WEBB ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's.

Tenor 9 cwt.

PETER BAKER ... Treble	CHARLES W. MARTIN ... 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 2	THOMAS BOREHAM ... 6
FREDK. G. NURDEN ... 3	EDWIN T. NEWBURY ... 7
WILLIAM DYER ... 4	LESLIE BARRY ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

In memoriam Arthur W. Handoll.

SAWSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

G. DODDS (Emmanuel) Treble	*A. W. CLEAVER (Down.) 5
*A. R. GUY (Jesus) ... 2	A. S. WATT (Pembroke) 6
†Miss A. STOCKDALE (Girt.) 3	R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) 7
†C. G. WOODHEAD (Pem.) 4	B. D. THRELFALL (Trin.) Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on tower bells. ‡ First peal of Major on tower bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

ADDERBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

*CECIL H. PEARSON ...Treble	CHARLES COLES ... 5
*CYRIL H. KINCH ... 2	*EDMUND F. PEARSON... 6
*HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 3	*GEORGE F. BURTON ... 7
*JOHN S. WALTON ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by WALTER CHARMAN.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

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

BOLLINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;
Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

ANNE WORTH Treble	*BARRY CORBISHLEY ... 5
*RONALD BARLOW 2	†DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ... 6
JUNE M. HENSLAW 3	*IVOR R. NICHOLS 7
H. C. LONYON 4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT... Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by FREDK. W. GROCOTT.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

First peal in the method as conductor. Average age of band 17½.
Rung in honour of the wedding of C. E. Lovelock and Joan Sugrue.
Contains all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6 and the 7468's, 7658's and 7548's.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

*DAVID HOARE Treble	EDWARD J. CHIVERS ... 5
FRANK PENN 2	HARRY J. SANGER 6
PERCIVAL HARDING ... 3	RONALD G. BECK 7
FREDERICK SAVAGE ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal in the method.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 61 lb.

RODERICK J. LEES Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 5
*HARRY GRIFFITHS 2	†SAMUEL BIRCH 6
J. DENIS HOLDEN... .. 3	TREVOR REYNOLDS 7
ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 4	ERIC E. SPEAKE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.

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

DAYBROOK, NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ... Treble	PATRICK PRESTON 5
ALBERT H. WARD 2	FREDK. G. HOOPER 6
FREDK. A. SALTER 3	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF... 7
CLEMENT GLENN 4	WALTER NICHOLS Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

First peal in the method by all the band, also by the Guild and on the bells.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*DAPHNE LUKE Treble	DORIS E. LIDBETTER ... 5
WILFRED G. WILSON 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 6
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
†WILLIAM T. COOK 4	WILLIAM H. COLES Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal. † First peal with an 'inside' bell. A farewell compliment to Rev. R. W. F. Cowdry before taking up his appointment as chaplain to the Archbishop of Capetown.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

F. CHAS. GOODMAN ... Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON 5
*LESLIE FORSTER 2	GEORGE SAYER 6
*BERT CHILVERS 3	HENRY TOOKE 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	WILLIAM CLOVER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method.

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BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Reverse Canterbury, two of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*GEORGE CORBETT Treble	†WILLIAM MANTLE 4
†FREDERICK J. BEDFORD ... 2	THOMAS COOPER 5
†JOHN H. THOMAS 3	JOHN CLEMENTS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CLEMENTS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. A compliment to Mr. A. S. Tomkins on completing thirty years as district secretary.

OLD CHESTERTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 58 lb. in E.	
PERCY SMITH Treble	ERIC SMITH 4
WILFRED YOUNG 2	WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... 5
JAMES K. MOUNFIELD ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

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

WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of London and Norwich and three 720's of Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALAN PAYNE Treble	STANLEY GILBERT 4
CHRISTINE DUNNINGTON ... 2	G. HENRY DUNNINGTON ... 5
GEORGE E. CRISP 3	MANSFIELD GINN Tenor

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

MARTIN WALKER Treble	JACK BRAY 4
*GEORGE THOMPSON 2	ARTHUR CROWDER 5
FRED LACEY 3	GEORGE DOBBS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE DOBBS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Bourne Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

DOUGLAS H. ROOKE ... Treble	DONALD CHADWICK ... 4
*GEORGE CHALLONS 2	*FRANK BRADLEY 5
FREDERICK FLINT 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods. First peal in seven Treble Bob methods on the bells.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 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 FOWLES Treble	BARBARA THRUSH 4
J. EDWARD LANKESTER ... 2	ALFRED BONE 5
PETER J. WOODGYER 3	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal on a working bell. Rung with half-muffled clappers in memory of Maurice Child, priest, Rector of Cranford 1935-1950.

DEENE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob, 30 of Grandire (ten 240's by Pitman and ten ordinary 120's). Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

*EDWARD COX Treble	RONALD RUSSELL 3
GEORGE SLAUGHTER 2	PERCY D. BALDOCK ... 4
ERNEST MORRIS Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

DOWNHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 168 each of Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob, four callings in each method. Tenor 12½ cwt.

LEONARD WALSH Treble	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 3
DEREK WHITFORD 2	CHARLES CLEGG 4
ROGER LEIGH Tenor	

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

First peal on the bells.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob, 1,720 of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, 1,720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and one 720 each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

R. CRITCHLEY Treble	ELLEN RICE 4
VERA DRAPER 2	CUTHBERT ACKERS 5
JACK POUNDS 3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.

To celebrate the conductor's 25 years as ringer at the above church.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT RELFE Treble	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 4
ERNEST J. LADD 2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 5
JAMES BASSETT 3	CHARLES A. BASSETT ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

RAMPTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Court, Single Oxford and Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ARTHUR B. CRAWFORD...Treble	GRACE BURCHNALL ... 4
KATHERINE BURCHNALL... 2	HARRY BARNES 5
*JOSEPHINE SALT 3	†HAROLD DENMAN Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

* First peal in five methods. † 125th peal. A farewell to the Rev. F. W. and Mrs. Jessup.

WARMINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. OLDFIELD...Treble	†EILEEN MOUNFIELD ... 4
DAVID PETERS 2	WILLIAM SMITH 5
JOSE TURNER 3	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS H. NEWMAN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Margaret Smith, the daughter of the ringer of the fifth.

WEARE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

EDWARD C. WICKHAM ... Treble	*R. EDWARD HUDSON ... 4
ROBERT ALFOP ... 2	RONALD G. BECK ... 5
JOHN M. ALSOP ... 3	DAVID TARGETT ... Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

* First peal of Minor. Messrs. Also hail from Ebbw Vale.

BARMING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 40 six-scores, ten callings, and one Morris' 240. Tenor 9½ cwt.

DAVID G. GUNNER ... Treble	WILLIAM R. MANSEY ... 4
FREDERICK E. MANSEY ... 2	*CHARLES H. G. RUFFLE ... 5
WILLIAM MANSEY (75) ... 3	HENRY J. MANSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM R. MANSEY.

* First peal. First peal on the bells by a resident band.

PIPE-CUM-LYDE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

LESLIE EVANS ... Treble	FREDERICK R. HARRIS ... 4
JOHN D. ROCK ... 2	*MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 5
†GEORGE DAVIS ... 3	*REGINALD T. JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Minor in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

RUGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., Feb. 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores and four 240's (Morris') of Grandsire and 24 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

PETER D. NORMAN (14) ... Treble	ALVAR G. HARDING ... 4
JOHN H. R. JOYNER (13) ... 2	JOHN H. JOYNER ... 5
CECIL A. BRASS ... 3	E. HAROLD NORMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. JOYNER.

First peal by all except the conductor. All are local service ringers. First peal on the bells.

COWLEY, OXON.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Feb. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

ANN G. DICKINSON ... Treble	*EWART H. EDGE ... 4
*KENNETH M. GRAYSON ... 2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS ... 5
W. GWYN THOMAS ... 3	FRANK P. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to Ewart H. Edge.

HUNTINGDON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*A. THOMAS HOWES ... Treble	JAMES K. MOUNFIELD ... 4
CHARLES H. J. GRAVETTE ... 2	*HAROLD S. PEACOCK ... 5
†JOHN R. G. SPICER ... 3	*STANLEY GILBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY GILBERT.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal together. A compliment to the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley on completion of four years as Rector at this church.

ALFRISTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*E. BRUCE WILLARD ... Treble	BENJAMIN STEPNEY ... 4
BERYL R. COWLIN ... 2	C. JOHN PIPER ... 5
COLIN E. VERDON ... 3	*E. GAVAN D. TOMKIN ... Tenor

Conducted by E. GAVAN D. TOMKIN.

* First peal. † 25th peal for the Association.

HANDBELL PBALS

BELFAST.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 1, 1950, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. THOMAS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Clement's, and four 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 JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 14 in D.

*VALERIE WILLARD ... 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 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Being two methods, comprising 3,424 Plain Bob and 1,584 Little Bob, with 214 changes of method. 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.

* First peal of Spliced Major 'in hand.' A birthday compliment to Mr. F. J. Marshallsay.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

No. 52. Tenor size 17 in A.

*MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 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.

* First peal of Major 'in hand' away from the tenors.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT 306, WYLD'S LANE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 12 in F.

MRS. J. THOMAS ... 1-2 | JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 5-6

JOHN THOMAS ... 3-4 | THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 7-8

Non-Conducted.

Rung strictly silent (but not umpired) after losing Stedman Triples.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 5, 1950, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11 in G.

ALEX. J. WEBSTER ... 1-2 | ERIC J. GILBERT ... 3-4

*FRANK VARTY ... 5-6

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

* 100th peal for the Guild.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 6, 1950, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different methods. Tenor size 14 in D.

*MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 1-2 | MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4

DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Feb. 8, 1950, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

AT 9, PONSONBY ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11 in G.

ALEX. J. WEBSTER ... 1-2 | FRANK VARTY ... 3-4

ERIC J. GILBERT ... 5-6

Conducted by FRANK VARTY. Witness: J. A. WEBSTER.

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death in 1942.*

Congratulations to Mr.
Ernest Morris on complet-
ing 1,000 peals on tower
bells. We believe there are only three other
ringers living who have this record—Messrs. J.
George, F. Bennett and J. Bennett. Mr. A. H.
Pulling has yet to join this select company.

His failure to secure a peal in January broke
a sequence of a peal a month from April, 1945,
by Mr. Harold A. May, of Guildford.

Mr. W. F. Woodward has now completed
the circle of his home tower, Netherseale,
Derbyshire.

By the peal of Stedman Doubles at King's
Bromley, Staffs, on February 11th, Miss Joan
Beresford, Mr. Walter J. Cope and Mr. G. E.
Oliver have now completed the Stedman family
from Doubles to Cinques.

Mr. John E. S. Moreton, captain of Chilvers
Coton (Warwicks) band, rang his 100th peal by
ringing the treble to the local band's first peal
of London. Well done, the local band, all of
whom live within one mile of the church!

The peal of London at Helmingham was the
first touch in the method by that young and
enthusiastic ringer, Mr. Frank Bloomfield, of
Hadleigh, Suffolk. It was 44 years ago that
Mr. William Wightman rang his first and only
peal of London.

In reply to Mr. F. Dukes' enquiry re steel
bars for bells, Mr. R. H. Dove writes: There
are modern chimes of steel bars at Allerton
Bywater Church, near Leeds (8 'bells' erected
as a 1914-18 war memorial), also at Goldthorpe
Church, near Rotherham (5 clock 'bells').

Mr. Albert J. Hughes, of Bangor, writes that
he is now home again from hospital and re-
covering. He writes adding his congratulations
to his old friend, Ald. A. Paddon Smith, with
whom he rang his first peal in 1902. 'May he
have health and strength to carry on his social
work and his ringing for many many years.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

The current issue of
'The Church Times' tells
of the changing in West

Berlin of mortar shells to a cast iron alloy,
which is being turned into bells. Made in
parabolic form, the bells are claimed to be
equal in tone to the normal bell. Tests have
proved that the new bells can be tuned to
existing bronze bells.

The peal at Bromham, Beds, recorded in last
week's issue, was the 100th peal for the Bed-
fordshire Association for Mr. Ronald J. Sharp
and not as stated in the footnote last week.

Mr. R. D. Langford has completed 'the
circle' of Nantwich tower. Participating in
the peal were the officers of the Crewe Branch
of the Chester Diocesan Guild, viz.: R. D.
Langford, secretary; G. A. Packer, instructor;
W. Kerr, treasurer; F. S. Sutton, Ringing
Master on six bells; and J. E. Brough, Ringing
Master on eight bells.

Mr. J. Pearson, who has been a ringer at
Great Ponton, Lincs, for over 50 years, rang
his first quarter peal on February 6th. Several
unsuccessful attempts have been made to ring
quarter peals on these bells owing to the fact
that the bells have had no repairs or attention,
with the exception of oiling, for over 70 years.
The 'go' is far from good.

The late Rector of Cranford, Middlesex, the
Rev. Maurice Child, in whose memory a muffled
peal was rung at Cranford on February 4th,
was a great lover of bells and a friend of
ringers. He was responsible for the restora-
tion in 1945 of Cranford bells, which include
the oldest bell in Middlesex, dated 1380, and
for beautifying this ancient church and the
churchyard. The ringers felt it a great honour
to be able to pay this last tribute of respect
to a priest they knew so well. At the conclu-
sion of the peal a prayer was offered for the
repose of his soul.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD REUNION

By THE REV. A. G. G. THURLOW.

THE annual dinner (optimistically described thus by the organisers) was held in Cambridge (oddly enough) on February 11th. Everyone turned up on the correct day, although the final notice gave no date but that of its publication.

We find it easier than our contemporaries at some other university cities to ring all the ringable bells in our city in one afternoon. After Stedman Triples, Bob Maximus and half a course of Cambridge Royal at Great St. Mary's, we adjourned to Great St. Andrew's, where half a course of Cambridge Major was followed by London. Then Stedman's bells at St. Bene't's were rung in methods up to London. A quick tea prepared us to cope with the dancing sallies at the Roman Catholic Church, and whilst some conquered these with spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative, others sought sounder doctrine in evensong at King's.

THE DINNER.

Dinner was at the Dorothy Cafe. The president (the Rev. A. C. Blyth) presided with his usual charm. The guests were Canon A. L. Woodard, the new Vicar of Great St. Andrew's, Messrs. T. R. Dennis, H. L. Martin, J. Quinney and E. Hibbins, of the Cambridge Youths, Mr. Dennis N. Layton, of the London University Society, and Miss Ruth How and Mr. M. E. H. Barrow, of the Oxford University Society. About 13 non-resident and 14 resident members were present.

The president lamented the absence of people like E. H. Lewis, Major Freeborn, Dr. Poole, W. H. J. Hooton and Chris. Woolley, whom we hope to see next year; he also thanked the organisers, including the hon. treasurer, 'to whom we all owe so much.'

Tim Watt, the secretary, proposing the toast of 'The Visitors,' hoped they were finding Cambridge a superior town, and that the academic 'method maniacs' were finding a brotherly spirit. He expressed deep appreciation of our happy relations with the Cambridge Youths.

Mr. Dennis Layton, Master of the London University Society, replied. Recalling his visit a fortnight previously to the Latin Quarter of Cowley, he expressed admiration of the compactness which Oxford and Cambridge have and which the Metropolitan University city lacks. Continuing, he said, 'I don't believe in long speeches — (hear, hear, from the writer) — some people make out their speeches by advertising their books for sale (laughter). I hear that one such has just written a new and interesting one which is selling at 2s. 6d. plus 3d. postage — (atmosphere of expectancy) — he won't tell me what it is called — (atmosphere of disappointment) — but you can find out if you buy one — (atmosphere of consolation).' Mr. Layton then told a story which I refrain from reporting.

RECOLLECTIONS OF 36 YEARS.

The Rev. B. F. Sheppard, proposing the toast of 'The Guild,' said, 'I have been hanging around Cambridge for 36 years, which you can all do by the mere lapse of time, if you can keep out of the churchyard. I recollect the old stalwarts — first and foremost our beloved president, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, feverishly attempting to get beginners through courses on the handbells; then H. Law James,

who said, "That's that," when he finally set a bell at backstroke with the rope eight inches above his hands; then E. Bankes James with his amazing compositions. Then the conductor who shouted corrections at someone and received the reply, "I knows where I be, but I baint there." Then the rage of the fire brigade at Middlewich, who, having been very late for a fire three weeks before, turned out on time the moment we raised the bells. Memories are specially happy about Long Stanton, where the Rev. H. B. Woolley always welcomed us; I remember Chris Woolley as a very small boy, but otherwise exactly as he



TEACHING AT 94.—For 78 years Mr. S. Quintrell, of West Street, St. Columb, Cornwall, has rung the bells of the parish church, not missing for more than 20 times through ill-health. Now, at the age of 94, he climbs to the belfry twice on Sundays and once a week for the practice, and is captain of the tower. He says that the family tradition must not die out, so he is here seen giving Ronald Roberts, his 16-year-old grandson, a lesson.

is now, ringing the tenor behind with both hands to a course of Grandsire Doubles "in hand." He spoke most feelingly of what the Guild had meant to him in friendship.

Mr. Brian Threlfall, the Master, in reply, spoke of the Guild's doings since the last dinner. Thirteen peals had been rung during the past year, of which the most interesting was St. Clement's Caters at Saffron Walden, in which all but two were resident members. During the Junior Week in the Isle of Wight (a revival of an old custom), a handbell peal of Bob Minor had been rung in (i.e., during)

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St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol

On January 29th, the first ringers' day was held at St. Mary Redcliffe, the work of the ringers and the use of church bells being the theme of the services throughout the day.

The grand ring of twelve was heard prior to the parish Communion service at 9.30 a.m. in a well-struck course of Plain Bob Maximus. The service, at which all ringers were present, was choral, and in his address the Vicar (Canon S. E. Swann) spoke of the use of bells, especially when used during a Communion service. Breakfast was served in the Undercroft, where the ringers had the opportunity of meeting members of the congregation.

Evening service was devoted entirely to ringing, the hymns and lessons having been specially chosen. In place of the anthem a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the chancel step by the following: B. F. Hancock 1-2, Miss M. Hilliar 3-4, S. Riches 5-6, F. G. Leaker 7-8, preceded and concluded by rounds and Queen's.

The Vicar gave an inspiring address on the history of Redcliffe bells and upon the uses of bells in general. He pointed out the immediate desire of a regular band of ringers at Redcliffe so that the bells should ring not once a fortnight, but every Sunday. This was an accepted fact by everyone, but as the Ringing Master and steeplekeeper had told the Church Council only the previous Friday evening, to bring along a young band of ringers at Redcliffe an extra bell was required to give them a lighter ring of eight bells. Something would have to be done about it.

At the end of the service the ringers ascended the tower to ring touches of Stedman Cinques and a course of Plain Bob Maximus, at the request of the many members of the congregation who had climbed the steps to see how church bells are rung. The look of astonishment on the faces of some told its own story.

A wonderful day, in which the spirit of fellow-ship and thanksgiving was felt by all, is, we hope, to be repeated for many years to come.

E. F. H.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Denver on February 11th, members attending from Terrington St. John, Elm, Wisbech, Hilgay, Shouldham, Downham Market and Walpole. In his address the Rector (the Rev. I. G. Jones) welcomed the ringers, it being the first meeting to be held at Denver since his induction.

The Rector was elected to the chair for the business meeting. He and Mr. R. Dugay, of Denver, and Mr. H. Burton, of Elm, were elected ringing members. At the Rector's request handbells were rung to Grandsire Triples and Bob Major before members returned to the tower, where a variety of methods up to London Surprise were rung.

Two days, being the first handbell peal for all, including the conductor. The Guild week had also been very successful. (The scribe's kind chauffeur called him away to Norwich at this moment, so he takes no responsibility for reporting or participating in whatever happened later. Cambridge Proctorial reports may perhaps usefully supplement mine at this point.)

A peal of Kent was rung at Sawston the previous day, and Cambridge at Royston on the 11th went west owing to a rope coming untucked.

MAINLY FOR BEGINNERS (5)

Dear Beginners.—Have you realised that the full description of a one-hour tuition period would take pretty well one hour to read, and that this would occupy too much space in one issue of our paper? I mention this as it may seem that because we are still only in our second lesson, after five letters, we are not getting on very fast. Well, take heart, for this course of instruction is designed (and will be found) to give fairly rapid progress. But remember that we can only cover about one-third or one-half of a lesson in one of our letters.

Last time I promised you a sketch of the simple training apparatus Tom Truetouch had described and was about to demonstrate. Well, here it is, and we'll let him proceed.

'I'm right-handed,' says Tom, 'and we'll assume most people are the same. But those who are left-handed must substitute, throughout, "left" for "right" and vice versa.

'First we learn the end-grip. Hundreds of people have tried to ring without bothering about this all-important first step. So pay attention to Exercise No.

Lifting from the chair-back the pig-tail, Tom places it across his left palm, thus: The palm is held face upwards with fingers together and extended and the thumb stretched out at right angles to the palm. The pig-tail lies across the palm just below the base of the fingers and the thumb now closes down on it, with a grip that brings the thumb in line with the first finger. We all note this carefully and hold out our hands in similar manner.

Suddenly Tom twists his left forearm. The hand now being palm downwards with the fingers still fully extended. Yet the pig-tail does not fall.

'See how the rope is gripped,' he says, 'between the thumb and the side of the first finger. This is the part of the grip that is maintained throughout the ringing, while the hand opens and closes round the sally.'

Suiting action to word, Tom now closes and opens his fingers while maintaining the thumb-grip.

'Exercise No. 2,' he continues, 'is a slight advance on this,' and we see that he now combines the opening and closing action with a steadily rotating action of the forearm; so that whether the palm is facing up or down the grip is maintained and the rope-end securely held; yet all the while the fingers open and close quite freely.

'In actual practice,' Tom goes on, 'the thumb itself also closes round the sally as well as the fingers, yet the rope-end is gripped in the "fork" of the thumb and palm-edge.'

While we are all trying these motions with our extended left hands, Tom's able assistant, Mary Makebob, comes to each of us and directs us to take our stand at one of the actual bell ropes as though about to ring.

'Now,' says Tom, 'after you had a cut at chiming I told you you wouldn't be touching a rope again for two lessons. Well, I meant you wouldn't be using the rope to move the bell. But now you will attempt the two exercises I've just shown you. Undo the loop and lay the rope's end across your left palm, just as I did with the pig-tail. Continue with Exercises 1 and 2 while Mary and I come round and pass you out.'

In about five minutes' time Tom is satisfied that we have acquired sufficient skill to pass on to Exercise 3. He takes his stand at the

treble rope with the rope-end held in the left hand as for Exercise 1, and tells us to follow his action to order. This No. 3 exercise is called 'The two-hand grip practice.' We hold our ropes at the 'ready,' in our left hands, at waist height.

On the word "Back," says Tom, 'grip the rope also with the right hand touching the left immediately above it and raise both hands above the head to the full extent, thus.' He goes through the motions and we follow him. 'On the word "Hand" lower both hands, still gripping the rope-end, to waist height, then raise them again to full extent, but this time let the right hand release the rope-end and grip the sally. At the same time let the left hand, using the thumb-fork grip you have been practising, grip the sally and rope-end combined, immediately below the right hand, thus.' He goes through these motions and we follow him again.

'From this hand-position,' says Tom, 'and on the next word "Back," simply release the sally grip and drop the hands to waist level, both coming to grasp the rope-end again before you raise them to the back-stroke position as before.' Again he demonstrates and again we follow him. Then we pause. Throughout all this, of course, we have put no pull upon the rope and the bell has not moved in the slightest. We are simply getting the 'drill' of the grips and arm motions. This is essential before we attempt bell movement, for true 'ringing.'

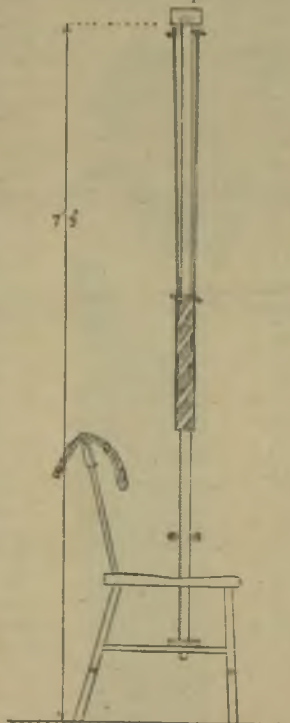
Mary now takes Tom's place on the treble and Tom keeps to the middle of the circle and looks round at us. 'Ready!' he says, and we lower our rope-ends to waist height with left-hand grip only. 'Back!' he calls and up go our hands to the back-stroke position as before. 'Hand!' and down come our hands to rise again and grip the sallies as before. And so the exercise continues, while we keep an eye on Mary to see exactly what we should be doing, and Tom keeps his eye on us to check everything. Then, 'Stand!' Tom calls and we pause at the sally grip.

'Now tie off,' he calls, and this is a real teaser for some of us. But Tom and Mary make sure that we can all tie our rope-end loop. Then we take our seats again.

'Now for the pole and pig-tail,' says Tom, taking his stance correctly before the pole, just as if it were a rope. His right foot is placed slightly forward, with the right knee almost touching the front edge of the chair-seat, his face being about six inches from the pole, his glance straight ahead over the chair-back opposite. In his left hand he grasps the pig-tail. He continues:—

Note that this tube, the sally, hangs, by design, rather lower on this pole than the true sally hangs on the virtual bell-rope. This is to do with the elastic recoil, but you can forget about it. We start by grasping the tube, at about its mid-position, with the two-hand grip we have just been practising on the dead rope, the hands in contact, right above left, and the pig-tail, gripped in the thumb-fork of the left hand, clasped against the sally. We now raise the arms to the full extent, and we are in the "set-at-hand" position. The motions will be as in the No. 3 exercise on the dead rope, except that, as you have seen, the sally, here, moves.

'Whereas,' Tom goes on, 'the dead-rope (Continued in next column)



THE POLE AND PIG-TAIL

Chester Diocesan Guild

STOCKPORT BRANCH.

On January 28th the members and friends of the Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch of the Chester Guild called upon 'the parson who calls' at his church, St. George's, Stockport, and were delighted to find him in. In spite of the great demands upon his time, the Rev. Wilfrid Garlick not only conducted the service, but climbed the many steps to the belfry, accompanied by his two curates, before the service, and presided over tea and the long business meeting.

His address referred to the fact that ringing is one of the oldest and peculiar crafts, peculiar in that it binds ringers together. Much of our country's social history is written in the annals of ringing. Our Christian bells are a reminder of the deeper things of life and because we live in a secular world they do not appeal to all of the people. No one would ring the dinner gong and then provide no dinner, so we ringers cannot leave it at the ringing of a bell. We must carry out the message in our daily lives. Ringers did a great service for the Church.

Tea in the nearby Manor Cafe followed and was enjoyed by the 70 members and friends of the branch.

The report, presented at the annual meeting, disclosed quite a healthy position; it urged, however, that members should not rest on past laurels, but try to create their own opportunities and not to depend upon others. The officers of the branch were re-elected with the exception that the Rev. W. Garlick was invited to be president in place of the Rev. Canon D. H. Saunders-Davies. Twenty-eight new members were elected from seven different towers. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the retiring officers, the Vicar and clergy of St. George's for their ready co-operation, the organist (Mr. Harold Dawber, of the Halle Chorus), and to the local ringers.

ITCHINGFIELD SLOW COURSE

12345	
21354	120
23145	
32415	2345
23451	
23541	2534
32514	2453
23154	4253
21345	Repeat three times
12354	
12534 P	
13245 B	

exercise gave you the drill for the motion sequence only, this exercise gives you the correct action for that motion sequence. In other words, here you learn to apply the correct pull-motion. Watch carefully!

Tom's hands begin to lower the tube on the pole, until the elastic strands become taut and then stretch until the lower end of the tube is almost down on to the screw-eye stops at the lower end of the pole. Here, however, Tom's grasp of the tube is relaxed, both his hands instantly closing round the pig-tail. Immediately, of course, the 'sally' slides upwards, and Tom's hands, grasping the pig-tail, rise after it, with his knuckles gliding lightly upwards against the side of the pole, until they pause at what is, of course, the 'up-at-back' position. From here, down they slide again, leaving the pole at waist height, while the tube, falling from the pole-top when their support was removed, 'dances' at the bottom of the stroke. As this rise of the sally begins, Tom's hands quickly grasp it, and raise both it and the pig-tail, as before, to the 'up-at-hand' position. This looks easy enough, but we suddenly remember that match-box. It's still on the pole-top!

Your turn next lesson,' says Tom. 'That's all for to-night's practice.' So, till then, Yours ever, CORN. R. STONE.

ONE THOUSAND TOWER BELL PEALS

MR. ERNEST MORRIS' RECORD.

By conducting the peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at St. Margaret's, Leicester, the verger, Mr. Ernest Morris, completed his 1,000th tower-bell peal. These were rung on all numbers from five to twelve inclusive and comprise Doubles 96 (conducted 91); Minor 151 (126); Triples 192 (102); Major 371 (142); Caters 69 (29); Royal 58 (15); Cinques 28 (4); Maximus 25 (2); total 1,000 (conducted 511).

Included in the above are many record long lengths, thus: 12,633 Stedman Cinques; 7,008 and 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major; 9,344 and 10,976 Bristol Surprise Major; 9,600 Worcester Treble Bob Major. Mr. Morris has called 6,600 Doubles; 7,200 and 10,080 Minor; 7,008, 7,488, 9,760 (all singles), and 13,440 Bob Major; 6,720 Little Bob Major; 6,720 Little Canterbury Major; 10,912 Kent Treble Bob Major; 7,840 Oxford Treble Bob Major; 9,120 Ilkeston Treble Bob Major.

Last year (1949) Ernest Morris scored 88 peals, besides which he gave over 30 lectures on campanology. As is well known, he is author of several books and many articles, and recently contributed the section on bells to the new edition of Chambers' 'Encyclopedia.' For this and works in other spheres he has been elected to the Royal Society of Literature.

Footnote.—Within three hours of ringing in his 1,000th tower peal Ernest Morris was taking part in his 1,001st. By a coincidence this happened to be Grandsire Triples, and the composition was the same as his very first peal (rung in 1906), and he rang the second bell on both occasions.

HIS 400 PEALS OF MAJOR.

Plain Bob 94 (called 62); Little Bob 7 (7); Plain and Little 1 (1); Canterbury 2 (2); Little Canterbury 3 (3); Canterbury and Plain 1 (1); Plain and Grandsire Triples 2 (2).

Double Norwich 43 (14); Double Norwich and Plain 1 (1); Forward 1 (1); Duffield, 1; Shilton 1 (1); Kent Treble Bob 31 (13); Oxford Treble Bob 4 (2); Ilkeston 8 (3); Worcester 2 (1); Liversedge 1 (1); Granta 1 (1); three methods 1 (1); six methods 1 (1).

Superlative 42 (10); Real Superlative 1 (1); Cambridge 63 (12); New Cambridge 6; Spliced Cambridge and Superlative 1 (1); London 31 (1); Bristol 38 (2); Yorkshire 8 (1); York 1; Staffordshire 1; Pudsey 1; Bognor 1.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Cambridge District at Sawston on January 21st was honoured by the presence of the president of the Central Council (Mr. E. H. Lewis). The ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. Bircham. Tea was very kindly arranged by the local ringers.

The Rev. R. Bircham presided at the business meeting, and the election of officers for 1950 was as follows: President, the Rev. R. Bircham; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Hurst; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. Gipson; district secretary, Mr. H. L. Martin; committee re-elected, Messrs. C. W. Cook, T. R. Dennis, E. G. Hibbins, F. Hurry, A. Hurst and C. Hurst. Mr. Gipson and Mr. Hibbins were nominated to represent the district on the General Committee.

The following new members were elected: Mr. A. T. Shelton, of Reigate (non-resident life member), Messrs. G. C. Smith and H. F. Brown, of Cambridge, Messrs. F. Griggs, R. Griggs, W. Smoothery, A. Smoothery, S. Keeble, D. Keeble and D. Bonham, of Ickleton.

Mr. Dennis proposed votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the organist and to the local ringers and lady helpers for arranging the excellent tea.



MR. ERNEST MORRIS.

Mr. G. W. F. Trotman, Nuneaton, writes: I had the pleasure of ringing in Ernest Morris' 1,000th and 1,001st tower-bell peals on Saturday, Feb. 11th. It is by sheer coincidence that Ernest's first peal was Grandsire Triples, Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part, to which he rang the second. His 1,001st tower-bell peal was the same composition and variation, to which he again rang the 2nd.

The peal attempt was certainly not arranged with this thought in mind, and Ernest knew nothing of the attempt until the previous Thursday evening.

This peal was E.M.'s 1,189th, so we can soon expect to see an asterisk against his name in the peal columns for his 1,200th.

LEICESTER CELEBRATION PEAL

Dear Sir,—I feel I must write a few lines of interest to 'The Ringing World' concerning the peal at St. John's, Leicester, on Saturday, February 11th.

Actually I considered it a privilege to be invited by Mr. Terence Thornber to ring a peal on these excellent bells. Young Terry, at 16 years of age, deserves every congratulation in ringing this 21 cwt. tenor to Royal and in calling his first peal. Although one or two of the band felt a certain amount of apprehension before the attempt, a really well-struck peal was rung and an even beat maintained throughout.

The conductor finished in as fine condition as when we started and certainly felt no ill-effects at the Leicester Cathedral ringers' celebration dinner, for which connection the peal was originally arranged. Young Terry must have been working too hard because at 2 a.m. the next morning several pieces of stone fell from the top of the spire—one piece falling in the side chapel and another in a house opposite.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN G. WARWICK.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Jan. 21st, 1,440 Minor: G. West 1, N. Chappel (first quarter) 2, G. Hiner 3, S. F. Wilson 4, F. Pickering 5, H. Mortimore (cond.) 6.

London County Association

The London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild again held a successful annual general meeting at Southwark Cathedral. Other towers at which ringing took place were St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, and St. Mary's, Lambeth. The service was conducted by the Association's Honorary Chaplain, the Rev. H. Ashdown, Provost of Southwark Cathedral, who also addressed the Association at the commencement of the business meeting. This was held in the Chapter House immediately following the tea.

The Provost commented most favourably on the work of the Association during the year and particularly in regard to the fact that missionary bands of ringers were travelling round on Sundays and ringing bells which would not otherwise be heard.

One company in particular organised by the General Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender, had visited eleven towers in rotation for 48 Sundays in the year and had rung 39 quarter peals. On the occasions when quarter peals had not been rung it was mostly due to some breakage or mishap with the bells, ropes or fittings.

New members elected during the year totalled 35 and four had passed on. Among these was Canon G. F. Coleridge, who was elected on June 23rd, 1877. Mention was, however, made by the General Master of an even older member who is still alive and joined the Association on February 7th, 1876. He is Mr. David Wright, of Southgate. Needless to say, that grand old veteran, Mr. T. Alexander Young (elected a member in 1891), was present.

Among the list of peals rung were two by entirely local companies—Grandsire Triples by Battersea, conducted by Mr. S. J. Hart, Southern District Master, and Cambridge Surprise Royal by Isleworth. Bands formed basically from Isleworth had, in addition to ringing seven peals, given the Association its first peal of Erin Caters and the first peal at St. Stephen's, Westminster, for 35 years. Many first peals and first in various methods had been achieved, and in all five women and 35 men had taken part.

HANDBELL COMPETITION.

Great interest was shown in the handbell competition, in which three teams took part—two from St. Luke's, Chelsea, and one from All Saints', Isleworth. The silver cup for the best course was won by one of the Chelsea teams with an exceptionally well-struck, slowly rung course of Grandsire Triples. Other methods rung were Duffield Major by the other Chelsea team and Bob Major by Isleworth.

Nominations for officers made at All Saints' Fulham, in January, were confirmed and resulted in re-election of the 1949 officers as follows: Messrs. T. H. Taffender, I.S.O., Master; G. F. Strickland, treasurer; H. W. Rogers, secretary; N. G. Hollingworth and Miss Audrey Castle, assistant secretaries; C. M. Meyer and E. T. Beauchamp, stewards; A. H. Keighley and T. W. Taffender, trustees. The Master reported satisfactory attendance and progress at the 1949 meetings and hoped that the two regular monthly evening practices in 1950 would be well maintained. There is a general practice at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on the first Monday in each month at 7.15 p.m., and a special advanced methods practice at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, on the third Wednesday in each month at 7.45 p.m.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Dodd 1, F. W. Walker 2, P. E. Dodd 3, B. C. Sirlind 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, J. W. Dodd (first quarter) 6. WYF, KENT.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 6.7.8 covering: Miss H. Pendrill 1, Miss M. Holmes 2, G. Medley 3, C. Head 4, F. Good (cond.) 5, G. Bonnett 6, J. Thomas 7, W. Curtis 8.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RINGING IN SHROPSHIRE

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Ernest J. Rowe, I must say that I at least had no difficulty in identifying the Shropshire tower which recently produced 'a polished Surprise ringer' as Market Drayton. The ringer indicated is no doubt Mr. W. J. Chester. Cambridge, Superlative and London have been rung at Market Drayton for several years now. Cambridge Minor is regularly practised at Berrington at the present time. I cannot speak with certainty about the position at Bridgnorth now, but Superlative was usual fare at St. Leonard's before the war. Occasional courses are rung at St. Chad's on practice nights, but I think that that exhausts Surprise ringing by local bands.

There are, however, many ringers in the county who ring it when the opportunity offers. I do not attend many Hereford Diocesan meetings, but understand that three or four Surprise Major methods were heard at Ludlow last Saturday.

I can, however, speak with certainty of Shropshire Association meetings. At Wellington last November, Cambridge and Superlative were rung, and Cambridge at St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, on January 28th. Mr. Rowe was present during part at least of the ringing on both these occasions, and it is to be regretted that he missed these opportunities.

As for his comment about lack of keenness, I agree that far too many bands only aspire to Grandsire and Plain Bob, but the Shropshire Association at least appoints a different method for practice at each of its seven or eight meetings. I note that we are due at Broseley this year, so perhaps our Ringing Master will take the hint. W. A. FARMER.

70. Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

ENCOURAGEMENT OF YOUTH

Dear Sir,—I have recently attended meetings of three different guilds (Southampton, Ilminster, Somerset, and Babhacombe, Devon), and on each occasion have taken three learners, aged 14, 13 and 11. Through 'The Ringing World' I should like to thank publicly Messrs. Pullinger, Locke and Lilley respectively for the welcome extended by them to the youngsters and for the opportunities given for a pull, albeit at present that they are capable of rounds only. If only more of the experienced ringers were to give youngsters similar encouragement I am sure we should not have recruits 'jacking up' because they are discouraged and feel that they are not wanted at meetings. My special thanks are also due to Mr. Lilley for his remarks at the business meeting regarding the encouragement of young recruits.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. PAUL FIELD.

Buckland Newton, Dorset.

CENTRAL COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS

Dear Sir,—On my own behalf and on behalf of the Council I should like to acknowledge in your paper the services rendered to the Exercise by my wife and by Miss Rosemary Smith in distributing Central Council publications since the end of last October. This has not been done without considerable sacrifice of time: for with the increase in interest in ringing demands for books keen at a much higher level than was formerly the case.

Until I can resume my duties Mr. C. W. Woolley has most kindly consented to take over the fulfilment of orders. May I ask ringers to help him by being particularly careful to send the right amount of cash with order, and by ordering from the official list only, the one printed on the back page of the current number of 'The Ringing World'? It is no uncommon thing to receive orders for books which have not been available for months, sometimes for years.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. J. HOOTON, Hon. Librarian.
Central Council of Church Bellringers.

RINGING IN SCOTLAND

Dear Sir,—Mr. Clouston, in his reply to a criticism of a statement in his pamphlet on the bells of Scotland, mentions that he drew attention to the restriction on ringing at St. Cuthbert's Church, Edinburgh, primarily for the sake of any who may be thinking of ringing tours in Scotland.

If there are such people, I would advise them to give up the idea at once. The last ringing tour in Scotland was by a band of ringers from the South a few years before the war, and it took the local ringers a very long time to live down the furious opposition to ringing aroused by the action of the tourists. Except at Inveraray, every tower in Scotland where a peal is feasible is in a densely built-up area.

Ringers in Scotland are only too glad to welcome visitors for service ringing and practice, usually silent. But, as Mr. Clouston states, peal ringing is almost entirely restricted to the celebration of special events, and even then there is objection.

R. O. STREET, President,
Scottish Association.
Glasgow.

THE ELUSIVE FIRST

Dear Sir,—Re your leading article of Feb. 10th on peals rung and checking of peal failures, you may like to know that here at Harlow Common no peal has been rung since the war as we are all determined to get that 'first of Stedman' before any others.

Most of the band have upwards of 15 attempts for it, and the lowest number of attempts—by the youngest ringer—at least six. We are still trying with another go this next Saturday. The whole peal has been rung—in parts—but always the human element has failed after nearly always some excellent ringing of up to 2½ hours.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. ALEY.

CAN IT BE COUNTED TWICE?

Dear Sir,—As the total of the towers in which I have rung had reached 249, I was checking my list to see whether I had missed one to bring the total to 250, when I came across the following conundrum.

Under K is St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, while under London I find St. Andrew's, Well Street, W.C. As many of your readers know, this latter church was removed from Well Street and re-erected at Kingsbury. My list is of towers in which I had rung. Am I wrong to count this one twice? There must be many who have rung at both places, so what do your readers think?—Yours truly,

F. W. GOODFELLOW.

Iver Heath, Bucks.

CONGRATULATIONS, MANGOTSFIELD

Dear Sir,—It was most interesting to read Mr. Skidmore's account of the happy band of Sunday service ringers at Mangotsfield. Congratulations to Mr. W. Seers on celebrating his 90th birthday with a quarter peal. On May 14th last year at Newton St. Loe I had the pleasure of ringing with this grand old gentleman. I stood between a young lady of 14 or 15 on the treble and Mr. Seers on the third, a unique experience.

Mr. J. G. Jefferies is to be congratulated on his fine band of ringers: incidentally, we have three generations ringing regularly for Sunday service, my father, F. J. Bailey (78), myself and my son. My wife, another son in the Royal Navy and two of my brothers are also ringers.—Yours faithfully,

FRED BAILEY.
Whitchurch, Cardiff.

(Continued from next column)

For Health and Peace to Country, Church and King.

The copy we have is dated 1826 and is signed by the three churchwardens and by seven ringers.—Yours truly H. S. GRISDALE.
Keswick, Cumberland.

Ancient Rules

Dear Sir,—Enclosed is a copy of some ancient rules kept in our tower. I think perhaps they are the ones C. Hone asked about in 'The Ringing World' on January 27th.—Yours truly,
J. ARBURY.

Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

1
Whoever in the place shall swear,
Sixpence he shall pay therefor.

2
Whoso rings here in his hat,
Threepence he shall pay for that.

3
Who overturns his bell, be sure,
Sixpence he shall pay therefor.

4
Who leaves his rope under feet,
Threepence he shall pay for it.

5
A good ringer with a true heart
Will not refuse to stand a quart.

6
Who will not to these rules agree,
Shall not belong to this Belfry.

Dear Sir,—Regarding Mr. Hone's letter in the issue of Jan. 27th, relating to the rhyme at Bugbrook Church, the difference between the enclosed and Mr. Hone's is no doubt due to lack of grammar on the part of early ringers.

He that rings and breaks a stay
Will have half a crown to pay,
And if he rings in spurs or hat,
Shall pay a quart of ale for that.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN A. HILTON.

Broadstairs, Kent.

The same rhyme has also been submitted by Mr. W. P. Cleaver, St. Lawrence-in-Thane, and Mrs. A. M. Collins, of Lower Heyford, Northampton.

ANOTHER DEVONSHIRE RHYME

Dear Sir,—Re letter by C. Hone (Thakeham) on rhymes about ringing. I herewith enclose a copy of a rhyme preceding the rules for ringers hung in our tower.—Yours sincerely,

A. C. THORNE.

Colebrooke, Crediton, Devon.

COLEBROOKE CHURCH, 1894.

Old Articles for Ringing.

Aloud let silence first proclaimed be,
And by consent let's make it our decree,
And fix such rules in our Society,
Which, being observed will keep sobriety;
Who curs'th or swears, or in an angry mood
Quarrels or strikes, although he draws no blood,
Or wears his hat, or spurs, or turns a bell,
Or by unskilful handling mars a peal,
Let him pay sixpence for each single crime,
'Twill make him cautious at another time,
So a blessing let us crave on Church and King,
And now let's peaceably begin to ring.

ALSO AT KESWICK

Dear Sir,—I think the rhyme that Mr. C. Hone means ('Ringing World,' Jan. 27th) can be found, in varying form, in many different parts of the country. We, in Keswick, have a copy in the belfry, which is as follows:—

You ringers all observe these Orders well,
He eight-pence pays who overturns a Bell:
He who presumes to ring without consent,
Shall pay one Shilling and it shall be spent:
And he who rings with either Spur or Hat
Shall pay his eight-pence certainly for that:
He who in ringing interrupts a Peal
For such offence shall pay a Quart of Ale:
In falling Bells one penny must be paid,
By him who stops before the signal's made:
And he who takes God's holy Name in vain
Shall pay one Shilling and this Place refrain.
You Ringers all take care, you must not fail
To have your forfeitures all spent in Ale.
With heart upright let each true Subject ring
(Continued in previous column)

OBITUARY

MR. TOM MILLER.

With the passing of Tom Miller, Birmingham and the Ringing Exercise generally have lost a most talented ringer.

Born in London, July 6th, 1858, he died at St. Joseph's Home, Harborne, Birmingham, on January 5th, in his 92nd year, and was buried in the cemetery connected with Oscott College on January 9th. It is to the extreme regret of his many friends that owing to the absence of his only surviving son on the Continent, his passing was not made known to them, and thus they were prevented from showing that last mark of their esteem by attending his funeral.

Although born in London, he was brought to Birmingham as a baby and had lived there all his life. He took up ringing at an early age and was associated with the celebrated William Chattell and his company at St. Philip's Church (now the Cathedral), and later with Henry Johnson and the Holt Society at Aston, and afterwards with the St. Martin's Guild.

Being an R.C., he was in charge of the bells and service ringing at St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, ringing his first peal there in February 20th, 1878, also his last peal on the new bells there on July 6th, 1938, on his 80th birthday. He took part in many peals throughout the country and in his day was an outstanding heavy-bell ringer and exceedingly keen on good striking.

On handbells he was particularly proficient and could ring any pair of bells. He took part in many handbell peals with such men as William Kent, Tom Russam and John Carler. He rang in the first handbell peal of Grandshire Cinques and in the second handbell peal of Stedman Cinques (the first being rung in London). He also took part in a course of Grandshire 16 rung at St. Martin's headquarters, the Tamworth Arms.

By profession he was a bell tuner and so was associated with bells all his life. For some years he was employed by Messrs. Blews and afterwards by Messrs. Barwell, both of Birmingham.

In his youth he joined one of the Guards regiments and was at times on guard duty at Buckingham Palace. Whilst stationed in London he met many of the older members of the Ancient Society of College Youths in their various towers and at the Society's headquarters, the famous Goose and Gridiron close to St. Paul's Cathedral.

Tom Miller had many qualities which endeared him with all his many friends. He had a ready and peculiar wit so that whenever you were in his company you were sure of a laugh and joke. He had a peculiar habit of coining nicknames, i.e., Henry Bastable, who had a peculiar gait, was 'Stedman Triples legs.' Ernest Allaway, who had—and still has—a deep voice, was 'The man with the grocer's voice.' As a youngster Tom used to go for his mother to a local shop, where the man had a voice 'like the day of judgment.' Bernard Witchell was a short-tempered man with black hair; he was 'The Black Villain.' Mr. W. H. Godden, a stout man, who could never ring a heavy bell, was 'Flimsy.'

In about 1904 a Birmingham band went for a peal of Bob Royal at Exeter Cathedral with A. E. Peglar on the tenor. After about 24 hours Peglar was in distress and called on Tom to take the tenor off him while he cooled down a bit. Tom, who was sitting in the tower, stripped down and got on the box while the tenor was at the back. He only rang it for a minute or so. He said afterwards that 'he free-wheeled her down to lead, but then the prisoner lay down in the gutter and kicked; he could not get her to the station.'

On November 16th, 1907, a band from Birmingham rang a peal of Stedman Cinques at Sheffield. It was a good peal, and as soon as the bells were set up Tom turned round and stood on his hands with his feet against

the wall, just as boys do to-day. When asked why, he said he had stood so long (3 hours and 57 minutes) the other way up, he thought he would rest his legs a bit.

On another occasion, when in London, on Lord Mayor's Day, he was ringing at Cornhill. They had rung rounds for several minutes and he was beginning to wonder whether there was a conductor in the band, when suddenly the man next to him shouted out in a very loud voice that made Tom jump, 'Gow, Stedman, Bawb,' which he described as 'like bosting a tennipny ball.'

He was also famous as the composer of two songs, 'Bob Major,' in which he describes the long peal of 15,360 at Aston, when Joshua Short rang the tenor, and 'Stedman Caters,' relating to a long peal in that method.

Visitors to the Henry Johnson Commemorative Dinner of 15 to 20 years ago will also remember the anecdotes he used to tell when proposing the memory toast of incidents in the life of Henry Johnson.

Thus was this great ringer of outstanding personality and charm.

MR. G. ADES.

We regret to record the death of Mr. George Ades, of Croydon, who passed away on Feb. 5th at the age of 88.

George Ades had been a member of the Croydon Parish Church band for 11 years and had endeared himself to all the ringers in the neighbourhood by his genial disposition. Although only a tenor ringer, he was most regular in attendance on Sundays and practice nights until about six months before his death.

The funeral took place on Feb. 10th, when the bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service in the church.

WE REGRET—

Please make the following corrections in your 1950 Notebook and Diary:—

Association Secretaries:

Ely Diocesan Guild should be Mr.

W. W. Cousins, Terrington St.

John, Wisbech.

Scottish Association should be Mr.

C. R. Raine, 21, Grosvenor Cres-

cent, Edinburgh.

Truro Diocesan Guild should be

Rev. W. H. R. Trewella, The

Vicarage, Cranstock, Newquay.

Page 14. The 280 in the first column is false.

Page 15. First 336. Part-end should be 1435267.

Page 22. Last column. Second quarter peal. 'A' should be 'a.'

Page 22. Last column. Last quarter peal. In first course-end 879 should be 978.

Page 35. First column. Add bob-mark to the second lead of the 192.

Page 47. Second column. The call at Home in the third course of the 448 should be a single. At foot, the 1280 is actually 1264.

Page 50. Both touches marked 256 are 288.

Page 63. Diagram. Last lead of Plain Course. Of the three successive rows starting 53, the middle one should start 35.

Page 70. Quarter peal. Delete the 'home' bob-mark in the last course but one.

W. Viggers, M. Hodgson.

Kent County Association

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

Lewisham District's quarterly meeting was held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on January 28th, forty members participating in ringing, service, tea and business meeting.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Thompson), and included an inspiring address. Mr. J. H. Portes was at the organ.

Tea and the business meeting were held in the Rectory Room, the Rector presiding until called away to another engagement. Cordial votes of thanks were accorded him before departure.

Mr. E. A. Barnett (Crayford) happily and successfully superintended the business meeting. Nine ringers were added to the Association's adherents, including a new band at Hayes, and Mr. J. A. Robertson, of Lewisham, was elected an hon. life member.

The recent social meeting at Christ Church, Erith, was voted a real success and cordial thanks extended to its organisers, especially to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Palmer, of Sidcup.

Mr. E. Barnett paid a tribute to the late Mr. J. Couchman and Mrs. Couchman, of Farningham. Mr. Couchman was an old and valued member of the Association and Mrs. Couchman a true friend to all ringers who visited Farningham. The meeting revered their memory in the traditional manner.

Mr. G. V. Murphy gave a comprehensive report of proceedings at the November committee meeting, held at Maidstone. Bexley was chosen as place of next meeting, to be held on April 22nd or 29th, and Chislehurst was suggested as venue of the combined meeting with N.W. District, Surrey Association, on Saturday, October 7th.

Thanks were accorded Mr. A. S. Richards for hard and successful work in instructing a band of ringers at Hayes, a task undertaken in addition to the sustained work at his own tower of West Wickham, where efficiency and progress continued to be made.

Concern was expressed at the decline in interest and ringing standards in the Lewisham District. This was the third successive meeting where the attendance had been forty or less, and it was noticeable that the bulk of even that small number were members of three towers. Various points of view were expressed; publicity or rather the lack of it was suggested, but no concrete suggestions were put forward. One or two members undertook to make enquiries among their contracts to see what could be done to stimulate attendance at meetings and increase the bands of ringers at towers at present depleted.

Mr. J. Dafters, Ringing Master, informed members that the bells of St. Mary's, Lewisham, needed attention from the bell-hangers and during the interim ringing would be restricted.

News of an improvement in health was received concerning Mr. H. Hoverd, and the meeting's good wishes were again extended to him and his family.

Votes of thanks to the Rector, organist, caterers and the chairman concluded the meeting, and members returned to the tower for further ringing.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Vera Allworth 1, Betty Bevan 2, Marie Bailey 3, D. F. Maclean (first as cond.) 4, J. F. Maclean 5, Grace Atwood 6. First quarter peal of Doubles by all the band except the conductor. The ringers are all pupils of the County High School, Coalbrookdale. Rung as a welcome to the new headmaster (Mr. H. R. Lyons).

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. E. Wilshaw 1, A. D. Steele 2, Miss M. Rigby 3, W. A. Theobald 4, J. G. Burton 5, A. Peake 6, C. H. Page 7, P. W. Grocott (cond.) 8.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.

—On Feb. 5th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss S. Woodhouse 1, Miss E. Copley 2, R. Ling 3, E. Dodds 4, R. Stallibrass 5, R. Hart 6, C. Wood 7, S. Hart (cond.) 8. First quarter in method for all ringers except No. 7.

BOSTON, Lincs.—On Jan. 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Jessop 1, Miss L. Briggs 2, A. Freiston 3, D. White 4, F. Dewey 5, R. Brown 6, J. Petch 7, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 8.—On Feb. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Thompson 1, Miss L. Briggs 2, S. Jessop 3, A. Freiston 4, D. White 5, F. Dewey 6, R. Brown 7, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 8.

BRIDGRULE, DEVON.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Vinnicombe 1, C. Sangwin 2, C. Taylor 3, W. Cholwill 4, R. Pearce 5, J. Bowden 6, F. Sangwin (cond.) 7, D. Brock 8. First quarter for 4, 6 and 8.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, H. Cook 2, C. Taplin 3, Miss P. Francis 4, R. Jarvis (cond.) 5, F. Perry 6, J. Jarvis 7, C. W. Tompkins 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Patricia Francis.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—At St. James' on Jan. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. S. Hawkins 1, E. Thurlow 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, F. A. Barker 4, Dr. W. R. Winterton 5, G. A. Parsons 6, A. W. Coles 7, W. N. Genna (cond.) 8.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Feb. 5th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 London Surprise Major: H. T. Pye 1, E. P. Duffield (cond.) 2, E. J. Butler 3, W. Chalk 4, A. R. Andrews 5, L. Mills 6, J. E. Edwards 7, H. J. Millatt 8. First quarter of London for 1, 6, 7 and 8.

CRADLEY, STAFFS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. G. Hall 1, Miss F. Raybould 2, G. Swallow 3, A. Wyre 4, H. Wyre 5, N. Dunn 6, H. J. Shuck (cond.) 7, L. R. Hall 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. L. R. Hall (towerkeeper).

DUXFORD, CAMBS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. Dash 1, C. W. Cook (cond.) 2, R. H. Lawrence 3, J. Gibson 4, D. Pepper 5, C. Hurst 6. First of Surprise Minor by 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6. First quarter peal on the bells.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,286 Grandsire Caters: F. Kaye 1, Mrs. Rowntree 2, J. Bartram 3, Miss J. Greasby 4, J. Segar (cond.) 5, H. Denman 6, A. Towler 7, H. Willows 8, W. Norton 9, F. Jackson 10.

GREAT PONTON, Lincs.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Pearson (first quarter) 1, J. M. Simpson 2, T. Charity 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, H. R. Woods (cond.) 5. A birthday compliment to the Rev. P. J. F. Simpson (Rector) and Mr. J. Pearson.

HIGH WYCOMBE, Bucks.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Doreen Coker (cond.) 1, F. Hayes 2, E. Markham 3, W. H. Plumridge 4, A. Clutton 5, C. A. Smith 6, R. Coles 7, M. Ward 8.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Feb. 5th, a quarter peal Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob: C. Gimbert 1, R. Clements 2, L. W. Fisher 3, R. Brooker 4, W. Ransom 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6. First 720 Cambridge by 2 and 5.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,272 Minimus, consisting of 5 extents of Erin and 8 extents each of Plain, Reverse and Double Grandsire, and Plain, Reverse and Double Bob: W. Izzard 1, M. Stephens (cond.) 2, R. Stephens 3, C. Izzard 4.

LILLINGTON, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Hurd 1, H. C. Burt 2, J. H. Pegg 3, C. H. Grindley (first quarter 'inside') 4, H. Huxley 5, T. W. Wyatt 6, J. R. Ball (cond.) 7, D. C. Allibon 8.

LINTON, KENT.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: Margaret Tomlin 1, Muriel Tassel 2, B. Baker 3, J. Betts 4, J. Wallis 5, F. Tomlin 6, L. Head (cond.) 7, H. Smith 8. First in the method by 2 and 4.

QUARTER PEALS**LONDON.—At St. Giles-**

in-the-Fields on Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Cording 2, G. A. Parsons 3, R. K. C. Wilkings (first of Doubles) 4, D. Neal (cond.) 5, C. F. Neal 6.

MADRON, PENZANCE.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Taysom (first quarter) 1, W. A. White 2, G. W. Taysom (cond.) 3, Mrs. W. A. White 4, H. Tully (first quarter) 5, T. Wooldridge 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mrs. A. H. R. Bolitho.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Walford 1, A. J. North 2, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 3, G. Salter 4, K. V. C. Hawkins (first 'inside') 5, D. T. North 6, F. W. Slocombe 7, C. Tarr 8. First of Triples for 2, 4, 6 and 7.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Lathbury 1, L. Houghton 2, Mrs. V. S. Smith 3, Miss J. Smith 4, R. Andrews 5, E. R. Warner 6, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 7, V. Smith 8. For the 88th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

OXFORD.—On Feb. 5th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalen, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Ruth M. K. How 1, Kathleen Higgins 2, Patricia Wareham (first quarter) 3, G. Thomas 4, N. G. McCrum 5, M. E. H. Barrow (cond.) 6.

PINCHEBURY, Lincs.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Joyce M. Chenery 1, W. A. Richardson 2, C. C. Rawding 3, H. Bennett 4, D. R. Whitton 5, E. H. Whitton (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Joyce M. Chenery.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Feb. 5th at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Rogers 1, J. D. Harris 2, Miss C. A. Burbidge 3, L. D. Duguid 4, A. T. Greenwood 5, A. F. Burbidge 6, T. R. Taylor (cond.) 7, H. T. Macey 8.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: V. Look 1, J. F. Hoad (cond.) 2, R. M. Foreman 3, J. W. Crouch 4, F. T. Hoad 5, A. T. Shelton 6, W. Claydon 7, H. A. Hoad 8. First quarter of Stedman Triples by 1, 3, 4 and 6.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Mussell 1, W. Shute 2, B. Tiller 3, R. E. Tiller 4, D. Reed 5, J. Hartlett 6, E. Marlow (first Surprise 'inside') 7, W. E. Cheater (first as cond.) 8. First quarter of Surprise for 3 and 4. First of Surprise Major 1, 5 and 6.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Gammon (first quarter) 1, W. Slocombe 2, Miss J. Tattersall (first 'inside') 3, K. Hawkins 4, D. North (cond.) 5, F. Taylor (first quarter) 6.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At St. Martin's Church on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 different callings): H. Abrahams (cond.) 1, J. Sutton 2, Miss Y. Eloie 3, N. J. Smith 4, F. L. Harris 5, W. Chalk 6.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincs.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): H. Longland 1, H. Collin 2, F. R. Mitchell 3, D. A. Frith 4, J. H. Musson (cond.) 5. First quarter in two methods 1, 2 and 3.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Jan. 30th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Glasspool (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Arthur (first 'inside') 2, Miss C. Nicholas 3, J. W. Faithfull (cond.) 4, Miss J. Cox 5, M. J. Butler 6, R. Brown 7, O. N. Curtis 8. All members of local band. Rung previous to the induction of the Rev. G. F. Hales as Rector.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—On Jan. 29th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, 1,312 Kent Treble Bob Major, on the back eight: R. Congreve-Pridgeon (cond.) 1, Miss Joyce England 2, H. Langdon 3, M. O. Thomas 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, J. Chilcott 6, P. A. Chalk 7, A. W. J. Appleton 8.

SUTTONTON, Lincs.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. R. White 1, G. D. Robinson (first of Stedman) 2, H. Barsley 3, C. Wander 4, A. D. Mills 5, C. H. Whitton (first of Stedman) 6, J. G. Ames (cond.) 7, A. E. Flatters 8. A birthday compliment to A. D. Mills.

Gloucester & Bristol Assn.**BRISTOL RURAL BRANCH.**

About 60 members attended the annual meeting of the Bristol Rural Branch at Almondsbury on Jan. 23th. Visitors included Mr. P. C. Williams, general treasurer of the Association, and Mr. E. F. Hancock, Ringing Master of the Bristol City Branch. The ring of eight bells was made good use of during the afternoon and evening, and the service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Radcliffe Cox). Tea was provided in the Schoolroom.

The business meeting was presided over by the branch chairman (Mr. C. R. Harding).

The secretary (Miss Hilliar) presented her report and balance sheet, which showed that the number of members now stood at 160. Eleven meetings had been held during the year with an average attendance of 44. All the towers in the branch were affiliated. The balance sheet showed that £21 10s. had been paid to the general treasurer.

The Chairman, in his report, said that the standard of ringing had improved very much, the striking being better. He had been pleased to see the young members had attended the monthly meetings regularly, which was surely a step in the right direction. He thanked Miss Hilliar, the branch secretary, for her work. The chairman said there were still some members in the branch who never attended a meeting; they did not know what they were missing.

The chair was taken by Mr. J. G. Jefferies for the election of officers. Mr. C. R. Harding, who was re-elected chairman for the twelfth year, thanked the members for their confidence. Mr. N. Denson (1, Quadrant East, Fishponds, Bristol) was elected branch secretary; Mr. S. Riches (Stapleton, Bristol) representative on Management Committee; Mr. F. Skidmore Ringing Master.

The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. V. Wills, local captain, and Mr. H. Robbins, tower secretary, for making the arrangements for the meeting.

The next annual meeting will be held at Mangotsfield, and quarterly meetings at Bitton in March, Olveston in June, and Henbury in September.

SLIMBRIDGE'S RECORD

Slimbridge, Gloucestershire, has a record it is justly proud of and would like to hear if any other tower has a similar record. Since the lifting of the ban on Easter Day, April 25th, 1943, Slimbridge ringers have not failed to ring for the Sunday services twice every Sunday. As a matter of principle they attend each service and all 12 are communicants.

In a letter to the Editor, the captain, Mr. H. J. Hobbs, writes: We are not a band of experts by any means; just an ordinary village team of three or four ladies, two lads and seven men. Ours is a very scattered village consisting of three or four hamlets, several ringers living three or four miles away from the church. During the last two years we have lost four good ringers by removal and the Forces.

'Two years ago we had in our band the parson, the policeman, the chairman of the Parish Council, the vice-chairman, the parish clerk, president of the Women's Institute, the organist and members of the choir. We never noticed it till one night someone happened to say, "All the parish is here to-night."'

Some three dozen ringers and friends attended the annual bellringers' dinner recently, when the Rector (Canon Thomas) presided. Among the guests were the Rev. A. H. D. Allan (Vicar of Cromhall and chairman of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch) and Miss D. M. Drew (secretary). A full toast list was followed by a musical programme, handbell ringing and dancing.

NOTICES

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HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

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OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, Feb. 25th, Clewer, 3. Tea. Windsor Parish 6.30.—Barker, Cambridge. Wexham, Slough. 6576

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ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Fordham (6), Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 6586

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DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Barnby Don (6), Feb. 25th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. 6609

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Buckingham, Saturday, March 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 25th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 6589

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—The service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the bells will take place on Saturday, March 4th, at 3.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby, before Feb. 28th. All ringers welcome. 6588

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Ringing meeting, Gorseinon, March 4th. Bells (8) 4 to 7.—E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam. 6577

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Milton Regis (6), near Sittingbourne, on Saturday, March 4th. Usual arrangements. Tea is by kind invitation to those who let me know by Wednesday, March 1st.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 6579

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Springfield (6), March 4th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 6524

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District and Saxmundham District.—Joint meeting at Yoxford, Saturday, March 4th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Peasenhall bells (6) also available after tea. Names for tea to Mr. R. S. Payne, 63, Pier Avenue, Southwold, Suffolk. 6568

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting, Tidenham, Saturday, March 4th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, Wednesday, March 1st.—J. C. Goulding, 27, High Street, Lydney, Glos. 6612

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Long Clawson, Saturday, March 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Hot tea in Rectory 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. Tinsley, Long Clawson, by March 2nd. 6613

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Urchfont (8), March 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 6615

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Whittington (6), Saturday, March 4th. Bring own food. Cups of tea supplied.—A. B. Cooper, District Sec. 6624

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Silkstone, March 4th, 2.30. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. H. Mann, Fox and Hounds Yard, Silkstone, near Barnsley, not later than March 1st.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 6623

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Cromhall, March 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by March 1st to Miss Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 6616

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—March 4th, Holy Nativity (8), 3.30 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m., St. Katherine's Hall, Bushey Park. Service 6.30 p.m.—A. Bennett, 5, Lancaster Street, Redfield, Bristol 5. 6607

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Twyford (8) on Saturday, March 4th, at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 6618

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Combined practice at Haddenham, Bucks, on Saturday, March 4th, at 5.30 p.m.—H. Badger, Branch Sec. 6598

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, East Bridgeford (Beeson not available), Saturday, March 4th. Bells 2.30. Tea 4.15. Names to Mrs. T. Cooper, The Royal Oak, Main Street, East Bridgeford, Notts, by Tuesday, Feb. 28th latest.—W. Thornley, jun. 6617

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West District.—Meeting at Newport (6), Saturday, March 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 6620

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Biddulph, Saturday, March 4th. Names for tea to Mr. J. Stanway, School House, Congleton Road, Biddulph, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 6603

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Ringing arrangements, March 4th: St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8), 2 p.m. to 3; Bishop Ryder's (8), 2.30 to 3.30; St. Martin's (12), 3.30 to 5; Aston (12), 4 to 5; Cathedral (12), 4.30 to 5.30.—G. E. Fearn, Springfield 1025. 6606

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, March 4th, St. Thomas-a-Becket, Upholland. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea will be provided at a small charge to those who notify Mr. G. Mills, 321, Ormskirk Road, Upholland Moor, near Wigan, by March 1st. Please make it a good meeting.—J. Burns, Branch Sec. 6608

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the Lancaster Branch will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Morecambe, on Saturday, March 4th. Bells available 2.30. Tea at 4.30, followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mr. H. Palmer, 14, Oxford Street, Morecambe, by March 2nd.—John Woods, Sec. 6625

HERTS COUNTRY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans and Western Districts.—Joint meeting, Redbourn (6), March 11th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names by March 9th to Mr. J. Hobbs, 84, High Street, Redbourn.—T.J.S. and P.A.M., Dis. Secs. 6611

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual, East Grinstead, March 11th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business in Small Parish Hall. Names by March 8th to Miss Shepherd, 34, Cantelope Road, East Grinstead.—C. A. Bassett. 6604

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—Meeting, Flore, Saturday, March 11th. Names for tea to Mr. L. Phillips, Vine House, Flore, Northants, not later than Saturday, March 4th.—F. W. Hancock. 6614

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting, St. Luke's, Bromley Common, March 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s.) 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Spice, 6, Glebe Road, Bromley, by Mar. 9th.—D. E. Lidbetter. 6619

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Raunmoor, Saturday, March 11th. Bells (10) at 3 p.m. Important yearly business. Names for tea to Mr. E. G. Dickens, 18, Gisborne Road, Sheffield 11.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 6610

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Please note important alterations. Meeting, March 11th, Clapham (6). Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea at British Legion Hall 5. Oakley (5) afterwards.—Michael Stephens. 6600

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Burry Port, Saturday, March 11th. Bells (5) 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Number for tea to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carm. 6602

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STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at Barton-under-Needwood, March 11th. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Names by Mar. 7th to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 6505

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—General Committee meeting, St. Aldate's Rectory Room, Oxford, on Saturday, March 11th, 3 p.m.—Wm. Hibbert, General Sec. 6581

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Chartham, Saturday, March 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 6d. Names for tea must reach Mr. L. Bennett, 10, Mill Row, Chartham, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, March 8th. Cash to be enclosed with names.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 6621

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Worcester. General secretary must be notified in good time of those requiring meals.—J. D. Johnson, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 6565

QUARTER PEALS

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Barber (first quarter in method) 1, K. Smith 2, H. Dickens, jun. 3, H. Dickens, sen. 4, W. G. Anker (cond.) 5, E. Thompson 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. F. Weaver, a former service ringer.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Ladd 1, S. A. White 2, Miss B. M. Tomlin (first 'inside') 3, B. V. Collison 4, J. T. Medhurst 5, R. E. Wood 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, A. E. Richardson 8. To celebrate the gift of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wood.

UFFCULME, DEVON.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. C. Marshall 1, Miss J. Brown 2, W. G. Gigg 3, R. Keeley 4, R. W. Hayward 5, H. Keeley 6, A. H. Reed (cond.) 7, S. H. Green 8.

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WHEN RINGERS WERE HIRED

BUNBURY, near Tarporley, Cheshire, with its fine ring of eight bells, which includes a pre-Reformation tenor, has provided the subject matter for a booklet on the parish history which is being published under the title of 'The Bunbury Papers.' The Editor has secured the services of Mr. J. W. Clarke, Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild and an antiquarian of repute, to be responsible for the publication of this section, and it makes particularly attractive reading to those who love bells.

The papers available have enabled Mr. Clarke to give interesting sidelights on ringing in the 17th and 18th centuries. One of the first duties which the churchwardens carried out at Bunbury on assuming office was the election of the ringers. Such an item as 'Spent when we hired the Ringers . . . 0 2 6,' appears in the account books.

What sort of competition existed is not apparent, writes Mr. Clarke, but financially the appointment was attractive enough. There was a collective salary of 135s. a year, with many extra payments for ringing on special occasions, which included the royal birthdays, the anniversaries of accessions and coronations, Restoration Day, at Christmas and New Year (probably at midnight), on Easter Monday, when a parish feast was held, and on November 5th, when the village celebrated on a grand scale.

It is rarely that names of village ringers of two centuries ago can be recorded, but in Bunbury a list of the ringers of 1732 has been fortunately preserved. When John Fenna and James Done, churchwardens, held the customary meeting to elect this company, they entered a minute in the account book:—

'We . . . have hired the following Ringers for this present year and will allow 'em the usual wages: William Large, sen., John Large, Robert Burton, William Large, jun., Ralph Walker and Richard Spencer.'

Each man came to the table and signed his name in the book—the last-named with some difficulty. William Large was a carpenter, and his name occurs frequently in the accounts, for he did many repairs about the church and belfry. In 1746 he made the lych-gates. The others no doubt followed various occupations in the village, then very much a self-contained unit.

A glimpse of ringing in Bunbury in the late 19th century, writes Mr. Clarke, comes from Mr. Windsor, who was a ringer long before the two smaller bells were added in 1895. The dav-bell by this time had gone, but curfew still rang solemnly at eight, and another custom of con-

siderable interest was the ringing of the treble bell at one o'clock on Sundays. The bell was probably associated with Sunday dinner in those days, but its original use was probably that of the 'Sermon bell' being sounded to announce that a service with sermon would take place later in the afternoon. Many parishes observed such a custom at this time.

On Christmas Eve the ringers did the rounds of the village with handbells and lanterns in traditional style, ringing changes and seasonable tunes to the delight of all who listened. Reaching the church shortly before midnight, they waited for the clock to strike and then rang the bells to herald Christmas Day, often remaining in the ringing chamber for the rest of the night in readiness for more ringing before the first service at six o'clock. On New Year's Eve there was ringing at eight and ten o'clock to speed the departing year, while at midnight a merry welcome sounded from the tower in greeting to the New Year.

Bunbury tenor, which weighs 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb., was cast at the Nottingham foundry of Robert Mellour (1510-1525), and bears the typical Nottingham mark, a shield with a saltire cross. It also has a second foundry stamp, that of Robert Crowh, a London founder of the mid-fifteenth century, whose stamps seem to have been acquired by the Mellour family at the turn of the century. Although shorn of its cannons, the bell still remains as a fine example of mediæval craftsmanship.

The seventh, which Mr. Clarke dates *circa* 1610-12, was from the foundry of George Lee, of Congleton, the only foundry ever worked in Cheshire. The bell was 'turned' in 1713, and the cannons have since been removed, the crown being drilled and bolted direct to the headstock. The sixth bell was first cast in 1615, and deductions from the inscription, 'CANTATE DOMNI CANTICVM NOVIM, 1615,' and the use of Roman capitals with floreated backgrounds suggests that it was cast by William Clibury, of Wellington, Shropshire (1605-42). Clibury had in the same year cast bells for Hanley (with the same inscription) and Stoak in Wirral. The bell was recast by Mears and Stainbank, of London, in 1893. No clue remains as to the original fifth bell. Its inscription on the shoulder is, 'T. Mears, of London, Fecit 1817.' An allowance was made by the foundry of 13d. per pound for the metal on the old bell.

Readers will find 'The Church Bells of Bunbury' interesting and well illustrated. Copies can be obtained from the Rev. M. H. Ridgway, Bunbury, Cheshire, price 2s.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN R. SMITH	Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS... ..	7
SHIRLEY BURTON	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	8
*ALFRED BALLARD	3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	10
ERNEST W. RAWSON	5	HAROLD J. POOLE	11
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD... ..	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* 450th peal. A birthday compliment to Henry R. Newton, St. Paul's Cathedral band, on his 84th birthday.

TEN BELL PEALS

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

PEGGY G. KITCHEN	Treble	H. W. BARRETT	6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	2	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE	7
*JEANNE E. ASKEW	3	HAROLD W. ROGERS	8
SQUIRE CROFT	4	HERBERT G. ANDREWS... ..	9
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD	5	EDWIN C. HYNARD	Tenor

Composed by R. F. DEAL. Conducted by FRANK E. HAWTHORNE.

* First peal of Caters. First peal as conductor on ten bells.

BISHOP HATFIELD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5955 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

JOYCE A. ENGLAND	Treble	DAVID E. BEVERIDGE	6
JOHN E. CHILCOTT	2	NOEL J. DISERENS	7
DAVID E. PARSONS	3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	8
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	4	T. MARK WHITE	9
AUDREY BAILEY	5	PETER N. BOND	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DAVID E. PARSONS.

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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

MARY E. DAVIS	Treble	*EDWARD F. M. SAMSON	6
*FREDERICK PRECEY	2	*ALAN J. BUTLER	7
LOUIS J. LOCKYER	3	*BRUCE B. ROGERS	8
REV. R. F. R. ROUTH... ..	4	FRED PRICE	9
J. REDGWELL	5	ARTHUR V. DAVIS	Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

* First peal of Royal.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN H. CRAMPION	Treble	†ARTHUR HUBBLE	6
*FRANK V. GANT	2	DONALD COOMBS	7
*PERCY GREEN	3	FREDERICK SOMTER	8
ERNEST W. FURBANK	4	FRANK B. LUFKIN	9
†JOHN E. GROVES	5	DENNIS A. SYMONDS	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Tues., Dec. 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 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

*KEITH T. TAYLOR	Treble	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	5
MURIEL REAY	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Major.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 31, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

GWEN E. MURKITT	Treble	FREDA D. MURKITT	5
JOYCE HEARN	2	*MARY PEMBERTON	6
MARY R. JAYCOCK	3	CYRIL A. BURGESS	7
JEAN M. BROOMFIELD	4	GEORGE GILBERT	Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH.

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

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CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT	Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

BERT ELLIOTT	Treble	DR. CASTLEDEN	5
H. WALTER SMITH	2	ALFRED T. M. PERRY	6
GEORGE SCHLEUTER	3	JOSEPH C. JENNINGS	7
ROBERT C. HEAZEL	4	GEORGE SAUNDERS	Tenor

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(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. T. C. RYDER	Treble	T. COLIN RYDER	5
*MRS. N. CHADDOCK	2	NORMAN CHADDOCK	6
MRS. J. E. TURLEY	3	JOHN E. TURLEY	7
†MRS. L. HAYWOOD	4	LESLIE HAYWOOD	Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOL.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. Believed to be the first married couples' peal for the Association.



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CARBIS BAY	Tenor 9½ cwt.	SHEPSHED	Tenor 15 cwt.
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HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. WHITING...Treble	FRANK L. FISHER ... 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 6
*FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD... 3	ALBERT E. WHITING ... 7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 4	LESLIE G. BRETT ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First peal of London.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Being 14 methods: 704 Aldenham, 608 London, 544 Cambridge, 416 Superlative, 384 Rutland, 352 each of Yorkshire and Belgrave, 320 each of Lincolnshire and Ramsey, 288 Pudsey, 256 Blackburn, 192 each of Painswick and Bristol, 96 Premier, with 156 changes of method.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

JAMES A. MILNER ...Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
EDWARD JENKINS ... 2	JOHN WORTH ... 6
ALAN A. POTTS ... 3	PETER LAFLIN ... 7
JAMES FERNLEY ... 4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

The first peal in 14 Spliced Surprise Major methods by all the band, in the county and by the Guild. A farewell peal for the ringer of the third, who joined H.M. Forces on February 16th.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALAN J. BROWN ...Treble	*ROGER LEIGH ... 5
MARY WALSHAW ... 2	*SELWYN H. DEARDEN... 6
*ARTHUR HIBBERT ... 3	HAROLD WALKER ... 7
HARRY W. HOWARD ... 4	JACK CLEGG ... Tenor

Composed by EDWIN H. LEWIS.

Conducted by JACK CLEGG.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Carter's Twelve-part.

Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY NEWMAN ...Treble	HARRY DANIELS ... 5
THOMAS NEWMAN ... 2	WILLIAM RICHINGS ... 6
LESLIE BARRY ... 3	TREVOR PRITCHARD ... 7
HAROLD AUSTIN ... 4	CHARLES LARNER ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

A birthday compliment to Mr. H. Newman on attaining his 70th birthday.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES BUTLER ...Treble	RONALD G. BUGG ... 5
FRED ORRIS ... 2	EDWARD B. SMITH ... 6
WILLIAM A. ROUSE ... 3	WALTER A. SOUTHGATE... 7
EDWARD E. DAVEY ... 4	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ARTHUR H. EDWARDS...Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN... 5
MRS. C. G. WOODGATE... 2	DENNIS A. SYMONDS ... 6
WILLIAM PERRY ... 3	PETER J. EVES ... 7
BERNARD BOVER ... 4	GERALD FROST ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Six-part.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL ...Treble	BRIAN D. PRICE ... 5
RAYMOND P. WOOD ... 2	HENRY C. WEAVER ... 6
EDGAR R. RALEY... 3	FREDERICK PAGE ... 7
ERNEST TREAGUS ... 4	STANLEY G. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

First peal on the bells since restoration.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Haywood's Transposition.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

RONALD PANKHURST ...Treble	*ROBERT W. R. PERCY... 5
WM. A. KITCHENSIDE... 2	FRANK BENNETT ... 6
*BERYL R. COWLIN ... 3	FREDK. H. DALLAWAY ... 7
MRS. BETTY PERCY ... 4	COLIN E. VERDON ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung for the second birthday of Janet May, daughter of the ringers of the 4th and 5th.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF HINTON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN THOMAS ...Treble	†MARGARET ROWLAND ... 5
*ROBERT G. FREEMAN ... 2	†PATRICK HARRIS ... 6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 7
RALPH HARRIS ... 4	†JOSEPH E. NEWMAN... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal of Hinton Surprise Major 'inside.' Rung by the local Sunday service band.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPILLE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR ...Treble	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 5
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER... 6
JOHN R. SMITH ... 3	ALFRED BALLARD ... 7
COLIN HARRISON ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.)

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, UPPER ARMLEY,

A PEAL OF PAINWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F.

NORMA BICKERDIKE ...Treble	ALEXANDER E. MARSH ... 5
ROY B. COOK ... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS... 6
WILLIAM WARD ... 3	JOHN W. GIBSON ... 7
MOLLY AMBLER ... 4	ALFRED SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung in honour of Mr. H. Loft-house's 27 years' tenure of office as hon. secretary of the Leeds and District Society.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

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

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 25th peal together. An 83rd anniversary compliment to Mr. F. J. Lambert, sen., and also Mrs. Newett, and for the gift of a second grandson for Mr. R. T. Lambert. Also a welcome to Richard Gavin Frederick White, firstborn son of Peter Frederick and Beryl Yvonne White, and grandson of Frederick White, of Tunbridge Wells.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES W. BEECROFT...Treble	FRANK L. FISHER ... 5
ALBERT E. WHITING ... 2	*LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
RUSSEL PARKER ... 3	WALTER W. MILLER ... 7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 4	LESLIE G. BRETT ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* 100th peal on the bells.

HUNGERFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

SIDNEY G. GRANT ...Treble	AUDREY B. DISERENS ... 5
ALBERT DISERENS ... 2	WM. A. T. CARTER ... 6
ENID I. LOYD ROBERTS ... 3	PETER ANGER ... 7
BRIAN BLADON ... 4	REGINALD W. REX ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALBERT DISERENS.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

SELWYN H. DEARDEN...Treble	*STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... 5
*DEREK OGDEN ... 2	*IVAN KAY ... 6
MARY WALSHAW ... 3	*PHILIP H. TOCOCK ... 7
HARRY W. HOWARD ... 4	JACK CLEGG ... Tenor

Composed by EDWIN H. LEWIS. Conducted by JACK CLEGG.

* First peal in the method. An 83rd birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Williams, mother of Laurence J. Williams, of Church.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*JAMES THORLEY ...Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 5
*F. BERNARD FITCHER ... 2	GIBSON JACKSON ... 6
*ALAN ROGERS ... 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 7
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. MARIE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Davies' Transposition.	Tenor 25 cwt. 4 lb. in D.
CLEMENT GLENN ...Treble	T. COLIN RYDER ... 5
*MRS. J. E. TURLEY ... 2	†HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 6
GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 7
†LESLIE HAYWOOD ... 4	DENIS HOLLAND ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal of Triples in the method. † First peal in the method.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 15 cwt.
JOSEPH T. DYKE ...Treble	VICTOR SAVAGE ... 5
H. PERCY SPARKS ... 2	RONALD G. BECK ... 6
EDWARD J. CHIVERS ... 3	THOMAS J. SETTER ... 7
PERCIVAL H. HULL ... 4	ALBERT J. LINTERN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

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RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 13 cwt.

PETER BENNETT Treble	CHARLES HAYTINGS ... 4
DAVID BEACHAM 2	FRANK LAWRENCE ... 5
JACK ROBERTS 3	*BERNARD SPIERS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES HAYTINGS.

* First peal. Branch quarterly peal.

SCARNING, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents of (1) Double Court and Collage, (2) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E.

*GORDON R. CHAMBERS Treble	†GEORGE T. BUNNING ... 4
†ALBERT W. BARBER ... 2	GEORGE P. ADAMS ... 5
†SIDNEY MARSHALL ... 3	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE P. ADAMS.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 10 cwt.

*MISS K. KNIGHT ... Treble	*PETER J. CHILDS ... 4
†MISS J. H. BARHAM ... 2	PETER J. EVES ... 5
REGINALD C. THRIFT ... 3	ARTHUR H. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung for the conductor's 21st birthday.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 120's, ten callings.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*EDWARD J. BOFFEY ... Treble	FREDERICK S. SUTTON ... 4
GEORGE A. PACKER ... 2	HERBERT SUTTON ... 5
JOHN E. BROUGH ... 3	†ROY BOYER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. PACKER.

* First peal of Stedman 'inside.' † First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor. A birthday peal for the daughter of the third ringer. Mr. E. J. Boffey has now circled this tower.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

*RONALD APPLEWHITE ... Treble	†FRED INGALL ... 4
GEOFFREY PARKER ... 2	LOUIS WILLDERS ... 5
AMOS INGALL ... 3	MOSES BILLINGS Tenor

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

* First peal. † First in six methods.

BROWN EDGE, STOKE-ON-TRENT.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,200 Grandsire, 1,440 Stedman, 1,200 St. Simon's and 1,200 Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

ARNOLD G. MOORE ... Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE ... 4
*FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 2	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 5
MARGARET RIGBY ... 3	JOSEPH HANCOCK Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.

* 50th peal for the Association. First peal as conductor. First peal in four Doubles methods for the Association.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE E. OLIVER ... Treble	PETER BERESFORD ... 4
DENNIS BERESFORD ... 2	WALTER J. COPE ... 5
JOAN BERESFORD ... 3	FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. C. G. WOODGATE ... Treble	FRANK C. MAY ... 4
WILLIAM PERRY ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5
DONALD COOMBS ... 3	GERALD FROST Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

LEICESTER

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42½ Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

JEAN M. WARD ... Treble	†JOHN BRAMLEY ... 4
*GORDON A. OLLIFFE ... 2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First Surprise peal. † First peal of Surprise Minor. The conductor's 1,000th tower-bell peal. Cambridge Surprise Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus have now been rung on these bells.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt.

*MICHAEL F. LAYTON ... Treble	*JOHN HILL ... 4
*PETER ALLEN ... 2	CHARLES W. MUNDAY ... 5
FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ... 3	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. MUNDAY.

* First peal of Minor and in more than one method.

NEMPNETT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being five six-scores each of Stedman, St. Simon's, Union, Plain Bob, Old Doubles, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, and 240 of Grandsire.
Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

*A. G. HAZZARD ... Treble	†HAROLD L. PARFREY ... 4
†ELIZABETH M. HANNAM ... 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT ... 5
†F. CECIL MOGFORD ... 3	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal. † First peal in nine methods. ‡ First peal in nine methods 'inside.'

NEWTON ST. LOE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM TOVEY ... Treble	TREVOR HAYWARD ... 4
SHIRLEY DRAKE ... 2	SEALY S. WOODBURN ... 5
†REV. BEAUMONT RUSSELL ... 3	KENNETH MEDWAY ... Tenor

Conducted by SEALY S. WOODBURN.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. A birthday compliment to the ringers of treble and 3.

YAXLEY, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 2,160 of Plain Bob.

FRANK WARRINGTON ... Treble	D. THOMAS AUSTIN ... 4
HERBERT GOAKES ... 2	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN ... 5
FRANK W. LACK ... 3	STANLEY GILBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY GILBERT.

SEMPINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

MISS G. D. ROBINSON...Treble	W. ALLAN RICHARDSON... 4
BERNARD H. DALTON ... 2	HORACE BENNETT ... 5
LEONARD P. WILSON ... 3	C. HAROLD WHITTON ... Tenor

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

First peal as conductor.

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 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 9½ cwt.

*RONALD CHAFER ... Treble	*JACK N. FREEMAN ... 4
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	*HARRY HALL ... 5
JACK BRAY ... 3	PHILIP BARNES ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in three methods.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Feb. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, differently called (every call a Single).

Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON ... Treble	GEORGE PICKERING ... 4
WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... 5
PETER HALLAM ... 3	JOSEPH TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

A birthday compliment to Wm. A. Wood, hon. secretary of the Guild.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720's as follows: (1) Plain Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwell, College Single, Wavertree, London Bob, Lytham, Canterbury and Fulbeck, (2) Hereford Bob, Single Oxford, Single Court, and Double Court, (3) Oxford, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars and Kingston Treble Bob, (4) London and Wells Surprise, (5) Chester and Munden Surprise, (6) Surfleet and Beverley Surprise, (7) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt.

STANLEY R. GARDNER...Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ... 4
SAMUEL A. MARTIN ... 2	JAMES W. BOWLEY ... 5
C. WILLIAM HALL ... 3	ROLAND BENISTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

First peal in 30 methods by all the band and for the Guild. A birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the third.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents with varied callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*WILLIAM ROSE ... Treble	HERBERT GOAKES ... 4
*MICHAEL SYDEN ... 2	JAMES MOUNFIELD ... 5
WILLIAM WALDRON ... 3	GEORGE BUSH ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

* First peal of Minor.

HANDRELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's. Tenor size 18 in G sharp.

ERNEST MORRIS ... 1-2	FREDK. E. WILSON ... 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	JOHN BRAMLEY ... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

A first birthday peal for Richard Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Belton, of Barwell.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT 39, TITIAN AVENUE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Consisting of 1,120 London, 960 Wembley, 800 each of Bristol, Rutland and Superlative, and 640 Cambridge, with 144 changes of method.

*MARGARET D. WOOLLEY 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5-6
CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in six methods.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT 9, WINDSOR STREET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHN J. MORRIS ... 1-2	FRANK K. MEASURES ... 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4	W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. A. RIDDINGTON.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

ALFRED BALLARD ... 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5-6
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 3-4	TERENCE A. THORNER ... 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Witness: JILL POOLE.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 17 in A.

MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
JAMES E. DANIELS ... 3-4	FRED PRICE ... 7-8

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

No. 96. Tenor size 17 in A.

ROY C. HURST ... 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 7-8

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
IN DERRY CATHEDRAL SCHOOLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor size 14 in D.

*JOHN J. FIELDING ... 1-2	FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 3-4
*JOHN CAMPBELL ... 5-6	

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. First peal in the method 'in hand' in the county. A birthday compliment to the ringer of 5-6.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1950, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,
AT 13, PEVRIE ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 120's, four callings. Tenor size 12 in F.

BARRY COPE ... 1-2	WILFRED L. ROBINSON ... 3-4
GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 5-6	

Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

First peal in the method and on six handbells by all and for the Association.

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year 1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who
remained its proprietor and editor until his
death in 1942.*

Mr. J. W. Clarke, Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild, will be publishing shortly the first part of his 'Cheshire Bells,' which deals with the bells of the Cathedral and two other churches in the City of Chester. By arrangement with the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society, copies will be available to ringers.

East Hagbourne has a company of 25 ringers with a Double Norwich band.

The average age of the band who rang at Hatfield for the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin Page was 20.1 years.

Wateringbury, Kent, bells have been retuned and rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Their rededication is fixed for March 18th.

Commiserations with the four ringers who were attempting their first of Superlative at Over, Cambs, on Feb. 17th. The peal was lost after 2 hours and 40 minutes through the treble rope snapping.

Cambridge Surprise Major rung at Framden was a silver wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Miller, to whom the band tender their thanks for the kind hospitality afterwards. A telegram, referring to watercrest, fog, drizzle and rolling dots, took some splicing.

The band who rang six spliced methods 'in hand' at Bushey Heath wish to record their appreciation of the assistance given by Mrs. Telford (mother of the ringer of 1-2) in mind-ing the baby during the peal and during previous attempts.

Feature article this week is the Leicester Cathedral band's dinner, at which mention was made of Mr. Harold J. Poole's 143 peals last year. In these peals there were 484 'firsts' and only 10 peals without a 'first' of some kind.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Ringers from St. Mary's, Maulden, Beds, saw their two new trebles cast at the Whitechapel Foundry on February 14th. It is hoped to have them installed and the present six rehung on ball bearings by Easter. Mr. Hughes, jun., acted as cicerone. The evening was spent at the London Hippodrome.

Mr. A. J. Corrigan, who has been on the sick list for nearly three months, hopes soon to publish 'Dates of Performances.'

Mrs. G. R. H. Nugent, the wife of the new Member of Parliament for Guildford, is a ringer at Dunsfold Parish Church.

The many friends of Mr. Peter Crook, for the past 31 years secretary of the Bolton Branch, will congratulate him on his 300th peal.

The newly-formed band of St. Augustine's, Thorpe Bay, are trying to raise £50 this year towards the new floor required in the tower. They have made a good start with £6 10s. from a whist drive and £8 10s. from a dance.

There was considerable comment over the peal of three spliced methods rung at Willesden published last week, when Mr. C. W. Roberts was credited with ringing the treble and the tenor. The tenor was rung by Mr. Philip A. Corby. We regret that we did not spot the error in the copy submitted.

Mr. R. J. Rayfield, of Rye, Sussex, is about again after an unfortunate accident in the bell chamber of St. Mary's Church, Rye. He had removed the silencer from a bell after instructing a pupil. In closing the heavy trap door he lost his footing on the ladder and fell 20ft. His leg was fractured and he injured his left elbow.

Regarding the peal of London at Chilvers Coton reported last week, we should state that all the participants were born within a mile of the church. They do not live within this radius as was erroneously stated last week.

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LEICESTER CATHEDRAL SOCIETY—RECORD YEAR

Bishop Attends Dinner

ON Saturday, February 11th, the Leicester Cathedral ringers and friends assembled for a dinner to celebrate the achievements of 1949. In the unavoidable absence of the Provost, the Lord Bishop of Leicester presided.

The company included Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Jenney, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Bowley, Mr. and Mrs. S. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Cheney, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Rawson, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Root, Mr. and Mrs. L. Greenhow, Mr. and Mrs. H. Broughton, Mr. and Mrs. R. Grant, Messrs. F. H. Dexter, J. Grant, G. Straw, A. Jacques, P. J. Staniforth, J. R. Smith, B. G. Warwick, D. Goodman, H. Poyner, the Misses Jill Poole, Dorothy Udale, Kathleen Tilley. Visitors included Messrs. J. F. Smallwood, A. Walker, G. E. Fearn, L. W. G. Morris, Miss Elizabeth Faulkner, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ballard, Messrs. P. Taylor, G. Freebrey, A. Thompson (Derby), J. Morris, J. S. Carter, H. Carter, R. H. Carter, K. Roe, F. Cheney, T. A. Thornber.

In proposing 'The Leicester Cathedral Society,' Mr. J. F. Smallwood referred to the 1949 achievements and said it was a very fine record, one of which any band should justly be proud. He mentioned the former leaders of the Cathedral company, George Cleal and Frederick H. Dexter, who had done so much to lay the foundation upon which the present band had been built. It was the latter who taught Harold Poole, and the present Cathedral ringers were fortunate in having such a leader. He congratulated the present Ringing Master upon his personal record of 143 peals during the year.

THE FOUNDATION.

Mr. H. J. Poole replied, and, in expressing thanks to everyone concerned, had special mention for Fred Dexter and Harry Broughton, the former secretary of the company, whose enthusiasm and ability as leader and secretary respectively were responsible for the introduction and progress of Surprise ringing in Leicester. Without the foundation laid by them there would not have been the subsequent achievements in the advanced methods. Mr. Poole also referred to the progress of youth in the Leicester district, and congratulated Terry Thornber (16 years) on turning in St. John's tenor (21 cwt.) that afternoon and calling the peal of Plain Bob Royal.

'The Church and State' was proposed by Mr. H. G. Jenney, who suggested that, having

regard to the present election position, the least said about the State the better. He did not wish to be accused of any political advertising or bias. He compared the position of the Church to-day with that of his youthful days, when the churches were usually full and that church on Sundays was part of the family life.

The Right Rev. G. V. Smith, D.D., Bishop of Leicester, replied and spoke of the much more difficult task of the clergy to-day as compared with years ago. He thanked the ringers for the very important part they played in the life of the Church.



FOUR PEALS IN A DAY.—Leicester Diocesan Guild ringers, who rang four Surprise peals on December 17th last: (Left to right), Standing, Alan Jacques, John R. Smith, Norman G. McCrum, Herrick B. Bowley. Sitting, Alfred Ballard, Shirley Burton, Harold J. Poole (conductor), William J. Root. In front, Michael D. Staniforth, Terence A. Thornber.

By Courtesy of 'The Leicester Chronicle.'

Mr. W. A. Thorpe, Cathedral Warden, proposed 'The Visitors' and extended a very sincere welcome to them. Although not a ringer, he did appreciate the sound of church bells and thought nothing sounded better than the village church bells echoing across the meadows.

BIRMINGHAM'S GOOD WISHES.

Mr. Albert Walker replied and endorsed all that had been said by Mr. Smallwood concerning the 1949 record. He also referred to the peals of Cambridge Surprise Royal and Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung at Leicester on handbells. He spoke of the very close friendship between the Leicester Cathedral ringers and the Birmingham ringers, and extended an invitation for the band to visit Birmingham again before long.

In between the toasts a 'touch' of Spliced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Cambridge (Continued in next column)

Eastbourne Ringers' Dinner

The ringers at Eastbourne, having combined through shortage of ringers to ensure that the four rings of eight in the town are rung regularly, held their first annual dinner on Friday, February 3rd. It was a most enjoyable evening, and among many other guests and friends were the Vicar of Eastbourne (the Rev. L. E. Meredith, M.A.), who presided, and the Rev. J. N. Marcon, M.A., Vicar of Christ Church. The churchwardens of St. Mary's Church were also present, and apologies were received from the Vicar of All Saints' and his churchwardens, who had other engagements.

The Rev. J. N. Marcon, in proposing the toast, 'The Eastbourne Bellringers,' said that, apart from a few complaints, the ancient art of bell-ringing was appreciated in all quarters and was an integral part of church worship. Mr. F. H. Dallaway suitably replied. 'Our Guests' was proposed by the Vicar of Eastbourne, who warmly welcomed ringers from Bexhill, Hailsham and Hellingly.

No ringers' function would be complete without handbell ringing, and this event was no exception. Courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung between toasts, to the obvious enjoyment of all present, and in particular the non-ringers. After dinner, entertainment was provided from among the local ringers, and this was interspersed with various games, which caused considerable amusement to those participating as well as to the onlookers.

It was generally agreed that as the evening had been so successful and enjoyable, the 'Eastbourne Ringers' Dinner' would have to be an annual event in the future.

MARRIED COUPLES' PEAL

Another married couples' peal took place on February 11th at St. Mary's, Handsworth, Sheffield. Two of the participants, Mrs. Ryder and Mrs. Haywood, took part in the first peal to be rung by an all ladies' team. This was at Handsworth 22 years ago.

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and Superlative) was rung on handbells by Jill Poole, H. J. Poole, A. Ballard and P. J. Staniforth, and tunes on handbells were rung by the Carter family of Wigston Magna.

A social evening followed the dinner and brought to a close one of the best functions ever to be held in connection with the Cathedral band. One of the very pleasing features of it was that every one of the 25 members was present.

BURNHAM, BUCKS, DEDICATION

A Memorable Day

The occasion of the dedication, on Sunday, January 15th, of the new ring of bells, cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., by the Lord Bishop of Oxford will long remain in the memory as one of the outstanding occasions in the long parochial history of Burnham.

More than an hour before the service was due to commence people were converging on the church from all directions, and, in consequence, the building was not only completely filled, but many members of the congregation had the disappointment of returning home without gaining admission. It is hoped that the recorded parts of the service as seen on the B.B.C. Television News Reel gave some compensation, but nothing could reflect either the spirit or the success of this great day.

Preceded by the crucifer, the choir, followed by the servers, the ringers of the church, and the clergy, the Bishop of the diocese, with his servers and chaplain, and attended by the churchwardens, left the vestry and encircled the church and, facing the news cameraman, entered by the west door. The congregational singing of the Introit hymn must have assured the Diocesan not only of his welcome, but of the enthusiasm of all local people on the occasion of yet another great achievement.

Evensong was sung to the third collect, and the choir merited much praise for all they did to ensure the success of the service and as a tribute to the ringers, whose share towards the activities of the church is not always so apparent, but always appreciated. The lessons were read by the Vicar of Bray (the ringing chairman of the branch, Oxford Diocesan Guild) and Col. J. M. Wadmore, the hon. treasurer of the Tower and Bell Restoration Fund.

THE DEDICATION.

The first part of the service being completed, the Bishop, preceded by the Vicar and churchwardens and accompanied by the Ringing Master, processed to the ancient south chancel, where hung the solitary rone of the service bell which was to represent the others in the belfry. Mr. Paul Taylor, on behalf of the founders, took the rone and handed it to the people's warden to signify the completion of the work, and Dr. Summers then invited the Bishop to dedicate the bells. Taking the rope in his hands, his lordship then performed the dedication and, afterwards, handed it to the Vicar as a token that the bells were placed in his keeping. In turn the Vicar passed the symbolic rone to Mr. Gilbert as his appointed deputy, and this part of the service, which was televised, concluded by the small procession reforming and, to the pealing of the bells by eight of the Burnham girls, returning to the sanctuary.

In his address, which followed, the Bishop pointed out the rightful place of the bells in the worship of the church and reminded his listeners of the various messages they take to the parish. They call the faithful to worship, they herald the great festivals of the year, they ring out a glad message on personal occasions and they also mark the sad passing of the years. In all the varied aspects of life they have a message: the message of God's love to mankind and of mankind's fellowship one with another.

The service ended with the Blessing by the Bishop, and thus ended a great day in local history. In due course, parts of the service, including the ringing in the tower, were included in the Television News Reel and were seen by viewers throughout the country. It is hoped that a copy of the film may be obtained in order to retain the record of the day's events and for a wider showing within the parish.

After service quite a number of visiting ringers tried out the new bells before depart-

ing for their own evensong ringing. Ringers were present from Brafield (Northants), Boyne Hill, Bray, Bucklebury, Great Missenden, East Ilsley, Farnham Royal, Hersham, Hillingdon, High Wycombe, Hughenden, Stoke Poges, Loughborough, Reading, Slough, Thatcham, East Hagbourne, Reading, Waltham St. Lawrence, Hurst, etc., including the general secretary of the Oxford Guild (Mr. William Hibbert) and the general treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker). Ringing was kept down to maximum of 168 in order that all could have a pull in the short time available.

RINGING DAY PLANNED.

On the completion of the work and debt (there is still a fair deficit, and the hon. treasurer's address is Col. J. M. Wadmore, Woodlands, Linkwood Road, Burnham, Bucks) it is intended to have an all day ringing day, which, we hope, will be kept up annually. The new bells are now all on one level with a tenor of 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp, and are a real pleasure, both to listen to and ring. An anonymous donor bore the cost of the treble and all bells carry the inscription, 'Recast by John Taylor and Co., 1949.' All old inscriptions have been reproduced, and the tenor has the following addition: 'This ring of eight bells was recast by John Taylor and Co., 1949. James Wildman, Vicar. Maxwell H. Summers, D.S.O., T.D., D.L., Anthony Packe, Churchwardens. George Gilbert, Ringing Master.'

EARL SHILTON RINGERS

For sociability and comradeship Earl Shilton ringers rank high among Leicestershire towers. A company of 88 attended their annual dinner on February 3rd, at which the Vicar (the Rev. A. Tewksbury) presided. Those present included Mr. C. Turner (vice-president of the Leicestershire Diocesan Guild and chairman of the Hinckley District), Mr. W. Wood (secretary of the Hinckley District) and Mr. A. Ballard.

Mr. G. Newton (head ringer) welcomed the gathering, and the Vicar, in reply, spoke of the enthusiasm of the ringers and their attentances at services, which were the best he had ever known. The way ringers helped out with any odd job that wanted doing in connection with the church was commendable, he said.

A social evening followed, in which the veterans took their full share. Tom Friar, who has 43 years' service, rang, and two old faithfuls, each with over 45 years' association with the company, delighted with a balloon-blowing competition. And then there was Sam Coe, the old Leicestershire county cricketer, who can look back upon 60 years' service as a ringer and chorister: he received a special cheer from the company.

The Vicar contributed a West Country yokel song, Mrs. F. Lawrence (wife of a ringer) also sang, and Mr. C. Clew gave a recitation. The churchwardens followed with traditional hospitality by paying for drinks for the ringers, and the evening concluded with a song by Mine Host, Mr. Len Bonsir. Earl Shilton ringers are convinced that this will be the first of many annual dinners.

THE TROUBLES OF DOUBLES

O thou who burnest midnight oil
Conceiving changes—spare thy toil.
Whilst ye that a true six-score
Be oft-times 5 times 24.
As runic art that runneth free
So every line must balanced be.
Thou too couldst woo a 12 times 10
Or flirt with 8 fiftens—but then
Hast thou brought forth thy 'bobs' aright?
Or a lonely 'single' bred?
Else down alone shall thee enlight
So hunt thee—to thy bed. G. G.

A Devon Restoration

TEDBURN ST. MARY.

Another Devonshire bell restoration was celebrated on Shrove Tuesday, February 21st, at Tedburn St. Mary, a village on the Exeter-Okehampton road. The event was out of the ordinary, for the six bells had not been rung for more than 80 years, so no one really knew their qualities.

A scheme for restoration was started nearly five years ago by Prebendary E. V. Cox, president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, who was then Recor. Hearty support was soon forthcoming from parishioners and friends, irrespective of their religious views, and a contract was placed with Messrs. Mears and Sainbank, from whose foundry the treble and tenor were supplied early in the last century. Unfortunately delays arose through restrictions on materials.

The work has included the provision of a metal frame and new fittings throughout as well as the erection of a ringers' gallery with panelled front. A curiosity is the fact that the treble is slightly heavier than the second, third and fourth, but this in no way affects the general merit of the ring, which has a very good tenor of 10 cwt. in F. The whole cost, including the gallery (which was a separate contract with a Crediton firm), has amounted to over £900.

The service of rededication and blessing of the bells was attended by an overflowing congregation. The Bishop of the Diocese (Dr. Mortimer), who performed the ceremony, was accompanied to the tower by clergy and the churchwardens (Messrs. T. Pile and E. F. Phillips), and on leaving there he dedicated a tablet recording the fact that the tenor bell was 'rehung in loving memory of Henry Rusbridger, Rector of this parish 1917-1939, by his wife and family, 1950.'

The Bishop, in his sermon, said that the pealing of bells formed part of English country life. They were the common possession of the whole parish and expressed on different occasions the feelings of the whole community. Never was money better spent than on the bells.

There was much regret that Prebendary Cox could not be present either at the service or in the ringing chamber owing to renewal of leg trouble, for the occasion marked the fourth scheme of restoration or augmentation undertaken by him, the others being at Bampton, Littleham (Exmouth) and Brampford Speke.

Many hands of change and call-change ringers were represented, but owing to lack of time some could not get a pull. The captain of the local band (Mr. R. J. Wroth) invited the Cheriton Bishop ringers to ring the opening rounds during the service as a mark of appreciation of their kindness in allowing the Tedburn novices to hold practices at their tower over a long period.

Vice-President A. W. Searle, a Guild octogenarian, deputised for Prebendary Cox, and had the assistance of Messrs. B. Pidgeon, J. L. Glanville, G. Retter, W. G. Burrows and J. Arbury (representing different branches) in some excellent six-scores, which won complimentary remarks from call-change competition ringers, who also themselves showed good form. All were delighted with the 'go' and quality of the bells.

Refreshments were provided for all the ringers at the Rectory by the kindness of the Rector (the Rev. G. H. Hackett), the Parochial Church Council and many other friends, who also entertained a gathering at the Village Hall, where the Bishop met parishioners.

S.A.W.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE. — On Feb. 8th, 1260 Plain Bob and Kent Minor: N. D. Lomas 1, A. Rhodes 2, Dorothy Kidd (first as cond.) 3, S. Sage 4, I. D. Lomas 5, D. Mottershead 6. First quarter peal by all except conductor.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers

MEETING AT HOLSWORTHY.

The North-West Branch met at Holsworthy for their annual meeting on February 11th, and ringers from Chittlehampton, Croydon (Mr. Fred Collins) and Plymouth, with members of bands in union, attended. The Rector, the Rev. E. Royle, conducted the service, and the Rev. W. H. Ravenhill read the lesson.

After tea the company stood in silence to the memory of Mr. W. Shears, a member since the inception of the branch. The report and balance sheet for 1949 were accepted. The Rev. W. H. Ravenhill (chairman), Mr. J. W. Sangwin (treasurer and secretary), Mr. Fred Sangwin (Ringing Master), as well as the Rev. W. H. Smale, Mr. W. H. R. Smale and Mr. Fred Sangwin (representatives), were all re-elected.

The next annual meeting was fixed for Bridgerule, and the summer meeting is to be held at Bideford on July 29th. The Rector kindly gave permission for monthly practices to be held at Holsworthy on the second Saturdays. This will not occur on April 8th because of a peal attempt on Easter Monday. Will this be called the 'Pretty Maid's Peal'? Votes of thanks were given the Rector, the organist (the Rev. E. P. James) and the local captain.

EXETER BRANCH.

When the Exeter Branch met at Newton St. Cyres on February 11th, Mr. T. Bartlett presiding, the hon. secretary (Mr. E. J. Ryall) reported on the general progress of the branch. Instruction of learners was taking place at Thorverton. St. Thomas', Exeter, and Heavitree for the band that will be required for the new ring of eight to be installed at St. Mark's, Exeter.

The balance sheet showed £12 in hand, and Tedburn St. Mary was selected for the next meeting on April 29th.

Votes of thanks were given to the Vicar (the Rev. W. Ward), who took the service and gave the address, the organist and the Tea Committee, the meal being provided by relatives and friends of the local band. The collection at the service will be devoted to the Bell Fund to increase the present six at Newton St. Cyres to a ring of eight.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SOUTH NORFOLK BRANCH.

Soliced Cambridge and Suerelative Surprise Major was the crowning achievement of the ringing at the annual meeting of the South Norfolk Branch at Diss on February 4th. A company of 60 attended and enjoyed the bells of the Parish Church, the programme being arranged to suit all tastes.

The service in the Parish Church was conducted by Canon J. A. Appleton (Rector), assisted by the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, Canon T. A. Nock (Rural Dean) and the Rev. E. Taylor, with Mr. W. C. F. Brundell, A.R.C.O., at the organ.

A large company afterwards assembled in the Magistrates' Room (Corn Hall) for tea, after which the meeting took place, with Mr. W. L. Duffield in the chair, supported by the Rev. A. St. J. Heard (president), Canon Appleton (vice-president) and Mrs. Appleton, Canon Nock (honorary member), the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (general secretary), the Rev. E. Taylor, Mr. Nolan Golden (Association Ringing Master), Mr. F. Whiting (Branch Ringing Master), Mr. A. G. Harrison (branch secretary), and Messrs. E. G. Bennett, C. E. G. Banham, F. C. Roper, W. Saunders and W. C. F. Phillippo (members of the committee).

The branch officers were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. Archie Lock to the committee and Mr. Wilfred Saunders to the Standing Committee. Mr. A. G. Harrison gave a brief review of the successful work of the branch during 1949 and also read a telegram from Mr. F. S. Wilson, of Lillinut, Dorset, formerly of Diss, sending his greetings.

MAINLY FOR BEGINNERS (6)

'RE-CAP. AND PRE-VIEW.'

Arrived at the ringing chamber for our third lesson, we find Tom Truettouch, our instructor, with the Pole and Pig-tail he demonstrated last time, set up ready for practice.

'As I told you last time,' says Tom, 'this device is not essential, but it is most useful and makes for more thorough and rapid training in correct pull-motion. And while it is safe in action, it shows up your faults. Now, who'd like to show us what he remembers of my demonstration on it last week?'

Without hesitation, one of the pupils we've noticed once or twice making himself rather obvious yet without much success, Sim Slack-pull by name, steps forward, picks up the pig-tail, takes his stance with feet together rather like standing to attention, and grasps the cardboard 'sally.' Raising it a little way, he pulls it down, lets go of it, pauses slightly, then grips pig-tail with free hand, while the match-box falls off and even the pole rocks. Looking somewhat crestfallen, Sim remarks that something went wrong.

'Yes,' says Tom, 'everything was wrong. You got no further than pulling off at hand, yet you've made no less than five bad mistakes already. You're not giving attention to what we tell you. Now who can tell what was wrong?'

We give our views and Tom confirms these five errors:—

- (a) Stance. Too far away from the rope.
- (b) Stance. Feet together giving inadequate 'balance base,' causing loss of trunk control in the pull down.
- (c) Sally grasp much too low, giving a short jerky pull-off.
- (d) No 'give' at elbow and shoulder joints during pull, thus giving a 'forward throw' of the rope in its downward fall. (Pole rocks.)
- (e) No instantaneous transfer of right hand to rope's end as sally was released. (Paused before gripping pig-tail with free hand.)

At Tom's request, Mary Makebob, his assistant, steps forward and repeats Sim's performance, but this time in 'slow motion.' As she does so Tom explains in detail what is going wrong, and we actually see it all. Especially do we see, as Mary's arms descend, the mistake of not pulling the upper arms slightly sideways, and of not bending the elbows, thus pushing the pole forwards, until even the chair itself tilts! Tom explains that the same errors, in the pull down from back-stroke, result in the sally dancing in front, out of normal reach, with the inevitable missing of it, common to so many beginners' efforts.

'Now, that little demonstration by Sim,' says Tom, 'should be a lesson to all to pay attention to the little details right from the start. Neglect them and your bad faults will prevent you from ever becoming a ringer! We shall now get right ahead with our scheme of instruction by stages, each of which we shall demonstrate in turn, first. Before we begin, however, let's have a "re-cap." (as they say in "Twenty Questions") of what we've done so far, and see what the next few lessons will include.'

Standing against the wall, on the floor behind some chairs, is a blackboard. Tom lifts it out, turns it round and hangs it on a couple of nails in the wall. This is what Tom has written on it—

SCHEME OF RINGING INSTRUCTION.

Section I Bell Control:—

Lesson 1.

- (a) Viewing and understanding bell mechanism.
- (b) Learning names and parts and phrases in ringing.
- (c) Demonstration of difference between chiming and ringing at the bell itself, in bell-chamber.
- (d) Listening to bell-sounds. Tone-telling begun.
- (e) Watching, then trying, chiming, at the rope.

- (f) Watching only, the action of ringing, at the rope.

Lesson 2.

- (a) Introduction of synthetic trainer for ringing.

- (b) Rope-handling motion-sequence. Exercises on a 'dead rope:—

Ex. 1. The End-grip, with hand steady.

Ex. 2. The End-grip, with hand rotating.

Ex. 3. The Two-hand grips, sally and rope-end.

- (c) Demonstration, by instructor, on Pole and Pig-tail, of Lesson 1 (f), i.e., correct pull-motion in ringing.

Lesson 3.

- (a) Preliminary trial, by pupil, of P and P.
- (b) Practice on P and P *without* fault indicator:—

Ex. 4. Motion of sally-stroke to rope-end.

Ex. 5. Motion of rope-end to sally. (Catching).

Ex. 6. Combining Ex. 4 and 5. Motions complete.

- (c) Repeat Exs. 4, 5 and 6 *with* fault indicator, until proficient. (No progress otherwise!)

Lesson 4.

- (a) Instructor's demonstration of ringing action on a silenced bell. (As before, but now detailed.)
- (b) First practices on a 'live' rope (silenced):

Ex. 7. Pupil holds rope-end only, facing circle-centre; Instructor, back to centre, handles sally entirely. Start with bell set up at back. Pupil pulls off, Instructor catches sally and pulls off, pupil checks up at back and pulls off, and so on.

Ex. 8. Pupil works sally only, standing with Instructor as in Ex. 7, who now retains rope-end. Pupil holds Pig-tail, pulls off at sally. Transfers free hand to Pig-tail and raises both hands, in time with Instructor's hands on rope-end, and lowers ditto. But pupil catches sally, checks and pulls off again.

Ex. 9. Pupil takes rope-end again, as in Ex. 7, but this time bell is set at sally, and pupil does all but actual sally catching, which is done by Instructor, who sets at sally each time.

Ex. 10. 'It's all yours!' The whole sequence, for the first time, under pupil's control. Instructor still stands facing pupil to give confidence. Later, he should stand towards pupil's right side.

(End of Section I of the Scheme.)

'In the issue of "The Ringing World" numbered 2,022, Jan. 6th, 1950,' says Tom, 'our friend Cornelius began a series of articles for you, and gave what he called the main branches of our art under ten headings. The scheme of instruction we are undertaking follows those ten sections, and here, on the blackboard, is the whole of the first section, called "Bell Control." As you see it comprises the first four lessons of the course, and we have now reached this stage.'

Here Tom points to Lesson 3 (b)—as seen above.

'We have covered,' he continues, 'the whole of the ground up to this point, and now we shall work steadily through the exercises you see listed here. Notice that the numbers of these exercises follow consecutively right through. If a pupil begins to develop a fault, I shall put him back on to the exercise best suited to correct it, or even back on to the P and P! When we have worked through this section, I will set out the details on the blackboard of Section 2. Now let us get on with Exercise 4.'

And here, readers, we will leave them until they have completed Lessons 3 and 4, and Section I. of the course.

CORN. R. STONE.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

REMAINING—STEADFAST

Dear Sir,—Since we find ringers as practising Steadfast, and, indeed, asking for compositions in it, perhaps I may be allowed to reply to Mr. Barnett's rather sweeping condemnation. He may yet live to see recorded peals of Steadfast from Minor to Maximus; whereas, as the C.C. Glossary tells us, the figures to which Shipway gave his name have been rarely practised. Why?

Most of us have no objection to a little leg-pulling, as such, but perversion of fact provokes instant reaction. Interested readers may look again at Mr. Barnett's second letter (page 92 of No. 2,027) and find some dots after the words, 'Treble dodging.' This is where Mr. Barnett has deliberately omitted something which Shipway himself said, namely, that his method employs 'four blows or two whole pulls in 5ths place, to have it on an odd number.' In short, Shipway, one and a half centuries after Stedman, reproduces something which is based on the true Stedman principle, and which he conceives as applicable on all numbers. gives it his own name, and uses these 'four blows' in one place in order to 'make it fit.' This is on a par with the way in which previous attempts, to make Stedman fit on even numbers (with three blows in 4ths place), have been made. Shipway's four-blow idea is, of course, a distortion of the Stedman principle, a fact which Shipway himself apparently later realised. (See his 'Campanologia,' part 3, page 279, where he says this 'is not generally approved,' and he gives no compositions for it.)

But, to quote Mr. Barnett's figure, '120 years' after Shipway the process known as Grid Analysis has shown beyond question that the principle attributable solely to Stedman applies equally to even as to odd numbers. The application to even numbers is not quite the same as Shipway's. The slight difference, however, is fundamental. See 'Campanologia,' Part I., page 106, and Part II., page 287, and note how Shipway first planned the application. Then turn to Part III., page 280, and observe how he has changed the mode of application. Indeed, he there gets the treble moving straight up from rounds, as in Stedman, but, and this is the crux of the whole matter, Shipway has his front work arranged with this direct or forward hunting in a *slow set* and his retrograde or backward hunting in a *quick set*. This is precisely the opposite of the hunting throughout the Stedman principle.

In our recent discovery that the correct hunting nature of Stedman can be retained with Stedman on even numbers, we have something new and different from both Shipway's and Hales' versions, even if it be merely the strict adherence to the rudiments of the Stedman Principle! But since the name 'Stedman,' by ancient usage, implies an odd-number method, a distinguishing name had to be found for the application of the principle on even numbers. The due precaution was taken of giving it an *impersonal* name, and one with an associated sounding.

If it be true that none are so blind as those who won't see, then Mr. Barnett can blame no one but himself for his defective vision in this matter. Shipway himself admits that the figures, as he gives them, are merely 'nearly allied to Stedman's Principle.' Steadfast, on the other hand, is Stedman's Principle, on even numbers.—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

P.S.—We hope shortly to be able to offer compositions in Steadfast, as requested. The compositions for Shipway's Principle are unsuitable, though the plan is adaptable.—A.Y.B

HENRY BURSTOW

Dear Sir,—Apropos mention of Itchingfield Slow Course and the name of Mr. Henry Burstow, your readers may like to hear more of Henry Burstow.

This Sussex worthy, who died about 1916, I think, in his eighties, was a bootmaker, and towards the end of his life someone collected his reminiscences and had them published as a book to help his finances. I read this book in the days of my youth and very regrettably have forgotten its title! The frontispiece was a full length portrait of our friend, and a fine figure he looked.

He used to walk to other places besides Bolney, one place being Newdigate, about 10-12 miles from Horsham. The Newdigate ringers thought so much of him that they offered to provide him with a cottage and find him a job if he would consent to live there. However, Henry would not do so. One practice night the Newdigate ringers were waiting for him outside the lych gate when he was seen striding up the road towards them and with a set face strode past without speaking. They thought they had upset him and wondered what they had done. However, it turned out that Mr. Burstow didn't speak to them because he was busy counting the number of steps he had taken right the way from Horsham to Newdigate!

When learning a new method or a touch or peal he used to work this out while walking, left foot being hand stroke and right foot back stroke. Very effective this. In addition to his great knowledge of folk songs mentioned by your correspondent, he had a vast fund of reminiscences of life of the Horsham of his youth about 1840 onwards. One such will do here. In those days there was an official known as the 'pooker out.' The 'pook' was a hook on the end of a long pole, and whenever a person came into the Borough of Horsham such as a vagrant who would be likely to become a charge to the city fathers, it was the 'pooker out's' duty to remove the undesirable person over the boundary with his pook!—Yours faithfully,

BERNARD H. WELLS.

Crawley, Sussex.

LORD MAYOR DESIGNATE

Dear Sir,—White congratulating Mr. Alf Paddon Smith on his election as Lord Mayor of Birmingham (in which I am quite certain all ringers will join), might I recall one amusing incident which occurred during the ringing of a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham (in 1924), in which I had the happiness of taking part.

The ringing was perfect—not a sound from any of the ringers save the conductor's call here and there—when, all at once, after well over two hours had passed and quite spontaneously and dramatically A.P.S. exclaimed out loud, 'What are we doing it for?' It so startled everyone that we very nearly lost the peal. However, A.W. soon called us to order and a good peal resulted. Every good wish from

ERNEST MORRIS.

St. Margaret's, Leicester.

CRANFORD'S ANCIENT BELL

In the paragraph on page 120 it is stated that a bell in Cranford tower is the oldest in Middlesex and is dated 1380, but while the claim regarding the most ancient bell in the county is not disputed, I would point out that the bell is undated. The inscription is XTE PIE FLOS MARIE (Christ most holy Flower of Mary), and the founder was probably William Burford, of Aldgate. It was cast in the reign of Edward III., before 1380.

W. SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

Membership Qualification

Dear Sir,—The Association to which Mr. Drew belongs, and of which I have the honour to be general secretary, admits any churchmen or churchwomen to its ranks, provided they are willing to learn change ringing, and they are known as probationers. When they have mastered the elements of change ringing, they can be admitted as full members. The test, as mentioned by Mr. Drew in the issue of 'The Ringing World' of Feb. 17th, is not a standard as he mistakenly supposes, but merely an earnest that the candidate for full membership has the determination to continue in the art of change ringing. It would be worse than futile to set a standard of attainment. If good striking were a condition of membership, I am afraid that the ranks of all guilds would suffer depletion. I have written before, and I write again, that the strength of a ringing association lies in the number of those who ring for Sunday services, whether they be probationers or experts.

Twelve months ago I was present at a branch meeting, when four or five 8-10-year-olds, together with one older boy of 14, were admitted as probationer members. Recently these boys were admitted into full membership, and marched proudly, one by one, to receive from the chairman their certificates of membership. Henry Sanger, who taught them, with some assistance from me, should be proud, too. But the point that I wish to make is this. With one exception, these boys have rung twice every Sunday since their bells were installed. They rang them with another youth of 16 for the first service of Christmas Day. Would Mr. Drew deny membership to such?

I took two years to teach a whole call change band to ring Grandsire Triples well. They were probationer members for two years and paid their subscriptions to the Guild, while the Guild taught them. A very good *quid pro quo*, one would think. I could give many instances where the value of the probationary period has been proved. To suggest, as Mr. Drew does, that ringers are admitted into this Association as full members before they have attained a purely arbitrary standard just in order to swell the ranks is mischievous, if not downright silly.—Truly yours,

J. T. DYKE.

Chilcompton, Bath.

ITCHINGFIELD SLOW COURSE

Dear Sir,—This method was published in 'The Ringing World' on June 16th, 1939, having been rung in what was then the Doubles record for the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Little Missenden on June 2nd, 1939, as Cheersley Slow Course, in honour of the Master of the Diocesan Guild, who was then Vicar of Cheersley.

In my note to the paper I was cautious enough to suggest that this and other methods rung at Missenden had probably been published before and asked for the help of the historians in the matter. The silence of the latter and the other readers seemed to imply that Cheersley, St. Nicholas' and Winchendon Place had not before been rung to a peal.—Yours faithfully,

NOLAN GOLDEN.

Norwich.

A SHROPSHIRE FIRST YEAR

Dear Sir,—Regarding the letter by 'A Shropshire Exile' of the keenness of ringing in Shropshire, I have been change ringing for a little more than twelve months and can master on six bells Grandsire, Bob Minor, Little Bob, Kent and Oxford, and am now practising Double Court and Double Oxford. I think that is quite progressive. I am sure if Mr. Rowe looked around he would find six ringers keen enough to practise Cambridge if, of course, he himself could give a little advice and help.

D. M. COOPER (Miss).

Malins Lee, Shropshire.

Letters (continued)

RINGING IN SHROPSHIRE

Dear Sir,—Having read Mr. E. J. Rowe's letter in your issue of February 17th, in which he expresses a doubt as to whether there are six keen ringers in Shropshire, I feel bound to assure him that there are.

Although my home is in Shropshire, I am away from home most of the time, and so cannot count myself as a true Shropshire ringer. But when I have been at home, I have always found Shropshire ringers willing and eager to arrange peal attempts and extra practices. Admittedly the standard of ringing in Shropshire is not very high and very little surprise is rung, but I could tell Mr. Rowe of a number of keen but struggling bands not far from Broseley who would doubtless welcome him as they welcomed me.

During the last few weeks I have been arranging a tour for the Oxford University Society in Shropshire, and this has brought me into contact with a large number of Shropshire ringers, whom I have found to be, without exception, most friendly and eager to help.—Yours sincerely, CATHARINE M. TRIST.

Admaston, Wellington, Salop.

LAVENHAM BELLS

Dear Sir,—In attempting to answer Mr. T. R. Butler's letter and the large number of other letters sent direct to me, I must point out that I never intended to give the impression that the Abbey bells are so much inferior to Lavenham's. I merely said that Lavenham possesses a soft mellow tone which is lacking in the Abbey. To sum up, in my opinion, the Abbey's bells are very good, but Lavenham's are excellent.

Recently I met a ringer who did not care for this type of bell, and when he mentioned various rings of his choice I noticed that he preferred more of the very hard type, which, to my mind, produce far more noise than music, but it's a good thing for the world that we are not all alike.

To conclude that the bells were those of the Abbey because of the standard of ringing was a great mistake. There are quite a number of companies that I've heard that are up to that standard. A few miles from here a local company used to practise Yorkshire, etc., but on Sundays it was invariably Plain Bob or Grandsire, being approximately 1,000 of the best changes possible with an absolute perfect rhythm from 'Go' to 'Stand'.

A peal attempt is a great occasion; one was rung a few years ago and was timed, the three part ends coming up in exactly the same time.

Whilst congratulating the Royal ringers on their efficiency, it is only fair to mention that I have found ringers in some remotest places who walk or cycle Sunday by Sunday over bleak country lanes and arrive on time to steer their bells through a service touch with uncanny accuracy.

Concerning my being upset over the matter, well, nothing could be farther from the truth. My only object in writing was to explain where this recording was made in answer to previous letters in 'The Ringing World' asking this question. As I was responsible for the arrangements for the recording, i.e., tower position of mike, etc., I assumed it was my duty to clear this matter up.

This record was used in some American type programme last year, and if anyone can persuade the R.B.C. to part with a copy of it, also three leads of Kent, I would be most grateful and am sure the band who rang in it would like one to put in their library.

With many thanks for letters of congratulation and otherwise, Yours sincerely,

LESLIE MILLS.

Bures, Suffolk.

Ringer's Wedding

PAGE—HICKSON

The wedding took place at St. Ethelreda's Church, Hatfield, on February 18th, between Mary Louisa, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hickson, of Hatfield, Herts, and James Martin, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Page, of Willingham, near Gainsborough, Lincs. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by Canon Lovell.

On leaving the church, the bride and bridegroom were greeted by the sound of the bells rung by the local band. The reception was held at the Red Lion Hotel, and afterwards the happy couple left for their honeymoon in Sussex amid the hearty congratulations of the many relatives and friends present. The best man was Mr. Eric Edmondson, a fellow ringer of the bridegroom's at Hertford.

In honour of the happy occasion two peals were attempted. A very well-struck peal of Stedman Caters was successfully rung by the Society of Roving Ringers on the Hatfield bells. The second attempt, Double Norwich by the Hertford County Association at All Saints', Hertford, was unfortunately lost after about an hour's good ringing.

In addition to the above named societies, the bridegroom is a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths and many other associations and guilds.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A 65th BIRTHDAY PARTY.

On February 11th, Mr. W. J. Jeffs, who is one of the most popular ringers in the district, invited the ringers of St. Barnabas', Linslade, and All Saints', Leighton Buzzard, to his 65th birthday party.

During the afternoon the local ringers, strengthened by Mr. Arthur Sharman, of Dunstable, and Mr. Douglas Harris, of Woburn, rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise Major. It was disappointing that Mr. J. E. Arnold, although present, was unable to conduct owing to a poisoned finger.

The ringers then adjourned to Linslade for the tea party, where they were joined by Mrs. Jeffs, the Vicar of Linslade, and relations. A first-class meat tea was enjoyed by all, and to complete the spread an iced cake, decorated with 65 candles, was illuminated and blown out in fine style. Mr. and Mrs. Jeffs were suitably thanked for providing such a splendid meal, and Mr. Jeffs was appropriately congratulated on reaching his 65th birthday.

After a few courses on handbells the ringers visited St. Barnabas' tower, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung. The handbell ringers then adjourned to Rosebery Avenue and entertained the household by ringing various methods in good style.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.

The newly-appointed Vicar of Spalding, the Rev. Michael H. R. Syngé, conducted the service at the annual meeting at Spalding on February 11th. Approximately 70 ringers and friends enjoyed a good ring, a pleasant service and an interesting meeting.

The Rev. Syngé presided over the business meeting, at which the secretary presented the balance sheet, showing a credit balance of £38 in the General Fund and £30 in the Belfry Repairs Fund.

The Rev. Syngé was elected president and all the other officers were re-elected.

The following rule was passed: 'When a peal is completed successfully a payment of one shilling per rope shall be made to the tower captain or incumbent for the use of the bells.'

The quarterly meetings were arranged as follows: April 22nd, Gosberton; June 10th, Long Sutton; August 12th, Moulton; November 11th, Pinchbeck.

Presentation to Dover Ringers

To mark the completion of 50 years' service at St. Mary's, Dover, by Mr. Charles Turner (captain and steeplekeeper since 1911) and Mr. Herbert J. Saunders, presentations were made to them by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Stanley Cooper) on behalf of the ringers. The gifts consisted of a Duofold Victory Pen, made by the Parker Pen Co., decorative stationery and a booklet containing the names of the ringers in the tower.

During that period there have been five vicars, and it is interesting to mention the many times the bells have been rung for Royal occasions from the muffled bells for the passing of Queen Victoria in 1901 to the joyful bells for the first birthday of Prince Charles in 1949. Both ringers have taken part in ringing for six installation ceremonies of the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to commemorate the occasion by Mrs. H. George 1, F. A. Rye 2, C. George 3, C. Turner (cond.) 4, E. J. Walker 5, E. T. Ellender 6, H. J. Saunders 7, F. H. Dennis 8.

HINTON SURPRISE MAJOR

The Hin'on-on-the-Green, Worcs, band would be interested to learn how far it creates a record for a village Sunday service band to ring a peal of Surprise Major in the tower from which the method takes its name, population considered.

With the exception of the conductor of the present peal, who lives 100 yards outside the parish boundary, all the band are resident in the village, which has a population of 220. All the band are regular attendants at divine worship and communicants.

Included in the band are the two churchwardens, four members of the Parochial Church Council, two members of the choir, the parish clerk and sexton, and the secretary of the local branch of the Mothers' Union. All except two learnt to ring in the tower, and the two exceptions—the only two ready-made ringers to be 'imported'—married Hinton girls, themselves ringers.

Another interesting feature is that the band have no official ringing master, towerkeeper or conductor—all take and accept an equal responsibility in any arrangements. Five of the band have called peals.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

CHELTEMHAM BRANCH.

The Cheltenham Branch meeting at Winchcombe was very well attended by an unusually large but very welcome number of learners from several towers; there were 32 present representing 15 towers. Toddington and Winchcombe towers are now affiliated, and seven new members were elected. The Vicar briefly outlined the history for over 1,000 years of the present fine 15th century building and of the Norman church which was replaced by it; he also presided at the meeting. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge.

STOCKTON PARISH CHURCH

Dear Sir,—The following appeared in the February edition of Stockton-on-Tees Parish Magazine ('Monthly Review'):

'The proceeds of the carol ceremony were towards the repairing of the church bells, which require *cleaning*, oiling and rehang-ing, due to war-time disuse!'

I am told that the bells are a good ring of ten, tenor approximately 23 cwt. Since coming to Stockton a few months ago I have been trying to persuade the powers that be to get the necessary work put in hand, but so far without success.

I am finding it extremely difficult to make the people concerned realise that bellhanging is a very specialised job. I have been told on one occasion that the work was to be carried out by a local iron founder!—Yours faithfully, 'TAYLORITE.'

QUARTER PEALS

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Feb. 11th, 1,568 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Hoare 1, E. Stith 2, T. Yeomans (first in method) 3, F. J. Bailey 4, T. M. Roderick 5, A. Hannington 6, A. J. Pitman (cond.) 7, G. I. Lewis 8.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Milsted 1, Betty Solly 2, H. T. Wilson 3, F. Gadsden 4, H. Luck 5, A. Hinkley 6, J. Russell (first as cond.) 7, T. Day 8. First quarter of Stedman for 1, 4, 5, 6 and 8.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Roy Burford (first quarter) 1, H. Ashford 2, Tom Chaoman (first 'inside') 3, J. Salmons 4, G. Pullinger 5, G. Hutchinson 6, H. Higson (cond.) 7, E. Wheeler 8. A compliment to the conductor on the birth of a daughter.

CAMBRIDGE.—At St. Andrew the Great on Feb. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Moor 1, Miss A. B. Stockdale 2, T. R. Dennis 3, A. R. Guy 4, G. Dodds 5, A. S. Watt 6, B. D. Threlfall (cond.) 7, A. W. T. Cleaver 8. First in the method for 1, 2 and 6. First in method and of Triples as conductor. For the induction of Canon A. L. Woodard as Vicar.

COWLEY, OXON.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Bowles 1, Miss B. Harrison 2, W. Holloway 3, D. Woodley (first 'inside') 4, W. Fern 5, J. Adams (first as cond.) 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

CRANHAM, GLOS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Staite 1, G. Goulding 2, K. Lewis (cond.) 3, R. Watts 4, A. Griffiths 5, A. Verrinder (first quarter) 6.

FAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Segar (cond.) 1, P. Ball 2, C. Cook 3, J. Bartram 4, F. Jackson 5, W. Coates 6, K. Beardsall 7, H. Denman 8.

ECKINGTON, DERBYS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Audrey Millward 1, W. L. Robinson (first as cond.) 2, Marie Bond 3, B. Cope 4, E. H. Barker 5. First quarter by 1, 3 and 5. First quarter of Doubles by all.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Jemmett (first quarter) 1, H. Manuel 2, C. Eades 3, Miss E. Wyles 4, P. Jemmett 5, W. Palin (cond.) 6, E. Eades 7, F. Pack 8.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Bob Minor (tenor covering): T. W. Crowe 1, E. Harrison (first quarter) 2, A. Ainsworth (first quarter) 3, W. F. Sutherland 4, N. H. Hewett 5, K. Arthur (cond.) 6, J. Heal 7. Rung on the back seven.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Woodley 1, J. P. Blond 2, R. B. Blond 3, G. W. Bishop (first as cond.) 4, J. Gordon 5, B. L. J. Brown 6, H. L. Bishop 7, J. C. Napper 8.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Whitby 1, S. Clark 2, L. Cordell 3, E. Larter 4, W. Wheeler 5, E. Rochester 6, W. Aleay (first quarter as cond.) 7, L. Whitby 8.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Feb. 11th, 1,280 Double Norwich: F. W. Burnett 1, R. T. Lambert 2, L. T. Pope 3, W. Gorringe 4, L. W. Jarvis 5, C. A. Levett 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, A. P. Cannon 8. First quarter in the method on the bells.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, P. J. Matthews (first in method) 4, C. A. Parsons 5, W. H. Hewett (cond.) 6, C. J. Matthews 7, T. G. Fox 8. A wedding compliment to R. A. Deal on Feb. 4th, and Miss June Matthews on Feb. 11th.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—At Christ Church on Feb. 13th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: Anne Worth 1, June Henshaw 2, A. A. Potts (cond.) 3, G. Farrer 4, W. Stevenson 5, H. Farrer 6, H. Wood 7, J. Worth 8. First in the method by 4, 6 and 7. A farewell to the conductor on his departure for H.M. Forces.

MIDGHAM, BERKS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. J. Dodd 1, R. C. Christopher 2, L. Nicolls 3, B. C. Stirland 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5. First quarter of Bob Doubles by all the band.

MOORLINCH, BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Stevens (first quarter) 1, H. Stevens 2, F. Skinner (cond.) 3, H. Smith 4, I. Hilburn 5, E. Skinner 6.

OLDHAM, LANCs.—On Feb. 13th, at St. Mark's, Glodwick, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Fletcher 1, A. F. Taylor 2, Miss J. Carter (first of Triples) 3, Miss M. I. Jagger 4, R. Edwards 5, O. Moores 6, F. Pritchard (cond.) 7, E. Casterton 8.

OVERSEAL, DERBYS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Brooker 1, H. Carter 2, Joan Cotton 3, H. G. Hart 4, H. C. Adams 5, John Quimby 6, P. W. Grice (cond.) 7, H. Shaw 8. In memoriam Mr. W. B. Shaw, father of the tenor ringer and churchwarden of the adjoining parish of Lullington for 32 years.

PILTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Hill 1, M. Watch 2, P. Hull 3, R. Green 4, S. Attwell (first as cond.) 5, E. Lambert 6.

READING, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Laurence, on Feb. 12th, 1,275 Stedman Caters: R. Burton 1, Mrs. D. Catherall 2, Mrs. N. Watts 3, Miss P. Hart 4, A. Tyler (cond.) 5, T. Lanaghan 6, E. Humfrey 7, C. Pullen 8, C. Watts 9, V. Cherrill 10. To celebrate the 40th year of Mr. F. Bunce's membership of the choir.

SEELY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Elliott 1, Miss P. A. Cartwright 2, K. Haslam 3, H. W. Haslam (cond.) 4, N. J. Goodman 5, Wm. B. Cartwright 6, J. Pinfold 7, F. H. Walters 8.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—On Feb. 12th at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Glasspool 1, Miss E. Arthur 2, Miss C. Nicolas 3, D. C. Williams 4, O. N. Curtis 5, Miss J. Cox 6, M. J. Butler (cond.) 7, J. W. Faithful 8. A birthday compliment to Brian V. Butler.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. G. Brinkley (first quarter) 1, Mary E. Shadrack 2, R. C. Thrift 3, Jean C. Thomas 4, E. J. Runter 5, H. W. Shadrack (cond.) 6. In honour of the 21st anniversary of the enthronement of the Bishop of Chelmsford, Dr. H. Wilson.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church on Feb. 12th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss A. M. Bailey (first of Caters as cond.) 1, G. W. Debenham 2, C. F. Sayers 3, H. G. Mason 4, A. Dales 4, R. W. Darville 6, T. J. Southam 7, W. J. Southam 8, H. V. Frost 9, F. J. Bailey (first of Stedman Caters) 10. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Anker 1, W. H. Barber (first quarter of Doubles 'inside') 2, H. Dickens, jun. 3, H. Dickens, sen. 4, W. G. Anker (cond.) 5.

WELLOW, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Young 1, E. Fry 2, W. Star 3, D. Percy (first 'inside') 4, K. Newman (first as cond.) 5, E. Elkins 6. For the birth of a son to the tower master.

LATE NOTICES

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Marnhull, Saturday, March 11th, 3 p.m. Visitors welcome. Write Rev. N. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham. 6657

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. John, March 11th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6658

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at the Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, March 18th, 3 p.m. No meeting at Southwark Cathedral March 16th.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 6659

OBITUARY

MR. ARTHUR BOWLER.

The death occurred on February 14th at his home in Chappells Terrace, Lichfield, after a short illness, of Arthur Bowler, aged 75 years. He was a member of the Lichfield Cathedral band for over 50 years, and in 1948 he was made an hon. life member of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, having joined in 1891. He had rung about 30 peals.

The funeral took place at St. Michael's, Lichfield, on February 17th; his remains were borne by six old ringing friends, W. Cope, S. Gregory, G. Oliver, F. Sedgwick, A. Smith and L. Smith. A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by W. Cope 1-2, Joan Beresford 3-4, G. Oliver 5-6, F. Sedgwick 7-8. Among the floral tributes was one from local ringers and the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

A quarter peal of Doubles with bells half-muffled was rung at St. Michael's on the same evening, and a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at the Cathedral on February 20th.

MR. A. W. HANDOLL.

A loyal member of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association for some 45 years, Mr. Arthur William Handoll, died at Cheltenham on February 2nd, aged 74. He had been ill for the past three years.

He was a native of Wickwar, where he learnt to ring, but had been a member of the Cheltenham Parish Church band for 25 years and also a member of the choir. A cooper by trade, his other hobby was bowls, but his main interest was in ringing and the church.

The funeral service, followed by cremation, took place on February 7th.

MR. GEORGE ILLMAN.

We regret to record the death on February 11th of Mr. George Illman, of Horley, Surrey, aged 89 years.

He was at one time a ringer at Worth in Sussex, but came to Horley to live and joined the church ringers in January, 1907. Until his health prevented him, he was a very active and esteemed member of the band.

Mr. Illman had a good number of peals to his credit and was always ready to help young ringers, visiting a number of towers for this purpose.

The funeral took place at Worth on February 15th, and after the service the bells were rung half-muffled. Those taking part included J. Laker, A. Laker, E. Knapp, O. Sippetts, Miss F. Wyman, W. Taylor, W. Hunt, C. Stoner and A. J. Bull.

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MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Milton Regis (6), near Sittingbourne, on Saturday, March 4th. Usual arrangements. 6579

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Springfield (6), March 4th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 6524

FLY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Ickleton, Saturday, March 4th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Red Lion.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 6605

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Whittington (6), Saturday, March 4th. Bring own food. Cups of tea supplied.—A. B. Cooper, District Sec. 6624

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West District.—Meeting at Newport (6), Saturday, March 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 6620

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Ringing arrangements, March 4th: St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8), 2 p.m. to 3; Bishop Ryder's (8), 2.30 to 3.30; St. Martin's (12), 3.30 to 5; Aston (12), 4 to 5; Cathedral (12), 4.30 to 5.30.—G. E. Fearn, SPRingfield 1025. 6606

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Combined practice at Haddenham, Bucks, on Saturday, March 4th, at 5.30 p.m.—H. Badger, Branch Sec. 6598

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, W.C.2, on Monday, March 6th, at 7 p.m., and on each succeeding first Monday evening in the month.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 6639

HERTS COUNTRY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans and Western Districts.—Joint meeting, Redbourn (6), March 11th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names by March 9th to Mr. J. Hobbs, 84, High Street, Redbourn.—T. J. S. and P. A. M., Dis. Secs. 6611

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual, East Grinstead, March 11th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business in Small Parish Hall. Names by March 8th to Miss Shepherd, 34, Cantelope Road, East Grinstead.—C. A. Russell. 6604

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting, St. Luke's, Bromley Common, March 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s.) 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Spice, 6, Glebe Road, Bromley, by Mar. 9th.—D. E. Lidbetter. 6619

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Ranmoor, Saturday, March 11th. Bells (10) at 3 p.m. Important yearly business. Names for tea to Mr. E. G. Dickens, 18, Gisborne Road, Sheffield 11.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 6610

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at Barton-under-Needwood, March 11th. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Names by Mar. 7th to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 6505

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—General Committee meeting, St. Aldate's Rectory Room, Oxford, on Saturday, March 11th, 3 p.m.—Wm. Hibbert, General Sec. 6581

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Chartham, Saturday, March 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 6d. Names for tea must reach Mr. L. Bennett, 10, Mill Row, Chartham, Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, March 8th. Cash to be enclosed with names.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 6621

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Codicote on March 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Vicarage.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 6640

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Western District will be held at Mangotsfield on March 11th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Vicarage at 5 p.m. Will those wanting tea please notify me by March 7th.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., 20, Macaulay Buildings, Bath. 6641

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Preston, (6 bells), on Saturday, March 11th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30. Cups of tea. Meeting in tower after tea. Members and non-members are cordially invited.—L. Walmsley, Branch Sec. 6644

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Margaret's, Barking, March 11th. Tea 4. Service 4.30. Ringing afterwards.—A. Boyack, Dis. Sec., 58, Grove Hill, E.18. Wanstead 1575. 6645

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Hedon, March 11th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for all who notify by first post Wednesday, March 8th, Mr. C. Hunter, 3, King's Place, Hedon. 6646

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Great Glenn, Saturday, March 11th. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Crown Hotel. Postcard by March 7th to L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 6647

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Titchmarsh, Saturday, March 11th. Bells 2.45. Service 4. Names for tea by March 8th.—E. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Broughton-in-Furness, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Langtree, Laurel Bank, Broughton-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 6651

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, March 11th, Tibshelf. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5. Bring own food. Executive after tea. 6643

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Cramlington, Saturday, March 11th. Names for tea to J. Hart, 3, Blagdon Terrace, Cramlington Village, by 6th latest. 6650

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Tuxford (6), Saturday, March 11th. Good bus service. Please notify Mr. W. Brett, 1, Ashvale, Tuxford, Newark, for tea by March 7th.—H. Denman. 6649

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, March 11th. Bells (6). Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 6638

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Lodgers, Saturday, March 11th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting follow.—C. H. Lathey, Sec. 6629

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Rodbourne Cheney (6), March 11th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, March 11th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by the 6th.—E. T. Newbury, 2, Western Hill Road, Beckford, near Tewkesbury. 6635

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, March 11th, at St. Helens Parish Church (10). Bells available from 2.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30, followed by meeting. Please send names for tea before Tuesday, March 7th, to Mr. A. Wallace, 11, Whitefield Road, St. Helens.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 6655

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Birkenhead St. Mary's (6), Saturday, March 11th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying me by 7th. Tickets (15s. each) still available for dinner, entertainment and dance. Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, Saturday, March 18th.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting at Boston, Saturday, March 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea. Memorial Hall, 5 p.m., for those who notify me by Monday, March 6th.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Oswestry (8), March 11th. Bells at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Chacombe (6), March 18th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names by Saturday, 11th, A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 6630

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting, Ewhurst, March 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Names by 14th to Eric T. Lee, Ashley Cottage, Ockford Road, Godalming. 6637

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SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Farnsfield (5), Saturday, March 18th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Buses from Nottingham, Newark, Mansfield, Retford.—P. N. White, Dis. Sec. 6628

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Goole, March 18th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.15. Tea at Kitwood's Cafe. Names for tea Mr. J. Waud, 41, Oxford Road, Goole, by Mar. 16th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 6626

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Reigate, March 18th. Bells 3 and after meeting. Service 5, followed by tea. Names to Mr. W. Claydon, 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, not later than Wednesday, March 15th.—C. de Ste. O. Parks, Hon. Sec. 6648

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Saturday, March 18th, 3 p.m., rededication Wateringbury bells by Bishop Tonks. All ringers cordially invited. Names for tea by March 15th to D. Driver, Old Road, Wateringbury, Kent. 6642

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting, Scothern (6), March 18th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Dudley, Saturday, March 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5.15. Numbers for tea by March 14th to F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 6653

HALIFAX DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest, Elland, Saturday, April 1st. For teas notify F. Lainfoot, 78, Elland Lane, Elland, by Saturday, March 18th.—A. Farrand, Sec. 6627

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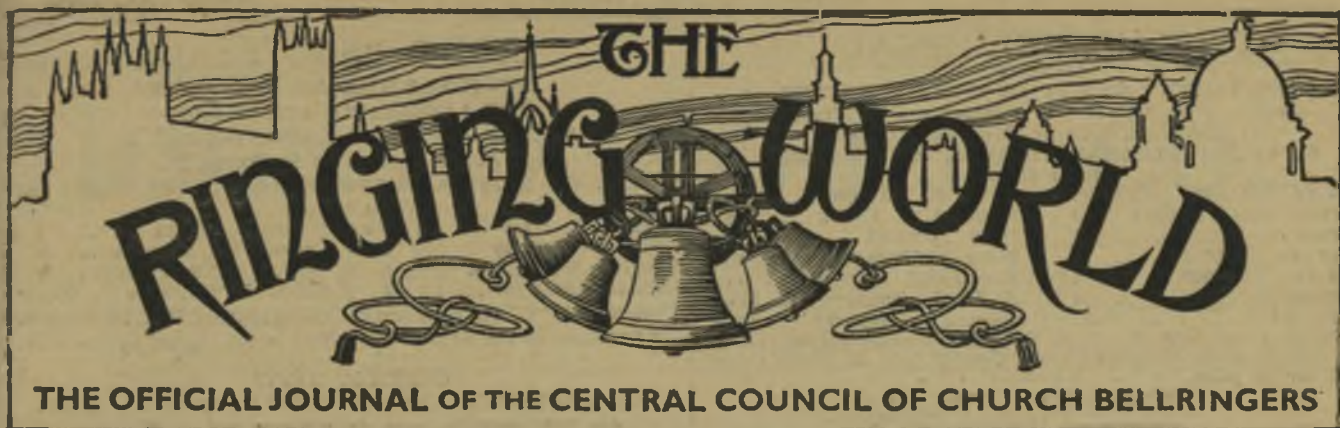
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PROPAGANDA

CONSTANT attention should be given by all ringers to the question of propaganda. The 'sealed book' of bellringing must be made intelligible to the non-ringer. Various opportunities occur with the local Press, who are invariably willing to co-operate with items of news and often descriptive articles. Probably the most common question the public ask when the bells are being rung is, Why? And it behoves local ringers to give the answer when the ringing is not on the ordinary practice night or on a Sunday for a church service. We would like to see a purpose behind every peal, and it is not difficult to associate a ringing occasion with some important anniversary, either national or local. The reason should be made public, either through the medium of the local Press or the Parish Magazine.

In the 'Oxford Diocesan Magazine' Mr. Alan R. Pink contributes monthly a 'Campanology Corner.' The February issue contains a report of the Banbury Branch quarterly meeting at Bloxham, not in the semi-technical style of reports appearing in 'The Ringing World,' but in a way that will appeal to the ordinary reader. After referring to the fact that fully 60 ringers were present from a wide area, Mr. Pink proceeds:—

'Bloxham's magnificent church is, of course, well known. Its fabric is of the Early English, Decorated and Perpendicular periods, but its crowning glory is the glorious 14th century tower and spire, one of the three which stride across the Cherwell valley in a straight line, the other two being Adderbury and King's Sutton, in Northamptonshire. Many of our readers will have heard this quotation: "Bloxham for length, Adderbury for strength and King's Sutton for beauty." It refers, of course, to the three spires. Bloxham tower has an added attraction for ringers in that the ring of eight bells is the heaviest in the diocese. The tenor bell, cast by Richard Keene, of Woodstock, weighs 28½ cwt. and is thought to be the heaviest bell actually cast in the diocese. Unfortunately this grand ring of bells can only be rung together for ten minutes at a time owing to the violent oscillation set up in the tower and spire. This is largely due to the badly constructed bell cage, and it is hoped that before long the bells will be rehung in a new frame. It is a melancholy fact that the heaviest rings of six bells (Wing, in Bucks) and eight bells (Bloxham) in the diocese are unringable for any length of time.'

Then follows a description of the meeting, the service, the corporate tea and, finally, the business meeting. The strength of Mr. Pink's propaganda comes in the concluding paragraph:—

'If this word picture of a typical ringers' meeting has fired the imagination of someone who has thought they would like to ring but did not know how to make the approach, we would advise

them to get into touch immediately with their incumbent. No tower is so full of ringers that it won't accept any more, and in many cases the bells are often silent for lack of ringers. There is a wonderful spirit of comradeship existing between ringers. To incumbents we would say, Invite your parishioners to attend these ringing meetings and encourage them to visit their belfries. We believe that every Christian desires to do some special piece of work for God. There is unlimited scope in bellringing for men and women to indulge in their latent desire.'

Another valuable form of propaganda is by letters to the local Press. There should be a constant watch against adverse criticism. Last year Mr. George Gilbert, in the Slough newspapers, carried on a voluminous correspondence in defence of bells, and it was only pressure on our space that prevented appropriate extracts being given in 'The Ringing World.' Perhaps what delights the ringer more than anything else are the unsolicited testimonials. The following is one that appeared in the 'Yorkshire Evening Post' of February 20th:—

Passing through Leeds bus station the other Sunday evening on my way home from Castleford, I was suddenly lifted above the gloom and bitter cold by the joyous sound of church bells. It is a long time since I heard anything so beautiful. For some minutes I stood and listened, for the sheer joy of listening.

Harrogate, with all its beauty and charm, has few church bells, and those Leeds bells were a tonic and inspiration. Thank you for the great pleasure they gave me!

Articles in the National Press are also of great value. About a fortnight ago the 'News Chronicle' had a feature story relating to Messrs. J. Taylor and Company's foundry at Loughborough, with illustrations of the casting of bells. The process is familiar with most of the members of the fraternity, and the visits arranged for different towers have never failed to be of absorbing interest. Our other two foundries—Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston—are equally co-operative in this respect. The danger of the 'synthetic bell' is still very great, despite the firm stand that various diocesan advisory committees are taking, and it is essential that the public should know the difference between the real thing and the sham.

News editors of other publications have also been paying increasing attention to ringing generally. Enquiries for information reach this office in increasing numbers, and the Editor endeavours to be as helpful as possible. His greatest poser came the other day from America: a request for biographies and photographs of all the ringers who had 1,000 peals or more to their credit. He had to draw the line, and felt like asking, Who is writing this article?

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ... <i>Treble</i>	DAVID E. PARSONS ... 7
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT ... 2	PHILIP A. F. CHALK ... 8
ALFRED B. PECK ... 3	JOHN PHILLIPS ... 9
JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT ... 10
HERBERT LANGDON ... 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 11
RICHARD F. DEAL ... 6	A. W. J. APPLETON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.
The conductor, with Mr. T. H. Taffender, has been connected with the ringing at St. Michael's Church, Cornhill, and St. Paul's Cathedral for 50 years.

TEN BELL PEALS

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*MRS. G. E. WATSON ... <i>Treble</i>	†BRIAN AUSTIN ... 6
*BERNARD J. SADDINGTON ... 2	*BURLEY P. MORRIS ... 7
*GEORGE CARE ... 3	†HARRY WOODING ... 8
*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... 4	*GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 9
†JOHN E. SKERRITT ... 5	A. PATRICK CANNON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by G. E. WATSON.
* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells.
† First peal of Royal. A silver wedding compliment to the parents of Mr. P. I. Chapman.

LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

HENRY O. BAKER ... <i>Treble</i>	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
*WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... 7
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... 8
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 9
PETER LAFLIN ... 5	EDWARD JENKINS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.
* First peal of Rochester Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. Worth.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD,

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5187 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	MAURICE G. TURNER ... 6
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 2	ALAN ELSMORE ... 7
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 3	CHARLES T. RICHARDS ... 8
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 4	GEORGE L. RODEN ... 9
GEORGE A. PACKER ... 5	JOHN N. LINDON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Arranged and Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 2	*FREDERICK W. BUDGEN ... 7
PHILIP A. CORBY ... 3	*JOHN O. WELLER ... 8
RALPH BIRD ... 4	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... 9
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 5	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY ... <i>Treble</i>	HENRY O. BAKER ... 5
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 6
*ALFRED W. CUSICK ... 3	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 7
WALTER ALLMAN ... 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

OVERTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBERT DISERENS ... <i>Treble</i>	REGINALD W. REX ... 5
HARRY BALAA ... 2	A. YORK-BRAMBLE ... 6
JESSIE M. KIPPIN ... 3	LESLIE A. TREMEER ... 7
E. JOAN SALMONS ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Jack Weavers (Basingstoke) and Esme Taylor (Overton). First peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. H. BIRKS ... 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 2	R. GORDON CORBY ... 6
BRIAN HARRIS ... 3	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 7
JOHN W. BEST ... 4	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

First peal in the method by all.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve part.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JACK MUSSELL ... <i>Treble</i>	HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS ... 5
†BRIAN R. TILLER ... 2	FRANK L. HARRIS ... 6
†YVONNE ELOIE ... 3	DAVID R. REED ... 7
JOHN HARTLESS ... 4	*RONALD N. MARLOW ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* 50th peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Feb. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Variation.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT WALKER ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 5
*EVELYN M. FLETCHER ... 2	ARTHUR TIMMINS ... 6
H. JAMES TURNER ... 3	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 7
LEONARD TUFFEY ... 4	THEODORE RUSSELL ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM C. DOWDING.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. R. E. T. Allen, M.C., M.A., Vicar of Edgbaston.

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LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL	Tenor 31½ cwt.	BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL	Tenor 25½ cwt.
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ABERGAVENNY	Tenor 25½ cwt.		

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CARBIS BAY	Tenor 9½ cwt.	SHEPSHED	Tenor 15 cwt.
MACCLESFIELD, St. Peter's	Tenor 7¾ cwt.	OTTERY ST. MARY	Tenor 18½ cwt.
BLACKHILL	Tenor 16 cwt.	WELLINGTON (Somerset)	Tenor 19 cwt.
BLAENAVON	Tenor 9¼ cwt.	HOOK NORTON	Tenor 20½ cwt.
ALCESTER	Tenor 12¾ cwt.	BURNHAM	Tenor 12¼ cwt.
MADELEY (Salop)	Tenor 13 cwt.	WALTON, LIVERPOOL	Tenor 10 cwt.
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MARTIN	Tenor 9½ cwt.	BELFAST, St. Donard's	Tenor 9½ cwt.
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On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOLTON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Treble	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 5
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 2	ALICK CUTLER ... 6
MAURICE HODGSON ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
THOMAS J. LOCK ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by M. HODGSON. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

This is the first peal rung in the method.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 17, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

R. MARY ELKINGTON ... Treble	CHARLES W. BLAKE
MURIEL REAY ... 2	ALBERT GREENHALGH
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 3	PETER CROOK, SEN.
RICHARD BENSON ... 4	HAROLD WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

The conductor's 300th peal for the Association.

ALPHINGTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

JACK MUSSELL ... Treble	JOHN CARTER ... 5
JEAN M. BROWN ... 2	JOHN HARTLESS ... 6
STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 3	*FREDERICK WREDFORD ... 7
FRANK L. HARRIS ... 4	RONALD N. MARLOW ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal of Major. Believed to be the first peal of Major on the bells.

BEXLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

FREDERICK W. BUDGEN Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5
JILL POOLE ... 2	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 6
*JILL BRITTAIN ... 3	†PETER J. STANFORTH ... 7
GEORGE V. MURPHY ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method. † 100th Surprise peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

*BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY Treble	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 2	ALBERT H. FITTER ... 6
JOHN PINFOLD ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7
IAN W. G. FULFORD ... 4	FRANK MORGAN ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal on eight bells. In memoriam Thomas Miller.

BUCKINGHAM.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LINDUM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

HERBERT H. ALEXANDER Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 5
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 2	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 6
EDWIN G. MOORE ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

A peal in this method is now rung for the first time.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... Treble	E. VIVYAN WILLIAMS ... 5
REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 2	MARION L. LIDGEY ... 6
GEORGE W. TAYSON ... 3	HARRY RILES ... 7
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 4	PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MILES.

* 100th peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung in honour of the birth of a granddaughter to Mrs. Gavin (church sacristan) and the Rev. J. H. and Mrs. Parsons, of Liskeard Vicarage.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E.

CHARLES E. BROWN ... Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 2	H. LESLIE PASK ... 6
ARTHUR MACKEARS ... 3	JOHN CRAGG ... 7
JOHN WALDEN ... 4	FREDK. W. STOKES ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE ... Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 5
*MRS. J. THOMAS ... 2	THOMAS HEMMING ... 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 3	CYRIL TANSSELL ... 7
*JOHN THOMAS ... 4	*THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by S. T. HOLT.

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

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

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

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

* First peal of Oxford. A mark of esteem for Messrs. C. Clarke and M. Livesey on their retirement from the local belfry.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

MARGARET A. TOMLIN ... Treble	GEORGE KENWARD ... 5
*DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 6
†BRIDGET M. TOMLIN ... 3	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 7
SIDNEY A. WHITE ... 4	FRANK W. TOMLIN ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER H. DOBBIE.

* 100th peal. † First peal 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Bridget Tomlin.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation.

Tenor 19 cwt.

HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 5
JOHN R. SMITH ... 2	GEORGE A. HOLLICK ... 6
ELIZABETH FAULKNALL ... 3	FRANK K. MEASURES ... 7
ALFRED BALLARD ... 4	WILLIAM HECTOR ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

To celebrate Mr. W. Hector's 40 years' service as a ringer in this church.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN E. S. MORETON ... <i>Treble</i>	JAMES DRAYCOTT 5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH ... 2	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH 6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	HUBERT ASHLEY 7
LEONARD TREVOR 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

First peal in the method as conductor.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL... <i>Treble</i>	PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 5
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 2	*S. GEOFFREY WATERS ... 6
WILFRED W. RING 3	HARRY PARKES 7
THOS. H. CULLINGWORTH ... 4	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by PETER D. HUCKSTEPP.

* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to M. S. Lancefield.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES:

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 6½ cwt.

EDWARD T. LLOYD ... <i>Treble</i>	*ARTHUR D. COOK 5
LEONARD TUFFREY 2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 6
JOHN SCOTT 3	S. GEORGE CHAPLIN ... 7
VINCENT A. HEMMING ... 4	THOMAS ABBOTTS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by S. GEORGE CHAPLIN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal as conductor. In memoriam Thomas Miller

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

SHELFORD SFARROW ... <i>Treble</i>	*ROBERT E. LESTER ... 5
LESLIE G. FORSTER 2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD... 6
ROBERT WILDING 3	OLIVER G. BARNARD ... 7
HARRY D. LISTER 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by O. G. BARNARD.

* First peal in the method.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Parker's Six-part, C.C.C. No. 6. Tenor 17½ cwt.

MURIEL WILLETT <i>Treble</i>	EDWARD MAUND 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ... 6
FRANK LAWRENCE 3	CHARLES J. CAMM 7
HAROLD WILLETT 4	HENRY BISHOP <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

WALESBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

MRS. A. RICHARDSON ... <i>Treble</i>	*THOMAS H. CHARLTON... 5
G. LESLIE A. LUNN 2	CYRIL WANDER 6
CYRIL R. BURELL 3	*LESLIE SQUIRES 7
GEORGE W. MOODY 4	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal of Bob Major. Believed to be the first peal by a band of farmers.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb. in F.

BRIAN AUSTIN	JOHN E. SKERRITT
MRS. G. E. WATSON	RONALD C. NOON
I. PATRICK CHAPMAN	*HARRY WOODING
GEOFFREY E. WATSON	A. PATRICK CANNON

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in the method. The first peal on the bells since 1933.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

SIDNEY A. WHITE	LOUIS HEAD
GEORGE KENWARD	THOMAS E. SONE
DORIS G. DOBBIE	STANLEY B. DOBBIE
BENJAMIN F. BAKER	WALTER H. DOBBIE

Arranged by L. HEAD. Conducted by WALTER H. DOBBIE.

First peal of Major as conductor.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

A Variation of J. R. Pritchard's. Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDITH BASSETT	*ARTHUR F. LEWRY
*CHARLES A. BASSETT	†BERNARD V. COLLISON
HENRY N. VAUGHAN	LEONARD W. GILES
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN.	ERNEST J. LADD

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* 25th peal together. † 50th peal. A birthday peal for Dennis and Terence Vaughan.

SIX BELL PEALS

HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*OLIVE M. GREEN	FRANK C. PRICE
*FRANK T. BLAGROVE	RICHARD E. PRICE
G. WILLIAM MORRIS	TONY PRICE

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First peal.

LEDBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 24 cwt.

*HUGH FLETCHER	*FRANK OVERTON
*BRIAN HAWCOTT	ALFRED NORMAN
*ERIC DAVIES	*JOHN FORDHAM

Conducted by ALFRED NORMAN.

* First peal. First peal on the bells by a local band since 1922. Rung on the second anniversary of the formation of the band.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*BRIAN MABBUTT	WILLIAM G. CALLIS
†MAUREEN MABBUTT	JOHN KING
MRS. G. E. WATSON	GEOFFREY E. WATSON

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' A birthday compliment to ringers of treble and second.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and Plain Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

GWENDOLINE ROBINSON Treble	KENNETH W. DUFFY
BETTINA A. DUFFY	FRANK TAYLOR
*MAURICE BENNETT	FRED BRIGHTMAN

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

* First peal in five methods.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

RONALD G. BECK	E. JOHN TARGETT
EDWARD J. CHIVERS	FREDERICK TARGETT
*DONALD E. LEE	†DAVID HOARE

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise. Rung as an 85th birthday compliment to the conductor's grandmother.

CROMHALL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, 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 12½ cwt.

*HONOR JONES	FREDERICK ROBERTS
MARY DREW	†CHARLES WATTS
HORACE ROBINSON	LESLIE BARRY

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Minor on the bells.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four different extents of Kent Treble Bob, and three different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

W. GEORGE TURNER	ALBERT W. BOND
GORDON TURNER	NORMAN BENNETT
JOHN PEARSON	GEOFFREY CROSSLEY

Conducted by ALBERT W. BOND.

First peal of Minor for all except 3rd.

FELKIRK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Norbury, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingstone, Sandal, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERIO STAINROD	ARTHUR CHAMPION
CYRIL RUSBY	HERMAN RUSBY
HAROLD CHANT	DANIEL SMITH

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

Rung in honour of the engagement of the Vicar of Felkirk, the Rev. Donald Moxon, M.C., to Miss Elizabeth Ann Sait, of Seaton First, Northumberland.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF BOURNE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 13 cwt 9 lb. in F.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER	LOUIS WILDERS
MARGARET A. SWANN	ROBERT W. PARKER
OWEN A. NEEDHAM	JOHN E. COOK

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

First peal in the method by all and on the bells. A compliment to Mr. Joseph North, who has been a ringer at Leadenham for 50 years.

MERROW, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Single Oxford Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... Treble	FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 4
PAMELA A. WARREN ... 2	EDWARD J. BRAGG ... 5
JOHN A. ETHERINGTON ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.

First peal in three Minor methods by all except 4th and on the bells. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

GRAHAM T. HOLMES ... Treble	THOMAS H. HOLMES ... 4
PETER NEWING ... 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 5
*FREDK. R. WELLER ... 3	EDWARD J. WELLS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

* First peal of Bob Minor and completing Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus. A birthday compliment to Richard J. Weller.

STEBBING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*R. F. BOYKETT ... Treble	G. SAUNDERS ... 4
*A. LITTLE ... 2	*W. LITTLE ... 5
G. SCHLUETER ... 3	W. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by W. SMITH.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. To celebrate the 65th birthday of the ringer of the fifth.

SWAINSWICK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*DONALD PERCY ... Treble	EDWARD J. FRY ... 4
WALTER STARR ... 2	HARRY C. NEWMAN ... 5
BRENDA A. YOUNG ... 3	*EDWARD E. ELKISS ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER STARR.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the engagement of the ringers of 3 and 4.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... Treble	H. GEORGE HART ... 4
*PETER MARRIOTT ... 2	ALAN FOSTER ... 5
ARTHUR J. MARRIOTT ... 3	PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. GRICE.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Curson, chairman of the Guild.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOSEPH SAXTON ... Treble	DONALD CHADWICK ... 4
*DOUGLAS H. ROOKE ... 2	FREDERICK FLINT ... 5
*GEORGE CHALLANS ... 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild. Rung in honour of the 74th birthday of Mr. Walter Allwood, of Chesterfield.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three different extents of St. Clement's and four different extents of Plain Bob. No bobs used. 180 singles. Only three 65's. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*JACK LATHAM ... Treble	*A. GORDON CHAMBERS ... 4
ALBERT W. BARBER ... 2	GEORGE T. BUNNING ... 5
ROBERT C. BUNNING ... 3	SIDNEY MARSHALL ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY MARSHALL.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside' in more than one method. First peal to be rung in more than one method by a local band. A birthday compliment to Mr. Robert Freezer (local ringer), who celebrated his 86th birthday on this day.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE WYGGESTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 7440 CHANGES;

Being 50 extents of Grandsire, ten different callings, and 12 extents of Plain Bob, four different callings. 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.

Longest peal for all the band.

MORRISTON, SWANSEA.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 16, 1950, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

IN THE VESTRY OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 10 in A.

*JULIAN MORGAN ... 1-2	*LEONARD JONES ... 3-4
*ARTHUR HOARE ... 5-6	

Conducted by ARTHUR HOARE.

Witnessed by MISS COOPER, L. PELGER and A. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'in hand.' First peal of Minor 'in hand' for the Guild.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 17 in A.

MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 1-2	JAMES E. DANIELS ... 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4	GEORGE E. EVENDEN ... 7-8

Conducted by GEORGE E. EVENDEN.

First handbell peal as conductor, and first peal of Triples as conductor.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 19, 1950, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,

IN G1, WESTCOTT HOUSE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11 in G.

BETTY SPICE (Oxford) ... 1-2	GEOFFREY DODDS (Cam.) ... 5-6
ANNE B. STOCKDALE (Cam.) ... 3-4	PETER T. ROBBINS (Oxf.) ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

EGGINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 19, 1950, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,

AT 13, PEVRIE ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, four callings. Tenor size 12 in F.

BARRY COPE ... 1-2	WILFRED L. ROBINSON ... 3-4
GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 5-6	

Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

First peal of Minor 'in hand' by all and for the Association.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT NEWSTEAD, STOKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Morris's Variation of Parker's. Tenor size 13 in C.

EDGAR VALLANCE ... 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD ... 5-6
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 3-4	I. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 7-8

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

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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.*

Two stalwart Rochester ringers, Charlie Norris and Bill Knight, wished to mark several years' membership of the Ancient Society of College Youths by ringing their first peal for the Society. At their invitation a peal of Stedman Caters was rung at Rochester Cathedral on February 25th, believed to be the first peal there by the Ancient Society. The peal proved to be a suitable 55th birthday compliment to Mr. Knight and a birthday compliment to Mrs. P. A. Corby.

Eight Lincolnshire farmers have rung a peal. Mr. George E. Feirn asks what other trades have been able to raise a band of peal ringers.

Congratulations to Miss Doris G. Dobbie on ringing her 100th peal. Two other members of the family participated, brother Walter 'calling the bobs.'

Next week we hope to publish the first of a series of articles on change ringing machines by Mr. Brian D. Price. It should prove a valuable contribution to ringing literature.

The 62nd Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner last Saturday was a great success, the speeches being of a high order. Birmingham, apart from acting as hosts, can produce after-dinner speakers of a high order. St. Martin's is certainly a guild of all talents.

A misprint over the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major last December at St. Chad's (R.C.) Cathedral caused the Editor much heart-burning at Birmingham. Mr. George E. Feirn received congratulations on having assumed the role of a seer.

Ald. A. Paddon Smith will not be the first Birmingham ringer to be Lord Mayor. The office has been held by Ald. Theodore Pritchett, and it was his privilege to propose Ald. Paddon Smith as Lord Mayor. Ald. Pritchett still rings and attends practices at St. Martin's.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Oldest Norfolk ringer with continuous service is Mr. Robert Freezer, of Gressenhall, who celebrated his 86th birthday on February 21st. He first entered the tower in 1879 and learnt change ringing on handbells, while the bells in the tower were being rehung. In 1880 the latter were handed back by Day's, of Eye, and he has been a member of the local company ever since.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Caythorpe, Lincs, on Feb. 18th, was arranged for the 47th anniversary of the first peal of Mr. John Cragg and Mr. F. W. Stokes.

Among the peals rung during the Birmingham festival was a fathers' and daughters' peal at Selly Oak. Concerned were the Davis, Whitehead, Beamish and Cartwright families. The method was Grandsire Triples.

Grayshott (Hants) ringers held a very successful social evening on February 25th, visitors attending from Haslemere and Godalming. Organisation was in the hands of Mr. Ronald Beech and catering was supervised by Miss Betty Gill, the only resident lady ringer.

Mr. A. Pat Cannon spent his half-term holiday in Northamptonshire and came away with three peals in the bag. At Maidwell the band was entertained by Mr. Dixon, captain of the ringers and churchwarden, a thoughtful act in a village without refreshment facilities.

An unusual experience took place during a peal attempt at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, where new ropes were provided last July. After half an hour's ringing the tenor rope 'opened up' underneath the sally, three strands becoming untwisted. The bells were brought round at half-way when it was found that the rope underneath the sally was completely 'open' for more than 2ft. The general opinion was that the rope left the makers with an invisible flaw.

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LORD MAYOR DESIGNATE OF BIRMINGHAM BRINGS HONOUR TO ST. MARTIN'S GUILD MR. HAROLD POOLE ON A RINGER'S DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES DR. JAMES SIMPSON URGES FURTHER ADVANCES IN RINGING

BIRMINGHAM was the Mecca of the Exercise last Saturday, when the 62nd Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner was held. It was a happy occasion, with special felicitities being offered to Alderman A. Paddon Smith on being selected as the next Lord Mayor of Birmingham. Owing to restrictions on seating, the company was limited to 180; nevertheless, it was very representative of English ringing, ringers coming from long distances to participate in this happy reunion.

The Archdeacon of Birmingham (the Ven. S. Harvie Clark) was an admirable chairman, handling a long toast list with skill and dexterity. The secretarial arrangements were most efficiently carried out by Mr. George E. Fearn. Birmingham gave its visitors a royal welcome with a full programme of ringing.

Mr. Harold J. Poole, in proposing the toast of 'Church and State,' thanked the organisers for the privilege of proposing the toast at the most popular function in the ringing Exercise. As far as the Church was concerned he was a lay canon of Leicester Cathedral, and as to the State, a police inspector—a unique combination in respect of the toast. In order to remove any misapprehension, he would say that the police were not State controlled; they had not been nationalised and did not make any profit in their business (laughter).

Bellringers had certain responsibilities and duties in respect of the Church. It was clearly their duty to see that their bells were rung properly for Sunday services, and to the credit of the ringers that duty was undertaken regularly and conscientiously. It was also their duty to see that the bells were rung for special occasions, such as church festivals, and it was also a good thing that they should ring the bells for landmarks in the life of the incumbent. They had also responsibilities for the care of bells. Generally speaking, their clergy had no knowledge of bells, and it was their duty to see that these costly things were maintained. Bells, like all other sorts of machinery, would tend to rust out rather than to wear out, and the campanological doctor would tell them that they were best preserved by being rung regularly.

CLERGY'S RIGHT.

What were their rights and privileges as bellringers? Actually they had no rights, as the right to say who should ring the bells rested with the clergy. That fact must not be overlooked. So far as their privileges were concerned, they received permission to ring the bells for their own entertainment and amusement, and they should see that that privilege was not abused.

As to their rewards, no one would suggest that they received any financial benefit. It was true that there were some nominal payments on occasions, but ringers for the love of bells went far and wide and disregarded any financial consideration. Another reward

they received was fellowship such as they shared that night. The fellowship of bellringing was the finest in the world; it extended to all corners of the country; they were constantly meeting old faces and making new acquaintances.

As far as the State was concerned it was their duty to ring for national occasions,

could only pray that it would never come to pass in this country.

The Rev. Bryan S. W. Green, Rector of Birmingham, who replied, commented on the choice of the song between the proposing of the toast and his reply—'Two Beggars.' It was most appropriate for both the Church and State. He welcomed the idea of marking landmarks in the life of the incumbent. When his silver wedding took place in two years' time he would expect four hours' ringing because he understood it was the minimum time to do anything worth while.

The Church was extremely grateful to the ringers for the service they rendered, and it was important that ringers should ring proper bells for Church and State occasions. They were living in a mechanical age; some churches were putting in loud speakers and playing records of St. Margaret's, Westminster. It was wrong; bells should be rung properly.

To-day only one person in ten went to church and many of those for important occasions in life, 'hatching, matching and dispatching.' Unless the men of the country rallied round the Church it would be a poor look out for the country, and he implored them when they rang the bells not to forget that the service took place afterwards.

The toast of 'The Memory of the late Henry Johnson' was submitted by Mr. Frank E. Haynes, who said the name of Henry Johnson was one that came to his mind as one of the famous ringers of the 19th century for which Birmingham was noted, and which, perhaps, it had more than its fair share. For about 40 years from roughly 1845 to 1885 Henry Johnson was the leader of ringing in Birmingham—a man held in national esteem and honour. Not only was he a man of excellent moral character and sincerity, but in ringing he was a good striker and he imagined he could ring Stedman Cinques very well.

Mr. Haynes said he had only lived in Birmingham 20 years and there was a time when he expressed doubts as to the wisdom of continuing the association of the name of Henry Johnson with that dinner, but he must confess now that he was quite converted and they did right to honour his memory. The first dinner was a banquet given in his honour by Sir Arthur Percival Heywood. At that gathering Stedman Cinques was rung 'in hand' to a touch of five courses, with Henry Johnson ringing the tenors. To the majority of the company it was the first time they had heard Stedman Cinques rung 'in hand.'

'CHOP SUEY.'

That morning he had the honour of ringing a peal at Sutton Coldfield of Spliced Surprise—which had been referred to as 'Chop Suey.' One gentleman commented that he preferred a joint and two vegetables to this chop suey, implying that he preferred a peal of Stedman.

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Ald. A. Paddon Smith, J.P., Lord Mayor Designate of Birmingham, with his daughter-in-law, the wife of Lieut.-Colonel Donald Paddon Smith, who will act as Lady Mayoress during his term of office.

[By courtesy of 'Birmingham Post and Mail.'

whether for rejoicing or mourning, and the enthusiastic bellringer would not be lacking in his duty in that respect. There was also a responsibility to the public to see that there was no unnecessary annoyance to them from bells. 'Don't forget that people must listen to bells whether they want to or not, and it is our duty to make suggestions to the Church authorities as to means of reducing that noise if necessary.'

The sound of the bells reached the hearts and souls of the people, many of whom never came to church. The bells to them was something to distinguish Sundays from weekdays and make them realise that it was a day set apart. The bells also reminded people that the Church was still there. They had seen from time to time what had happened when the State disregarded the Church, and they

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Henry Johnson Dinner, cont.

Cinques. In ringing as other things customs and manners changed; things did not stand still. There were, nevertheless, many who preferred the old style ringing, while the younger enjoyed the new—the two had to be reconciled and that was what they tried to do in Birmingham.

The toast was drunk in silence. In the company were two who had rung with Henry Johnson—G. T. Mitchison and C. Williams. They stood up at the chairman's request and were honoured by the company.

Mr. Albert Walker (Master) proposed 'Continued prosperity to St. Martin's Guild.' In a welcome to the new Rector, Mr. Walker assured him that when his silver wedding came or there was any 'hatching or matching' in his family, the ringers would be there and they would ring a four-hour peal. 'We may have a practice at one or two before then,' he added to the merriment of the company.

Their Rector in the time he had been with them had taken a great interest in the restoration of St. Martin's Church, which was badly blitzed. A considerable sum of money had been spent on the church. They hoped that before long the tower would be put in good order, as before the war it was one of the finest in the country.

This year the Guild had lost four old members. Ernest Mansell, who died in July, was a ringer at St. Martin's Church for practically 40 years. Many of them would remember that he brought his handbell ringers to these dinners. Another severe loss was Harry Withers, who died on Christmas Day. He would never be replaced. No one could tap changes like him; he had tapped London and Scientific Triples. On January 5th, Tom Miller, one of their oldest members, passed away in St. Joseph's Home, Harborne. Unfortunately, they were not informed at the time of his death. He was a remarkable man—a ready wit and a superb ringer. Recently they lost Samuel Grove, a member of the Guild for 40 years, who rang at Harborne.

As a mark of sympathy the company stood in silence.

During the year, continued Mr. Walker, the Guild had prospered. The main purpose of the Guild was to see that there were sufficient ringers to ring the bells and to see that young ringers were coming forward. He was very glad to say that they had some good youngsters. As regards peals, it was not a record year—they did not equal the Leicester year—but they did congratulate them on their achievement. Their rivalry with Leicester was of the friendliest.

A number of restorations were either in hand or were needed. Mr. Walker mentioned in particular Yardley, where the six bells were to be recast and two more added to make eight. The ringers had helped by taking out the bells and frame from the tower. He thought their chairman had some scheme in hand for Handsworth.

Another pleasing duty was to record that a member of the Sunday service band at St. Martin's for many years had been elected as the Lord Mayor of Birmingham. It was a great honour to the Guild and he wished Ald. Paddon Smith a very successful and happy year of office (applause). They also extended their good wishes to his daughter-in-law. With them that evening was Ald. Theodore Pritchett, who was Lord Mayor in 1939-40. Ald. Pritchett came up for ringing practice regularly on Tuesdays.

At the annual meeting there was a change in the Ringing Master. Mr. Edgar Shepherd, who had been Master for the past 12 months, found that his duties would not permit him to continue in office. They had elected Mr. Critchley as the new Ringing Master.

Mr. George E. Fearn, the hon. secretary, thanked Mr. Walker for proposing the toast. Among the apologies for non-attendance were

those from the Bishop of Birmingham, the Lord Mayor, Canon Guy Rogers (who wrote recalling his happy memories of 23 years in Birmingham), Mr. James Shepherd and Mr. Frank Yates (who was making progress), Messrs. Don Meers, Jack Millhouse, Roland Brand, Miss Marie Cross and others.

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd proposed 'The Visitors' in felicitous terms. He mentioned a number of the guests by name. He congratulated Mr. Harold Poole on his 143 peals last year and also Mrs. Marshall on being the first woman to ring 100 peals in a year. Some of them could recall what the old Editor of 'The Bells News' said about Miss Alice White when as a girl of 13 she rang her first peal. Mr. D. Matkin, his old friend, had rung 123 peals last year. He was a Solihull man, and he would recollect 32 years ago when he witnessed his first handbell peal and consumed at the same time a very large pork pie. To their visitors he would say in the words of Dick Swiveller, 'May the wing of friendship never moult.'

PEAL RINGING.

Dr. James Simpson (Chester Diocesan Guild) replied and said his only excuse for being chosen was that his name appeared in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World.' He would like to say a few words on peal ringing and its value to the Exercise. It was a two-sided question. Some people thought that peal ringers were the salt of the earth and others the scum of the earth. Probably neither was correct. Whatever one's private view might be, all would agree that since the war there had been a great increase in peal ringing—an increase both in the number rung and the complexity of methods. He thought that many ringers were thinking that they had now reached the zenith of achievement and that there was no reason to aim any higher. Such thoughts, he felt, would be a disservice to the Exercise.

Three things had contributed to the advance of peal ringing. The first was that there were many more rings of bells; secondly, the bells were very much easier to get, and, thirdly, they had inherited a vastly greater fund of knowledge and experience than existed 50 or 100 years ago. To peal ringers he would say, 'Continue aiming high; try and make your peals non-exclusive and try and bring in extra recruits.'

Mr. George Cecil also replied, representing ringers from the South of England.

The toast of 'The Ringing World' was proposed by Mr. S. O'C. Holloway, and replied to by the Editor.

Ald. A. Paddon Smith was called upon by the chairman for a speech. He recalled the fact that he was secretary of the Guild for 20 years before Mr. Reeves held office for a similar period. In reminiscent vein he mentioned the masterly speeches at those distant dinners by the late Ald. Pritchett and that the present Ald. Pritchett was his nephew. In congratulating the Rev. Bryan S. W. Green, the new Rector, on his appointment, he reminded him of some of his distinguished predecessors. Their new Rector had made one mistake. He said that the Church and the State were both beggars. The Church might be a beggar, but he assured him the State was not—it was a thief (laughter).

It was an honour to be chosen as Lord Mayor and he hoped that the Guild would feel that it was also an honour to them.

Ald. Theodore Pritchett was also added to the toast list. He spoke of the very happy feelings and friendships among ringers, and said he found it was not an easy thing to go back to the belfry again and try to recall what he had forgotten. One of his masters was Mr. Edgar Shepherd, who was apt at quotation. He reminded him one day of the inscription on the bell he was ringing: 'I will sing a new song unto the Lord,' and, having heard the Alderman ring, Mr. Shepherd assured

him that his bell was singing quite a new song which he had never heard before!

The toast of 'The Chairman' was proposed by Mr. Thomas H. Reeves, who said that older ringers would recall that 30 years ago it was their custom to have a distinguished ringer in the chair, and he mentioned such names as Sir Arthur Heywood, Mr. Charles Hattersley and Mr. F. E. Dawe. Later on they decided to have Birmingham people. There had been Canon Willick and Canon Guy Rogers, who for 23 years was their beloved Rector. That evening their choice was the Archdeacon of Birmingham, the Ven. S. Harvie Clark, who was also Vicar of Harborne and in charge of the Cathedral Church pending the appointment of a new Provost. They had all been very happy under his chairmanship and he trusted that he enjoyed his office.

The Chairman, in his acknowledgment, said he came to the dinner last year for the first time and was amazed at the gathering and its friendliness and that people had come there from all over the country. The fellowship through ringing was of real significance—not only for themselves, but for all churchpeople. The bells at Harborne were seriously in need of attention. If anyone would care to send a contribution for their restoration and also for the musical nerves of himself and his family he would be only too pleased to acknowledge the same.

The entertainment included a course of Stedman Cinques by E. C. Shepherd 1-2, F. W. Perrens 3-4, A. Walker 5-6, F. E. Haynes 7-8, F. E. Pervin 9-10, G. E. Fearn 11-12. Duets were sung by Mr. Albert F. Barley and Mr. David Gee, tunes on handbells by ringers of Edgbaston Parish Church with the assistance of Mr. Harold Poole, and a monologue by Miss Russell. Mr. E. J. Woodhall was the accompanist.

THE COMPANY.

The company included T. W. Abbotts, Miss Addison, E. T. Allaway, Rev. R. E. T. Allen, W. Allman, B. C. Ashford, Miss J. Askew, W. H. Barber, A. E. Barley, J. Bass, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. A. Bennett, J. E. Bibby, P. N. Bond, Miss J. Brittain, L. H. Bywaters, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cartwright, G. W. Cecil, S. G. Chaplin, W. G. Chaplin, J. Chilcott, W. A. Clark, Rev. and Mrs. G. Codrington, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, A. D. Cook, C. W. Cooper, G. W. Critchley, Mr. and Mrs. C. Dale, J. Daniels, R. Davies, A. V. Davis, Miss M. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, A. Diserens, N. J. Diserens, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dowding, A. S. Downes, W. T. Elson, Miss J. England.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Farmer, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Fearn, H. H. Fearn, Miss Fiddell, E. Fletcher, Miss Fletcher, T. G. Fox, T. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Freeman, J. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Freemantle, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Froggatt, D. Gee, Miss Graham, Miss Griffiths.

T. R. Hampton, C. H. Harding, J. F. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Haynes, S. O'C. Holloway, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hughes, T. E. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ingram, J. King, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin, Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Knowles, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Kynaston, N. D. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Lloyd, L. Lunn, Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuiness, Mrs. Marshall, D. T. Matkin, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Matthews, G. T. Mitchison, Mr. and Mrs. A. Morris, M. J. Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Newman, R. C. Noon, Mr. and Mrs. W. Oatway, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Ongley, D. Parsons, R. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Pearson, O. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perrens, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Pervin, Miss Pett, J. Pigott, Mr. and Mrs. J. Pinfold, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole, Miss J. Poole, Miss N. Price, Ald. T. B. Pritchett.

W. Rawlings, Mr. and Mrs. E. Razzell, Miss Reay, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Reeves, Miss Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Rigg, F. W. Rishworth, C. Rouse, T. Russell, Miss Russell, J. Scott, (Continued next page)

Mr. A. V. Pearson's 200 Peals

Doubles.—One method 2; three methods 3 (conducted 1); six methods 1.

Minor.—one method 6; three methods 3; five methods 1.

Grandsire.—Triples 13; Caters 3.
Stedman.—Triples 11; Caters 21; Cinques 24.
Plain Bob.—Major 8; Royal 2; Maximus 1.
Kent Treble Bob Major 7; Kent Treble Bob Royal 2; Oxford Treble Bob Major 1; Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major 1.

Double Norwich Major 20; Duffield Major 1; Little Bob Major 1; Little Bob Royal 2; Little Bob Maximus 1.

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 17 (2); New Cambridge 1 (1); Superlative 8; Yorkshire 12; London 1; Bristol 1; Painswick 1 (1); Pudsey 1; Lincolnshire 1; Belgrave 2; Ashted 1 (1); Norfolk 3; Aldenham 2 (1); Radnor 1 (1); Whitminster 1 (1).

Surprise Royal.—Cambridge 3; New Cambridge 1 (1); Yorkshire 1; Prittlewell 1.

Surprise Maximus.—Cambridge 2; Yorkshire 1; Lindsey 1; Prittlewell 1; Albanian 1.

Total 200 (conducted 10).

BARWELL SOCIETY

A year of progress was reported at the annual meeting of the Barwell (Leics.) Society, when the following officers were elected: Captain, C. R. Belton; vice-captain, G. P. Garner; secretary, T. C. Belton; treasurer, Miss B. Colver; towerkeepers, J. Armstrong and R. Coleman.

The secretary reported that for Sunday ringing and practices 1,450 attendances out of a possible of 1,670 had been made by the 12 members. First peals of Stedman and Double Norwich were rung by an entire Barwell band. In 1946 it was difficult to raise a Grandsire Triples band, and credit for the progress was particularly due to Mr. W. P. Whitehead. Two new members were elected.

Peal statistics were: First peal in a method 22; first in method as conductor 3; new conductors 2; first peals 3.

The Rector, who presided, said he was pleased to notice that all ringers were observing his suggestion of attending at least one service every Sunday.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Fifty members were present, with visitors from Barrow-in-Furness and Lincoln Cathedral, at the meeting of the Society at Hull on February 11th. In the afternoon ringing took place at St. Mary's, Lowgate, and in the evening at Holy Trinity.

The Rev. L. O. Kenyon conducted the service in Holy Trinity Church, taking as his text the ringing terms, 'Tone, Tune and Time.'

Mr. G. F. Williams presided at the business meeting, when votes of thanks were passed to the Vicars of Holy Trinity and St. Mary's, Mr. A. H. Fox (organist) and the local ringers. Learners showed much improvement and there were good touches of Caters in the evening.

HENRY JOHNSON DINNER. cont.

T. Setter, R. J. Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. H. Shepherd, A. Short, J. C. E. Simpson, B. F. Sims, A. C. Sinfield, J. Skerrett, J. F. Smallwood, H. C. Spencer, P. J. Staniforth, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Stevenson, P. Taylor, L. Tuffrey, H. J. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Watson, R. V. Webb, Miss Westoby, T. M. White, T. W. White, E. E. Whitmore, C. Williams, G. H. Williams, P. K. Williamson, E. J. Woodhall, H. Wooding, J. Worth, W. Yates, W. Young

Mr. H. Cook, of St. Mary's, Chipping Norton, has celebrated his 79th birthday. He has a record of 60 years' service at St. Mary's, attending regularly twice on Sundays.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the South and West District was held on February 18th at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, an excellent attendance being recorded, with representatives from almost every tower in the district.

Ringling under the supervision of the Master and Deputy Master ranged from rounds to London, and the striking of the higher methods reached an unusually high standard for meetings.

The service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. Home), who is also a ringer, was well attended. Tea, arranged by Mr. F. Corke, Master at St. Andrew's, was taken at the Regal, an excellent meal being provided.

The business meeting, held in St. Andrew's Hall, with the vice-president, Mr. W. H. Coles, in the chair, proved that the family spirit which has always been a feature in the district is as strong as ever, and the interest displayed in the business and the number of nominations for office speak well for the future.

The district secretary, in presenting his report, spoke of a very successful year in every aspect; the attendances at meetings averaged 44, compared with 40 for the previous year. Peals recorded were a record for the district. Quarter peals for service, although not so numerous as last year, ranged from Bob Minor to Spliced Surprise Major, with many new names sharing the conducting. One quarter worthy of note was that of Plain Bob Major, conducted by Mr. A. Harding, of St. Mary's, Ealing, who, with 50 years of loyal service at this tower, called his first quarter. Membership was on the increase, and the statement of accounts showed a record balance.

The officers elected were: District secretary, Mr. F. A. Finch; assistant secretary, Mr. T. G. Bannister; Ringing Master, Mr. T. Price; Deputy Master, Mr. G. M. Kilby; Central Committee, Messrs. J. E. Lewis Cockey, H. W. Impey and W. W. Webb; auditor, Mr. E. C. S. Turner. The chairman congratulated the meeting on their choice of officers, with a special word for Mr. G. M. Kilby, that prince of ringers, on taking up office once again.

New members elected were Mr. B. M. Turk (Ruislip), Mr. P. M. Branch (South Harrow), Miss O. M. Green (Sunbury), Mr. F. T. Blagrove (Stanwell), Mr. A. R. Turley (St. Mary's, Ealing), and Mr. E. Preston (Slough) as a non-resident life member.

The Chairman accorded a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, Mr. F. Corke and all those who helped to make the meeting such a success.

NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.

The North and East District annual meeting took place at All Hallows', Tottenham, on February 18th, and was attended by a representative gathering. Ringling, which also took place at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, was under the guidance of Messrs. C. W. Roberts and A. Cutler, Ringing Masters.

At the business meeting, over which Mr. A. W. Coles, vice-president, presided, the hon. secretary's annual report and statement of accounts were adopted. The former indicated that the average attendance at district meetings was 42; that two successful joint meetings had been held; that one honorary life, six non-resident life and 20 ringing members had been elected; and that St. Mary's, Hornsey, was now affiliated. The accounts showed a balance in hand of £29 18s. 3d., slightly less than last year, although comparison supplied the reason.

Elections of new members included G. W. Slack (Waltham Abbey), D. Harman (Holloway), G. A. Hill and D. H. Kingston (Hornsey), R. Stoddard and the Misses M. Russell and A. Triscott (Kingsbury) and Miss M. Richards (Monken Hadley). The district officers

and committee representatives were all re-elected. It was voted that the next district annual meeting be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields.

Thanks were accorded to the Revs. A. F. W. Clarke and F. Finch for permission to ring the bells and to Messrs. A. E. Hoare and H. Howson, local tower leaders.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**RECORD GATHERING AT WEST KIRBY.**

The spring-like weather enticed a record gathering of 84 ringers and friends to the annual meeting of the Wirral Branch, held at St. Bridget's, West Kirby, on February 18th. Twelve Wirral towers were represented and there was a welcome contingent of visitors. The Guild form of service was conducted by the Rector (Canon S. J. Marston), assisted by the Rev. J. F. Southworth. Later the company was entertained to an excellent tea.

At the ensuing business meeting a favourable balance sheet was adopted. The hon. secretary's report showed a membership increase of 22, bringing the total to 159. Monthly meetings had been held as customary and there was an average attendance of 61—three meetings having topped the 70 mark.

During 1949 branch ringers rang 23 peals, including the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major for the Guild by a band composed of resident members of one branch. Eleven ringers scored their first peal, whilst three others had joined the 'bob calling' brigade.

Social activities were well supported—83 attended the first annual branch dinner, entertainment and dance; two coaches were required for the summer outing; over 230 ringers and friends attended the third annual social, the year's outstanding function.

Attention was drawn to the far from satisfactory state of service ringing in certain towers, and members were urged to devote thought to the solution of certain problems necessary to the improvement of same. The officers were re-elected, although there were changes in representatives on the Guild Committee.

Bromborough was selected as the venue for the 1951 annual.

F' W. BRINKLOW'S 100 PEALS ON HANDBELLS

Mr. F. W. Brinklow, of Oxhey, Watford, has a very fine list in his 100 peals 'in hand,' completed on February 8th with one in six Surprise methods.

Triples.—Grandsire 4; Stedman 15 (conducted 2).

Major.—Plain Bob 5 (1); Double Norwich 4; Avalon Court 1; Cambridge Court 1; Richmond Bob 1; Kent Treble Bob 1; Oxford Treble Bob 1.

Surprise.—Superlative 6 (1); Cambridge 5 (1); New Cambridge 1; London 11 (2); Bristol 7 (1); Yorkshire 4; Jersey 2; Felstead 1.

Spliced Surprise.—Two methods 2 (a); three methods 1; four methods 9; five methods 2 (b); six methods 3 (c).

Caters.—Stedman 9 (d) (1).

Royal.—Plain Bob 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 3.

Total 100 (conducted 9).

(a) One each London and Cambridge and Cambridge and Superlative. (b) One each 4 Standard and Ealing and 4 Standard and Wembley. (c) Two Standard and Ealing and Rutland, one Standard and Wembley and Rutland. (d) Including 6.591.

WIGAN, LANCOS. — On Feb. 18th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: S. Major 1, W. O. Farri-mond 2, E. Darbyshire 3, J. Burns 4, F. Brown 5, C. Blackburn 6, S. Clough 7, Peter Crook, sen. (cond.) 8, Peter Crook, jun. 9, G. Arrow-smith 10.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. E. MORRIS

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to Ernest Morris on achieving another milestone in his honorable ringing career. Although I deplore the ambition of ringers whose foremost object is to amass a great number of peals, the willingness and help which Ernest has always offered in assisting raw learners in five and six-bell towers, in addition to higher numbers, makes one feel that here is one man who has contributed his peal ringing to the promotion of campanology right from the bottom rung.

I know of one typical case when one of Leicester's youths searched diligently among his 'betters' for a conductor in his first peal, which was on six bells. In despair he turned to Mr. Morris, who obliged, simply because, as his analysis shows, the method was of secondary consideration to the purpose of the peal.

I also was privileged to be invited to ring in Ernest's 1,001st tower-bell peal, conducted by one of Barwell's young conductors, and I look forward to many more pleasant hours in this great ringer's company.—Yours faithfully,

TOM C. BELTON.

Barwell, Leics.

FIRST OF STEDMAN AT STONE

Dear Sir,—In the February 17th issue of 'The Ringing World' a peal of Stedman Triples, rung at Stone St. Michael's on Saturday, January 24th, 1950, is stated to be the first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

This, sir, is not correct. I took part in the first Stedman on the bells on Saturday, Oct. 16th, 1936. The band who scored the peal in October, 1936, was C. Templeton 1, H. Hodson 2, H. Thacker 3, A. Thompson 4, C. Page 5, A. Rowley 6, A. Crawley 7, W. Buckley 8.—Yours sincerely,

H. HODSON, Ringing Master,
Stone St. Michael's.

CHRISTENING OF BELLS

Dear Sir,—We hope to reopen St. George's, Colegate, Norwich, bells on Saturday, May 20th, next. On Saturday, May 6th, we hope to revive the old custom of christening them inside the church at a special service. The main reason for doing this is that it will give the general public a chance to see the bells, a thing they rarely do. This should lead to a more intelligent interest on their part. The service must be arranged very soon, and I should be most grateful for any copies of hymns, tunes and prayers suitable. They will, of course, be duly returned when finished with.—Yours sincerely,

A. G. G. THURLOW.

3, Colegate, Norwich.

SALOP CRITIC RECEIVES INFORMATION

Dear Sir,—Might I crave your indulgence to answer as briefly as possible Mr. Farmer's letter of February 24th? I have learned from several sources that the tower in question was Market Drayton.

As regards lack of enthusiasm, I would like to point out that if my letter implied criticism of the Salop Guild, perhaps I was guilty of an exaggeration about the six keen ringers, but I think Mr. Farmer will agree that there are many bands hereabouts that are capable of more advanced ringing than Grandsire of Plain Bob, but whose leaders are quite satisfied to remain in the old groove year after year, because it is too much trouble to use a pencil and paper at home. It is this attitude that I am attacking and will continue to do so.

I might add, in conclusion, that we will soon have a Cambridge Minor band in this area.—Sincerely yours,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

Broseley, Salop.

MOST MUSICAL METHOD

Dear Sir,—As I go around to meetings, etc., I hear people say that so and so method is very pretty or another sounds good and so on, and I wondered if this is a subject upon which a little discussion might be interesting.

Most people will agree that those rows which have the lighter bells in the front and the heavier ones at the back are the most musical. As, for instance, the Queen change, Doh, Lah, Fah, Ray, Te, Soh, Me, Doh, which is, in effect, two rows, with a certain reflexive action. This probably explains why Triples with a covering bell are high in the list of tuneful methods.

I very much like the touches of Oxford and Kent, where the heavier bells are kept away from the front. When listening to this I have the impression of looking at a coin or picture or what you will, turning it over and finding it totally different on the other side. With a Surprise method the picture is not quite so different, accounted for by the fact that each bell remains in adjacent places for a longer time.

The Stedman impression is that it is more surprising and that you cannot imagine what you are going to see, or hear, on the other side. This may account for a great deal of its popularity, but the build-up of the method being so different from others, Stedman may appeal more to the mathematical side of one's nature.

I expect I shall be told that a well-struck touch of Plain Bob is very nice and, of course, I agree. Undoubtedly the striking is the prime factor in the music-making.

In conclusion, this is the view of a ringer of not many years' standing who is trying to use his ears and I hope your readers will be patient with me in my ignorance.—Yours sincerely,

R. F. BAKER.

Brampton, Huntingdon.

'CAN IT BE COUNTED TWICE?'

Dear Sir,—With reference to above query by my friend, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, published on page 124 of your issue of February 24th. This would be a rather novel idea of 'snatching' a tower to make the number up, but I don't think it will work out quite right. In my list of towers I count this as one only.

I have had the pleasure of taking part in two peals on St. Andrew's bells, one of Stedman Triples, rung half-muffled, on November 11th, 1927, when the church stood in Wells Street (off Oxford Street), W.C., and one of Cambridge Major on August 24th, 1935, since its removal to Kingsbury, Middlesex, ringing the 6th on both occasions.

I'm open to correction, but I feel sure the last mentioned is the only one rung on these bells at Kingsbury. Very few (possibly about five) have been privileged to take part in a peal at this church, standing on both sites.

Go ahead, Fred. You can surely 'snatch' one more to make your total round figures!—Yours truly and sincerely,

J. BENNETT.

Beckenham, Kent.

EARLY PEAL ATTEMPTS

Dear Sir,—In 'The History of Grandsire Triples,' by J. W. Snowdon, it is stated that on January 17th, 1689 or 1690, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Sepulchre-without-Newgate by members of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths,' the source of this information being obscure.

In 'The College Youths,' by J. Armiger Trollope, reference is made to a peal of Bob Triples rung at St. Sepulchre's on January 7th, 1690, and that this information came from Oxford many years later.

Is anyone able to throw any greater light on this Oxford source?—Yours, etc.,

J. C. BIRD.

Waltham Abbey, Essex.

Stedman's Superiority

Dear Sir,—It seems that we are to assume from last week's issue that we may live to see Steadfast rung from Minor to Maximus in our time: also we are assured that this method is Stedman's Principle on even numbers of bells.

I venture to suggest that, as Stedman's Principle rung as it is at present with the tenor behind, is superior in musical qualities to any even bell ringing, it will continue to be so rung long after Steadfast has lapsed into the oblivion from which it seems reluctant to be dragged.

K. S. B. CROFT.

Southampton.

ENCOURAGEMENT OF YOUTH

Dear Sir,—I should like to say that I must agree with Mr. E. T. P. Field in his letter on 'Encouragement of Youth.' I, too, am sure that many more young recruits would stay on after a few months' ringing if a more friendly attitude to them was adopted by all ringers.

The ringers in Devon seem to be particularly friendly. Last Easter, after ringing at Highweek on their practice night, I, as given a car ride back to Torquay by one of the ringers. This made me feel that I was really welcome. Would any young ringer travel about in foreign country looking for ringing if he thought that he would not be wanted? If he did it would only be once! Whether at a practice or a meeting all young ringers need to really sense that they are welcome. Too often have I seen young ringers being offered only rounds when they are capable of much more.

All efficient young change ringers should be given the opportunity to conduct a few touches instead of being sometimes discouraged; then we would have younger and, perhaps, more capable conductors.—Yours sincerely,

P. NEWING.

Littlebourne, Kent.

5,056 SPICED MAJOR IN 12 METHODS

ARRANGED BY G. E. FEIRN.

23456 M W H

52436	—	—	St. C. C. DO. St.
43526	—	—	St. C. C. DO. DO.
54326	—	—	St. C. C. DO. DO.
35426	—	—	DN. C. St. St.
42356	—	—	DO. C. C. St. DO.
63254	—	—	DO. C. C. St. DO.
26354	—	—	St. C. C. DO. DO.
32654	—	—	DN. C. St. St.
46253	—	—	DO. H. C. St. St.
25463	—	—	St. H. C. St. St.
42563	—	—	St. Pe. C. St. St.
35264	—	—	St. Pe. C. St. St.
23564	—	—	DN. C. St. DO.

Twice repeated with S for — at end gives —

32456 W M H

64325	—	—	—
36425	—	—	—
42365	—	—	—
34265	—	—	—
23465	—	—	—
46235	—	—	—
24635	—	—	—
63245	—	—	—
26345	—	—	—
32645	—	—	—

Each course is called
W.R. DB. G. L. PB.Twice repeated with S for — at end gives —
23456Omit 3 consecutive bobs at H in 2 parts of
2nd half.

DO., Double Oxford. Pe., Pershore. H., Hereward. DN., Double Norwich. St., St. Clement's. C., Crayford College. DB., Double Bob. R., Reverse Bob. G., Gainsborough. Little Bob. W., Wellington Little Court. L., Little Bob. PB., Plain Bob.

University of London Society

REUNION DINNER.

The annual dinner of the University of London Society was held on February 18th at the Prince's Head, Westminster. During the day the Society rang at the churches of St. John at Hackney, St. Mary, Walthamstow, and St. John the Baptist, Leytonstone, and attended evensong at the last-named church. Ringing ranged from rounds for learners, of whom the Society has a gratifyingly large number, to Spliced Surprise.

After the toast of 'Church and King' had been given by the Master, who was in the chair, the secretary read apologies from those unable to come, referring particularly to the president (Dr. J. C. E. Simpson), the Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and the Master of the Oxford University Society.

Mr. Philip Gray then proposed the health of the visitors in a thorough manner. He welcomed Mr. Tom Bevan, Mr. Hardy and other local ringers, whose help at the Society's practices was greatly appreciated, and referred, in passing, to the relative merits of the two great ringing societies. He was also pleased to see wives present, and mentioned that his attended in her own right. The Bristol University Society was represented by Mr. Barwick and Miss Bliss, and the Cambridge University Guild by Mr. Threlfall (the Master) and Mr. Speed.

After a brief discussion of the relative ringing—and non-ringing—achievements of the various universities, the speaker referred to the services of Miss Cross, to whom the Society was especially indebted for her help during last summer's tour. He then finished with a few general remarks as a Past Master of the Society and an experienced visitor to other people's dinners.

Mr. Brian Threlfall replied, thanking Mr. Gray for his more or less kind remarks and congratulating the Society on its flourishing condition. Mr. Tom Fox (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths) also spoke briefly and conveyed the good wishes of the College Youths to the ringers of London University.

NOT A ROYAL ACADEMY BANQUET.

Mr. Peter Foote, silently singing, no doubt, 'Memory, hither come, And tune your merry notes,'

proposed the health of the Society in a scholarly speech with frequent reference to English and Icelandic literature, and ably maintained his thesis against those who queried either his quotations or the opinion of women contained in them. He stressed particularly the social side of ringing.

The Master, Mr. Denis Layton, replied. After sharply reminding some of his hearers that they were not at the Royal Academy banquet, he obtained as good discipline as a speaker as he had done as a conductor, and was even more successful in keeping people awake. He reviewed the progress of the Society and said that it now had 60 paid-up members as well as some learners who had not yet suffered the financial misfortune of meeting the secretary.

The formal business being completed, the summer tour for 1950 was discussed, and Mr. Geoffrey Carter (in a speech substituted for a loudly requested song) pointed out that unless a few more women applied there would be difficulties in accommodation on the two launches in which it was proposed to travel from Bedford to Ely.

The meeting broke up shortly before closing time.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: J. S. Eastwood (cond.) 1, A. Botterell 2, Miss J. Cotterell (age 14) 3, E. T. Smith 4, J. Cotterell 5, A. T. Dutton 6, H. E. Green 7, G. W. Hughes 8, H. Howell 9, A. Elsmore 10. First quarter of Caters for 3 and 5. A birthday compliment to the Vicar (Canon Jenkins) and the conductor.

OBITUARIES AND APPRECIATIONS

MR. STEPHEN BINFIELD

Captain of the ringers at Folkestone Parish Church for 55 years, Mr. Stephen Thomas Binfield died on February 18th, aged 84 years.

Born in Folkestone—records of the Parish Church show that there were Binfields in the town in 1650—he was apprenticed to a builder in Exeter, where a branch of the family was then living. He spent a considerable part of that time working on repairs to Exeter Cathedral.

On his return to Folkestone Mr. Binfield was, before establishing his own business, a foreman builder. For many years he was steeplekeeper at the Parish Church. In 1903 he conducted the first peal rung during the present century by a local company. Mr. Binfield gave up ringing in 1945 owing to failing health.

Mr. and Mrs. Binfield celebrated their golden wedding in 1936 and three years later Mrs. Binfield died.

In memoriam 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled on February 26th by A. Kedwell 1, F. Orris 2, P. Crook 3, A. Binfield (son of the deceased) 4, J. Willis 5, T. Anderson (conductor and one of his pupils) 6, T. Farley 7, W. Evers 8.

Cremation took place on March 2nd. It was deceased's wish that his ashes should be scattered in the churchyard of Folkestone Parish Church as near to the tower as possible.

AN APPRECIATION.

Mr. Charles Turner, of Dover, writes: I am proud of the honour to pay a small tribute to Stephen T. Binfield, who passed away on February 18th in hospital at the age of 84 years. He commenced his ringing career when quite a young man at Exeter while engaged on restoration work at the Cathedral.

For many years he was a prominent ringer in the various towers in East Kent. He was for some time captain of the Folkestone ringers and his great ambition was to get two more bells added to the beautiful ring of eight now in the tower. To my knowledge he was almost successful.

An admirer of 'Holt's Original' peal of Grandsire Triples, he made a special study of the calling, which he accomplished. He was a lover of the bells and also a critic. In business he was well known as a builder, and the many houses on the Dover road now stand as an example of his fine work.

MR. D. H. ELLIOTT

The news of his death on March 1st at Groton, Suffolk, in his 75th year, of Mr. David Harold Elliott was received with much regret by all who knew him, particularly at Sudbury, where he was, until his health failed him a year ago, captain of the Sudbury company for over 30 years.

Wonderfully fit for his age, he had by dint of many years' hard work risen from a small-holder to a well-known and successful agriculturist with a large acreage at his farms, and his huge mansion was the annual setting for a real old English dinner for his brother ringers on his birthday, the last on January 14th this year, when he summoned sufficient strength to ring a pair to a touch of Double Norwich.

Unfortunately, he had not kept an up-to-date account of his peals during the last 25 years. His peal book contains over a hundred entries, mainly Double Norwich and Surprise peals, most of which he conducted in his thorough manner from the box. He was widely travelled and had rung in very many towers throughout the country. It was nothing to him even in recent years to walk the five miles to Sudbury and back to ring for service, and to Hadleigh also. He learnt to ring as soon as he could reach a rope and has left behind him 60 years of ringing, and woe betide those who ever got out of course. He leaves a widow, a daughter and four sons.

The funeral on March 4th was marked by a full church of sympathisers, including a very large number of ringers from a wide area. It was much regretted that owing to a misunderstanding no handbells were available to ring at the graveside.

At St. Peter's, Sudbury, in the evening, 1,284 Plain Bob Major was rung as a last token of respect with muffled clappers by G. Dixon 1, A. A. Fitch 2, W. Scott 3, C. W. Clarke 4, L. Mills 5, L. Johnson 6, T. Bird 7, A. J. Haynes (cond.) 8; and at Hadleigh a peal was commenced immediately after the interment.

A. A. F.

MR. TOM MILLER

APPRECIATIONS.

Mr. W. E. Box, towerkeeper, St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, writes:—

Whilst congratulating you upon your admirable obituary notice of the late Tom Miller, may I intrude upon your valuable space for the purpose of making one or two corrections and additions?

Tom's last peal on July 6th, 1938, was rung on the old bells at St. Chad's Cathedral and was also the last one rung on them. Thus he took part in both the first and last peals on the old ring, which were opened as a ring of eight bells on Easter Sunday, 1877, the original five being rung for the first time on August 2nd, 1849, by William Chattell and his band from St. Philip's Church. Although Tom did not actually ring a peal on the new Taylor bells, he did hear them on one occasion either in 1942 or 1943, and his comment was that 'the old 'uns are scalded'.

I understand that Mr. R. H. McDonald, of Sydney, Australia, is now the only survivor of the 1878 peal, but in this I stand open to correction. In speaking of this peal I recall Tom Miller saying that Samuel Jarman, who rang the 4th, 'looked like Christ at the Last Supper,' whilst another member of the band 'had a face like the first Sunday after Epiphany.'

In speaking of other peals in which he took part I note that you do not mention the last peal at St. Michael's, Coventry, on June 9th, 1883, in which he rang the 6th. In 1927 he formed one of the deputation of ringers which opposed the granting of a faculty to recast the Coventry bells.

With his passing a great link with the past, not only of ringing, but of Birmingham and the Midlands generally, has been severed.

Mr. Clem Glenn writes: Tom Miller's passing on brings back a happy memory of him after the peal at Sheffield in 1907. We Sheffield and Rotherham ringers, with the Birmingham band, enjoyed a dinner and social evening, when Tom sang the two songs mentioned in his obituary notice.

Some time ago Mr. Albert Walker, in response to my request, was kind enough to visit Tom and obtain the words of the songs for me. 'Bob Major' went to the tune of 'In the Sweet Bye and Bye,' and the chorus of 'Stedman' goes like this:—

Stedman, Stedman, that is what we ring,
Stedman is the method, it's just the very thing:
On 8, 10 or 12 bells, don't you think it's grand
Is a well-struck touch of Stedman by a competent band,

the chorus of the last verse finishing with:—
Is a well-struck touch of Stedman when it's bobbed round at hand.

Higher Walton belfry. Lancs, announce the retirement of two of their old stalwarts. Mr. C. Clarke (the late captain) has completed 54 years' service and Mr. M. Livesy (conductor) 48 years at this church. A peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major on February 18th was the Preston Branch's tribute to their esteem.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Ford 1, F. Precey 2, Mrs. M. M. Godley 3, R. H. Duke 4, J. H. Hayne (cond.) 5, W. Ford (first quarter) 6. Rung to welcome the Right Rev. W. Anderson, Bishop of Salisbury, on his first visit to Abbotsbury.

ASHCOTT, BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Bird 1, F. Skinner (cond.) 2, F. Sandy 3, W. Cavill 4, E. Skinner 5, F. Cave (first quarter) 6.

BARNWOOD, GLOS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Evans (first quarter) 1, S. Romans 2, T. Newman 3, W. Cox 4, G. Case 5, T. Boreham 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, H. Newman 8.

BROWNEDGE, BAMBER BRIDGE, LANCs.—At St. Mary's R.C. Church, on Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: B. Jackson 1, J. Jackson (first quarter) 2, J. Jackson, sen. 3, H. Hardacre 4, J. Harrison (first quarter) 5, J. Livesey 6, C. Hardacre 7, F. McCarthy (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam to Rev. Fr. Byrne, O.S.B.

CHATHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Heywood's): C. S. Jarrett 1, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 2, Miss K. Jarrett 3, R. Skinner (first quarter Stedman) 4, E. A. G. Allen 5, E. D. Sills 6, V. A. Jarrett 7, C. E. J. Norris 8. Rung on the conductor's 55th birthday.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, H. Cook 2, C. Taplin 3, Miss P. Francis 4, R. Jarvis (cond.) 5, F. Perry 6, J. Jarvis 7, C. W. Tompkins 8. A 79th birthday compliment to Mr. H. Cook, ringer of the 2nd.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Look 1, Miss W. Scutts 2, Mrs. J. A. Lintern 3, E. Elliott 4, H. C. Lintern (first as cond.) 5, J. T. Dyke 6, J. A. Lintern 7, A. J. Lintern 8. A tribute to the memory of the composer, A. P. Wakley, who died February 18th, 1919.

EASTHAM, WIRRAL, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 21st, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. F. Pickthall 1, P. C. Holmes (first 'inside') 2, J. Amer (first quarter) 3, A. J. H. Scott 4, A. L. Shepherd (cond.) 5, T. W. Wood 6. First quarter on bells by a local band. An 85th birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Pickthall, mother of treble ringer.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,244 Grandsire Caters: F. Kaye 1, Mrs. L. Rowntree 2, Miss W. Wilkinson 3, W. Coates 4, J. Segar 5, K. Beardsall (cond.) 6, C. Cook 7, H. Denman 8, J. Bartram 9, H. Willows 10.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Feb. 19th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: H. M. Page 1, W. S. Langdon 2, R. Mackrill 3, J. Allsop 4, H. Belcher 5, W. J. Paice (cond.) 6, A. Jones 7, Dr. B. Hollis (first of Stedman Caters) 8, A. Appleton 9, J. W. Stevenson 10.

HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: R. Sumner (first quarter) 1, G. D. Burroughs (first 'inside') 2, H. Vaughan 3, A. Lewry (cond.) 4, D. Cornford 5.

HAVERING-ATTE-BOWER, ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. C. C. Roome 1, Miss S. Booth (first quarter) 2, Mrs. M. W. Osborne 3, H. Perry (first quarter 'inside') 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, H. W. Roome 6. To welcome home the conductor from H.M. Forces.

HIGH BARNET, HERTS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. W. Coles 1, F. A. Barker 2, R. Charge 3, J. Bennett (cond.) 4, G. A. Parsons 5, H. J. Ranzetta 6, C. W. Ward 7, W. J. Langley 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the eldest son of the ringer of the 6th.

HOOK NORTON, OXON.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, B. Morley 2, W. Cross 3, Miss P. Francis 4, R. Jarvis (cond.) 5, L. Clifton 6, R. Taplin 7, C. Tompkins 8. First quarter on the bells since they were rehung.

QUARTER PEALS

900 Plain Bob): H. Gilbert 1, R. Freeman (first quarter in two methods) 2, M. Stephens 3, W. Izzard 4, L. Turner 5, C. Izzard (first as cond.) 6.

LEICESTER.—On Feb. 19th, at St. Margaret's, 1,025 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. Morris 1, J. Morris 2, Miss J. M. Ward 3, J. Bramley 4, E. Morris (cond.) 5, Miss M. Whitehead 6, E. Cattell 7, G. A. Olliffe 8, J. Drewery 9, E. Clements 10. Rung half-muffled for the dedication of the war memorial.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. R. Smith (first quarter in the method) 1, T. G. Fox 2, A. J. N. Boyack 3, Mrs. F. W. Housden 4, C. A. Hughes 5, L. E. Last 6, G. Dawson 7, F. W. Housden (cond.) 8.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—At St. Michael's Church on Feb. 17th, 1,500 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 480 Stedman and 540 Grandsire): G. E. Oliver (cond.) 1, Joan Beresford 2, W. J. Cope 3, A. F. Sedgwick 4, D. Beresford 5, L. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to A. Bowler, who was interred at St. Michael's earlier in the day.

LOIS-WEEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Steel 1, G. F. Burton 2, W. J. Chester 3, E. Lines 4, C. Hinton (first Surprise 'inside') 5, W. Yates (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the branch president, the Rev. E. V. Fenn.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Simonite (first quarter) 1, C. Smith (first 'inside') 2, Miss M. Hart (first as cond.) 3, C. Pocock 4, R. S. Hunt 5, L. Fogg 6. For the wedding of Miss P. Hobday and Mr. J. Powell.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Feb. 5th, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Despond (first quarter) 1, W. R. Hammons 2, Miss R. Parker 3, G. F. Roome 4, F. Burgess (cond.) 5, T. Jennings 6, E. G. Bennett 7, A. E. Sibley 8. Rung for the coming-of-age of the ringer of the 4th.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. J. Carter 1, F. V. Gant (cond.) 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, G. Richardson 4, A. R. Chapman 5, S. J. Penfold 6. First in method 1 and 6.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At Emmanuel Church on Feb. 18th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: R. Bould 1, J. P. Sims (longest length of Grandsire 'inside') 2, H. H. Thomas 3, T. G. Myers (cond.) 4, W. G. Lavers 5, R. A. Southwood 6, S. O'Shaughnessy 7, H. Owen (longest length) 8. Longest length of Grandsire by 1 and 6.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Edward the Confessor, on Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. C. C. Roome 1, Mrs. M. M. Osborne 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. Perry 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, H. W. Roome 6. Rung for Confirmation.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. King 1, H. Gorrings 2, E. Avery 3, J. Harris 4, W. Gorrings 5, A. Hoad 6, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, A. H. Hoad (first quarter) 8. First 'inside' for 3 and 4.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Latham 1, B. Latham 2, T. Price 3, Miss D. Shepperd (first quarter 'inside') 4, R. Thain 5, T. Witts (cond.) 6, W. Dean 7, R. Sharpe 8.

ST. WEONARDS, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Feb. 19th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: S. Terry 1, C. Whistance 2, R. Jones (cond.) 3, C. Davis 4, J. Chamberlain 5, C. Jones 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 4.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss M. Webster 1, Miss J. Haynes (first quarter 'inside') 2, Miss D. Marshall 3, D. H. Rooke 4, H. T. Rooke 5, F. Flint (cond.) 6.

WESTBURY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Feb. 11th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: J. Colley 1, G. Lewis (first quarter 'inside') 2, A. Owen 3, E. W. Colley 4, R. F. Davies (cond.) 5, C. B. Golding (first quarter) 6.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.

On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (360 Kent Treble Bob and

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MISCELLANEOUS

RINGERS' OUTINGS FROM OXFORD AND DISTRICT.—35-seater coaches available. Write, giving number of passengers, date, time, place of pick-up and intended route, to Robert Benstead, 175, Ifley Road, Oxford. 6656

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.—The practice meetings on Saturdays have been cancelled.—A. Greenhalgh. 6693

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MEETINGS

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Annual, East Grinstead, March 11th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business in Small Parish Hall. Names to Miss Shepherd, 34, Cantelope Road, East Grinstead. — C. A. Bassett. 6604

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Chatham, Saturday, March 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 6d.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 6621

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Codicote on March 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Vicarage.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 6640

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Margaret's, Barking, March 11th. Tea 4. Service 4.30. Ringing afterwards.—A. Boyack, Dis. Sec., 58, Grove Hill, E.18. Wanstead 1575. 6645

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Shore on Saturday, Mar. 11th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—V. W. Sykes, Hon. Sec. 6700

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Meeting at Lodgers, Saturday, March 11th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting follow.—C. H. Lathey, Sec. 6629

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. John, March 11th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6658

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting at Boston, Saturday, March 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 6634

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Meeting, St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway (8), March 11th, 3 to 4.30. Evenson (and tea) 4.30. Bells 6 to 8.—V. J. Benning, Hon. Sec. 6672

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Oswestry (8), March 11th. Bells at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Chacombe (6), March 18th, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names by Saturday, 11th, A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 6630

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting, Ewhurst, March 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Names by 14th to Eric T. Lee, Ashley Cottage, Ockford Road, Godalming. 6637

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at the Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, March 18th, 3 p.m. No meeting at Southwark Cathedral March 16th.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 6659

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Joseph W. Parker commemoration meeting to be held at St. Ignatius', Sunderland, on Saturday, March 18th. Names for tea to Mr. F. Ainsley, 30, Aysgarth Avenue, Grangetown, Sunderland, not later than March 16th.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Sec. 6631

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Farnsfield (5), Saturday, March 18th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Buses from Nottingham, Newark, Mansfield, Retford.—P. N. White, Dis. Sec. 6628

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Reigate, March 18th. Bells 3 and after meeting. Service 5, followed by tea. Names to Mr. W. Clayton, 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, not later than Wednesday, March 15th.—C. de Ste. C. Parks, Hon. Sec. 6648

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Saturday, March 18th, 3 p.m., rededication Wateringbury bells by Bishop Tonks. All ringers cordially invited. Names for tea by March 15th to D. Driver, Old Road, Wateringbury, Kent. 6642

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting, Scothern (6), March 18th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln. 6690

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Dudley, Saturday, March 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5.15. Numbers for tea by March 14th to F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 6653

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Next meeting, St. Annes, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 6690

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, March 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Business 5 p.m. Cups of tea. Visitors welcome.—R. Benson. 6691

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Measham (8), March 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify J. W. Cotton, Overseal, by March 16th. 6692

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Church Lawton (8), March 18th, 2.30. Names for tea 15th latest, please.—Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 6694

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Hartford, March 18th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea before March 13th to H. Howard, 5, Green Lane, Davenham. 6695

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Chiseldon, Saturday, March 18th.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 6696

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Burwash, March 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea by 15th, please, to Mr. F. Lambert, Glebe Cottage, Burwash. 6664

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Eynsbury, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 6667

LADIES' GUILD AND COVENTRY GUILD (Coventry District).—A joint meeting at Stoke, Coventry, on Saturday, March 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Names or numbers for tea by March 15th to F. Pervin, 68, Newfield Road, Coventry. 6666

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Thakeham, March 18th, 2.30. Names for tea, please, by 15th, to F. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 6669

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, March 18th, at 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards at St. Giles', Camberwell, 4.30 to 6 p.m. There will be no ringing at Southwark Cathedral on Tuesday, March 14th.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 6659

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—The ninth annual supper and social at the Church Hall, Heston, on Saturday, March 18th, 6 p.m. Bells from 3.30. Tickets (8s. 6d.) from tower secretaries and F. A. Finch, Dis. Sec. 6688

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Ipswich, March 18th. St. Clement's (6), St. Lawrence's (5), 3 to 9; St. Matthew's (6), 6 to 8. Tea 5, Plough Inn, Old Cattle Market. Names essential to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich, by 16th. Tel. 78926. 6686

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—March (6), Saturday, March 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 6685

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Monthly meeting at Husbome Crawley on March 18th. Bells (8) at 3. Names for tea by Tuesday.—Valerie Willard, Dis. Sec., Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 6683

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Monthly meeting, Dore (8), March 18th, 3. Bring own food. Cups of tea obtainable.—Miss D. J. Dunn, Darley Dale. 6679

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Humberstone, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m., Church Rooms. Members requiring tea please notify Mr. F. Key, 36, Firfield Avenue, Birstall, or phone LEIC. 84643 by Wednesday, March 18th. 6678

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice, St. Mary's, Reading, Saturday, March 18th, 6.30 to 8.30. Committee meeting, St. Mary's tower, 3 p.m.—T. N. Lanaghan. 6676

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Gilmorton, March 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by March 14th to J. R. Smith, 75, Woodville Road, Leicester. 6675

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Denary.—Meeting, Barrow Gurney, March 18th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 6673

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Meeting, March 18th, Stoke, Coventry. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. M. Griffiths, 16, Watery Lane, Keresley, near Coventry. 6698

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Saturday, March 25th, West Malling (8). Joint meeting, Ladies' Guild, South-Eastern District. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 6668

LADIES' GUILD.—South-Eastern District.—Saturday, March 25th, West Malling (8). Joint meeting with Maidstone District of K.C.A. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 6680

BURFORD, OXFORD.—Dedication of restored ring of eight by Lord Bishop of Dorchester, Saturday, March 25th, 3 p.m. Tea (2s.) in Church House, 4.30 p.m., followed by ringing. Names for tea not later than March 20th to B. S. Nichols, c/o 85, The Avenue, Kennington, Oxford. 6673

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Charlwood (6) on Saturday, March 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea afterwards. Names for tea by Tuesday, March 21st, to Miss R. Foreman, 114, Croydon Road, Reigate. 6677

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Melton Mowbray, March 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, not later than Tuesday, Mar. 21st. All ringers welcome.—Jill Poole, Hon. Sec. 6681

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Biddenden, Mar. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 6682

COVENTRY GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-upon-Avon Branch.—Meeting at Sherbourne on Saturday, March 25th, at 3 p.m. Cup of tea provided; those requiring same please communicate with me not later than Monday, March 20th. Really good attendance, please.—D. Stanley, Branch Sec., Shottery Grange, Stratford-upon-Avon. 6689

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—The two new trebles (augmenting the ring to eight) will be dedicated by the Bishop of Salisbury on Saturday, March 25th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 4 for those who notify me by Wednesday, 22nd. Ringing afterwards.—P. Harding, Church Lane, North Bradley, Trowbridge, Wilts. 6697

HALIFAX DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest, Elland, Saturday, April 1st. For teas notify F. Lainfoot, 78, Elland Lane, Elland, by Saturday, March 18th.—A. Farrand, Sec. 6627

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Rochester, Easter Monday. Cathedral service, followed by lunch and meeting in Corn Exchange. Further details later.—G. H. Spice, Gen. Sec. 6684

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary.—Annual general meeting at Whittlesey on Easter Monday. Details later.—W. W. Cousins, Gen. Sec. 6687

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—Annual general meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 15th. Particulars later. Names for tea to W. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby. 6685

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Preliminary notice.—Summer meeting, Claverley, July 22nd.—H. Thomas, Hon. Sec. 6663

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BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM has for more than a century held a unique position in English change ringing. Probably no provincial centre has had a greater influence on the Exercise, and from the city, generation after generation, there have gone forth men with the hall-mark of Birmingham, carrying with it a reputation for good striking and sound, honest-to-goodness method ringing. It is in the blood, and it is in the training received.

We do not wish to imply that Birmingham has a monopoly of the country's sound ringers. London could produce a band, and always could, to equal Birmingham in prowess and other attributes that ringers hold dear. To-day Leicester would be prepared to challenge Birmingham on 12-bell method ringing. We have no desire, however, to stress or stimulate inter-city rivalry which was such a characteristic of the last century, or to cast comparisons between one centre and another. Nevertheless, it must be frankly admitted that Birmingham ringers set an example which other centres try to emulate, and their example is an inspiration to young ringers.

To have the privilege of ringing with the St. Martin's Guild is an aspiration of most progressive ringers. For that reason the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner makes an equal appeal to the young and the old. Looking at the long tables at last week's dinner, one could not fail to observe the accent on youth. The young generation was well represented. They came to Birmingham as the pilgrims go to Mecca, to rub shoulders with the great and to try their prentice hands on the bells that have added so much glory to English ringing.

But the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner is more than a ringing ritual for young and old. To-day it is one of the two great social reunions of the Exercise; the other, the dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths, is largely a closed shop. The dinner originated 62 years ago through the initiative of Sir Arthur Heywood to commemorate the life and work of Henry Johnson. In its original concept it was a gathering of ringers from all parts of England to pay homage to Birmingham's 'grand old man,' the first being held on his 80th birthday. With the passing of years, 'Henry

Johnson' becomes largely a legendary title, although it was gratifying to see present two veterans who knew him in the flesh.

Nevertheless, the view expressed by Mr. Frank E. Haynes, who proposed the toast to his memory, that the name of Henry Johnson should be perpetuated is sound. Even if the personal attributes of this worthy become legendary in character—and he has been surpassed by others equally as famous in their day and generation—the continuance of tradition is a great thing. Such gatherings set a hall-stamp; they are a constant reminder to the present generation. This can be said of Birmingham ringers of to-day: they have not failed Henry Johnson. The same moral standard and devotion to the art remain steadfast.

A characteristic of Birmingham to-day is that leadership does not rest with one man. The present master, Mr. Albert Walker, has those lovable traits which draw men unto him. As an exponent of Stedman Cinques, with over 400 twelve-bell peals to his credit, he is without a peer, and perhaps, to use a simile, he is the chief matador of 'the bullring.' In the secretary of the St. Martin's Guild, Mr. George E. Fearn, there is the prince of organisers, whose ringing ability and knowledge enable him faithfully to discharge his office. Although well under 50 years of age, George has rung nearly 700 peals, and in 1948 led the country with over 100 peals. The 'paper' man of St. Martin's Guild is schoolmaster Edgar C. Shepherd, whose treatise on Double Norwich Court Bob Caters is regarded as a standard work. This year he retired from the post of Ringing Master on account of pressure of work in other directions. His successor belongs to the next generation in Mr. G. W. Critchley.

A characteristic of the Birmingham ringers of to-day is that they are good community men. Their life does not revolve around ringing, but it forms a part of their lives. This true balance is very essential in life. St. Martin's Guild has two members of the City Council, and one of them, Ald. A. Paddon Smith, will in May become the Lord Mayor. One of the chief criticisms ringers have to meet is that they have a lop-sided mentality and life is viewed from one angle only, that of the belfry. The example of Birmingham refutes that criticism. As Henry Johnson was held in esteem as a man of high moral standing, so are the leaders in Birmingham enjoying the confidence and respect of their fellow-citizens.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Mar. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 7
JOAN BERESFORD ... 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 8
MAURICE G. TURNER ... 3	ALAN ELSMORE ... 9
BARNABAS G. KEY ... 4	*GORDON HARRISON ... 10
FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 5	RICHARD J. WARRLOW ... 11
AUBREY M. PICKERING ... 6	HENRY E. GREEN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.
* First peal on twelve bells.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

COLIN HARRISON ... Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 6
*TERENCE A. THORNER ... 2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 7
*PAUL L. TAYLOR ... 3	J. FREDK. MILNER ... 8
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 4	JOHN R. SMITH ... 9
KATHLEEN TILLEY ... 5	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by P. J. STANFORTH.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal as conductor. A birthday compliment to Harry Poyner.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

H. JAMES TURNER ... Treble	HENRY H. FEARN ... 6
ALBERT WALKER ... 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
JOHN PINFOLD ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 8
TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 4	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 9
ARTHUR D. COOK ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
First peal of Pudsey Royal for the Guild and by all the band. In memoriam Samuel Grove.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE ... Treble	HAROLD G. JENNEY ... 6
*PAUL L. TAYLOR ... 2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 7
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 3	RICHARD GRANT ... 8
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 4	HARRY BROUGHTON ... 9
HARRY G. WAYNE ... 5	JOHN GRANT ... Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. A compliment to John Grant on his 70th birthday.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Mar. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

JOYCE A. ENGLAND ... Treble	GEORGE W. CECIL ... 6
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ... 2	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... 7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 3	DAVID E. PARSONS ... 8
CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 9
THOMAS G. FOX ... 5	JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

FREDERICK SHERATON ... Treble	ERNEST WALLACE ... 5
HERBERT P. CLIFF ... 2	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ... 6
JOHN A. BROWN ... 3	SAMUEL C. WALKER ... 7
JOHN ANDERSON ... 4	DENIS A. BAYLES ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Mon., Feb. 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt.

M. E. H. BARROW ... Treble	*†KENNETH M. GRAYSON ... 5
*†ELIZABETH BROWN ... 2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS ... 6
*†W. GWYN THOMAS ... 3	FRANK P. WRIGHT ... 7
*†ANNE M. DICKINSON ... 4	NORMAN G. MCCRUM ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal of Grandsire. Rung on the 25th birthday of Eric B. Wood.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E.

*SYLVIA M. WHITE ... Treble	†FREDK. W. PARSONS ... 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2	CECIL R. LONGHURST ... 6
*†FRANK E. CRUTTENDEN ... 3	*†ERNEST F. PACKHAM ... 7
*†ERNEST LISH ... 4	*†BASIL W. WHITE ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by BASIL W. WHITE.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. First peal rung by all members of St. Peter's, Henfield, Society for over 23 years. First peal in the method on the bells. To celebrate the birth of a daughter, Gillian Susan, to Rev. and Mrs. P. M. Barry.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. OLDFIELD ... Treble	WILLIAM SMITH ... 5
DAVID PETERS ... 2	HERBERT GOAKES ... 6
JOSE TURNER ... 3	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN ... 7
EILEEN MOUNFIELD ... 4	*HARRY NAYLOR ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by FRANCIS H. NEWMAN.
* First peal. First peal of Bob Triples by all the band except ringers of 5 and 7.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Feb. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Twelve-part, No. 4. Tenor 15 cwt. 105 lb. in F.

MRS. FREWEN MOOR ... Treble	CHARLES H. MOORE ... 5
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 2	BERT GOGLE ... 6
ARTHUR G. BASON ... 3	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4	GEORGE SAYER ... Tenor

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THORPE BAY	Tenor 16 cwt.	ORMSKIRK	Tenor 21½ cwt.
CARBIS BAY	Tenor 9½ cwt.	SHEPSHED	Tenor 15 cwt.
MACCLESFIELD, St. Peter's	Tenor 7¼ cwt.	OTTERY ST. MARY	Tenor 18½ cwt.
BLACKHILL	Tenor 16 cwt.	WELLINGTON (Somerset)	Tenor 19 cwt.
BLAENAVON	Tenor 9½ cwt.	HOOK NORTON	Tenor 20½ cwt.
ALCESTER	Tenor 12½ cwt.	BURNHAM	Tenor 12½ cwt.
MADELEY (Salop) (awaiting installation)	Tenor 13 cwt.	WALTON, LIVERPOOL (awaiting installation)	Tenor 10 cwt.

NEW OR RECAST RINGS OF 6

MUNDFORD	Tenor 6 cwt.	MARTINSTOWN	Tenor 8½ cwt.
ROYSTON (Yorks)	Tenor 14½ cwt.	FISHTOFT	Tenor 12 cwt.
MARTIN	Tenor 9½ cwt.	BELFAST, St. Donard's	Tenor 9½ cwt.
BURTON-ON-TRENT, All Saints'	Tenor 21¼ cwt.		

FLAT 6th, added to the rings of 12 at

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EIGHTY-EIGHT AUGMENTATIONS:—

FOUR rings of 10

THIRTY-TWO rings of 8

FIFTY-TWO rings of 6

EIGHTY-FOUR NEW FRAMES for ringing peals

TWENTY PEALS TUNED and rehung with all new fittings, in old frames

FORTY-ONE FURTHER PEALS REHUNG with ball bearings, and other fittings repaired

ALSO TWENTY-FIVE NEW CHIMES of 6 to 18 bells, including three sets for MALTA, largest bell 4 tons each, and

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Feb. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 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 11 cwt.

*ALBERT E. GREENING ... Treble	PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... 5
GORDON HARRISON ... 2	EDWARD J. WHITE ... 6
JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 3	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 7
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ... 4	*JAMES ALLEN ... Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

*First peal. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. L. C. Smith, local captain and for 43 years clerk and verger at St. Mary's Church.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... Treble	ALAN J. BROWN ... 5
VERNON BOTTOMLEY ... 2	DAVID VINCENT ... 6
SELWYN H. DEARDEN ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
HAROLD ARMSTEAD ... 4	S.S.M. P. H. TOCOK ... Tenor

Composed by G. CROSS.

Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

A birthday compliment to S. H. Dearden.

ANDOVER, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 16 cwt.

*MARY A. TANNER ... Treble	JOHN CHESTERMAN ... 5
OSCAR G. SMART ... 2	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 6
†JOHN R. TOLMAN ... 3	ARCHIBALD L. MITCHELL ... 7
†JAMES A. SMART ... 4	NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Conducted by ARCHIBALD L. MITCHELL.

*First peal on eight bells. †First peal 'inside.' †First peal. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Padwick on their golden wedding he being for many years a ringer at St. Mary's.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

JOHN COOKE ... Treble	†A. LENNARD SHEPHERD ... 5
*CHARLES B. PEMBERTON ... 2	*ERNEST T. CARVELL ... 6
*ALFRED W. CUSICK ... 3	†JOSEPH GODDARD ... 7
FRANK T. PARRY ... 4	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.
 *First peal in the method. †First peal of Major. †50th peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. First peal in the method as conductor and 25th peal as conductor. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. W. Dean on the occasion of his marriage to Miss D. White. Also a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Goddard.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

H. W. Wilde's Transposition. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... Treble	*ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES ... 5
REGINALD WOODYATT ... 2	†CYRIL TANSELL ... 6
ALLEN MORGAN ... 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 7
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4	FREDERICK G. YATES ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

*First peal of Stedman. †150th peal for the Association.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

FREDERICK PRICE ... Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON ... 5
ANNE WORTH ... 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... 6
JAMES A. MILNER ... 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
PETER LAFLIN ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

HYTHE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

PERCY PAGE ... Treble	*MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 5
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 2	†THOMAS E. SONE ... 6
WILFRED W. RING ... 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 7
PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by F. G. HUCKSTEPP.
 *150th peal. †First peal in the method. First in method as conductor.

LAMBETH, LONDON.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

*PETER J. HUTCHING ... Treble	BERTIE GREEN ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	CHARLES W. OTTLEY ... 6
*JOHN F. GOODALL ... 3	*WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ... 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 4	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by T. W. TAFFENDER.

*First peal of Surprise Major.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

MARIANNE GANN ... Treble	ROBERT W. PARKER ... 5
GEOFFREY R. PARKER ... 2	H. LESLIE PASK ... 6
OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 4	JOHN E. COOK ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal in the method by all the band, for the Guild and in the county.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF HERWARD BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING ... Treble	FREDERICK H. BIRKS ... 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 2	BRIAN HARRIS ... 6
HENRY O. BAKER ... 3	R. GORDON CORBY ... 7
JOHN W. WEST ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. MORGAN. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

STOKE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

ALBERT O. LEWIS ... Treble	ROBERT LEES ... 5
ROBERT LEWIS ... 2	*DEREK WATSON ... 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 3	JOHN LLOYD ... 7
ALFRED BOXLEY ... 4	ERNEST TURNER ... Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

*First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' First peal of Grandsire on the bells since being rehung.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Feb. 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Being 1,728 Plain Bob, 1,344 St. Clement's College Bob, 1,344 Double Bob and 768 of Little Bob; 336 changes of method, 120 bobs and 14 singles. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G sharp.

*ERNEST G. SHORTING ... Treble	THOMAS R. SIMMONS ... 5
ARTHUR G. BASON ... 2	GEORGE SAVER ... 6
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	*WALTER C. MEDLER ... 7
*H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 4	*BERT GOGLE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

*First peal in four Major methods and on the bells.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... <i>Treble</i>	*CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 5
MRS. E. F. SALMONS ... 2	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 6
FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 3	FREDK. W. ROGERS ... 7
*JOHN H. HUNT ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by F. W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Lincolnshire.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK E. PERVIN ... <i>Treble</i>	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 5
*HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 2	*JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 6
*JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 3	*HUBERT ASHLEY ... 7
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 4	*WILLIAM A. STOTE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted FRANK E. PERVIN.

* First peal of New Cambridge. First in the method on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR ... <i>Treble</i>	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 5
COLIN HARRISON ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
ELIZABETH FAULKNALL ... 3	JOHN R. SMITH ... 7
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

A compliment to George Straw, of the Leicester Cathedral band, on his 75th birthday.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (6th observation). Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E.

FREDK. A. SALTER ... <i>Treble</i>	WALTER NICHOLS ... 5
ALBERT H. WARD ... 2	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 6
CLEMENT GLENN ... 3	FRANK W. BROWN ... 7
FREDK. G. HOOVER ... 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF.

First peal as conductor on tower bells.

OKEHAMPTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Thurs., Mar. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHARLES SANGWIN ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE SKINNER ... 5
JEAN M. BROWN ... 2	FREDERICK SANGWIN ... 6
JOHN L. S. GLANVILL ... 3	FREDERICK WREFORD ... 7
CYRIL C. DEEM ... 4	*JOHN H. GLANVILL ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FREDERICK WREFORD.

* First peal of Triples.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*JOHN G. GIPSON ... <i>Treble</i>	*STANLEY GILBERT ... 5
CHARLES W. COOK ... 2	G. HENRY DUNNINGTON ... 6
†CHRISTINE DUNNINGTON ... 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 7
†GEORGE E. CRISH ... 4	MANSFIELD GINN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

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MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

*PETER CARTER Treble	PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT... 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 3	*BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... 7
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP... 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Thomas Cullingworth.

ALMONDSBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

*JACK TURNER Treble	WALTER SMITH 5
HENRY J. ATWELL ... 2	DOUGLAS GARDNER 6
CYRIL R. HARDING ... 3	VICTOR E. WILLS 7
HAROLD ROBBINS 4	WILLIAM J. COOK ... Tenor

Conducted by VICTOR E. WILLS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN H. HUNT Treble	WILLIAM UPTON 5
PATRICK PAGE 2	JOHN W. MEADE 6
*BRYAN C. STIRLAND ... 3	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 7
FRANK S. TAYLOR 4	FREDK. G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a 68th birthday compliment to Mrs. Nellie E. Upton, wife of the ringer of the 5th.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

DOROTHY M. UDAL ... Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 5
TERENCE A. THORNBUR... 2	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 6
ELIZABETH FAULKNALL... 3	JOHN R. SMITH 7
*LAWRENCE GREENHOW... 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HENRY STALHAM Treble	FRANCIS T. HOAD 5
*JOHN V. LONGBROUGH... 2	MAURICE THOMAS 6
†ROGER R. BEALE 3	WILLIAM F. SLAUGHTER... 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	ALFRED J. BULL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*PALMER V. WHITTELL... Treble	†JOHN W. CRAPNELL ... 5
†R. JOHN MUNNINGS ... 2	W. KEITH WHITTELL ... 6
†ERNEST W. BLOMFIELD 3	CLAUD W. J. WOODARD 7
ERNEST E. GRIMES ... 4	*SIDNEY W. ARBON ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST W. BLOMFIELD.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Surprise by the local company.

SIX BELL PEALS

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*J. DEREK SMITH Treble	DAVID SMITH 4
ERIC HORNBY 2	HENRY PARKER 5
ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 3	CECIL RADDON Tenor

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

* First peal in seven methods.

GREAT LONGSTONE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*HERBERT BENNETT ... Treble	DENNIS SCOTT 4
GEORGE H. PAULSON ... 2	EDWIN HOPKINSON ... 5
DOROTHY JEAN DUNN ... 3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

* First peal. First peal in three methods by all. Rung to welcome the Rev. T. N. Rose Price, who was inducted Vicar the previous day.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Feb. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

LEONARD G. TOSELAND... Treble	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... 4
JOHN SHATFORD 2	*I. PATRICK CHAPMAN ... 5
GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* 50th peal. Mr. A. P. Cannon's 225th tower for a peal.

CROWLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH 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.

*ROBERT STRICKLAND ... Treble	AUBREY A. PEPPER ... 4
*WILLIAM A. SMEDLEY ... 2	†C. HAROLD WHITTON... 5
GWENDOLINE D. ROBINSON 3	FRANK TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal in four methods.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Feb. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 16 cwt.

LESLIE EVANS Treble	GEORGE DAVIS 4
MONICA DAVIS 2	REGINALD T. JONES ... 5
*AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON ... Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.

* First peal of Minor in the method. Leslie Evans has now completed the circle.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Feb. 24, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

B. CRITCHLEY Treble	MISS E. RICE 4
MISS M. ACKERS 2	C. ACKERS 5
J. POUNDS 3	A. MAWDSLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. MAWDSLEY.

Rung half-muffled for Sir Wroth Lethbridge, who was buried at the above church the same day.

**BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Feb. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At CHRIST CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt. (approx.).
 JACK T. MARRIOTT ... *Treble* | JACK BAGSHAW ... 4
 *MRS. MARGARET FINLOW 2 | *RONALD FORSTER ... 5
 FREDK. A. FORSTER ... | HENRY KIRK ... *Tenor*
 Conducted by HENRY KIRK.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung by local service ringers to celebrate Jack Bagshaw's 25 years as ringer at the above church.

**DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Feb. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.
 *ELIZABETH MORTON ... *Treble* | HENRY PARKER ... 4
 DAVID SMITH ... 2 | CECIL RADDON ... 5
 ERIC HORNDY ... 3 | HARRY W. HOWARD ... *Tenor*
 Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* 25th peal. For the birthdays of the sons of the ringer of 4th and conductor.

**DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Feb. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,*

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 2,160, one 1,440 and two 720's. Tenor 20 cwt. (approx.).
 JOHN C. MORRIS ... *Treble* | CECIL WADE ... 4
 RAYMOND WADE ... 2 | WILLIAM GOLDMAN ... 5
 WILLIAM B. DAWSON ... 3 | ALBERT SCOTT ... *Tenor*
 Conducted by CECIL WADE.

First peal of London by all except the ringer of the tenor.

**HAWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Feb. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Spliced Kent and Oxford, two 720's of Oxford, two of Kent and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.
 VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... *Treble* | HERBERT HELLIWELL ... 4
 JOHN I. ROBERTSHAW ... 2 | VERNON BOTTOMLEY ... 5
 MARGARET HACKETT ... 3 | ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... *Tenor*
 Conducted by ARTHUR BAIRSTOW.

**WIDFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Feb. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob, all called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.
 JOHN SUCKLING ... *Treble* | ERIC EDMONDSON ... 4
 *EDWARD PHILLIPS ... 2 | JOHN PHILLIPS ... 5
 †REGINALD DORE ... 3 | SYDNEY F. CARTER ... *Tenor*
 Conducted by SYDNEY F. CARTER.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods. Rung in honour of the wedding of James Martin Page to Mary Hickson.

**WINTERSLOW, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Feb. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF CARLISLE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.
 JACK MUSSELL ... *Treble* | JOHN HARTLESS ... 4
 HERBERT H. ABRAHAMSON ... 2 | FRANK L. HARRIS ... 5
 DAVID R. REED ... 3 | RONALD N. MARLOW ... *Tenor*
 Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild. The first peal on the bells.

**SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Feb. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.
 *IRENE MARROWS ... *Treble* | HENRY P. COLLIN ... 4
 DENIS A. FRITH ... 2 | FREDK. S. PARSONS ... 5
 JAMES W. HAW ... 3 | JAMES H. MUSSON ... *Tenor*
 Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

**HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wed., Feb. 15, 1950, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,
At HOLYWELL STORES, LONDON ROAD,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

A. JORDAN ... 1-2 | A. BALLARD ... 7-8
 H. KNIGHTS ... 5-6
 Conducted by A. BALLARD.

**BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sun., Feb. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At 19, FALCON ROAD,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor size 10 in E.
 ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ... 1-2 | CHARLES B. PEMBERTON ... 3-4
 ALFRED W. CUSICK ... 5-6
 Conducted by ALFRED W. CUSICK. Witness: A. K. HUMPHREYS.

First peal of Minor 'in hand' as conductor. An 85th birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Pickthall, of Bromborough.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., Feb. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 12 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 | ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 5-6
 DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4 | FRANCIS S. WILSON ... 7-8
 Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

A compliment to Mr. F. S. Wilson on his 75th birthday.

**BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thurs., Feb. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At 9, WINDSOR STREET,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 15 in B.
 JOHN J. MORRIS ... 1-2 | ALFRED BALLARD ... 5-6
 W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 3-4 | *HAROLD KILBY ... 7-8
 Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

* First peal 'in hand.' A birthday compliment to Mrs. W. A. Riddington.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Fri., Feb. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.
 MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
 MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 7-8
 Composed by J. HOWES. Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Feb. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

No. 112. Tenor size 17 in A.
 MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
 *JAMES E. DANIELS ... 3-4 | FRED PRICE ... 7-8
 Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Major on a 'working pair.'

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Sat., Feb. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,*

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

In eight methods, comprising: 1,536 Plain, 1,440 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 384 each of St. Clement's, Reverse and Double, 288 Wellington 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.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., Feb. 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

No. 81. Tenor size 17 in A.
 MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
 MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | BRUCE B. ROGERS ... 7-8
 Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

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year 1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who
remained its proprietor and editor until his
death in 1942.*

It is a peal ringer's lot
to experience many disap-
pointments. March 8th was
not only the 65th birthday of Mr. Frank E.
Pervin, of Coventry, but the 50th anniversary
of his first peal. The peal attempt com-
memorating this interesting double in his life
unfortunately was lost. Nevertheless, this does
not prevent us from saying, 'Happy birthday,
Frank, and may you live and have the strength
to enjoy many more good peals.'

The peal of Minor in three methods rung at
Pevensey, Sussex, on January 9th, was the
250th peal for Mr. F. H. Hicks, of Hailsham,
not Mr. Gavan D. Tonkins as published.

Writes a Kent ringer: 'Your photograph of
Mr. Harold Poole's band has surprised several
ringers, who had been thinking what a good
ringer (Miss) Shirley Burton must be!'

The passing of Mr. J. H. Shepherd will be
regretted by a wide circle of friends. His
hobby of measuring tenor bells—it is said
that he inspected nearly 4,000 belfries—made
him a well-known figure. He cycled hundreds
of miles in quest of new tenors. It is to be
hoped that his records will be preserved.

The last quarter on Slough's bells before the
installation of a ring of ten took place on
March 5th. The work has started and there is
a promise from Messrs. Mears and Stainbank
that the ten will be ready by Easter. Slough
will then have the only ten in Buckingham-
shire.

Apropos Mr. L. C. Wightman's claim that
the peal at St. Mary's, Framsdon, on February
18th, was his 100th peal on the bells, Mr.
R. W. Steward writes that the same foot-
note was claimed by Mr. Wightman in his peal
at Framsdon on December 9th, 1948, and since
then he has rung another four peals on the
bells. We trust that it was a matter of arith-
metic and not of false compositions.

BELFRY GOSSIP

In renewing his subscrip-
tion, Mr. W. Smith, of St.
James', Turramurra, New

South Wales, writes: Our team is 50 per cent.
Australian lads and 50 per cent. Englishmen.
The latter are from towers in Devon, Northum-
berland, Surrey, Warwickshire and myself from
Leicestershire.

Owing to the regretted illness of Mr. W. H.
J. Hooton, the Central Council's lending library
is not in operation. Readers' queries can
always be addressed to the Editor, who will
endeavour to meet their wants through the
columns of 'The Ringing World.'

We publish this week the first of a series of
articles on Change Ringing Machines, by Mr.
Brian D. Price. Readers are advised to keep
the page of diagrams as they will be referred
to in subsequent numbers. The articles are
not all technical in character.

Mr. James George, although past 96 years,
is busy composing peals. He sends us a peal
of Plain Bob Maximus.

The ringer of the 11th in the peal of Sted-
man Cinques at High Wycombe on February
11th was Mr. Frank Corke.

Congratulations to John Grant, who rang the
tenor to a peal of Stedman Caters at the
Loughborough Foundry Campanile on his 70th
birthday, and to George Straw, for whom a
peal of London Surprise was rung on the same
bells on his 75th birthday. Both are 'old
soldiers' of the Leicester Cathedral company.

Apropos the married couples' peal at Hands-
worth, Mr. N. Chaddock writes: My report to
you should have read that Mrs. Ryder and
Mrs. Haywood took part in the first peal of
Major to be rung by an all ladies' team (at
Handsworth 22 years ago), as I am informed
that Minor and Triples had been rung pre-
viously by all ladies' teams.

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50 Years at St. Paul's

MR. HERBERT LANGDON'S SERVICE.

The peal of Stedman Cinques recorded last week at St. Michael's, Cornhill, marked the completion of Mr. Herbert Langdon's 50 years' continuous service as a ringer at St. Paul's Cathedral.

Many famous names have been associated with the St. Paul's Guild of Ringers, such as H. W. Haley, W. Cooter, James Pettit, Robert Hayworth, Edwin Horrel, G. Muskett, Matthew A. Wood and John Murray Hayes, all of whom took part in the first three courses of Stedman Cinques when the bells were opened in 1878.

James Pettit was the leader and conductor in the early days, and held that position until his death in 1912. He was succeeded by William T. Cockerill, who was for many years also secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths. He died in 1938 and was succeeded by Herbert Langdon, who has maintained the high standard of ringing set by his famous predecessors, and is himself a very fine ringer and an expert conductor.

Mr. Langdon called the longest peal ever rung by one set of men at Appleton, Berkshire, over 21,000 changes. He also conducted the long length of Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral—over 12,000 changes, which unfortunately turned out to be false—but the performance was one of the finest, if not the finest, efforts on twelve bells, the striking being of the most perfect order, and which held absolutely spellbound the very large gathering of ringers who had assembled to hear it.

Probably the performance of which Mr. Langdon is most proud was that of ringing the eleventh at St. Paul's to Cambridge Maximus with A. B. Peck conducting from the 62 cwt. tenor. At that time the eleventh was going far from well—indeed, she has never been an easy job, but on this occasion she was worse than usual. Langdon, after a few courses, intimated to Peck that he doubted whether he could finish the peal. 'Well,' said Peck, 'call stand when you've had enough!' Langdon continued until the end of the course, and as she was going no worse decided to try for another, and then to his joy found a slight improvement, which continued until they finally succeeded and concluded an effort which will stand out as probably the greatest heavy bell performance on twelve bells.

It may not be generally known that Stedman Cinques is always rung for services at St. Paul's by order of the authorities. Sir John Stainer, who was organist at St. Paul's, gave it as his considered opinion that this method was the most musical and most suitable one for the bells, and this ruling has never been departed from.

There is no more capable conductor in this method than H. Langdon, and it is the sincere wish of all his friends in London that he may be spared for many years to lead and inspire by his example those who are privileged to ring at this important Cathedral.

Opportunities to ring peals at St. Paul's are few and far between, and the present condition of the bells, which have received no comprehensive restoration since they were installed in 1878, would provide a difficult task to ring a peal on them. Nevertheless, it would have been more fitting if Mr. Langdon's 50th anniversary had been celebrated by a peal at St. Paul's.

DEATH OF MR. A. A. SAVAGE

News is conveyed in the February issue of 'Ringing Towers' of the death of Mr. A. A. Savage, late of St. Paul's Cathedral band, Melbourne. With his passing goes another link with the early ringing in Australia.

Mr. Savage's last peal was of Grandsire Cinques at Melbourne during the visit of the English tourists in 1934. It was rung on Nov. 11th to commemorate the dedication of Victoria's Shrine of Remembrance, the unveiling ceremony being performed by H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

BRISTOL CITY BRANCH.

On February 18th, the branch added yet another event to its ever increasing social activities in that the first dinner was held in the evening at the Crown and Dove Hotel.

Ringing in the afternoon at St. Mary Redcliffe, SS. Philip and Jacob's, St. Stephen's and St. John's was followed by a service held in the last-named church. This was conducted by the Vicar of St. James', the Rev. C. H. Smith.

About 103 members and friends sat down to the dinner. Mr. F. G. Leaker, branch chairman, presided, ably supported by Mr. A. Bennett, hon. secretary, and Mr. E. F. Hancock, Ringing Master. Canon Swann pronounced grace.

An announcement from the chair that the next drink was 'yours for the asking' was greeted with great enthusiasm. Throughout the closing stages of the meal much amusement was occasioned by the desire of some members to collect signatures on their menu cards, and the results thereby obtained caused many a laugh.

The Chairman, after proposing 'The King,' raised the toast of 'The Church,' and expressed a cordial welcome to the clergy present. He mentioned the difficulties now being experienced by the Church everywhere, not the least of these being the building of new churches in newly-populated areas. During the war, he continued, their city lost several churches, some of which contained well-known and well-loved rings of bells. He expressed the hope that two of these rings would be rehung, not necessarily in the same church, but somewhere in Bristol. Why not hang one of them in the Mother Church, which, although it had the towers, did not possess a ring of bells? he suggested. Ringers, continued Mr. Leaker, were playing a big part in Church activities, and at Redcliffe there was very close co-operation between clergy and ringers. In this respect the local band were very fortunate in having as their Vicar Canon S. E. Swann.

Canon Swann, replying in a witty vein, said he had made a few discreet enquiries about ringers and had been told that they could be recognised by their own peculiar characteristics. He mentioned the man seen coming down the street, looking very serious and appearing to be muttering to himself—well, he definitely was a ringer. Congratulating Mr. E. J. Brown, captain of the ringers of SS. Philip and Jacob's, on the excellent menu card, which he had designed and printed, he trusted that they rang their bells equally as well, although he could not quite understand how they could ring bells without ropes, there being none shown on the bells printed on the card. However, it was a beautiful job well done.

Canon Swann went on to stress the importance of happy relations between the vestry and belfry, adding that at Redcliffe these were so good that it was now almost certain that the extra bell, to give a lighter ring of eight, would be installed. This was due, he added, in a large part to Mr. Hancock, their steeple-keeper and Ringing Master, whose convincing appeal for an extra bell to the Church Council obviously made one wonder why he was not a parson. He wanted to hear Redcliffe bells ring on every Sunday.

Three leads of Kent Treble Bob Royal then followed on handbells. This was well and truly rung by members of the SS. Philip and Jacob's Guild of Ringers, conducted by Mr. E. J. Brown.

Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, proposed the toast to 'The Bristol City Branch.' He referred to the suggested amalgamation with the Bristol Rural Branch in 1946 and said how glad he was that it had not been carried out. He noted with pleasure the large number of young people present, adding that he hoped they would make every endeavour to become good ringers and thus carry on the ringing in

Bristol which before the war was of a high standard. Last, but not least, there was need for tolerance by the more experienced ringers with the learners, but that did not mean that they were to allow bad striking.

In his response, the secretary, Mr. A. Bennett, briefly reviewed the history of the branch since its re-forming in 1942. Outstanding dates were 1943, when the School of Ringing was formed at St. John's-on-the-Wall (a great debt of gratitude was owed to the founder, who was present), 1948, when the newly-elected Ringing Master, Mr. E. F. Hancock, started advanced monthly practices, which were a great success. He wanted all towers with rings of bells in Bristol to ring for service.

He also mentioned the successful social side of the branch's activities, and once again paid tribute to the Ringing Master's tireless efforts in organising outings during the last two years. In conclusion, Mr. Bennett stressed the need for loyalty, firstly to members' own towers and secondly to the branch.

Mr. E. J. Brown proposed 'The Visitors,' and in extending them a hearty welcome, reiterated the need for a close liaison between church and ringers and between ringers themselves. As the quotation on the menu card stated, 'And give them welcome everyone.'

Mr. F. Skidmore, Ringing Master of the Bristol Rural Branch, replied, and expressed his warm thanks for so fine a welcome, adding that it was always a pleasure to come into Bristol to ring.

Mr. Brown then rose again to propose 'Absent Friends,' and recalled some of the great names of the past, William Cave, John Burford, Henry Porch, James Hinton and George Daltry. They were the men who lit the torch of Bristol ringing, and it was the duty of all present to see that its light should again shine forth with the same intensity.

On the lighter side a feature was the introduction of the popular radio game, twenty questions. This provoked much leg pulling and enjoyment. It was rather appropriate that the 'Baby's Bottle' was got by the voice of experience. Team: Marv P. Hilliar, Jean McDowall, Frank Hansford and Emlyn F. Hancock. Question master (without experience) Jack Worrall.

The highlight of the evening was tune ringing on handbells by Miss A. Brown and Messrs. E. J. Brown and T. W. Kimber. This was a truly remarkable performance and was much applauded. The ringers are to be congratulated upon the amount of hard practice they must have put into it in order to perform in such a manner.

'Wizdardy and Wisecracks,' by Will Townsend, provided great amusement, and songs rendered by Mr. Cecil Barnes (tenor) and Mr. William Morgan (bass) were much appreciated.

A most successful and enjoyable evening came to an end with 'Auld Lang Syne,' sung in the acknowledged manner.

APPLETON RINGING DAY

In the traditional style, the 132nd anniversary of the opening of the bells at Appleton, Berks. was observed on March 4th. Proceedings started with a peal of Grandsire Caters.

The bells were made good use of during the afternoon, when ringers from Oxford, Swindon, Reading, East Hagbourne, Abingdon, Kennington, Launton, Eynsham and other towers attended. The Oxford Guild was represented by Mr. A. D. Barker (hon. treasurer) and Mr. W. Hibbert (general secretary), and among others present was Mr. J. Bennett (Lewisham).

Following tea at the Thatched Tavern, the White family gave some tunes on handbells and lapped a course of Grandsire Caters. Numerous songs by F. and C. G. White brought a pleasant day to a close.

CHANGE-RINGING MACHINES

By B. D. Price.



INTRODUCTION.

With the advent 150 years ago of the machine age, man applied his intelligence to all kinds of problems, and nowadays any orderly task is within the scope of a machine. It is not surprising that several machines have been constructed for carrying out change ringing mechanically.

It is interesting to speculate on the possibility of someone planning a machine prior to John Carter's successful attack. One of the more noteworthy attributes of change ringing is that it is almost entirely dissociated from money gain, and anyone tackling the task of constructing a change ringing machine must do so purely from the joy of doing so, and seeing the finished article working. In addition, by its nature such a machine is not simple to construct, and needs a mechanical mind to design it and a craftsman's skill to execute it. It is, therefore, not surprising that only two men (to my knowledge) have at the time of writing this successfully completed their plans. John Carter, of Birmingham, a gunsmith by profession, first completed a ringing machine, and his machine, a beautifully executed piece of work, now remains in the South Kensington Science Museum, London. The Central Council appoints two trustees, and only certain authorised persons are allowed to operate it. As an historical treasure and a piece of mechanical craftsmanship it is priceless.

Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, of Sedbergh, has for many years been carrying out valuable experiment and research on various types of mechanism and has built altogether nine machines to date, of which the last three survive.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS.

The general principles underlying the construction of a machine are not difficult to understand—it is the designing and making of the necessary mechanisms to execute the principles that is the tedious part.

To the uninitiated it would appear an easy task. Simply make a recording on some medium, in the fashion of a gramophone or a film sound projector. But the change ringer will know that this is no solution to the ringing machine. For any ringing machine worth its name must be capable of ringing bobs and singles at the will of the operator, and, moreover, must ring any method desired (within reasonable limits of complexity) without being reconstructed. How can a machine ring any method?

Supposing the reader writes out, say, a plain course of Double Norwich Major on paper. What he does is roughly what a ringing machine does when it rings a plain course. One writes down 12345678, then observing that at the beginning of any lead of Double Norwich the bells in 1sts and 2nds places, 3rds and 4ths places, etc., change places, one writes underneath 21436587, and next 24135678, making the bells in 1sts and 4ths places lie still while the other pairs cross over. The slang word 'swoop' is so useful that it will be used for 'to change places.' Whatever leadhead we commence with, we can write down a lead of Double Norwich merely by observing what places and swoops to make between each row and the next. No notice is paid to the work of individual bells, although each bell will, in fact, perform the work of the method. It is interesting to note that ringers who ring Sur-

prise methods on handbells double-handed use a similar place method of ringing and do not follow the work of individual bells.

The ringing machine works in precisely the same way. It consists broadly of three sections. One section stores up information of what places and swoops are made in a lead of the method being rung (this section must be pre-set for the method desired). Another section interprets the information and constructs the changes one after another, and the third section rings the changes on bells as desired. It is not beyond the bounds of possibility that a machine could work from a skeleton diagram of a method, but it would be extremely complex.

It is the interpreting of the swoops and places and the construction of the changes that is the difficult problem in designing a ringing machine. But first let us examine the way used both by Carter's and Woodhouse's machine for holding the change being rung and of ringing it. In diagrammatic form for four bells it is as in Fig. 1 (see block of diagrams).

The eight brass strips A B C D E F G H are set in an insulating base and are joined up electrically by the sliding strips J K L M which rest on them. The arm N revolves and makes contact in turn with contacts P Q R S. In the position shown, N will touch Q next and the 2nd bell will ring, the current flowing through N, Q, B, L, G to the 2nd bell. As N touches the contacts P Q R S the change 4231 is rung. If another change is desired, the positions of the strips J K L M must be altered. Now,

1. Each movable strip represents a bell. Thus the strip J controls bell No. 4 and governs in what place it will strike.
2. The strips E F G H are convenient only for feeding the current to the moving strips (better than having a flexible wire).
3. The strips A B C D represent positions of bells. Strip A will conduct current only when N touches P and is responsible for making the bell in 1sts place, whichever it might be, sound.

Now, at first sight it would not really matter whether or not the strips A B C D are in order of striking in the change. But as a matter of fact it is of great advantage to do this. Why, we shall see now.

The strips J K L M must be moved to fresh positions by some mechanism before each new change is rung. Thus, for example, the strip J governing the 4th bell must run over the strips A B C D according to the work of the 4th bell in the method being rung. If the strips A B C D are in the order of positions in a change, the strip J will have to move one strip only at a time, just as a bell in any method moves only one position between changes. Keeping strips A B C D in order simplifies the mechanism as it then has to move the strips at the most one position at a time.

Supposing a little flag were stuck on each of the strips J K L M, the mechanism viewed sideways would look like Fig. 3, and the change 4231 would be read, which is, in fact, the change rung.

It is apparent that this way of 'constituting the changes' will work for any number of bells.

John Carter when he first started his machine (about 1890) had some purely mechanical scheme of ringing the bells, but this was aban-

doned and the above electrical scheme (identical in essence with Carter's arrangement) was adopted. Some curious unused slots on his machine are the remains of the relinquished plan.

Mr. Woodhouse, too, uses this electrical method, having a lay-out identical with the above in earlier machines, though, of course, incorporated with other mechanism.

But how are the strips moved between changes? That constitutes a problem of absorbing interest. Consider the strips in an 8-bell machine as in Fig. 3. This view is from above, and each moving strip (henceforth called 'bellplate,' as it represents a bell) is labelled with the number of the bell it controls. The change being rung is 32167584. If we are near the end of a lead of Double Norwich the next change will be 31265748, that is the bells in 1sts and 4ths places remain stationary, and the other bellplates have to interchange positions in pairs. The machine knows what places are to be made (this being stored up in the machine). What it has to do is

1. To seek out which bellplates have to be moved.
2. To move them.

It is not sufficient for the machine to know it has to make 1sts and 4ths places. It has to find out which bellplates are there, for during the progress of a touch any two bells might be there.

The general working of a machine is, therefore, according to the following synopsis:—

- (a) An apparatus for storing the places and swoops to be made, and for feeding them in the right sequence.
- (b) An apparatus for selecting which bells are in the required positions to be moved, prior to moving (this I call the Pre-selector Mechanism).
- (c) An apparatus for moving the bellplates between changes.
- (d) The assembly of bellplates and their contacts.
- (e) The switches, current supply, bells.

No mention has been made of calling bobs or singles, or of open leads. They are attendant details. The open lead is simply obtained by having a double rotating commutator. Thus in Fig. 1, the arm N would not merely touch in turn P Q R S, but a further four contacts wired to P Q R S would follow, and then a gap before the arm N returns to P, thus giving a whole pull and open lead with one revolution of N.

(To be continued)

RAVENINGHAM SLOW COURSE

12345	
21345	
23154	
32514	
35241	120
53241	—
52314	2345
25134	—
21543	2453
12543	2534
	—4253
12453	Three times repeated.
Bob	
12543	
15234	

The extent is obtained without a dodge. Rung at Raveningham, Norfolk, Dec. 31st, 1949.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM. — On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: Miss E. M. Fletcher 1, Miss R. C. Russell (first 'inside') 2, J. F. Atkins 3, J. E. Eaton 4, A. Timmins 5, T. Russell 6, W. C. Dowding (cond.) 7, W. J. Roper (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Samuel Grove, many years Ringing Master at this church, whose funeral took place the same day.

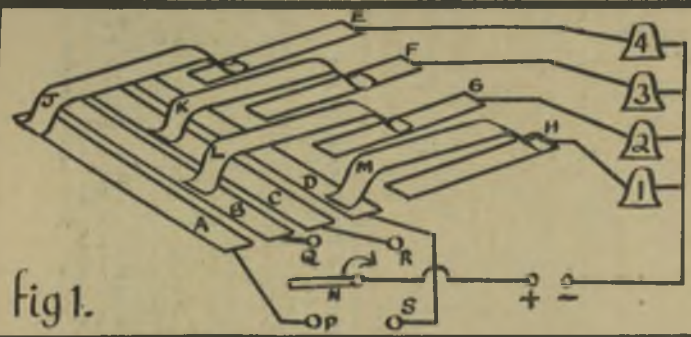


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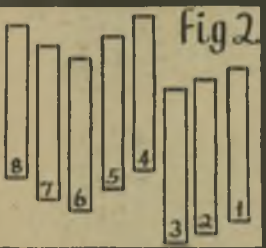


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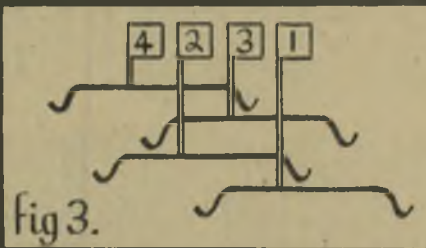


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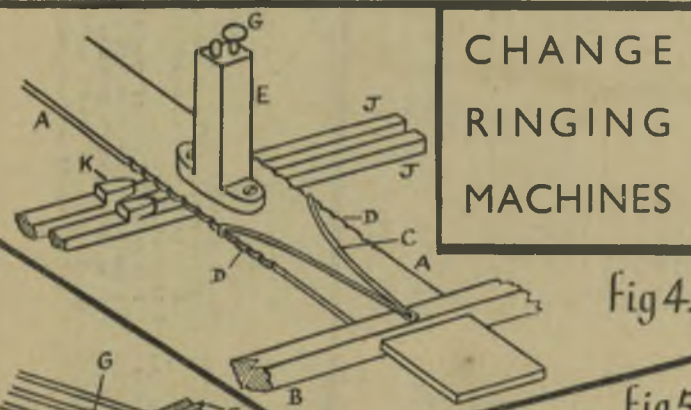


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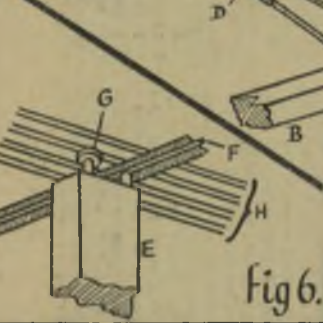


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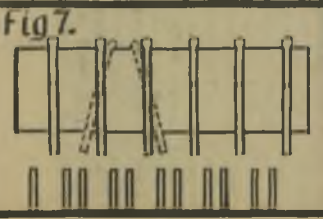


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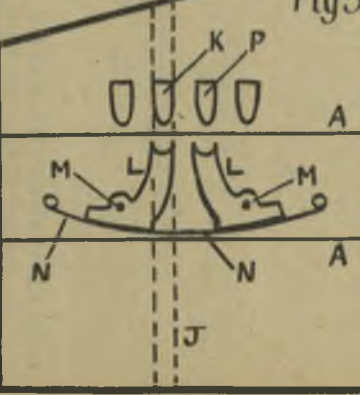


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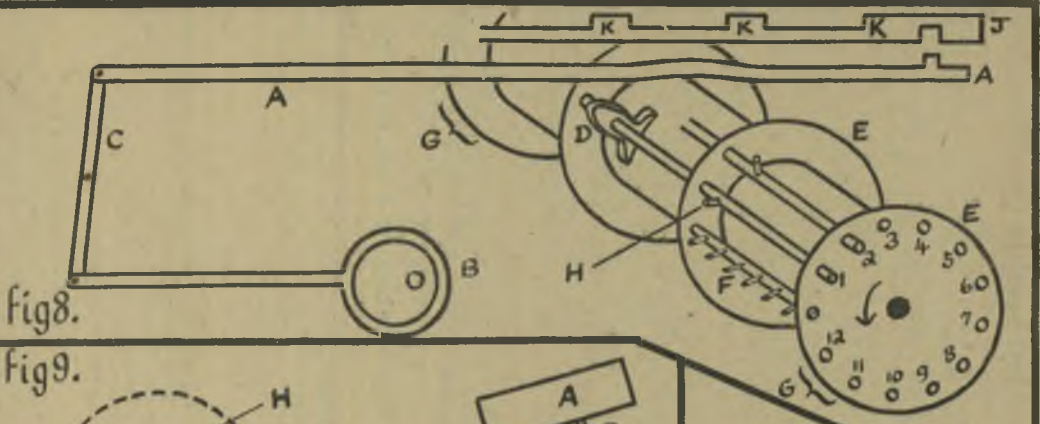


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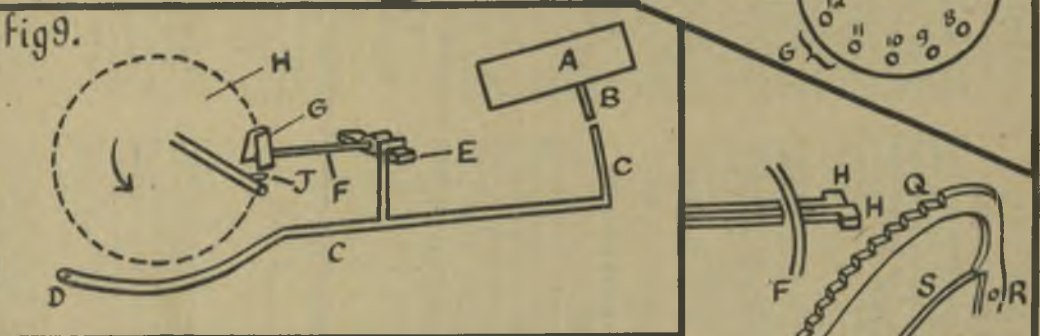


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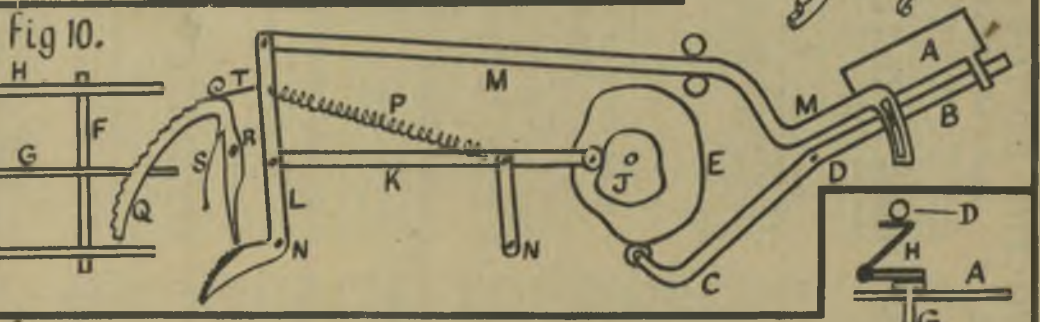


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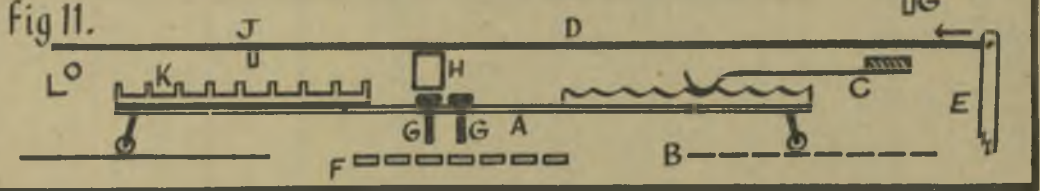


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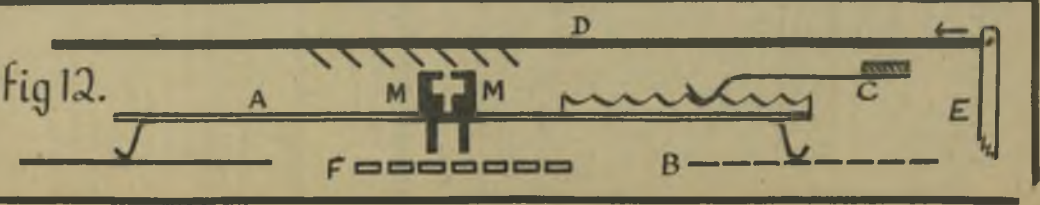


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AN INVITATION TO MR. ROWE

Dear Sir,—With reference to the recent correspondence regarding Surprise ringing in Shropshire.

The local band of St. Mary's Church, Market Drayton, extend a cordial invitation to Mr. Rowe to join them in Surprise ringing on their weekly practice night (Wednesday) or for the service ringing on Sunday.

Due to the absence of two members of the band, at present serving with the Forces, we are not able to get much practice, and the presence of another Surprise ringer would be greatly appreciated.

One of our serving members, Mr. R. Tyler, stationed at Plymouth, was recently home on leave and our ringing for morning service consisted of a few call changes for the learners, a course of London Surprise Major, followed by a course of Superlative Surprise, and, to fill in the available time, a course of Little Bob.

No lack of keenness here, and if Mr. Rowe cares to accept our invitation at any time, we can promise him a pleasant session of Surprise ringing, and would no doubt help to dispel any thought in his mind that there are no keen Surprise ringers in Shropshire. — Yours faithfully, FREDERICK PRICE.

Market Drayton, Salop.

SHROPSHIRE NOT SUCH A BAD PLACE

Dear Sir,—While I am not in a position to contradict what Mr. Rowe says in his letter in Feb. 17th issue concerning the state of change ringing in Shropshire generally, I am very pleased to be able to name the tower where the ringer I referred to in my letter learnt his Surprise methods. It is Market Drayton, and he tells me that when he left, Cambridge, Superlative and London were rung regularly for Sunday services there. He also took part in a peal of Superlative there about six months ago when spending a week-end in the town.

I can assure Mr. Rowe from my own personal experience that he has a very sound knowledge in these methods which could only have been acquired by considerable practice. So, maybe, Shropshire isn't such a bad place to live in after all.—Yours truly,

'PROGRESSIVE.'

Rugby.

A NEW SPLICE IN MINOR

Dear Sir,—The discovery of a new splice in Minor is evidence that the Exercise can still offer rewards to the patient investigator in fields in which it is thought there is nothing new.

Mr. J. Segar, jun., of Retford, has pointed out to me that Thirds Place Delight No. (1-11) and (2-12) splice in complete courses with Surprise (18-26).

Mr. Driver in compiling his tables apparently missed this splice, and I am sure that all interested in this aspect of ringing will be grateful to Mr. Segar for his discovery.—Yours faithfully, C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Altrincham, Cheshire.

RICKMANSWORTH'S RHYME

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. Hone, there appears in the belfry at Rickmansworth a rhyme which runs:—

Gentleman ringers far and near,
That are disposed to ringing here,
Mark these rules and note them well,
The man that overturns his bell,
Unto the Sexton sixpence pays,
Before he passes hence away,
And he that ring with Spur or Hat,
Shall pay likewise fourpence for that,
Ropes cost, Oyl is dear,
Likewise make pay or come not here.

Yours truly,

DONALD R. BARTHOLOMEW.

Rickmansworth, Herts.

PEALS AT LITTLE MISSENDEN

Dear Sir,—Regarding Nolan Golden's letter, March 3rd, I would like to know for my own personal record what were the methods rung at Little Missenden on the date he mentions. I remember the peal being rung, but was away from the village on that day. I was not then a member of the Oxford Guild (as all the ringers of this church are now).

I would also like to know if any other peals have been rung on the bells. Perhaps some of your readers could tell me. No peals have been rung since the ring was augmented to six in 1948, but we hope to remedy this in the very near future.—Yours faithfully,

S. J. ORCHARD.

Amersham, Bucks.

IN DEFENCE OF THE ORDINARY MEMBER

Dear Sir,—It occurred to me, whilst reading Mr. Dyke's reply to the letter appearing in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' under the heading 'Membership—something to work for,' and signed J. W. Drew, that perhaps the general secretary's 'Ringing World' was a different edition from the one I received. I can see nothing in Mr. Drew's letter to have raised the ire of anyone, least of all the general secretary's. His letter undoubtedly was written whilst he was hot under the collar. He certainly hadn't cooled off by the time he had reached his last few lines either. Doesn't he like constructive criticism? I'm sure he does. But I'm forced to conclude that the criticism would have been accepted had it come from someone other than an 'ordinary member.'

Mr. Dyke went to great lengths to explain his attitude towards membership, particularly the probation period. I do not think this was necessary. Everyone knows that there must, or should be, a period of probation for learners. Mr. Drew didn't mention probation or probationers. It's an accepted fact, sir, but it is not carried out strictly to rules. That is as I see it.

Mr. Drew's criticism is that it is no use drawing up a set of rules if they are to be broken left and right. Mr. Dyke says, 'If good striking were a condition of membership, I am afraid that the ranks of all guilds would suffer depletion.' Granted, Mr. Dyke. But how can this be reconciled with the statement made at the annual meeting held at Yeovil, 'That the bad strikers, etc., should be weeded out,' or words to that effect? The general secretary says that he has taught a call change band to ring Grandsire Triples well within two years. I notice that they were probationers for that period. They are, if they are not already, entitled to full membership and they jolly well deserve it.

Which would Mr. Dyke prefer? A band of ringers like that or persons scarcely able to handle a bell made full members? I would suggest that Mr. Dyke should come West, or is it South-West, a little more. He would see that there are people who are justly proud of their achievements in relation to the teaching of our art. Modesty prevents them from making a song about it.

In conclusion, sir, may I add that no one doubts the capabilities appertaining to the ringing of Mr. Dyke. I know of no one in the Bath and Wells Association who would dispute this. I understand also that it is impossible for him to be at every meeting to see for himself. I would beg of him, then, not to treat an 'ordinary member' as a very naughty boy for having the courage of his convictions and expressing them.—Sincerely yours,

R. BEALE.

Shepton Beauchamp, Somerset.

Membership Qualifications

Dear Sir,—I read Mr. Dyke's letter in the issue of March 3rd with interest, and, as the sting seemed to be in the tail, I will answer that first.

I must admit that when my letter appeared in print I realised that one sentence could be misconstrued, and from the tone of Mr. Dyke's closing sentences I was right.

I did not mean to suggest that members were being roped in just to make the figures look more impressive, but as this construction has been put on a sentence in my letter, I withdraw it unreservedly.

What I did mean was that ringers were being elected as full members without any probationary period. I am sure that it is only a question of the rule being overlooked, but the fact remains it is overlooked, and members who should *rightly* be probationers, attain the status of full members straight away.

Mr. Dyke quotes the case of young lads taught by Mr. Sanger and himself who were admitted as probationers. This obviates any question of denying them membership, as they were brought into the Guild in the correct way and evidently qualified in the correct way for full membership. This is obviously the proper procedure and one that should be followed throughout the Association. — Yours sincerely, JACK W. DREW.

Stoke-under-Ham, Somerset.

THE PIGEONS OF LONG STANTON

Dear Sir,—The thanks of the band who rang the peal of Superlative at Long Stanton, Cambs, on March 3rd, are due to Messrs. M. Ginn and G. E. Crisp, who spent several hours during the week clearing out the accumulated rubbish of years of bird life from under the bell frame.

We hope that the church authorities, who have made a splendid job of cleaning and re-decorating the church, will be able to have the wire refixed in the tower, to keep out the pigeons, whose misguided efforts will, we hope, do the churchwarden's garden a world of good.—Yours faithfully, C. W. COOK.

Newton, Cambridge.

FIRST ALL-LADIES' PEAL

Dear Sir,—A paragraph in your issue of March 3rd mentions 'the first all ladies' peal . . . rung at Handsworth (Sheffield) 22 years ago.' (1928?)

Peal boards in the belfry of St. Peter's Church, Portishead, commemorate the following:—

(1) At Christ Church, Cubitt Town, London, on July 20th, 1912, a peal of Grandsire Triples, being the first all ladies' peal (including two from Portishead).

(2) At Portishead, on Jan. 30th, 1915, a peal of Grandsire Triples, the first peal for the Ladies' Guild, and the first rung by eight ladies from one tower.

(3) At Portishead, on Jan. 5th, 1918, an all ladies' peal of Grandsire Triples, all but one being local members. (In memoriam Miss Maud Pigott.)—Yours faithfully,

M. E. MCGUIRE.

Portishead, Somerset.

LONDON AT HELMINGHAM
44 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—I well recall the peal of London mentioned in Belfry Gossip of Feb. 24th at Helmingham 44 years ago, connected with one recorded in the March 3rd 'Ringing World.'

It was one of those performances that stands out in one's career. The four local ringers—G. Wightman, W. Wightman, W. G. Crickmer and E. Lanham—had not till then rung a touch of London, and so far as my memory serves, the brothers Wightman rang without a trip. 'Jimmy' Motts, of Ipswich, was the conductor.—Yours sincerely,

Braintree, Essex. LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

MR. J. H. SHEPHERD.

A well-known personality in the Exercise, Mr. James Horace Shepherd was found dead in bed at his home, 10, Gloucester Street, Swindon, on Sunday, March 5th. He was 80 years of age.

Mr. Shepherd was a native of Ilminster and was educated at Bristol University when he obtained the Whitworth scholarship, then regarded as one of the highest engineering qualifications. He came to Swindon at the age of 19 to serve as a pupil with the G.W.R. When he retired in 1935 as assistant out-station manager, he had completed 46 years with the G.W.R.

Bellringing was his great hobby. He had rung in nearly 4,000 churches in all parts of the country. Until a serious illness some six years ago he was a bellringer at Christ Church, Swindon. A Freemason, Mr. Shepherd was a member of lodges at Swindon, Bath and Reading.

The funeral service was held at Christ Church, Swindon, last Friday.

MR. R. STREDWICK.

An old Sussex ringer, Mr. Richard Stredwick, died suddenly on February 15th at the home of his daughter, Dial Point, West Grinstead. He was 78 years of age.

He learnt to ring on the five bells at Aldrington when a lad in the choir. He retired from Aldrington in 1896 and joined St. Peter's, Brighton with whom as well as with St. Nicholas', he rang many peals. Later he became an independent member of the Sussex Association and rang with various towers in the county, including West Grinstead, East Grinstead, Hurstpierpoint, Storrington, Shipley and Pulborough. He rang 104 peals, his first being on November 6th, 1897, and his last on November 24th, 1947.

A service in St. Leonard's Church, Aldrington, preceded the interment at Hove Cemetery, the Rector (the Rev. M. T. Moggridge) officiating. The bells were rung before and after the service and a touch of Grandsire Doubles at the graveside by A. Bond 1-2, F. Bennett 3-4, H. Stalham 5-6.

HIS PEALS.

Minor.—Cambridge 1.
Triples.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 31.
Major.—Plain Bob 4, Kent Treble Bob 3, Double Norwich 18, Superlative 18, Cambridge 8, London 1.
Caters.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 8.
Royal.—Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 4, Cambridge 2. Total 104.

MR. R. TREHEARNE.

We regret to record the death on February 24th of Mr. R. Trehearne, of Cotterell Street, Hereford. For over 70 years he was a ringer, of which 42 years were spent at St. Nicholas', Hereford, where he was also a sidesman.

The funeral service was held at St. Nicholas', Hereford, on March 1st. In the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung half-muffled by the following members of the local band: W. Yates 1, H. Johnson 2, W. Ritson (cond.) 3, W. Farr 4, F. Downes 5, P. Bruce 6.

MR. H. R. THORPE.

With regret we record the death on January 7th of Mr. Hugh Reginald Thorpe, of Buckland, Surrey, after a long illness. He was 67 years of age.

He had been connected with Buckland Church for many years, being the conductor of the local band. He had rung many peals of Treble Bob and other methods.

The funeral was at Buckland on January 11th, the service being conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. H. W. Sanders). Apart from the family mourners, there were present many friends, including ringers from Buckland, Reigate and Betchworth.

MR. JOHN RAPLEY.

An old Sussex ringer, Mr. John Rapley, of Thakeham, died on Feb. 24th in his 91st year. He was not a great ringer, but rang in the last century.

It was largely through his initiative that the then five bells at Thakeham were recast and rehung. He was churchwarden for about 50 years and clerk to the Parish Council for the same period and headmaster of the village school from 1889 to 1924. His high example will long be remembered in the village.

To his memory 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung half-muffled on March 5th by Miss K. Robinson 1, C. Skinner 2, Miss J. Gumbrell 3, C. Hone 4, B. Farhall (cond.) 5, J. Robinson 6.

MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS' WILL LIBRARY TO WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.

A library of books on bellringing and literature connected with ringing have been left to Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild by Mr. George Williams, of Eastleigh, who died on January 28th, 1949.

Mr. Williams left £3,582 8s. 8d. gross, £3,531 13s. 1d. net value.

Among other bequests were:—

'My set of 16 handbells by Shaw, and also the handbell peal record framed and dated March 24th, 1892, in which my dear wife rang one and two at our home,' to Victor Scardfield.

£200 upon trust for the upkeep of the graveyard of St. Nicholas' Church North Stoneham, Hampshire, any surplus annual income to be used in keeping the church's 10 bells in order.

£100 upon trust for the upkeep of the graveyard of St. Mary and All Saints' Church, Droxford, Hampshire.

£100 upon trust for the upkeep of the graveyard of Meonstoke Parish Church.

Properties at East Meon, Langrish, Ramsdean and The Stroud, all near Petersfield, to Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

His residence, motor-car and certain effects to William Rowe, of 1, Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh, and his wife, 'in recognition of their services and kindness to me after the death of my dear wife.'

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT.

About 50 ringers attended the Leatherhead District's annual meeting at Leatherhead on February 18th, representing most of the towers in the district, including the three just transferred from the Guildford District, and these were given a warm welcome by the Ringing Master, Mr. H. N. Pitso, before the commencement of the business meeting.

Tea was served at the Institute, following a service, conducted by Canon F. A. Page, with an address by the Rev. M. R. Buckley. The usual business meeting followed, with Canon Page in the chair. The committee's report on the year recorded the death of Mr. A. Hadley, of Ewell, the assistant secretary's first peal and the continuance of a local Sunday service band at Ashted.

Commenting on the bad 'go' of Ockley bells at a meeting held there, Mr. Grover said that the meeting had done some good, as he had had a letter about the bells and the tower, and saying that an estimate was being sought to overhaul them. There was no sign of anything being started at Capel yet, though it had been hoped that a start was to have been made early in the year.

A grant of £2 from the district funds was voted to the Cobham tower repair fund, which repair had cost over £200.

The meeting ended with the usual votes of thanks to Canon Page and the Rev. Buckley, to E. Bugden (organist) and G. Marriner, and ringing was resumed until nearly 9 o'clock, though, as is usual with a large attendance, the striking suffered on the whole.

Mr. Frank E. Pervin

Mr. Frank E. Pervin, of Coventry, celebrated his 65th birthday on March 8th, which was the 50th anniversary of his first peal. During his half-century of ringing he has rung 527 peals, of which he has conducted 146. His list is appended:—

TOWER BELLS.

Maximus.—Cambridge 24 (3); Yorkshire 2; Belgrave 1; Lincolnshire 1; Lindsey 1; Albanian 1; Prittlewell 1; Kent Treble Bob 1; Plain Bob 1 (1).

Royal.—Cambridge 13 (2); Yorkshire 4 (1); Belgrave 1 (1); Albanian 1; Kent Treble Bob 3; Plain Bob 2.

Major.—Cambridge 27 (6); Bristol 20 (6); London 15 (2); Superlative 13 (4); New Cambridge 4 (2); Rutland 3 (1); Belgrave 2 (2); Yorkshire 2; Spliced (4 methods) 1; Lincolnshire 1; Ipswich 1; Warwickshire 1; York 1; Staffordshire 1; Pudsey 1; Ashted 1; Stratford 1; Hinton 1 (1); Painswick 1; Peterborough 1; Spliced Treble Bob 1 (1); Kent Treble Bob 10 (6); Oxford Treble Bob 1 (1); Double Norwich 16 (4); Plain Bob 15 (5).

Minor.—Seven methods 1; five methods 1; four methods 2 (1); three methods 4 (1); Cambridge 7 (2); London 1; Wells 1; Kent Treble Bob 2 (1); Plain Bob 13 (9).

Cinques.—Stedman 93 (14), including one rung silent; Grandsire 1; Erin 1.

Caters.—Stedman 23 (5); Grandsire 6 (2).
Triples.—Stedman 37 (16); Grandsire 27 (13); Erin 1 (1).

HANDBELLS.

Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal 3 (1); Kent Treble Bob Major 8 (5); Oxford Treble Bob Major 1 (1); Double Norwich Major 2 (1); Bob Major 10 (4); Bob Minor 5 (4); Stedman Cinques 45 (10), including three rung silent; Stedman Caters 33 (6).

Total of tower-bell peals 419 (conducted 114).
Total of handbell peals 108 (conducted 32).

DEDICATION

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.

The service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the bells of St. Lawrence's, Long Buckby, was held on Saturday, March 4th.

The singing so ably led by the choir, the thanksgiving prayers of the priest from the ringing chamber, and the presence of a large congregation, which included approximately 40 ringers from neighbouring towers, all combined to make the occasion one which will long be remembered.

Immediately after the service the opening touch was rung by members of the local band. The other ringers then took part in short touches.

The ladies of the church kindly provided tea, after which the Rev. T. W. Long expressed the thanks of the company to the Vicar and all of the parish who had assisted.

The monthly meeting of the Guilsborough Branch followed, with the Rev. T. W. Long in the chair. It was decided that the next meeting be at Yelvertoft on April 15th, and that arrangements be made to visit Taylor's bell foundry on June 10th.

The bells of St. Lawrence's, Long Buckby, are a ring of five (tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.) and were rehung in an iron frame in 1900 by J. Taylor and Co., and have now been further restored by the same firm by rehanging on ball bearings. Messrs. Taylor's were represented at the service by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: J. H. Hunt 1, Miss A. Morrison 2, P. Page 3, F. C. Love 4, G. Barton 5, T. Page (cond.) 6. First quarter peal in the method by all.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Congreve-Pridgeon 1, F. Green 2, J. Howe 3, F. Page 4, J. Toms 5, F. Howe 6, M. O. Thomas (cond.) 7, T. Drinkwater 8.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.

— On Feb. 26th, 1,260

Grandsire Triples; H. Reynolds 1, E. A. Gurd 2, C. Reynolds 3, F. G. Barron 4, C. W. Philpotts 5, E. Brown 6, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, J. Hedges 8. A compliment to H. Reynolds on his 75th birthday.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Medway 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, W. Hurford 3, R. W. Perry 4, M. Helps 5, L. Coles 6, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 7, H. Merrett 8. First of Grandsire by 4, 5 and 6.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss B. Stephenson 1, A. W. Bond 2, E. F. Cox 3, R. Beale 4, A. W. Gravett (cond.) 5, H. W. Woolven 6, J. A. Smith 7, J. V. Lonsbrough 8, W. H. Hargreaves 9, W. C. Hart 10. All members of local band. First of Bob Royal by all except 2, 5 and 10.

BRINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. M. Pendleton (first quarter) 1, E. Smith (first quarter 'inside') 2, V. Perry 3, S. Manning 4, E. Garrett (cond.) 5, W. Reeves 6.

BRISTOL.—On Feb. 26th, at St. Ambrose's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Davis (first quarter) 1, F. Skidmore 2, N. Denson 3, Miss A. Clarke 4, Sgr. R. G. Hooper 5, Miss M. James (first quarter) 6, A. C. Baker (cond.) 7, V. Lucas 8. A birthday compliment to Miss M. Davis.

CAMBERWELL, LONDON.—On Feb. 19th, at St. Giles', 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: F. Mead 1, Miss R. J. Pett (first quarter in method) 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Miss S. E. Harris 4, Miss E. D. Farrell 5, N. Hollingworth 6, A. F. Thirst 7, F. D. Bishop 8, D. J. Charnley 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10.—On Feb. 26th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: N. Belcher 1, J. B. Sansom 2, D. G. Clift 3, T. G. Fox 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, P. A. F. Chalk 6, A. W. J. Appleton (cond.) 7, J. E. Chilcott 8.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Priddle 1, R. Beale (cond.) 2, G. Hattland 3, H. Gaylard 4, R. Hector 5, J. W. Drew 6, J. T. Locke 7, G. Budd 8. First quarter for 1, 3, 5 and 8.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Haile (first of Triples) 1, G. Tembey (first quarter) 2, G. W. Tembey 3, R. Percival (first 'inside') 4, A. Filbeck 5, J. H. Rothery 6, S. Richardson (cond.) 7, W. Douglas 8.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Mrs. G. E. Watson 1, A. Gibbs 2, G. Watson (cond.) 3, E. Whitmore 4, P. Chapman 5. First of Stedman Doubles by 1, 2, 3 and 5.

HAVERING, ESSEX.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. C. C. Roome 1, Mrs. M. M. Osborne 2, Miss S. Booth 3, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 4, H. W. Roome (first quarter 'inside') 5, H. Perry 6.

HORLEY, SURREY.—At St. Bartholomew's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Taylor 1, W. Slaughter 2, L. W. Penfold 3, R. Beale 4, H. Parsons 5, F. Sadler 6, A. J. Bull (cond.) 7, W. Hunt 8. A welcome to the Rev. J. H. Torrens at his induction.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. E. Wright 1, H. Worboys 2, G. Richardson 3, A. Salisbury 4, J. Carrott 5, F. V. Gant 6, T. East (cond.) 7, S. J. Penfold 8. A welcome home to J. Armstrong (Dagenham) after his period of national service in Germany.

KINGSBURY, MIDDLESEX.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Smith 1, R. Studdard 2, D. C. Birkinshaw 3, J. H. P. Framford 4, J. E. Lankester 5, R. H. Gilbert 6, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 7, F. J. Sills (first quarter) 8.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. Dawson 1, C. R. Smith 2, L. J. Fox (first of Surprise) 3, C. A. Hughes 4, T. G. Fox 5, J. Groves 6, C. E. Willington 7, J. Crampton (cond.) 8. First in method by 2 and 4.

QUARTER PEALS

LONDON.—On Feb.

26th, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 1,162 Grandsire

Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, R. Charge 2, R. W. Green 3, F. A. Barker 4, G. Parsons (cond.) 5, G. Charge 6, A. W. Coles 7, R. Begrie 8. A birthday compliment to G. Parsons.

LONDON.—At St. Margaret's, Westminster, 1,287 Stedman Caters: A. W. J. Appleton 1, Mrs. E. E. Davis 2, W. H. Hewett (cond.) 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, W. J. Nudds 5, R. W. Stannard 6, R. Charge 7, J. W. Chapman 8, R. Sanders 9, H. Belcher 10.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. E. Putwain (first of Major) 1, M. A. Collings (first of Major and first 'inside') 2, H. E. Werrett 3, J. S. Dear 4, L. B. Scott 5, W. O. Pooley 6, R. V. Webb (cond.) 7, E. G. Buck 8.

PONTESBURY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Feb. 9th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: G. Lewis 1, E. W. Colley 2, C. E. Overton 3, J. G. Heath 4, R. F. Davies (cond.) 5, H. Stephens (first quarter) 6. A farewell to J. G. Heath, who has joined the R.A.F. A birthday compliment to G. Lewis. A compliment to Mr. C. Overton, sen., on completing 45 years' ringing and who has retired.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. F. B. Speed 1, D. Martin 2, Joan Gray (first quarter of Stedman Triples) 3, V. J. Benning 4, E. Dodds 5, P. M. J. Gray 6, D. N. Layton (cond.) 7, F. W. Wicks 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On March 5th, 1,264 Bob Major: W. L. Rayner 1, F. J. Cheal 2, T. A. Cross 3, Miss P. Smea 4, G. A. Naylor 5, W. J. Walker 6, B. Edwards 7, E. Naylor (first of Major as cond.) 8.

READING, BERKS.—On Feb. 26th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. J. Diserens 1, R. F. Diserens 2, A. Diserens (cond.) 3, J. S. Taylor 4, W. Maxted 5, R. S. Hunt (first quarter of Stedman) 6, R. O. Fry 7, P. J. Dyke 8.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.—At St. Chad's on Feb. 26th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: Miss B. A. Carter 1, W. A. Farmer 2, C. A. Barron 3, E. A. Reeves 4, J. Butler 5, W. G. Jones 6, W. R. Stockdale 7, F. G. Beddow 8, F. H. Bennett (cond.) 9, C. B. Golding 10. To celebrate the wedding of Miss Ruby Lloyd, of Berrington, and Dr. W. B. Lane.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (960 Bob Doubles, 300 Grandsire): E. Boardman (first quarter) 1, E. L. Roberts 2, R. Partridge 3, E. Anger 4, P. Anger (cond.) 5, E. Grainger 6.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—On Feb. 12th, at the Cathedral, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: R. W. Green 1, A. W. J. Appleton 2, Miss J. A. England 3, M. V. Chilcott (cond.) 4, J. E. Chilcott 5, H. Langdon 6, L. Fox 7, J. A. Goodall (first of Cinques) 8, D. E. Parsons 9, P. A. F. Chalk 10, R. F. Deal 11, J. Phillips 12.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob: D. Cattell 1, E. J. Leversuch 2, F. Cattell 3, A. Wenban 4, C. Wenban 5, T. Clark 6, W. J. Nudds 7, W. Wenban (cond.) 8. First in method for all except ringers of 7 and 8. First in method on the bells.

STOKE MANDEVILLE, BUCKS.—On Feb. 17th, 480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Jones 1, Mrs. R. Ling 2, T. G. Park 3, H. Jones 4, R. Ling (cond.) 5, B. Collins (first quarter) 6. First in method 2 and 3. Rung for Rev. Winterton's 80th birthday.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 11th, 360 Reverse Canterbury, 360 April Day, 360 Plain Bob and 180 Grandsire Doubles: H. Davis 1, E. Norman 2, R. Short 3, C. Clarke 4, F. Sweet (cond.) 5, O. Pole 6. First in four methods by all.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 25th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss W. Oliver 1, A. J. Smith 2, G. Grover 3, G. Marriner 4, E. Coward 5, G. Peters 6, B. Hawkins 7, A. H. Smith (cond.) 8. First quarter of Kent Treble Bob Major for 1 and 2.

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MEETINGS

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Reigate, March 18th. Bells 3 and after meeting. Service 5, followed by tea.—C. de Stee. C. Parks, Hon. Sec. 6648

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Saturday, March 18th, 3 p.m., rededication Watlingbury bells by Bishop Tonks. All ringers cordially invited. 6642

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Measham (8), March 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 6692

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Burwash, March 18th. Bells 3 p.m. 6664

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Eynesbury, Saturday, March 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 6667

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—March (6), Saturday, March 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 6685

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, March 18th, at 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards at St. Giles', Camberwell, 4.30 to 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 6659

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—The ninth annual supper and social at the Church Hall, Heston, on Saturday, March 18th, 6 p.m. Bells from 3.30. Tickets (8s. 6d.) from tower secretaries and F. A. Finch, Dis. Sec. 6688

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Ipswich, March 18th. St. Clement's (6), St. Lawrence's (5), 3 to 9; St. Matthew's (6), 6 to 8. Tea 5, Plough Inn, Old Cattle Market. 6686

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Meeting, March 18th, Stoke, Coventry. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 6698

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Saturday, March 25th, West Malling (8). Joint meeting, Ladies' Guild, South-Eastern District. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 6668

LADIES' GUILD.—South-Eastern District.—Saturday, March 25th, West Malling (8). Joint meeting with Maidstone District of K.C.A. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 6680

BURFORD, OXFORD.—Dedication of restored ring of eight by Lord Bishop of Dorchester, Saturday, March 25th, 3 p.m. Tea (2s.) in Church House, 4.30 p.m., followed by ringing. Names for tea not later than March 20th to B. S. Nichols, c/o 85, The Avenue, Kennington, Oxford. 6673

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Charlwood (6) on Saturday, March 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., tea afterwards. Names for tea by Tuesday, March 21st, to Miss R. Foreman, 114, Croydon Road, Reigate. 6677

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Melton Mowbray, March 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, not later than Tuesday, Mar. 21st. All ringers welcome.—Jill Poole, Hon. Sec. 6681

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Biddenden, Mar. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 6682

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—The two new trebles (augmenting the ring to eight) will be dedicated by the Bishop of Salisbury on Saturday, March 25th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 4 for those who notify me by Wednesday, 22nd. Ringing afterwards.—P. Harding, Church Lane, North Bradley, Trowbridge, Wilts. 6697

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Heighington, March 25th, 2.30. Names for tea by 22nd inst.—J. T. Titt, 54, Stooperdale Avenue, Darlington. 6709

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Meeting, Helmdon, March 25th. Names for tea by 21st to W. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, near Buckingham. 6710

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Ockbrook, Saturday, March 25th, 3.15. Own tea arrangements.—J. F. Wilkinson, Hon. Sec. 6711

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Hordle (6), March 25th, from 2.30. Tea, Milford, 5. Milford bells evening.—Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 6719

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, March 25th, Little Missenden, 3. Tea. Names by 20th. Amersham 6.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 6712

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Burbage, March 25th. Bells (8) 3. Tea and meeting in Old Schools 5. Notify Mr. C. Turner, Barian, Cowper Road, Hinckley, by Tuesday, March 21st. 6717

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgewater Branch.—Practice meeting at Spaxton, March 25th, 6.30 to 9 p.m.—R. Short, Hon. Sec. 6718

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Dodderhill, Saturday, Mar. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, March 21st, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 6722

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Brixworth, March 25th. Tea if ordered by March 22nd to Mr. Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 6724

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Northiam, Saturday, March 25th. Tower open 2.30. Names for tea by 23rd to P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec., 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 6708

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Shepshead, March 25th. Business meeting 3. Tea 4 in C. of E. School. Ringing 4.45. Names for tea to Miss Smith, 39, Forest Street, Shepshead, by March 21st.—C. W. Hall. 6701

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice, Bleadon (6), Saturday, March 25th, 5 to 9.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec., Sandford, Bristol. 6704

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—Meeting at West Stow, March 25th, 3. Tea for those who notify Mr. A. F. Ballam, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds. 6703

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, March 25th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 6721

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Yate, March 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by March 20th to Miss Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall, Glos. 6729

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bitton (8) 3, March 25th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by March 21st, Mr. N. Denson, No. 1, Quadrant East, Fishponds, Bristol 5. 6702

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Romsey, March 25th, 2.30. Names for tea by March 21st to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 6699

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Gloucester meeting, March 25th. St. Mary-de-Lode (6) 3 p.m., St. Mary-de-Crypt (8) 6 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. All names for tea by morning, March 21st, to Larnier, Chedholm, Churchdown Lane, Hucclecote, Glos. 6731

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenhams Branch.—Corsham, March 25th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea by March 22nd to R. Tigwell, 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenhams. 6706

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Newmarket, April 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve, Hockwold. 6726

HALIFAX DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest, Elland, Saturday, April 1st. For teas notify F. Lainfoot, 78, Elland Lane, Elland, by Saturday, March 18th.—A. Farrand, Sec. 6627

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting, Hadlow (8), April 1st, at 3. Tea 4.30. No service. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, by March 27th. 6730

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Brentwood (8) on April 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to A. Pryke, 199, Ongar Road, Brentwood. 6670

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Kirtlington (8) on Saturday, April 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by March 25th, please.—C. H. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 6716

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, April 10th, at Norwich. Bells available, Mancroft 10 to 12 and 2.30 onwards; St. Giles', St. Miles' and St. John de Sepulchre's (8 each) by arrangement. Standing Committee, Mancroft, 11.30. Service, Mancroft, 12 noon; preacher, Rev. K. O. Morris. Lunch, Mancroft Youth Centre, Chapelfield East, 1. Business meeting follows. Lunch, 4s. each. Names for lunch must be sent by Saturday, April 1st, to Gen. Sec., Rev. A. G. Thurlow, 3, Colegate, Norwich. 6662

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 10th. Service in All Saints' Church at 11 a.m. Business meeting in College Hall 12 noon prompt. Reports obtained and subscriptions paid in College Hall 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. Coffee obtainable in College Hall at 1.15; bring own sandwiches. Tea (2s. 6d.) arranged at 4.45 for all who notify me before Wednesday, April 5th. Bells available: All Saints' (10) 10.30 a.m.; Claines (10), St. John's (8), Kempsey (6), 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 5.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgemoor, Evesham. 6723

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Rochester, Easter Monday. Names (or numbers) for lunch to G. H. Spice, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne. 6725

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Ottery St. Mary, Easter Monday. Service 4. Tea after. Names by March 31st.—J. Arbury, 2, Paternoster Row, Ottery St. Mary. 6707

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Plympton St. Maurice, Saturday, April 15th. Names by April 12th to T. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 6727

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A WARWICKSHIRE VILLAGE

THREE weeks ago we featured certain characteristics of the old Cheshire village of Bunbury. The article has inspired an interesting letter from Mr. H. R. Leach concerning the Warwickshire village of Bilton, near Rugby. Much of the glory of English life is to be found in villages and their bells. Time moves slowly in many of these communities, and they bring a hallowed restfulness to the town dweller whose mind is not dulled by the artificiality of the age.

It was back in September, 1948, that St. Mark's Church, Bilton, was restored, and the shingled spire surmounting the sturdy tower made safe. At the same time the five old bells were rehung in an iron frame and a sixth bell added as a memorial to the men of the village who gave their lives on service during the 1939-45 War. The work was carried out by Messrs. Taylors, of Loughborough. The dedication service had a special hymn written for the occasion:—

Back six hundred years in history

Men whose names remain unknown,
Raised this House of strength and beauty,

Craftsmen wrought in wood and stone:

Willing hands, inspired with worship,

Faltered not when times were dark,

Till at length this Church was standing

Dedicated to St. Mark.

Three of these bells are of considerable antiquity and were cast *circa* 1460. The present third, bearing the inscription, 'Sancta Katerina Ora Pro Nobis,' was made by John Sturdy or John Kebyll, of London, and weighs 4 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. The fourth and fifth were both cast by John Danyell, of London, and are respectively inscribed, 'Wox Augustini Sonet in Aure Dei' and 'Beata Katerina Ora Pro Nobis. Ihu Merci Ladi helpe.' Their weights are 5 cwt. 13 lb. and 7 cwt. 14 lb. The tenor was cast by the first Henry Bagley, of Chacombe, near Banbury, in 1662, and is in A flat. An unusual feature is that it is lighter than the fifth, being 7 cwt. 12 lb. The second is dated 1722, and was made by Richard Sanders, of Bromsgrove. The donor's name is inscribed on the bell, 'The gift of the Honourable Countess of Warwick.' The five bells have still their cannons and have never been recast; the only work undertaken on the original bells was to have them quarter-turned.

Bilton seems to have maintained its age-long tradition for ringing. Mr. Leach informs us that the local customs are as follows:—

On Sundays the bells are chimed for Communion service and rung for morning and evening service. Ringing also takes place at Christmas, Whit Sunday, Trinity Sunday and

New Year's Eve and also on November 5th. The death knell is sounded as soon as convenient, the usual tellers being followed by 15 minutes' tolling. The fourth bell is rung for an adult and the treble for a child. At funerals the fourth bell is tolled slowly for 10 minutes before the service and at the conclusion the tellers. An unusual custom is to ring a bell for choir practice.

Bilton has hitherto not figured prominently in 'The Ringing World.' None of the ringers had had any experience of change ringing prior to the rehanging of the bells, so they are at present a struggling band but, adds Mr. Leach, keen. They are only ringing plain courses through lack of instruction. The circumstances of this village are frequently met, and the solution is not easy. Progress can rarely be achieved without a competent instructor, although we did hear of a case in Berkshire where six young people by grim determination succeeded in ringing passably well, starting from scratch without an instructor.

Unquestionably it is one of the primary functions of Guilds to provide instructors. It was only recently that we gave details of work being accomplished in certain Norfolk villages where evening institute classes are being held in ringing. This is a relatively new angle of approach to the subject, and we trust that as time proceeds other educational authorities will take similar action. There are countless classes being held to foster and encourage the old English pastime of folk and country dancing, and there is no reason why change ringing, which is so characteristically English, should not receive the same support. Nevertheless, the main responsibility is with the Guilds themselves. We know of ringers who have dedicated their leisure to the purpose of advancing these struggling bands. Their names are honoured in their Guilds and Associations.

But all the help for these village bands must not come from outside. The keen beginner will not remain in his own tower but will be prepared to travel to neighbouring towers and district meetings to assimilate as much as possible. The greatest stumbling block on the part of many beginners, particularly when they have passed the first blush of youth, is a wrong impression that they are not wanted. It cannot be too strongly emphasised that the big programmes of meetings weekly advertised in our columns are held for the advancement of all stages of ringing. What is desired are two essential factors—keenness and good fellowship. Most Guilds will strain every nerve to help a struggling village band providing there is a genuine desire to learn and a reasonable aptitude to respond to the instruction. Lastly, there is no easy path to ringing. It cannot be accomplished satisfactorily without determination and application.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

*JOHN T. WALMSLEY ... Treble	JAMES CARTER ... 7
SELWYN H. DEARDEN ... 2	†STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... 8
†DEREK OGDEN ... 3	RICHARD BENSON ... 9
*FRANK BARRACLOUGH ... 4	*IVAN KAY ... 10
*HARRY WILD ... 5	*FRED DUNKERLEY ... 11
†SAM LONGBOTTOM ... 6	PHILIP H. TOCOCK ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Bob Maximus. ‡ 150th peal. First peal of Maximus as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Mar. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 7
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 8
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 9
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 4	T. MARK WHITE ... 10
WILLIAM G. CRITCHLEY ... 5	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 11
ALBERT WALKER ... 6	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
In memoriam Samuel Grove and James H. Shepherd. The conductor's 50th peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

CUTHBERT G. WHITE ... Treble	FRANCIS A. WHITE ... 6
EDWIN DREWITT ... 2	FREDK. C. WHITE ... 7
ANTHONY G. HOLIFIELD ... 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD ... 8
FRANK WHITE ... 4	RICHARD WHITE ... 9
JAMES BENNETT ... 5	*FRED WHITE ... Tenor

Composed by the late G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.
* 111th peal on tenor. Rung on the 132nd anniversary of the opening of the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Mar. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

H. JAMES TURNER ... Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 6
ALBERT WALKER ... 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 3	JOHN PINFOLD ... 8
HENRY H. FEARN ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 9
ARTHUR D. COOK ... 5	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.
A birthday compliment to Frank E. Pervin.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

Pritchard's Four-part.	†GEORGE W. MASSEY ... 5
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD Treble	SQUIRE CROFT ... 6
*BARBARA M. HARRIS ... 2	HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... 7
PEGGY G. KITCHEN ... 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... Tenor
THOMAS G. MILLER ... 4	

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

* First peal in method 'inside.' † First peal of Bob Major. A birthday compliment to Mr. H. J. Eldred.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 4½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Treble	PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 5
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS ... 6
RUTH M. K. HOW ... 3	ROBERT B. BLOND ... 7
JAMES BENNETT ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

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

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Fri., Mar. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

MARGARET FIDDELL ... Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 5
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 2	PETER N. BOND ... 6
WALTER ALLMAN ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... 7
T. MARK WHITE ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

MARGARET E. RICHARDS Treble	W. H. TRUEMAN ... 5
*A. R. PEAKE ... 2	WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL ... 6
†REV. T. P. HEARN ... 3	WILLIAM A. T. CARTER ... 7
HERBERT L. COOKE ... 4	WILFRED H. HAYWARD ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WM. A. T. CARTER.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal on tower bells. A silver wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Cooke.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ... Treble	RONALD STEWARD ... 5
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 6
GEORGE W. MOSS ... 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... 7
CHARLES A. ANDREWS ... 4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by F. G. BLOOMFIELD.

First peal of Major as conductor. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. David Elliot, of Groton, who, until his recent illness, was a frequent visitor to Hadleigh.

* HERSHAM, SURREY.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

HAROLD W. ROGERS ... Treble	N. G. HOLLINGWORTH ... 5
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS ... 2	†FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... 6
*SHEILA E. HARRIS ... 3	*EDWIN C. HYNARD ... 7
†SQUIRE CROFT ... 4	*DAVID J. CHARNLEY ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Surprise Major 'inside.' ‡ 50th peal. Rung by members of the Isleworth company.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*IAN S. BIGGS ... Treble	JOHN D. KAPE ... 5
F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 2	A. REGINALD BLABY ... 6
ANTHONY E. COX ... 3	WALTER LEE ... 7
PERCY NEWTON ... 4	ROLAND BIGGS ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

* First peal of Major. First Surprise peal on the bells by Sunday service ringers at the above church.

KINGHAM, OXON.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Mar. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Sir Arthur P. Heywood's Six-part. Tenor 12 cwt.
FRANK P. WRIGHT ... Treble ... 5
ANNE M. DICKINSON ... 2 ... 5
*M. ELIZABETH ROE ... 3 ... 7
RUTH M. K. HOW ... 4 ... 7
†W. GWYN THOMAS ... 5
†EWART H. EDGE ... 6
RODNEY B. MEADOWS ... 7
MICHAEL E. H. BARROW Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL E. H. BARROW.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. † First peal on eight bells.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.
THOMAS R. SIMMONS ... Treble ... 5
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 2 ... 6
*ARTHUR E. LONG ... 3 ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4 ... 7
GODFREY G. WALPOLE ... 5
HENRY TOOKE ... 6
GEORGE SAYER ... 7
H. WILLIAM BARRETT Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method.

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.
LEWIS NEWMAN ... Treble ... 5
JOHN L. MORRIS ... 2 ... 6
*MARGARET H. BAKER ... 3 ... 7
WILLIAM G. COOK ... 4 ... 7
WILLIAM R. MANSEY ... 5
LUTHER J. HONESS ... 6
PETER C. WRIGHT ... 7
†FRANK C. W. KNIGHT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN L. MORRIS (age 13).

* First peal of Major 'inside.' † 50th peal in the county.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 18½ cwt.
*JACK MUSSELL ... Treble ... 5
WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 2 ... 6
HERBERT ABRAHAM ... 3 ... 7
FRANK L. HARRIS ... 4 ... 7
*DAVID REED ... 5
*JOHN HARTLESS ... 6
†RONALD MARLOW ... 7
WILLIAM E. CHEATER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. CHEATER.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Surprise Major 'inside.'
First of Surprise as conductor.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 4, 1950, 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 12½ cwt.
MAVIS A. WHITEHEAD ... Treble ... 5
*PATRICIA A. CARTWRIGHT ... 2 ... 6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH ... 3 ... 7
MARY E. DAVIS ... 4 ... 7
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 6
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 7
ARTHUR V. DAVIS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal. This peal was rung by four daughters and their respective fathers. Believed to be the first father and daughter peal ever rung. The band was drawn from Leicester, Birmingham, Nuneaton and Bournemouth.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Mar. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Containing 2,208 Bristol, 1,920 London and 480 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 122 changes of method. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.
GEORGE E. FEARN ... Treble ... 5
JOHN PINFOLD ... 2 ... 6
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 3 ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4 ... 7
*T. MARK WHITE ... 5
WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
JOHN WORTH ... 7
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by J. TOPP. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Spiced Surprise on an 'inside' bell. First peal of Spiced Surprise on the bells.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Mar. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bertoline,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.
*THOMAS SKERRATT ... Treble ... 5
†JOHN BRASSINGTON ... 2 ... 6
ERIC B. ALLMAN ... 3 ... 7
JOHN TIMMIS ... 4 ... 7
GEORGE ASTBURY ... 5
FREDERICK GROCOTT ... 6
ARTHUR ALLMAN ... 7
*FREDERICK WINDSOR Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR ALLMAN.

* First peal. † 90th peal for the Guild.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.
VERNON BOTTOMLEY ... Treble ... 5
MOLLY AMBLER ... 2 ... 6
NORMA BICKERDIKE ... 3 ... 7
SAM BLUNDELL ... 4 ... 7
PAUL BIRKETT ... 5
EDWARD JENKINS ... 6
HARRY WILD ... 7
SAM LONGBOTTOM Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HARRY WILD.

First peal as conductor.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.
WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... Treble ... 5
JILL POOLE ... 2 ... 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3 ... 7
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 4 ... 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 6
HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 7
HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.
THOMAS E. SONE ... Treble ... 5
*WILLIAM G. COOK ... 2 ... 6
EDWIN H. LEWIS ... 3 ... 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4 ... 7
ROBERT COLLINS ... 5
DORIS E. COLGATE ... 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
ALFRED W. DURHAM Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 400th peal. 350th peal for the Association and 275th peal of Major. In memoriam Mrs. Jessie K. White, wife of Frederick White, of Tunbridge Wells.



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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

*JOHN HENSTRIDGE ... Treble	LEONARD A. TIDY ... 5
†JAMES W. KNIGHT ... 2	*JOHN W. CROUCH ... 6
*COLIN J. CHAMPION ... 3	GEORGE OLLIVER ... 7
FRANCIS T. HOAD ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal. † 50th peal.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

PERCY GREEN ... Treble	*P. J. SPENCER-PHILLIPS ... 5
GEORGE GREEN ... 2	RONALD SUCKLING ... 6
ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 7
HILDA SNOWDEN ... 4	P. T. SPENCER-PHILLIPS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by P. T. SPENCER-PHILLIPS.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor. Rung to commemorate Mr. George Green's 60th anniversary of his first peal (February 14th, 1890), and as a birthday compliment to Miss Hilda Snowden.

HATFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

*WILLIAM H. JACKSON ... Treble	JAMES THORLEY ... 5
*MILTON C. FOWLER ... 2	RAYMOND C. WESTNEY ... 6
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 3	JAMES MCCLUSKEY ... 7
*GIBSON JACKSON ... 4	ERNEST J. PADGETT ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. E. CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb.

ERIC J. GILBERT ... Treble	WALTER ALLMAN ... 5
EDWARD JENKINS ... 2	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	*JOHN WORTH ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. PYE. Umpire: TOM WILDE.
* 500th peal. This is first silent peal of Bristol.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Carter's odd-bob (original composition). Tenor 35½ cwt. in C sharp.

ALBERT H. WARD ... Treble	FREDK. G. HOOPER ... 5
CLEMENT GLENN ... 2	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 6
FREDK. A. SALTER ... 3	WALTER NICHOLS ... 7
GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Mar. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

*D. ROY BOULD ... Treble	WILLIAM G. LAVERS ... 5
*JOHN P. SIMS ... 2	†ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD ... 6
†H. HOWARD THOMAS ... 3	H. FREDERICK MYERS ... 7
THOMAS G. MYERS ... 4	§H. OWEN THOMAS ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. ‡ First peal in the method. § First peal. A congratulatory peal to Mr. and Mrs. John P. Sims on the birth of a second daughter, Patricia Mary.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ALDERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Feb. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 21 six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings) and 21 six-scores of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

*SIDNEY V. HALL ... Treble	*GEORGE F. WEBB ... 3
EDWARD G. BENNETT ... 2	*GEORGE A. ATKINS ... 4

ERIC NOBLES ... Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal of Doubles in two methods.

HINXWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALAN S. SMITH ... Treble	JOHN CHURCH ... 4
STANLEY H. WALLIS ... 2	*ALFRED J. OLDFIELD ... 5
*CYRIL J. SMITH ... 3	*HAKOLD W. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD W. SMITH.

* First peal of Surprise. A birthday compliment to ringers of 3 and 4.

ROYSTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being extents each of Plain Bob, Woodbine (2), Merchants' Return, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob (2).

*J. HALL ... Treble	*E. ATKINSON ... 4
E. STAINROD ... 2	*S. FIELDING ... 5
L. W. CARBUTT ... 3	*H. MANN ... Tenor

Conducted by L. W. CARBUTT.

* First peal in five methods.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

ARTHUR F. BALLAM ... Treble	ERNEST FOOTER ... 4
WILLIAM STANNARD, SEN. ... 2	†EDWARD A. MURRELL ... 5
*RICHARD J. STANNARD ... 3	CHARLES STANNARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR F. BALLAM.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the first anniversary of the Rev. William J. Parker as priest-in-charge of West Stow.

WICKHAMBREAUX, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN A. HILTON ... Treble	PETER NEWING ... 4
ALAN BUTLER ... 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 5
RONALD PEPPER ... 3	THOMAS H. HOLMES ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

First peal of Minor in two methods by all the band. A farewell peal to Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Smith, captain of Littlebourne ringers, who is leaving to reside at Chatham.

FOXLEY, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Feb. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in twelve methods: Cambridge Surprise, College and Reverse Bob, Double and Single Court, Double and Single Oxford, Plain and Double Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; 54 changes of method. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 4
GEORGE P. ADAMS ... 2	BERT GOGLE ... 5
GEORGE SAYER ... 3	NOLAN GOLDEN ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in twelve methods on the bells.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Feb. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eleven 240's and 20 six-scores. Tenor 9 cwt.

HENRY C. WEAVER ... Treble	FRANK CHIPPER ... 4
*ANNE W. RAE (13) ... 2	†RAYMOND P. WOOD ... 5
†FREDK. H. JACKSON ... 3	KEITH S. BRYDER ... Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' † 75th peal. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. G. Braden, a member of the local band, who is now in his 47th year of unbroken service ringing at this church.

CORLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*H. DAVID HARRISON ... Treble	*JOHN L. WOODWARD ... 3
W. BRIAN ELLENDER ... 2	HAROLD FOLWELL ... 4
WILLIAM A. STOTE ... Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

* First peal. A compliment to the treble ringer on his 41st birthday.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

HARRY J. HALL ... Treble	*RAYMOND G. LOFTY ... 4
GEORGE H. MOORE ... 2	CHARLES H. MOORE ... 5
*GORDON ELVIN ... 3	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by F. CHARLES GOODMAN.

* First peal of Minor.

PIDDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.

KILBY R. HOLTON ... Treble	GEORGE CARE ... 4
RONALD C. NOON ... 2	HARRY WOODING ... 5
WILLIAM R. HAMMONS ... 3	*ERIC NOBLES ... Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal of Minor in six methods. First as conductor in six methods. Birthday peal for conductor.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JOHN F. WOOD ... Treble	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 4
†WILLIE AARON ... 2	JAMES BLACKBURN ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 3	†PETER CROOK, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal of Minor. † 75th peal together. For the wedding of James Cooper, a ringer at this tower, and Renee Holehouse.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Spliced Charlwood and Neasden Delight, (2) Spliced St. Albans and Wragby Delight, (3) Capel Treble Bob, (4) Sandal Treble Bob, (5) Spliced Sandal and London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob, (6) Spliced London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob, (7) Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FRANCES M. LAFLIN ... Treble	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON ... 4
*ARTHUR HIBBERT ... 2	GEORGE H. ASHMORE ... 5
SYDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ... 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

* 50th peal.

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THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

CHRISTOPHER PILBEAM ... Treble	†CHARLES A. BASSETT ... 4
ERNEST J. LADD ... 2	DAVID A. CORNFORD ... 5
*KEVIN S. HOHL (age 14) ... 3	*GEOFFREY D. BURROUGHS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal. † 50th peal. First peal on six bells as conductor.

NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*GEORGE W. MITCHEL ... Treble	LOUIS WILLIERS ... 4
PETER MASON ... 2	AMOS INGALL ... 5
MOSES BILLINGS ... 3	OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by OWEN A. NEEDHAM.

* First peal. First in three methods as conductor.

PRESCOT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 1,200 St. Simon's (four callings), 1,200 April Day (eight callings), 1,200 Plain Bob (four callings), and 1,440 Grandsire (Morris' 240 and 10 callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

*RONALD PRESTON ... Treble	WILLIAM E. COURT ... 4
*JULIA M. PRESTON ... 2	WILFRED RILEY ... 5
*HARRY BLACKBURN ... 3	†EDWARD THOMAS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. COURT.

* First of Doubles in four methods. † First peal. First peal of Doubles as conductor. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Walter C. Finney, a local ringer.

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*COLIN B. GOLDING ... Treble	ALFRED E. G. OWEN ... 4
†GRAHAM LEWIS ... 2	RICHARD F. DAVIES ... 5
EDWARD W. COLLEY ... 3	*LEONARD COLLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. DAVIES.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,200 April Day, 1,440 Plain Bob and 2,400 Grandsire.

Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

RICHARD T. HOLDING... Treble	*KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH 4
*†M. G. MORGAN-WYNNE 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 5
*J. DEREK SMITH ... 3	*DENIS MOSS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT CRAWLEY.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal 'inside.' To celebrate the coming-of-age of the ringer of the 2nd.

WRAGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF WRAGBY DELIGHT MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

EVELYN M. WRIGHT ... Treble	MARGARET A. SWANN ... 4
GEOFFREY R. PARKER ... 2	ROBERT W. PARKER ... 5
JOHN E. COOK ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Guild. A birthday compliment to Geoffrey R. Parker.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720's as follows: (1) London and Wells, (2) York and Durham, (3) Alnwick and Newcastle, (4) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (5) Chester and Munden, (6) Surfleet and Beverley, (7) Cambridge and Primrose. Tenor 10 cwt.

STANLEY R. GARDNER ... Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ... 4
SAMUEL A. MARTIN ... 2	ROLAND BENISTON ... 5
C. WILLIAM HALL ... 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

First peal in 14 Surprise Minor methods by all the band and for the Guild.

ISLIP, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

HARRY P. FLOYD ... Treble	CHARLES COLES ... 4
M. ANGELA CARTER ... 2	*EDGAR J. SMITH ... 5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Minor.

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On Mon., Mar. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE WALL ... Treble	MARGARET FIDELL ... 4
ROBERT W. LEIGHTON ... 2	STEPHEN THOMPSON ... 5
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB ... 3	THOMAS W. DODD ... Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN THOMPSON.

Rung in celebration of the marriage of Stephen Thompson, son of the conductor and ringer at this church, to Miss Nora Tingle, which took place at the Memorial Methodist Church, North Shields, on March 4th.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Feb. 26, 1950, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPICED MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In eight methods, comprising: 1,472 Plain, 1,392 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 448 Reverse, 320 each of St. Clement's and Double Bob, 288 Wellington and 224 Crayford Little Bob, with 399 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.

Rung during a week-end visit to Bournemouth by Mr. Young.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT 9, WINDSOR STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

JOHN J. MORRIS ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ... 5-6
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 3-4	ALFRED BALLARD ... 7-8

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.

First peal 'in hand' as conductor. A birthday compliment to Miss Wendy Riddington.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT 47, HAYWARD ROAD, REDFIELD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in E flat.

ANNIE BROWN ... 1-2	ROYSTON G. BRYANT ... 5-6
EDWIN J. BROWN ... 3-4	TOM HARRIS ... 7-8

RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... 9-10

Composed by EDWARD FRANCIS. Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN. Rung as a compliment to Mr. R. C. Seager on his 60th birthday.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 4, 1950, in 1 Hour and 36 Minutes,
At 13, PEVRIL ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor size 12 in F.
BARRY COPE ... 1-2 | WILFRED L. ROBINSON ... 3-4
GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 5-6
Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sun., Mar. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At HOLLEBECKE, WITLEY AVENUE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5057 CHANGES;

No. 10. Tenor size 15 in C.
WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY... 3-4 | *EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 7-8
JAMES E. DANIELS ... 9-10
Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
Witness: N. DAVID LANE.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters 'in hand.' First peal of Grandsire Caters 'in hand' in Solihull.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Mar. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFREY,

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
*T. MARK WHITE ... 9-10

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal on ten handbells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Mar. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFREY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5057 CHANGES;

No. 10. 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
*T. MARK WHITE ... 9-10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters 'in hand.'

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., Mar. 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFREY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5057 CHANGES;

No. 10. Tenor size 16 in B.
WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY... 3-4 | *HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 7-8
GEORGE E. FEARN ... 9-10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal in the method 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 8, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFREY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18.
*WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 1-2 | ALFRED BALLARD ... 7-8
†MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | HAROLD J. POOLE ... 9-10
†DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6 | TERENCE A. THORNER ... 11-12
Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Maximus 'in hand.'

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Wed., Mar. 8, 1950, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
At 78, NEW ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 8 six-scores each of Stedman, Spliced Stedman and Original, Original, Plain Bob, and 10 six-scores of Grandsire, with 17 different callings, and each six-score a change of method.
VINCENT W. RIGG ... 1-2 | EDGAR C. SHEPHERD... 3-4
N. DAVID LANE ... 5-6
Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

HALL GREEN, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Fri., Mar. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
At 92, ETWALL ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.
MRS. F. T. MARSHALLSAY... 1-2 | WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4 | GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7-8
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

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months, 5s. 6d. three months, to Mrs. Fletcher,
The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.
Quarterly subscribers are reminded that their
subscriptions are now due.

Mr. E. Barnett, of Cray-
ford, Kent, writes: May I
offer my sympathy to Mr.
Frank E. Pervin? I can share in his disap-
pointment, having on May 18th, 1949, lost a
peal specially arranged on the 50th anniver-
sary of my first.

Mr. H. C. Weaver has completed the circle
of West Tarring (Sussex) tower.

Miss Margaret E. Richards rang the treble
to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Water-
moor, Cirencester, without a stay!

Mr. John Worth rang his 500th peal at
Hyde, Cheshire. It was a memorable occa-
sion, being the first silent peal of Bristol.

Mr. D. T. Matkin has now called peals of
Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus, both on
tower bells and 'in hand.'

Ringers at Silk Willoughby, Sleaford, Lincs,
precede their weekly practice during Lent with
a service from 7 to 8 p.m.

A word of praise comes from Frodsham to
Mr. Peter N. Bond for the way he handled
the sixth bell at Perry Barr, Birmingham, in
a peal of London on March 3rd.

We regret to learn that Mr. Percy Bray-
shaw, a former member of the St. Peter's,
Bournemouth, band, lost his life in an air
crash while serving with the R.A.F.

Kevin S. Hohl (14), who rang his first peal
at Hartfield, Sussex, is one of several promis-
ing youngsters who are being taught by
Messrs. E. J. Ladd and B. Collison at St.
Peter's, Tunbridge Wells.

Mr. Charles W. Roberts, who conducted the
peal of Spliced Surprise Major (Bristol, Bol-
ton and Peterborough), writes that the actual
date of the performance was February 2nd
and not 26th, as stated in 'The Ringing
World' of February 24th. He regrets the
error.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Another fine handbell
performance comes from
Burton-on-Stather, Mr.
George E. Feirn conducting a peal of 17 Major
methods spliced. Mr. John E. Spice rang 'in
hand' 21 Major methods at Oxford, but we
understand that this peal was not 'spliced'
according to the Central Council's Decisions.
If that is the case, Mr. Feirn's band has
created a new record in spliced ringing 'in
hand.'

His many friends will be pleased to learn
that Mr. Sam Hector, of Trowbridge, is now
much better.

We understand that the papers and records
of the late Mr. J. H. Shepherd have been left
to the Central Council.

Four of the century makers of 1949 rang in
a handbell peal of Plain Bob Maximus at
Leicester. They were Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay,
Messrs. D. T. Matkin, A. Ballard and H. J.
Poole.

With the peal at Ashton-under-Lyne on
March 4th, Messrs. D. Ogden, F. Barraclough
and I. Kay have rung Plain Bob from Minor
to Maximus, whilst Mr. P. H. Tocock has now
conducted Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

On March 12th, Mr. William H. Male, of
Warwick, tapped a quarter peal of Grandsire
Triples without the aid of figures on his minia-
ture chime of bells, in 45 minutes. The per-
formance was witnessed by his father, Mr. T.
Male.

The claim that the peal at Hazelbeech on
February 19th was the first on the bells has
been refuted from several sources. Mr. G. E.
Watson, of Burton Latimer, writes that at
least two peals were rung after 1933 for the
Midland Counties Association, viz., Stedman
Triples on June 13th, 1937, and Double Nor-
wich Court Bob Major on July 9th, 1939.

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UMPIRE'S INTERESTING OBSERVATIONS.

Congratulations to the Chester Diocesan Guild band who rang the first silent peal of Bristol Surprise Major at Hyde, Cheshire, on March 11th.

The umpire, Mr. T. Wilde, Ringing Master and instructor, Stockport and Bowdon Branch, Chester Diocesan Guild, makes the following interesting report on the proceedings:—

The peal was rung strictly silent and without any kind of signalling from one ringer to another. I warned the band before the start that I should stop the peal if there was any attempt to assist anyone who should make a mistake.

The 'slips' could be counted on the fingers of one hand and none went more than three or four changes before the culprit recovered himself. It was really a clever performance of peal ringing. I watched very carefully throughout the peal, saw every bob cleanly made, checked every course-end and the coursing order of the bells from the time I called 'Go' until I called 'Stand' at the conclusion of the peal.

I did not call 'That's all' as the bells came into rounds; I waited to see if anyone carried on, but, of course, that did not occur. It would, perhaps, have raised an argument if it had happened. I would not have certified the peal correct if this had occurred. Should I have been right in my decision?

It is essential that we observe the highest standard of integrity in our peal ringing, and peals such as this indicate the perfection to which we should all aspire. We can make some allowance with a youngster ringing his first peal or two, but when the 'brass hats' start ringing silent peals of London and Bristol they won't be allowed to flicker an eyelid if I'm the umpire.

I should like to have the opinions of other ringers on the above matters. I know that we cannot set a definite standard of what can be allowed in mistakes in a peal—it must be left to the ringers' conscience; but we can guide ringers at large by voicing our opinions in 'The Ringing World.'

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual meeting was held at Ranmoor, Sheffield, on March 11th, when only a small gathering of members rang on the light ring of ten in methods ranging from Bob Minor and Major, Cambridge and Yorkshire Major and Plain and Little Bob Royal, with a touch of Grandsire Caters.

Tea was served in the Church Hall, with 27 members sitting down. Canon Foster, who was in the chair for the business meeting, remarked how pleased he was to welcome the Society to Ranmoor.

In his report the secretary announced that 119 members were financial, including 20 new members, with three losses by death, also 24 peals had been rung, including the first of Stedman Doubles in Yorkshire.

The officers elected for 1950 were: President, Mr. H. O. Chaddock; treasurer, Mr. S. F. Palmer; Ringing Master, Mr. N. Chaddock, with his assistant, Mr. G. C. Briggs; secretary, Mr. J. E. Turley, with his assistant, Mrs. J. E. Turley. It was decided to raise subscriptions from January 1st, 1951.

CENTRAL COUNCIL & EASTBOURNE

Dear Sir,—I recently wrote regarding arrangements for coach trips for delegates and friends attending the Central Council at Eastbourne at Whitsun. Owing to the very poor response to my letter the project has been abandoned. Will the few who wrote me kindly note?—Yours faithfully,

OLIVER SIPPETTS.

Crawley, Sussex.

Bolton Parish Church

WHEN RINGERS PAID THEIR FOOTINGS.

The following article by Mr. Alan Pendlebury on the bells of Bolton Parish Church will be read with particular interest by young ringers. It tells of an age when ringing was regarded as a great privilege.

Our Parish Church has many old treasures, among which are the bells, five of which are 250 years old this month. In our tower there is a ring of eight bells, five of which were cast in 1699 by one Henry Bagley, of Ecton, a travelling bell-founder, who recast the three existing bells and added two more to the ring. The inscription on the tenor bell is:—

I to the Church the living call,
And to the grave do summons all.
Henry Bagley made mee, 1699.

The octave was completed during the incumbency of the Rev. T. Bancroft in 1806, when three treble bells cast by John Rudhall, of Gloucester, were added. The church records include many fascinating reports concerning the bells and the ringers, and it is from these records only that we are able to deduce anything about the history of the bells.

It is thought probable that the 'tenor' or the 'great' bell has been rung in the church since very early times and there are references to three bells throughout the 17th century. In 1659 it was 'resolved ye great bell, which now is burst, shall be maid new this year with all speede may be.' In 1677 the churchwardens provided 'Oyle for the bells in the whole year 3 times at 4d. a time; and 6d. for a man's pains and hyre of a horse to look for a piece of wood to be a headstock for a bell.' The ringers of former days had many more responsibilities than we have to-day, as is shown on an old board hung up in the belfry; it is not very clear, but it is possible to decipher the following:—

'BOLTON PARISH CHURCH,

April 29th, 1783.

At a parish meeting herein held it is ordered by the Vicar, churchwardens and other parishioners present that whereas the ringers in their turn are allowed the benefit of tolling at funerals, the ringer whose turn it is shall, as soon as the corpse arrives at the church gates, come down out of the belfry and remain in the church while the funeral service is performed and do his endeavour to prevent noise and disturbance through crying children or rude and disorderly boys and others who too often crowd the church at these solemnities and that the ringer who refuses or neglects so to do shall forfeit his aforesaid privilege.'

Moreover, it is said to think in these days, when ringers are few and less keen than their predecessors, that at one time people were so eager to learn to ring that the ringers had to impose fees to stem the rush! These were the

FOOTINGS FOR RINGING.

	s.	d.
On setting a bell	1	0
On ringing with six	1	6
On ringing with eight	2	6
On ringing for service	3	6
On ringing for service with salary ...	5	0
On ringing for a wedding	2	6
On ringing for a funeral	2	6
On ringing for first peal of five ...	2	0
On ringing for first 500 changes ...	5	0
On ringing for first half peal ...	10	0
On ringing for first full peal ...	15	0

(This scale is still preserved in the belfry.)

Before the opening of the railway to Manchester, passengers on the packet boat service to Manchester via the canal were reminded of the time of departure by a veteran campanologist tolling on one of the church's bells. He was known as 'Old Bob Astley,' and the 'Shipping Company' gave him a small remuneration. In more recent times a peal of Superlative Surprise Major of 11,232 changes was rung in seven hours and ten minutes. At the time it was a record number of changes ever rung in that method anywhere before!

Mr. Percy W. Brayshaw

YOUNG BOURNEMOUTH AIRMAN KILLED.

The sudden death in a flying accident of this keen and popular young ringer came as a tragic blow to his relatives and many friends. Mr. Percy Brayshaw's parents had recently left Bournemouth to make their home in Jersey, but he was accustomed to spend his short leaves from the R.A.F. in Bournemouth, and so was frequently at his post in St. Peter's tower.

Deceased was a member of the young band who practised on handbells and learnt to handle a bell during the ban so that there might be a full company at St. Peter's ready to ring once the bells were freed. He was a first-class pupil, a good handler and striker, and always a little ahead in the matter of learning a new method. Percy had joined the church as a choirboy, afterwards becoming a server, bellringer and a member of the senior choristers.

Towards the end of 1947 he joined the R.A.F. as a regular and went to South Africa for his training, but, cheery as his letters were, it was obvious that he missed the bells very much. Upon his return he rang what proved to be his last peal on December 12th last year, taking 3-4 through Parker's Twelve-part perfectly and without any previous refresher practice. He rang 28 peals in all, mainly in the standard methods, although he was a safe ringer in Double Norwich, Stedman and Cambridge. He was 20 years of age.

The whole Exercise will wish to join St. Peter's company in extending to Mr. and Mrs. Brayshaw, his sister (also a ringer) and his brother their heartfelt sympathy at this time of tragic loss.

The funeral service took place at St. Peter's Church on March 18th, and the body was laid to rest in the Garden of Memory in St. Peter's Churchyard. The full choir attended, together with servers, bellringers and a large congregation. The Rev. J. Coutts gave a short address and a member of the local company of ringers was the organist. Immediately after the interment the bells of St. Peter's were rung half-muffled by a young band of Percy's contemporaries. Afterwards members of St. John's Surrey Road band assisted in ringing a touch of his favourite method (Kent Treble Bob Major) and the 'whole pull and stand' 20 times.

HIS PEALS.

Tower bells: Plain Bob Royal 1, Grandsire Caters 2, Bob Major 1, Grandsire Triples 1, Minor 1, Grandsire Doubles 1.

Handbells: Grandsire Cinques 1, Grandsire Caters 7, Bob Major 1, Grandsire Triples 10, Grandsire Doubles 2.

Total: 28.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

MEETING AT OSWESTRY.

The meeting at Oswestry on March 11th produced a considerable variety of methods, although numbers attending were not large.

These historic bells, five of which were in the original Rudhall eight of 1717, have been in regular use since that date, as detailed records prove.

Visitors from Chester and Birmingham contributed to the methods rung, while beginners enjoyed periods of rounds. Among the local ringers present were Mr. J. Hughes, with 60 years' service in the tower, and Mr. David Davies, who called his first peal in 1894 and obliged with a touch of Grandsire Triples.

Methods rung included Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major, Plain Bob, Little Bob and the special method for practice, Double Oxford Major.

CHANGE-RINGING MACHINES

By B. D. Price.



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MOVING THE BELLPLATES IN CARTER'S MACHINE.

Before we make some further general considerations, let us examine the mechanism which moves the bellplates in Carter's machine, that is the mechanism which comes under category C of the previous synopsis.

Fig. 4 shows a perspective view of a single bellplate A. It slides lengthways in the frame (one side only shown, at B). It is capable of assuming twelve positions corresponding to the 12 places the bell it works can be in, and these 12 positions are made definite by a double spring C fixed to the frame and working in sets of notches D D in the sides of the bellplate. The plate carries a wooden pillar E (also Fig. 6), which carries the electrical contacts added later. The smaller metal button at the top of the pillar makes contact continuously with a wire F set in an insulating strip, while the other button-like contact G runs across 12 parallel wires H (of which only 4 are shown in Fig. 6). These wires run the length of the machine and serve all 12 bellplates. The two buttons on each pillar are sprung internally and connected electrically. To the long wires is fed in rotation the current for striking the bells, which passes via the wires F to the correct bells. It will be seen that this system is really the same as that described, so no further description is necessary. This system of contacts does not seem to do justice to the machine, and clearly shows that it was added as an afterthought.

The plates are moved by eleven long rods which run the length of the machine (Figs. 4 and 5). Two are shown at J J. These rods are responsible for making pairs of bells change places. When any rod J moves along its length, it causes two bellplates to move, these two changing positions. For example, a particular one makes the bellplates in 4ths and 5ths places swap. We can call the J rod which does this the 4x5 rod (there are only 11 and the first and last are 1x2 and 11x12). Each rod had 12 boat-shaped lugs K, one opposite each bellplate. These lugs clear the bellplate and do not touch it when the rod J slides lengthways, but they engage with 'clicks' on the underside of the bellplates. Fig. 5 is an underview of the bellplate. The clicks L L are pivoted on the bellplate A at M M and are held in position by a light spring N. (This has been simplified in the figure.) If moved to left or right either will return to its former position exactly. If the boat-lug K (the rod it is on is dotted as it does not foul the bellplate) advances towards the bellplate it will engage the left hand click and in doing so will push the bellplate to the left. The springs O (Fig. 4) will then ensure that the bellplate assumes its new position accurately. As the lug K advances it will also, in moving the bellplate, push against the right-hand click, which will simply move slightly and return doing nothing. When K returns, the clicks will be restored to their usual positions by the spring N. Now the rod which carries the lug K will also have a lug somewhere on its length which is opposite the right-hand click of another bellplate, which occupies the position next on the left. This bellplate (whichever it is) will be moved to the right, just as the one we have

considered would be moved to the right if the lug P advanced. Thus it is that the rod J on which lug K is placed moves two bellplates and causes them to swap. If the lug K advances again and again, the bellplate will alternately move left and right, in other words, dodge with some other bellplate.

Note that there are only eleven rods with lugs, while the bellplate has twelve positions. When it is in an end position (1sts or 12ths) one of the clicks will have no lug K opposite it. This is quite in order, as a bell in 1sts place cannot hunt down, neither can a bell in 12ths place hunt up!

This system of movement deserves careful study. It requires a high standard of accuracy for successful working. It has one great advantage, and one great disadvantage.

The advantage is that at one swoop it banishes all the difficulties of preselection. One might say of it that the bellplate moves itself, as it automatically places itself opposite the correct rod. If the 3x4 rod advances to make the bells in 3rds and 4ths places swap, then the corresponding bellplates in those places will have their clicks correctly placed and will be moved. All, therefore, that is needed (see previous synopsis) is section A, to feed the right sequence of swops to the rods which carry the lugs (herewith called preselector rods, J J in Fig. 4).

But there is a great disadvantage to this system, and this lies in a difficulty as to when the movement is to take place. Obviously the electrical ~~switching~~ concerned with striking of the bells must be left stationary when they are functioning. A bellplate cannot be moved in the period when its bell is striking. A solution is to move all the bellplates to be moved in between changes. This allows a considerable time between backstrokes and handstrokes due to the open lead, but for the other stroke there is a very short period available for movement, and any device must jerk the bellplates rapidly into their new positions. This, unfortunately, is apparently not possible with the Carter arrangement. Mr. Woodhouse has experimented with these 'clicks' and finds they will not function rapidly. It has also occurred to me that the original mechanical device for ringing the bells on Carter's machine may have needed a much longer period for operation while the bellplates are still. Thus when the bell in 12ths place is striking, the modern electrical impulse to do this is brief and the bellplate for that bell may be moved immediately afterwards for the next change. On the other hand, if a mechanical striking arrangement is used attached to the bellplate, the striking action of the bell in 12ths place may not have finished functioning before the striking action of the bell in 1sts place in the next change has started. In this case no time at all is available for the bellplates to move together.

The solution of the problem is best understood by watching Carter's machine working. It involved a great deal of the complex control mechanism. The method adopted is to make the movements of the preselector rods smooth (Carter uses eccentric cams, explained later) and to 'stagger' their action so that they are not all working at once. When the machine is working, while the last bells of a change are being struck the bellplates which struck first are already being moved in readiness for the next change, so that although their move-

ment is slow and smooth, there is ample time for it to happen. Thus supposing all eleven preselector rods were to move (which is not possible) a wave of movement would travel along the row, a smooth movement for each. This is sufficient to impart an even movement to the clicks and to move the bellplates correctly. This staggering solves the difficulty one must have had with the time lag of mechanical striking.

This explanation of why the staggering was adopted is my own. We may never know the truth, but I believe mine is a reasonable assumption. One can imagine that a swift movement of the lugs K might send the bellplate two places instead of only one.

But this staggering of the movement produces complications. That part of the mechanism which stores up what swops to make for each new change cannot be continuously feeding its information to the preselector rods, as these latter never cease operation together. Thus it is that Carter sub-divided the controls into two sections, one for handstrokes and one for backstrokes. While one set of controls is operating the preselectors, the other set is re-setting for the next change.

CARTER'S MACHINE: THE CONTROLS

Figs. 8 and 9 illustrate the mechanism used. Both are side views of the mechanism. The preselector rod J (Fig. 8) is one of the eleven running the length of the machine. Three boat lugs K K K are shown, the end one being incorporated into the thickened end of the rod J, which carries on its underside a square notch. A spring on the other end of the rod J (not shown) keeps it to the right. It is pulled left when the bellplates are to be moved by a rod A, which is driven by an eccentric cam B on a shaft which revolves once per change. There are only 6 cams, not 11, and all but one work a pair of rods such as A. Thus there are 11 rods A, one for each J, but only 6 eccentrics B and 6 levers C. The 6 eccentrics are staggered on their shaft, giving sufficient staggering to the action of the J's. It is probable that this staggering has to be very carefully adjusted so that the machine may ring changes on any number of bells with equal dexterity.

Much depends on the fact that two preselector rods J next to one another are never required to work at the same time (because, e.g., the bells in 4x5 cannot swap while the bells in 5x6 swap). Therefore, two consecutive J's never work together. If they did, a pair of clicks on a bellplate would jam and stop the machine. The rod A is lifted at the exact instant needed to engage J, by a cam D which is on a revolving frame of rods. This cam D is responsible for moving two rods such as A and normally passes between them as the 'squirrelcage' E revolves. The cage E carries 12 rods, only one fully shown, which are spaced out evenly around the cage in 13 equal spaces. This sounds Irish! The extra space is occupied by a fixed rod with 6 pins, F, which does not run the length of the cage, although there is a similar one at the other end of the squirrelcage (not shown). The function of these fixed rods will be described later. The 12 long rods run the width of the machine, and each carries a cam such as D which has a shaped foot sliding over the brass shank of the cage. Thus, although each rod can slide, it cannot revolve. As the cage revolves, the rods in turn pass the region marked G G, and the outside frame of the machine is shaped so as to push a rod in if it projects at either end. Thus the frame lines up the rods as they pass G, and in this position the cams D do not lift the rods A at all.

As the rods rise up on the right-hand side of the cage, they are possibly moved sideways by a mechanism to be described, pushing a pin H (each rod carries one) and so moving the rod to one side or the other. Then the

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RINGING MACHINES—continued.

cam on this rod, in rising over the summit of the cage E, will lift a rod A and so actuate a preselector rod. All the 11 rods A lie over the centre section of E.

Each rod is responsible for moving a pair of preselectors, as follows. The rods are numbered in the diagram in the order in which they can act.

Rod No. 1	1x2	or	2x3	handstroke
2	3x4	or	4x5	handstroke
3	5x6	or	6x7	handstroke
4	7x8	or	8x9	handstroke
5	9x10	or	10x11	handstroke
6	11x12	only		handstroke
7	1x2	or	2x3	backstroke
8	3x4	or	4x5	backstroke
9	5x6	or	6x7	backstroke
10	7x8	or	8x9	backstroke
11	9x10	or	10x11	backstroke
12	11x12	only		backstroke

The eccentric cam B and the cam D together are responsible for moving a pair of A's and via these a pair of J's. The six rods 1 to 6 have their moving pins H on the near section of the cage. They control the swops for handstroke; the rods 7 to 12 control the backstroke swops. Thus the whole revolution of the cage corresponds to a whole pull and the cams on rods 1 and 7 work with the same rods A. It will be seen that the function of the cage is of timing the rising of the rods A to the correct moment at which they will engage rods J, and also to combine the handstroke and backstroke controls. The cage stores up the swops necessary in sideways movements of its rods until they are needed. The cage is the price paid for the use of the clicks.

Fig. 9 shows how the sideways movement of the rods is attained. It represents the mechanism on one side of the machine only. A is a control box which has a forest of little levers capable of being set so that a particular one, B, will press on a lever C when the box moves downwards. There are 11 of the levers C, made of thin steel, pivoted at D, and they correspond with the 11 swops 1x2 to 11x12. When this lever C is pressed down it pulls down the lug E, shown exaggerated in diagram, and causes the shaft F to rock. This makes the scoop G on the end of the shaft to incline towards the viewer, and so when the cage H (the same as the squirrel-cage E in Fig. 8) carries the rod with its pin J past the scoop G, the whole rod will move sideways. The lug E has a lever C each side of it, and so can move left or right. The scoop G can move J either way. The whole sequence is—

- Fig. 9 Possible pins B, never two side by side.
 11 levers C, never two working side by side.
 6 lugs E.
 6 scoops G.
 (same) { 6 rods and pins J.
 6 rods and pins E 123456 (the handstroke ones).
 Fig. 8 { 6 cams D.
 11 rods A (never two working side by side).
 11 preselector arms J.

In Fig. 9 the 6 pins J are passing through the 6 scoops G for half a revolution of the cage H. Therefore the control box A has to remain pressed on the levers C for half a revolution. The rest of the revolution of H is occupied in the box rising, setting maybe a new row of pins opposite the levers C, and pressing down again. Obviously one control box cannot do all this and look after the other 6 rods of the cages as well; the whole system of Figs. 9 and 10 is duplicated on each side of the machine.

The row of fixed pins on the fixed rods F (Fig. 8) is merely to assist the return of the scoops G (Fig. 9) to their central position.

CARTER'S MACHINE. STORING THE SWOPS.

Fig. 10 explains the rest of the working, the mechanism which makes the control box A rise and fall.

The control box A has two movements. Firstly, it rises and falls regularly every two changes as just described. The pair of rods B (one behind the other in figure), on which it slides, is attached to an arm C and pivoted at D. This arm is worked by a cam E on the same shaft as the squirrel-cage. Thus the control box rises and falls, pressing down on the levers under it at the right moment. The pins in the control box are in 15 rows of 6. The six pins in any row are arranged as in Fig. 7. They are normally upright and do not press down on the levers underneath. It will be seen that any required combination of swops may be set in any row.

When a method is being rung, all the necessary sets of swops are set in the control boxes. Each box A (Fig. 10) slides along the rods B so that any desired row of pins on it is brought to bear on the levers underneath. The selection is controlled by a control drum, not previously mentioned, at the other end of the machine (there are two separate control drums, one on each side of the machine). Each drum consists of two discs (one shown at F) revolving on a shaft G. The discs hold a cylinder of 48 rods such as H. These for convenience are set in pairs, but they work independently, each being capable of sliding along its length.

The cam J (Fig. 10) holds back the system of levers K L M, which is pivoted at N N, the spring P holding them against the cam. The curiously shaped rack Q, which is pivoted at R, is held down by a heavy spring T attached to the lever L. When the cam J releases the levers K L M slowly (pushing control box A along rods B while so doing), the spring T rises and releases rack Q, which, due to a light spring S, also rises, until one of its teeth is stopped by a rod H which is directly above it. Thus the position of the rod H governs how far the rack rises. (This is similar in action to a well-known movement in grandfather clocks.) Then, when the lever L moves farther over, it is arrested at its lower rack-like end by the prong or rack R.

The whole arrangement stops moving, the cam J leaves its lever K, and so the control box is left in the position determined by the setting of the rod H, and descends to do its work. When it rises again, the cam J, in pushing the lever K, returns the whole assembly to its former position, as in Fig. 10, and a small pawl pushes the drum F G H round one position. Thus the 48 rods H are one by one brought to exert their selective action. The shaft G has a clockspring on it and a dial at the outer end. This dial can be set at any number from 0 to 48, and when the drum F G H has gone the set number of steps around, the pawls are released and the spring returns the drum to zero. When ringing a method the drum usually returns to zero at the end of each lead. As there are two whole assemblies of Fig. 10, the machine is capable of ringing any method of up to 96 changes per lead!

Suppose we wish to ring Double Norwich Major. We set first a revolving contact arm (as in Fig. 1 but on a larger scale) to ring 8 bells, and set 8 of the bellplates to their home positions. The machine will now ring rounds on the 8 bells. Examine a lead of Double Norwich. All the handstroke swops are the same—four pairs of bells crossing in 1x2, 3x4, 5x6, 7x8. Set this on row 3 of the pins in the handstroke control box. Rows 1 and 2 are reserved for bob and single, and are not used by settings of the control drum. They are brought into action by pressing small buttons at the side of the machine. Then set the first slide of the handstroke control drum to give this row of pins, and set its dial at 0. Then the drum will not go

round at all and the four pairs of bells crossing will come up at every handstroke as desired.

For backstroke swops, there are in Double Norwich four regular ways of swopping: (2x3, 4x5, 6x7) set on row 3 of the backstroke control box, (2x3, 5x6, 7x8) on row 4, (1x2, 4x5, 7x8) on row 5, (1x2, 3x4, 6x7) on row 6. Set row 1 (for a bob) at (2x3, 4x5, 7x8) and row 2 for a single at (2x3, 4x5). Set the control drum slides to bring up in order rows 4,5,6,3,6,5,4,3, and set the dial at 8 to return the control drum to zero at the end of the lead.

There is a button for calling bobs and singles at each side of the machine according as to whether they are at hand (Stedman) or at back (most methods). When pressed they stop the control box advancing so that the first or second row of pins is brought into action. The machine, by the regular mechanism of Fig. 10, does not use these rows at all.

Switch on the electric motor, which is in the box-like base of the machine. This sets the wiper arm going, delivering current to the bells, and rounds is rung. The bells are in a separate cabinet wired up to the machine by a cable. They were made specially for the purpose, and are struck by small hammers worked by electromagnets.

A clutch operated by a handle will start up the whole assembly of Figs. 8, 9 and 10, and the machine rings Double Norwich. Bobs may be called by pressing the button at the right moment. This needs some skill and practice, as there is little time-latitude given to the conductor.

(To be continued.)

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting in this sparsely 'belled' area (11 rings in three counties) was held at Burry Port, Carmarthenshire, on March 11th. The bright sunshine brought members from Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire (50 miles), Llandilo and Llanstephan (30 miles), as well as from the nearer churches at Carmarthen and Llanelly. Visitors from Glamorgan were also present.

The Church of St. Mary is comparatively new, less than 100 years old, but is unfortunate in having only five bells, six being considered a bare minimum for a ring. Nevertheless, when going well on Saturday in Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles the light bells were tapping through the changes prettily. Perhaps the sixth bell will be found one day.

The special form of service was conducted by Canon D. J. Morgan, with the assistance of Rev. A. Morgan and Mr. Scathe (lay reader). In his address the Canon referred to the passing of the late Archbishop of Wales, the Guild's president, and said that the Guild could never have a president with greater interest in and sympathy with the Guild.

He referred to the exchange of gifts, from the one side the competition shield and the gift of the Guild to the retiring Archbishop of a silver bell-shaped inkpot.

Refreshments were provided in the Parish Hall by the lady hon. members, after which the Canon presided over the meeting. Reference was made to the ringing competition in May at Llanelly, but a discussion on the provision of refreshments, free or otherwise, brought no decision.

A vote of thanks to the Canon, lady helpers and all who had made the visitors welcome, was proposed by D. H. Betts, of Haverfordwest.

TELL YOUR FRIENDS.

Orders for postal copies of 'The Ringing World' for the new quarter should be sent forthwith to Mrs. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk. For rates see page 184.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MOST MUSICAL CHANGES

Dear Sir,—Having for over 60 years listened to changes and bells from 6 cwt. to over 60 cwt. tenors, may I give a few observations on Mr. R. F. Baker's letter in your issue of March 10th?

The late Mr. Arthur Knights, when asked his opinion on the best musical method, said Little Bob, especially Royal. I remember words from the late Mr. William Pye somewhat as follows: The interior of a course is like the verse of a song, and the course-end is the chorus.

Speaking to a friend recently, he said that if he were condemned or sentenced to ring only one method, he would choose Stedman before any of the Surprise methods, to which the writer readily agreed, as in my estimation Stedman Caters in the Tittums and 5.6 in 1.2 at course-ends produces a continuity of grand music, with 6.8 behind at the 7th six, 9.7.5 at 11th, 7.6.5.9. at 12th, 9.6 at 13th, and 9.7.8 at course, with the tenor covering, much more to be desired than the jumble often heard in some so-called higher methods.—Yours truly,

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

57, Mornington Avenue,
Ipswich.

A TERRITORIAL'S WELCOME

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent P. Newing, writing in the issue of March 10th, would seem to have met the same happy spirit in the West Country as I myself found.

On attending T.A. annual camp at Bude, in Cornwall, I contacted the tower captain at Marhamchurch, and on my second day in the locality attended practice night at that church. The kindness and hospitality with which I was greeted were truly amazing. A casual enquiry as to the number of bells, if any, in a tower which I had observed, brought forth the offer to 'make up a set' and give me a pull there one evening. In all, I added five new towers to my list in that fortnight—Marhamchurch, Poughill, Kilkhampton, Bridgerule and the glorious heavy eight at Stratton. In almost every case, a member of the band would ensure my safe return to camp—somewhat isolated—by car. Small wonder that I left Cornwall with a warm glow of gratitude in my heart, and their 'Come again' ringing in my ears.

Incidentally, dear sir, the Territorial Association is this year depositing us at Tonfanaun on the north-west Welsh coast. Is there any ringing in this out-of-the-way neighbourhood?—Yours sincerely,

JOAN E. M. HILLS.

Stanford-le-Hope, Essex.

ST. MARY REDCLIFFE

Dear Sir,—With reference to the report of our Ringers' Sunday which recently appeared in 'The Ringing World' and to the mention of the 'flat sixth' which is required to give us a light ring of eight, I am happy to state that this has now become a reality and the order has been placed for same.

A number of ringers have asked to be allowed to contribute towards the cost of this bell, and it prompts me to believe that it is possible that there are others who desire to do so. The bell is to be hung in memoriam to the late Ralph Morgan, organist at the church for over 40 years, and a considerable portion of the money has already been subscribed.

If there should be any ringers who desire to subscribe to this fund, will they please forward their contribution to me by not later than March 31st? My thanks to those who made the original offer.—Yours sincerely,

E. F. HANCOCK.

124, Coronation Road, Bristol 3.

A 'STORMY PETREL'S' CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Sir,—Permit me to join Mr. T. C. Belton in congratulations to an old friend, Mr. Ernest Morris, on his latest achievement of having rung 1,000 peals on tower bells. The experience thus gained cannot be a mere personal record—it is of immense value to the Exercise because of the unbiased way in which Mr. Morris has gone about his work. It has been my pleasure to share in some of these peals.

I remember the first time we met—23 years ago. I was looked upon as a 'stormy petrel' (and still am by some, but of that I care not twopenny). I wanted my first peal on eight. No one around here would conduct it, so I wrote to 'our Ernest.' 'Yes,' came the reply. 'Tell me where and how I get there!' And he travelled from Leicester to Stony Stratford on the North Bucks boundary to call it, and it was only Grandsire Triples.

Since then we have rung peals together on all numbers except 12, some being in remote five-bell towers, where many of Mr. Morris' experience would have scoffed at the very suggestion, and the towers have profited as the result. 'Seed has been sown on good ground' and brought forth fruit in the form of awakened interest, new ringers, new bells, old ones restored, and so on.

Would the same have been possible had Mr. Morris took the attitude of some twelve-bell ringers, and looked upon it as lowering their dignity to ring a peal in anything less than an eight-bell tower—five in particular?

There are many to-day who snub five-bell towers, and yet they never snub five-bell ringers' subs. to their Guild or Association.

Northampton. P. AMOS.
[NOTE.—We feel certain that Mr. Amos is wrong in suggesting that those who ring on 12 bells snub those who ring peals on five bells. The example last year of the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild is fresh in most readers' memories, and the endeavours he made to create new interests for ringers in five-bell towers are most praiseworthy.—Ed.]

GOOD MANNERS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Master Newing's letter in your issue of March 10th, I should like to say that I, too, am a young ringer, and during the past five years have visited many towers in Kent and others in Surrey and Sussex, and have always received a cordial welcome and every assistance. When I first started ringing I was one of a band of six young ones who attended an annual general meeting and were privileged to ring Grandsire Doubles on the front six of a fine ring of ten. This is only one instance, but if this is not being made welcome, what is? All young ringers are welcome if they adopt the right attitude. It is not good ringing that makes one welcome: it is good manners.—Yours sincerely,

Canterbury, Kent.

D. CHATFIELD.

THE GAP IN GRAY'S 'ELEGY'

Dear Sir,—In looking through the current number of the 'Spectator' I came across the following:—

A prize had been offered for the best three verses to fill the gap which is supposed to have been left between the 6th and 7th stanzas of Gray's 'Elegy in a Country Churchyard,' and some lines submitted were so good that I decided to send them on to you:

'Never on Sabbath morns with duteous heed,
Will they again yon belfry's call obey,
Gath'ring, in fealty to their simple creed,
Within those sacred walls to kneel and pray.'

The author is Edith Baneroff, and her three verses took the first prize in the competition.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM A CLARK.

Moseley, Birmingham.

The East Grinstead Guild

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The 23rd annual meeting of the Guild was held at East Grinstead on March 4th and attracted over 60 ringers. The fine octave, in one of the best towers in Sussex, was kept going in the standard methods until 4.15, when the Vicar of East Grinstead and president of the Guild, Dr. G. Golding-Bird, came up into the belfry to dedicate the board recording the peal by the officers for the Guild's 21st birthday. Although the board is of oak, it has been made to blend in with the stone peal tablets in the tower.

With this little ceremony over, a move was made downstairs for the service, conducted by the president, with an inspiring address by Mr. George Moone, a lay reader.

Tea in the Small Parish Hall was given as usual by the president, who afterwards took the chair and conducted the business in his own inimitable way. His witty remarks and funny stories between each item of the agenda prevented any dullness from creeping in. This year, however, a reply from the treasurer really had him stumped, to everyone's great amusement.

In his opening remarks, Dr. Golding-Bird thanked Miss Shepherd and her helpers for arranging the meeting and serving the tea, and went on to say how pleased he was to see the new peal board. He liked to see the doings of people recorded in this way and did not like churches with bare walls, as was the modern trend. He then congratulated Mr. F. Cullen on his work in preparing the board and for the time and trouble that he had taken with the new peal book, a fine blue morocco bound volume, with the contents in illuminated writing.

The report and balance sheet were adopted, there being a general feeling of satisfaction as to the Guild's financial position, for although expenditure was up by some £13 the balance remained about the same, and it was agreed that the Guild had had its most successful year.

Three new members were elected and all the officers were re-elected, with the exception of Mr. A. L. Ryman, who had left the district. Mr. G. D. Burroughs was appointed the new auditor.

On being told that the annual meeting of the Sussex County was on May 13th, the Guild meeting for that date was fixed for Westerham, as far away from Brighton as possible, and it was agreed that a letter be sent to the county secretary, asking if the Western and Southern Divisions could revert to their original Saturdays to avoid the clashing of meetings.

The summer outing caused the usual prolonged discussion, but after a choice of routes had been passed round, the date was fixed for August 19th, and the route via Canterbury, Faversham and Sittingbourne.

This concluded the business, and after the usual votes of thanks the president said that he had forgiven Mr. Oliver (the treasurer) and closed the meeting.

MR. STEPHEN LI. PARRY'S 150 PEALS

Mr. Stephen Li. Parry, of Rochdale, Lancs, has rung 150 peals in 44 towers, in four counties and for four Associations. His analysis is as follows:—

Minor: Two methods 1. Grandsire: Triples 12. Caters 1.

Plain Bob: Major 17. Royal 3. Maximus 2. Kent Treble Bob: Minor 1, Major 19, Royal 1. Maximus 1.

Oxford Treble Bob: Major 8. Spliced Treble Bob Major 2.

Stedman Triples 26.

Little Bob Major 1.

Double Norwich C.B. Major 41. Real

Double Norwich C.B. Major 3.

Superlative Surprise Major 4. Cambridge

Surprise Major 6. Bristol Surprise Major 1.

OBITUARY

MR. A. DAVIES.

The death occurred suddenly on March 6th of Mr. Alfred Davies, at 19, Crescent Road, Netherton, Dudley, in his 68th year.

He started ringing at Clent, Worcs, and then moved to Dudley, rang his first peal there in 1903, and after five or six years there joined the St. Andrew's, Netherton, band about 40 years ago, and, until an accident at work in 1945 caused him to resign, had been leader for about eight years.

He rang 159 peals altogether, in 43 towers (conducted 28), which included 10,176 Double Oxford Bob Major, December 27th, 1909) and 9,728 Superlative Surprise Major (December 26th, 1910), also 5,040 Erin Triples (conducted), a first by all the band, on the bells, in the county and for the Worcestershire Association (all ringers were members of the local band), February 22nd, 1912.

His interest in bells and bellringing never waned, and he would follow with great interest any peals in the local tower. His experience included quite a large Surprise family; indeed, his greatest number of peals in one method being 28 of London Surprise Major, conducted two.

The funeral was at Netherton Church on March 11th, the service being conducted by the Vicar, Rev. R. C. Stevens. A number of local ringers, and friends from farther afield, attended.

After the service, as a last mark of respect, 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung with half-muffled clappers by: L. Prestidge 1, J. Bass 2, J. W. Cooper 3, H. Shuck 4, S. Prestidge 5, T. A. Townsend 6, R. J. Lees (cond.) 7, D. Watson 8.

MR. HARRY CURTIS.

Newbury tower has lost its foreman of over 20 years' standing, and the Newbury Branch a true comrade, in the person of Mr. Harry Curtis, who passed away on March 10th at the early aged of 61. Although ill for thirteen weeks, his death was unexpected and came as a great shock to his fellow-ringers and friends.

Born in the little village of Beadon, in the folds of the Berkshire Downs, he was taught to ring at the age of 10 by his brother Tom, and on coming to Newbury as a young man he became a member of the Newbury band and later their foreman. He was branch secretary for 13 years, Ringing Master for 10 years and a branch representative on the general committee of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Owing to the many organisations to which he belonged he was unable to indulge in peal ringing to any extent, but welcomed visiting ringers to his tower, whether for Sunday service ringing, on practice nights or for a peal attempt. He had attended all branch meetings in the 35 years he was a member with the exception of two, one of those being due to his last illness. His familiar figure, his genial disposition and his cheerful personality will be sadly missed.

The funeral was at Shaw, where the large congregation at the service testified to the great esteem in which he was held. The service was conducted by the chairman of the branch, the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford, assisted by the Rector of Newbury, the Rev. Bertram Russell. After the interment half-muffled touches were rung on the bells by members of the branch who were able to be present.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—At the Cathedral on Feb. 20th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss B. Crossman 1, Miss J. Brindley 2, A. F. Sedgwick 3, P. Beresford 4, Miss J. Beresford 5, J. B. Webb 6, D. Beresford 7, W. J. Cope 8, G. E. Oliver (cond.) 9, M. N. Culling 10. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to A. Bowler.

TO HELP BEGINNERS (7)

In our article last published we left the Beginners working through the remaining lessons and exercises of Section 1 of the course of instruction. So this week, for a change, we sum up, for those who may be newly-helping beginners, some useful conclusions born of experience in teaching the first stages—bell-handling:—

1. Don't put a beginner straight on to a raised bell. First show and explain to the pupil the working of the bell itself. Experience shows over and over again that otherwise pupils get some rather queer ideas about what is going on out of sight, and consequently make strange and often dangerous mistakes. With an intelligent appreciation of what is happening 'up top,' progress in handling is invariably about 30 per cent. quicker and anything from 50 per cent. to 70 per cent. safer!
2. Let the first pulls on a rope be a brief attempt at chiming. This gives the raw novice some idea of the 'feel' of a bell's weight, and thus of initial pull-resistance. (Explain that in 'raised' ringing that resistance is brief only.)
3. Realise your pupil still knows nothing (as a rule) of what ringing action looks like. So next demonstrate and explain, by ringing yourself, the complete action sequence and the 'stand' and lowering.
4. Now the 'preliminaries.' Don't neglect these if you want to turn out a good ringer. Show: Rope-approach for correct standing position; correct facing-angle; stance; eye-level at mid-sally height; correct arm-action in detail, and, lastly, go through the motion sequence of ringing on a 'dead' rope, letting the pupil follow you on a rope beside him.

(These four stages 'pay good dividends' and yield good results.)

5. Now silence and raise a bell, preferably the third in the ring, setting it up at back. If you have worked through the four preceding stages you will have no trouble with what follows. Start with Exercise 7, as given in the course. (See last article.) Note that, although there we described the use of the 'P and P,' yet here we have not referred to it. This is so that the advice given may be followed even if a 'P and P' is not available; but note that a 'pig-tail' is employed. This should be easy to get. A useful tip for Exercise 7 is that the instructor should rest his right hand lightly on the pupil's wrists as they go up on the back-stroke and come away again,

MR. ERNEST EVEREST.

A well-known and expert bellringer, Mr. Ernest Everest, of Chiddingstone, Kent, died on March 11th, after a long and painful illness borne with courage and without complaint. During all that time he was tenderly and skilfully nursed by his wife, a fully-qualified nurse.

Mr. Everest was the leader of the band and steeplekeeper at Chiddingstone, where he had rendered long and faithful service. Only a few weeks before his illness he was training young ringers at Penshurst. There were not many belfries in Kent which he did not know, and he will be much missed by his friends in the Kent County Association. He leaves a widow and a young son and daughter, and also an elder son by a former marriage.

The funeral service took place on March 16th, when many relatives and friends were present. In the evening the bells were rung muffled to a peal by eight old friends who came from Chiddingstone, Penshurst, Hever and Leigh.

and promote a slight forward and downward flick as the pull-off from back approaches the end of the down-stroke. This gives the pupil the 'feel' of maintaining tension on the rope (keeps a 'tight rope') and, unless arm action is at fault, promotes a straight fall of the rope—and confidence!

6. Work through to Exercise 10, in which the pupil has it all to himself. Most pupils, having had the four first stages, will run through Exercises 7 to 10 in one hour's tuition and make quite a good hand at managing a bell in that time.
7. Watch especially for the following faults that are common with beginners not trained with care. (They prevent the cultivation of good style and skilled handling.)
 - (a) Standing off the plumb-rope spot position.
 - (b) Feet tight together—reducing balance-base.
 - (c) Not facing the centre of the rope-circle.
 - (d) Looking 'up the rope.' Eyes not at sally level.
 - (e) Hands not touching in the grips. (Mal-aligned pulls.)
 - (f) Sally not grasped at full height for pull-off and for subsequent catching. Result—reduced length and time of pull-stroke, reducing control interval.
 - (g) Free hand after sally-stroke not transferred instantly to rope-end grip. Result—reduced control at back-stroke.
 - (h) Rope-end not gripped at position to give a full upward stretch of arms at back. Result—reduced control at back and often a poor 'rise' at sally.
 - (i) Pull-off from back not straight down with hands passing quite close to chest. Result—rope-throw and sally missing.
 - (j) Pull-strokes, both at sally and back, unfinished, i.e., not continuing on down to waist level. Results—loss of control; heavy-bell ringing very difficult then, if not impossible.
 - (k) Failure to maintain tension, i.e., to feel the bell up to the balance at the end of each stroke. (Keep a tight rope!)
 - (l) Bending the body about and twisting the neck. Keep head still and swing eyes from side to side. Slight bend only, of trunk, if necessary.
 - (m) Holding the breath. This is only an occasional fault, but watch for it and check it at once. Encourage breathing in such cases, in time with the movements, i.e., IN as arms go up and OUT as they come down, or 'in at sally' and 'out at back' strokes. This will usually lead to normal breathing in pupil's own time.
7. Lastly, don't miss a single point. Tell your pupil of his faults immediately. But give a word of praise and encouragement if any when the job is going well. It helps!

Our next article will be for the beginners themselves, again, who will now have become 'Learners.'

CORN. R. STONE.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On March 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Clements (first quarter) 1, F. V. Sinkins (85) 2, W. E. Judd 3, W. Birmingham 4, F. G. Groombridge 5, A. Bates (cond.) 6, W. Welling 7, E. H. Preston 8. Specially rung as a last 'touch' on the octave on the eve of being dismantled prior to rehanging and augmentation to ten.

QUARTER PEALS

BARROW - ON - SOAR, LEICS.—On Mar. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (480 of Plain Bob and 780 of Grandsire): R. Soars (first quarter peal) 1, F. K. Thompson 2, G. Lowe 3, K. E. Lovett (cond.) 4, J. W. Lowe 5. First quarter in two methods for 2 and 3.

BENWELL, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Mar. 5th, 1,500 Grandsire Doubles: C. S. Dixon 1, Miss K. Stothard 2, G. Carse 3, J. Carse 4, R. S. Mallaburn (cond.) 5, R. Barrow 6. In honour of the wedding of the daughter of Mr. W. Dent, of Newcastle.

BEKLEY, KENT.—On Mar. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. D. Hall 1, Miss B. Frost 2, A. G. Williams 3, Mrs. E. Roscoe 4, D. Hall 5, A. Ball 6, A. Hall 7, D. Beveridge (cond.) 8.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On Mar. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): G. Herd (first in four methods) 1, R. Purchase 2, R. Posnett 3, W. Butler (cond.) 4, J. Brooks 5. A farewell to R. Purchase on joining H.M. Forces.

CROWCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. T. Richards 1, C. W. J. Lock 2, John Henson 3, Gilbert Davis 4, R. E. Colman (cond.) 5, A. E. Welshe 6. A birthday compliment to Miss A. Duddridge.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Mar. 5, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Fleetwood (first quarter) 1, J. Fleetwood 2, Miss D. Fleetwood 3, F. V. Gant (cond.) 4, D. Blows 5, A. Salisbury 6, J. Armstrong 7, S. Kelly 8. A welcome home to J. Armstrong after his period of National Service.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Mar. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Wilson 1, G. E. Large 2, G. A. Harding 3, R. G. Morris 4, R. W. Sayers 5, A. Morgan 6, R. Woodyatt (cond.) 7, F. G. Yates 8.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCS.—On Mar. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Leyland 1, W. Rimmer 2, A. Maudeley 3, Jean Marshall (first quarter 'inside', age 12) 4, P. Coxall 5. E. Cook 6, A. Rigby 7, T. Marshall (first as cond.) 8.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: F. Kaye 1, C. Cook 2, J. Bartram 3, W. Coates 4, A. Towler 5, H. Denman 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, H. Willows 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. T. Hercy Denman, an old ringer and one time Mayor of Retford.—On Mar. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Kaye 1, C. Cook 2, W. Coates 3, J. Bartram 4, A. Towler 5, H. Denman 6, L. Beardsall (cond.) 7, H. Willows 8.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Peskett (first quarter) 1, T. S. Brown (first 'inside') 2, E. Lonnen (cond.) 3, E. Treagus 4, H. J. Peskett 5, W. J. Bristow 6.

FORDHAM, CAMBS.—On Mar. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Sargent 1, J. Morley (13) 2, J. W. Pickett 3, R. Morley (15) 4, G. Rampley 5, G. Musk 6. First quarter by 1, 2, 4 and 6.

GLOUCESTER.—At the Church of St. Mary-de-Crypt, on Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Barry 1, Miss J. Bussey (first as cond.) 2, T. Newman 3, W. Cox 4, G. Case 5, C. Lerner 6.

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.—On Feb. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jennifer Archer (first quarter) 1, A. Elliott 2, H. W. Smith 3, R. Boykett 4, Dr. L. Castledon 5, G. Schleuter 6, A. T. Perry 7, G. Saunders (first as cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Joan Barker and Silas Ruffle.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—On Mar. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. G. Bannister 1, A. R. G. Twinn (cond.) 2, Miss D. B. Lidbetter 3, C. H. Chapman 4, F. Corke 5, H. W. Impey 6, F. W. Goodfellow 7, C. Ashpool (first quarter peal) 8. In memory Mrs. M. M. Goodfellow, mother of the 7th ringer, who died Feb. 28th, aged 78.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

—On Mar. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Evans 1, R. Biggs 2, A. E. Cox 3, F. D. Boreham 4, I. S. Biggs 5, J. D. Kape (cond.) 6, P. Newton 7, F. Cox (first quarter) 8.

LONDON.—At St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on Mar. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss I. Cording 1, Miss G. Friswell 2, Miss J. Friswell 3, R. K. C. Wilkings 4, W. T. Forrester 5, D. Neal 6, J. Prior (cond.) 7, K. S. Seeger 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

LONDON.—On Mar. 12th, at Southwark Cathedral, 1,056 Cambridge Maximus: H. Belcher 1, J. E. Chilcott 2, Joyce Brittan 3, D. E. Parsons 4, H. Langdon (cond.) 5, M. V. Chilcott 6, J. F. Smallwood 7, J. H. Crampion 8, A. Appleton 9, J. Phillips 10, R. F. Deal 11, A. B. Peck 12. Longest length of Cambridge Maximus for 3 and 6.

MELDRETH, CAMBS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Harrup 1, J. G. Gipsom 2, R. Newell 3, S. Dash 4, D. Pepper (cond.) 5. First quarter for 1, 3, 4 and 5. Rung for the christening of Malcolm, son of Mr. A. Tuck.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Horton 1, S. King (cond.) 2, N. King 3, S. Blatch 4, H. King 5. A farewell to J. Horton, who has joined the R.A.F.

NORTON, HERTS.—On March 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Collins (first quarter, age 12) 1, M. Collins (first quarter of Bob Triples 'inside', age 13) 2, J. Dear 3, W. Pooley 4, B. Scoot 5, H. Werrett 6, E. Buck (first of Bob Triples as cond.) 7, T. Werrett 8.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Wyles 1, P. R. Jemmett 2, H. Manuel 3, C. J. Eades 4, F. Pack 5, W. S. Palin 6, E. T. Eades (first quarter as cond.) 7, D. E. Eades 8.

RUISLIP, MIDDLESEX.—On Mar. 12th, 1,344 Bob Major: Mrs. E. Savory 1, W. Bunce 2, C. Poulter 3, P. Thrift 4, W. Bunce, sen., 5, W. T. Beaumont 6, T. Collins (cond.) 7, W. Pichall 8. Rung half-muffled for the dedication of a memorial to the Rev. W. A. G. Gray, former Vicar.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincs.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Miss I. Marrows 1, D. Frith 2, J. W. Haw (first as cond.) 3, F. Pinchbeck 4, J. H. Musson 5, F. R. Mitchell 6.

SOUTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Andrews 1, W. White 2, F. Symonds 3, W. Tiley (cond.) 4, H. White 5, G. Goverd (first quarter) 6.

STOCKBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Mar. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. H. Short 1, S. B. Carev 2, A. E. Phillips 3, C. E. Daubney 4, C. W. Toyne (first as cond.) 5, E. C. Daubney 6. A compliment to E. C. Daubney on his 84th birthday.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—On Mar. 5th, at St. Paul's, Wood Green, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: B. Bicknell 1, E. Marlow 2, Miss J. Cotterill (14) 3, H. Howl 4, J. N. Hadley 5, W. T. Powell 6, E. J. Tyler 7, M. G. Turner (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 3, 4 and 5.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Mar. 12th, 1,320 Doubles (two six-scores each of St. Simon's, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire and three of Reverse Canterbury): J. Cannell 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, Barbara Mitchell (first in five methods) 3, Wm. A. Hughes 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, Anne Holmes 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Cannell, mother of treble ringer.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On Mar. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Tickner 1, S. Petter 2, H. Rance 3, R. Tickner 4, E. Sherwood 5, C. Slyfield 6, C. Hazelden (cond.) 7, G. Smith 8. First quarter peal of Grandsire Triples by all except ringers of 2 and 7. First quarter on the augmented eight.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Saturday, March 25th, West Malling (8). Joint meeting, Ladies' Guild, South-Eastern District. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 6663

LADIES' GUILD.—South-Eastern District.—Saturday, March 25th, West Malling (8). Joint meeting with Maidstone District of K.C.A. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 6680

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Dodderhill, Saturday, Mar. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 6722

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Seale (6) on Saturday, Mar. 25th, 6-9.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Sec. 6705

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Monday, Mar. 27th, practice meeting, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 7.15. No practice Apr. 3rd. Further practices first Monday in each month as usual. 6762

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Newmarket, April 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve, Hockwold. 6730

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting, Hadlow (8), April 1st, at 3. Tea 4.30. No service. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, by March 27th. 6730

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Brentwood (8) on April 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to A. Pryke, 199, Ongar Road, Brentwood. 6670

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Kirtlington (8) on Saturday, April 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by March 25th, please.—C. H. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 6716

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—The next meeting is at South Anston on Saturday, Apr. 1st. Bells (8) at 3. Names for tea to Mr. H. Turner, 10, High Street, South Anston, near Sheffield, not later than Mar. 30th.—J. E. Turley. 6745

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, Apr. 1st. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 6747

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting Saturday, Apr. 1st, St. Michael's, Aughton. Bells (6) 2.30. Light refreshments will be provided to those who notify Mr. R. Larkey, Smithy Lane, Aughton, by Mar. 29th.—J. Burns. 6756

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting Apr. 1st, at Earlsheaton. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea, apply Mr. H. Dransfield, 18, Commercial Street, Earlsheaton, before Mar. 27th.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6757

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting Slaugham (8), Saturday, Apr. 1st, 3. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, by Mar. 29th. 6750

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Quarterly meeting Stapleford (neither Beeston nor Mansfield available), Saturday, Apr. 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to me by Thursday, Mar. 30th.—W. Thornley, 101, Ryecroft Street, Stapleford, Nottingham. 6751

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting Norton, Saturday, Apr. 1st. Names for tea to Mr. W. C. Lawrence, 6, Mount Pleasant, Norton, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 6733

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at St. Andrews, Enfield, Apr. 1st, 3.15. Service, tea and business later. Bells of St. Mary's, Windmill Hill, available 3 to 4.30.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 6753

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Combined meeting Eccleston, Apr. 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea not later than Mar. 22nd.—G. E. Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 6742

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Emmanuel (8), Saturday, Apr. 1st, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Notify by Mar. 28th.—A. Bennett, 5, Lancaster Street, Redfield, Bristol 5. 6739

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Turvey (8) on Apr. 1st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Michael Stephens, 24, Durler Avenue, Kempston. 6738

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Aston, Apr. 1st. Bells (12) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please notify for tea.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road. Hall Green, Birmingham 28. SPR 1025. 6736

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Nomination meeting will be held at Armley on Saturday, Apr. 1st. Bells available from 3. Cups of tea provided. Members bring own food. Business meeting 7 in the tower. A good attendance is requested.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12. 6741

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn and Rossendale Branches.—Joint meeting at Oswaldtwistle, Apr. 1st. Tower open 2.30. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 6734

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting at Alresford (8), Saturday, Apr. 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at Horse and Groom Inn. Names for tea by Tuesday, Mar. 28th, to L. A. Tremere, 34, The Dean, Alresford. 6735

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bushey Heath (8), Apr. 1st, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 6732

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, April 10th, at Norwich. Bells available, Mancroft 10 to 12 and 2.30 onwards; St. Giles', St. Miles' and St. John de Sepulchre's (8 each) by arrangement. Standing Committee, Mancroft, 11.30. Service, Mancroft, 12 noon; preacher, Rev. K. O. Morris. Lunch, Mancroft Youth Centre, Chapelfield East, 1. Business meeting follows. Lunch, 4s. each. Names for lunch must be sent by Saturday, April 1st, to Gen. Sec., Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, 3, Colegate, Norwich. 6662

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, Ottery St. Mary, Easter Monday. Service 4. Tea after. Names by March 31st.—J. Arbury, 2, Paternoster Row, Ottery St. Mary. 6707

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Newport, St. Woolos' Cathedral, Easter Monday. Bells 2. Service 4. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hanington. 6748

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Rochester, Easter Monday. Towers and times, etc., next week. Don't miss your lunch. Names or numbers now to G. H. Spice, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne. 6749

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Meeting at St. Giles' (8), Ashted, on Easter Monday, Apr. 10th. Bells 3 to 4.40 and after meeting. Tea 5 in the Peace Memorial Hall, Woodfield Lane. Please notify Mr. G. A. Cook, Lavender Cottage, Crampshaw Lane, Ashted, by Thursday, Apr. 6th. R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6752

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 10th. Service in All Saints' Church at 11 a.m. Business meeting in College Hall 12 noon prompt. Reports obtained and subscriptions paid in College Hall 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. Coffee obtainable in College Hall at 1.15; bring own sandwiches. Tea (2s. 6d.) arranged at 4.45 for all who notify me before Wednesday, April 5th. Bells available: All Saints' (10) 10.30 a.m.; Claines (10), St. John's (8), Kempsey (6), 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 5.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 6723

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Swindon, Easter Monday, Apr. 10th. Bells, Christ Church (10) and St. Mark's (8), 11 till 12.30 and from 6.30, Rodbourne Cheney (6) 6.30. Lunch 3s. 6d. and tea 1s. 6d. in Christ Church Hall. Business meeting 2. Divine service 4. Address by the Archdeacon of Swindon. Notification for lunch or tea by Apr. 4th to Hon. Sec., Cyril H. Harding, 77, Bromley Heath Road, Downend, near Bristol. 6737

DEVON GUILD.—South-West Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Plympton St. Maurice, Saturday, April 15th. Names by April 12th to T. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 6727

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual general meeting at Newark, Apr. 15th. Full details next week.—J. W. Raithby, Gen. Sec. 6743

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lower Heyford (6), Apr. 15th. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Rousham (6) also evening.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 6744

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN. TEWKESBURY BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Tewkesbury Branch was held at Ashton-under-Hill on March 11th, and was attended by some 30 members, and visitors were also welcomed from Gloucester, Cheltenham, Hinton-on-the-Green, Malvern, Prestbury and Morton.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. W. Baker, who also gave an appropriate address. The lesson was read by Miss E. Bedford. An excellent tea was served in the Village Hall, for which the ladies responsible were warmly thanked.

The next meeting will be held at Tredington in June. It was decided to hold the annual outing in September, Group Captain Lester undertaking the task of organising same.

Four new performing members were elected, and the branch is now stronger than it has been for many years. The members are to be congratulated on their loyalty to the branch. Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise.—E. T. N.

SWINDON BRANCH.

The spring quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Rodbourne Cheney on March 11th, and visitors attended from Cirencester, Chippenham, Melksham and Strivenham, in addition to branch members. In the absence of the Vicar, the Association form of service was conducted by Mr. F. J. Geary, and the company was entertained to tea by the local ringers.

No meeting was arranged for April, and it was proposed that visits be made to Blunsdon and Bishopstone in May and June respectively. Good practice was had on this handy little six and ten different methods were rung, including Cambridge, London and York Surprise.

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NEWS FROM SUFFOLK

MOST of the Guild secretaries in their annual reports do not confine themselves to factual details but incorporate general advice of a helpful character. Mr. Cecil W. Pipe, in his report for 1949 of the Suffolk Guild, makes a point of referring to striking. 'This all-important phase in our art,' he writes, 'is far more important than the ability to ring intricate methods or to pile up the peal totals. Good striking is only attained by the perfect rhythm of all the ringers and the ability to keep the same pace usually set by the tenorman.'

'If the tenorman is inclined to quicken or slacken his pace good strikers automatically sense the change and no one suspects the difference. As a rule bad striking is the result of bad handling, and a bad handler should be quickly noted by the rest of the band, who will be wise to ring to the pace of the offender. I again stress the importance of ringing rounds until a good beat is reached before calling the bells into changes. The greatest contribution to good striking is bold Open and Closed leads. Alas, not all our ringers can "open and close" the lead, and the striking suffers badly. Many ringers have no idea how to open and close, and I ask our more fortunate brethren to teach them.'

The question Mr. Pipe raises is very important; it is a problem before every Guild. The degree of interval in the Open Lead is defined in the textbooks accepted by the Exercise, although there is not a Decision of the Council on the subject. In many peals there is a tendency to curtail the Open Lead to the minimum, so much so that it is hardly perceptible. The craze for speed by some bands is partly responsible for this neglect which is to the detriment of rhythmic ringing. It is obvious that if the Open Lead is neglected the time taken by a peal of Major or Triples is reduced by one-eighth, and in a peal of Minor by more. On the other hand, an exaggerated Open Lead is detrimental to good ringing. We feel that the subject is of sufficient importance for consideration by the sub-committee dealing with the revision of Rules and Decisions of the Council.

Returning to Suffolk matters, the year 1949 was one of progress. The reports of the 16 district secretaries indicate that more church bells were rung for services on

Sundays; membership of practical ringers and recruits had increased, and meetings on the whole had improved through larger attendances. Very little difficulty had been experienced in obtaining subscriptions, and nearly all members had paid before the end of the year.

In regard to the care of bells, there were two restorations during the year—the six at Bredfield (Messrs. Gillett and Johnston) and the ten at Grundisburgh (Messrs. John Taylor and Co.), the lightest ring of ten in any church in the world. About Easter it is expected that the new ring of six at Blythburgh will be dedicated—a product from Messrs. Mears and Stainbank—which should prove a great acquisition in a lonely part of Suffolk. Other work planned is the overhaul of the six bells at Brandeston, the recasting of two bells at Woodbridge and the adding of two new trebles at Cotton. In a general observation Mr. Pipe writes: 'Many of our once famous rings are showing signs of wear and tear, and there is much work for the bell foundries in the county. Funds for all these rings should be started now and not left until the bells are totally unringable.'

During the year 107 peals were rung for the Guild. Messrs. George A. Fleming, William J. Button and George Pipe qualified to having their names recorded in 'The Ringing World' as having rung 40 peals or over. Mrs. Pipe headed the list of conductors and would probably have doubled her total had she not been incapacitated by a sprained arm. Of the peals worthy of mention, the report notes that at Rickinghall, conducted by Mr. James Bailey; Hasketon, conducted by Mr. William Sawyer; Tuddenham, in honour of the diamond wedding of Mr. Charles Parker (aged 84); Stedman Triples at Afford and peals of Holt's Original, conducted by Mr. Frank Fisher; two peals at Southwold; those on the new bells at Bredfield and Grundisburgh, and the Little Bob at Bungay and Fressingfield, conducted by Mr. E. Whiting; the handbell peals conducted by Mr. George Wightman (aged 83), and the wonderful performances on the peal tour by the Yorkshire and Cheshire ringers.

The year has not been without its loss to Suffolk ringing. Among the deaths recorded are those of the Rev. W. H. Trickett, who served as clerical secretary; Mr. W. J. Groom, of Debenham, well known as a good ringer, a splendid striker and conductor; Mr. R. J. Steed, of the Stowmarket district; and Mr. John Hall, of Framlingham, who was one of the old school.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Mar. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. in C sharp.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
*JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD ... 8
ALBERT WALKER ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 9
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 4	HENRY H. FEARN ... 10
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 5	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 11
TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 6	GEORGE E. FEARN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS. 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

DOROTHY M. UDALE <i>Treble</i>	JOHN R. SMITH ... 6
BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 2	JOHN BRAMLEY ... 7
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 3	TERENCE A. THORNER ... 8
HAROLD TAYLOR ... 4	ALAN JACQUES ... 9
*ALBERT E. THOMPSON ... 5	WALTER P. SHAW ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. FREEBRY. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Olive Tate and Mr. S. Walklate.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*DONALD PEARSON <i>Treble</i>	PETER LAFLIN ... 6
ALAN A. POTTS ... 2	WILFRED STEVENSON ... 7
MRS. C. W. LAWTON ... 3	*WILLIAM E. MASHITER ... 8
JUNE HENSHAW ... 4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... 9
*ANNE WORTH ... 5	JOHN WORTH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by WILFRED STEVENSON.
* First peal of Royal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Whittaker.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

M. J. Morris's Variation		
JOHN LLOYD ... <i>Treble</i>	W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ... 5	
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 2	THOMAS C. BELTON ... 6	
RONALD LORD ... 3	GEORGE P. GARNER ... 7	
ALAN H. HOUGH ... 4	WALTER BEEBE ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 5
CHARLES E. FISHER ... 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 6
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 3	RONALD W. STEWARD ... 7
*PETER BARNES ... 4	GEORGE W. PIPE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.
A birthday peal for Charles E. Fisher.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

COLIN WALKER ... <i>Treble</i>	ALAN H. HOUGH ... 5
THOMAS C. BELTON ... 2	W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ... 6
*HORACE O. OVER ... 3	T. KELHAM DEACON ... 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to the son of the 3rd ringer, now in Tanganyika.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

MAURICE HODGSON ... <i>Treble</i>	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 2	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 6
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
ALICK CUTLER ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

BRAUGHING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

REGINALD DORE ... <i>Treble</i>	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 5
ERIC EDMONDSON ... 2	BRUCE MCKIE ... 6
WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... 3	SIDNEY F. CARTER ... 7
NATHAN PATMORE ... 4	WALTER AYRE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*SYLVIA P. M. LEWIN <i>Treble</i>	HERBERT LEWIN ... 5
SAMUEL PINDER ... 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 6
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 3	W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ... 7
*MAUREEN PINDER ... 4	THOMAS C. BELTON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by J. W. F. TROTMAN.
* First peal. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. A birthday compliment to the 2nd and 4th ringers.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*DANIEL NADEN ... <i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... 5
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 2	HEDLEY WOOD ... 6
ANNE WORTH ... 3	STANLEY NADEN ... 7
DENIS HEAPY ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal.

BORDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

DORIS G. DOBBIE <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM GORRINGE ... 5
HELEN GORRINGE ... 2	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 6
*STANLEY RAYFIELD ... 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 7
GEORGE H. SPICE ... 4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS ... <i>Tenor</i>

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THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JOHN H. FORD Treble	JAMES F. CLARKE 5
JOHN E. S. MORETON ... 2	JAMES DRAYCOTT 6
†MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH ... 3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ... 7
†JOHN GIBBONS 4	LEONARD TREVOR Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method by the local band.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 10 cwt.
*ERNEST GARDNER ... Treble	ROBERT J. ANDREWS ... 5
JOHN B. HESSEY 2	†ROY COLLINS 6
†REX J. CORKE 3	CHARLES W. DENYER ... 7
†DAVID SLEET 4	†REGINALD J. COLEMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. DENYER.

* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal. ‡ First peal on eight bells.

LYDD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation.	Tenor 15½ cwt.
HARRY BAKER ... Treble	PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 5
*FREDK. R. WELLER 2	RALPH BIRD 6
PERCY PAGE 3	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 7
LEONARD MANNERING ... 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER D. HUCKSTEPP.

* First peal in the method.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.	
JOSEPH W. COTTON ... Treble	EDWARD F. GOBEY ... 5
FRANK E. PERVIN 2	*HUBERT E. ASHLEY ... 6
JOHN PINFOLD 3	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. W. F. TROTMAN.

* First peal of Yorkshire.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Mar. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Morris's Twelve-part.	Tenor 9½ cwt.
DORIS SHEPPARD ... Treble	WILLIAM RICHINGS ... 5
*MARY DREW 2	THOMAS WITTS 6
*JOAN BUSSEY 3	LESLIE BARRY 7
TREVOR PRITCHARD ... 4	CHARLES LARNER ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Triples 'inside.' 100th peal as conductor.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 16 cwt.
DOREN COKER ... Treble	WALTER LEE 5
JOHN D. KAPE 2	A. REGINALD BLABY ... 6
ANTHONY E. COX 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
JESSIE HARRISON 4	*PETER HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

* First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Mar. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Being 2,944 London, 640 Bristol, 736 Cambridge, 736 Superlative.
Tenor 6½ cwt.

LAURENCE GREENHOW ... Treble	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 5
*JOHN R. SMITH 2	*J. FREDK. MILNER ... 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	*SHIRLEY BURTON 7
ALFRED BALLARD 4	PETER J. STANFORTH ... Tenor

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. A birthday compliment to Norman G. McCrum.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wed., Mar. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

HENRY H. FEARN ... Treble	*JOHN PINFOLD 5
TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 6
FRANK E. PERVIN 3	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 7
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. PYE. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* 300th peal.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

PHILIP J. COWARD ... Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
*ROBERT H. BEGRIE 2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 6
†MRS. N. O. L. MANCHIP ... 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 16 cwt.
HENRY L. BISHOP ... Treble	EDWARD R. ROBEY ... 5
JAMES GORDON 2	ALFRED H. WEBB 6
GEORGE W. BISHOP 3	ROBERT B. BLOND 7
*DOUGLAS JORDAN 4	WILLIAM CORDERY ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

JAMES THORLEY ... Treble	GIBSON JACKSON 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
MILTON C. FOWLER 3	ERNEST A. THORPE 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Helen Gledstone and Mr. John Petty. First peal in the method on the bells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
WALTER J. LEMON ... Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
JAMES W. EDEN 3	EDWIN BARNETT 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	*JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by GEOFFREY V. MURPHY.

* 1,100th peal. A wedding compliment to Miss R. Cullum, daughter of Mr. F. J. Cullum, of Erith.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

HORACE E. LILLEY ... Treble	KENNETH SNELLING ... 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7
GEORGE W. CECIL ... 4	RAYMOND OVERY ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Mar. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD ... Treble	CYRIL WRIGHT ... 5
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 2	JOHN E. TURLEY ... 6
STANLEY SLANEY ... 3	JOSEPH SAXTON ... 7
*MRS. J. E. TURLEY ... 4	GORDON C. BRIGGS ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON ... Treble	ALICK CUTLER ... 5
MRS. R. F. DEAL ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
*MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ... 3	*PETER N. BOND ... 7
ALFRED G. HILL ... 4	RICHARD F. DEAL ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.
* First peal of Superlative. A wedding compliment to Rita F. Cullum on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. Paul Le Saux. Also a birthday tribute to Mr. F. J. Cullum.

HURST, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
*LAURIE HALL ... Treble	CHARLES W. MORTIMER ... 5
VIOLET N. CASTLE ... 2	*STANLEY G. DAY ... 6
WALTER HUNT ... 3	BERNARD C. CASTLE ... 7
*JOHN A. HARLAND ... 4	ERNEST ALLUM ... Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD C. CASTLE.

* First peal.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Parker's Twelve-part. (7th observation).	Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb. in E.
JOHN T. WALMSLEY ... Treble	V. WILSON SYKES ... 5
*AUDREY T. SEVILLE ... 2	VERNON SYKES ... 6
DEREK OGDEN ... 3	S.S.M. P. H. TOCOK ... 7
STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... 4	† HAROLD C. STANDLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by VERNON SYKES.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL ... Treble	*PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 5
WILFRED W. RING ... 2	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 6
HARRY BAKER ... 3	S. GEOFFREY WATERS ... 7
PERCY PAGE ... 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP.

* First peal of Bob Major.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK, GLODWICK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Holt's Ten-part.	Tenor 8½ cwt.
OGDEN MOORES ... Treble	*MARGARET I. JAGGAR ... 5
FRED PRITCHARD ... 2	*PETER A. WELLS ... 6
ARTHUR F. TAYLOR ... 3	*JAMES W. EYRES ... 7
*MARJORIE FIELDING ... 4	*ERIC CASTERTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED PRITCHARD.

* First peal. First peal as conductor and his first peal in the method. A silver wedding compliment to the tower Master, Mr. A. F. Taylor.

PENSURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 18 cwt. in E flat.

BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... Treble	THOMAS E. SONE ... 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 2	ROBERT COLLINS ... 6
WILLIAM ROGERS ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
DORIS E. COLGATE ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
In memoriam Mr. Ernest W. Everest, of Chiddingstone (March 11th, 1950), a highly respected member of the above Association.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 12 cwt.
PETER BAKER ... Treble	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 5
FREDK. G. NURDEN ... 2	GEORGE KILMINSTER ... 6
CHARLES W. MARTIN ... 3	THOMAS BOREHAM ... 7
EDWIN T. NEWBURY ... 4	LESLIE BARRY ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW ... Treble	ROBERT E. LESTER ... 5
LESLIE G. FORSTER ... 2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 6
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 7
HARRY D. LISTER ... 4	OLIVER G. BARNARD ... Tenor

Composed by WM. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.
An 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. W. E. Tydman, for many years captain at this tower. The composition has the 6th the 24 course-ends Wrong and Right with the least possible number of changes.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SILKSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Mar. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being one 720 of Kent, two 720's of Woodbine, three 720's of Oxford and one 720 of Merchant's Return.	Tenor 16 cwt.
WILFRED BROADHEAD ... Treble	ARTHUR CHAMPION ... 4
WILLIAM GARBUTT ... 2	SQUIRE FIELDING ... 5
IRVING CROSSLAND ... 3	HARRY MANN ... Tenor

Conducted by IRVING CROSSLAND.

First peal as conductor. To celebrate the 15th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Champion.

CASSINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Tues., Mar. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven extents.	Tenor 12 cwt.
RUTH M. K. HOW ... Treble	ANNE M. DICKINSON ... 4
*CLAIRE ISLES ... 2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS ... 5
*DAVID EDWARDS ... 3	FRANK P. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

* First peal. A 21st birthday compliment to David Edwards.

HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in eleven methods: (1) Double Bob, (2) Double Court, (3) Spliced St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (4) Spliced Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (5) Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (7) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, with 65 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*ROYSTON P. PURCHASE...Treble	GEORGE GILBERT ... 4
†H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 2	*WILLIAM F. BUTLER ... 5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 3	*FRANK H. HICKS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal in eleven methods. † First peal in eleven methods 'inside.' A farewell peal to R. P. Purchase, who left the following day to join H.M. Forces at Catterick, Yorkshire.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Thurs., Mar. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

MRS. J. E. TURLEY ...Treble	ALAN ROGERS ... 4
JOHN E. TURLEY ... 2	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK... 5
GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

First peal by all in seven methods. A birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Turley's son.

UPHOLLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*PETER ASHCROFT ...Treble	†WM. O. FARRIMOND ... 4
HARRY GRUNDY ... 2	CHARLES BLACKBURN ... 5
HARRY BLACKBURN ... 3	GEORGE MILLS ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES BLACKBURN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

BRACKLEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF YORK SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

CECIL HINTON ...Treble	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS ... 4
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER... 2	ERNEST LINES ... 3
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 3	WILLIAM YATES ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild. First peal of Minor on the bells.

EASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

LEWIS J. LAST ...Treble	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 4
GEORGE W. PIPE ... 2	RONALD W. STEWARD ... 5
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD... 3	CECIL W. PIPE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

First peal on the bells for the Guild and for 40 years.

NETHERAVON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF NORTHUMBERLAND SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 19½ cwt.

JACK MUSSELL ...Treble	JOHN HARTLESS ... 4
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS... 2	FRANK L. HARRIS ... 5
DAVID R. REED ... 3	RONALD N. MARLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild. First Surprise peal on the bells.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of College Exercise, Double Bob, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

WILLIAM PERRY Treble	FRANK C. MAY 4
DONALD COOMBS 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 5
RODERICK W. CROUCHER ... 3	GERALD FROST Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Wells, London, York and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Treble 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR SHEPPARD ... Treble	GIRLING RIGBY 4
JOHN F. WILKINSON ... 2	PHILIP L. PARROTT 5
DENIS R. CARLISLE ... 3	ALFRED MOULD Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP L. PARROTT.

SHILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

*JOHN L. WOODWARD Treble	HUBERT E. ASHLEY 4
*MARGARET F. DANIELS ... 2	WILLIAM A. STOTE 5
ALBERT E. BRISTOW ... 3	W. BRIAN ELLENDER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

* First peal of Minor. A 21st birthday compliment to Margaret F. Daniels.

WALTON-LE-WOLDS, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 40 six-scores and a 240 of Pitman's arrangement.

*ROGER SOARS (13) ... Treble	JOHN W. LOWE 3
*F. KEVON THOMPSON (14) 2	*GEOFFREY LOWE (16) ... 4
FRED LOWE Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN W. LOWE.

* First peal.

WISBOROUGH GREEN, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AD VINCLIA,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*ARTHUR M. SKINNER (17) Treble	CECIL R. LONGHURST ... 4
*BARBARA HAMMOND (16) 2	WILLIAM H. EDWARDS ... 5
*EVELYN J. EDWARDS (15) 3	RAYMOND P. WOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

* First peal. Arranged for the ringer of the treble, who is joining the Royal Navy.

HOLKHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Mar. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WITHIBURGA,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.

*PETER BEALS Treble	*ALBERT J. COOTE 4
FREDERICK H. BEALS ... 2	*ROBERT ALCOCK 5
JACK S. WILLIAMSON ... 3	TONY OWEN Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. S. Williamson.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 4½ cwt.

R. M. E. RICHARDS ... Treble	WILLIAM SWAIN 4
HAROLD FRANKLIN ... 2	ERIC J. STERLAND 5
*W. EDWIN GOUGH ... 3	BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal in the method by all the band. Believed to be the first peal in the method for the Association.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Mar. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,160 and 4 extents. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

HAROLD S. PEACOCK ... Treble	STANLEY GILBERT 4
*BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 2	HENRY DUNNINGTON ... 5
FRANK WARRINGTON ... 3	MANSFIELD GINN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor 'inside.'

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire, thirty-two 120's of St. Dunstan's and four 240's of Morris' arrangement. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES LARNER ... Treble	BRUCE WILLIAMS 4
LESLIE BARRY 2	WILLIAM RICHINGS ... 5
JOAN BUSSEY 3	KENNETH OVERBERRY ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and five of Bob Minor, called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*DENNIS A. CHAPMAN ... Treble	*HORACE LUBBOCK 4
HERBERT C. READ ... 2	FREDK. G. BOYCE ... 5
ERNEST G. BENTON ... 3	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BAILEY.

* First peal

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Plain Bob, Reverse, Double Bob, Fulbeck, Canterbury, Thelwall, Childwall, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, College, Wavertree, London Bob, Lytham, (2) Single Oxford, (3) Single Court, (4) Double Court, (5) Cambridge, (6) London Scholars and Kingston, (7) Kent and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

*SAM W. CHAPMAN ... Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ... 4
*STANLEY R. GARDNER ... 2	*RICHARD MANTON ... 5
C. WILLIAM HALL ... 3	ROLAND BENISTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal in 21 Minor methods. First peal by treble ringer for 22 years, after an absence from ringing for 20 years.

DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*DENIS R. WOODS ... Treble	† STANLEY V. WOODS ... 4
MAURICE BENNETT ... 2	† STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 5
CYRIL WANDER 3	† FRANK TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods on an 'inside' bell. ‡ 50th peal.

HILPERTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

MRS. DORA EVANS ... Treble	*MAURICE HELPS 4
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING 2	GEORGE J. HAWKINS ... 5
WILLIAM G. BROWN ... 3	ROGER O. FRY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

* First peal of Surprise.

POLESWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Mar. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

JOAN BERESFORD ... Treble	WALTER J. COPE 4
PETER BERESFORD ... 2	DENNIS BERESFORD ... 5
*ERNEST ELTON 3	GEORGE E. OLIVER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

* First peal.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, one of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

HERMON J. OLIVER	... Treble	*H. RICHARD C. GRICE...	4
ROBERT C. HEAZEL	... 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	5
RICHARD VALENTINE	... 3	HARRY TURNER	... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal in four methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARWELL, LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 2, 1950, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 19 in F.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 1-2 | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4

HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 5-6

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 6½ Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFREY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

M. J. MORRIS' Variation. J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 1-2 | ERNEST MORRIS ... 5-6

JOHN MORRIS ... 3-4 | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 7-8

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Fri., Mar. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At ST. HILDA'S COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, four callings.

RENATE BUCHTHAL ... 1-2 | *PATRICIA M. WAREHAM ... 3-4

†M. ELIZABETH ROE ... 5-6

Conducted by M. ELIZABETH ROE.

* First peal. † First peal 'in hand' and first peal of Minor. All the band are in residence at St. Hilda's College.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Mar. 11, 1950, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFREY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... 5-6

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 17 methods: Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's, Crayford College, Richmond, New London, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Wellington Little Court, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court, Bastow Little Court and Kent Little Court; 293 changes of method.

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2 | JACK BRAY ... 5-6

GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 3-4 | PHILIP BARNES ... 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

The greatest number of Major methods that have been spliced into a handbell peal.

BLABY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Mar. 12, 1950, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,

AT 90, WELFORD ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 1-2 | JOHN J. MORRIS... 3-4

HAROLD KILBY ... 5-6

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.

First peal of Grandsire Doubles 'in hand' by all.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sun., Mar. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT 9, HOADLEY ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

ANNE B. STOCKDALE (Girt.) 1-2 | G. DODDS (Emmanuel) ... 5-6

R. F. B. SPEED (Caius)... 3-4 | G. ANDERSON-SMITH (New.) 7-8

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'The Ringing World' is now taking postal
subscribers for the new quarter starting April
7th. Remittances: 20s. 12 months, 10s. 6d. six
months, 5s. 6d. three months, to Mrs. Fletcher,
The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.
Quarterly subscribers are reminded that their
subscriptions are now due.

Mr. Ernie Stitch, who for
over 22 years has been sec-
retary of the Swansea and Brecon Guild, has
resigned on leaving the district for Wolver-
hampton. Writes a correspondent: 'We have
grown to rely on his dynamic personality where
ringing was concerned, and no stone was left
unturned to obtain the use of bells when re-
quired. In his own tower at Aberavon, he is
leaving a young band at ringers (both sexes),
who, we hope, will continue to keep the bells
of St. Mary's ringing.'

Mr. F. West, of Tyringham, Bucks, has
just rung his first quarter peal after 48 years
a ringer.

An all-youth company rang a quarter peal
of Plain Bob Major at Kempston, Beds. They
are now contemplating a peal!

Mr. S. J. Elliott, of 8, Sunny View, Yardley
Hastings, Northants, is anxious for a loan
of 'Among the Bells,' by the late Rev. F. E.
Robinson. Can any reader oblige?

Mr. James Bennett has passed another mile-
stone with his 1,100th peal. The occasion was
a happy one—the wedding of Miss R. Cullum,
the daughter of the popular Kent ringer, Mr.
F. J. Cullum.

Mr. John Worth has completed the circle
of the tower of Christ Church, Macclesfield, and
Mr. Trevor M. Roderick that of Neath, Glam.

Mr. William Bottrill has now rung Kent
Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

Refraining from guessing the weight of the
tenor at Polesworth, Warwickshire, Mr. George
Oliver writes that he had heard conflicting
reports ranging from 14 to 19½ cwt. Judging
from the 'go,' he doubts whether it is over
14 cwt.

We welcome the return to our peal columns
of Mr. S. W. Chapman with a peal of 21
Minor methods at Copt Oak on March 18th.
This was his first peal for 22 years after an
absence from ringing for 20 years.

BELFRY GOSSIP

His many friends will
regret to learn that Mr.
Claud Parks, the retiring
secretary of the Surrey Association, has met
with a road accident, and at the time of the
annual meeting was in hospital. We wish him
a speedy recovery.

Owing to duplication of meetings, the Leeds
and District Society have cancelled their meet-
ing for April 1st.

The Exercise will express its condolences with
Mr. W. H. Shuker, of Fallowfield, Manchester,
the esteemed secretary of the Lancashire Asso-
ciation, in the loss he has sustained by the
death of his wife on March 24th.

The peal of Grandsire Caters at Leeds on
March 18th was the first in the tower since
1901. It formed a fitting in memoriam peal
to Tom Dexter, the bellhanger, who hung these
bells in 1932 and who rehung the tenor after
the accident, so shortly before his tragic death.

Those interested in five-bell ringing will con-
gratulate Barkby, Leicester, ringers on their
quarter peal of Doubles in five methods. This
is believed to be the first time that any Barkby
men have rung a quarter peal on their own
bells and is the result of months of hard work
and practice by a band of learners on a heavy
going ring. The ringers were W. Illston 1,
B. S. Payne 2, G. A. James (cond.) 3, T.
Earley 4, E. F. Payne 5. It was the first
quarter by all except the fifth.

At the other end of the scale comes a report
from St. Mary Redcliffe of 1,056 New Cam-
bridge Surprise Maximus, which was the first
touch of Surprise Maximus by nine of the band.
The company was L. C. C. Warren 1, A. E.
Reeves 2, Miss B. Jordan 3, E. J. Brown (cond.)
4, E. F. Hancock 5, H. W. Knight 6, T. W.
Kimber 7, W. G. Brown 8, W. Parker 9, J.
Carman 10, N. Coombs 11, R. C. Seager 12.
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10, 11 and 12.

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Methods Committee and 'Steadfast'

Dear Sir,—The Methods Committee has been asked to give its opinion on 'Steadfast.' We, therefore, state that we consider this method to be fundamentally the same as 'Shipway's Principle' and that it does not depart from the latter sufficiently enough to justify being called a new method.

By the usual practice of nomenclature the name must remain Shipway's Principle since at least two peals have been rung in the method.

May we suggest, to avoid further misunderstandings and hurt feelings, that the Methods Committee be approached before the Editor is asked to print new methods in the future? They may only be a 'rediscovery.'—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD (Convener).

E. A. BARNETT.

H. G. CASHMORE.

F. NOLAN GOLDEN.

C. K. LEWIS.

Dedication

WATERINGBURY, KENT.

The village of Wateringbury is situated astride the Tonbridge road, five miles out of Maidstone, where the River Medway, the railway, the road and the line of hill all run parallel. North over the hill brings you in sight of the Medway gap through the North Downs and the tall chimneys of paper factories and cement works, but in Wateringbury itself the more homely setting of a brewery and oast houses, hop gardens and fruit orchards preserves the traditional Kent scene.

It was, therefore, a truly village gathering at the Church of St. John the Baptist on March 18th, when the Rt. Rev. Bishop Tonks, now Rector of Leybourne, rededicated the ring of six bells (tenor 8½ cwt. in B flat) after quarter turning, retuning and rehanging in ball bearings. The service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. H. Soar, opened with the ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God,' after which the procession moved to the organ gallery, from which a few stairs lead up to the small ringing chamber.

After the dedication the choir sang the carol, 'Ding dong, merrily on high,' and the bells rang out. At the ropes were D. Driver, C. Bennett, F. Wickham, A. Kelvie and S. Saxby, of the local band, together with Mr. G. H. Spice, general secretary of the Kent County Association.

In his address, Bishop Tonks talked about bells of many lands recalling personal memories of the island of Grenada, where he had served as Archdeacon. A reference to Belgium as the home of campanology produced a stir among the ringers present, but we know what the Bishop meant.

After the service had ended the bells were set going for the remainder of the afternoon and evening. A break was made while about twenty of us partook of an excellent repast at the Railway Hotel, when it was generally agreed that Messrs. Mears and Stainbank had put the bells in really fine order.

To mark the rededication of the bells a well-struck 720 of Cambridge Minor was rung by E. A. Allen 1, Miss G. Anderson Smith 2, G. H. Spice 3, E. S. J. Hatcher 4, F. P. Wright 5, P. C. Wright (conductor) 6. Altogether, a dozen or so methods were successfully attempted.

It was quite late when the bells were rung down, and, homeward bound, we hoped that the village of Wateringbury would long continue to hear its bells ring out their message Sunday by Sunday, while behind the scenes the local band progress steadily in the art of change ringing. E.S.J.H.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

RETIRING SECRETARY IN ROAD ACCIDENT.

The annual general meeting of the Surrey Association was held at Reigate on March 18th.

Proceedings commenced promptly at 3 p.m. and the fine ten of St. Mary's were rung to a variety of methods, including a good course of Cambridge Royal, which preceded the service at 5 p.m. This was well attended and the Vicar of Reigate extended a hearty welcome to the ringers. He gave an interesting address in which he traced the history of bells from earliest times in this country, emphasising the important part bells play in the work of the Church.

The company adjourned to the Parish Hall and the Vicar joined the 66 members and friends who sat down to tea ably arranged by Mr. W. Claydon. After tea the Vicar took leave of the meeting owing to another engagement. Prior to his departure a hearty vote of thanks was expressed for his welcome and for conducting the service.

Before commencing the business meeting, the Master, Mr. Dan Cooper, said he was sorry to inform the members that the general secretary had met with an unfortunate road accident the previous Monday and as a result was in hospital. He was glad to say, however, that Mr. Parks was making steady progress and he felt sure the meeting would wish him to convey their best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery. In the secretary's absence, the assistant secretary, Mr. E. G. Talbot, deputised.

Arising out of the minutes, mention was made of the summer meeting of the Association, which was first held in the Limpsfield District on July 16th. The support given justified the venture and it was hoped that it would become an established event.

In the absence of the treasurer, Mr. Talbot read the statement of the accounts, which on the year's working showed an increase in the balance in hand of approximately £9. The statement was adopted.

Due to his unfortunate accident, the secretary had been unable to prepare the usual committee's report. The Master explained, however, that this comprised in the main the information given in the district reports which had been presented at the respective annual meetings. In the circumstances he hoped the meeting would overlook the temporary omission of the committee's report, mentioning that a steady rate of progress had been maintained during the past year, the usual number of district meetings having been held and being well supported. The report would be produced in due course. On the proposition of Mr. F. E. Collins, seconded by Mr. A. J. Bull, it was agreed to waive the report.

The following were proposed as ringing members and duly elected: Messrs. D. Parr, H. W. Skinner and J. W. Crawley (Old Coulsdon), T. Norman (Banstead) and W. Parrott (Benlilton). The election of Messrs. M. O. Thomas and J. Lanbrough as compounding members was ratified.

With the exception of the general secretary, who had signified his intention not to seek re-election, all the retiring officers were re-elected. On a ballot being taken for the two nominations, viz., Messrs. W. Oatway, of Croydon, and Mr. A. J. Adams, of Banstead, for the post of general secretary, Mr. W. Oatway was elected.

BELFRY REPAIR FUND.

The Master raised the question of the inauguration of a Belfry Repair Fund. He reminded the meeting that both districts at their annual meeting had expressed themselves in favour and he felt sure that the general meeting would add its approval. He, therefore, proposed that, subject to control being in the hands of the General Committee and to the fund being entirely separate from the General

Fund, the scheme be brought into being. This was seconded by Mrs. Lathbury and the motion carried. It was decided to make the first collection on behalf of the fund forthwith and this realised the sum of £2 12s. 3d.

It was then decided that the next annual meeting be held at Kingston in preference to Beddington, which had also been proposed.

FORMATION OF LIBRARY.

Under the heading of 'Other Business,' it was agreed that the Association's bound volumes of 'The Bell News' and 'Ringing World' should be housed in a cabinet to be installed in the belfry of St. John's, Croydon, this to form the basis of an association library.

Request was made for ringing books of an historical or useful nature to build up a library for the benefit of members.

Mr. F. E. Darby suggested that a duplicate set of all Association reports published should also find a place in the library.

Mr. E. G. Talbot recommended that the contents of the library should not be confined to books alone, but that members sufficiently interested should make copies of interesting data, peals, rules, etc., which might be found in their respective towers. These might be usefully kept in an Association scrapbook of interesting items and be the means of preserving old records.

Mr. Cooper gave a hearty welcome to the three members of the Old Coulsdon band who had joined the Association, and on their request it was agreed that the tower be affiliated to the Southern District.

It was then suggested by Mr. D. Layton, of Banstead, that the Association report be now produced upon an annual basis. As, however, it was now too late to produce one for the year 1949, the Master proposed that a report be issued to take in the years not previously covered and to include 1950 and to be ready for the 1951 annual meeting, when it would be decided if production should be resumed on an annual basis.

SOUTHWARK PEAL ATTEMPT.

Mr. F. E. Darby informed the meeting that of the peal attempts made at Southwark Cathedral only one per year was allocated to the Association. Of attempts made he contended that all those members wishing to ring a peal at that tower had not been approached.

Mr. F. E. Collins, who had arranged the peals on the last two occasions, denied this was so and that as he had been unable to obtain sufficient Surrey ringing members he had been forced to utilise the services of some compounding members.

Mr. Darby thereupon proposed and Mr. D. Layton seconded that the question of the annual attempt for the Southwark peal be made part of the Association's official business and that a suitable item appear on the agenda. This, however, did not gain the meeting's support.

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne maintained that as the peal was apparently an Association affair, the only proper person to be responsible for its arranging was the Master, and he made a proposition to this effect. This was duly seconded and received the unanimous support of the members present.

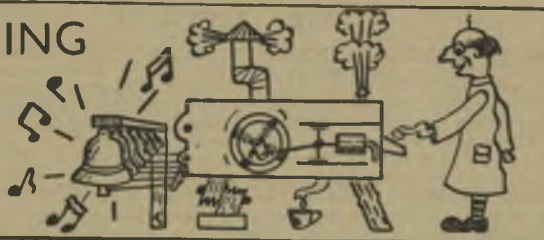
The opportunity was taken of placing on record the Association's sincere appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Claud Parks, the retiring secretary, who had held that office for a number of years, and it was proposed that when writing him, as had been announced earlier, the thanks of the Society should be suitably expressed.

The Master then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the organist for his services and also to Mr. W. Claydon for supplying the tea.

Members then returned to the tower, where ringing was enjoyed up till 9 p.m.

CHANGE-RINGING MACHINES

By B. D. Price.



(Continued from page 187)

HISTORY OF CARTER'S MACHINE.

John Carter was born at Darlaston, Staffs, on April 30th, 1854. About the time of making his machine (1890 onwards) he was in charge of the revolver section of Messrs. Webber and Scott, Weyman Street, Birmingham. This firm is still in existence. During these years he held patents on his revolver inventions which brought him a considerable income. Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, one of the machine's two trustees, has given me valuable information. He states: 'I believe he had all the facilities required when he commenced his machine to make all the necessary parts. In the early years of the construction Carter did not allow any details of its principle to be known to anyone here in Birmingham, and to the best of my knowledge it was not published in any form until 1925 (in the 'Model Engineer').'

John Carter lived in Aston when I first knew him, near the Parish Church, and the house which he owned was named 'Forward Villas.' The house is still there. Later he moved to the Sparkbrook district of Birmingham at 130, Walford Road, and I lived at No. 180 until December, 1898. Tom Russam, an old St. Martin's ringer, lived at No. 114. 'I remember Carter had a workshop in the top storey of his house, where he worked on his ringing machine. He would carry it down to the dining room when he wished to try it out. My job was to keep a gas engine going in an outhouse, which generated electricity to drive the machine. When he had the machine set to the desired method and working rightly he would send for Tom Russam to come and hear the machine. If at times alterations were required it would be taken upstairs again and we would only see it when tried out again. The attachment which he fitted for figure printing was in cylindrical form with numbers one to twelve. Each figure would be connected to each particular slide (bellplate) and would operate on the paper roll. He had considerable trouble at first with this mechanism, but he eventually overcame any difficulty. In 1920 Carter retired to 25, Lessing Street, Honor Oak Park, S.E. 23.'

John Carter started ringing in 1873. He soon became an experienced conductor on handbells and on tower bells, and 'The Bell News' about 1890 contained many of his new and unique compositions. An account of him appears in 'The Bell News' for April 9th, 1892, page 13:—

'He is at work during spare hours upon what he calls a bellringing machine, which is to ring a peal in any method the onlooker demands. It will be some time before this invention is perfected, though several courses and leads in various methods have already been rung upon it.' The same account also states that owing to increasing deafness he was compelled to relinquish leadership of the 'Birmingham Amalgamated Society,' a society which at that time rivalled the St. Martin's Guild.

The following description of the history of Carter's machine is due to Mr. E. Alex Young, formerly one of its trustees, and is reproduced by his kind permission.

'Mr. John Carter took up ringing in 1873 when nearly 20 years of age, he having been

born in 1854, and soon gave evidence of a natural aptitude for the art. . . .

About the year 1890, Mr. Carter, using Birmingham as a centre, was wont to organise bands of ringers to travel to the bell towers of the surrounding district in order to ring peals. . . . It was upon one such occasion, having arranged a peal at Perry Barr, he was travelling to his destination by tram-car (some 3 or 4 miles). To pass the time he reverted to an idea that had struck him casually that morning and soon found himself deeply absorbed in it. So much indeed did he concentrate his mind upon it that it excluded all else. The idea was The Ringing Machine, and by the time he reached Perry Barr, it had already taken practical shape in his mind, so far as the working principles were concerned. It need only be added that the peal broke down, for the inventor was too full of his new idea to conduct a peal, and was indeed to the surprise of his band of ringers hardly able to ring at all. To follow in Mr. Carter's own words, "I was so anxious, that when I got home I wished to start plotting it on paper, and it was only lack of materials that made me wait until Monday; however, that morning I bought my drawing paper before going to work, and that night I got out my drawing board and instruments and started my workshop drawings. These amounted in time to some 30 sheets, but I was soon able to determine the frame and let the finer details wait. I made a model of the frame in lexwood, and Mr. W. Godden, who worked for Messrs. Barwells, the bellfounders, got it cast for me in gunmetal."

It would appear that though the work was thus well started it was the labour of many years before it was brought to completion. . . . Mrs. Carter says that it absorbed the whole of his own time and many a Saturday and Sunday. . . .

"When I had got it into shape and was satisfied that it was working, I invited some of my ringing associates to see it. . . . It was then being driven by a foot-lathe, and I rang a course of Duffell Maximus, they being all much impressed."

If at this time the inventor had let well alone, the machine to-day would have presented itself in all its completeness and showing his idea finished with a unity far more telling than we find it to-day. At that time the present 12 gongs . . . were not used, but 12 cup bells were fixed along the top of the machine, on a common spindle, and they were struck by hammers actuated from below. The reason that this arrangement was abandoned was due to Sir Arthur Heywood . . . (who) though delighted with the machine, thought the bells poor in tone and the striking movement too noisy. The result was that the bells were taken off the machine and placed in a fan-shaped table box and connected electrically with it. Sir Arthur also arranged for a gas-engine and an electric motor. . . .

In 1920 (December), Mr. Carter came to reside at his present address (London, S.E. 23), bringing his machine with him and adapting it to be driven by accumulators. Being desirous of ringing a peal (very long deferred), he availed himself of the offer of a neighbouring friend and ringer, Mr. E. Alex Young, to move it to the latter's house. This enabled Mr. Carter to use the public electricity supply.

He now thought he could again turn to Mr. Taylor's gongs and this time built them up successfully into their present box.'

The Carter Machine is now permanently deposited in the South Kensington Science Museum, where it is under the immediate care of Mr. D. H. Follett, of the staff. With the machine is a manuscript book compiled by the former trustees (from which the quotation in this chapter was taken), giving directions for the working of the machine and details of its history.

Permission to see the machine working must be obtained from one of the trustees. It is gratifying to know that the machine is so well guarded against authorised would-be workers. Occasionally it is demonstrated at the Central Council annual meeting, and a report on its condition is given to that body yearly by the trustees. At present (early 1950) it is being overhauled. The mechanism is as good as it ever was, but the attendant motor and current supply for the bells are being replaced with modern equipment. The only other part that has been renewed is the wiper arm and studs for delivering current to the bells (N P Q R S in Fig. 1), which was completely replaced due to wear about fifteen years ago.

It is clear from all accounts that John Carter went to an extraordinary amount of trouble to perfect his machine. The existing machine itself shows signs of alterations, and the mode of striking the bells has changed many times. Mr. Peter Lafin, of Stockport, asserts that Carter scrapped his mechanism several times and started again. It would appear that the machine was built in the period 1890-1925, the perfection covering most of that period. Mr. Alex. Young states that Carter had in mind a machine much smaller and of different design, being circular and made of aluminium. It is possible that this would have had the bellplates circular, revolving on a central vertical pivot instead of sliding, and that he might have adopted the 'all moving together' system as he was by then conversant with the use of electricity.

HISTORY OF WOODHOUSE'S MACHINES.

Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, of Sedbergh (Yorks), has for years been carrying out valuable research into various ringing machine mechanisms. Being formerly physics master at Sedbergh School, he retired in 1930 at the age of 55 and a great deal of his time since has been devoted to making change ringing machines, in the workshop basement of his house. He is one of the early members of the Cambridge University Guild, ringing the treble in the first Guild tower-bell peal, and conducting many peals, including a peal rung on Seage's Apparatus at Great St. Mary's. He became a famous climber, and his name is to be found in many Guides on the Lake District and Skye. At least one route is named after him, a crack that the majority of persons would think impossible to climb.

He states: 'My very first attempt was to fix up an arrangement to ring Bob Minor only. It didn't really work, so I thought a ringing machine wasn't possible. Then I heard that Carter had made one, and I started again.' It is with the kind permission of Mr. Woodhouse, and of Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, who provided me with old correspondence, that I am able to reconstruct the story of Mr. Woodhouse's machines.

Of the nine machines he has made, the first eight rang up to eight bells, but the last machine which is still under construction rings up to twelve bells, and has already drawn diagrams of hundreds of methods.

Machine No. 1 was made prior to September, 1933. A letter dated September 18th, 1933, says: 'It's working quite well and has already done plain courses in 16 methods and making bobs. These methods include Cambridge, Superlative, London and Bristol. I think I can make it still more certain, but at the

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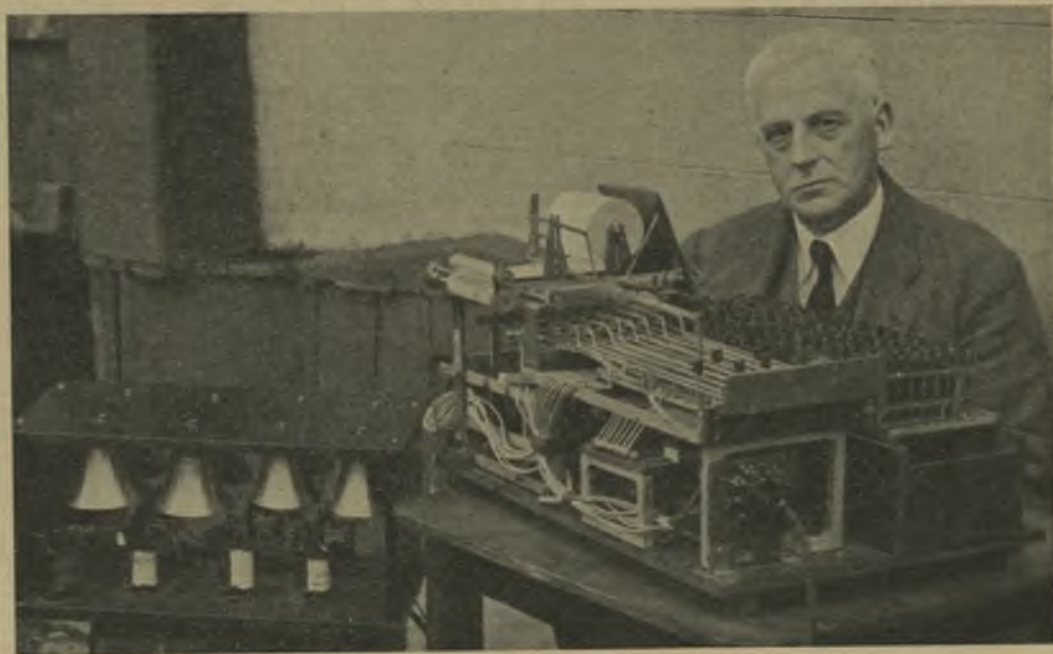
RINGING MACHINES—continued.

moment I've an idea for another which will only occupy 1ft. x 1ft. about.' It seems that this optimistic statement conveys the true spirit of zest that Mr. Woodhouse has always had. No. 1 stored up its method on a barrel with pins inserted. The pins pressed on electrical contacts and the connection with the bellplates was electrical. The latter were moved by a number of rods, which were released by electromagnets working from the barrel contacts. The barrel reversed itself so that (as in all Mr. Woodhouse's machines) it was only necessary to set half a lead of the method desired. This machine was scrapped. It was the only one with electrical selection of the bellplates.

Machine No. 2 was made prior to May, 1934. Thus, May 20th, 1934: 'No. 2 Machine has now rung 104 methods and drawn diagrams of most. It very seldom makes a mistake. However, being out for perfection, I've built a No. 3 with some detail improvements in the hope of eliminating sources of error. I have just about finished it.' July 12th, 1934: 'My No. 3 is now, I think, as perfect as possible. At any rate, I've rung 324 plain courses in 324 methods. It tripped occasionally, perhaps 1 in 1,000 or so.' August 2nd, 1934: 'Having now done all the methods published by the Central Council and about 25 Surprise Major and other methods, I've run out of methods! 412 altogether in a portfolio containing a diagram of each.' In 'The Ringing World' for August 10th, 1934, there is an article on No. 2 machine, and a photograph of Mr. Woodhouse with it. The first peal ever rung on a machine was rung on No. 3 at Highfield, Sedbergh (Mr. Woodhouse's home), August 19th, 1934. It was 5,024 Double Norwich, rung in 2 hours 52 minutes, conducted and composed by G. F. W. It was absolutely perfect, he states. Ringing long lengths has a curious effect on the performer. During this peal he went asleep on one occasion, and woke up just in time to call a bob at 6! Subsequently a peal of London Surprise was lost after 4,000 changes for the same reason. This No. 3 machine also rang 5,024 Cambridge Surprise and 5,040 Stedman Triples in the same year. As far as is known, no peal has ever been rung on Carter's machine, though at least one quarter peal has been rung on it.

No. 4 was a remade No. 3. Thus, October 18th, 1934: 'I am now making a properly finished one, replacing odd bits of metal bolted together, by castings.' A booklet was published describing this machine, which was sent free to all who desired it. Mr. Woodhouse still has a few copies left. While stock lasts he has kindly offered to supply copies free. Send a stamped addressed foolscap envelope to him at Highfield, Sedbergh, Yorks.

Most of Mr. Woodhouse's machines have been capable of drawing diagrams, using a stylus pen moving over a strip of paper. The diagrams from the early machines were shaky and imperfect, but the ones produced by the later ones almost perfect. Carter's machine also draws diagrams, but imperfectly. The paper motion in Carter's is continuous and the pen movement in jerks, so that plain hunting does not draw a straight line. Indeed, one can see no simple way of adapting Carter's machine to draw good diagrams, as the movements of the bellplate to which the pen is attached are carried out at varying times due



MR. WOODHOUSE AND HIS No. 8 MACHINE.

[Photo: 'Westmorland Gazette']

to the staggering of movement. Diagrams drawn by Carter's machine are reproduced in Mr. Morris' book, 'The History and Art of Change ringing.' In all Mr. Woodhouse's machines the bellplates move rapidly (as will be described) and the paper movement can be synchronised with the bellplates to give good diagrams.

Machines Nos. 3 and 4 also worked a type-writer electrically, and on it one could type a lead or course by simply turning the handle of the machine and returning the carriage after each change. About this time Mr. Woodhouse made a temporary machine in order to print changes. The type was rubber (cut from a date stamp?) and each figure was mounted on its bellplate. By a system of sliding plates and hooks these bellplates (unlike those on the other machines) actually changed places and the paper then descended and the change was printed. Mr. Ernest Morris has half a course of Duffield Major printed on this machine, dated January 18th, 1935. It was scrapped as being cumbersome, but it was an interesting departure in design. Early in 1949 he made a similar experimental mechanism.

No. 5 was the first machine to have a moving panel instead of a barrel for swap storage. This was a great advance; the machine, however, was not a good one, according to Mr. Woodhouse. Nos. 6 and 7 were somewhat similar. No. 7 has undergone many changes. At first the panel was below the bellplates. This was altered, and the panel was placed at the side, sliding lengthways. Then an attempt was made using Carter's clicks and making the preselectors drive them. This was not satisfactory as the movement happened rapidly and all at once (not being slow and staggered as in Carter's machine), so it was altered again to resemble No. 8, which was by then made. Lastly, a system of bellplate movement used on Nos. 3 and 4 was introduced, and it is now permanently connected to a typewriter and does about 20 changes per minute.

(To be continued.)

TYRINGHAM, BUCKS. — On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles; F. West (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Sharp 2, A. Armstrong 3, L. Cadwell 4, C. Sharp (cond.) 5.

68 YEARS CATHEDRAL SERVICE RINGER

To mark his completion of 68 years as a service ringer at Manchester Cathedral, his fellow ringers presented Mr. Charles Fairly on his 82nd birthday (St. Patrick's Day) with a pipe and tobacco.

It was intended that the Dean should make the presentation on the Sunday previous in the belfry, but unfortunately Mr. Fairly was in bed with influenza. The presentation was made at his house on the day of his birthday. Mr. Fairly throughout his long service was never late.

In honour of the event 1,277 Grandsire Caters was rung on March 19th by H. Hollingworth 1, F. Barraclough 2, Mary Walshaw 3, B. Walshaw 4, G. Pye 5, A. Ridyard (cond.) 6, W. Pye 7, H. Longden 8, R. Longden 9, G. Longden 10.

MR. J. PINFOLD'S 300 PEALS

Mr. John Pinfold, Birmingham, has an interesting list in his 300 peals:—

Doubles.—Grandsire, Plain Bob 1.
Minor.—Plain Bob 2; Treble Bob 4; Cambridge 3; London 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 5; Stedman 10.

Major.—Plain Bob 7; Treble Bob 2; Double Norwich 17; Cambridge 34; Superlative 11; London 11; Bristol 5; New Cambridge 1; Yorkshire 27; Belgrave 3; Ipswich 1; Pudsey 3; Rutland 8; Ashead 1; Painswick 2; Somerset 1; Lincolnshire 7; Hinton 1; Aldenham 1; Radnor 1; Spliced (4 methods) 2.

Caters.—Grandsire 4; Stedman 18.

Royal.—Plain Bob 1; Cambridge 14; Yorkshire 11; Belgrave 1; Rutland 1; New Cambridge 1; Albanian 1; Prittlewell 1; Lincolnshire 1; Pudsey 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 1; Stedman 56; Erin 1. Maximus.—Cambridge 7; Yorkshire 3; Belgrave 1; Lincolnshire 1; Albanian 1; Lindsey 1; Prittlewell 1.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On March 12th, 1,264 Bob Major: L. Croft (first of Major) 1, B. Scott 2, S. Bonnett 3, H. Werrett 4, R. Webb 5, J. Dear 6, W. Pooley 7, E. Buck (cond.) 8.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OLDEST CHURCH BELL

Dear Sir,—Appearing in the February issue of 'Chamber's Journal' is an interesting article by Mr. Arthur Gaunt, F.R.C.S., upon 'Old Bells,' in which he expresses the belief that St. Chad's, Cloughton, possesses the oldest bell in England. He also makes mention of the Caversfield bell, along with one at Goring, Oxfordshire, and Chaldon, Surrey, as being examples *nearly* as old.

However, your leader of February 3rd last establishes beyond any reasonable doubt that Caversfield's is the most ancient by reason of the fact that Sybilla Gargate, joint benefactor with her husband of the bells, was widowed as early as 1219. Such records prove most interesting.

'The earliest reference to church bells in England,' writes Mr. Gaunt, 'is a statement by Bede that the death-knell of St. Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, was heard at Hackness 13 miles away. Bede records the incident as something of a miracle and it certainly seems remarkable, in view of the fact that bells in those days were not much bigger than hand-bells.'

After writing much that is interesting relative to bell lore, Mr. Gaunt continues: 'A consideration of some of these old beliefs and legends can be absorbing. There is, for instance, the story that certain monastic bells were shipped abroad at the Dissolution, and that they were lost when the vessels carrying them foundered. The tale is too widespread to be dismissed peremptorily.'

Is it not reasonable to wonder whether, in some cases, the monks hid the monastery bells in village churches before they could be confiscated, and that the rumour about their being lost at sea was circulated to account for their disappearance?

The monks expected that the dissolution of their monasteries would be only a temporary setback, and that they would be able to return to these places, after a few years, when the hidden bells would be recovered.

It is surely significant that certain village churches to-day have bells reputed to have come from abbeys, nunneries and priories. Hackness Church, in North Yorkshire, is said to house a bell from Whitby Abbey, the monks having taken it there when they heard that their monastery was to be closed.

I wonder if any of your readers could furnish me with any information relative to the latter part of my letter, for which I shall be most grateful.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE H. CORNER.

SS. 'Egton,' at Greenock, Renfrewshire.

ST. MATTHEW'S, UPPER CLAPTON

Dear Sir,—Having seen from time to time in the pages of 'The Ringing World' appeals on behalf of various churches throughout the country, we, the bellringers of St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, in North London, decided to write to 'our paper' and give details of our appeal, which our Vicar has called 'Save Our Spire' Fund. Our spire, which we think is one of the most beautiful in North London, has had to have 25ft. removed as it had become cracked and dangerous. This leaves a hitherto graceful spire looking very sorry for itself.

The new fund, it is hoped, will enable us to have it rebuilt as soon as possible, and this, in turn, will allow us to have our ring of eight bells repaired and overhauled. If any reader feels inclined to send a small donation to this stately church in North London to assist in putting the spire back, it will be greatly appreciated and will be acknowledged. The treasurer for the fund is Miss J. Friswell, 43, Casimir Road, Clapton, London, E.5.

C. F. NEAL, Hon. Sec.,

St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, Society of Voluntary Ringers.

THE LATE MR. R. TREHEARNE

Dear Sir,—May I, through the medium of your columns, offer my most sincere sympathy to relatives and friends and all ringers at St. Nicholas' Church, Hereford, on the passing to higher service of Mr. R. Trehearne, as reported in 'The Ringing World' of March 17th.

When I first rang at St. Nicholas' in October, 1948, he was the first to make me welcome, and he continued to do so all the time I was at R.A.F., Credenhill. Truly a great veteran.—Yours sincerely,

R.N.H., Plymouth. F. STUART-WORTH.

ROYAL MARINES AND CHATHAM

Sir, — It is a matter of regret that the Admiralty have decided to close down the headquarters of the Royal Marines here, apart from the fact that it breaks an association this famous Corps has had with the town since 1708.

It also breaks an association with the ringing fraternity here after nearly 50 years, as it was at Chatham that the late Flight-Sergt. F. A. Holden, then serving with the Royal Marines, on being posted here from Deal, took our 'stone band' in hand and called the first local peal on St. Mary's bells, Holt's Original, with six first pealers, on March 5th, 1910.

It was whilst serving at Chatham that my esteemed friend and famous peal ringer, C.S.M. James Bennett, R.M., rang his first peal on April 10th, 1912, and called his first peal on May 9th, 1914.

Lt.-Col. Jerram, R.M., a West Country ringer, I think, came to Chatham and collected the R.M. detachment which commissioned H.M.S. 'Raleigh,' which was lost off the coast of Labrador between the wars. Another Royal Marine who served here was Col.-Sergt. Percy E. Clarke, of Ealing, who was Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1930.—Yours, etc.,

CHARLES E. J. NORRIS.

Chatham.

Membership Qualification

Dear Sir,—I write with reference to the correspondence in your columns of Messrs. Drew, Dyke and Beale regarding the above, particularly as my name has been mentioned.

In his first letter, Mr. Drew wrote regarding certain qualifications required by his guild of new members, 'I am afraid that for the sake of the number of members this qualification is sometimes passed over when new members are elected.'

I contend, and without doubt many others do likewise, that this statement was a direct challenge as to the genuine numerical strength of our guild. Mr. Dyke most certainly took this view and replied accordingly in defence of his own integrity and that of the branch secretaries.

Mr. Beale, a close friend of Mr. Drew, has seen fit to defend 'the ordinary member' and in a long epistle wanders far from the point in question. Regarding his introduction of class distinction, I would quote the closing phrase of Mr. Frank Warrington's letter in your issue of January 27th, 'One God one service,' a good motto for the future for us all. Having had the pleasure of being in Mr. Dyke's company on a number of occasions when what it would appear Mr. Beale would like to call the upper classes of the ringing fraternity have been present, I can assure him that I have never known Mr. Dyke wilt before the best of them. I would rather say, 'The worthier the foe, the greater his zest.'

Mr. Drew has now withdrawn the implication of the sentence in question, but that does not alter the fact that Mr. Dyke's letter was fully justified. May we hope that anything further that has to be said on this subject may be said at the proper place, the annual meeting of our guild on Easter Monday, and not in the columns of 'The Ringing World'.—Yours sincerely,

H. J. SANGER

Evercreech, Shepton Mallet.

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OBITUARY

THE REV. H. E. TILNEY-BASSETT.

Rector of Beechingstoke, near Devizes, from 1908 until he retired last June, the Rev. Hugh Effingham Tilney-Bassett died at the Devizes and District Hospital on March 16th after a short illness, aged 82.

As one always interested in bellringing, he was a representative on the Central Council from 1906 to 1914, and Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers from 1913 to 1919.

When he lived in the parish of St. James', Devizes, in 1902, he was a member of the committee who were responsible for augmenting the ring of four bells to the ring of six, as it is at the present time. He was at one time assistant secretary of the Bristol Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

He was ordained priest in 1897 in Bristol Cathedral, and held curacies in that diocese till 1900, when he was appointed chaplain to the Roundway Hospital, Devizes, till 1908.

The funeral was at Beechingstoke on March 21st, and the Salisbury Guild was represented by ringers from Devizes and district.

MR. C. W. BRIDGEFORTH.

A lifelong connection with Manchester Cathedral had Mr. Charles William Bridgeforth, whose death in his 92nd year we report with regret. He was in turn scholar, Sunday School teacher, superintendent of ringers and leader of the ringers until the ban.

The funeral service was held at the Cathedral prior to the interment at Southern Cemetery. The bells were rung half-muffled and the whole pull and stand as the family mourners entered the Cathedral. The Lancashire Association was represented by Messrs. W. H. Shuker (secretary), A. Barnes, R. F. Williams, P. H. Derbyshire, H. Barlow, H. Lees and the Cathedral band. There were also many Fellow Freemasons present, Mr. Bridgeforth having been a member of three Lodges.

MOST MUSICAL METHOD

Dear Sir,—With reference to your report on 'Most Musical Changes' appearing in 'The Ringing World' dated March 24th, I am in full agreement with the opinion of the late Mr. Arthur Knights when he said that the best musical method is Little Bob, especially Royal.

A mixture of Treble Bob and Plain Bob, with the treble never above 4ths, cannot fail to give the most musical changes, especially with the course-ends coming up every 56 changes in Major and 72 in Royal.

Little Bob rung on a fast merry ring is a delight to any ear. In my opinion, Double Norwich, with its double dodge behind and places in 3-4 and 5-6, ranks a very close second.

Yours sincerely,

JACK CLEGG.

Fallowfield, Manchester.

IN RESPONSE—STEADFAST

Dear Sir,—Those who have kindly requested, or are awaiting, compositions in Steadfast will have noted the 3-part, bobs only, variable peal in the Major, published a fortnight ago.

May I draw attention to the interesting, simple 6-part, using two singles, also variable, sent me by the same author and published this week in another column?

As to extent compositions in the Minor, may I say that with only one pair of dodging bells and with the ordinary singles the extents inevitably contain repetition, unless modification is introduced. With such modifications, however, true 720's have been obtained.

Further investigation, with a view to reducing the alterations to an acceptable minimum, seems desirable, however, before publication is contemplated.—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Netley Abbey.

MAINLY FOR BEGINNERS (8)

Dear Beginners,—This is your chance for first promotion! Those who pass successfully through this lesson will get their 'L-plates,' becoming 'learners.'

Assuming you have duly completed Section 1 of the course of instruction (see article 6), we meet our instructor, Tom Truetouch, once again, and give all our attention to what he calls the transition from Section 1 to Section 2 of the course—the completion of bell-handling, viz., raising and lowering.

Some instructors, Tom explains, do not teach this important step until later; but Tom believes that as soon as a pupil can 'manage' a bell he should be taught how to 'manage' a loose rope, in case he finds himself with one! It's a wise policy of safety first here. But more to the point, it is a fact that it is during the early stages of ringing that learners are less inclined to control a bell consistently well, and this is just when they need to be able to regain control quickly and efficiently, so as not to increase their difficulty of keeping place.

First Mary Makebob, Tom's assistant, takes her stand at the treble's rope, and Tom tells us each to take a rope and to imitate her movements one by one. Then Mary demonstrates, as Tom describes, the coiling in the left hand of the rope, from the end up to the sally, and the holding of all the coils in the 'thumb-grip' only, showing the fingers fully extended, ready to grasp the sally also. We follow suit.

Now Tom explains that we are to try chiming only, with the coils all held up to the sally, so as to get the 'feel' of the start of the process. Mary reaches well up with her coils and we do the same and, as she calls 'Treble's chiming' and begins the pulling, we follow in rounds. The result is NOT rounds! But we all have our bells well on the move when Mary calls 'Cease!' and we stop and tie off. Mary retains coils in left hand ready for next step.

This, Tom explains, is the 'Half-wheel exercise,' which Mary will first demonstrate. So we take up a position on Mary's right so as to see more easily what is happening to the coils.

Reaching well up the sally with the coils as before, Mary begins the chiming again, but pulls harder than previously at each stroke, so that rope movement increases. We notice that almost at once the last of the four coils made in her left hand begins to tighten up. Then it slips from her hands, leaving three. Now the next coil tightens, and, in turn, slips away as the rope movement goes on increasing. By now the sally is just pausing at the bottom of its stroke, and Mary still has both hands remaining on the end part of the rope, the left hand holding the remaining two coils and the sally going untouched. The bell is now almost at 'half-wheel.'

'Lower!' calls Tom, and Mary stops pulling, but maintains her arm movements so as to keep a tight rope.

But as the bell swings less and less high there is rope to spare, and a loose rope would soon develop. So she begins the 'take-up.' On the down-stroke her right hand slides up the rope about 18 inches, grips it there and comes back quickly to the left hand, forming a loop, with the fingers of the left hand closing round the rope immediately below the grip of the right. She now has three coils again and the rope is still increasing its 'spare.' Repeating the process, therefore, she takes up the final coil, and now has the bell gently chiming again.

'Notice that she doesn't drop her coils and rope-end to the floor,' says Tom, 'in fact, no good ringer will do that.' Now we will try this out, first on a dead rope. Take your ropes, coil up, and grasp the sallies.' Mary goes through motions as example and we follow.

'Now slide your grip down the sally, allowing the last coil you made to close up to the fingers of the left hand, but let it slip away before it gets really tight. Continue with the downslide and release the second coil. That's

about as far as you can go without rope movement.' We pause, holding the motionless ropes with hands just below waist level.

'Next, the take-up,' Tom continues, 'and let me explain, in passing, that when a bell is swinging full-wheel the take-up process from there down to half-wheel is slightly different, as you will see, later. But now, keeping the left hand steady, in what is really the bottom part of a downstroke, slide the right hand about 18 inches up the rope.' We all do so, following Mary's example.

'Now raise the left hand slowly, with its coils, towards the right, forming a loop between the two hands, and, opening the fingers of the left hand while retaining the coils in the thumb-grip, grasp the rope immediately below the right hand.' Again, following Mary, we do this. 'Repeat,' says Tom, and we find ourselves back on the sally-rip.

'Mary will now take one pupil and I will take another, and you will take the exercise on the live rope just as you saw Mary demonstrate it at first,' Tom goes on, 'but if you'd like to practise a bit more on the dead rope first, do so.'

Eventually we have all half-raised and half-lowered a bell, more or less successfully, all except Sim Slackpull, that is; and he thought he could do last week's cross-word while he was waiting. So no wonder! There's never time for anything in the ringing chamber but—ringing; even if it's only standing beside a ringer and trying to follow what he is doing.

Next Tom explains, while Mary demonstrates, the full raising and full lowering. The difference in the process emerges as an 'intake' of spare rope (when the right hand goes to steady the sally before the bell is down to half-wheel) by the thumb and fingers of the left hand, a neat little trick which we all practise on the dead rope first, following Tom's instructions and Mary's demonstrations. This process gathers up a loop in the left hand, larger than is conveniently retained there, until the right hand is ready, after leaving the sally, to seize the rope just above the left hand and, drawing the larger loop through the left fingers till it is normal in size there, makes another loop of the spare to add to the left-hand grip. (This may sound a bit complicated to readers, but the instructor will soon clear it up.)

'Now for the pass-out,' says Tom with a challenging look round at us. 'Those who can raise, set, then lower, unaided, one of the lighter bells this evening, will be graded as "Learners." The secret is to keep your mind on the job and take it steady.'

Somewhat to our surprise, perhaps, we all manage it by the end of the practice—all, of course, except Sim, who remains a beginner still. Our greatest surprise is Will Wellstruck, who has raised, set, then lowered his bell almost like an old hand. 'Concentration!' comments Tom, approvingly. Even Mary (though rather blushing!) compliments him. 'Next time, as learners,' says Tom, 'we shall tackle real bell-control, leading to the art of striking.'

Yes, Learners, we're getting on!—Yours ever,
CORN. R. STONE.

5.376 STEADFAST MAJOR

By A. J. PITMAN.

23456 3 8 9 14

36524	—	—
64523	—	—
43526	—	—
34256	—	—
26435	—	—
25634	—	—
24536	—	—

Repeat five times, Single for Bob at 8 in parts 3 and 6.

For 5,120, omit three consecutive bobs at 9 or 14.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

— On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Luke 1, E. C. S. Turner 2, J. E. Lewis Cockey 3, W. Cook 4, J. Birt 5, W. J. Ellis (cond.) 6, A. Cutler 7, F. A. Finch 8. Rung for Confirmation.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On March 19th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. S. Aylett 1, C. H. Webb 2, F. W. Perrens 3, S. J. Oughton (first in the method) 4, H. G. Summers 5, W. A. Stote (cond.) 6, J. W. Taylor 7, J. W. T. Taylor 8.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. C. Pearce 1, C. W. Philpotts 2, H. Reynolds 3, S. J. Harding 4, E. A. Jurd 5, F. G. Barron 6, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, F. G. Edwards 8.

BIRSTALL, LEICS.—On March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Barrow 1, W. Lilley 2, C. Linch 3, J. Toon 4, J. Morley 5, D. Burnett 6, A. Bradshaw (cond.) 7, G. Carr 8. First on the bells and by all except 1 and 3.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Garbett 1, Peter Warboys 2, W. T. Prior 3, F. Springham 4, H. M. White 5, R. Hayden 6, F. Bird (cond.) 7, W. Bird 8. A farewell to the Rev. M. A. R. Collins.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.—On March 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. B. Thirst (first quarter of Minor) 1, F. C. Price 2, W. J. Ellis 3, J. E. Lewis Cockey 4, E. Dodds 5, G. Dodds (cond.) 6.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—On March 16th, at St. Stephen's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Lightning 1, Miss A. Bousfield (first quarter) 2, J. Ling 3, A. Forsythe 4, J. Butterfield (cond.) 5, C. Brown 6. In memoriam Lorenzo Jennings.

DOWNE, KENT.—On March 18th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge Sunrise, 540 Plain Bob): W. A. Manser 1, E. M. Sills 2, J. L. Morris 3, W. G. Cook 4, F. W. Budgen (cond.) 5, F. C. W. Knight 6.

EWHURST, SURREY.—On March 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. W. Denver 1, R. Whittington 2, G. Charman 3, A. Tidy 4, C. Stephens 5, L. Warner 6, H. Charman (cond.) 7, J. Burrell 8. A compliment to R. Whittington on his 82nd birthday.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On March 19th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. Richardson 1, A. Warren 2, F. Goodall 3, P. Blake 4, B. Tubbs 5, F. Barker (cond.) 6, B. Willis 7, I. Tubbs 8. First of Major for 1, 3, 4, 5, 8. First on the bells by local band, treble ringer being totally blind.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. S. Watt 1, C. Moor 2, J. A. Newell 3, Miss A. B. Stockdale 4, C. G. Woodhead (first in the method) 5, G. Dodds 6, B. D. Threlfall (first in the method as cond.) 7, A. W. T. Cleaver 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon T. H. Hennessy, late Rector, who died on Feb. 24th.

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral on March 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Bournemouth 1, J. Hutchinson 2, H. F. Sargent 3, R. M. Preston 4, N. Sharpe (first of Stedman Triples) 5, E. A. Stafford 6, T. C. Windermere (cond.) 7, W. C. G. Wainwright (first quarter) 8. A birthday compliment for J. Hutchinson.

HOLMES CHAPEL, CHESHIRE.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,320 Doubles (480 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob. 360 April Day): A. Campbell 1, A. Worth 2, B. J. Ongley 3, L. Copnall 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, H. Callwood 6. First quarter in three methods by all the band. A birthday compliment to A. Worth.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On March 19th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: P. Whittell 1, D. Crannell 2, E. Blomfield 3, E. Grimes 4, R. J. Munnings 5, K. Whittell 6, C. Woodard 7, S. Arbon (first of Major as cond.) 8.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On March 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Osborn 1, D. Horn (first quarter on tower bells) 2, R. Stephens 3, R. Freeman 4, J. Long 5, C. Woodhead 6, C. Izzard 7, M. Stephens (cond.) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

MARGATE, KENT.—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: John Nugent (first quarter) 1, Mrs. N. Bridger 2, L. Everest 3, A. J. Dadds (cond.) 4, L. Twyman 5, W. Fairbeard 6, F. J. Gadsden 7, R. G. Dadds 8. A birthday compliment to F. J. Gadsden.

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX.—On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Hancock 1, Gordon Turner 2, W. Noble 3, W. G. Turner 4, N. Bennett 5, J. Greenwood 6, J. Pearson (cond.) 7, L. Healey 8. First in the method 1, 2, 3, 5, 8. First of Triples in the method 7. First in the method by a local team. Rung for the Confirmation service.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On March 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Forder 1, W. E. Warner 2, A. I. Walpole (first 'inside') 3, D. Fenn 4, G. G. Walpole 5, A. E. Long (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 2. First quarter peal 'inside' for 3.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Turner 1, L. Hine 2, V. Pyne 3, C. J. Turner (cond.) 4, E. Marks 5, J. Arbury 6, E. Dommett 7, W. Burrow 8. For the 81st birthday of Mr. J. H. Godfrey, captain.

QUEENSBURY, YORKS.—On March 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Ingham (age 13, first quarter) 1, W. Ambler 2, C. Ellison 3, V. Bottomley 4, P. Birkett 5, S. Blundell 6, H. Wild (cond.) 7, S. Longbottom 8.

SHAW, BERKS.—On March 15th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Oxford and Kent): Miss S. Davis 1, F. Tuffley 2, G. Dodd 3, R. Christopher 4, R. F. Crook 5, R. W. Rex (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam to Henry W. Curtis, for many years foreman at Newbury Parish Church.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—On March 12th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Glasspool 1, D. C. Williams 2, Miss C. Nicholas 3, Miss E. Arthur 4, J. W. Faithfull 5, Miss J. Cox (first as cond.) 6, M. J. Butler 7, R. Brown 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor, who is the first lady to conduct a quarter peal on the bells.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On March 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Sollars (first quarter) 1, B. Brinkley (first 'inside') 2, E. J. Runter (cond.) 3, H. W. Shadrack 4, W. Glover 5, R. Thrift 6. Birthday compliment to B. Brinkley.

STAMFORD, MIDDLESEX.—On March 18th, 1,224 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. W. Mathews (first quarter) 1, R. Russell 2, G. Slaughter 3, P. D. Baldock 4, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 5, J. Bluff 6.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Dickens, sen. 1, W. H. Barber 2, H. Dickens, jun. 3, G. W. Anker 4, N. Eaton 5, A. Pool 6, W. G. Anker (cond.) 7, E. Thompson 8. 4.6.8 covering. A birthday compliment to W. G. Anker.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On March 4th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Denman 1, Miss G. Burchall 2, D. H. Rooke 3, Miss K. Burchall 4, F. Jackson 5, L. W. Jacques 6, F. Flint 7, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 8. First quarter of Sunrise Major for 1, 3, 5, 7, 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church on March 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. W. T. Daniell 1, R. Townsend 2, Miss M. J. Skinner (first of Caters) 3, Miss M. E. Richards 4, Miss B. E. Ll. Roberts (cond.) 5, F. C. Wilton 6, E. J. Berry 7, H. Bishop 8, C. J. Gardner 9, E. Vincent 10.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On March 10th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. W. T. Daniell 1, C. J. Gardner 2, G. W. Townsend 3, E. J. Berry 4, T. Townsend 5, H. W. Bishop 6, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 7, A. A. Hughes 8. Rung half-muffled following funeral service of Mr. James H. Shenherd.

THROWLEY, KENT.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Naylor 1, F. J. Cheal 2, Patricia Smees 3, Eileen S. Wyles 4, W. Palin 5, T. A. Cross 6, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 7, B. J. Luck 8. First quarter of Stedman for 1, 4 and 5.

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BIRTH

VINCENT.—On March 11th, 1950, at Trench Farm, Penley, near Wrexham, to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Vincent, a son (David Stanley). 6785

DEATH

SHUKER.—On March 24th, 1950, at 36, Colwyn Avenue, Manchester 14, Annie, the dearly loved wife of William Henry Shuker, aged 78 years. 6784

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MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting, Hadlow (8), April 1st, at 3. Tea 4.30. No service. 6730

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Brentwood (8) on April 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to A. Pryke, 199, Ongar Road, Brentwood. 6670

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—The next meeting is at South Anston on Saturday, Apr. 1st. Bells (8) at 3.—J. E. Turley. 6745

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting Apr. 1st, at Earlsheaton. Bells (8) 2.30.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6757

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting Slaugham (8), Saturday, April 1st, 3. Tea. 6750

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at St. Andrew's, Enfield, Apr. 1st, 3.15. Service, tea and business later. Bells of St. Mary's, Windmill Hill, available 3 to 4.30.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 6753

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Aston, Apr. 1st. Bells (12) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Please notify for tea.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. SPR 1025. 6736

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting at Alesford (8), Saturday, Apr. 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at Horse and Groom Inn. 6735

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bushey Heath (8), Apr. 1st, 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 6732

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District and Lancaster Branches.—Practice meeting at Flockburgh Church on Saturday, April 1st. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, J. Woods, Branch Secs. 6783

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Owing to the duplication of meetings on April 1st, it is decided to cancel the Leeds Society's meeting at Armley.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 6766

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, April 10th, at Norwich. Bells available, Mancroft 10 to 12 and 2.30 onwards; St. Giles', St. Miles' and St. John de Sepulchre's (8 each) by arrangement. Standing Committee, Mancroft, 11.30. Service, Mancroft, 12 noon; preacher, Rev. K. O. Morris. Lunch, Mancroft Youth Centre, Chapelfield East, 1. Business meeting follows. Lunch, 4s. each. Names for lunch must be sent by Saturday, April 1st, to Gen. Sec., Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, 3, Colegate, Norwich. 6662

LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Newport, St. Woolos' Cathedral, Easter Monday. Bells 2. Service 4. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hanington. 6748

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Meeting at St. Giles' (8), Ashtead, on Easter Monday, Apr. 10th. Bells 3 to 4.40 and after meeting. Tea 5 in the Peace Memorial Hall, Woodfield Lane. Please notify Mr. G. A. Cook, Lavender Cottage, Crampshaw Lane, Ashtead, by Thursday, Apr. 6th. R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6752

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 10th. Service in All Saints' Church at 11 a.m. Business meeting in College Hall 12 noon prompt. Reports obtained and subscriptions paid in College Hall 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. Coffee obtainable in College Hall at 1.15; bring own sandwiches. Tea (2s. 6d.) arranged at 4.45 for all who notify me before Wednesday, April 5th. Bells available: All Saints' (10) 10.30 a.m.; Claines (10), St. John's (8), Kempsey (6), 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Cathedral (12), 5.30 p.m.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 6723

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Whittlesey, Easter Monday, April 10th. Bells, St. Andrew's (8) and St. Mary's (8) from 11 a.m. Business meeting 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea to Mr. F. H. Newman, 31, Inhams Road, Whittlesey, near Peterborough, by previous Thursday.—W. W. Cousins, Gen. Sec. 6763

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Ipswich. Bells available all day. Service 12 at St. Lawrence's. Lunch (4s.) at Nightingale's, 1 p.m. Apply early to Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 6754

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EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, April 10th, Swanwick (5). Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business after tea. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, April 5th, to Mr. B. Walvin, 39, Derby Road, Swanwick, near Derby. 6768

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bedford, Easter Monday, April 10th. St. Paul's (10 bells) and St. Peter's (8 bells) from 10.30 a.m. The six bells at Elstow open 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Lunch at St. Paul's Hall 2 p.m., followed by business meeting. Please send names for lunch to Mr. Fokett, 38, Miller Road, Bedford. 6772

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Rochester, Easter Monday. Cathedral service 12 noon. Lunch 1 o'clock (3s.) Corn Exchange. Bells: Rainham, Chatham, Gillingham, Frindsbury, Meopham, Cliffe (8); Halling, Bobbing, Hartlip, Cobham, Hoo, Higham (6). Names or numbers for lunch now, please, latest April 6th.—G. H. Spice, 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne. 6774

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Taunton, Easter Monday. Service 12 noon, St. James'. Committee 11 a.m., St. James' Schoolroom. Lunch 1 p.m. Some seats left. Business meeting to follow. Bells: St. James' (8), 11 to 12 and from 3 p.m.; Wilton (8), Milverton (8), Wellington (8), Langford Budville (6), from 3 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6765

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lower Hevford (6), Apr. 15th. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Rousham (6) also evening.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 6744

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Guildford, April 15th. S. Nicolas' bells afternoon and evening. Bells, Cathedral, 3.30. Service there (at which the Lord Bishop of the Diocese will be present) 4.15. Tea and meeting at Trinity Hall 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by April 11th to G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon. 6740

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Annual meeting at Newark, April 15th. Parish Church bells (10) 2.30 to 8; Winthorpe (6) 2 to 4. Service at Parish Church 4.30. Tea in Barnbygate Restaurant 5.15 if you notify Peter N. White, 131, London Road, New Balderton, Newark, by 11th. Business meeting in Parish Church belfry 6. (For Winthorpe, use Town bus service to terminus, then 5 minutes' walk.)—J. W. Raithby, Gen. Sec. 6781

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD and BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Bletchley, Saturday, April 15th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea by April 10th, please.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 6780

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Derby, April 15th. Cathedral and St. Peter's bells 2.30. Committee, St. Peter's Hall, 3. Tea 5. Service in Cathedral 4.30. Names for tea to Wm. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, by the 12th. 6779

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Lyme Regis, on Saturday, April 15th. Bells at 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting follow.—C. H. Lathey. 6776

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincoln District.—A meeting will be held at Blankney on Saturday, April 15th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. Names for tea to Miss E. Wright, Blankney, near Lincoln, by Monday, April 10th.—A. Richardson, Surfleet. 6773

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, April 15th, at Hitchin. Bells available: Hitchin, from 2.30 p.m.; Norton (8), Baldock (8), St. Ippolyt's (6), from 11 a.m. to 12 and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Great Wymondley (6), from 2 to 4. Service, Hitchin, 4.30. Tea, The Angel, at 5.30, for 60 only. Those requiring tea to apply to Mr. A. E. Symonds, The Cottage, Windmill Hill, Hitchin. There are other tea rooms in the town for any others. Notice of motions: (a) That the annual subscription for ordinary ringing members be increased to 2s. 6d. (b) That the peal booking fee be increased to 3d. per bell.—W. Ayre, General Secretary. 6771

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Pebmarsh (6), April 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. Trendell, Post Office, Pebmarsh, Halstead. Arrangements made for members to catch buses in the evening. 6770

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Allesley, Coventry, April 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Committee meet 5.30. General business meeting 6. Private room at The Tollgate, 8 to 10 p.m. Names for tea to F. W. Perrins, 68, Warwick Avenue, Coventry (Phone Cov 61709), by Tuesday, April 11th, without fail.—Mrs. D. E. Beames, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 6769

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Harpole, Saturday, April 15th. Names for tea to me by April 8th, please.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 6777

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—Dedication of the restored ring (6) by Bishop Lovett, formerly of Salisbury, on Sunday, April 16th, at 3 p.m. Ringing after tea, which will be supplied definitely only to those who notify by 13th, as no local catering.—Ven. J. Chute, Piddlehinton, Dorchester. 6776

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Next two meetings: May 13th, Aldridge; June 24th, Lichfield (annual).—C. H. Barker. 6767

QUARTER PEALS

FAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: W. Coates 1, F. Kaye 2, Miss J. Greasby 3, J. Segar 4, C. Cook 5, F. Jackson 6, A. Towler 7, J. Bartram 8, K. Beardsall 9, H. Denman (cond.) 10.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On March 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Onions 1, E. How 2, G. R. Goodship 3, J. Townsend 4, S. J. Orchard (first quarter) 5, W. Redrup (cond.) 6. First in method 1 and 2. First quarter peal in method on the bells. For the wedding of G. Orchard, a local ringer and son of ringer of 5.

SUTTON, ISLE OF ELY.—On March 19th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. Shipp 1, W. Ransom 2, R. Brooker 3, R. Clements 4, C. Gimbert 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6.

WARSP, NOTTS.—On March 19th, 1,320 London Scholars' Pleasure: Miss M. Webster 1, Miss D. Marshall 2, D. H. Rooke 3, D. Chadwick 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by all. In honour of the golden wedding of the parents of Mrs. R. G. Cornwell, wife of the Rector.

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EASTERTIDE

The world itself keeps Easter Day,
 Saint Joseph's star is beaming;
 Saint Alice has her primrose gay,
 Saint George's bells are gleaming;
 Alleluya, Alleluya;
 The Lord hath risen, as all things tell:
 Good Christians, see ye rise as well.

THIS Easter carol of J. M. Neale, written about 1854, is perhaps little known in this generation. The opening line, however, exemplifies a thought which is applicable to-day as when the clouds of the Crimean War shrouded the country. 'The world itself keeps Easter,' with the countryside gay with spring flowers and the freshness and joy of spring in bird, beast and man.

There is for us a special injunction in the last line: 'Good Christians, see ye rise as well.' It is a challenge to us to rise as Christ rose to enter upon the new Christian year with vigour, understanding and courage. Easter is for ringers a special festival, and whether at home or on holiday we feel certain that there will be no neglect on our part to perform our allotted duty to the Church.

We shall ring for three things. The proclamation to the people of the Risen Christ, for although 'The world itself keeps Easter,' the vast majority are indifferent, except at periods of stress, the great act of sacrifice and redemption that was brought to mankind by the first Calvary and made a reality on that Easter morning. We shall not know the reaction to those bells, but there will be thousands who will hear them and many will perhaps ponder and think.

The second will be a personal dedication on the part of those who ring. Service ringing for the great festivals of the Church is not a perfunctory act. There must be a consciousness of the service we are performing. It is something far far greater than ringing a touch or quarter peal. Into that ringing will go our best as in an act of worship, and the expressed hope and prayer that the bells will give to the people the same message as the angel in the Garden.

But earlier still the angel sped
 His news of comfort giving.
 And 'Why,' he said, 'among the dead
 Thus seek ye for the Living?'
 Alleluya, Alleluya;
 'Go, tell them all, and make them blest;
 Tell Peter first, and then the rest.'

Lastly, we shall ring for sheer personal joy. It would be hypocritical to suggest otherwise. While a sense of duty prevails in all service ringing, it is accompanied by individual love of ringing. Frequently we hear and read of ringers being thanked by the Church for their loyal and devoted service. But we would assure the clergy that the benefit is mutual, arising from a love of ringing. Love of bells and ringing grows with the passing of years, and it is always a sad day when infirmity or other circumstances break the sequence. The Sunday-by-Sunday fellowship becomes a very real thing, and we implore all young ringers to cultivate it. Once the break occurs, ringing is not the same thing. The first seeds of disintegration of a village or tower band is when the individual neglects his Sunday ringing. Occasional attendance at district meetings cannot replace the love promoted by the regularity of Sunday ringing.

The love of bells cannot be really divorced from the love of the Church. There are a few ringers who regard ringing purely from a secular point of view, and are no part of the Church. They have not come under the mystic influence and they share not the spiritual joy of Easter ringing which brings with it a sense of corporateness with the Risen Christ. It is only to be expected in this godless age that there should be such a section. Nevertheless they are members of the great family of ringers, and by that membership subscribe to the fundamental principles of the Central Council of Church Bell ringers, who in 1912 passed the following resolution: 'That the primary aim of all Associations should be the encouragement of ringing for Sunday services and on the Festivals and their Eves.' In keeping steadfast to this primary aim, our unity to the Church is cemented and we become Her servants. May all of us this Eastertide be conscious of Christ's Presence within the belfry, and as we ring, whether it be a touch of Grandsire Doubles or in the realms of Surprise, remember the lines of Henry Newbolt:—

'To set the cause beyond renown,
 To love the game beyond the prize.'

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Mar. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF SOLIHULL SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	ARTHUR D. COOK ... 8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 9
ALBERT WALKER ... 4	HENRY H. FEARN ... 10
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 5	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 11
JOHN PINFOLD ... 6	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

The first peal in the method.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr.

JACK F. HODSON ... Treble	VERNON BOTTOMLEY ... 6
*SAM LONGBOTTOM ... 2	*JOHN HOGG ... 7
*ARNOLD COLE ... 3	RONALD H. DOVE ... 8
DONALD MARSHALL ... 4	FREDERICK SEAGER ... 9
*LESLIE BOUMPHREY ... 5	EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed by H. G. MILES.

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal of Caters. First peal of Grandsire as conductor. First peal of Caters on the bells since recasting. In memoriam T. Dexter, who recently rehung the tenor.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Mar. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	WILLIAM T. POWELL ... 6
MAURICE G. TURNER ... 2	J. NORMAN HADLEY ... 7
ALAN ELSMORE ... 3	DEREK J. TRANTER ... 8
*CLIFFORD A. BARRON ... 4	JOHN N. LINDON ... 9
RICHARD J. WARRILLOW ... 5	ALBERT J. HUBBLE ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

ARTHUR W. DICKERSON Treble	JOHN ALDIS, SEN. ... 5
F. CEDRIC W. PHILLIPPO ... 2	CECIL A. THOMPSON ... 6
*THOMAS SIMMONS ... 3	GEORGE POYNITZ ... 7
LEONARD G. TOOKE ... 4	HENRY TOOKE ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

* 50th peal. A farewell peal to the ringer of the treble. A 60th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th. Also rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Hastings, of Rainthorpe Hall.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

*G. ARNOLD MOORE ... Treble	WILLIAM CARNWELL ... 5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 2	ARTHUR PEAKE ... 6
CHARLES S. RYLES ... 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 7
MARGARET RIGBY ... 4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... Tenor

Composed by WM. BARTON. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. First peal of Surprise on the bells. A compliment to R. S. Anderson, chairman of the Association, on the birth of a son. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Doreen Peake, daughter of the ringer of the sixth.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

C. W. BLAKEY ... Treble	J. LEATHERBARROW ... 5
MISS M. REAY ... 2	S. H. DEARDEN ... 6
REV. F. F. RIGBY ... 3	F. DUNKERLEY ... 7
A. TOMLINSON ... 4	L. J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. E. BULWER. Conducted by F. DUNKERLEY.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

MARGARET L. TUTT ... Treble	FREDERICK VICKERS ... 5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND ... 6
WILLIAM YATES ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
FREDERICK C. CASE ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Mar. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

*GEOFFREY BURROUGHS...Treble	ERNEST J. LADD ... 5
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 2	CHARLES A. BASSETT ... 6
HENRY N. VAUGHN ... 3	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 7
ARTHUR T. LEWRY ... 4	WILLIAM ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR T. LEWRY.

* First peal on eight bells. A compliment to Miss Jessie Hicks and Mr. Gerald Oakes on the occasion of their wedding, which took place at Hailsham Church on March 18th.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., Mar. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEOFFREY W. HAIR ... Treble	*JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 5
*WALTER G. SOAR ... 2	*SIDNEY H. JONES ... 6
*WM. F. WOODWARD ... 3	*PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... 7
*F. GEORGE BAILEY ... 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells and for the Guild.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE ... Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 5
JOHN B. BENNETT ... 2	LEONARD TREVOR ... 6
TERENCE A. THORNBURY ... 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 7
ALFRED BALLARD ... 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON... Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

A birthday compliment to Kathleen Tilley and Elizabeth Faulknull.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... Treble	THOMAS E. SONE ... 5
WILLIAM ROGERS ... 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT... 6
*GILLIAN A. SMITH ... 3	ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 4	*ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First Surprise peal. + 300th peal. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. Rung as a third birthday compliment to Yvonne, granddaughter of the conductor.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation.

JOHN WHEADON Treble	ALFRED G. HILL 5
WALTER LEMON 2	FREDK. J. CULLUM 6
ALFRED C. PATTEN 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
FRANK WALKER 4	ROBERT RAYFIELD Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

In memoriam Richard A. Cullum.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

MARGARET A. SWANN ... Treble	†H. LESLIE PASK 5
*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 2	FREDERICK W. STOKES... 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	†GEOFFREY M. MAYER ... 7
†RAYMOND F. SMITH ... 4	JOHN FREEMAN Tenor

Composed by SAM THOMAS.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* 350th peal. † First peal in the method.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ERNEST S. BAILEY ... Treble	†ALAN S. PIPE 5
*ALAN R. BRIDGES ... 2	JAMES G. RUMSEY 6
R. S. PAYNE 3	J. W. H. PREASTNER ... 7
†JOHN W. C. BLYTH ... 4	JAMES M. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by JAMES M. BAILEY.

* First peal. † 25th peal. ‡ First peal of Major.

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

W. A. PARSONS ... Treble	*MARK J. BARKER 5
R. ALLEN HICKTON ... 2	FRANCIS R. LOWE 6
EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 3	DENIS R. CARLISLE ... 7
*ALBERT E. THOMPSON ... 4	EDWARD F. GOBEY Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by EDWARD F. GOBEY.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 50th peal. A wedding peal for Dr. Patrick D. C. Kinnond and Miss Elizabeth G. M. West. Rung also in honour of the medical profession. This composition is now rung for the first time.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

SIDNEY BARRON ... Treble	NORMAN BENNETT 5
GORDON TURNER 2	GEOFFREY CROSSLEY ... 6
W. GEORGE TURNER ... 3	JOHN PEARSON 7
ALBERT W. BOND 4	LEONARD HEALEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.

First peal of Grandsire Triples for all except ringer of treble.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

E. JOAN SALMONS ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 2	JOHN H. HUNT 6
*PATRICK PAGE 3	FREDK. W. ROGERS 7
*BRYAN C. STIRLAND ... 4	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.

* First Surprise peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN BOB AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR,

5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING ... Treble	CHARLES CATCHPOLE ... 5
CYRIL J. BARBER 2	FREDK. J. ROOPE 6
ERNEST A. HEAD 3	ERNEST C. STAFF 7
CECIL A. THOMPSON ... 4	WILLIAM J. FLATT Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE WM. STEEL ... Treble	THOS. WM. STRANGWAY ... 5
ARTHUR G. WOOD 2	HARRY LOFTHOUSE 6
PERCY MASSAM 3	*ERNEST SPENCER 7
PETER WOODWARD 4	HARRY HOMER Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by T. W. STRANGWAY.

* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to G. W. Steel, G. Copley and A. W. Strangway, all members of the local company. Also in honour of H. Lofthouse completing 27 years as secretary of the Leeds and District Society.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Mar. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*JOSEPH SAXTON ... Treble	JOHN E. TURLEY 5
†GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 2	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK... 6
†MRS. JOHN E. TURLEY... 3	G. GORDON GRAHAM ... 7
ALFRED SMITH 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* 50th peal. † First peal of Cambridge Major. ‡ First peal of Surprise 'inside.' A tribute of respect to Mr. John Thorpe, of Sheffield Cathedral, who passed away on March 20th.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT DISERENS ... Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 2	MAURICE HODGSON 6
NOEL J. DISERENS 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	THOMAS J. LOCK Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

First peal in the method as conductor.



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NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Mar. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 82 lb. in E.

*ALBERT W. BARBER ... Treble	†TONY OWEN ... 5
ROBERT MARSH ... 2	GEORGE T. BUNNING ... 6
VINCENT R. OVENS ... 3	*SIDNEY MARSHALL ... 7
†VICTOR ROBINSON ... 4	BERT GOGLE ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by SIDNEY MARSHALL.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal on eight away from the treble. First peal on eight bells as conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS

BYFIELD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Cross,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 40 six-scores, 10 different callings, and one 240. Tenor 14 cwt.

*D. WILLIAM LEWIS ... Treble	VICTOR A. PERRY ... 4
†REGINALD W. FENNELL ... 2	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ... 5
FREDERICK W. HUTT ... 3	*RICHARD T. FIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. John Haynes, a ringer at this church and service ringer for more than 40 years.

BUSHLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

FRANCIS J. CUBBERLEY ... Treble	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ... 4
HAROLD WILLET ... 2	*ARTHUR JOPE ... 5
WILLIAM RANFORD ... 3	CHARLES J. CAMM ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

HERNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

*C.P.O. W. P. HOLNESS Treble	*GEOFFREY HADLOW ... 4
WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 2	†THOMAS H. HOLMES ... 5
†CLARENCE E. HADLOW ... 3	†WILFRED S. PALIN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. The only previous peal on these bells was Bob Minor in 1920, in which Clarence E. Hadlow also rang.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Mar. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Angels,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, and one extent each of Double Court, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 29½ cwt.

NOREEN GRAIN ... Treble	*TREVOR REYNOLDS ... 4
ALAN FOSTER ... 2	HOWARD HOWELL ... 5
MAURICE G. TURNER ... 3	BARNABAS G. KEY ... Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Minor on tower bells. First in five methods for all except ringers of 5 and 6.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Capel Treble Bob, two each of Sandal and London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob, and one each of Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

FRANCES M. LAFIN ... Treble	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON ... 4
*DOROTHEA WAY ... 2	GEORGE ASHMORE ... 5
JAMES A. MILNER ... 3	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*EDMUND MORRIS ... Treble	ERNEST STITCH ... 4
*WYNDHAM LEWIS ... 2	GWYN I. LEWIS ... 5
EDWARD PHILLIPS ... 3	TREVOR M. RODERICK ... Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal in two methods. Tenor ringer has now circled the tower.

NECTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 13 methods: (1) College Bob and Reverse Bob, (2) Double and Single Court, (3) Plain and Double Bob, (4) Double Oxford and Single Oxford, (5) Plain Bob and St. Clement's, (6) Fulbeck and Canterbury Pleasure, and (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; 62 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt.

REV. A. G. G. THURLOW Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4
*SIDNEY MARSHALL ... 2	*BERT GOGLE ... 5
*VINCENT R. OVENS ... 3	GEORGE SAYER ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in 13 methods and on the bells.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Denis,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

JOAN WRIGHT ... Treble	HENRY P. COLLIN ... 4
DENIS A. FRITH ... 2	*WALTER WESTON ... 5
*FRANK R. MITCHELL ... 3	JAMES H. MUSSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal of Minor. A 10th wedding anniversary peal for the conductor and his wife.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Mar. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford Bob and Reverse Canterbury and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDK. E. MANSER ... Treble	*ALBERT W. KELVIE ... 4
TOM SAUNDERS ... 2	*WILLIAM R. MANSER ... 5
LUTHER J. HONESS ... 3	*GEORGE F. CANTRILL ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. CANTRILL.

* First peal in three methods 'inside.' First peal in three methods as conductor. First peal on the bells after rehanging.

WAREHORNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Treble	HILDRED S. WICKENS ... 4
ALBERT E. BEANEY ... 2	PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 5
*HUBERT D. DEACON ... 3	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER D. HUCKSTEPP.

* First peal.

OAKS-IN-CHARNWOOD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford, Kent, Plain Bob and Single Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST H. BOWLEY ... Treble	RICHARD MANTON ... 4
C. WILLIAM HALL ... 2	JAMES W. BOWLEY ... 5
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ... 3	ROLAND BENISTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

A welcome to the Rev. Parker, the new Vicar, who was inducted on March 24th.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Mar. 25, 1950, 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 Bob, College Single Reverse, Canterbury Pleasure Reverse, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*PATRICIA SMEE Treble	FRANCIS J. CHEAL 4
*TREVOR A. CROSS 2	GEORGE KENWARD 5
BERT W. MAY 3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal in seven methods.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*GORDON ELVIN Treble	†FRANK C. ARNOLD 4
*RONALD BURT 2	FRANK PEARSON 5
†CEDRIC F. PHILLIPPO ... 3	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by F. CHARLES GOODMAN.

* First peal in more than one method. † First in five Minor methods.

OLD WARDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

MIRIAM PETTIT Treble	C. HENRY HARDING 4
*DAPHNE J. HARE 2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD 5
RONALD J. SHARP 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

* First peal in seven methods.

WALKERN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 25, 1950, 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.

ERIC EDMONDSON ... Treble	*ANTHONY R. AGER 4
*JOHN M. KEMP 2	JOHN H. PHILLIPS 5
†DOROTHY H. JACKSON ... 3	SYDNEY F. CARTER ... Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY F. CARTER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

SHARESHILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Mar. 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALAN ELSMORE Treble	ALBERT G. RICHARDS 4
ARTHUR G. NEWMAN 2	*MAURICE G. TURNER 5
J. NORMAN HADLEY 3	*HOWARD HOWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* 50th peal together.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Mar. 15, 1950, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,

At HOLYWELL STORES, LONDON ROAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of four 720's of Kent and three 720's of Bob Minor.

ALFRED JORDAN 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD 3-4
EDGAR VALLANCE 5-6	

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 7 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	ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 7-8

Composed by M. E. ATKINS. Conducted by ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.

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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Mar. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

No. 151. Tenor size 17 in A.

JAMES E. DANIELS ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4 | MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 7-8

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

In memoriam Percy W. Brayshaw.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Mar. 19, 1950, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,

At 9, PONSONBY ROAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent of Double Bob, two extents of Reverse Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

ALEX J. WEBSTER ... 1-2 | ERIC J. GILBERT ... 3-4

FRANK VARTY ... 5-6

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

First peal in three methods 'in hand' for all. In honour of the birth of a daughter to the wife of the conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 20, 1950, in 1 Hour and 34 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4

*JAMES E. DANIELS ... 5-6

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

RISLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At 85, DERBY ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor size 15 in C.

DENIS R. CARLISLE ... 1-2 | ALFRED MOULD ... 3-4

JACK BAILEY ... 5-6

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

First handbell peal as conductor. First handbell peal of Minor by all the band.

HAMPSTEAD, LONDON.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Mar. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

At 18, WESTBERE ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 8 in C.

*RENATE BUCHTHAL ... 1-2 | RODNEY B. MEADOWS ... 5-6

E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3-4 | †M. ELIZABETH ROE ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'in hand.'

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Thurs., Mar. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

At 13, PEVRIIL ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

WILFRED L. ROBINSON ... 1-2 | C. GORDON GRAHAM ... 5-6

GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 3-4 | BARRY COPE ... 7-8

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Mar. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPICED MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

In ten methods, comprising 1,552 Plain Bob, 760 Little Bob, 400 each of Double, Reverse and Fulbeck; 384 Crayford College, 368 St. Clement's, 276 each of Gainsborough and Wellington Little Bob, and 184 Crayford Little Bob, with 335 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 F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

First peal in ten methods by all and for the Guild.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sun., Mar. 26, 1950, in 1 Hour and 30½ Minutes,

At 13, PEVRIIL ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor size 13½ in E flat.

WILFRED L. ROBINSON ... 1-2 | *C. GORDON GRAHAM ... 3-4

GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 5-6

Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

* First peal on six handbells and of Bob Minor.

QUARTER PEALS

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—At Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, on March 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Tumber 1, T. Milested 2, F. Gadsden 3, H. Luck 4, H. T. Wilson 5, B. J. Luck 6, A. Hinkley 7, J. Russell (first as cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 2, 4, 7.—Also 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: T. Milested 1, H. T. Wilson 2, H. Luck 3, J. Russell 4, A. Hinkley 5, B. J. Luck (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob for 1, 3, 4, 5.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Mothering Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss W. Peake 1, J. Vincent 2, W. Trueman 3, Miss C. Smith 4, B. Bladon 5, A. Peake (first as cond.) 6. First in method for 1 and 4.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—On Mar. 20th at the Cathedral, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss A. Bousfield 1, J. Ling 2, Lt. J. C. Gibbs, R.A. (cond.) 3, A. Forsythe 4, J. Butterfield 5, C. Lightning 6.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Mar. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Lawrence 1, A. Worth 2, R. Barratt 3, E. Pimlott (cond.) 4, A. Street 5, H. Callwood 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam to the Vicar's mother.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—At St. George's Church, on Mar. 19th, 1,260 Erin Triples: E. C. Stacey 1, Mrs. N. Wall 2, E. Baldwin 3, R. C. Westney 4, L. G. Webb 5, J. McCluckey 6, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 7, P. J. Dawe 8.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Mar. 19th, 1,440 Surprise Major (720 Norwich and 720 Cambridge): W. F. Todd 1, G. Cherry 2, A. E. Symonds 3, E. W. Winters 4, W. J. Croft (cond.) 6.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Mar. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Woodley 1, W. R. White (first 'inside') 2, B. L. J. Brown 3, J. P. Blond 4, J. Gordon (cond.) 5, G. W. Bishop 6, A. H. Webb 7, J. C. Napper 8.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On Mothering Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Barker 1, G. H. Moore 2, Miss E. Bracey 3, D. Hall 4, R. Hickling 5, G. Elvin 6, R. Loft 7, C. H. Moore (cond.) 8. First quarter by 1, 4 and 5.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 19th, 1,260 mixed Doubles (660 Grandsire and 600 Plain Bob): Mrs. E. Ford 1, Mrs. J. Naish 2, Mrs. T. W. Kimber 2, J. Naish 4, W. J. Gait (cond.) 5, J. Brooks 6. A farewell to the Rev. J. E. E. Tunstall on leaving to take up the living of Douling, Somerset.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Mar. 19th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: J. D. Kape 1, R. Biggs (first in method as cond.) 2, A. R. Blaby 3, E. Timpson 4, A. E. Cox 5, F. D. Boreham 6, P. Newton 7, W. Lee 8. First quarter in method for 1, 3, 4, 5 and 8.

INTWOOD, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire, 120 St. Simon's): R. Crane (first quarter) 1, F. C. Goodman (cond.) 2, H. J. Hall 3, F. C. Arnold 4, C. F. Phillipps 5.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—On Mar. 19th, at St. Mary Abbot's, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Mrs. O. L. Rogers 1, R. Joyce Pett 2, A. B. Wiffen 3, S. Croft 4, H. J. Ranzetta 5, E. Dodds 6, N. J. Hollingsworth 7, F. D. Bishop 8, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 9, E. C. Hynard 10.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Mar. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. D. Williams (first quarter) 1, A. Winch 2, E. Coward 3, G. Mariner 4, H. V. Young 5, G. Peters 6, C. Smart 7, B. Hawkins 8, A. Harman 9, W. G. Newberry (longest touch of Royal as conductor) 10.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (480 of Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): B. C. Hines 1, F. V. Gant (cond.) 2, G. Richardson 3, A. Salisbury 4, A. R. Chapman 5, W. J. Carter 6. A wedding compliment to Miss P. Goodchild and H. J. Alderman, a member of the local band.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Mar. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Putwain 1, Miss M. Ashdown (first of Major) 2, S. Bonnett 3, W. A. Collins 4, D. E. Shepherd (first 'inside') 5, J. S. Dear 6, H. E. Werrett 7, R. V. Wegg (cond.) 8.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Mary's, on Mar. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Joan Hoodless (first quarter) 1, C. Barnes 2, H. Parfament 3, C. Glenn 4, R. Hardy 5, J. Wiseman 6, W. Nichols (cond.) 7, A. E. Hoodless 8.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—At St. Mary's on Mar. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. A. Morris 1, S. G. Gulding (cond.) 2, K. Lewis 3, W. Staitte 4, R. Watt 5, B. Meadow 6, D. Jones 7, C. D. Launder 8. First of Triples 1 and 3.

PEVENSEY, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. B. Willard 1, Rev. P. J. Boulsover 2, E. Bred 3, C. Verdon 4, E. G. D. Tonkin (cond.) 5, C. J. Piner 6. In honour of the wedding of Miss J. E. G. Hicks and Mr. G. Oaks.

BRISTOL.—SS. Philip and Jacob's, on Mar. 23rd, 1,248 London Surprise Major: L. C. C. Warren 1, Mrs. E. J. Brown 2, Miss B. Jordan 3, Miss A. Brown 4, W. Rawlings 5, E. J. Brown (cond.) 6, A. E. Reeves 7, R. C. Seager 8. First quarter of London for 2 and 5.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Worth 1, A. Campbell 2, E. Pimlott 3, H. Callwood (first quarter 'inside') 4, A. Street (first as cond.) 5, R. Barratt 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

CHINNOR, OXON.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Jones 1, H. Badger 2, Mrs. L. Arnott 3, R. Arnott 4, H. C. Jones (cond.) 5, V. Holloway 6. First quarter by 3 and 4.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James', on Mar. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. T. Weeks 1, D. Lee 2, P. Harding 3, F. Slatford 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, L. Hitchins 6. Rung half-muffled for the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett.

EYTHORNE, KENT.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. H. George 1, E. J. Walker 2, C. Turner (cond.) 3, E. T. Ellender 4, Willis Brooks 5. For wedding of Leonard Thatcher and Cynthia Mudford.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. W. Furbank 1, G. Green 2, P. J. Eves 3, P. Green 4, P. J. Spencer-Phillips 5, H. Carter 6, P. T. Spencer-Phillips (cond.) 7, L. Ainger 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Mar. 26th, 720 Cambridge, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 240 Oxford Treble Bob and 240 Plain Bob: F. L. Nicholls 1, G. L. Perkins 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, S. Gilbert 4, H. Dunnington 5, M. Ginn 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 26th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Salisbury 1, C. E. Wright 2, J. Carrott 3, S. J. Penfold 4, J. G. Macdougall 5, A. R. Chapman 6, T. East 1, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. First of Treble Bob for 1 and 6.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Mar. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: N. Cornwall 1, J. D. Kape 2, I. S. Biggs 3, A. Biggs 4, A. E. Cox 5, A. R. Blaby 6, E. Timpson 7, F. D. Boreham (cond.) 8. First quarter in method for 1 and 3.

IEFFLEY, OXFORD.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, St. Culum, Bob Doubles, April Day, Old Doubles, Norfolk, Kennington and 180 Grandsire): L. Busby 1, T. Bowles (first 'inside') 2, J. Adams (cond.) 3, D. Woodley 4, W. Fern 5, G. Webb 6. First quarter in ten methods by all the band.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—On Mar. 26th, at the Church of St. Mary Abbots, 1,275 Stedman Caters: W. S. Langdon 1, M. V. Chilcott (cond.) 2, J. H. Allsop 3, P. A. F. Chalk 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, A. B. Wiffen 6, J. Phillips 7, A. W. J. Appleton 8, J. E. Chilcott 9, H. M. Page. A birthday compliment to A. B. Wiffen.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Mar. 12, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss J. E. Askew (first quarter of Surprise) 1, Miss R. J. Pett (first of Surprise major 'inside') 2, Miss S. E. Harris 3, Mrs. O. L. Rodgers 4, Mrs. K. Parr 5, E. Dodds (first of Surprise Major 'inside') 6, S. Croft 7, H. W. Rodgers (cond.) 8.

SANDY, BEDS.—On Mar. 21st, 1,262 Minor (326 Oxford Treble Bob, 216 Spliced Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Kent Treble Bob, and 720 Kent Treble Bob): J. Daniels 1, H. Gurney 2, C. Blain 3, D. Munns 4, Miss J. Ashton (first quarter of Treble Bob as cond.) 5, C. J. Ball 6. First quarter of Treble Bob for 1 and 2. First quarter of Treble Bob 'inside' for 3 and 4. Rung half-muffled in memory of Sir Frederick Liddell.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Mar. 21st, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Summers (age 14, first quarter) 1, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 2, Miss H. J. Hollaway (first quarter 'inside') 3, F. J. Wilton 4, Miss M. J. Daniell 6.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, CAMBS.—On Mar. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob: Miss D. Wiskin 1, Stanley Harpley 2, W. J. Hammond 3, J. E. Fox (cond.) 4, R. Wiskin 5, R. Reed 6.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 25th, 1,232 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: V. Savage 1, G. Clare 2, J. T. Dyke (cond.) 3, D. Hoare 4, J. Targell 5, E. H. Nash 6, R. G. Beck 7, E. J. Chivers 8. Longest length of Double Norwich for 5 and 6.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Mar. 19th, 1,320 Doubles (four six-scores and Plain Bob, three of St. Simon's, two of Reverse Canterbury and one each of April Day and Grand-sire): John Cannell 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, L. W. G. Skinner (first as cond.) 3, Wilfred Hollamby (first in five methods) 4, Arthur S. Richards 5, Anne Holmes 6.

WHISTON, YORKS.—On March 13th, 1,344 Bob Major: P. Langley (age 12, first quarter) 1, Miss C. Edmondson (first 'inside,' age 15) 2, S. Wright (age 15, first 'inside') 3, Miss S. Bampton (age 15) 4, W. Robinson (age 16) 5, T. Cutts 6, J. Curwen (age 16), 7, N. Chaddeock (cond.) 8.

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Quarterly subscribers are reminded that their
subscriptions are now due.

Mr. Raymond H. Idle,
an enthusiastic member of
the Peterborough Guild,
left for two years' farming training in New
Zealand on March 31st. As a farewell, a peal
of Stedman Triples was attempted at Roth-
well, Northamptonshire, with Mr. Idle as con-
ductor, but it was lost half-way owing to a
shift course. Various ringing followed on the
tower bells and on handbells, all forming a
suitable farewell to Mr. Idle, who left with all
good wishes.

Mr. Percy Massam has completed the circle
of Rothwell, Yorks, tower; Mr. E. J. Ladd,
Withyham, Sussex.

Worthy of note was the peal of Grandsire
Triples at Northowram, Yorks. It was the
first of Grandsire Triples by all except the
treble ringer.

Miss Gillian A. Smith, of the Cambridge
University Guild, has a warm compliment
paid to her in our correspondents' column for
her ringing in her first Surprise peal.

The Society of Roving Ringers are planning
to go to Lincolnshire and Yorkshire for their
tour this year, with excursions into neighbour-
ing counties.

We understand that a peal attempt—of Sted-
man Cinques—will be made at Exeter Cathed-
ral towards the end of the month. It is
being promoted by Bristol area ringers who
are members of the Ancient Society of Col-
lege Youths.

A letter addressed to 'A. H. Pulling, Cam-
panologist, Guildford,' was delivered by the
Guildford Post Office without delay, although
he has removed fairly recently from his domi-
cile at Guildford Grammar School. In a town
of 50,000 people this is good work. There
are few ringers who would care to have their
letters so addressed and expect a normal deli-
very.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Rev. F. Llewellyn
Edwards, of Kingston
Magna, Dorset, is retiring

on May 13th from the post of hon. secretary
of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. He has held
this office for 37 years. The Guild Festival
at Trowbridge this year will in consequence
be an historic occasion.

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that sub-
scriptions are overdue. Send 5s. 6d. forthwith
to Mrs. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-
on-Sea, Norfolk.

In connection with the peal of Rochester
Surprise Royal at Leeds on February 18th, the
ringer of the second was James Fernley and
not William Fernley as printed.

In connection with the annual meeting of
the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association at
Taunton, on Easter Monday, tea as well as
lunch will be provided.

Last Saturday was a memorable day at
Speldhurst, Kent, when two local ringers—Mr.
Anthony Turley and Miss Evelyn Hyman—
were married.

Ringers in the Bournemouth area will re-
gret to hear of the death of the Rev. C. A.
Phillips, who for 48 years was hon. secretary
of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Dio-
cesan Guild. A memoir will appear in our
next issue.

The bells of Whitby, Yorks, were recast by
Messrs. John Taylor and Co., on February
15th, the cost being met by a gift of £2,000
from Mr. and Mrs. Shaw Jeffrey, of Bagdale
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DEATH OF MR. CYRIL F. JOHNSTON, O.B.E.

MEMORABLE INCIDENTS IN

A BUSY LIFE RECALLED

We regret to record the passing of Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, O.B.E., of Croham Valley Road, South Croydon, which occurred with tragic suddenness on Thursday, March 30th. Mr. Johnston collapsed at a London railway station, where he was waiting to welcome home his wife who had been spending a holiday in Austria. He was taken to Westminster Hospital; there he was found to be dead.

In recent years Mr. Johnston had been a victim of arthritis. In August, 1948, he retired from the board of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., breaking an active partnership with the firm which extended over 40 years. It was while he was serving with the Grenadier Guards in France in 1916 that his father died. Mr. Cyril Johnston was 65 years of age.

The development of the bell foundry side of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's business was largely due to his initiative. As a young man barely out of his teens, Mr. Johnston decided to master the principles of scientific tuning introduced by the late Canon Simpson and to incorporate his own ideas of tuning. The first big contract that he landed was Wimborne Minster, and from this beginning started a large business which included about 50 carillons in all parts of the world. Mr. Johnston was unsparing in his work; the tuning of the bells he regarded as his special responsibility.

NOTED CARILLONS

Two of the largest carillons with which he was associated were provided through the munificence of John D. Rockefeller, jun., who made a personal visit to the Croydon works. The first was at Riverside Drive Church, New York, and contained 72 bells in a tower 400ft. high, with ascent by four elevators. Here the big bass bell weighs 18½ tons. The sister carillon in the chapel of Chicago University has also 72 bells with a bass bell of 17 tons in C.

Another carillon with which he was associated was that in the Houses of Parliament at Ottawa. This comprises 53 bells, with the largest weighing 10 tons, and they were installed in 1927 to mark the 60th anniversary of the Confederation of the Canadian provinces. At the inaugural ceremony a squadron of 12 American planes, led by Col. Lindberg, attended, and one of the planes crashed. From the new carillon, Lefevre, the celebrated carillonneur, played the Funeral March at the burial of the dead airman.

Another famous carillon with which Mr. Johnston was associated was that for the Wellington War Memorial, New Zealand, in 1930. Before being taken overseas, these bells were installed in Hyde Park, and it was one of the features of London that summer to hear the recital given by Clifford Ball, of Bournville.

ROYALTY AT CROYDON.

It was the privilege of Mr. Johnston to entertain royalty at his works on a number of occasions. Most memorable was the day 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, Oxfordshire, and a bell for Buckingham Palace. After the royal visit the works were open to the general public, and the firm had some 10,000 visitors that day. Other royal visits include those of Princess Beatrice to see Carisbrooke bells cast, the Duke of Connaught and the Duke of Kent.

Mr. Johnston was noted throughout the Exercise for his hospitality. Many of our readers will recall the three mammoth tea parties he gave to bellringers, the most outstanding of which was that in 1932, which was attended by a company of 2,300. For the occasion he recruited 70 of the prettiest girls in Croydon to act as hostesses and talk glibly in ringing parlance to the amusement of the company.

A PRACTICAL RINGER

Mr. Johnston was a practical ringer, having been taught by the late Dr. Carpenter. He

was elected to the Central Council as a representative of the Surrey Association in 1898 and served until 1911, and again as their representative from 1914 to 1932. Afterwards hon. membership was conferred upon him, and he was a member at the time of his death. In 1905 he was appointed hon. assistant secretary of the Surrey Association, a post he held until 1921, when he assumed the hon. secretaryship and, despite a busy life, held office until 1925.

In all Mr. Johnston rang 32 peals, his first being at Croydon Parish Church on May 16th, 1905. Among his peals was one of Grandsire Caters at Croydon on July 9th, rung by serving officers in the First World War. Another interesting peal was that of Stedman Triples at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on February 7th, 1925, in which all the participants were 6ft. in height or over. At Edenbridge, Kent, he took part in a peal by members of his own firm, which was called by Mr. W. G. Smith. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and a number of territorial Associations.

In the First World War he served with the Grenadier Guards and saw service in France. He continued his association with the regiment, and in the last war commanded a Works Home Guard Company, for which he was able to procure the services of Guards instructors from Wellington Barracks.

Mr. Johnston was a liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Clockmakers, and in 1944, the year of the centenary of his firm, was elected Master. On that occasion the Right Hon. Oliver Lyttelton, who was his adjutant in France, was his principal guest. Mr. Johnston was also Master in 1945. He was also a liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Musicians, being a good pianist and singer, and also chairman of the Horological Institute from 1921-24.

About 18 months ago, while he was on holiday in Switzerland, he received the news that he had been 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.'

The sympathy of his many friends is extended to his widow, his son, who is at Winchester, and his daughter.

The funeral service was at Croydon Parish Church on Monday.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN.

VETERANS HONOURED.

The ninth annual supper of the South and West District, held at the Church Hall, Heston, on March 18th, was a great success, the attendance being considerably greater than last year.

An excellent meal had been prepared, at which the Vicar of Heston, Preb. F. W. Ferraro, presided, supported by Messrs. Gurney and Aysford (churchwardens of Heston) and the officers of the South and West District.

After the loyal toast, the chairman asked for glasses to be raised in honour of Mr. E. R. Gladman and Mr. A. Harding, who happily were there that evening, they having loyally served the Association for over fifty years. A similar honour was accorded Mr. C. S. Bird and Mr. H. C. Chandler, each being founder members of the Association, who unfortunately were unable to be present owing to ill-health.

The social which followed will long be remembered for its gaiety, both young and not so young having a go at everything in the true family spirit, which has always been a feature of the district.

Special mention must be made of Frank Price for his work at the piano and the other youngsters for a bit of fiddling and tune ringing on the handbells. Altogether a very fine evening's enjoyment, was the verdict.

F. A. F.

Irish Association

EASTERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Eastern District was held in Arklow on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, and was attended by 48 members from Arklow, Bray, Drogheda and Dublin, as well as the president, Mr. William Pratt.

The first competition for the Gabriel Lindoff silver challenge cup for good striking was held on the bells at St. Saviour's Church, with Messrs. W. Pratt and T. McGowan as judges. They awarded the cup to Bray with sixteen faults, defeating Drogheda with twenty faults. Bray thus secured the honour of meeting the winners of the Northern and Southern Districts for the Murphy cup.

Lunch was taken in the Malborough Hall, presided over by the Rector, Rev. Wm Carroll, M.A., himself a practical ringer. The Arklow Society kindly entertained the meeting to lunch and tea.

The business meeting was presided over also by the Rector, in the absence of the district chairman, Mr. Daniel Kennedy.

At the meeting the president presented the Lindoff cup to Miss A. C. Dukes, the only lady ringer in the Bray team. Bray was also presented with the attendance shield, per Mr. R. Corson, which they won for 1949 with 100 per cent. bells rung for Sunday services.

The election of district officers resulted as follows: District chairman, Mr. R. Corson, Bray; district treasurer, Mr. J. F. Fennell, Bray; district secretary, Fred E. Dukes, Jenkinstown, Dundalk. Representatives on executive committee: Messrs. S. J. Evans (vice-president), W. Lynch, F. Simpson and Miss A. C. Dukes.

The next annual meeting is to be held at Bray, when it is hoped that Messrs. J. Taylor will have completed the restoration of this fine ring of eight bells, tenor 23 cwt. It is interesting to recall that, due to a subscription of £50 from the Rt. Hon. William Gladstone, a fund was opened to put a ring of bells in the fine tower of Christ Church, Bray, in 1880. An interim meeting is to be held at Blessington, where there is a ring of six bells by T. Bartlett, 1682.

During the morning and afternoon the bells of St. Saviour's Church, made famous by Mr. J. W. Washbrook and his family, were put to good use when touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples and Plain Bob were rung. Handbells were also available when Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor were demonstrated.

In the secretary's report references were made to the historic visit to Drogheda in particular and Ireland in general of the band of ringers from Leicester, led by Mr. Harold J. Poole, and to the peals rung. Four out of the thirty peals rung for the Association in 1949 were rung in the district, and in addition one for the Leicester Guild to commemorate the first peal on Arklow bells by Midland Counties Association 50 years previously.

FATHERS' AND DAUGHTERS' PEALS.

Dear Sir,—Re footnote to fathers' and daughters' peal at Selly Oak on March 3rd, on December 10th, 1932, at Walkden, four fathers and their four daughters rang a peal. On December 16th, 1933, at Manchester Cathedral, five fathers and their five daughters also rang a peal.

It was one of the late Rupert Richardson's ambitions to ring a peal by six of each. Some preliminary arrangements were made at Norwich when the C.C. met there.

PETER CROOK.

Bolton. Lancs.

CHANGE-RINGING MACHINES

By B. D. Price.



(Continued from page 203.)

About April, 1938, Mr. Woodhouse finished No. 8 machine. At the suggestion of Mr. A. G. Driver (now deceased) it was made to splice methods. 'This has a double panel, the centre row of pegs (which store the method) is the lead head, on each side are 16 rows of pegs.' When the machine is ringing one method, the panel moves so that only 16 rows on one side, plus the centre row, are in use. When a button is pressed for change of method, the panel keeps on moving across the centre row and the method set on the other half of the panel is used. Then while this is in progress, the side out of use may be reset quickly for a new method. In this machine a new way of pegging the method was tried out. Instead of pegging for swops needed, the pegging is made for places, which by ingenious selective mechanism converts these into the normal swops for feeding to the bellplates. Mr. Woodhouse claims that this device eases considerably the task of setting a method. If nothing is set on a row, the four pairs of bells 1x2, 3x4, 5x6, 7x8 will swop automatically. Also, the pegging panel is like a vast pushbutton wireless panel. These buttons are pressed and stay in. To wipe out the setting of a row a lever is pressed at the side. Thus the setting may be rapidly changed. Labelling the buttons in any row 1 to 8, excluding 6 as there is no button for 6th place, their effect is shown in the following table. Remember that if no buttons are pressed, pre-selectors 1x2, 3x4, 5x6, 7x8 will act.

Button pressed	Preselectors			
	OFF	ON		
1	1x2 3x4	2x3	4x5	
2	1x2			
3	3x4	4x5		
4	4x5			
5	5x6			
7	7x8			
8	5x6 7x8	6x7		

There is no button 6. The numbers on the buttons correspond more or less with the places made. When 3 and 4 are pressed together the 4x5 preselector is in the off position. This arrangement of the buttons seems very empirical, but apparently it is simple to arrange.

A diagram drawn by this machine is very good indeed, and I have seen a diagram of spliced Whittlesey, Richmond, St. Clement's, Windsor, Halifax, Plain Bob and Double Coslany Court Major. In 1947 I spliced Bristol and Double Norwich on the machine with ease. The two methods are set on the two sides of the sliding panel, and pressing a button changes over the method at the lead-head. In 1948 Mr. Woodhouse revised the diagram drawing mechanism, and it now draws a smaller diagram, the effect of which is more pleasing to the eye. Another novel feature of the machine is the automatic reversing of the control panel. Only half a lead is set, and the panel reverses at the half-lead according to whether one of the buttons has been set or not. Thus when half the lead is set, the last row has an extra button pressed which reverses the panel at this row. The panel also reverses at the lead-head row unless one has actuated the splicing button, in which case the panel continues into the other

method. Then, while the other method is being rung, the first method may be rapidly reset for yet another method. In former machines one had to change a gear wheel if the length of lead had to be altered.

Mr. Woodhouse reckons that the chief advances he has made are—

1. Selection scheme just mentioned for setting the places.
2. Sliding panel with half-lead only, self-reversing.
3. Altering lead-length by button on the panel.

In 1949 Mr. Woodhouse built a ninth machine for ringing up to twelve bells, primarily for executing diagrams of the collection of Royal and Maximus methods of Mr. Corrigan. It is more or less an extension to twelve bells of the No. 8 machine. All other machines of his have been for ringing eight bells.

None of his machines have remained power driven. Mr. Woodhouse sticks to the primitive handle as being foolproof and independent of electricity. The current for ringing the bells is provided by accumulators. He has experimented with the use of transformed A.C. current of low voltage, but gave it up as the magnets 'dithered' and there was bad sparking at the wiper arm contact. Experiments with condensers to eliminate sparking did not meet with success.

WOODHOUSE'S MACHINES. BELLPLATE MOVEMENT.

We have seen that Carter chose to move his bellplates slowly and in a staggered fashion. All Mr. Woodhouse's machines have a rapid movement of the bellplates with consequent simplicity of the control mechanism.

Let us consider the principles underlying this system of 'all moving together.' The mechanism for moving the bellplates (whether rods, cams, gears, electromagnets, etc.) must have certain properties:—

1. It must be capable of rapid, decisive movement.
2. It must move the bellplates accurately, within reasonable limits of length displacements.
3. It must by some means be capable of being brought into action when needed, or left inactive according to the way the bellplate is to move.

Now, the movement is to take place rapidly. It must also be selected, i.e., only those needed to move the bells desired for the next change must be brought into action. We have thus the following scheme:—

- a. While a change is being struck the bellplates are stationary. But already a selection mechanism is in operation for preparing the bellplates to be moved.
- b. When the change has been struck, the bellplates suddenly move.
- c. The action is restored to normal for the next selection.

Note that when a change is being struck there is plenty of time for the selection apparatus to work.

Now refer to Figs. 11 and 12 ('Ringing World' for March 17th, page 171). Here we have compared two ways of moving the bellplates, invented by Mr. Woodhouse. That in Fig. 11 is the earlier one, while that in Fig. 12 was used on machines 7 and 8. Of the two earlier, one is stated to be the more reliable.

Both Figs. 11 and 12 are side views. In both figures are the following features. A is the bellplate moving lengthways to left or right. There are eight of these, one for each bell, side by side. One end runs on the eight contacts B which deliver the current from the rotary contact arm. Each bellplate is shown in 4th place (resting on the fourth contact). The spring brass contact C serves both to carry the current to the bell and to collimate the bellplate so that it assumes one of the eight positions exactly. The contacts on the right-hand side of the bellplate are insulated from the rest of the bellplate. (This is, of course, necessary, but not shown in either figure.)

Over each bellplate are two long rods, one shown at D. These rods are attached to levers E (only the upper end of one shown), which by means of rotating cams impart movement to the rods. When the time comes for the bellplates to move, the pair of rods over each bellplate move in opposite directions. One rod can make the bellplate under it hunt up, the other to hunt down. Originally they were driven by the same cam, but Mr. Woodhouse found that this made the diagram drawing suffer as the movements for hunting up and down differed slightly. This was corrected by having individual cams for the sets of rods for hunting up and down.

These rods D do not normally move the bellplate at all. They are brought into action by strips F, seven in number, which run at right angles to the bellplates and serve all eight of them. They are capable of rising about half an inch, and the seven correspond to the seven swops 1x2 to 7x8, and cause the corresponding pairs of bells to change places. These strips F are worked more or less directly from the panel which stores the swops to be made. The mechanism to do this is not complex, and will not be described. It is obvious that the right sequence of swops to be made must be fed from panel to these strips F.

The strips F rise to preselect the bellplates to be moved, and then drop back so that they do not foul the moving parts when the actual movement takes place. In Fig. 11 we have the first method adopted. The inset of Fig. 11 is a detail of the mechanism seen looking along the bellplate. The two pins G G are really behind one another as well as over consecutive strips F. The right-hand one has a similar mechanism and works the other rod behind D, not shown.

When the strip under the pin G rises, the pin is pushed up and causes the catch H to pivot and allow the rod D to drop, as the rod was formerly resting on the catch. When the rod drops, a projection J on it engages with one set of ridges K on the bellplate. All this happens with the bellplate stationary. When the lever E moves, the bellplate will be pushed one place to the left by means of J and K engaging. The rod L (seen end on) then rises and lifts all the rods D that had dropped to their original positions, and the rods D slide back for the next stroke. When any F rises, it will, of course, actuate two bellplates and these will change places.

In Fig. 12 we see the later method. The rod D has seven teeth of rod brazed on to it. These teeth are horizontal, seen in perspective in the figure. The rods D, unlike those in Fig. 11, have a more complex movement provided by two cams as before. When the strips F rise, they lift curious catches MM. These are staggered behind one another and only the left-hand one will engage with the rod D shown. When the catch M is lifted, the rod D moves a little to the left so that one of the wire prongs on D engages with the slot on the catch. Thus the catch is held up, and when the strip F drops again the catch remains engaged. This is the essential act of preselection. The rod D then moves again to the left and so the bellplate is

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RINGING MACHINES—continued.

moved. This movement must not take place while F is raised as the other catch M on the bellplate would foul F. When the rod D returns to its ready position again the catch M drops as nothing remains to hold it up. These catches M slide in square cups and have square shanks so that they cannot turn. It will be seen that this movement needs greater critical accuracy than the earlier one, probably the reason why it is not so reliable.

In Fig. 11 the bellplate runs on rollers. The right-hand roller carries the current to the bellplate, and Mr. Woodhouse found that the roller sparked badly. He therefore adopted sliding contacts for later models.

METHOD STORAGE AND CALLS.

An essential part of any ringing machine is that part which stores the method being rung. Some assembly of switches or levers, etc., must be capable of being set so that the machine may ring any desired method. In Carter's machine, the control boxes, in conjunction with the control drums, perform this function. In Mr. Ernest Morris' monumental work, 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' facing page 549 (1931 edition) there is an illustration of the Carter machine with its maker. The control boxes are on the extreme right and the rods on which they slide may be clearly seen. The control drum on the near side of the machine is left centre, the pairs of sliding rods which are set for the method appearing as bars. Three gear wheels can be seen in the centre. The middle one revolves once per change and is on the shaft that carries the eccentric cams in Fig. 8. The left-hand gear wheel revolves once per whole pull, and at the other end of its shaft is the distributor arm which sends the current to the bells. The right-hand gear wheel, also revolving once per two changes, is on the same shaft as the squirrelcage in Fig. 8, and in front of it appearing black is the cam that causes the near control box to rise and fall. Behind the gear wheels may be seen the lever system which connects the control drum to its control box. A noteworthy feature of the machine is its fantastic capabilities. As each control drum has 48 sliding rods, methods with up to 96 changes in the lead can be rung on the machine. It is interesting to note that Champion Maximus, a method Carter himself constructed, is possibly the only method ever rung with such a long lead. Probably Carter had this in mind when he constructed the control system. In Champion the treble has a three-pull dodge in each position.

Mr. Woodhouse has adopted several ways of storing methods in his machine. No. 4 had a fibre barrel revolving. Pegs were inserted in holes in the barrel which pressed down on levers governing the pairs of bells swopping. The barrel was revolved a small amount at each change to bring into action a new row of pegs. A system of cams and gears provided the movement to the barrel for leads of varying length. No. 7 had a sliding panel in the lower part of the machine. It had rows of brass pegs which could be lifted so as to be vertical. In this position they actuated the swopping mechanism. The panel was pushed along by a ratchet at each change, and when the half-lead was rung a pin inserted at the half-lead worked a reversing mechanism which then pushed the panel one step at a time back again. Thus it was only necessary to set half the lead of the method. All methods or principles rung to-day are symmetrical, even though they are not constructed in leads, though the panel may need to commence its movement at different points.

In No. 8 machine a similar mechanism reverses the panel. The photograph of Mr. Woodhouse with his machine ('Ringing World,' March 31st, p. 203), taken by the 'Westmorland Gazette' (by whose permission it is reproduced), shows the panel of press buttons immediately in front of him. The whole panel of push buttons slides along its

length and two methods may be spliced as described earlier.

In all machines that have been made, each individual lever, pin or plunger on the control causes a pair of bells to change places when brought into action. (The setting for places on No. 8 machine has to be construed into swops by the machine in this way.) In order to make the scheme quite clear, here is the setting of a panel for Bristol Surprise:—

Changes	Panel		
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	o	o	o
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7	o	o	o
1 2 3 4 6 8 5 7	o	o	o
2 1 4 3 8 6 7 5	o	o	o
2 4 1 3 6 8 5 7	o	o	o
4 2 3 1 6 5 8 7	o	o	o
2 4 1 3 5 6 7 8	o	o	o
4 2 3 1 5 7 6 8	o	o	o
2 4 3 5 1 7 8 6	o	o	o
2 3 4 5 7 1 6 8	o	o	o
3 2 5 4 1 7 8 6	o	o	o
3 5 2 4 7 1 6 8	o	o	o
5 3 4 2 7 6 1 8	o	o	o
3 5 2 4 6 7 8 1	o	o	o
3 2 5 4 7 6 1 8	o	o	o
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 1	o	o	o
2 4 3 6 5 8 7 1	o	o	o

Each o represents a peg, and causes a pair of bells to change places. Note carefully that the pegs do not cause particular bells to swop, but the bells in particular positions. The first and last rows of noughts are at places of symmetry in the lead, and are where the panel reverses. These rows are only used once at each reversal.

The question of making calls raises my only criticism of the existing machines. In my opinion a ringing machine should be fully automatic, especially in call making. Calls should be made by pressing buttons marked 'bob' or 'single,' and that any time during the lead. The machine should help itself to the call at the proper moment, and not depend on the operator to press the button at the exact moment required. The Carter machine call-making buttons are not in a prominent place, and need a skilled conductor for their operation. There is very little margin of time allowed for correct pressing; and in Grand sire at a single, buttons must be pressed on each side of the machine.

In Woodhouse's machines, too, the call-making does not entirely satisfy me. In his earlier machines one had to press buttons which effected special 'swops' at a bob. In the later machines one has to reset the required row on the panel while it is in action. Although this is simple to do, in my opinion it is not in keeping with the automatic nature of the machine. The following is my ideal system of controls:—

'Go next time' for starting the method off from rounds. Must be self-synchronising so that the machine cannot start wrongly or at backstroke.

'Bob,' 'Single.' May be pressed with plenty of notice.

'Rounds.' This causes the machine to strike rounds automatically whatever change it may be ringing beforehand. It will also serve for 'This is all.'

In all existing machines the bellplates must be adjusted by hand to their home positions so that rounds may be struck before ringing is commenced.

Many further schemes of storage may be suggested. From the point of view of ease of setting, one could have a disc for every

method which it is desired to ring. One scheme I worked out proposed a disc about the size of a gramophone record with radial rows of holes. Holes drilled would correspond to the swops required, and fine wires allowed to press against the disc would move through the holes and so work a mechanical preselection system. The disc would be attached to a shaft with a friction drive, while an escapement would allow the disc to revolve correctly if a tooth be opposite each row of holes. Various refinements could easily be added; for instance, 'This is all' could alter the pitch of the escapement so that the disc is free to revolve until a larger tooth stops the disc at the correct row for recommencing ringing. Calls could be effected by realigning the wires opposite rows of holes which have no tooth for normal use. There is no limit to the scope for ingenuity in solving this interesting problem of the ringing machine. It all depends on what one wants for a particular machine—what limit of complexity required, and a choice between ease of operation for the uninitiated or greater complexity with greater versatility. The electrical ringing machine I am at present making copies Mr. Woodhouse's half-lead setting. There are 21 normally used rows of press buttons on the front control panel, thus giving a maximum of 40 changes per lead. As the machine will ring up to ten bells it will be capable of ringing Surprise Royal, but nothing exceeding 40 changes per lead. The buttons are in horizontal rows, ten in each row. The end button on the right-hand side is a cancel button. If pressed, it throws the row out of use entirely, so that much simpler methods may be set using only a few rows of buttons, and the other rows are cancelled. The other nine buttons are for places 1 to 9, and there is an electrical mechanism which translates this information set into swops. (This is quite easily done with nine relays.) It is never necessary to set 10ths place; it follows automatically. Thus, if button No. 3 is pressed the corresponding places made are 3rds and 10th, but if the 3rd and 6th buttons be pressed then 3rds and 6ths places are made. This arrangement has proved to be very useful, as in setting a Caters method only one button in each row need be pressed, 10ths place for the tenor covering following automatically. If no buttons at all in the row are pressed then, as in Mr. Woodhouse's No. 8 machine, the five swops 1x2 to 9x0 follow automatically. The buttons are of the wireless press-button type, and when pressed in stay in. But if any other buttons in the same row are pressed, the others immediately spring out. It is possible to set a Royal method from Mr. Corrigan's collection in half a minute.

In addition, nine selected rows (chosen so as to meet all occasions) have jack sockets on the right-hand side. Coloured telephone jacks are inserted in the sockets for calls, as follows. White jacks are for 'plain' rows, that is, rows used at a plain lead but not when a call is made. If the Bob or Single button on the control box (a box with five buttons connected to the machine by a cable) is pressed, then the machine does not use the row, and passes to the next set. A green plug is inserted for a row to be used only at a bob, and the end cancel button is also pressed on that row. If, however, the Bob button is pressed on the control box, not only does it cut out the Plain row but it also causes the machine to use the Bob row instead. A similar arrangement works for the Single rows, which have red plugs. The call making is therefore entirely automatic, and may be put into action well before the time required, or a split second before the row is actually in use. The usual time for calling a bob or single gives ample warning for the machine. The five buttons on the control box perform the functions listed earlier, the extra one being used only for restoring the other buttons to normal. The scanning of the rows of buttons is effected by a gang of unisector (Continued on page 220.)

Mr. John Worth's 500 Peals

Mr. John Worth, of Macclesfield, rang his 500th peal with a peal of Silent Bristol Surprise Major at Hyde, Cheshire, on March 11th. His list is appended:—

Minor: 1-84 methods, 105 (conducted 68).

Doubles: 8 (5), 'in hand' 1 (1).

Triples: Grandsire 17 (15), Stedman 7 (5), Major: Plain Bob 20 (15), 'in hand' 14 (11), Little Bob 1 (—), Carisbrooke Treble Bob 1 (1), Oxford Treble Bob 4 (4), Kent Treble Bob 15 (8), ditto 'in hand' 2 (2), Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 2 (—), Double Norwich Court Bob 24 (13), Real Double Norwich Court Bob 1 (—).

Surprise Major: London 44, including 1 silent (30), Cambridge 48 (35), Bristol 48, including 1 silent (36), Real Bristol 1 (—), Superlative 10 (7), Yorkshire 7 (5), Norfolk 2 (2), Staffordshire 2 (1), Manchester 1 (1), Rochester 5 (4), Lincolnshire 2 (2), Pudsey 2 (2), Guildford 1 (—), Aldenham 1 (1), Belgrave 1 (—), Stockport 1 (—), Ramsey 1 (1), Deva 1 (—), Spliced, 2-14 methods, 8 (4).

Caters: Grandsire 8 (6), Stedman 10 (8), Erin 1 (—).

Royal: Plain Bob 5 (4), ditto 'in hand' 4 (—), Kent Treble Bob 9 (4), Oxford Treble Bob 4 (4).

Surprise Royal: Cambridge 17 (7), Yorkshire 4 (1), Belgrave 1 (—), Rochester 4 (—), Lindsey 1 (—), Rutland 1 (—).

Cinquus: Grandsire 3 (1), Stedman 4 (1), Maximus: Kent Treble Bob 4 (3), Oxford Treble Bob 1 (—), Plain Bob 4 (2), Cambridge Surprise 1 (1), Yorkshire Surprise 1 (—), Rochester 1 (1).

Total: 500, conducted 325.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.

The monthly meeting was held at Brixworth on March 25th, with an attendance of 30, which included members, friends and visitors.

The Guild service was conducted by Rev. Freeman, Vicar of Brixworth, whose address, being most appropriate, was based on the five inscriptions of Brixworth bells. The organist was Mr. Campden. Tea was served in the Crown Inn, the business meeting following. The branch chairman (Mr. G. S. Valentine) presiding, supported by the secretary (Mr. E. Nobles). The next meeting was arranged for Wootton on April 29th.

A vote of thanks was extended to Rev. Freeman for the use of the bells and conducting the service and for his address, and to those responsible for a splendid tea.

Ringing was resumed and, although the bells were a little hard going, good use was made of them with Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and Spliced Doubles to complete a successful meeting.

E. N.

ADDRESS TO ROTARIANS

'Bellringing often takes a man down a peg' was the heading given to a talk by Mr. A. E. York-Bramble to the Southampton Rotary Club. Pointing out that peal ringing required great mental concentration and a fine sense of teamwork, Mr. York-Bramble said: 'It often took a man down a peg when he saw someone who had not the same advantages as himself in life who could concentrate so much more on the job and make fewer mistakes.'

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ENGAGEMENT

The engagement is announced between Rodney Brian, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Meadows, of 82, Heathcroft, Hampstead Way, London, N.W., and Ruth Mary Katharine, daughter of the Most Rev. J. C. H. How, D.D., of Bishop's House, Glasgow, W.2. 6820

DEATH

SADDINGTON.—On Mar. 31st, 1950, at 66, Station Road, Burton Latimer, Joseph Saddington, aged 83 years. Ringer and chorister for 70 years. 6811

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

From April 17th, 1950, the address of Mr. E. STITCH will be The Laurels, 233, Penn Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs. 6798

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MEETINGS

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Meeting at St. Giles' (8), Ashted, on Easter Monday, Apr. 10th. Bells 3 to 4.40 and after meeting. Tea 5 in the Peace Memorial Hall, Woodfield Lane.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6752

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Whittlesey, Easter Monday, April 10th. Bells, St. Andrew's (8) and St. Mary's (8) from 11 a.m. Business meeting 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.—W. W. Cousins, Gen. Sec. 6763

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Ipswich. Bells available all day. Service 12 at St. Lawrence's. Lunch (4s.) at Nightingale's, 1 p.m. Apply early to Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 6754

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, April 10th, Swanwick (5). Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business after tea. 6768

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bedford, Easter Monday, April 10th. St. Paul's (10 bells) and St. Peter's (8 bells) from 10.30 a.m. The six bells at Elstow open 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Lunch at St. Mary's Hall 2 p.m., followed by business meeting. Please send names for lunch to Mr. Foskett, 38, Miller Road, Bedford. 6772

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Taunton, Easter Monday. Service 12 noon, St. James' Committee 11 a.m., St. James' Schoolroom. Lunch 1 p.m. Some seats left. Business meeting to follow. Bells: St. James' (8), 11 to 12 and from 3 p.m.; Wilton (8), Milverton (8), Wellington (8), Langford Budville (6), from 3 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6765

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lower Heyford (6), Apr. 15th. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Rousham (6) also evening.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 6744

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Guildford, April 15th. S. Nicolas' bells afternoon and evening. Bells, Cathedral, 3.30. Service there (at which the Lord Bishop of the Diocese will be present) 4.15. Tea and meeting at Trinity Hall 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by April 11th to G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon. 6740

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Annual meeting at Newark, April 15th. Parish Church bells (10) 2.30 to 8; Winthorpe (6) 2 to 4. Service at Parish Church 4.30. Tea in Barnbygate Restaurant 5.15 if you notify Peter N. White, 131, London Road, New Balderton, Newark, by 11th. Business meeting in Parish Church belfry 6. (For Winthorpe, use Town bus service to terminus, then 5 minutes' walk.)—J. W. Raithby, Gen. Sec. 6781

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD and BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Blechley, Saturday, April 15th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea by April 10th, please.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 6780

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Derby, April 15th. Cathedral and St. Peter's bells 2.30. Committee, St. Peter's Hall, 3. Tea 5. Service in Cathedral 4.30. Names for tea to Wm. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, by the 12th. 6779

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincoln District.—A meeting will be held at Blankney on Saturday, April 15th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. Names for tea to Miss E. Wright, Blankney, near Lincoln, by Monday, April 10th.—A. Richardson, Surfleet. 6773

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, April 15th, at Hitchin. Bells available: Hitchin, from 2.30 p.m.; Norton (8), Baldock (8), St. Ippolyt's (6), from 11 a.m. to 12 and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Great Wymondley (6), from 2 to 4. Service: Hitchin, 4.30. Tea, The Angel, at 5.30, for 6d. only. Those requiring tea to apply to Mr. A. F. Symonds, The Cottage, Windmill Hill, Hitchin. There are other tea rooms in the town for any others. Notice of motions: (a) That the annual subscription for ordinary ringing members be increased to 2s. 6d. (b) That the peal booking fee be increased to 3d. per bell.—W. Ayre, General Secretary. 6771

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Pebmarsh (6), April 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. Trendell, Post Office, Pebmarsh, Halstead. Arrangements made for members to catch buses in the evening. 6770

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Huntsham, Apr. 15th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Coach leaves Silvertown 2.15, Tiverton 2.45. Names for tea and coach.—C. G. Dymond, Branch Sec. 6793

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery.—Meeting Wookey, Saturday, Apr. 15th, 2. Service 4. Tea and meeting. Notify by Tuesday, the 11th, for tea.—Wm. Marsh, Dovecotes, Street, Somerset. 6795

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Lyme Regis, on Saturday, April 15th. Bells at 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting follow.—C. H. Lathey. 6776

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Allesley, Coventry, April 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Committee meet 5.30. General business meeting 6. Private room at The Tollgate, 8 to 10 p.m. Names for tea to F. W. Perrens, 68, Warwick Avenue, Coventry (Phone Cov 61709), by Tuesday, April 11th, without fail.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 6769

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Plympton St. Maurice, Saturday, Apr. 15th. Names by April 12th to T. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 6727

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Battle, on Apr. 15th. Bells 3. Please make own tea arrangements. Cafes near to church.—H. Gorringe, Hon. Sec. 6802

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Next meeting, Bromborough (8), Saturday, Apr. 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided free for those notifying me by 11th.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 6788

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chorley, St. Mary's R.C. Church, on Saturday, Apr. 15th. Bells (8) available 2.30. No tea arrangements; cafes and snack bars nearby.—L. Walmsley. 6789

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District meeting, Saturday Apr. 15th, Inmanuel Church, Streatham Common. 2.45. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Business 5.30. St. Leonard's 6.30.—Hutchings, TEM 0794. 6796

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broseley, Saturday, Apr. 15th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. Enquiries for tea to H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 6797

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Saturday, Apr. 15th, Blaydon St. Cuthbert, 2.30. Names to R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street.—C. T. Lamb, Dis. Sec. 6791

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting Saturday, Apr. 15th, Christ Church, Southgate, 4.—A. B. Peck, 1, Evershall Road, Reigate. 6821

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, Apr. 15th. Bells (6) 3. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandv. 6809

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Cambridge District.—Duxford (6), Saturday, Apr. 15th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 6834

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Mary's, Prestwich, Apr. 15th, 3. Bus from Victoria Bridge, opposite Cathedral.—R. Benson. 6833

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Prescott on Saturday, Apr. 15th. Bells open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea by Wednesday, please, to me.—J. M. Preston, 12, Stanley Crescent, Prescott. 6830

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOC.—Meeting at Kirk Ella, Apr. 15th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for all who notify Mr. A. H. Fox, 122, Beverley Road, Kirk Ella, Hull, by first post, Wednesday, Apr. 12th. 6832

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Audlem, Apr. 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names by Apr. 12th, please.—Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 6831

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting Upwell, Apr. 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5; own food.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6810

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Rochester, Easter Monday. Arrangements as previously advertised. Obtain lunch tickets at Corn Exchange, 12.45.—G. H. Spice, Gen. Sec. 6808

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice, Nettlebed, Apr. 15th, 6 to 9. Committee meeting 3.30, Bull Hotel.—T. N. Lanaghan. 6813

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Hemingford Grey, Saturday, Apr. 15th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to F. Warrington, 4, Needingworth Road, St. Ives, please.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 6812

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting Apr. 15th. St. Matthew's, Widcombe. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea notification essential by 12th to Mr. Newman, 12, Widcombe Parade, Bath. 6814

CHESHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Daresbury, April 15th. Advise H. Worrall, 5, Causeway Avenue, Warrington, if requiring tea by the 12th.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec. 6817

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Gainsborough District).—A meeting will be held at Upton on Saturday, Apr. 15th. Bells (5) available during afternoon only. Service 4.30. Tea at Lea 5.30, followed by business meeting. Lea bells available in evening. Please notify me for tea by Wednesday previous.—George L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 6818

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Wadhurst, Apr. 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 5, at Durgates Lodge. Names to C. Bassett, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 6827

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and **BARNLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting Rawmarsh, Saturday, Apr. 15th. Bells (8) from 3. Names for tea by Thursday, 13th, to Mr. G. R. Hiner, 44, Spalton Road, Rawmarsh, near Rotherham. 6801

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting Blackwell, Apr. 15th. Bells 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 6825

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Buxted, Saturday, Apr. 15th. Bells (8) 3. Tea 4.30, only for those who notify individual names by Apr. 12th to Mr. E. Eade, Hon. Sec., Beacon View, Buxted. 6805

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Mountsorrel, Apr. 15th. Bells (8), 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea by Wednesday, Apr. 12th, to F. Key, 36, Firfield Avenue, Birstall, Leics. 6804

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Wilburton (6), Sat., Apr. 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 6803

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—Dedication of the restored ring (6) by Bishop Lovett, formerly of Salisbury, on Sunday, April 16th, at 3 p.m. Ringing after tea, which will be supplied definitely only to those who notify by 13th, as no local catering.—Ven. J. Chute. Piddlehinton, Dorchester. 6778

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Annual meeting, Ashton Parish Church (13 bells), Saturday, Apr. 22nd, 3. All ringers and learners welcome. Tea reservations to Miss E. Walker, 163, Portland Street. 6792

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Gosberton on Saturday, Apr. 22nd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea to Mr. F. Payne, High Street, Gosberton, Spalding, before Apr. 15th. 6816

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting Hertford, Saturday, Apr. 22nd. St. Andrew's. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to A. S. Carter, 93, North Road, Hertford. 6796

RIPPONDEN, YORKS.—The rehuing ring of St. Bartholomew's, Ripponden, will be open to ringers from 2.30 on Apr. 22nd. Service at 4.15. Tea 2s. 6d. to all who notify by Apr. 18th Mr. J. Leaver, Whiteley Terrace, Ripponden, near Halifax. 6795

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting Goodnestone, Saturday, Apr. 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea (with cash enclosed) to me not later than Wednesday, Apr. 19th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 6806

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Mears Ashby, Saturday, Apr. 22nd. Names for tea, please.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 6807

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Hampstead Norris, Saturday, Apr. 22nd, 3. Names to Mr. J. Weaving, Hackney Bottom, Hampstead Norris, Newbury, by Apr. 19th. 6816

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Winterton, Apr. 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Apr. 19th to H. Hall, West Street, Winterton, Scunthorpe. 6816

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting Saturday, Apr. 22nd. Bray (8) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6. Names for tea by 17th. —Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 6815

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OXFORD UNIVERSITY'S PEAL IN 21 METHODS WAS SPLICED

Dear Sir,—I expected to see some comment in 'Ringing World' of March 31st on the previous week's statement in Belfry (gossip that the peal of Spliced Plain Major rung at Oxford 'was not spliced according to the Central Council's decision.'

It seems in very bad taste to claim that this new peal in 17 methods contains the most ever rung spliced 'in hand' without substantiating it.

In the peal in 21 methods the methods were rung in complete courses and the method was always changed at a lead-end. The composition was published in 'The Ringing World' in 1931 and, so far as I know, has never been criticised as not being spliced.

Quite a number of peals have been rung in which the number of changes of method has been very small, and against which it would be possible to direct many other criticisms if one were so inclined. However, why do so? The question of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob has been settled by the rule that splicing can only be done at lead-ends, and this seems quite adequate. If the Central Council has made other decisions on the subject, I suggest they be given a little more publicity.

Finally, let me say I in no way wish to detract from the merit of ringing the 17-method peal, which was undoubtedly a fine performance, but would suggest that the band ring 22 before claiming to have rung the largest number.—Yours sincerely,

R. F. B. SPEED.

Harrow.

A MEMORABLE FIRST SURPRISE PEAL

Dear Sir,—I should like to record my compliments and thanks to Miss Gillian A. Smith for standing in at the last minute and helping us out in a peal of Aldenham at Rotherfield on March 22nd.

This young lady was a complete stranger to us all and was in the district on holiday. She rang me up to know if there was any ringing in the district. I asked her if she could ring Aldenham Surprise, as I was one short for the peal, and she said that she had not rung a Surprise peal, but would like the opportunity of trying. I asked her to look up Aldenham and come along, which she did.

I would like to congratulate her on the way she handled her bell and also the most efficient manner in which she rang the method. She certainly is a credit to whoever taught her to ring, and I shall look forward to ringing with her again.—Yours faithfully,

W. ROGERS

(Conductor of the peal).

SHERBORNE'S RHYME

Dear Sir,—Re correspondence in your columns about rhymes connected with various churches, belfries, etc., here is one I collected at Sherborne Abbey, Dorset.

This is a belfry free
For all those that civil be.
And if you please to Chime or Ring,
It is a very Pleasant thing,
There is no music played or sung
Like unto bells when they are Well rung.
If that to ring you do come here,
Then ring your bell well if you can,
Silence is best for every man.
Keep stroke of eight and go not out.
Or you will forfeit out of doubt,
But if you ring in spur or hat,
Sixpence you pay be sure of that,
And if a bell you overthrow,
You pay a shilling before you go.

Yours truly,

R. G. FIELD.

Yeovil.

PEALS AT HAZELBEECH

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to the band who rang the recent peal at Hazelbeech, but whoever gave them the idea that it was the first on the bells since 1933?

A peal of Grandsire Triples (Thurstans' five-part), conducted by Ernest Morris, was rung there on January 4th, 1936, in which I rang the 3rd, and unless my memory serves me very badly there have been two or three other peals since 1933 (not necessarily Peterborough Diocesan Guild peals). Mere guessing at things like this can be very misleading to future generations when put into print.

In addition, I would like to know who gave Mr. Cannon the idea that Hanslope tenor is 'in D', which he stated in a peal report a few months ago? To be in D this bell would have to sound the same note as St. Giles', Northampton. Anyone who has rung both bells, if he has anything of a musical ear at all, knows perfectly well there is quite a difference. Hanslope tenor is E natural. These may seem unimportant errors to some people, but I'll repeat, they can lead future generations astray!

Another absurdity is the claim of 'first peal on the bells' because no living being can recall a peal there. One of the few towers where such a first could be claimed is Long Buckby, where since 1814 there have been five bells (four dated 1624), and a record is kept of what in 1856 would have been the first peal but failed only 12 changes from the end. The bells then had no stays, and one went right over. The names and order of this band are still kept by a very old inhabitant, who himself and his father before him can recall all peal attempts in this tower (incidentally my own family native home, where I can claim relations going back 108 years).

Where no record like Long Buckby is kept, would it not be more strictly in order to put 'believed' first peal on the bells?

P. AMOS.

Northampton.

RINGING MACHINES—continued.

switches which connect the rows of buttons one by one to the other sections of the machine. As each row of buttons is in use, an indicator lamp on the left lights up. Only the half-lead is set on the 21 rows, and the rows are used in order downwards and then upwards again. The top and bottom rows thus correspond to the turning rows of the method, e.g., in Bob Major when the treble is leading and lying. In order to make calls at the turning row (as in practically all even-bell methods) two extra rows of buttons top the panel and are not normally used. They have no cancel buttons as they are permanently out of use and can only be used by insertion of a call plug. The other seven rows with call plug jack sockets behave normally if no jack plug is inserted.

There is also an arrangement for returning the row being used to the correct one for starting ringing, when 'Rounds' is called.

(To be continued.)

Synthetic Bells

The following, under the heading of 'Synthetic Bells,' appeared in 'The Harwich and Dovercourt Newsman' of March 24th:—

There has been some complaint recently in our correspondence columns about Harwich Church bells. What about the noise at Dovercourt on Sunday mornings? The inconsiderate volume that issues from Kingsway Hall is one of the most trying seaside noises that I have ever experienced.

A gramophone record is no substitute, surely, for a genuine peal of bells, and to me it sounds ludicrous to hear all the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, gushing from the slender turret of this chapel at Dovercourt, which would not carry a small treble bell, let alone the whole ten of one of the principal peals in the land.

Synthetic bells are not one of the joys of old England, and there can be no excuse for disturbing the peace of this quiet seaside town with an amplified gramophone recording.

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Letters (continued)

QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Dear Sir,—I had no intention of furthering the argument re 'Qualification of Membership' in the columns of 'The Ringing World.' Mr. Sanger's letter in this week's issue, however, leaves me no option but to ask for a space in reply. It is extraordinary how easily some can 'misconstruct.' The surprising thing about it in this case, to me at any rate, is how Mr. Sanger fell for it. I should have known better, I suppose, than try to defend the 'ordinary member' and not clearly define who he is, for in not doing so Mr. Sanger accuses me of 'introducing class distinction.' I dispute and categorically deny ever thinking of such a thing. My letter bears no suggestion to that alleged introduction.

Of course, in a sense there is no difference between 'ordinary members' and members. We all belong to a Guild. Some know what for, others do not. We pay our subscriptions, attend meetings sometimes, and are entitled to suggest and criticise and endeavour to raise the standard of ringing, and with everyone combining to reach one end—the betterment of Sunday service ringing. But this will not be accomplished if the selected few, happily very few, will not accept a little helpful criticism.

Mr. Sanger says that I wandered from the point in question. Well, perhaps I did. I can only say that I was trying to follow Mr. Lyke's letter point by point. Luckily for me, I stopped in time.

I fully endorse Mr. Sanger in quoting Mr. Frank Warrington's 'one God, one service.' My many friends will endorse it, too. That is the Guild's ultimate end, isn't it?

I hope that the misconstruction 'bug' hasn't bitten me, but am I to assume that we as members are to store up our criticisms and suggestions for twelve months and bring them to the annual for ventilation? I am sure that there are many members who do not, for various reasons, attend meetings. They rely on the good offices of 'The Ringing World' to keep them in touch with their Guilds, and, indeed, it is the only link some have. Mr. Sanger, surely, doesn't want to break that link.—Sincerely yours,

R. BEALE.

MR. T. E. SONE'S 400 PEALS

Mr. T. E. Sone, of Paddock Wood, Kent, has completed 400 peals. These have been rung with 394 ringers in 93 towers for 11 Associations. He has conducted 185 different (115 one-part) compositions by 52 composers.

Doubles: Grandsire 2 (conducted 2).

Minor: In 2, 3 and 4 methods 6 (1), in 7 methods 1 (1), Cambridge 3 (1).

Triples: Grandsire 56 (41, Holt's Original five times round circle, one non-conducted), Stedman 10 (2), Spliced Grandsire and Bob Major 1 (1).

Major: Plain Bob 19 (8), Canterbury Pleasure 1 (1), Spliced Canterbury and Plain Bob every lead 1 (1), St. Clement's College 1, Double Norwich 72 (51), Dartford Little Bob 1 (1), Kent Treble Bob 95 (83), Oxford Treble Bob 11 (11), Spliced Oxford and Kent 1 (1), Ilkeston Treble Bob 1, Worcester Treble Bob (1), Liversedge Treble Bob 1 (1), Cambridge Treble Bob 1.

Major: Surprise Superlative 22 (6), Cambridge 26 (9), New Cambridge 1, Pudsey 1, Painswick 2, Ashted 4 (2), Yorkshire 6 (1), Rotherfield 1, Rutland 2, Lincolnshire 2, Bristol 1, London 1.

Caters: Grandsire 10 (10), Erin 1 (1), Stedman 5, Double Norwich 1 (1).

Royal: Plain Bob 5 (2), Canterbury Pleasure 1 (1), Kent Treble Bob 18 (16), Cambridge Surprise 1.

Cinquies: Grandsire 1 (1), Stedman 1.

Maximus: Kent Treble Bob 2 (1).

Total 400, conducted 259.

Chester Diocesan Guild

WIRRAL BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER.

The second annual dinner, entertainment and dance of the Wirral Branch, held at The Cathedral, Moreton, Wirral, on March 18th, proved even more successful than the previous venture, there being a 25 per cent. increase in attendance.

Over 100 persons sat down to the meal in the ballroom, presided over by the branch chairman (Mr. J. Cooke), supported by the Ringing Master (Mr. T. Rogers), hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. A. J. Martin) and ringers from Bebington, Bidston, Birkenhead St. Mary's, Bromborough, Eastham, Wallasey St. Hilary's and Wallasey St. Nicholas', together with relatives and friends.

Speeches were drastically curtailed, 'brevity and levity' being orders for the night, and the toastmaster, Mr. G. F. Pickthall, speedily and ably dispensed this part of the programme.

The company then relaxed, after posing for photographs, to enjoy the excellent entertainment. Billy Yorke proved to be a capable pianist and vocalist, and Vic Wade mystified all with his conjuring. Lawrence Catterall showed himself to be the possessor of a baritone voice of great power and flexibility, whilst once again 'Professor' Bing Briscoe amused all with his patter and topical sketches.

Tables were then whisked away, the dance orchestra was installed, and dancing followed until midnight, with only a slight pause for refreshments.

Older members consorted in the private lounge available and reminisced to their hearts' content. Later they were once again entertained by the artistes.

All present thoroughly enjoyed the function and are looking forward to next year's event.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

WEST DORSET BRANCH.

Loders, nestling between the hills not far from Bridport, was visited on March 11th by the West Dorset Branch for its quarterly meeting, some 35 members attending.

The church is very ancient and contains many features of peculiar architectural interest, and at the entrance to the chancel is preserved a pre-Reformation bell, dated 1461, which for 300 years called the village people to worship.

The Rector, the Rev. O. Willmott—himself a ringer—conducted the Guild office, the lesson being read by the Rev. C. Carew Cox, chairman of the branch. A most delightful address on 'Manliness' from the Rector captured the attention of all.

After a sumptuous tea, provided by the local ringers, had been enjoyed at the Rectory, the chairman presided over the business meeting. Mr. C. H. Lathey, hon. secretary, presented the final accounts for 1949, showing a balance in hand of £23 2s. 5d. The next meeting, to be held at Lyme Regis, was fixed for April 15th. Arrangements were provisionally agreed upon for the engagement of a coach to convey members to the annual festival of the Guild at Trowbridge on May 13th.

An enthusiastic vote of thanks was given to the Rector for his welcome and address; to Mr. B. Elsworth, organist; to the local ringers for their generosity; also to the ladies who had prepared and served the tea.

The good-toned ring of six bells (tenor 20 cwt.) was put to good use during the afternoon and evening in call changes and methods ranging from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

STOKE-BY-NAYLAND, SUFFOLK. — On Mar. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. W. Moss 1, R. Talbot 2, R. Duesbury 3, F. G. Bloomfield 4, R. W. Steward 5, A. R. Andrews (cond.) 6.

Symmetry in Methods and the Truth it Stands for

BY GEORGE BAKER.

Two of the rules laid down by the Central Council are:—

1. Methods must be symmetrical.
2. Asymmetrical methods are illegitimate.

Shipways Minor Principle arranged symmetrically	Reciprocal Proof of same.	Shipways Minor Principle. Proof arrangement.	False.
123456	(1) 546213	123456	(1) 142653
214365	(2) 546213	214365	(2) 234651
241356	(3) 546213	241356	(3) 413652
423165	(4) 546213	423165	(4) 321654
243615	(5) 546213	432156	(5) 142653
234651	(6) 546213	341265	(6) 234651
326415	(7) 546213	314256	(7) 413652
362451	(8) 546213	132465	(8) 321654
634215	(8) 546213	312645	(8) 321654
643251	(7) 546213	321654	(7) 263154
462315	(6) 546213	236145	(6) 612354
426351	(5) 546213	263154	(5) 136254
246531	(4) 546213	621345	(4) 321654
425613	(3) 546213	612354	(3) 263154
452631	(2) 546213	163245	(2) 162354
546213	(1) 546213	136254	(1) 136254

564231 316524

In the Symmetrical Shipway Principle there is only one 'even' false course head when proved by Reciprocal proof (with the 6th a fixed bell), i.e., 213546.

In the Asymmetrical Shipway Principle there are twelve false course heads when proved by Reciprocal proof, i.e.:—

'Even.'	'Odd.'
34251	13452
35142	42153
14523	32514
21354	15234
53124	31425
43215	24135

These facts of themselves prove that the Asymmetrical arrangement would not produce the extent of 720 changes, but there is more to it than that, because in Principles where all the bells work alike each 'Even' row can be compared with any other 'Even' row, and each 'Odd' row can be compared with any other 'Odd' row, and for this we require another kind of proof, which I call 'Equivalent' proof, and this latter proof is also made use of in Treble Bob and Surprise methods to find the false course heads, as well as in Principles, but that belongs to another chapter altogether.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.

A large company of ringers assembled at the Church of St. Ignatius, Sunderland, on March 18th, for the Joseph W. Parker commemorative meeting. The Association's service was conducted by the Rev. G. H. Marshall, Vicar of St. Ignatius'. Tea was served in Meng's Restaurant, after which the president, Mr. W. N. Park, thanked the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells. The Vicar, replying, said that it was a delight to him to welcome the ringers to St. Ignatius', and he hoped that they had enjoyed their visit.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On Mar. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Haile (first quarter) 1, G. McKay (first of Doubles) 2, J. H. Haile (first of Doubles) 3, S. Richardson (cond.) 4, H. Wilson (first quarter) 5, T. McKay (first of Doubles) 6.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE. — On Mar. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: J. H. Morton 1, A. Hingley 2, K. W. Knowles (first of Caters as cond.) 3, H. Morton 4, G. Darlington 5, W. Powell 6, A. Hubble 7, D. K. Knowles 8, D. J. Tranter 9, J. Gaden 10.

NOTICES—continued.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Bi-monthly meeting at Betchworth (8) on Apr. 22nd, 3. Service 5, tea following. Ringing until 9. Names for tea by Wednesday, Apr. 19th, to Rev. A. G. Hoare, The Vicarage, Betchworth, Surrey. 6828

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Clerkenwell, Apr. 22nd. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Bells, Clerkenwell, 3; Holloway and St. Giles-in-the-Fields after meeting. Names for tea to Ernest Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing. 6823

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Cromer on Saturday, Apr. 22nd. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names or numbers by Tuesday, Apr. 18th, please, to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 6819

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. Division.—Meeting at Great Bentley on Saturday, Apr. 22nd. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 at Red Lion. Names for tea by the 19th, please.—H. J. Millatt, Dis. Sec., c/o 54, Beche Road, Colchester, Essex. 6829

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Marksbury, near Bath, Corporate Communion, Apr. 23rd, 8. Bells 7.15. Breakfast reserved for those notifying me by Apr. 21st.—W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. Phone Timsbury 87. 6822

WALPOLE ST. PETER, NORFOLK.—Apr. 28th, dedication of rehung and retuned ring of six. Service 3. Bells available after service. Tea provided. All welcome. 6794

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting Tedburn St. Mary (6), Apr. 29th. Usual arrangements service and tea. Names for tea and coach, which leaves Paul Street 2.15 by Apr. 25th.—C. J. Ryall, Alphidex, Dunsford Hill, Exeter. 6824

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TUNE RINGING

EXCEPT in the case of the carillon the musical world takes little cognisance of the contribution the bell can make to the realm of music. Nevertheless, the bell has as sweet a note to the ear as any instrument. Attention to the contribution of the bell in the realm of music has been focused by a little book written by the Rev. J. M. Turner, Rector of Washfield, Devon, and late president of the North-East Devon Guild of Ringers, entitled 'The Art and Science of Hand Bell Ringing.'

This publication is timely. Frequent inquiries have been addressed to the editor for information regarding tune ringing on handbells and appropriate music. While this might be regarded as outside the purview of change ringing, he did make inquiries in the musical publishing world, and had with regret to report that there was nothing helpful. While there is no lack of evidence as to the popularity of tune ringing, the initiative has rested with the individual conductors and trainers of the band or such accomplished artists in handbell ringing as Mrs. Albert Hughes.

Change ringing and tune ringing on handbells are two different arts and it does not follow that handbell ringers, as we in the Exercise know them, are able to oblige with a musical interlude at a parish social or similar function. To many members of the public the inability of ringers to provide musical numbers is not understandable, and their failure to render such airs as 'The Bluebells of Scotland' or 'Drink to me only' is regarded as childish behaviour. Nevertheless, there are companies of ringers capable of and specialising in giving musical performances of a high standard. The late Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, in his book on the Australian tour, mentions how the English tourists practised popular airs in secret to give a turn at the ship's concert and, judging by all accounts, it proved to be highly popular.

The Rev. J. M. Turner points out that several methods have been adopted for the instruction of tune ringers, some being very complicated and difficult by their signs and figures; some ringers play from memory, others by a scheme of numbers, others by enlarged notes on the copies of each ringer, circular or squared. He advocates strongly the old musical notation universally used and points out that it frees the conductor from the laborious task of copying out figures, which, when done, gives no indication of key or tune. In ringing from musical notation every ringer is able to follow any tune and ring his bell at the proper time, neither too quick nor too slow. If the set is large enough the parts treble, alto, tenor

and bass may be put in and thus add to the richness of the music.

The art of ringing a handbell is familiar to many, probably the majority, of our readers. The points the author makes are: The strangeness of holding the bell by a leathern strap handle; the motion of the clapper to and fro; the bell should be rung simply by a wrist movement; and the regulating of the volume of the sound of the bell—loud or soft. The last-named process is accomplished by regulating the swing of the clapper.

The ringing of a handbell is not learned in five minutes. The bell must be firmly grasped by the strap close to the top. As the motion of the hand is normally up and down, the bell should be so held that the clapper rises and falls. The up stroke, generally the harder, is accomplished by putting on a kind of brake with the thumb pressed on the top of the bell.

An essential accomplishment in tune bell ringing is to ring two bells in each hand. The explanation given by Mr. Turner is as follows: 'Place the four bells on the table left to right, up the scale like the notes of a piano, e.g., A, B, C, D. Put your forefingers in the form of a V sign, slide them down the straps A and C, palm inwards, grasp B and D firmly in the hollow of the thumb and lift each with mouth upwards. You will find that the clappers are at right angles. A downward movement will ring one bell alone, and a sideways movement the other alone. Remember that it is the wrist movement that is essential, not from the shoulder or elbow.'

A team of ringers should always stand having the lower bells on the left hand and the higher on the right, corresponding to the position of a pianist or organist. Each individual ringer should have his bells in each hand accordingly. If he is ringing two bells in one hand, the lower bell should be the one with its strap between his forefinger, with the strap of the higher bell in the hollow of his thumb. The position of the bells in hand will now indicate higher or lower as well as the sound or letter note on the strap. The lower bell clapper will strike up or down and the higher bell clapper sideways.

The range of performance depends on the number of bells the band possesses. A set of 14 bells will only take in the treble and alto, but a set of three-octave bells with all the semitones, numbering 37 bells (the chromatic scale), will perform wonders in music. It is advocated that the most expert ringers should be placed in the middle section and able to follow whether a bell is alto or tenor. Copies may be obtained from the author, price 3s. 6d. post free.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 24, 1950, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE ... Treble	*WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 7
*MARGARET L. TUTT ... 2	*MICHAEL E. H. BARROW ... 8
*RUTH M. K. HOW ... 3	*J. RICHARD CHAUNDY ... 9
*MARIE R. CROSS ... 4	*VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 10
*JAMES HIGGINS ... 5	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 11
*PHILIP WALKER ... 6	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Mar. 25, 1950, in 4 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... Treble	ANTHONY W. J. APPLETON ... 7
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 2	JOHN PHILLIPS ... 8
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 3	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... 9
ARTHUR D. COOK ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 10
WILFRID F. MORETON ... 5	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... 11
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 6	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by FRED. DENCH.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Mar. 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

*JOHN B. BENNETT ... Treble	*TERENCE A. THORNER ... 7
*ELIZABETH FAULKNALL ... 2	*†N. GERARD MCCRUM ... 8
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 9
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HARRY G. WAYNE ... 5	†JOHN R. SMITH ... 11
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 6	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal of Maximus in the method. † 25th peal. ‡ 100th peal.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Apr. 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANCES;

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	P. GEORGE GOLDER ... 7
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 8
GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 3	ALAN ELSWORE ... 9
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 4	GORDON HARRISON ... 10
MAURICE G. TURNER ... 5	JOHN N. LINDON ... 11
GEORGE A. PACKER ... 6	*ALBERT G. RICHARDS ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK W. PERRENS. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal on twelve bells. Ring as a compliment to Miss I. P. Brown and Mr. R. G. Uffindell on the occasion of their wedding at this church.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thurs., Mar. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF ALDENHAM SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR ... Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 7
*TERENCE A. THORNER ... 3	*FREDK. J. MILNER ... 8
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 4	*HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 9
ALFRED BALLARD ... 5	*GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by P. J. STANFORTH.

* First peal of Royal in the method.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*ROGER BEALE ... Treble	*BASIL W. WHITE ... 6
ALBERT W. BOND ... 2	*HERBERT W. WOOLVEN ... 7
*FRANK HOWE ... 3	HENRY STALHAM ... 8
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... 4	*WM. H. HARGREAVES ... 9
FRANK BENNETT ... 5	†MAURICE THOMAS ... Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal. A birthday compliment to Mr. W. C. Hart.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF PONTEFRAC SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*JAMES THORLEY ... Treble	†GIBSON JACKSON ... 6
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	ALAN ROGERS ... 7
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 4	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 9
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 5	ERNEST A. THORPE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal on ten bells and 50th peal. † First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise on the bells. The first peal rung in this method, No. 534 in A. J. Corrigan's collection and published in 'The Ringing World,' April 14th, 1933.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LONDON.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA, S.W.,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3qr.

PETER J. HUTCHINGS ... Treble	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	*STEPHEN J. HART ... 6
AUDREY M. CASTLE ... 3	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ... 7
*ERIC J. BEAUCHAMP ... 4	JAMES BULLOCK ... Tenor

Composed by O. LANG. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Major and in the method.

WILLESSEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Mar. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

LEONARD H. BOWLER ... Treble	ALICK CUTLER ... 5
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 2	MAURICE HODGSON ... 6
JOHN THOMAS ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 24, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

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 J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

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

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR THOMLINSON ... Treble	ALAN J. BROWN ... 5
STEPHEN L. PARRY ... 2	DAVID VINCENT ... 6
SELWYN H. DEARDEN ... 3	PHILIP H. TOCOCK ... 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 4	FRED DUNKERLEY ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

First touch of Belgrave for 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7.

**EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., Mar. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A variation of Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 22 cwt.

MARGARET L. TUTT ... Treble	JAMES GORDON ... 5
ROBERT B. BLOND ... 2	HENRY L. BISHOP ... 6
*JAMES P. BLOND ... 3	ALFRED H. WEBB ... 7
GEORGE W. BISHOP ... 4	JACK C. NAPPER ... Tenor

Conducted by MARGARET L. TUTT.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

**KIRTlington, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sun., Mar. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Comprising 640 London, 320 each of New Gloucester, Bristol, Wordsworth, Lindum, Eastcote, Norfolk, Yorkshire, Cambridge and Lincolnshire, and 160 each of Langley, Heathcote, Rutland, Pudsey, Watford, Hitchin, Uxbridge, Superlative, Framley and Wembley, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. PORTER ... Treble	ALAN R. PINK ... 5
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 2	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 6
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
MARIE R. CROSS ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

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

First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 20 methods by all the band.

**WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Mon., Mar. 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF WAKEFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES THORLEY ... Treble	ALAN ROGERS ... 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	GIBSON JACKSON ... 6
*MILTON C. FOWLER ... 3	*J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

* 100th peal together. The first peal rung in this method. In memoriam John Thorpe, of Sheffield.

**ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

On Wed., Mar. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*BETTY CROSSMAN (16) ... Treble	JOAN BERESFORD ... 5
†JUNE BRINDLEY (15) ... 2	WALTER J. COPE ... 6
FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK ... 3	GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 7
DENNIS BERESFORD ... 4	PETER BERESFORD ... Tenor

Conducted by JOAN BERESFORD.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

**HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Wed., Mar. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

CHARLES H. MOORE ... Treble	RAYMOND G. LOFTY ... 5
GORDON ELVIN ... 2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 6
GEORGE H. MOORE ... 3	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 7
*DAVID HALL ... 4	GEORGE SAYER ... Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by GEORGE SAYER.

* First peal.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Mar. 31, 1950, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 4½ cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE ... Treble	CHARLES COLES ... 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 2	MICHAEL E. H. BARRON ... 6
EDWIN G. MOORE ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 4	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. C. PORTER.

First peal of Major as conductor.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 31, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

HENRY N. VAUGHAN ... Treble	ROBERT COLLINS ... 5
WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 2	DORIS E. COLGATE ... 6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 3	CHARLES A. BASSETT ... 7
BERNARD COLLISON ... 4	THOMAS E. SONE ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

An 86th birthday compliment to William Collison. The conductor has now circled the tower.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

DAVID E. PARSONS ... Treble	PHILIP A. F. CHALK ... 5
FRANK E. DARBY ... 2	*LEONARD A. REECE ... 6
JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 7
JOHN W. STEVENSON ... 4	FRANK D. JENNINGS ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

* First peal. Frank D. Jennings has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. In memoriam Cyril F. Johnston.

EWHURST, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 1, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*PAMELA A. WARREN ... Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 5
†T. MARK WHITE ... 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 6
*JOHN A. ETHERINGTON ... 3	GEORGE L. GROVER ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	†HAROLD A. MAY ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY,

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together. First peal in the method as conductor.

HEDON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

*ALFRED T. TAYLOR ... Treble	THOMAS SOUTHWICK ... 5
LEONARD RODMELL ... 2	JOHN W. HOBSON ... 6
*LEONARD STRAKER ... 3	CHARLES BARKER ... 7
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 4	†DAVID FEWSTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.



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On Sat., Apr. 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F.

JAMES H. MUSSON ... Treble	*OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... 5
*LORNA BRIGGS ... 2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 6
*DONOVAN R. WHITE ... 3	CHARLES E. BROWN ... 7
MARGARET A. SWANN ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Needham, mother of the ringer of the fifth.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Apr. 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 49 lb.

*PAUL FISHER ... Treble	TREVOR REYNOLDS ... 5
MARY E. ELKINGTON ... 2	RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... 6
†FRANK H. ELEY ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 7
ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 4	J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. D. HOLDEN.

* First peal. † First peal on a working bell and first peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Reeves' Five-part.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT H. BOOTH ... Treble	HENRY PARKER ... 5
*DAVID GODFREY ... 2	HAROLD WORRALL ... 6
HARRY W. HOWARD ... 3	CECIL RADDON ... 7
ERIC HORNBY ... 4	DAVID SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by DAVID SMITH.

* First peal of Major in the method. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

WHITCHURCH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOYCE COX ... Treble	ARCHIBALD L. MITCHELL ... 5
OSCAR G. SMART ... 2	JOHN H. HUNT ... 6
NELIA M. LEAHY ... 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 7
MAURICE J. BUTLER ... 4	NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Harry Clarke on completion of 48 years' service as captain at the above church.

SIX BELL PEALS

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*DEREK WILSDEN ... Treble	JAMES STOCKBRIDGE ... 4
MRS. G. STOCKBRIDGE ... 2	BRENDA PHILPOTT ... 5
†A. CHARLES PHILPOTT ... 3	†DEREK CHATFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by BRENDA PHILPOTT.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

MEREWORTH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, College Single, Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM R. MANSER ... Treble	GEORGE F. CANTRILL ... 4
TOM SAUNDERS ... 2	LUTHER J. HONESS ... 5
FRANK P. WRIGHT ... 3	PETER C. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

First of Minor in seven methods by all except the conductor. A 75th birthday compliment to the treble ringer's father.

WYBUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.).

M. ROY BOYER ... Treble	HAROLD G. SMITH ... 4
HERBERT SUTTON ... 2	FRANK OLLIER ... 5
EDWARD J. BOFFEY ... 3	FREDERICK S. SUTTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRÉDÉRIC S. SUTTON.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

HAZELBURY PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

HERBERT W. PEARCE ... Treble	WALTER H. POOLE ... 4
*STANLEY A. GUPPY ... 2	RONALD WHITE ... 5
FREDA M. POOLE ... 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

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

MILTON ERNEST, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Mar. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of St. Simon's and twenty extents each of Grand-sire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*STEPHEN IVIN ... Treble	*CHRIS. G. WOODHEAD ... 4
*JOHN B. LONG ... 2	*J. MICHAEL STEPHENS ... 5
†RICHARD W. STEPHENS ... 3	†RALPH BONNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal on tower bells by a band composed entirely of past and present members of Bedford School.

BLOXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

A. E. SMITH ... Treble	*G. KEEBLE ... 4
F. SHAW ... 2	A. S. PIPE ... 5
J. SMY ... 3	A. G. LING ... Tenor

Conducted by A. G. LING.

* First peal of Minor.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 1, 1950, 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 different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON ... Treble	PETER HALLAM ... 4
GEORGE PICKERING ... 2	JOSEPH TAYLOR ... 5
ERNEST MORRIS ... 3	REGINALD E. TIPLER ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

In memoriam C. Marshall, who was accidentally killed April 1st, 1949.

CROMHALL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROY HOLPIN ... Treble	HAROLD HOBBS ... 4
JOAN BUSSEY ... 2	*WILLIAM RICHINGS ... 5
LESLIE BARRY ... 3	*CHARLES LARNER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOAN BUSSEY.

* 25th peal. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Bussey, mother of the conductor.

SNODLAND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT Treble	†TREVOR A. CROSS ... 4
*FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT ... 5
GLADYS K. JARRETT ... 3	*VICTOR A. JARRETT ... Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

* 25th peal together. † 25th peal. First peal as conductor.

SUTTON VENY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 8½ 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 in the method by all the band. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE WYCHE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of London, York and Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALLEN MORGAN Treble	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 4
R. GEORGE MORRIS 2	CYRIL TANSELL 5
GEORGE E. LARGE 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

HANDBELL PEALS

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Mar. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

At THE NOOK, LEICESTER ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD 3-4	HARRY POYNER 7-8
†J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 9-10	

Composed by J. REEVES (31). Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 50th peal. † First peal of Royal on handbells. First peal of Royal in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 28, 1950, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,

In THE VESTRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

GEORGE CASE 1-2	LESLIE BARRY 3-4
JOAN BUSSEY 5-6	

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY. Witness: W. RICHINGS.

First peal 'in hand' by all. First peal on the bells.

FERNDOWN, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

At FERNDOWN HILL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

No. 13.

Tenor size 16 in B.

*MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4	JAMES E. DANIELS 7-8
†GEORGE E. EVENDEN ... 9-10	

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witnesses: A. F. MARTIN-STEWART AND L. J. LOCKYER.

* First peal of Caters away from the tenors. † First peal on ten bells. Rung in the 'Inverted Tittums and Handstroke Home.' In memoriam Rev. C. A. Phillips.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

At 47, HAYWARD ROAD, REDFIELD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ROYSTON G. BRYANT 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
EDWIN J. BROWN 3-4	TOM HARRIS 7-8
RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... 9-10	

Composed by W. H. BARBER. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

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An electronic carillon, developed and now being mass produced by Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia), Ltd. (A.W.A.), is based on a model made from chimes found in a Sydney pawnshop. It is believed to be the only carillon in the world with a 'touch responsive' keyboard which enables the player to vary light and shade effects. Carillons in Britain and the U.S. are magnetically operated and do not respond directly to hand pressure.

The inventor of the Sydney carillon is Mr. John Ernest Benson, an A.W.A. engineer.

Although the first model was not built until late in 1944, many of these carillons are now installed in churches and other buildings overseas and in Australia. The original model has been sent to the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, at Dodoma, Central Tankanyika.

The cost of the carillon varies from £A700 to £A1,000, according to the amplification range. Except for the tubular bells, which come from Britain, the instrument is Australian made.

Blurred and confused chimes relayed over an ordinary public address system at a Sydney suburban church led Mr. Benson to start work on his original model, which took two years to build. He used mainly junk material, including a set of second-hand chimes and a wrecked piano, bought from a dealer for £A1.

The finished carillon, installed at St. Anne's Church, Ryde (a northern suburb of Sydney), caused such interest that Mr. Benson submitted his invention to A.W.A., who agreed to sponsor its manufacture.

The carillon, with a keyboard like a miniature piano, is seven feet high and four feet wide. It has 21 piano notes in chromatic scale, and the musical range covers one and a half octaves (C to F, including half-tones), enabling a variety of compositions to be played.

Pressure of the player's hand moves a leather-faced hammer which strikes one of the tubular bells. The chime is picked up in a microphone and amplified through two superimposed loudspeakers. Its greatest audible range is six miles.

ANGELUS NOW AUTOMATIC.

A.W.A. engineers have perfected another device, a 'ghost finger,' by which the angelus may be rung automatically on an electronic carillon. This was recently installed at a Darlinghurst, Sydney, church.

The angelus chimes do not have the too-perfect tones of a mechanical instrument. They ring with a slight tone variation, similar to the human errors of manual bellringing.

And, going further, variations have been introduced to the original cycle of 'errors' to ensure that the chimes do not ring out in identical fashion whenever they are sounded.

A.W.A. has done a great deal on research on carillon techniques. When Prince Charles was born on November 15th, 1948, an electronic carillon on the 425ft. high steel tower of the A.W.A. building in Sydney's York Street chimed for the baby.

According to A.W.A. technicians, it was one of the greatest concentrations of sound ever broadcast from one focal point—a 540 watt 'boost.' (The power behind an ordinary public address system is 15 watts.)

Another A.W.A. carillon broadcast for the royal birthday from the Town Hall in Melbourne, capital of the southern Australian State of Victoria.

UPAVON, WILTS.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 changes of Grandsire Doubles: F. Giddings 1, J. Dear 2, S. Grant (cond.) 3, G. Vines 4, G. Buckland 5, J. Kettle 6. First quarter by 1, 2, 4 and 5.

A Speldhurst Romance

On Saturday, April 1st, the bells of Speldhurst, Kent, rang out for the wedding of Mr. Anthony Turley and Miss Evelyn Hyman, both members of the local band and regular attenders at the Kent County and East Grinstead Guild meetings.

The happy couple left the church to the strains of Grandsire Triples rung by four locals and four Guild members, but a long touch was not possible then, owing to a following wedding, so the ringers went across to the George and Dragon for the reception, and by the time this was over no one really cared about a peal!

While the bride was changing to go away, the groom joined in a touch of Bob Major, then eight Guild members settled down to a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, thinking that the bells would be going nicely when the couple left for their honeymoon in the Isle of Wight but, unfortunately, after 17 minutes a rope broke and the couple had to leave in silence.

A spare rope was soon put on, and the second attempt was successfully brought round by: G. D. Burroughs 1, Mrs. B. A. Bassett 2, H. N. Vaughan 3, E. J. Gadd (cond.) 4, L. W. Giles 5, E. J. Oliver 6, A. Richardson 7, C. A. Bassett 8.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION SOUTH-WEST DIVISION.

A very successful and well attended meeting was held at Brentwood on April 1st, when approximately 70 members and friends sat down to tea. The visitors included a large number from the adjacent S.E. District.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Brentwood who, in an interesting address, told of an experience a friend of his had had in a certain parish. This friend had received many abusive letters from a certain gentleman decrying the church and bells in general. In due course of time the 'abusive gentleman' had emigrated to Canada, but the abusive letters still continued to arrive, only this time it was the absence of the bells which was the trouble. The Vicar was quoting this in emphasising the part bells play in the lives of people and the church.

Although the ringing chamber became very congested, ringing was much enjoyed on this rather difficult though pleasant eight.

The thanks of the district are due to the local band, particularly Messrs. J. Sitch and A. Pryke for arranging the meeting at short notice after the cancellation of the arrangements at Rayleigh.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS SPECIAL VISIT TO TEIGNMOUTH.

In response to a request from the Parochial Church Council, Mr. J. E. Lilley, of Newton Abbot, who is chairman of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild of Ringers, visited St. Michael's, East Teignmouth, recently to look over the bells and to see what the prospects were of their being rung, as they have been silent for several months.

Following his visit, he gathered together some members of the Mid-Devon and Exeter Branches and visited the tower on April 1st to ring. The bells were found to be in good going order, and some excellent touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major were rung during the afternoon and evening.

Tea was very kindly provided by the church authorities, after which Mr. Lilley voiced the hearty thanks of the visitors to the authorities for their hospitality, and for allowing the bells to be rung. Several recruits have come forward and have expressed their willingness to learn to ring there.

Dedication

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.

Saturday, March 25th, was an important day in the life of North Bradley, Wilts, when two new trebles, augmenting the ring to eight, were dedicated by the Bishop of Salisbury.

North Bradley is a typical Wiltshire village and was bathed in glorious sunshine. The 13th-century Church of St. Nicholas stands on the highest part of the village, where the lovely meadows fall away to the fair hills of Salisbury Plain.

The two bells are the Parish Church's thanksgiving for victory in the two world wars and are inscribed, 'Glory to God in the Highest, 1914-1918, and Peace on Earth and Goodwill Among Men, 1939-1945. Canon S. D. M. Davys, Vicar. E. W. Godwin and H. Ludlow, Churchwardens. P. W. J. Harding, Ringing Master.'

The Bishop, in his sermon, spoke of the very important service of dedicating these bells, which will possibly ring out for hundreds of years, reminding people of their duty to God by their worship in church. The eight ringers who rang the bells, he said, were not individuals but worked as a team, and if anyone went wrong the others were calling across the tower, putting them right. Even so, the members of the church were not individuals but members of a corporate body, serving under their God's command.

The opening rounds on the bells were rung by eight members of the local band: P. Harding, F. Slafford, Ron Harding, L. Hitchins, J. Hunt, J. Giddings, D. Lee and Roy Harding, and the after-service touch of 238 Grandsire Triples was rung by J. Hunt, F. Slafford, L. Hitchins, D. Lee, F. Penn, G. Harding, P. Harding and Roy Harding.

After the service a party of about 80 people did justice to an excellent tea, served by the ladies who had charge of the refreshments for the social events in connection with the Bell Fund. A birthday cake, inscribed, 'The Bells of St. Nicholas,' which was the gift of Mr. S. Adams, was cut amid great ceremony by the Vicar, Canon Davys. The Vicar spoke of this great day in the life of the church, and said how proud they were to have completed the octave. He paid great tribute to his band of ringers, under the leadership of their captain, Mr. P. Harding, who were responsible for getting the funds for the bells, and also how proud he was to have four officers of the Salisbury Guild in his tower.

Captain Wilson, seconding the Vicar's speech, congratulated the church and village on their go-ahead spirit.

Mr. S. Adams, a great friend and generous donor to the fund, mentioned how pleased he was to be back again in North Bradley and to hear the bells of the church where he worshipped as a boy.

During the evening good use was made of the bells, and methods ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge Major. Ringers attended from many parts of the South and West of England. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank were the founders and are to be congratulated on a good splice. They were represented by Mr. W. Theobald.

GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS

Chester is to be the centre for this year's 'Week,' which begins on Monday, April 17th. Beside visits to several towers in the neighbourhood, peals will be attempted at Northop, Pulford, Tarporley and Duddleston. The party will comprise the Revs. J. H. B. Andrews, E. W. Blyth, D. L. Board, W. G. Bridge, C. Carew Cox, K. C. Davis, F. L. Edwards, K. W. H. Felstead, T. P. Hearn, J. Kingdon, F. A. Oswell, R. H. Palmer, I. J. Richards, A. S. Roberts, D. P. Roberts, B. F. Sheppard, R. D. St. John Smith, A. G. G. Thurlow and Canon R. F. Wilkinson.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on Apr. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mary O. Drake (first quarter) 1, Audrey J. West 2, M. Angela Carter (first quarter as conductor) 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, A. E. Lock 5, M. S. Cloke 6.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 26th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: S. J. Oughton 1, C. H. Webb 2, H. G. Summers 3, J. W. T. Taylor 4, W. A. Stote (cond.) 5, J. W. Taylor 6, C. S. Aylett (first quarter 'inside') 7, F. W. Perrens 8.

BARKWAY, HERTS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. S. Dear 1, R. V. Webb (cond.) 2, J. V. Livock (first of Major) 3, N. E. Werrett 4, W. D. Pooley 5, J. Church 6, R. T. Newman 7, E. G. Buck 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Mar. 26th, for Confirmation, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Clayton 1, Joyce England 2, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 3, J. Pink 4, Joyce Gibbon 5, J. F. Galyer 6, F. D. Jennings 7, John Hill 8, L. A. Reece (first quarter on ten bells) 9, Ralph Bird 10.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Stovell 1, W. B. Judd 2, C. S. Hoad 3, C. J. Champion (first of Triples as cond.) 4, Rev. K. G. Hoare 5, T. Arrow 6, A. P. Cannon 7, D. Farmer (first quarter) 8.

BOSTON, Lincs.—On Mar. 26th, at St. Botolph's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Thompson 1, W. E. Clarke 2, D. White 3, F. Leggett 4, S. Jessop 5, F. Dewey (cond.) 6, J. Petch 7, T. Freeston 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor and to commemorate his 35th year as a service ringer at this church.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Barkwell (first quarter) 1, C. Taylor 2, J. Sangwin 3, W. Cholwill 4, R. Pearce 5, J. Bowden 6, F. Sangwin (cond.) 7, J. Rich 8.

QUARTER PEALS

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Apr. 2nd, at St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss L. Brain 1, W. J. Leach 2, H. E. Harrison (first in method) 3, A. Foster 4, G. Harrison 5, G. L. Roden 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, E. J. White 8.

CAMBERWELL, LONDON.—At St. Giles' on Mar. 26th, 1,350 Erin Caters: Miss S. E. Harris 1, Miss R. J. Pett 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Miss E. D. Farrell 4, F. D. Bishop 5, S. Croft 6, N. J. Hollingworth (cond.) 7, C. M. Meyer (first of Erin Caters) 8, H. W. Rogers 9, D. J. Charnley 10.

COSELEY, STAFFS.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. G. Whatmore 1, A. Baker (first quarter) 2, Mrs. E. D. Holden (first quarter) 3, A. Cope 4, C. R. Godfrey 5, J. D. Holden (cond.) 6.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Mar. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. E. Cawser 1, C. Urch (cond.) 2, S. Harrison 3, M. C. Fowler 4, H. Fowler 5, T. Holmes 6, W. Maxfield 7, P. Gledstone 8. First for 6 and 7.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Apr. 2nd, 1,280 Little Bob Major: C. E. Wright 1, A. C. Chaplin 2, Miss D. Fleetwood 3, J. A. Fleetwood 4, J. Armstrong 5, A. Salisbury 6, D. G. Blows 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. First in the method on the bells and by all the band.

DERBY.—At All Saints' Church, Ockbrook, on Mar. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Bailey 1, R. Grice 2, J. Bailey 3, A. Mould 4, J. Salisbury 5, J. Gibbs 6. First for 1, 2 and 5.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. A. Lintern (first as conductor) 1, J. T. Dyke 2, W. Higdon 3, Miss B. Look 4, R. Beck 5, R. S. Tucker 6, E. Chivers 7, A. Lintern 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Wendy Scutts (local ringer).

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Seymour 1, Mrs. A. E. Lock 2, Miss M. A. Carter 3, Mrs. J. Gray 4, D. O. Wilks 5, A. E. Lock 6, A. R. Pink (cond.) 7, P. M. J. Gray 8. First quarter of Major bv 1, 3 and 5.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's on Apr. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. Luke 1, W. G. Wilson 2, A. Jones 3, J. E. Lewis Cockey (cond.) 4, W. T. Cook 5, W. J. Ellis 6, E. C. S. Turner 7, J. C. Birt 8. Rung for Palm Sunday.

FISHLAKE, YORKS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: L. M. Woodhead 1, F. Kershaw 2, O. Kershaw 3, H. Cooper (cond.) 4, J. Kershaw 5, Tony Wright 6. First quarter for 2, 3, 5 and 6.

FYLINGDALES, YORK.—On Mar. 27th, at St. Stephen's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Cooper 1, C. Haslop (first quarter) 2, A. Hunter 3, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 4, J. Waller 5, H. Short 6, J. A. Alexander 7, T. Tindale 8.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Mar. 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Chilcott 1, J. Stephenson 2, R. Charge 3, R. Deal 4, A. Appleton 5, R. Chalk 6, G. Debenham 7, W. T. Elson (cond.) 8, R. Sanders 9, F. Wicks 10. A compliment to W. T. Elson on his 83rd birthday.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Leonard's on Apr. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples (half-muffled): E. R. Gladman 1, W. Webb 2, W. A. Lewis 3, K. Gristwood 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, J. Sansom 6, B. A. Rose (cond.) 7, W. Winter 8. In memory of Mr. F. Page, for many years an active member of the church. Also for Comdr. E. J. Baldwin, a sidesman of the church, who died suddenly on Mar. 31st.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—At St. Mary's Church on Apr. 2nd, 1,280 Hitchin Surprise Major: W. Harris 1, L. Fidler 2, A. Symonds 3, G. Cherry 4, C. V. Hare 5, W. Croft 6, E. Winters 7, F. Croft (cond.) 4. First quarter in the method by all the band.

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scribers for the new quarter which started April
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months, 5s. 6d. three months, to Mrs. Fletcher,
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Quarterly subscribers are reminded that their
subscriptions are now due.

The in memoriam hand-
bell peal to the Rev. C.
A. Phillips recorded in
this issue was rung at Ferndown Hill at the
wish of Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, who was
a close friend of Mr. Phillips for 48 years.
The Rev. C. A. Phillips was godfather to Mr.
Stewart's only son. The peal is believed to
be the first peal of Grandsire Caters 'in
hand' in the county of Dorset.

His many friends will regret to learn that
Mr. G. W. Steere, hon. treasurer of the
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, is in
Sutton and Cheam Hospital for observation.

April 18th is the 56th anniversary of the
13,440 Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung
at Romford, Essex, conducted by George
Newson. The characteristic of this peal was
the extent with the tenors together.

According to 'The Observer' an order for
a carillon of 51 bells is to be given for the
Culver Military Academy, Indiana, U.S.A., to
be provided by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston,
of Croydon.

We thank correspondents who have called
our attention to the fact that if an open lead
was eliminated the time saved in a peal of
Major or Triples would be one-seventeenth.
At the rate of striking at 28 changes to the
minute, the 'open lead' is mathematically
.252 secs., and the time saved in a peal would
be 10.584 minutes.

Incorporated in the annual report of the
Irish Association is a section on change ring-
ing dealing with plain hunting, compiled by
Mr. F. E. Dukes, the hon. secretary. This is
for the benefit of remote country teams which
are without proper instructors. In one case
the nearest instructor is over 200 miles away,
and others about the 150 mark. These bands
are keen to learn, and Mr. Dukes is hoping to
arrange for their instruction in this manner.

BELFRY GOSSIP

We commend the B.B.C.
on their choice of rings of
bells for the Easter Sun-
day broadcast. Their adviser knew the bells
of the British Isles well, and it could not have
been a chance affair. The broadcast started
with St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and in-
cluded the University Church of St. Mary-
the-Virgin, Oxford, St. Giles', Wrexham, St.
Mary's, Shrewsbury, St. Donard's, Belfast,
Moulin Parish Church, Pitlochry, Scotland,
Skipton Parish Church, Yorkshire, and St.
Mary's, Southampton.

The choice for Northern Ireland was the
bells of St. Donard's Church, Belfast. This
ring of six was installed by Messrs. John
Taylor and Co. last November.

Skipton Parish Church has only occasionally
appeared in our columns. Here the two oldest
ringers are Mr. F. Metcalfe (76), who has
been ringing since 1890, and Mr. Walter
Bailey (75), the steeplekeeper, who started in
1891. Skipton tenor weighs 22 cwt.

The bells of Walpole St. Peter, Norfolk,
which have been rebung and retuned, were
dedicated on April 8th. We regret the error
in last week's announcement.

Mr. Godfrey Winn, in his popular Saturday
night broadcast on 'My Week,' visited Laven-
ham Church, Suffolk, and had a talk with Mr.
Stedman Symonds on ringing.

Another broadcast relating to bells was
'In Town To-night,' last Saturday. Brian
Johnston, in 'Let's Go Somewhere,' visited
a Dockland church, where the bells were ap-
parently hung dead. He persuaded the ringer
in charge to let him 'have a go.' We hope
that our readers will emphasise to the B.B.C.
the danger of permitting non-ringers to 'have
a go' in a belfry. It is fraught with danger
to the inexperienced and has been the cause
of a number of accidents.

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RECORD PEAL YEAR PEALS AT ANY PRICE TACTICS DEPRECATED

ROCHESTER was visited by the Kent County Association for its 70th annual meeting on Easter Monday. Over 200 members were present, and the reports presented indicated the strong and flourishing position of the Association.

The service was held at the Cathedral Church, the Dean giving the address and the Archdeacon of Maidstone reading the lesson. The hearty character of the singing was commented upon by the Dean.

A full programme of ringing was arranged for the visit, the bells of the Cathedral and a number of other churches being available. Local arrangements were made by Mr. E. A. G. Allen.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, a vice-president of the Association, presided at the luncheon held in the Market Buildings. Guests of honour were the Mayor and Mayoress of Rochester and the Dean and the Archdeacon of Rochester.

CIVIC WELCOME.

The Mayor, in according a civic welcome to the company, said he had often thought, when he had the pleasure of listening not only to the splendid ring of bells in the Cathedral but also in other churches throughout the South of England, how much they would miss the bells if they were suddenly taken away. He was sure ringers had not succeeded in perfecting their calling without a good deal of hard work and study and many hours away from home. Ringing had much behind it—the many friendships and splendid comradeships created by ringing in different churches.

If there was one thing in Rochester for which they thanked the Almighty it was the preservation of their grand old Cathedral.

The Dean also addressed a few words of welcome to the company and congratulated them not only on their ringing but the heartiness of their singing. He congratulated Mr. Spice on the arrangement for such a successful function. 'I have heard of the spice of life,' added the Dean, 'and I am sure that Mrs. Spice is the spice of this Association.'

The thanks of the Association to the Mayor and the Dean were voiced by Mr. J. Willis.

At the business meeting the hon. secretary read apologies from Mr. R. A. Constant (Gravesend), Mr. E. Ruck (Willesborough) and Mrs. F. White. The last-named wrote resigning his position as trustee of the Association as he was leaving the county to live with his son.

A FOUNDATION MEMBER.

Mr. G. H. Spice prefaced the annual report by reminding the members that within a month the Association would have reached the advanced age of three score and ten years. The sole surviving foundation member was Mr. E. Ruck, of Willesborough, who still took an active part, not only in service ringing but also in encouraging and guiding the younger members in his district.

Over the past 70 years progress and advancement had been made in various directions. The standard of ringing on the whole had improved; more intricate methods had been evolved; lady ringers had taken up the art energetically and with marked success; belfry reform had not been neglected; social and recreational activity among ringers was noticeably on the upgrade; by means of wireless, bells had been brought into the homes of millions of people, and a go-ahead ringers' weekly, 'The Ringing World,' completed the picture.

In a warning against complacency, Mr. Spice said they were living in an age when there was a tendency to expect results without

working for them. Example beat precept, and if to mark this 70th anniversary of the founding of their Association ringers made Sunday service ringing their fixed duty, there was not the slightest doubt that toppling bands at present being held together by a conscientious few would soon get back to a strong and healthy condition.

MEMBERSHIP SLIGHTLY DOWN.

As against their total paying practising members of 1,033 for 1948, the 1949 total stood at 1,015. Seventeen non-resident life members were elected during the year and subscriptions were received from 53 hon. members—two less than last year. Subscriptions were received from 134 towers, as against 124 last year.

New practising members enrolled in 1949 were: Ashford District, 22 adults, 5 juveniles; Canterbury, 20, —; Lewisham, 12, 7; Maidstone, 24, 2; Rochester, 6, 1; Tonbridge, 27, 1.

LOSSES BY DEATH.

The company stood as the following names of those who had died during the year were read: Practising members: William Bidnell (Hythe), Reginald Smith (Boughton), Harry Hogarth (Chatham), A. H. Jones (Penshurst), G. Baker (Tunbridge Wells) and W. Berry (Greenwich). Non-resident life members: Eric B. Hartley, Canon Coleridge and George Williams.

There had been only one change in officers. Mr. Cyril Buesden, in the Canterbury district, had been elected to serve as co-representative with Mr. French in place of Mr. J. W. Unwin, resigned. The thanks of the Association were expressed to Mr. Unwin for his seven years in office in the Canterbury district.

MISCELLANEOUS

The local band at Ashford now ring London and Bristol Surprise Major regularly for Sunday services. Congratulations.

Congratulations also to Mr. Albert J. Lancefield, late of Willesborough, who in 1949 conducted the first peal of Minor to be rung in New Zealand, at Christchurch Cathedral.

Mr. Robert Edwards, of Tenterden, is now 85 and still rings regularly. He has completed 65 years' membership of the Association and is believed to be the runner-up to Mr. Ted Ruck.

The average attendance at meetings in the Canterbury district during the year was 69. Well done, Canterbury.

Friends of Mr. Harry Hoverd, who has been on the sick list for many months, will be pleased to learn that he is making steady progress towards recovery.

The work of reconstructing the new Parish Church at Bromley has been commenced. The foundation stone was laid by H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.

Mr. Waddington, of Egerton, has provided a new attendance book for meetings of the Maidstone District. Thanks!

Congratulations to the Maidstone District on producing a quarterly magazine, 'The Belfry,' and to the Editor, Mr. F. Wright.

The morning service on Remembrance Sunday was broadcast from Hollingbourne Church. The local band was responsible for the ringing.

After repairs, Cobham bells are now in good going order, as are those of Meopham, which have been augmented to a ring of eight.

The report was adopted.

HEALTHY FINANCES.

Mr. F. M. Mitchell, who was elected hon. treasurer 21 years ago, presented the accounts.

He said the Belfry Repair Fund was started in 1895, and since then they had met 70 appeals, and grants made totalled £334. The Benevolent Fund was started in 1912, and 109 grants had been made, totalling £432 16s.

When he took over the treasurership, the total of the Association funds was £834 18s. 4d.; it now stood at £1,234. The statement of accounts for 1949 showed a balance in hand of £90 18s. 7d., against £54 7s. 2d. at the beginning of the year. From the Benevolent Fund nine grants had been made during the year, and the balance carried forward was £422 12s. 2d., against £450 0s. 2d. The Belfry Repair Fund had just held its own, the balance being £240 17s. 3d. Grants of £10 to Hannington and £5 5s. to St. Luke's, Bromley, had been made during the year. The accounts were adopted.

PEALS AN ALL-TIME RECORD.

Mr. P. A. Corby, peal secretary, in his report, stated that 166 peals were recorded in 1949. This was an increase of 10 on 1948, and an all-time record for the Association, and was achieved without the aid of peal-ringing tours

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

The Third Session of the Twentieth Council (53rd Annual Meeting) will be held at Eastbourne on Whitsun Tuesday, May 30th, 1950.

All notices of motions signed by the proposer and seconder must be forwarded forthwith for inclusion in the agenda.

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or of any national peal-ringing occasion. Despite this increased activity, however, they would lose their place at the head of the Central Council's list due to the high figure attained by various Midland and Northern Associations.

The peals fall into 41 categories, including the first peals ever of Wye Surprise Major and Biddenden Surprise Major, both of which are light variations, but not necessarily improvements, of Yorkshire Surprise. There has been a considerable range of activity, and peals included a goodly proportion in the simpler methods, whilst friends in the Ashford district further enhanced their reputation with many performances in the higher methods. Handbell ringing has become almost non-existent.

There were 47 conductors, including five 'first as conductor.' The peal secretary heads the list with 15, and Messrs. F. J. Cullum and R. L. Sills follow up with 13 each. Mr. Sills and the other young conductors of the Maidstone district have maintained well the increased activity referred to last year.

Of 220 towers with five or more bells, peals were rung in 86 as follows: Ashford District, 18 peals in 11 towers; Canterbury, 15 in 13 towers; Lewisham, 47 in 16 towers; Maidstone, 29 in 18 towers; Rochester, 28 in 17 towers; Tonbridge, 20 in 11 towers. Three peals were rung in Sussex, one in Middlesex, and three in the London area. Two peals were rung 'in hand,' a decrease of four on 1948.

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CHANGE-RINGING MACHINES

By B. D. Price.



(Continued from page 220.)

It obviously adds to the attraction of a ringing machine if it can draw diagrams. As Mr. Woodhouse points out, a visitor is doubly interested in a machine if he can take away with him a memento of its performance.

Carter's machine is capable of drawing a diagram of the work of a bell while the machine is in operation, but the execution of it is not to be compared with Mr. Woodhouse's perfection. On page 550 of Morris' book appear diagrams of Duffield Maximus and Stedman Cinques drawn by the senior machine. The roll of paper on which the diagram is drawn may be seen clearly in the plate illustration on page 549. The loose end of the paper is doubled back over a roller and attached to a second roller which is driven continuously by an endless cord from an interior shaft. The pen is attached to an arch-shaped spring which is clipped on to the ends of one of the bellplates, the weight of spring and pen pressing the pen on the tautened paper. Thus the paper moves more or less vertically driven by the roller, while the pen follows the horizontal movement of the bellplate, and a graph is drawn. However, since the bellplate movements are irregular and the paper movement continuous, the resulting line is not straight. Plain hunting looks like worn stairs and places are not easily distinguishable from the normal step. This could be corrected by causing the paper to move only when the bellplate is moving, but this is not easily done as the bellplate movements do not occur at regular intervals (due to the staggering of the cams as explained).

The diagrams illustrated were drawn by Mr. Woodhouse's No. 8 machine after the diagram-drawing apparatus had been revised recently. The bellplates are moved in between changes, so that paper movement may be synchronised with bellplate movement. The result is a far better approximation to a straight line. In the illustration of No. 8 machine ('Ringing World,' March 31st, page 203) the roll of paper can be seen clearly being pulled forward by a pair of rollers actuated by a pawl and sprocket. The pen rests on the paper by its own weight and is directly attached to the 7th bellplate by a lever. The simpler the lever the more accurate the diagrams. The bellplates move three eighths of an inch per place, and the diagrams used to have a total width of just over 2½ inches. The recent alteration has made the diagrams narrower and the diagrams in this article were drawn under the new conditions.

In August, 1948, Mr. Woodhouse drew half-courses of all the 370 Surprise Major methods in Mr. A. J. Corrigan's Collection. This was rendered simple by the place notation of the catalogue and the push button panel of the machine. One shudders to think of doing this on Carter's machine, as all swaps would have to be set and worked out beforehand. Recently (August, 1949) Mr. Woodhouse has drawn diagrams of all Mr. Corrigan's Royal and Maximus Surprise Methods Collection on his No. 9 machine.

When the author planned his electrical machine it was clear that unless various advances were made and new experiments tried it would not be worth while building a

machine at all. Therefore the whole scheme of diagram drawing was reconsidered and an entirely novel way of tackling it produced. The obvious way of getting an even more accurate straight line is to make the movements of both pen and paper continuous, which evidently requires considerably more mechanism for driving the pen. The paper is pulled slowly along by a heavy metal roller pressing on a driven rubber roller. The pen, a Wypac Stylus, as used by Mr. Woodhouse, is supported by a rather involved and concealed system of levers (which was scrapped twice during making!) and traverses a straight line across the paper. It is driven by a piece of twine which is wound round a shaft. This shaft is driven either way by a differential gear system. The centre cage of the gear is locked to the shaft and the side bevels revolve independently of the shaft but are driven in reverse directions by clutches. Normally the bevels do not move as catches engage with pins attached to them and the clutches slip continuously. If, however, one of the catches is lifted the corresponding clutch drives the bevel gear half a revolution, which in turn causes the shaft to revolve one quarter of a revolution, and the pen moves one place. Instructions for the diagram drawer are received from another section of the machine in the form of electrical impulses to 'Hunt up' or 'Hunt down,' and these work the catches directly by electromagnets. As this differential gear is incorporated in one unit with the other co-ordinating contact gear of the machine, synchronising of the impulses and movement presents no difficulty, and the system works perfectly. The impulses are derived from the relays working the ninth bell, which becomes the 7th for Major or Triples and the 5th for Minor or Doubles. A refinement is the homing device which causes the pen to hunt automatically back to its correct starting position when 'Rounds' control button is pressed, and when the setting is altered 6, 8 or 10-bell ringing, the pen moves its starting position so that the diagram remains in the centre of the paper strip. It was originally intended that the pen should drop on to the paper and the paper start moving automatically when 'Go next' was pressed, but the mechanism for dropping the pen acted so viciously that ink was scattered liberally and it was scrapped! This turned out to be a blessing in disguise and the space vacated was needed later. In its final form the pen remains lifted or on the paper as desired but has to be altered by hand, and the paper can be stopped by removing the metal roller. The resulting diagrams are of a high standard. The system has its drawbacks, however, as normally it draws the work of the ninth bell only, and much wangling is needed before a method diagram can be persuaded to start anywhere else. Mr. Woodhouse's system can do any required acrobatics.

Two anecdotes may be fitting at this point. We had been repairing a broken spring on Carter's machine, and to test it we set it to ring Bristol Royal (the version shall be nameless to prevent trouble), and left it to draw the diagram. When we returned, the machine had rung a complete course and had managed to get through half of another in addition! On another occasion I had just completed the diagram drawer on my machine and could

work it by feeding in the required impulses 'up' or 'down' by hand. I resolved to ring a course of Cambridge Royal on it, and spent a feverish time with eyes tightly closed tweaking a switch. When this had been done, I discovered I had not lowered the pen!

THE ACT OF PRESELECTION

To the uninitiated the problem of constructing a ringing machine is simple. Merely have a paper roll much as in a pianola, working bells instead of piano strings. Every method rung needs only a few feet of paper for the plain course, and call-making can be added easily. Not so easy! Call-making cannot be dismissed as being a simple extra. This matter I have always found very confusing to analyse, but it can easily be verified that a simple interchange of the connections from paper tape to bells cannot effect calls. This is seen quickly by considering Bob Maximus. There are over 36 million leads of Bob Maximus that could be rung and these are not going to be produced by any simple combination of switching.

Mr. Donald Cliff several years ago showed me a paper strip punched with holes. When telegrams come into a large post office too fast to be dealt with by the teleprinters they are stored up automatically on paper strip about two inches wide. The strip he showed me was intended for this, but by fixing bells to a teleprinter (!) he was able to ring a course of Bob Major from the strip. Such an experiment is amusing, but it does nothing to solve the ringing machine problem.

In 1935, the John Compton Organ Company of Acton, well-known makers of both pipe and electric organs, were experimenting in producing a machine which would ring church bells electrically in changes. Their chief of research, Mr. L. E. A. Bourn, was responsible for the apparatus, which rang only plain courses of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

The apparatus was fitted on a standard Post Office rack for telephone equipment, six feet high and 21 inches wide. It was entirely self-contained, and there were no actual bells. The apparatus made the bell noise itself, synthesising it from the constituent tones in a similar way to the electric organ. Mr. Bourn has very kindly supplied me with much information on the subject: 'The machine produced a series of pure tones, any of which could be sounded in combination, and the attack and decay constant of each could be adjusted. The compass of the notes covered four octaves in semitones, and it was therefore possible to set up various combinations of frequencies corresponding to the tap, nominal, hum tone, etc., and giving each its own decay time. A few good and realistic bell tones were possible, also a great many peculiar bell tones. It was found that a certain monotony of tone existed, partly due to the fact that the result was analogous to a stationary and not a swung bell. This latter effect was very realistically reproduced by causing all frequencies to vary momentarily at the moment of striking. . . . The apparatus was demonstrated at a British Association lecture by Dr. Kaye, of the National Physical Laboratory.'

The apparatus also contained switches which automatically rang Oxford on eight of the non-existing bells. The open lead was adjustable! It was temporarily installed at St. Martha-on-the-Hill, Albury, Surrey. It could be heard for twelve miles, and Mr. Bourn himself rang in the New Year of 1936 on the apparatus. 'Complaints were raised that the ringing was far too perfect, and provision was made to inject small current impulses into the slugging condenser (which timed the striking) to cause the impulsing to be slightly irregular.'

An examination of the circuit diagram kindly supplied by Mr. Bourn shows that the

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RINGING MACHINES—continued.

apparatus was not a true change-ringing machine. It could have been rewired to ring any Surprise Major method, and simple extension would render it capable of ringing plain courses of any method. Extension to carry out short touches would also be easy, but this is an entirely different matter to being capable of ringing any touch without previous preparation, as a change-ringing machine could. Thus for over ten years, while ringers have styled ringing machines as dusty museum pieces unworthy of consideration, the problem of practical application had in part been already solved, and there is no doubt whatsoever that a change-ringing machine could be used to produce faithfully a copy of change ringing in our belfries. It is not my intention to advocate such a thing; in fact, I do not think it is likely to happen, but there seems a danger that machines could be used to reproduce a standard touch at will. It would be comparatively simple to produce a touch, say, of Grandsire Caters, of any desired length, but the mechanism would not be able to produce anything else.

These two diverse experiments of Messrs. Clift and Bourn illustrate a reproduction of a set pattern of changes which does not constitute a change-ringing machine. The approach to the change-ringing machine is altogether different. Here, logical reasoning shows that one must solve the problem by devising some mechanism which will 'hold the changes,' that is, fix by some means what change is being rung at any particular time. Both Carter and Woodhouse have adopted the obvious idea of having a slide (a bellplate) for each bell, the positions of the slides recording the positions of the bells in the change. But it is by no means necessary to adopt this mode.

It seems that there are two distinct ways of approaching this problem. The first is to have a number of objects representing the bells and to continually resort their order. Here is one Heath-Robinson scheme: Have twelve ball bearings of graded sizes representing the twelve bells. These bearings continuously run round a closed path, first being lifted by a slowly rotating wheel with holes in its rim and then running down a chute back to the bottom. As the bearings pass upwards in the wheel their sizes are felt by some mechanism which rings the corresponding bells, so that the change being rung depends on the order of the bearings. One could easily get an open lead by having 24 holes in the wheel with a gap. As the bearings fall down the chute they could be resorted in order according to the method being rung.

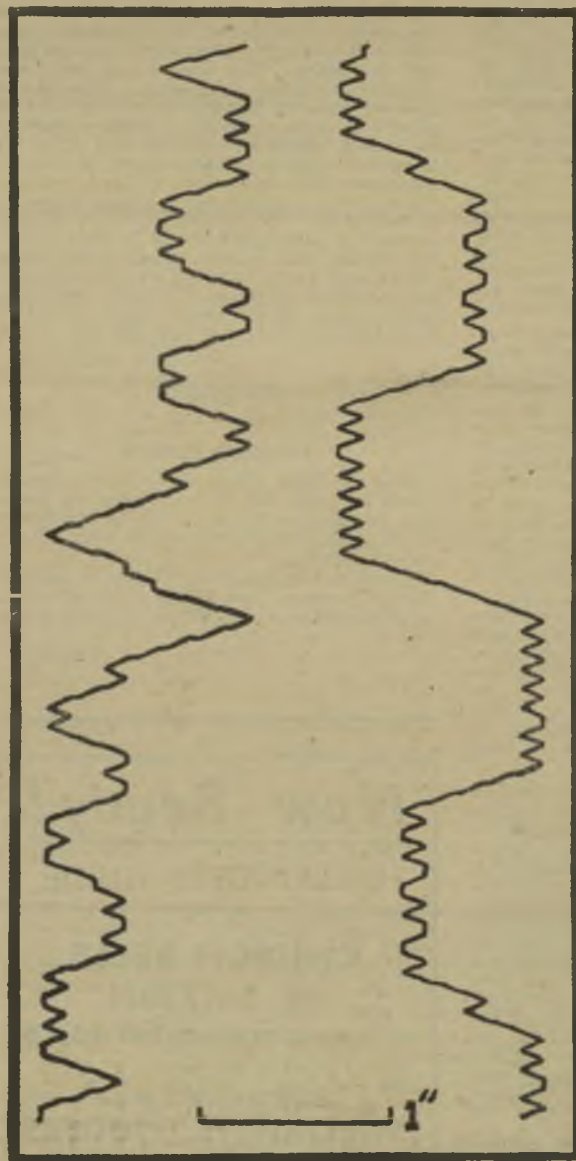
Another analogous method is to have twelve wooden discs with felt bases on a smooth table, arranged in a line with a bell on each; rounds is struck by hammers on long shafts so that the hammers are well out of the way except when the bells are being hit. The bells are interchanged as in handbell lapping by S-shaped scoops pivoted between the discs which revolve and swop round the bells as desired. The effect would be that of lapping, and the interchanges of the bells would have to be staggered so as not to interfere with the striking.

The other way of approaching the problem is to have a complete mechanism for each bell capable of definite positions governing the striking position of the bell. The bellplate is the obvious example of this, but by no means the only way. Valve circuits such as are used in modern electronic calculators could be used. These calculators perform feats far in advance of change ringing, and on present achievements could probably ring a peal in a few seconds (that is, if one could persuade the Central Council to recognise it!). The author's electrical machine uses telephone relays, as will be described later. But there is apparently a necessity for this second ap-

proach to the problem—the act of preselection, a seeking out of the movement required to take place for the next change before it is actually effected. Carter's clicks provide a very simple way of automatic preselection with difficulties in their wake. Mr. Woodhouse's catches, actuated by the rising bars underneath, carry out the required preselection before the bellplates actually move. It is this problem which is the very core of the problem of the change-ringing machine. There is probably no limit to the number of ways of solution, but several important points emerge. Firstly, whatever replaces the bellplate must take up definite positions; errors are apt to build up and may lead to slips. Secondly, movement of the bellplate or substitute must be sufficiently precise to cause movement to the next position and must not interfere with striking.

(To be continued.)

ERRATUM: P. 218. The last three lines in column two should read: 'Of the two, the earlier one . . .'



Half-Courses of Bristol and Superlative drawn by Mr. Woodhouse's No. 8 machine.

A Chinese Impression of Bells

In one of the Cambridge College magazines a Chinese student gives this concluding paragraph of an article on 'First Coming to England':—

'Finally, a word must be said about the bell. Of all things here (Cambridge), I like the ringing of the bells best. Every evening it resounds through the town, and on Sundays the bell at Great St. Mary's lasts as long as half an hour at dusk. It usually makes me homesick, but sometimes it gives me food for thought.

'In my country, bells and Buddhist monks are closely related. Whenever you hear the bell you are sure that some monks are doing their morning or evening prayers. Here the bell seems to exist without the monks.

'While the bells are ringing, those who should be at their prayers are either sitting in the halls engaged in heretical talk over cups of beer or chatting at home with their wives and children. You may congratulate yourselves on the progress of civilisation, but you cannot help thinking of the loss of meaning in the bell.'

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of the Society was held at Goole on March 18th. Towers represented were York, Leeds, Selby, Hull, Beverley, Howden, Hemingbrough, Carlton, Snaith, Doncaster, Barnby Don, Thorne, Fishlake and Goole. There were several hours of excellent ringing from early afternoon, the methods rung being Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, Little and Plain Bob Major, Oxford Bob and Grandsire Triples.

A short service, conducted in the Parish Church by the Vicar (Canon E. H. Rawlins) preceded tea.

The business meeting was held in the Church Schoolroom, Mr. H. S. Morley presiding, when the secretary reported that the Whitsuntide outing was being organised, and it was proposed to visit Wetherby, Skipton, Gargrave, Ilkley and Otley. The next meeting is to be held at Eastrington jointly with the Yorkshire Association.

Votes of thanks were tendered to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the local company for arrangements.

ALDRESHOT, HANTS. —

On Apr. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Annear (age 12½, first quarter) 1, R. Corke (age 14½, first quarter as cond.) 2, E. Haines 3, J. D. Rook 4, E. Smith 5, C. Wright 6, A. Jacques 7, W. Viggers 8.

STEAD-y, not so FAST!

(A CHALLENGE TO THE METHODS COMMITTEE.)

Dear Sir,—Views, of course, we respect, but pronouncements delivered as official, particularly with a 'must' label attached, cannot fail to invite critical examination. The Methods Committee's three-paragraph letter on Steadfast raises the three questions of fact, of principle and of policy. In the interests of truth these questions should be examined—conveniently in reverse order.

POLICY.—None will disagree that a method designer would do well to refer, before publication of his methods, to some source of records for checking originality or authenticity. As a technical author of some experience one is well aware of the need for, and value of, checking carefully before publication; but the M.C.'s implication that Steadfast should have been referred to them first is without justification, especially in view of the scant attention they have obviously given it so far. The first reaction to the application of Grid Analysis to the Steadman principle in respect of even numbers was surprise that the resulting figures might be those of the method indicated in the rather imprecise note in the Central Council's Glossary, as 'Shipway's Principle'—a method he claimed as his own, of course. But a careful comparison of our derived result with the actual figures of Shipway's as given in his 'Campanologia' showed at once the fundamental difference. (See under Fact below.) Hence the publication of Steadfast as Steadman on even numbers came rather as a duty to students of method structure, lest Shipway's Principle itself (and not Steadfast) might be 'rediscovered' (to quote the Methods Committee) as such. Time will no doubt confirm this.

PRINCIPLE.—As to this, the second paragraph of the M.C.'s letter contains the operative and dangerous word 'must.' As we all know, the M.C. is no parliamentary assembly, i.e., is not constituted to lay down the law. It is, of course, an advisory committee to its parent organisation, the Central Council. It is superfluous to ask for their mandate from the C.C. to deliver judgment to the Exercise on Steadfast (or anything else!) with a 'must' attached. Under existing constitution they would never possess such. But there is something more in this than violation of principle. There is confusion of thought. Steadfast does not seek to supplant Shipway's Principle, otherwise we should have referred to it on publication. By all means let S's P. lie undisturbed with its two peals, but let there be no confusion of it with Steadfast or Steadfast compositions. S's P., as published, will not run, in fact, to Minor; but the last of Steadfast on this point is not yet published. (Vide my letter in the issue dated March 31st.)

FACT.—On the simple question of fact we can be even more positive. Are these two the same method, or is there any difference between them? Even the M.C. admit, though grudgingly, that there is a difference (c.f. lines 5 and 6 of their letter). But is this difference trivial or fundamental? Any ringer may decide for himself. The difference will be seen to be greater than that between, say, Original and Plain Bob, or Cambridge and Primrose, in which cases the grids (all rows from lead-head to lead-end) are absolutely identical. What, then, is the nature of the difference? It is, in the main, two-fold, and practical. First, in Steadfast the calls are made, they take effect, and they are pricked for setting out, all as at one and the same set-parting. In S's P. they are called and made at one and recorded or pricked at the next. This is because Shipway treated his method as though it were an odd-bell one, pricking set-end, instead of set-head, rows. And if Steadfast compositions do not apply to

Shipway's Principle, how can the methods be the same? Second, consider a fairly distinctive method such as London. What is its main distinguishing characteristic? Simply the preponderance of retrograde or backward hunting! The practical ringer at once recognises this from the way the method forces him to 'lead wrong,' i.e., back-then-hand. Now in Steadman, as every ringer knows, bells come to lead 'right' in the quick sets and 'wrong' in the slow sets. So they do also in Steadfast. But in Shipway's Principle? Oh, no! There you find this state of things completely reversed, throughout! Yet the Methods Committee are trying to make us believe this is a negligible difference! Now what would happen in 'London' if ringers decided that it really would make no difference as they came down to lead 'wrong' if they put in a lead 'right' instead? Yes, of course, absurd even to contemplate it; but this second difference is just that!

CHALLENGE.—Now all this is a 'straw in the wind.' The newer, critical, more scientific view of ringing theory has come to stay and to develop. The day of ambiguity and confused thinking is passing. The M.C.'s glancing view at Steadfast is a vital case in point. To focus attention it seems opportune to issue a challenge to them. Let them attempt to disprove the statement above in black type. If they succeed there are 5 guineas available for any deserving ringing cause to be named by 'The Ringing World' Editorial Committee. (Cheque enclosed in good faith.) But if they fail in this, then, instead of a guinea each from them, all we ask is that as responsible investigators of ringing matters in method, they discard prejudiced sentiment in favour of scientific truth.—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Netley Park, Southampton.

SPLICED MINOR

Dear Sir,—Can the peal at Copt Oak, published on page 198 of your issue of March 31st, be really termed a peal of Spliced Minor, seeing that four of the extents were of one method only?

A similar performance at Horton is recorded on the previous page of the same issue but not claimed as a spliced peal.—Yours faithfully,

W. J. G. BROWN.

Ipswich.

Spliced Peals

Dear Sir,—I should like to congratulate the Burton-on-Stather band on their handbell peal in 17 plain Major methods. At the same time I feel I must point out that the handbell peal in 21 plain Major methods, rung at Sittingbourne for the Oxford University Society on January 2nd, 1945, does, in fact, comply with the Central Council's resolution on method splicing:—

'That any composition which contains more than one method shall be called "spliced," provided that the methods are so joined that the fundamental units of which they are constructed (i.e., the "Leads" in the case of treble-dominated methods, the "Sixes" in the case of Steadman, Duffield and similar methods, etc.) remain intact.

'That reports of all spliced peals shall include a reference to the number of methods rung and the number of changes from one method to another during the peal.'

As far as I know, this motion remains the Council's last word on the subject. Of course, the matter is of no great moment, as I am quite sure that Mr. Feirn and his band will not rest content for long with only 17 methods!

It is a great pity that there is not more interest in plain Major methods. Many are as difficult and interesting to ring as any Surprise method (though, of course, there is not the glamour of the name), and I should imagine that the scope they offer for spliced compositions is considerably greater. For instance, any band which can ring Double Norwich could learn to ring the 21 methods contained in the peal we rang at Sittingbourne (this was composed by the late Stephen Wood—see 'R.W.' for April 11th, 1930), and this peal is well worth ringing again. It is not a difficult composition (there are only 50 changes of method), but the 21 methods form a very satisfying unity, for they are, I believe, the only plain Major methods (except for Bastow Little Court and 'Alliance' type methods) in which the tenors are never parted by more than three other bells and in which all the places are made 'right.'—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. SPICE.

38, Linnet Lane, Liverpool. 17.

IN DEFENCE OF RINGING

Dear Sir,—I once lent an old Hubbard's 'Campanologia' to the late W. T. Peglar and it was never returned and could not be discovered. So I don't know if it exists or who has it. My uncle's name was on the fly leaf, Edward J. Hughes, of Leighton, Welshpool, who was a ringer, as was my father and grandfather. My son, too, used to ring but rarely does now. He rang one peal of Double Norwich C.B. Major. Here are some of the lines in the book as far as I can remember:—

How oft mankind exert their utmost powers
To find amusements for their leisure hours;
Some in bowls or cricket will unite,
And in such healthy exercise delight.
Others in chess or music fix their mind,
Requiring practice of no trifling kind;
While some to far less noble arts descend,
Their time thus wasted oft in ruin end.
Then why should ringing be set down as
nought

By some who never gave the science thought.
Its exercise amusement doth impart,
To those who are proficient in the art.
In it our energies are all required,
Mental and physical and zeal untired.
Then let those critics who our choice condemn
Leave us to follow it; we grant the same
to them.

This may not be correct exactly; it is over 40 years since I saw the book.

All good wishes.

Rangor.

ALBERT J. HUGHES.

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DERECK ANSELL.

The many friends of Mr. S. Ansell, of Tarring, Sussex, will be sorry to hear that after a very short illness the death occurred of his eldest son, Dereck, aged 15, on March 26th.

The funeral was at Worthing Cemetery on Wednesday, March 29th, after a short service at St. Andrew's, Tarring.

The bells of this church, on which he had just started to ring, were rung half-muffled before and after the service by the local band, assisted by Mr. E. Treagus.

MR. CYRIL F. JOHNSTON.

Bellringers and carillonners from all parts of Britain and from the Continent were among the large congregation attending the funeral service for Mr. Cyril F. Johnston at Croydon Parish Church on Monday, April 3rd.

Previous to the service the bells of the church were rung half-muffled to Grandsire Triples, Mr. Dan Cooper, the local captain, conducting. The bells were again rung after the service.

The Vicar of Croydon (the Ven. C. F. Tonks) officiated, assisted by the Vicar of Shirley (Canon G. C. Rawlins). Singing was led by the choir of the Parish Church, with Mr. E. Shakespeare at the organ.

The family mourners were Mrs. Cyril Johnston (widow), Mr. Arthur Johnston (son), Miss Nora Johnston (sister), Mrs. A. D. B. James (sister-in-law), Capt. A. D. B. James, R.N., Mr. Arthur A. Lyon (cousin), Mr. and Mrs. Dru Drury (cousins), Mr. John C. Norman (nephew), Mrs. John C. Norman. Miss Rosemary Johnston, daughter, owing to illness, was unable to attend.

Representing Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., were Mr. Michael Howard (managing director), Mr. F. C. W. Stevenson (sales manager), Mr. J. Knight (clock department), Mr. W. Dyer (general foreman), Mr. Don Bradford (outside representative), Mr. B. Newson (inspector), Miss V. C. Cottrell (purchasing agent), Mr. P. Bampton (one of the firm's oldest bell founders) and employees from most of the departments of the company.

Among the ringers present were Mr. E. H. Lewis, president, Central Council, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (representing Mr. G. W. Fletcher, hon. secretary, Central Council), Mr. C. Dean, Messrs. A. H. Pulling, A. B. Peck (representing the Ancient Society of College Youths), D. Cooper, F. E. Collins, H. Humphrey, T. Blow, E. M. Atkins (Cambridge University Society), Mrs. Oatway, Miss Cottrill, Messrs. H. Skeet, and G. W. Steere.

Mr. B. Eijsbouts, bell founder, representing the firm of Eijsbouts, Lips, Holland, arrived by air. Mr. James Lawson, of California, represented American carillonners.

Messrs. F. W. Elliott, Ltd., clockmakers, Croydon (of which Mr. Johnston was chairman), were represented by Mr. Horace Elliott (managing director), Messrs. R. J. Elliott, L. F. Elliott and E. E. Brown (directors). Mr. Horace Elliott also represented the British Horological Institute, of which Mr. Johnston was formerly chairman.

Interment followed at Queen's Road Cemetery, Croydon.

THE REV. C. A. PHILLIPS.

The death occurred suddenly at Bournemouth on March 27th of the Rev. Charles A. Phillips, who amongst many activities had been secretary of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild for 48 years.

He was the son of the Rev. J. H. Phillips, Rector of Okeford Fitzpaine, Dorset, and was educated at Sherborne school. He learnt to ring at his father's church, and his enthusiasm in the art caused him to be elected

secretary of the Wimborne Branch, a post he held until his death. He will be greatly missed in all branches of the Salisbury Guild and in the Bournemouth District.

Of late years he had been voluntary assistant priest at Holy Trinity, Bournemouth, at which church the funeral service was held on March 30th, which was attended by a representative gathering. Ringers were present from Bournemouth, St. Peter's and St. John's, Hampreston, Dorchester, Poole, Swanage, Salisbury, Wimborne, Ferndown, including the veteran Master of the Wimborne Branch, Mr. F. W. Townsend, who had served with the Rev. Phillips for over 40 years.

As the cortege left the church a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by a band representing the Salisbury and Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guilds.

With the muffles on, the whole Pull and Stand was rung in the evening on the ten bells of St. James', Poole, followed by touches of Stedman Caters and Grandsire Caters by the local company and Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, a lifelong friend of the Rev. Phillips and past Master of the Salisbury Guild. Thus passes a great benefactor and a real English Christian gentleman.

May his soul rest in peace.

MR. JOHN THORPE.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. John Thorpe, which took place at 96, Bowfield Road, Sheffield, on March 30th, in his 71st year.

Mr. Thorpe was employed as a gold and silver smelter, and enjoyed good health up to his retirement some three years ago. Subsequently he developed heart trouble, which took a serious turn in the early part of this year, Mr. Thorpe eventually passing peacefully away as stated.

He commenced to ring at Walkley, Sheffield (six bells), in 1901, and conducted his first peal (one of Minor) at Treton in May 1903, afterwards graduating to the Sheffield Cathedral company (then the Parish Church) a year later, where he remained a staunch member and most regular attendant up to the latter part of last year.

During his 45 years' membership, he held the official position of steeplekeeper for 27 years, and was also the recognised conductor for the same length of time.

In all, he had rung 222 peals (215 for the Yorkshire Association), of which he had conducted 37. Of these, 45 were on handbells, the first being conducted by himself. His record included peals in all the standard methods from Minor to Maximus, and many in Surprise, including the first peal of Lincolnshire Royal ever rung. Also he took part in the first peals of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus and Little Bob Maximus for the Yorkshire Association. He had circled the Cathedral twelve, but his one disappointment was that Cambridge Maximus always eluded him.

Being well built and of great strength, he was looked upon as one of the finest big-bell ringers in the North. As a conductor he was safe, quiet in manner, but firm, and carried the confidence of all who rang with him.

As nature had endowed him with a rather reserved disposition, he was never in the limelight as judged by present-day celebrities, but he earned the respect of all with whom he came into contact, and was always ready to impart his knowledge and give a helping hand to all practical and theoretical aspirants.

By his passing the Sheffield Cathedral company has lost a devoted, colleague and one of the pillars, whose place it will be very hard to fill.

Following the cremation, the bells of the Cathedral and also those of St. Marie's (R.C.) were rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to his memory.

Kent County Association

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There were 33 first peals, four less than in 1948. The 'first pealers' include surnames well known in former generations, and to all 'first pealers' and their instructors congratulations are offered. The number of first peals is one of the best guides to the health of the Association, and all members are urged to see that this number is well maintained.

It is also to be hoped that all members and conductors in particular, will strive for a high standard of performance in peals. The only excuse for ringing a peal is to ring a good one, and conductors should not hesitate to set the bells up if the standard of striking is not the best that can be expected from those taking part. 'Peal-at-any-price' tactics are a discredit to the Association itself and not less to the individual performers.

In addition to the peals rung by the Association, the following were rung in the county by other associations: Royal Society of Cumberland Youths 4, Hawkhurst and District Guild 3, Ancient Society of College Youths, Oxford University Society, Sussex County Association and East Grinstead and District Guild 1 each. This total of 11 compares with 12 rung by other associations in the county in 1948.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The president and vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc. Mr. J. Willis was elected a Master in place of Mr. F. White. The other officers re-elected were: Hon. secretary, Mr. G. H. Spice; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. M. Mitchell; hon. auditor, Mr. G. H. Cross; hon. peal secretary, Mr. P. A. Corby; and the committee, Messrs. E. Barnett, G. J. Butcher, R. A. Constant, G. H. Cross, T. Groombridge, J. Wheadon and J. Willis, was re-elected.

The secretary announced that a clock had been purchased as a memorial to the Rev. H. J. O. Helmore, and would be placed in the ringing chamber of Canterbury Cathedral.

The provision of a badge for the Association was raised by Mr. French. A show of hands indicated a general desire for a badge, and the committee was instructed to make inquiries as to cost.

Thanks to the incumbents for permitting the use of bells were expressed by Mr. J. Willis, and the meeting also decided to minute its appreciation of the services of Mr. F. White to the Association as a trustee and in other capacities.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by Mr. P. A. Corby.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Charlwood (6) on March 25th. The fine weather tempted many to the meeting, although some found that they had to walk from Horley, a distance of about three miles. Members came from many towers, including those as distant as Old Coulsdon and Oxted. In all, 39 sat down to tea.

Seven new members were elected, five of whom belonged to the local band. In accordance with the resolution passed at the annual meeting, a collection was made for the Surrey Association Bell Fund.

Ringings during afternoon and evening included Grandsire, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Cambridge, London and Woodbine, with some rounds for beginners.

NETTLEBED, OXON.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Grove 1, J. Pinchin 2, R. Hope 3, A. Diserens 4, E. Belson 5, H. Wells (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for all except the 4th.

W. H. Thompson

A FORGOTTEN STUDENT OF COMPOSITION.

William Henry Thompson, son of Frederick Elijah Thompson, of London, was born in the parish of Marylebone, on September 26th, 1840. He was educated at King's College School and at Rugby.

He proceeded to Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, to take mathematics, being scholar 1860-1866. He gained his B.A. in 1863 (23rd wrangler) and M.A. in 1869. In 1863 he entered the Indian Civil Service and was Assistant Magistrate and Collector at Dacca. He retired in 1868 and was called to the Bar, Inner Temple, in 1872. He practised for some time as a barrister in the Punjab. By 1898 he had retired to 4, Sillwood Street, Brighton.

Probably while still at College he became interested in the theory of composition, and in 1886 he published 'On Grandsire Triples,' a pamphlet proving that a peal by common bobs only is unattainable. This pamphlet is reviewed on p. 197 of 'Grandsire' (Snowdon Series). The proof, although not difficult when understood, clearly shows the mathematical mind, as it considers oddness or evenness without specifying actual value. It was Thompson himself who dubbed a 'Q-set' by its unusual name.

Later, but before 1906, he conducted an almost complete analysis of the composition of Grandsire Triples in parts. It is clear that he was interested only in Triples methods, where all the changes must be used in a peal, and he demonstrated how the process of composition of peals in parts can be economised in regard to thought and paper by means of diagrams. It is obvious that he made no vigorous claims about the originality of his research, and his delight was in showing others how to use his diagrams. One cannot imagine him making such a statement as in the third paragraph, p. 197, of 'Grandsire.' Thus, in his paper on Union Triples (1893) he says, p. 15, 'Thus I preclude myself from finding more than one-quarter (of peals) of the whole system, but I have pointed out how the remaining three-quarters may be found.' This paper is not widely known as Union Triples is not popular, but it shows the same analytical mind, and a complete exposition on a particular type of peal.

He also deal a little with Stedman Triples. In 'Stedman' (Snowdon Series, first edition, 1903) appeared a proof by Thompson that not more than 20 true plain courses could be had together. The proof is incorrect. Subsequently, in 1908, John Carter quoted 30 true courses, and less than a month later three men (Carter, J. J. Parker, J. W. Parker) quoted 40 in the same copy of the 'Bell News.' Thompson immediately apologised, and in June, 1909, produced two amended proofs, the second one being simple, and showing that not more than 40 may be had true.

Until his death in 1934, Thompson remained with his landlady, Mrs. Varney, at 4, Sillwood Street. In the latter years of his life he rarely went out. His last year was spent a total invalid, and he refused to leave Mrs. Varney, who had so well looked after him. That he was a methodical man is shown by an envelope I have, addressed to him. He had written on the back, 'By the afternoon post on Monday, May 9th, 1932. Wrote thanks same day.'

He died aged 93 on July 10th, 1934, and was buried three days later in the Brighton Extra Mural Cemetery, in the same grave as one Theophilus Jones, probably a relation. There is nothing on the grave to show that he is buried there, but the cemetery records show the facts.

Where is the wealth of material on change ringing that he must have produced? Enquiries with landlady, relatives, and solicitors have failed to find anything. The Central

Council library has only his printed papers. Where are the papers and model he sent William Snowdon? These and other questions must be answered before it is too late and as many of his papers as possible should be preserved with those of other men that are treasured. To many he is just name, but just because his work lay in directions that have not modern popularity, we should not forget his monumental work.

I am indebted to Caius College, Cambridge, to Miss Lumsden, and to Mrs. Varney (both of Brighton) for valuable information.

B. D. P.

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MARRIAGE

HOWARD-BRADING.—On Apr. 13th, 1950, at Busbridge Parish Church, Godalming, Arthur Denis, only child of Mr. and Mrs. W. Howard, and Rosemary Ann, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Brading, of Godalming. 6800

GOLDEN WEDDING

WILSON-DUNN.—On Apr. 16th, 1900, at All Saints' Church, Wootton Bassett, by the Rev. E. Cockshott, Louis Alfred Wilson and Alice Clara Dunn, both of Ottery St. Mary, Devon. 6873

DEATH

FORD.—On Apr. 6th, 1950, Herbert James Ford, of Sevenoaks, Kent, in his 78th year. 6869

RETURN THANKS

MR. W. H. SHUKER and family are most grateful for all the sympathy they have received during their sad bereavement and wish to express their most sincere thanks.—36, Colwyn Avenue, Fallowfield, Manchester 14. 6862

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MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Guildford, April 15th. S. Nicolas' bells afternoon and evening. Bells, Cathedral, 3.30. Service there (at which the Lord Bishop of the Diocese will be present) 4.15. Tea and meeting at Trinity Hall 5 p.m.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon. 6740

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, April 15th, at Hitchin. Bells available: Hitchin, from 2.30 p.m.; Norton (8); St. Ippolyt's (6), from 11 a.m. to 12 and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Great Wymondley (6), from 2 to 4. Service, Hitchin, 4.30. Tea, The Angel, at 5.30, for 60 only. Those requiring tea to apply to Mr. A. E. Symonds, The Cottage, Windmill Hill, Hitchin. There are other tea rooms in the town for any others. Notice of motions: (a) That the annual subscription for ordinary ringing members be increased to 2s. 6d. (b) That the peal booking fee be increased to 3d. per bell.—W. Ayre, General Secretary. 6771

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Pebmarsh (6), April 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. Trendell, Post Office, Pebmarsh, Halstead. Arrangements made for members to catch buses in the evening. 6770

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Huntsham, Apr. 15th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Coach leaves Silvertown 2.15, Tiverton 2.45. Names for tea and coach.—C. G. Dymond, Branch Sec. 6793

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery.—Meeting Wookey, Saturday, Apr. 15th, 2. Service 4. Tea and meeting.—Wm. Marsh, Dovecotes, Street, Somerset. 6795

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Battle, on Apr. 15th. Bells 3. Please make own tea arrangements. Cafes near to church.—H. Gorrington, Hon. Sec. 6802

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District meeting, Saturday Apr. 15th, Immanuel Church, Streatham Common, 2.45. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Business 5.30. St. Leonard's 6.30.—Hutchings, TEM 0794. 6796

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting Saturday, Apr. 15th, Christ Church, Southgate, 4.30 p.m., and after the meeting.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 6821

ELY DIOCESAN ASSN.—Cambridge District.—Duxford (6), Saturday, Apr. 15th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 6834

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting Upwell, Apr. 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5; own food.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6810

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Hemingford Grey, Saturday, Apr. 15th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to F. Warrington, 4, Needingworth Road, St. Ives, please.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 6812

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Gainsborough District).—A meeting will be held at Upton on Saturday, Apr. 15th. Bells (5) available during afternoon only. Service 4.30. Tea at Lea 5.30, followed by business meeting. Lea bells available in evening.—George L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 6818

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Wadhurst, Apr. 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 5, at Durgates Lodge. Names to C. Bassett, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 6827

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting Rawmarsh, Saturday, Apr. 15th. Bells (8) from 3. Names for tea to Mr. G. R. Hiner, 44, Spalton Road, Rawmarsh, near Rotherham. 6801

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Buxted, Saturday, Apr. 15th. Bells (8) 3. Tea 4.30.—Mr. E. Eade, Hon. Sec., Beacon View, Buxted. 6805
ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Wilburton (6), Sat., Apr. 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 6803

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Littledean, Saturday, Apr. 15th. Bells (6) 2. Service 4. Tea 4.30.—J. C. Goulding, 27, High Street, Lydney, Glos. 6340

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Next meeting Everleigh, Apr. 15th.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough. 6836

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guldborough Branch.—Meeting at Yelvertoft on Saturday, Apr. 15th. Names for tea to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 6835

GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.—The annual business meeting will be held at the Queen's Hotel, Chester, on Thursday, Apr. 20th, at 8.15.—E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., West Hill, Ottery St. Mary, Devon. 6838

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Annual general meeting will be held at 9 on Thursday, Apr. 20th, in the Dean's Rooms, Clare, Practices at St. Benedict's and St. Andrew's at 8. 6746

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, Apr. 22nd, not 29th. Bells available 2.30. Business meeting 6.30. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 6866

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Annual meeting, Ashton Parish Church (13 bells), Saturday, Apr. 22nd, 3. All ringers and learners welcome. Tea reservations to Miss E. Walker, 163, Portland Street. 6792

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Gosberton on Saturday, Apr. 22nd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea to Mr. F. Payne, High Street, Gosberton, Spalding, before Apr. 15th. 6816

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting Hertford, Saturday, Apr. 22nd, St. Andrew's. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to A. S. Carter, 93, North Road, Hertford. 6790

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting Goodnestone, Saturday, Apr. 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea at 1s. 9d. per head (with cash enclosed) to me not later than Wednesday, Apr. 19th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 6806

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Mears Ashby, Saturday, Apr. 22nd. Names for tea, please.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 6807

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Hamstead Norris, Saturday, Apr. 22nd, 3. Names to Mr. J. Weaving, Hackney Bottom, Hamstead Norris, Newbury, by Apr. 19th.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Winterton, Apr. 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Apr. 19th to H. Hall, West Street, Winterton, Scunthorpe. 6816

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting Saturday, Apr. 22nd. Bray (8) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6. Names for tea by 17th.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 6815

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Bi-monthly meeting at Betchworth (8) on Apr. 22nd, 3. Service 5, tea following. Ringing until 9. Names for tea by Wednesday, Apr. 19th, to Rev. A. G. Hoare, The Vicarage, Betchworth, Surrey. 6828

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Clerkenwell, Apr. 22nd. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Bells, Clerkenwell, 3; Holloway and St. Giles-in-the-Fields after meeting. Names for tea to Ernest Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing. 6823

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Cromer on Saturday, Apr. 22nd. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names or numbers by Tuesday, Apr. 18th, please, to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 6819

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. Division.—Meeting at Great Benlley on Saturday, Apr. 22nd. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 at Red Lion. Names for tea by the 19th, please.—H. J. Millatt, Dis. Sec., c/o 54, Beche Road, Colchester, Essex. 6829

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting at Wootton Bassett, Apr. 22nd. Dedication of new ringing chamber. Service 3. Tea for all ringing friends at the Vicarage. Please advise by Apr. 17th for tea.—L. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec. 6874

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove, Apr. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names to J. W. Cotton, Overseal, by Apr. 20th. 6872

MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH.—Corporate Communion, Apr. 23rd, 8 a.m. Bells 7.15 a.m. Breakfast reserved for those notifying me by Apr. 21st.—W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. Phone Timsbury 87. 6822

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Eaton on Saturday, Apr. 22nd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Institute 5. Names to Mr. J. Morris, Chapel Street, Eaton, Grantham. 6871

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting Upwey, Apr. 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting after. Please notify by Apr. 18th.—Hayne, Hon. Sec., Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 6837

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Saturday, Apr. 22nd. Ringing commences 2.30. Business meeting. 6870

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Avening, (6), Apr. 22nd, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. S. T. Price, 1, Bridge Cottage, Stonehouse, Glos. by Apr. 18th. 6867

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting at Dunstable, Apr. 22nd. Note date. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5.—Valerie Willard, Dis. Sec. 6861

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting at Thornough (5) on Saturday, Apr. 22nd. Service 4. Tea 5. All Saints, Stamford (6), will be available after tea. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday previous.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Sootnev Street, Peterborough. 6860

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Anstey (8), Apr. 22nd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to P. J. Staniforth, 16, Albion Street, Anstey, by Apr. 19th. J. R. Smith. 6859

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting Brent Knoll (6), Saturday, Apr. 22nd. Bells 2.30 to 9. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Shamrock House. Numbers for tea to Mrs. Jefferies, Shamrock House, Brent Knoll, Somerset, by Tuesday, Apr. 18th.—E. J. Aver, Hon. Sec., Sandford, Bristol. 6858

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Lustleigh (6), Saturday, Apr. 22nd. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 6857

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering District.—Quarterly Isham (6), Apr. 22nd. Notify for tea by 18th, please.—G. Watson, 81, Church Street, Burton Latimer. 6856

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Medbourne, Apr. 22nd. Tea 5 o'clock, Horse and Trumpet. Names for outing, June 3rd, at this meeting.—L. W. Allen. 6855

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Spring meeting Waverton, Apr. 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea not later than Apr. 19th.—G. E. Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 6851

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—On Saturday, Apr. 22nd, at 3, at St. Nicolas' Church, Nuneaton, Canon F. S. Herbert (vice-president) will dedicate a peal board recording peal rung as thanksgiving for life and service to Guild of Mr. T. W. Chapman. Tea at 5 for all who notify Peter Wright, 43, Vicarage Street, Nuneaton, by Wednesday, Apr. 19th. Ringing until 8. All members and friends welcome.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 6849

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Houghton-le-Spring, Saturday, Apr. 22nd, 2.30. Tea for all who notify Mr. J. H. Masters, 17, Burns Avenue South, Houghton-le-Spring, by Apr. 20th. Method, Plain Bob Major among many others.—W. F. Sheraton, Sec. 6844

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting Bexley, Saturday, Apr. 22nd, 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea by Monday, Apr. 17th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 6845

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Castle Donington, Apr. 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Bondgate Cafe. Names to Mr. K. Brown, 33, Eastway, Castle Donington, Derby, by Apr. 18th. No names, no tea.—C. W. Hall. 6846

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting Overton, Saturday, Apr. 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to B. Garrett, 26, Southington, Overton, Hants, by Apr. 18th.—J. Chesterman, Dis. Sec. 6841

MUCH HADHAM, HERTS.—Dedication of two new trebles, new frame and old six rehung, Sunday, Apr. 23rd, at 11 o'clock.—F. G. Springham, Green Tye, Much Hadham, Herts. 6842

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting Lincoln, Apr. 29th. Ringing Cathedral 2 to 3.45, St. Giles' and St. Peter-at-Gowts, 2 to 3.30. All available after meeting. Cathedral evensong 4. Tea Wesley Schoolroom, Clasketgate, 5, followed by business meeting. Names (not numbers) for tea by Apr. 25th to Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 6847

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Luton, Saturday, Apr. 29th. Ten bells (tenor 25½ cwt.) available 3. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, Apr. 26th, please, to Mr. H. P. Burton, 129 Bradley Road, Luton, Beds.—Peter N. Rond, Hon. Sec. 6850

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Winterton (6), Saturday, Apr. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names or numbers for tea by Wednesday, Apr. 26th, particular, to Mr. R. E. Woodhouse, Clink Road, Winterton. Eastern Counties buses from Yarmouth.—J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 6852

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Apr. 29th at Thame. Bells 2.45. Service 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by Apr. 25th to H. Badger, Branch Sec, 38, North Street, Thame. 6848

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Joint meeting with Selby and District Society at Eastington, Apr. 29th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 2s. 6d.; apply Mr. P. Powls, Rae Neath, Eastington, near Goole.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 6864

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at the Priory Church, Lancaster, on Apr. 29th. Notice for tea to Mr. J. Woods, 44, Blades Street, Lancaster, before Apr. 24th.—W. H. Shuker and F. Dunkerley. 6863

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, Apr. 29th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea (4.30) will be arranged for all who notify Mr. R. H. Dove, 26, Sycamore Avenue, Leeds 8, by Apr. 26th. Business meeting in tower 7. A good attendance is desired.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 6855

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Peak District) and **CHESHIRE GUILD** (Bowdon, Stockport, Mottram Branch).—Joint meeting Fairfield (8), Apr. 29th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5.15. Names for tea to Mr. E. Ellison, 70, King's Road, Fairfield, Buxton, before Apr. 25th.—Miss D. J. Dunn, Darley Dale. 6865

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest were held at Elland on April 1st, and the results were as follows:—

Penalties. Faults. Total.

1. Meltham	...	5	153	158
2. Friezland	...	10	93	103
3. Cawthorne	...	5	117	122
4. Silkstone	...	0	138	138
5. Shelley No. 1.	...	35	107	142
6. Saddleworth	...	10	117	127
7. Mixed	...	5	151	156
8. Shelley No. 2	...	0	143	143

Nos. 1 and 2 companies, Meltham and Friezland, were disqualified for ringing 600 changes instead of 504.

No. 5 company, Shelley No. 1, incurred 30 penalties for not ringing in their correct turn.

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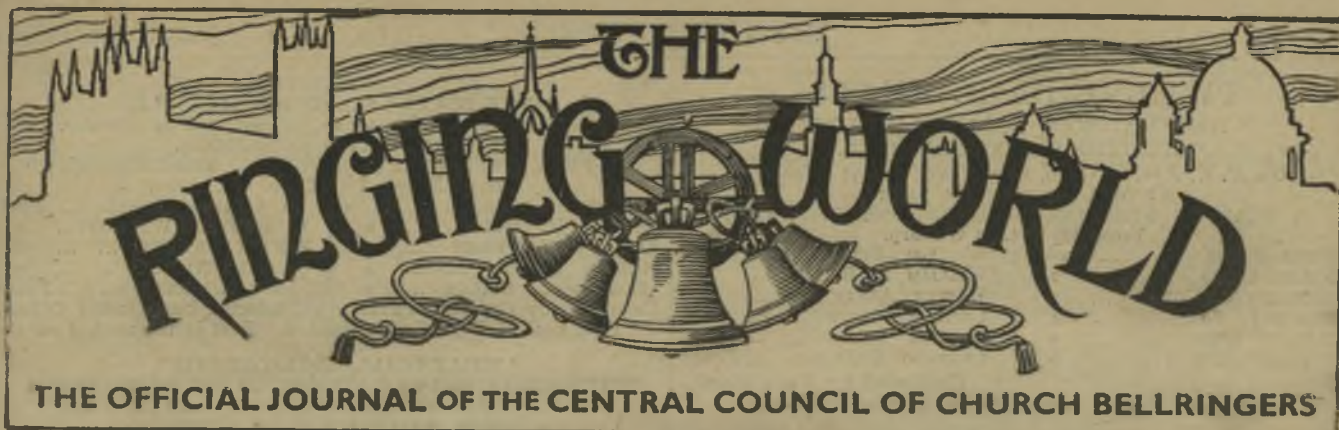
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CHURCH BELLS OF BRITAIN

NEVER before has such a comprehensive survey in an epitomised form been presented to the Exercise as in 'A Bellringer's Guide to the Church Bells of Britain.' The compiler, Mr. R. H. Dove, of Leeds, deserves the warmest congratulations, and also the publisher, Mr. W. H. Viggers, for not only his enterprise and initiative, but for bringing to bear his typographical skill and knowledge in producing such an attractive book.

The magnitude of the work and research necessary can be gauged from the fact that there are in England 5,226 rings of bells made up as follows: 12 bells 54 towers, 10 bells 158, 8 bells 1,482, 6 bells 2,484 and 5 bells 1,048. With 169 rings of bells in Wales and Monmouthshire, 12 in Scotland and 32 in Ireland the grand total for the British Isles is 5,439. These are not only listed in alphabetical order, giving the dedication of the church, the weight of tenor and the practice night where known, but listed again in counties according to the number of bells, and finally there is a summary by counties.

Mr. Dove points out that the work is not, as had been supposed, the first of its kind. He learned when his book was ready for printing that about seventy years ago the Revs. J. E. and R. H. D. Acland-Troyte published their 'Change Ringers' Guide to the Steeples of England.' There is, however, little comparison between the two works, as details of only about 600 rings were given in the first publication as against nearly ten times as many in the present.

On the vexed question of the weight of tenors, Mr. Dove states *absolute* accuracy in a first edition of this nature cannot, of course, be guaranteed, but, as far as can be determined, the weights shown are the authentic ones, which, in most cases, have been supplied by the bellfounders. A number of these will be found to differ from the accepted weights which have been published in 'The Ringing World' and are shown in various Guild reports.

This is a book that ringers will delight to browse over. In the appendices there is one devoted to the Cathedrals of England. With the exception of Bristol, where there are only four bells, all the Cathedral Churches of England possess five bells or more. The author points out that at Coventry a chime of 14 bells replaces a former ring of ten, and while the new bells were cast to ringing weights and drilled for fitting to ringing headstocks, the chances of their ever being hung for ringing are infinitesimal.

Also must be ruled out for ringing purposes the five bells at Ely, Norwich and Salisbury, as these are clock bells. The five bells at Peterborough, while hung for ringing, are not now rung, owing to fears for the safety of the fabric. The ring of eight at the Cathedral Church of St. German, Peel, Isle of Man, cannot now be rung owing to the obstruction by carillon hammers. These bells are sounded by Ellacombe hammers, and the tenor weighs only eight cwt. In Wales four of the six Cathedral Churches possess rings of bells. The two which do not are St. Asaph (two bells) and Bangor (three). Of the seven Episcopal Cathedrals in Scotland there are rings of bells at five; in Ireland only nine of the thirty Cathedrals have ringing bells.

What are the heaviest and lightest tenor in each category of bells? The position of Exeter Cathedral among twelves is known to every ringer, but it will have to take second place when the new twelve for Liverpool Cathedral is erected with a tenor of 82 cwt. 11 lb. The lightest twelve is at Surfleet, which will for ever be associated with the names of the late Mr. Rupert Richardson and the late Rev. H. Law James. This tenor is 12 cwt. 9 lb. Among the rings of ten the pride of place is held by Wells Cathedral (tenor 56 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.). The lightest ten is at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, where last year a record number of peals was rung. The new ring at Grundisburgh, Suffolk, with a tenor of 8 cwt. 23 lb. is the lightest ten in a church tower. Of the 1,604 rings of eight, which include 36 overseas, the heaviest tenor is at Sherborne Abbey (46 cwt.) and the heaviest at Lye, Worcs., where there are Belgian bells with a tenor of 3½ cwt. Queen Camel, Somerset, has the heaviest six with tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb., and as far as can be ascertained the lightest is at Brockenhurst with a tenor of 4 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. Of the rings of five bells—and the number of these at the time of going to press is 1,069—the heaviest is at Tass, New South Wales, with a tenor of 26½ cwt., followed by Isleham, Cambs, and Walton, Somerset, each with a tenor reputed to be 25 cwt. At the other end of the scale is Wootton Rivers, Wilts., and St. Paul's, Papanui, New Zealand, where the tenors are given as 3½ cwt. These are closely followed by Hascombe, Surrey, with a tenor of 3 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

There are other interesting features in the book, such as lists of Roman Catholic, Nonconformist and secular towers with rings of bells. There is very good value for the charge of 5s. in this handy book, and we hope it will have the popularity it deserves.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES Treble	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 7
RALPH COLES 2	*WILLIAM F. BUTLER ... 8
ANTHONY E. COX 3	WALTER AVERY 9
*DAVID J. COX 4	CECIL A. SMITH 10
ROLAND BIGGS 5	†WALTER LEE 11
WILLIAM HENLEY 6	LEONARD STILWELL ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* First peal on twelve. † First peal on twelve 'inside.'

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Apr. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... Treble	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ... 7
*MURIEL REAY 2	H. JAMES TURNER 8
ALBERT WALKER 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 4	HENRY H. FEARN 10
FRANK E. PERVIN 5	GEORGE E. FEARN 11
JOHN PINFOLD 6	EDWARD T. LLOYD ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal on twelve bells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 53 Minutes,
IN THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5148 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.

DOROTHY M. UDAL ... Treble	*HARRY POYNER 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 2	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 8
JILL POOLE 3	†TERENCE A. THORNER ... 9
ERNEST MORRIS 4	†W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 10
JOHN BRAMLEY 5	JOHN J. MORRIS 11
MICHAEL STANFORTH ... 6	JOHN E. LLOYD Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal on twelve tower bells. † 50th peal. † First peal on twelve bells. First peal of Grandsire Cinques on tower bells, for the Guild and by all except the conductor. The ringers of the 5th and 10th have now rung Doubles to Cinques on tower bells. In memoriam Charles Marshall. The band are indebted to Ernest W. Rawson for standing in the attempt at the last minute.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Mar. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

JOHN THOMAS Treble	*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 6
MRS. JOHN THOMAS ... 2	JOHN E. CHILCOTT 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 3	T. MARK WHITE 8
*PHILIP A. CORBY 4	DAVID E. PARSONS 9
†JOYCE GIBBONS 5	FRANK E. DARBY Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* 100th peal together. † First peal on ten bells and in the method.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

RONALD KENRICK ... Treble	ARTHUR MAWDESLEY ... 6
MARGARET RIDYARD ... 2	THOMAS HESKETH 7
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 3	WILLIAM DEACON 8
THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 4	EDWARD BIRKETT 9
WILLIAM COURT 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

CLEMENT GLENN ... Treble	G. GORDON GRAHAM ... 6
ALBERT H. WARD 2	*J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 7
*MRS. J. E. TURLEY ... 3	*FRANK BRADLEY 8
SIDNEY BRIGGS 4	*WALTER NICHOLS 9
GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 5	JOHN E. TURLEY Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal of Royal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tues., Apr. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

MAURICE G. TURNER ... Treble	HOWARD HOWELL 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2	*WILLIAM DAVIES 7
ALAN ELSMORE 3	EDWIN J. TYLER 8
TREVOR REYNOLDS ... 4	WILLIAM T. POWELL ... 9
P. GEORGE GOLDER ... 5	JOHN LUCK Tenor

Composed by G. NEWSON.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung for the Easter Festival.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Mar. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

MISS M. PEMBERTON ... Treble	MISS J. HEARN 6
*MISS G. MURKITT 2	CYRIL A. BURGESS 7
MISS F. MURKITT 3	GEORGE GILBERT 8
MISS M. R. JAYCOCK ... 4	MISS J. M. BROOMFIELD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal of Triples 'inside.' Rung by the local band, half-muffled, for Mr. W. F. Cleare, many years churchwarden, interred that day.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 3, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

SIDNEY FLINT Treble	GEORGE SKELLAND 5
THOMAS HAMMOND 2	THOMAS HORRIDGE 6
ROBERT GUY 3	WILLIAM COURT 7
WILLIAM DEACON 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (194). Conducted by JOS. RIDYARD. Rung half-muffled in memoriam to Mr. William Deacon, father of the 4th ringer. 100th peal as conductor.

LONDON.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MARY, CLAPHAM COMMON, S.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 20 lb.

PETER B. HITCHING ... Treble	CHARLES W. ATTLEY ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 6
PEGGY G. KITCHEN 3	FRANK I. HAIRS 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 4	EDWARD J. BROWN ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WILFRED TAFFENDER.

Rung to mark the wedding anniversary of the ringers of 5th and tenor.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 8, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

BARBARA CLEVELAND ... Treble	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 5
HARRY PROUT 2	ERNEST PARKER 6
DONALD E. LEE 3	PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING ... 7
LAURENCE E. HITCHIN ... 4	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING.

First peal on eight bells as conductor. First peal on the bells since being augmented to eight. For the wedding of Miss Jean Burton and Mr. Roy Harding, both ringing members of St. Nicholas' tower.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 8, 1950, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT ... Treble	GEORGE GOWER ... 5
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS ... 2	ERNEST WHITING ... 6
CYRIL J. BARBER ... 3	ERNEST C. STAFF ... 7
WILLIAM J. FLATT ... 4	HAROLD W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

MARGARET RIDYARD ... Treble	THOMAS HESKETH ... 5
THOMAS HORRIDGE ... 2	RONALD KENRICK ... 6
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 3	WILLIAM COURT ... 7
JACK ASHCROFT ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Middleton's. Tenor 18½ in E.

HENRY PRATT ... Treble	EDWIN G. BUCK ... 5
*PETER EVES ... 2	GEORGE SAUNDERS ... 6
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 3	PERCY GREEN ... 7
GEORGE TRENDLE ... 4	RONALD SUCKLING ... Tenor

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal in the method.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E.

JOHN E. COOK ... Treble	*OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	H. LESLIE PASK ... 6
ARTHUR MACKEARS ... 3	JOHN CRAGG ... 7
MARGARET A. SWANN ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F.

ARTHUR I. HOLMES ... Treble	*CLEMENT BOTTOMLEY ... 5
MARGARET A. SWANN ... 2	WILLIAM A. HOLMES ... 6
*MARIANNE GANN ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... 4	JOHN E. COOK ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Double Norwich. A compliment to Arthur I. Holmes, who completed 56 years of Sunday service ringing at the above church on Easter Sunday.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*PATRICIA SMEE ... Treble	ARTHUR H. SMITH ... 5
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 2	*TREVOR A. CROSS ... 6
*RALPH C. SPITTLE ... 3	CHARLES W. MUNDAY ... 7
ALBERT HARMAN ... 4	*JOHN HILL ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by C. W. MUNDAY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

GREAT HAMPTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EWART A. ANDREWS ... Treble	†ROGER R. SAVORY ... 5
*CLIFFORD J. DARKE ... 2	VINCENT A. HEMMING ... 6
GERALD C. HEMMING ... 3	WILFRED J. NEWMAN ... 7
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 4	PHILIP T. MILLS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* First peal. † First peal on a working bell.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

BERNARD MADELEY ... Treble	THOMAS PRICE ... 5
ROBERT H. TYLER ... 2	ALAN M. HICKMAN ... 6
FREDERICK PRICE ... 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
WILLIAM H. TYLER ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Comprising 2,496 London, 1,344 Bristol, 640 Cambridge and 608 Superlative, with 126 changes of method. Cambridge and Superlative were rung in alternate courses.

Tenor 12 cwt.

VERNON J. BENNING ... Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 5
RALPH BIRD ... 2	HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... 6
*RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 3	DENIS N. LAYTON ... 7
†BRIAN D. THRELFALL ... 4	RICHARD E. PRICE ... Tenor

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † First peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods and 25th peal. First peal of Spliced Surprise as conductor.

WARE, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

STANLEY CARTER ... Treble	†CLIFFORD SPRINGHAM ... 5
REGINALD DORE ... 2	*JOHN PHILLIPS ... 6
*EDWARD J. PHILLIPS ... 3	JOHN WELCH ... 7
*NATHAN PATMORE ... 4	SIDNEY F. CARTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major. † First peal.

SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY ... Treble	GEOFFREY DODDS ... 5
*ALEXANDER S. WATT ... 2	RICHARD E. PRICE ... 6
WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 7
FRANCES A. EDGAR ... 4	BRIAN D. THRELFALL ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by BRIAN D. THRELFALL.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal in the method by all except the treble. First peal of Surprise and on tower bells as conductor.



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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE ... Treble	MICHAEL E. H. BARROW ... 5
MAJ. J. H. R. FREEBORN ... 2	WILLIAM JUDGE ... 6
MARIE R. CROSS ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS... 7
PHILIP WALKER ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CHALCOMBE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CARLISLE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

CECIL HINTON ... Treble	GEORGE F. BURTON ... 4
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 2	ERNEST LINES ... 5
WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 3	WILLIAM YATES ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild. First peal on the bells.

EYAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

*DENNIS SCOTT ... Treble	*GEORGE H. PAULSON ... 4
†HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 2	*JOHN SYKES ... 5
*WILLIAM A. SMITH ... 3	*ALEXANDER RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by ALEXANDER RICHARDSON.

* First peal of Surprise. † 50th peal. Believed to be the first peal of Surprise on the bells.

ARLESEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ROBIN L. SMITH ... Treble	JOHN CHURCH ... 4
ROY V. WEBB ... 2	WALTER D. POOLEY ... 5
†PHILIP MEHEW ... 3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by ROY V. WEBB.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

DAVID SMITH ... Treble	BERNARD J. ONGLEY ... 4
ERIC HORNBY ... 2	HARRY W. HOWARD ... 5
ELIZABETH MORTON ... 3	DOROTHY OSBORN ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

A compliment to the Rev. W. H. Bolton on his completion of 20 years' service as Vicar and on his appointment as Rural Dean.

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Double and Plain Bob, Double and Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

WILFRED E. GEARY ... Treble	GEORGE E. SPENCER ... 4
TERENCE E. GARDNER ... 2	DEREK DODSON ... 5
STANLEY R. GARDNER ... 3	DENNIS DODSON ... Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS DODSON.

First peal as conductor. For the 63rd birthday of Victor Geary.

HERTINGFORDBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 6 six-scores of Plain Bob and 36 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*FRED BARTON ... Treble	†DOROTHY JACKSON ... 3
†ANTHONY R. AGER ... 2	†JOHN M. KEMP ... 4

SIDNEY F. CARTER ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one 720 of London Surprise, two each of Hull Surprise, Cambridge Surprise and Norwich Surprise. Tenor 4½ cwt.

W. EDWIN GOUGH ... Treble	R. MICHAEL E. RICHARDS ... 4
E. GLYN HOLDGATE ... 2	ERIC J. STERLAND ... 5
PETER H. WRIGHT ... 3	BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS... Tenor

Conducted by BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS.

First peal of Surprise in four methods by all the band.

WALLINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ROY V. WEBB ... Treble	JOHN CHURCH ... 4
HORACE E. WERRETT ... 2	WALTER D. POOLEY ... 5
JACK S. DEAR ... 3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by ROY V. WEBB.

ROYSTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

FRANK MITCHELL ... Treble	STANLEY DANCE ... 4
*MARJORIE PERKINS ... 2	†PETER CARBUTT ... 5
†LEONARD W. CARBUTT ... 3	EDWIN ATKINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD W. CARBUTT.

* First peal. † First peal in method. A compliment to Hilda Woodfinden and Raymond Barker, two local ringers, on their engagement.

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob, all differently called. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

PETER HALLAM ... Treble	JOSEPH TAYLOR ... 4
JOHN H. BAILESS ... 2	T. KELHAM DEACON ... 5
FRANCIS R. DEACON ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

The conductor's 1,199th peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

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On Mon., Mar. 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE COUNTY HALL, WESTMINSTER BRIDGE, S.E.1,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

*THOMAS J. LOCK ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3-4	WILFRID G. WILSON... 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT 83, HURSTBOURNE ROAD, FOREST HILL, S.E.23,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 1-2	MRS. JOHN THOMAS... 5-6
JOHN THOMAS ... 3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 7-8

EDWIN BARNETT ... 9-10

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 4, 1950, 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.

*BERNICE M. STRANGE ... 1-2 | W. BERTRAM KYNASTON... 3-4

BERYL J. STRANGE ... 5-6

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

* First peal in hand.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 5, 1950, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

At 5, PIPWORTH LANE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Double Bob and five extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor size 13 in E.

WILFRED L. ROBINSON ... 1-2 | G. GORDON GRAHAM ... 3-4

GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 5-6

Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

First peal in two methods 'in hand' by all.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 6, 1950, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,

IN THE VESTRY OF THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Reverse and Double Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor size 17 in A.

WILFRED L. ROBINSON ... 1-2 | G. GORDON GRAHAM ... 3-4

GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 5-6

Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

First peal in three methods 'in hand' by all.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At NEWSTEAD, STOKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 12 in F.

JOHN J. MORRIS ... 1-2 | EDGAR VALLANCE ... 5-6

ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4 | W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. A. RIDDINGTON.

In memoriam Charles Marshall.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

In two methods, comprising 3,424 Plain Bob and 1,584 Little Bob, with 214 changes of method.

Tenor size 17 in A.

*JAMES E. DANIELS ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4 | *MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Spliced. † 25th peal.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

At STEDMAN, 128, SKETCHLEY ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 1-2 | *ALFRED BALLARD ... 5-6

HARRY POYNER ... 3-4 | †TERENCE A. THORNER ... 7-8

*W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON 9-10

Composed by H. J. TUCKER (No. 8). Conducted by B. G. WARWICK.

* 25th peal together. † First peal on an 'inside' pair. ‡ First peal of Royal. A compliment to Mrs. Ballard (mother of Alfred Ballard) on her 73rd birthday. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Poyner (father of Harry Poyner) and to Mrs. F. E. Wilson (deputy Ringing Master at St. Andrew's, Aylestone), on whose bells the peal was rung. First ten-bell peal in the Hinckley district.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S CHURCH RINGING CHAMBER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

*FREDK. G. HOOPER ... 1-2 | ALBERT H. WARD ... 5-6

CLEMENT GLENN ... 3-4 | *FREDK. A. SALTER ... 7-8

*PATRICK PRESTON ... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First handbell peal on ten bells.

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DEDICATIONS

BURFORD, OXFORD.

The proceedings for the hallowing of the restored ring of eight bells, and the dedication of the two replacement bells (Nos. 3 and 4) on March 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, were fittingly initiated by a celebration of the Holy Communion at Burford Parish Church at 8 a.m.

Later in the day, at 2.45 p.m., a very large congregation had assembled for the service of dedication, performed by the Bishop of Dorchester, and a procession, which was fully representative of the County and Diocese of Oxford, the town of Burford, the Central Council of Church Bellringers, the Oxford Diocesan Guild and local ringing branches, and of all associated with the work of renovation, was marshalled by the ceremoniarus (Mr. John Collett), assisted by four servers.

At 3 o'clock the procession moved by way of the south aisle to encircle the church, the hymn, 'O God of Abraham, praise,' meanwhile being sung. The Central Council was represented in the procession by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, and the Oxford Diocesan Guild by the Master (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg), the Deputy Master (Capt. A. R. Poyntz), the general secretary (Mr. W. Hibbert) and the treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker). The Chipping Norton Branch was represented by Mr. E. Pearson, and the local band by Mr. F. Soden, foreman, and Mr. W. J. Dixon, deputy foreman. Mr. B. S. Nichols, organist and choirmaster of Burford Parish Church and secretary and treasurer of the Burford Guild, presided at the organ. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who were responsible for the work of restoration, were represented by Mr. Michael Howard and Mr. F. S. C. Stevenson.

The service of evensong for the Feast of the Annunciation followed, and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. F. Scott Tucker. The first lessons were read by the Master and Canon Bale. The Bishop was then conducted to the space under the central tower, where he performed the ceremony of hallowing and dedication. The fourth bell, given by Mrs. L. R. Conway, was dedicated in memory of her late husband, Leonard Russell Conway. After this ceremony the ropes were handed by the Bishop to the Vicar, and it was a very moving moment when at this point a touch of 42 Grandsire Triples was rung by C. Hibbert 1, F. Soden 2, E. G. Moore 3, P. Walker 4, B. S. Nichols (conductor) 5, T. W. Timms 6, C. Coles 7, W. J. Dixon 8. Evensong then proceeded, and during the next hymn, 'O praise ye the Lord,' the Bishop was conducted to the pulpit, where he preached appropriately to the day.

While the last hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' was being sung, a collection, which amounted to £14, was made for the Fabric Fund, and the Bishop's Blessing brought the service to a close.

The service was followed immediately by tea in the Grammar School Assembly Hall (by kind permission of the governors), where the Vicar, supported by the churchwardens, presided over a gathering of 200 people.

In introducing the speakers, the chairman first thanked the Bishop of Dorchester for his kindness in coming to perform the ceremony of dedication, and paid appreciative testimony to the bell founders, the consulting architect (Mr. J. B. S. Comper) and the builder (Mr. S. E. Groves).

Mr. G. F. Smith (churchwarden), to whom the Vicar paid a glowing tribute for fostering the appeal, announced that more than £1,600 had been subscribed in just over a year, and he hoped this truly remarkable sum would cover the cost of the work.

The chairman of the Burford Parish Council (Councillor B. A. Vick) referred in feeling terms to the late Mr. Leonard Russell Conway, a widely respected and much loved citizen of Burford, in whose memory one of the new bells, No. 4, had been presented by his widow.

The Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild spoke on behalf of the ringers and emphasised the high privilege to which they were called in ringing church bells.

Last, but not least, the Chancellor of the Diocese congratulated the authorities of Burford on their successful achievement.

Ringling followed the tea, and ringers from various parts of the diocese and country testified to the excellent work carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the tone and 'go' being perfect. The 'match' of the new 3rd and 4th and the improved clappering of the already fine pre-Reformation tenor reflect great credit on their workmanship, and the bells are now a fine ring of eight, the blend being all that can be desired.

The original 3rd and 4th bells, which are of historical interest, are being preserved in the north transept of the church in Bellfounder's Aisle. They were cast in 1635 by Henry Neale, who established a foundry in Burford in 1635.

The following gives the inscriptions (excluding ornaments) and weights of the present ring in a metal frame (note different spellings of same names):—

Treble.—Note E. Edward Ansell, James Monk, Absalom Monk, Churchwardens. Matthew Bagley made mee 1771. 6 cwt. 2 lb.

2.—D sharp. Cast by H. Bond and Son, Bellfounders, Burford, Oxfordshire, 1868. 6 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

3.—C sharp. Fairfax Scott Tucker, Vicar. Ambrose Muncaster Turner, George Francis Smith, Alfred Arden, Churchwardens. Gillett and Johnston, Founders, Croydon, 1949. 7 cwt. 2 lb.

4.—B. To the Glory of God and in memory of Leonard Russell Conway, 1882 to 1948. Gillett and Johnston, Founders, Croydon, 1949. 8 cwt. 15 lb.

5.—A. Blessed be the Name of the Lorde, 1586. Joseph Carter. Recast in 1885 by H. Bond and Son, Burford. (1) Oxon. William Anthony Cass, Vicar, John Newman, Thomas Brown, John Jacobs, Churchwardens. 9 cwt. 5 lb.

6.—G sharp. Thomas Silvester (1) John Hunt Tynckes (1) R. Taylor, Ch.Wa. 1635. Henry Neale made mee. 11 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

7.—F sharp. Thomas Silvester (1) John Hunt, Robert Taylor (1) Thomas Tynckes, 1635. 13 cwt. 16 lb.

8.—E. Sancta Maria. 17 cwt. 3 qr. Saunce Bell.—Come away make no delay. A.R. 1720. 3 qr.

The old 3rd and 4th bear inscriptions similar to the 6th and 7th.

WALPOLE ST. PETER.

The day for which he had been waiting for years was how Mr. W. Hammond (tower captain) described Easter Saturday, when the bells of Walpole St. Peter, Norfolk, were dedicated after being retuned and rehung in an iron frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

The service, which was choral, was conducted in the absence of the Vicar owing to illness by Canon Mowbray Smith (Vicar of St. Mary's, Wisbech), who in his address congratulated the people of the district on carrying the restoration through, and reminded them that it was mainly through the efforts of his father some 45 years ago that the neighbouring Church of St. Andrew's bells were rehung and augmented to six. He also said that it gave him great pleasure to dedicate the bells of St. Peter's, as it was here as a youth he rang his first 720 of Minor on the treble (with, he admitted, a good deal of assistance).

After the service tea was provided by the local band, after which the bells were kept going until nine o'clock to a variety of methods.

Everybody expressed complete satisfaction at the 'go' of the bells, and Messrs. Taylor are to be congratulated on giving Walpole St. Peter a fine set of bells to match an equally fine church.

Quarter Peals

EARL STONHAM, SUFFOLK.—On April 5th, 1,260 Doubles (480 St. Simon's, 480 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): F. Chaplin 1, D. Mitson 2, L. Foster 3, F. Sterry (cond.) 4, V. Lockwood 5. First in three methods by all the band.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Pat McFarlane (her 13th birthday) 1, F. J. Dodson 2, Miss Judy Dodson (age 14, first 'inside') 3, J. King 4, Miss Pam Collis 5, J. Brent 6, W. Simmonds (cond.) 7, H. Colcombe 8.

KILBURN, LONDON.—On Mar. 26th, at St. Augustine's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Riley (first on eight bells) 1, C. E. Lankester 2, Maud Lane 3, D. C. Birkinshaw 4, A. Bone 5, Renate Buchthal (first on tower bells) 6, R. B. Meadows 7, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 8.

KILDWICK, YORKSHIRE.—On Mar. 26th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. Shuttleworth 1, T. Rogers 2, H. Roe 3, W. H. Whitaker 4, J. Shuttleworth 5, J. Bracken 6, J. Thornton 7, P. H. Whitaker (cond.) 8. First in the method by 1, 5, 6 and 7.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. F. Mortlock 1, S. Smith 2, M. T. Symonds 3, L. Pryke 4, F. Boreham 5, S. H. Symonds (cond.) 6, R. Clouston 7, L. Offord 8. A birthday compliment to L. Offord.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Mar. 26th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. T. Beauchamp 1, T. H. Tafender (cond.) 2, P. J. Hutchings (first in method) 3, Miss A. M. Castle 4, C. A. Hughes 5, C. W. Ottley 6, G. Dawson 7, J. Bullock 8.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral on March 19th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. Hollingworth 1, F. Barraclough 2, Miss Mary Walshaw 3, B. Walshaw 4, G. Pye 5, A. Ridyard (cond.) 6, W. Pye 7, H. Longden 8, R. Longden 9, G. Longden 10. To celebrate 68 years as a service ringer by Mr. Charles Fairley on his 82nd birthday.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Buckingham 1, R. E. Dean 2, Mrs. E. D. Poole 3, R. Biggs 4, Miss E. Gibson 5, E. D. Poole 6, J. Young (first quarter as conductor) 7, J. Clay 8. First quarter of Stedman for 1, 2, 3 and 5. Rung for the Confirmation service.

OLD WOKING, SURREY.—On March 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Neads 1, E. Goater 3, Miss P. A. Warren 4, J. Brackley 5, D. Munday 6, H. A. May (cond.) 7, G. Cole 8. First of Bob Minor by 1 and 6.

SEELY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On March 26th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss G. Plimmer 1, T. Elliott 2, J. Pinfold 3, Wm. B. Cartwright 4, H. W. Haslam 5, H. J. Turner 6, N. J. Goodman (cond.) 7, F. H. Walters 8.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On April 2nd, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major: Doris G. Dobbie 1, Eileen Wyles 2, S. B. Dobbie 3, B. W. May 4, F. Pack 5, W. Palin 6, S. G. Waters 7, W. H. Dobbie (first in the method as cond.) 8. First quarter in the method for 2, 5 and 6.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' on March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. C. Richards 1, R. Lees 2, F. V. Nicholls 3, R. Smith 4, C. T. Richards 5, D. H. Watson 6, A. E. Whatmore (cond.) 7, R. Lippitt (first quarter) 8. For the engagement of D. H. Watson, of the local band, with Miss M. Keeley.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Holmes (first of Minor) 1, Wm. A. Hughes 2, Barbara Mitchell 3, L. W. G. Skinner 4, A. S. Richards 5, R. Bird (cond.) 6.

WICKHAMBREAUX, KENT.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Killick 1, F. Ellen 2, S. Walter 3, J. Walter 4, E. Wood 5, S. White (cond.) 6. A welcome home to Leading Wren W. Tucker, a member of the band, a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Brenda Philpott, of Canterbury, and a farewell to the treble ringer, who is leaving for Dover.

APPLETON, BERKS. — 1,296 Stedman Caters: R. White 1, F. W. Wilkins 2, W. J. Judge 3, E. Moore 4, F. Messenger 5, H. C. White (first of Stedman) 6, J. H. R. Freeborn (composer and cond.) 7, F. A. White 8, G. Holifield 9, F. C. White 10.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS. — 1,260 Doubles (360 each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): J. P. Vessey 1, S. G. Vessey 2, J. C. Vesey 3, R. T. Vessey 4, P. Holmes (cond.) 5, J. P. Vessey, sen. 6.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Shadbolt (first quarter) 1, V. Shadbolt 2, F. Windibank 3, G. Norris 4, W. Read (cond.) 5, K. Windibank 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 4th.

BUCKLEY, CHESTER. — 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. P. Birks 1, F. H. Birks 2, P. C. Roberts 3, A. G. Watkin 4, S. Birks 5, D. Millward 6, A. Lewis (cond.) 7, J. Hayes 8.

CHATHAM, KENT. — 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Norris 1, Miss G. Jarrett 2, F. Richardson 3, R. Skinner (first quarter of Treble Bob) 4, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 5, C. S. Jarrett 6, V. A. Jarrett 7, C. E. J. Norris 8.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX. — At the Cathedral for matins, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. T. Finney 1, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 2, W. R. Falconer 3, Miss J. Humphrey 4, R. G. Blackman 5, W. G. Challen 6, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 7, H. F. Dunford 8. Also for evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. W. Keyes (first quarter) 1, F. G. Cooper 2, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 3, B. D. Price 4, H. W. Stoveld 5, J. T. Finney 6, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 7, H. F. Dunford 8.

CRADLEY, STAFFS. — At St. Peter's, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Griffiths 1, H. J. Shuck 2, L. R. Hall 3, A. G. Hall 4, A. Wyre 5, H. White 6, R. Dunn 7, H. Wyre (cond.) 8.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Tindale 1, R. V. Appleby (Newark-on-Trent) 2, A. Hunter 3, W. Atkinson (first quarter) 4, H. Short (cond.) 5, S. R. Elwick 6, J. Alexander 7, T. N. Tindale 8.

Easter Sunday Quarter Peals

GREAT TEW, OXON. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Pratt 1, B. Moreby 2, L. Larnier 3, W. Cross 4, I. Harris (cond.) 5, L. Clifton 6, R. Taplin 7, E. Clifton (first quarter) 8.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX. — 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: K. Gristwood 1, W. W. Webb 2, W. A. Lewis 3, E. R. Gladman 4, W. T. Godfrey 5, J. B. Sansom (cond.) 6, B. A. Rose 7, W. Winter 8. A farewell to J. B. Sansom on his joining H.M. Forces.

HOOLE, CHESTER. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Duckers 1, Miss Dilya Jones (first quarter) 2, Miss Beryl Hughes 3, J. Payne (first quarter) 4, B. Harris (cond.) 5, Miss Jean Pye 6.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM. — 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Blake 1, J. Oliver 2, Molly Flynn 3, J. Cole 4, T. Elliot 5, P. Williams 6, N. J. Goodman (cond.) 7, J. Betterton 8. First in the method 1, 2, 3, 4 6 and 8. Rung on the eve of the tenorman's 86th birthday.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Webster (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Munt 2, M. Jackson (first quarter) 3, C. Ayling 4, C. Munt (cond.) 5, K. Payne (first quarter) 6.

LONG SUTTON, Lincs. — 1,334 Plain Bob Major: A. W. Townsend 1, Miss C. A. Harding 2, G. Butler 3, R. Bunn 4, C. E. Jeffries 5, W. Burridge 6, H. Harrison 7, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 8.

LUTON, BEDS. — 1,299 Stedman Caters: H. Burton 1, J. Wing (first of Caters) 2, K. J. Tilling (first of Caters) 3, A. King 4, J. Herbert 5, A. J. Smith 6, L. A. Goodenough (cond.) 7, R. Kendall 8, A. E. Rushton 9, H. R. C. Mann (first quarter) 10.

LYME REGIS, DORSET. — 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Keeley 1, C. W. Powell 2, H. G. Keeley 3, J. Barrett 4, G. S. Morris 5, G. H. Whitmore 6, Rev. C. C. Cox (cond.) 7, C. E. Tett 8.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. — At Christ Church, a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal: Anne Worth 1, W. Stevenson 2, J. Worth (cond.) 3, June Henshaw 4, G. Farrer 5, A. V. Rees (first of Treble Bob Royal) 6, W. Gayes 7, H. Farrer 8, H. Wood 9, A. A. Potts 10.

MELKSHAM, WILTS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. F. Cockell 1, A. W. Angel 2, Miss M. E. Hunt (first 'inside') 3, Miss R. L. Gibbons 4, Miss M. I. Kennelly 5, S. R. Cockell 6, W. C. West (cond.) 7, A. W. J. Hunt (first quarter) 8.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS. — 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: B. A. Cornell 1, W. J. Arnold 2, Miss O. M. Martin 3, G. A. Spencer 4, F. J. Spicer 5, T. J. Southam 6, B. C. Johnson 7, T. J. Lock (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge 3 and 4.

NORTHILL, BEDS. — 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. Wagstaff 1, A. J. Oldfield 2, Miss L. E. Billington (first quarter) 3, S. J. Cooper 4, H. W. Smith 5, S. H. Wallis (cond.) 6. First quarter on the bells since being rehung and augmented.

PITMINSTER, TAUNTON. — 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. Burston 1, J. Summerhayes (cond.) 2, R. Shire 3, G. Salter 4, B. Burston 5, T. Marks 6.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON. — At St. Matthew's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. C. Seeger (first of Triples away from tenor) 1, Miss G. Friswell 2, Miss J. Friswell 3, O. Neal (first of Triples as cond.) 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, R. W. Lumaden (first of Triples 'inside') 6, R. D. Ward 7, C. F. Neal 8.

YATELEY, HANTS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dorothy Butler 1, C. Bunch 2, A. Hearmon 3, Josephine Butler (first quarter) 4, C. Butler 5, B. Goodall 6, G. Butler (cond.) 7, F. Bunch 8.

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peal of Stedman Cinques at Canterbury Cathed-
ral on August Bank Holiday, starting at
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Cullum, 78, West Street, Erith, Kent?

Mr. H. W. Howard has now completed the
circle of Sandbach, Cheshire, tower.

Mr. J. A. Freeman, Master of the Lincoln
Diocesan Guild, has been ill in bed. We are
pleased to hear that he is now recovering.

At the age of 81 Mr. H. Buckingham, of
Marlow, has rung his first quarter on a work-
ing bell. He has several peals of Triples to
his credit on the tenor.

Sunday and practice ringing at St.
Matthew's, Upper Clapton, will be resumed
from Wednesday, April 19th, after the enforced
stoppage six months ago.

Congratulations to Terry Thornber for ring-
ing 7-8 to a peal of Plain Bob Royal. This is
a further achievement for this 16-year-old
Leicester youth, as he had previously only rung
one odd course on this pair. He is, of course,
well known as a 'back-pair' ringer.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow is arranging a
ringing tour in Ireland, starting at Dublin on
Thursday, August 10th, and finishing at Dublin
on August 17th. There will probably be one
or two vacancies, and Mr. Thurlow would like
to hear from anyone interested. His address
is 3, Colegate, Norwich.

Participating in the quarter peal of Oxford
Bob Triples at King's Norton, Birmingham,
on Easter Day, was Mr. James Betterton, who
has been a ringer at this church for 70 years.
Easter Day was the eve of his 86th birthday,
and although his hearing is not so good as
formerly, he rang the tenor faultlessly.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Recorded in this issue is
the peal at Edenham,
Lines, in honour of the 56
years of continuous service by Mr. A. I. Holmes.
Through his inspiration the bells of this church
have been augmented and recast—first from
5 to 6 and later from 6 to 8. He is a founda-
tion member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild
and a fine example, both as a ringer and
instructor.

At the Easter vestry meeting at St. Mellon's
parish, Cardiff, Mr. Reg H. Addis, the popular
belfry captain and also church lay reader, was
re-elected people's warden.

Miss J. M. Broomfield, the only lady to ring
the old 16 cwt. tenor at Burnham, Bucks, to a
peal, is the first to ring the new tenor to a
peal.

Peal Conductor writes: I find that usually
the band begin to get restless after about
24 hours. It would help a lot at this crucial
stage if someone were employed to ring a bell
when they commence the last lap!

The ring of six at Ightfield, Shropshire,
which has been tuned and rehung in an iron
H type frame for eight by Messrs. John Taylor
and Co., were rededicated by the Lord Bishop
of Lichfield on Palm Sunday. Ringers were
present from most of the towers in the district
and all were very pleased with the improved
tone, easy running and 'even clappering' of
the whole peal.

At a meeting of the South Forest Branch,
held at Littledean, Glos., on Saturday, it was
revealed that no new bell ropes had been pur-
chased for Littledean tower ring of six bells
for over 40 years. Regular ringing takes place
in the tower of this early English church, and
it is highly creditable to Mr. Felix Carter, cap-
tain of ringers, for his exceptional care of the
ropes and the bells for such a long period of
years.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL AT SWINDON

A YEAR OF PROGRESS AND ENTHUSIASM

THE annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Swindon on Easter Monday, and the bells of Swindon and district were made good use of for the greater part of the day. The meeting was held at Christ Church Hall, about 120 members being present; nearly every branch was represented, charabancs arriving loaded from Bristol and Cheltenham.

The Master, Mr. W. B. Kynaston (Swindon) presided. The Rev. D. Allen (Cromhall) opened with prayer. The secretary, Mr. C. R. Harding, read the minutes of the last annual meeting, held at St Ambrose's, Bristol, which were confirmed, after an omission of the motion made at St. Ambrose's, Bristol, that the work which Mr. D. G. Clift had done in the interests of the Association at St. Mary Redcliffe be placed on record, had been added.

The Master, in his report, stated he had attended branch meetings during the past year in most of the branches, and said how pleased he was to see the enthusiasm that existed, and the number of young people who were taking up the art, which spoke well for the future of the Association. To those branches he had not been able to visit he offered his apologies, and said it was not lack of interest, but time that was the reason. He was pleased to see the improvement in the general standard of ringing. He thanked the hon. secretary and the hon. treasurer for their loyal support during the past year, which had made his duties a pleasure.

NEARLY 1,000 MEMBERS.

The hon. secretary, in his report, reviewed the working of the Association during the past year, and was pleased to report an increased membership, which was getting very near the thousand mark. He thanked the Master and the hon. treasurer for their support during the past year, and also the branch secretaries for their efforts, without which the results could not have been achieved.

He made special mention of the wonderful rally that had been made by the South Forest Branch, chiefly due to the unceasing efforts of the recently appointed branch secretary, Mr. Goulding. He regretted that there were 'no returns' from the Stow Branch, despite repeated letters which had been written, to which no reply had been received.

The Chippenham Branch has staged a recovery, and it was to be hoped that it would now continue to function as a live unit.

He then struck a rather discordant note by saying that he regretted that he could not see his way to carry on with his post, and asked the meeting to elect a new secretary. This was a great pity, as Mr. Harding has worked very hard during the past four years, and it was largely due to his untiring efforts that the Association was in such a good position.

The names of members who had died during the past year were read, and the Master asked those present to stand as a mark of respect.

The treasurer presented his accounts, which showed a deficit of £18 on the general account due to heavy cost of printing reports. The Belfry Repair Fund showed an increase. The accounts and balance sheet were adopted. He thanked the Master, hon. secretary and branch secretaries for their support during the past year.

PRESENTATION TO HON. TREASURER.

The next item, which was not on the official agenda, was a presentation of a wallet and notes to Mr. P. C. Williams, who has served the Association faithfully and well as hon. treasurer for the past 21 years. The Master, making the presentation, referred to the untiring work put in by Mr. Williams, and thanked him very much on behalf of the Association. Mr. Williams suitably responded, and said it was a complete surprise to him that such a thing was being done, but said how much he appreciated it.

The election of officers followed. The vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc. Mr. W. B. Kynaston was re-elected Master for the third year of office, no other name being put forward for nomination.

Mr. Kynaston thanked the meeting for re-electing him, and said that he had obviously given a certain degree of satisfaction, despite his rather sharp manner, and, if, when he came amongst the members, he had cause to speak rather sharply, it was his way, and what was to be said was said, and he was afraid it was rather late to try and amend his ways, but if they were satisfied with the way he had carried out his duties, he would endeavour to give another year of faithful service.

MR. F. SKIDMORE NEW HON. SECRETARY

The Master said he regretted that Mr. Harding had resigned as hon. secretary, as he had given such excellent service during the past four years, and he had tried to induce him to carry on, but as Mr. Harding was adamant, he asked for nominations for a new secretary. Mr. F. Skidmore, Bristol, was proposed and seconded, and asked by the Master if he was willing to stand, the answer being in the affirmative, no other name being put forward, he was unanimously elected. Mr. Skidmore thanked the meeting for the confidence they were prepared to put on him, and promised to uphold the prestige of the Gloucester and Bristol.

Hon. treasurer.—Mr. P. C. Williams was unanimously re-elected, and thanked the meeting for their confidence.

Auditors.—Mr. E. F. Hancock (in place of Mr. F. Skidmore) and Mr. J. E. Stallard were elected.

Management Committee.—Mr. T. Boreham elected in place of Mr. Hancock, who would not be available for the coming year. A sub-committee was appointed, consisting of the Master, hon. secretary, hon. treasurer, Mr. O. E. Hill and Mr. A. J. Corrigan, to go into the matter of compiling the annual report for 1950, with a view to finding the best way to reduce cost, and still retain the general outlay, which was considered generally satisfactory. It was agreed, after some discussion, to publish a report for 1949.

The next annual meeting will be at Stroud, Easter Monday, 1951.

This concluded the business, and the Master thanked those present for their kind attention.

A move was made to Christ Church for service at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Rector (Canon Gilbert), the address being given by the Archdeacon of Swindon (Canon Cornwall), which was greatly appreciated. Tea followed in the hall.

The meeting was preceded by lunch. At tea the usual votes of thanks were made, and at about 6.30 p.m. the meeting broke up to see about getting home.

Thank you, Swindon, and especially Mr. Kynaston, for a really good day! F.S.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The annual general meeting took place in Norwich on Easter Monday, and was highly successful. Ringing took place at Mancroft from 10 a.m. onwards, and St. Giles', St. Miles' and St. John de Sepulchre were also open. Methods up to London and Bristol Major and Cambridge Royal were rung.

The service was at Mancroft at 12, the preacher being the Rev. K. O. Morris, Vicar of Norton Subcourse. Lunch and the business meeting were in Mancroft Youth Centre, and were attended by ringers from Long Stratton, Norton, Saffron Walden, Diss, Mulbarton, Framdsen, Helmingham, Redenhall, Wroxham, Bunwell, Northampton, Northrepps, Norwich, Wighton, Watton, Caston, Attleborough, Pulham Market, Pulham St. Mary, Cossey, Somerleyton, Kesslingland, Blo' Norton, Beccles, Dickleburgh, Wymondham, Caister, Leytonstone, Framlingham, Badingham, Great Yarmouth, New Buckenham, Hethersett, Snettisham, Desford (Leics.), Dereham, Ealing, Fakenham and Buxton, 79 in all, besides many others who attended during the day.

The president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, presided at the business meeting. In accordance with notice given last year, it was decided to incorporate in the rules provision for branch ringing masters. Four new members were elected, Kathleen Harrison, Diss (who has been a de facto member for some time); Selina Moor, Norwich; Marina Boldy, Buxton; and Reginald Crane, Intwood.

The officers were re-elected as follows: President, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard; general secretary and treasurer, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow; Ringing Master, Mr. Nolan Golden; auditor, Mr. George Fletcher; the vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc, with the addition of the Revs. W. G. Bridge and E. W. Blyth.

Presenting the accounts for 1949, the auditor commented on the striking difference between the number of members in the annual report and the number of annual subscriptions paid, also on the very small amounts claimed by the secretaries for expenses, showing that they were running the Association's affairs largely out of their own pockets.

It was agreed to put the Association's outing on an official basis, with Mr. Nolan Golden as organiser. Mr. Golden stated that he still had

one or two vacancies for the outing he was planning for May 13th. The question of re-issuing the Association badge was deferred for another year.

It was noted that two names had been put on the Roll of Honour for the war of 1939-45—Ronald Kemp, R.A.F., Winfarthing, and Gordon Greenacre, of Wroxham.

SECRETARY'S HONORARIUM.

As the general secretary had not received his honorarium for some time, it was agreed in place of this to donate a further £20 towards the bell being given to St. George Colegate by the Association, making £50 in all for this.

Thanking members, Mr. Thurlow said that this had the fortunate result of making true the statements both in two books of his and on the bell concerned, that it was given by the Association.

It was agreed to pay the third-class return rail fare of the Association's Central Council representatives in future. It was also agreed to give £2 2s. towards Worstead Bell Restoration Fund, and £1 1s. to Cotton (Suffolk) Bell Fund.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the incumbents for the use of their bells, the preacher, the organist and the Rev. J. A. H. Waddington, Vicar of Mancroft, for the service. Mr. Waddington, in reply, said he was most grateful to the ringers for keeping Mancroft bells going on Sundays.

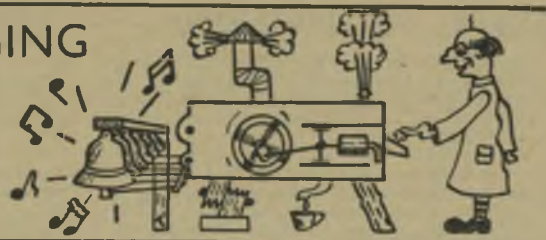
Members stood in silence as a token of respect to the memory of Mr. James Taylor, of Reedham.

The General Secretary said that the halloving of St. George Colegate bells would take place on Saturday, May 6th, at 7 p.m., by the Bishop of Thetford, when the general public would have an unusual opportunity of seeing the bells, also that these bells would be reopened by the Archdeacon of Norwich on Saturday, May 20th, at 3 p.m. Mr. Thompson noted that the tablet to the memory of Samuel Thurston at Mancroft needs cleaning.

During the afternoon the new bell frame by Mears and Stainbank, temporarily erected in the Lady Chapel at St. George Colegate, proved an interesting object, complete with new guide book (2s. 6d.), whilst ringing continued at the city churches until evening.

CHANGE-RINGING MACHINES

By B. D. Price.



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AN ELECTRICAL SCHEME OF PRESELECTION.

The author's electrical machine, which is practically complete, uses telephone relays almost entirely for 'holding the changes.' Telephone relays consist of an electromagnet which when magnetised by the passage of a current opens and/or closes contacts on it. These contacts are interchangeable and a vast variety is available. They are essentially adaptable switches which have an almost endless application; 'Electric Relays,' by J. Rosslyn (Pub. Newnes), is an excellent small handbook on the subject.

Each of the ten bells is controlled by twenty relays. The wiring circuit shows only part of the circuit for one bell, where A, B, C, D are the coil windings of the first four Main Relays and P, Q, R, S, the coil windings of the Slave Relays. The ten main relays for any bell replace the 'bellplate' and at any moment only one relay is on in the row. Relay A when on (that is, when current is flowing through it) causes the bell to strike in 1sts place and corresponds to the bellplate being in the first position. Relay A has four pairs of contacts on it, labelled a1, a2, a3, a5. These for convenience are not shown by the relay coil, although in fact they are close to it. Supposing for a moment relay A is on, then contacts a2 will close and current will flow from Main Relay Supply + via contacts a2 and b4 to the coil, and so maintain the current. Thus relay A, or any other main relay, remains on or off unless disturbed. The negative wires from the relay coils are not shown. In addition, if Relay A is on, then contacts a1 close and the Place Current, delivered by a rotating wiper arm, causes the corresponding bell to strike in 1sts place. If now Relay B is caused to come on, contacts b4 will open and switch Relay A off. This means that the bell has hunted up into 2nds place. It will be seen that if any Main Relay comes on, it prevents the Main Relays on either side remaining on. Preselection is effected by the Slave Relays, which construct the next required position of the Main Relays before it actually happens. The Slave Impulse + comes on for a brief moment while the last few bells in the change are being struck. Meanwhile, as described earlier, the row of buttons on the control panel of the machine conveys to the pairs of contacts marked 1x2, 2x3, 3x4 what swops will be required for the next change, and the corresponding contacts close. Suppose that Main Relay A is on (that is, the bell strikes in 1sts place) and that the instruction comes through for the swop 1x2 to take place. Then both the contacts 1x2 and a5 will be closed, and when the Slave Impulse + comes on, the Slave Relay Q will be switched on. Once this happens, contacts q2 close (being, of course, on Relay Q), and this gives a second supply of current to the Relay Q from Slave Relay Supply +. Thus when Slave Impulse + ceases, it has performed the preselection of bringing Relay Q on.

This, of course, means that contacts q1 also close, and the time is now ripe for the next change. In the brief interval between changes Main Impulse + comes on, and this causes Relay B to come on via the contacts q1. Once this happens, contacts b4 open, switching off A and providing an alternative supply for B via b2, a3, c4. Then when B is on and the

next change has commenced, Slave Relay Supply ceases for a moment, which wipes clean the Slave Relays ready for the next cycle.

Thus there are 200 relays for controlling the bells, 20 for each bell being made up from 20 Main and 20 Slave Relays. The Slave Relays concoct the next change and hold it waiting ready to feed it to the Main Relays when needed.

The beauty of this system is its complete adaptability. Thus, when 'Rounds' control is pressed, the Main Relay Supply is cut off from all relays excepting those for Rounds, and the Slave Impulse is diverted to the ten Slave Relays which will give Rounds. The result is that Rounds comes at the next change. This is not possible with bellplates. There is no worry of readjustment. One could make the machine wave a flag when Queens comes up by providing contacts on the relevant Main Relays, but this temptation was severely resisted. Another considerable advantage is the reliability of the telephone relay, which has been perfected for other purposes. A snag is weight—the machine is far heavier than existing machines and takes two to lift it.

The instructions to the Diagram Drawer mentioned earlier are derived from the circuit controlling the 9th bell, by inserting relays adjacent to contacts b6, c6, d6, etc., and a5, b5, c5, etc. Then the Slave Impulse as well as bringing on the Slave Relays works the extra relays which pass on the instructions.

I will append a short outline of the whole machine. It is in an aluminium cabinet 4ft. 6in. high, 2ft. wide and 1ft. deep. At the base is the power pack, with a 15 amp 28 volt transformer supplying the small synchronous motor in the mechanical unit, and three 5 amp selenium rectifiers which supply the 24 volt current for all switch-gear. Also, a small transformer supplies low voltage for the indicator lamps.

Immediately above the power pack at the front of the machine is the mechanical unit, which can be removed for servicing. It is connected to the other parts by plugs with 8, 12 and 24 pins. A small synchronous motor drives three sections of the unit—the diagram drawer, the rotating wiper arms for 6, 8 or 10 bell ringing, and the five cams working contacts for controlling the supplies to the relays. Behind the mechanical

unit and permanently fixed is a gang of three uniselectors which are responsible for connecting up the rows of buttons on the control panel in turn. Their machine-gun like noise is damped by rubber mounting and padding.

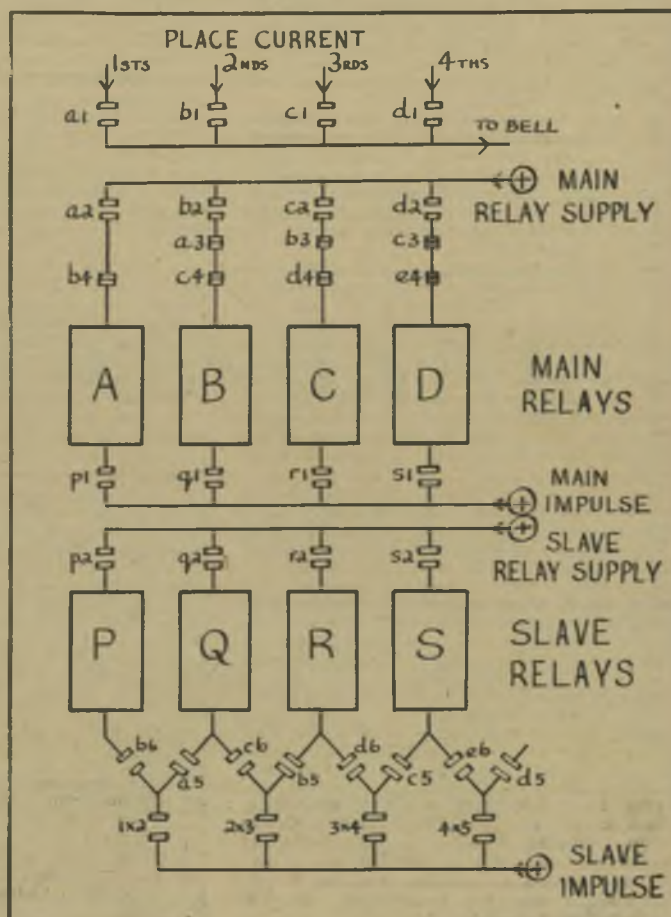
The control panel, with the 23 rows of buttons to be set, jack sockets and plugs, indicator lamps, etc., occupies the greater half of the front, and hinges outwards for access to the interior. Nearly 300 wires connect the buttons to the uniselectors, apart from other wiring. At the rear of the control panel on one side are the relays which govern the stepping uniselectors, and on the other side the relays which control the Go next time—Rounds functions. Opposite the control panel 220 relays are fixed on a frame, 200 being the slave and main relays controlling the bells, 10 for diagram drawing and 9 for concocting swops from places to be made. (The extra one is an overload cut-out.) The wiring of the relays is seen from the rear with the back panel removed, and there are over two thousand tags wired together. Needless to say, all wires connecting different parts of the machine are numbered to help fault finding.

The diagram drawer, which is incorporated as part of the mechanical unit, appears in a recess at the front of the machine just below the control panel.

A switch similar to a wavechange switch on a wireless set alters the setting quite simply from 6 to 8 or 10 bell ringing. As it is connected to the mechanical unit by 44 wires, it is removed with the unit, but is placed on the control panel.

There is some justification for the criticism that my machine is far too heavy and bulky. One ringer suggested I would have to get a crane! The real answer is that I have used

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RINGING MACHINES—continued.

ex-radar equipment, which I have been able to buy cheaply, and very little of the machine was actually made. Again, much of the complexity is a sacrifice to complete ease of setting and control.

THE FUTURE.

It is only 60 years since a change ringing machine was first planned. Ringing has progressed for three centuries, and we hope it will continue to do so. Why, then, consider ringing machines to be museum pieces?

In defence of the ringing machine against the inevitable criticism, I would like to put forward three facts in its favour. Firstly, the making of a ringing machine is a labour of love, and for that reason if for no other the finished machine is to be cherished. Secondly, a machine if treated properly could be an inspiration to other ringers, especially to young composers and method concoctors, who can hear their own efforts. All these things go to make up the general interest of change ringing. What would-be composer has not looked at 'The Bell News' to recapture the palmy days of composition when every pen turned out something new, and the method concocter was heeded? Thirdly, I am convinced that a machine could be a real aid in learning to ring advanced methods double-handed, and possibly also in inspiring beginners to good striking by rhythm. I am not trying to advance the ringing machine as a general cure, but a good machine which is accessible would have its advantages.

Many ringers are conscious of the fact that to dabble with ringing machines is to court disaster to our art. There is truth in this, but surely the crisis has passed us. There have been many attempts by firms to market automatic ringers, but none as yet has met with widespread success. It is a chastening thought that if any commercial gain were to be had from making ringing machines, they would have been perfected years ago. Obviously given the money one could go far beyond present attainments, but such progress is of academic interest only. Nothing is likely to replace our art, with its personal flavour and its fellowship, and the rot must be looked for in other directions. I am sure that progress and attainment with change ringing machines will play its small part as a stimulus to our Exercise.

APPENDIX.

The Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine are A. A. Hughes, Esq., 34, Whitechapel Road, London E.1; A. Walker, Esq., 86, Scribers Lane, Birmingham 28. Mr. G. F. Woodhouse's address is Highfield, Sedbergh, Yorks.

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My best thanks are due to John Dunning, of Kirkby Stephen, who designed the title block; to Dr. Follett, of the Science Museum, who arranged for me to examine the machine in private; to Mr. Morris, of Leicester, who kindly lent me private correspondence; to Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, whose personal reminiscences are invaluable; to Mr. Woodhouse, who is a tower of strength to anyone interested; and to Mr. E. Alex. Young, of London, who gave me permission to examine the Carter machine, arranged for a demonstration, and kindly allowed me to reproduce his account of the history of Carter's machine.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**BICESTER DEANERY ANNUAL MEETING.**

Forty-six members and friends attended the annual meeting of the Bicester Deanery Branch at Kirtlington on April 1st.

The service was conducted by the incumbent (the Rev. L. Gutch), the lesson was read by Mr. F. Sharpe and the address given by the Acting Rural Dean (the Rev. D. F. Horsfield). Visiting ringers formed the choir. After the service an excellent tea was provided by Mrs. Scarrott, who is now aged 81.

Mr. F. Sharpe presided over the business meeting, and those present included the Master (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg), the Deputy Master (Capt. A. R. Poyntz), Miss M. Cross (Guild librarian), Mr. B. Threlfall (hon. secretary, Cambridge University Society), Mr. E. Pearson (hon. secretary, Banbury Branch) and Mr. C. H. Kinch (hon. secretary, Bicester Branch).

The company stood in silence as a mark of respect for the late Canon Coleridge and Mr. Albert Beesly, of Piddington, captain, ringer and churchworker for many years.

The secretary reported that steady progress had been made during the year and a number of recruits had been found for Bicester, Brill, Islip and Stratton Audley towers. The branch membership remained at 72. The quarterly meetings had been well attended.

The following were re-elected to office: President, the Rev. C. P. Cowland Cooper; vice-presidents, the Rev. Hugh Benson and Mr. F. Sharpe; hon. secretary, Mr. C. H. Kinch; representatives to the Guild Committee, Messrs. B. Gunston and C. Stockley. Four new members were elected.

The Master and Deputy Master addressed the meeting, which then closed with a vote of thanks to all those who had made the gathering a success.

Methods rung included Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise Minor and Major.

Yorkshire Association**WESTERN DIVISION.**

The annual quarterly meeting was held at Earsheaton, when ringers were present from the following towers: Almondbury, Armley, Batley, Brighouse, Denholme, Drighlington, Guiseley, Haworth, Headingley (St. Michael's and St. Chad's), Horbury, Kirkheaton, Leeds Parish, Liversedge, Osselt, Pudsey, Queensbury, Rippondon, Rothwell, Tadcaster, Woodlesford, Wetherby and Bawtry, near Doncaster.

The bells were rung in many methods throughout the afternoon and evening.

At the business meeting Mr. P. J. Johnson was in the chair, and apologies for absence were received from Mr. J. Ambler and Miss P. Barton.

The Vicar gave a hearty welcome to the Association and thanked them for their services to the Church.

Mr. William Ambler was re-elected as district secretary for a further term of three years and was heartily thanked for his past services. Hope was also expressed to him that he would maintain (after his recent operation) the good health which he was now enjoying.

The retiring committee, Messrs. J. Ambler, P. Birkett and F. Hodgson, were re-elected, and Mr. J. Ambler was elected to serve on the General Committee.

Mr. Barton expressed a desire to have a set date for the district meetings so that ringers could make other arrangements without a clashing of interests, and it was resolved to try and keep to the third Saturday in the month.

The secretary is now in a position to give an advanced notice that the next meeting will be held on June 17th at Denholme, near Bradford. A vote of appreciation was given to Mr. Lofthouse (the secretary of the Leeds and District Society) for the very kind gesture in postponing his meeting in favour of this one.

Ten new members were elected and a collection was taken in aid of the Belfry Repairs Fund.

Occasion was taken to make a presentation of a pipe and tobacco pouch to Mr. W. H. Senior in recognition of his services to the Association, and to Mrs. Senior of a handbag.

The meeting expressed warm thanks to the ringers and clergy at Mirfield Parish Church for so kindly placing their bells at the disposal of visitors throughout the day.

MARRIAGE OF MISS R. BRADING

Ringers from Guildford and Haslemere rang handbells in Busbridge Church, Godalming, on April 13th, prior to and after the wedding of Miss Rosemary Ann Brading and L.-Corpl. Arthur Dennis Howard, R.A.P.C., two local ringers.

The bride previous to her marriage held a clerical appointment with 'The Ringing World.' She was also secretary of the Godalming Deanery Youth Council and until recently a Sunday School teacher. A guard of honour was formed by the SS. Peter and Paul Brownies, of whom the bride is Brown Owl.

The Rector (the Rev. A. J. de C. Studdert) officiated, and the choir led the singing. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white moiré dress, veil and headress. Her seven attendants included Miss Margaret Gill, a Grayshott ringer. Mr. A. F. Lawrence was best man, and Mr. Basil Messenger, also a Godalming ringer, groomsmen.

As the bride and bridegroom came down the aisle they passed under an archway of handbells held by Mr. A. H. Pulling, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hazelden and Mr. F. Bowden.

After a reception at Busbridge Institute with 70 guests, the bride and bridegroom left for Swanage, Dorset, for the honeymoon. They are making their home in the vicinity of Windsor.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

21 SPLICED MAJOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—I should like to make it quite clear that it was not our intention to belittle that very fine performance of John E. Spice and his band who rang the peal in 21 Major methods 'in hand' at Oxford. We know too well how much time and practice has to be put in to ring such a peal.

What was in our minds was the belief that the Central Council had made a resolution that a 'spliced' peal was one in which no more than one full course of any one method should be rung without a change of method. This was discussed at a Council meeting during the 1930's.

In the 17 method peal we did not ring more than one course in any method. The most that was rung without a change of method was three leads. In the second half of the peal methods were changed at every lead.

In the 21 method peal, which was the composition of the late Stephen Wood, there were as many as three full courses rung without a change of method. Again I must make it quite clear that we do not wish to under-rate this composition in any way. It is a very ingenious one. It contains a full course of each method, which another school of thought deems desirable in multi-method peals.

The late A. G. Driver, with whom I had some correspondence on Spliced Minor compositions during 1938-9, was very emphatic as to what we should claim as 'spliced.' I may add that the peal of Minor in 104 methods, rung at Bigby in July, 1939, and some of the peals leading up to it were not claimed as spliced peals. This was because one extent contained three full courses of Little Bob without a change of method and also nine leads of Crayford Little Court.

We apologise for making the claim, which we now know to be wrong, but we assure Mr. Speed that we made it in good faith, because of the views expressed by A. G. Driver.—Yours sincerely, GEORGE E. FEIRN.

Kirton Lindsey, Lincs.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD'S SILENT BELLS

Dear Sir,—This year the Parish Church of St. Mary, Hemel Hempstead, is celebrating the 800th anniversary of its dedication. The magnificent Norman church, with its 200ft. high lead spire, is in a very fine state of preservation, but alas! the grand old bells are silent, in need of urgent repairs to the frame. It was in November last year that the Parochial Church Council, in view of the dangerous state of the bells, decided that ringing must cease, and since then various makeshift methods of chiming have had to suffice each Sunday.

The oldest bell in the tower is the 5th, with the much battered inscription, 'Lawdate Domini'; its exact age is unknown, but I think some time about 1520 is a reasonable date. Of the others, the tenor, a mere youngster, is a recasting by Lester and Pack of 1767, while the trebles were added in 1758 by the same founders. The 6th was cast by Robert Mot in 1604, the 7th, a most beautiful bell, and the 4th by Robert Oldfield, and the 3rd in 1688 by Chandler, of Drayton Parslow.

Keeping these veterans company is a chime-barrel installed (at a total cost of just over £13) in 1761, while a new clock, still in perfect condition, was given in 1783.

Let us hope that it won't be too long before ringing is resumed in this tower. — Yours sincerely, JOYCE LEWIS.

Hemel Hempstead.

PATTISHALL, NORTHANTS. — On April 1st, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire); Ivor Dickinson (first quarter) 1, V. A. Perry 2, Miss M. E. Roe 3, H. H. Shives 4, E. G. Bennett (cond.) 5, K. Perkins (first quarter, aged 12) 6. For the treble ringer's 14th birthday.

WHEN BELLS ARE HUNG DEAD

Dear Sir,—Herewith enclosed is a cutting from our local paper which I am sure will interest you.

This ring of five consists of very old bells and was out of order for a great many years. Last year the Vicar started a fund to put the bells in order, and the money was readily forthcoming, but in spite of many protests from ringers in this district, they were rehung dead.—Yours sincerely, LESLIE MILLS.

Bures, Suffolk.

Extract from 'Suffolk Free Press':—

Sir,—About two years ago I was one of many who subscribed towards the rehanging of the bells at Great Cornard Church. I would suggest to whoever is responsible for the ringing of these bells that he uses a little more tact in his selection of the tunes he plays on these bells every Sunday.

We have heard 'Three Blind Mice,' 'Drink to me only with thine eyes,' 'Home, Sweet Home,' and at the morning services we have had 'Now the day is over.'

Surely it is not too much to ask that we, who like to hear the church bells on a Sunday, should not have to listen to such selections, and I would suggest that whoever is responsible should think it over.

'BELL LOVER.'

PEALS AT HAZELBEECH

Dear Sir,—As I was responsible for the footnote to the Hazelbeech peal, may I apologise for the error made? Had I added 'for the Peterborough Guild,' it would have been correct, but I had omitted to check Midland Counties peal reports.

However, it has done no harm, as I have long discovered that if you want to find out any information, make a claim, and if it's not disputed, you can be pretty sure it's correct!

Regarding the note of Hanslope tenor, I must have copied this from an old peal report without checking it with my ear! For the future I will endeavour to be careful!

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Betchworth.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On March 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. C. C. Roome 1, Miss S. Booth 2, Mrs. J. C. Northam 3, H. Perry 4, D. Cowper 5, A. Langston 6, L. Bullock (cond.) 7, H. W. Roome 8. 4-6-8 covering. Rung to commemorate Mothering Sunday.

STAVELEY, DERBYS.—On April 3rd, 1,344 Bob Major: L. G. Palmer 1, A. E. Parsons 2, H. Paddison 3, S. Smedley 4, F. Adams 5, J. Ford (first quarter) 6, W. Dickinson 7, G. C. Briggs (cond.) 8. With bells half-muffled for the late W. T. Palmer.

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St. Martin's Guild

A very enjoyable quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild was held, by the invitation of the local ringers, at Aston Parish Church on April 1st.

About fifty ringers attended, and the modern ring of twelve bells was kept going in a variety of methods to suit the requirements of a mixed company.

The Vicar, the Rev. F. F. G. Warman, conducted a short service taken from the Guild's newly-revised service paper, the organist being Miss Audrey Timms, a young lady ringer from Coventry.

An excellent tea was followed by the business meeting, at which the Master, Mr. Albert Walker, presided. Reference was made to the loss the Guild had sustained by the death of four members since the last meeting—Messrs. Thomas Miller, Samuel Grove, James H. Shepherd (a vice-president of the Guild) and Cyril F. Johnston. The Master asked all present to stand in silence for a moment as a tribute of respect to their memory.

Mr. H. F. Holt, of Handsworth, and Mr. J. L. Gray, of Aston, were elected full ringing members, and the following tower elections, as life members, were duly ratified: Miss Joyce England, Wallington, Surrey; Messrs. Harry Parkes, Ashford; Peter N. Bond, London; David Parsons, Carshalton; Wm. J. Rawlings, Beckenham; R. V. Webb, Letchworth; and James Daniels, Bournemouth.

Mr. John H. Jones extended an invitation to the Guild to hold its next meeting at Tanworth-in-Arden on July 1st, which met with general approval.

For some years past the Guild has been represented on the Central Council by Alderman Paddon Smith, but the membership of the Guild having increased sufficiently during the past few years, it was decided to elect an additional representative, and Mr. Frank E. Haynes was duly elected.

It was proposed by Mr. T. H. Reeves, and supported by the Master, that the following be recorded in the minutes: 'That this meeting congratulates Alderman Paddon Smith, J.P., a past master and a vice-president of this Guild, upon his election as Lord Mayor-designate of the City of Birmingham, and wishes him a happy and successful year of office. It also appreciates the added honour this preferment confers on the Guild.'

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service was enthusiastically accorded by all.

200 PEALS AT ST. MARTIN'S

MR. ALBERT WALKER'S RECORD.

In May last year, Mr. Albert Walker rang his 200th peal on the bells of St. Martin's, Birmingham. His first peal on this ring was on January 31st, 1899.

These 200 peals include three on the back eight and one on the front eight. The original 12, tenor 36 cwt., were cast by Mears in 1758 and were recast by Mears and Stainbank with tenor 37 cwt. in 1928. Mr. Walker has rung and called several peals from every bell of the two rings of twelve, including the tenor to Maximus.

Mr. Walker's 200 is as follows: Bob Royal 1 (conducted 1); Bob Maximus 1; Grandsire Cinques 2; Erin Cinques 1; *Stedman Cinques 166 (76); Stedman Caters 5 (4); Stedman Triples 2; Cambridge Surprise Major 2 (1); Cambridge Surprise Royal 2 (1); Cambridge Surprise Maximus 6 (1); *Forward Maximus 2; Kent Treble Bob Maximus 3 (2); Kent Treble Bob Royal 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 1; Rutland Surprise Royal 1; Yorkshire Surprise Royal 1; Belgrave Surprise Royal 1; Belgrave Surprise Maximus 1; Lindsey Surprise Maximus 1; total 200 (conducted 86). *One each non-conducted.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM T. PALMER.

We regret to record the death of Mr. W. T. Palmer, of Staveley, near Chesterfield, on March 30th, at the age of 73 years. He had been in failing health for some time, never having regained his former robustness after the death of his wife two years ago.

He had been a regular and consistent ringer for about 56 years and could always be relied upon for Sunday service ringing. He had also rung 80 peals.

At the funeral service he was carried shoulder high to his last resting place by four of the local ringers (Messrs. S. Smedley, A. White, F. Adams and W. Dickinson), and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. F. Adams, A. E. Parsons, L. G. Palmer (brother) and W. Dickinson.

In addition to the family mourners, the church was represented by the churchwardens (Messrs. W. J. Kittridge and J. W. Hodson), the Derbyshire Association by Mr. F. Adams, and the Sheffield District Society by Mr. W. Allwood.

A half-muffled quarter peal of Bob Major was rung in the evening after the funeral.

MR. JOSEPH SADDINGTON.

We regret to record the death on March 31st of Mr. Joseph Saddington at his home, Station Road, Burton Latimer, Northants.

Mr. Saddington, who was 83 last October (when a peal of Superlative was rung to celebrate the event), was a well-loved and respected chorister and ringer for 70 years, first at Cranford, and later at Burton, where he resided from 1919.

At Cranford he had been mainly responsible for the installation of the fine ring of six and had also trained the band which started from scratch and scored a seven-method peal of Minor within a year, which he suitably conducted.

Three of Mr. Saddington's sons became ringers, in addition to his granddaughter, Mrs. R. Dacre, and he was very proud of a quarter peal in which he and his granddaughter took part and which his son, Mr. Bernard Saddington, conducted.

The fully choral funeral service took place at Burton on April 4th, and was attended by a large number of friends and ringers, in addition to relatives.

The ringers' hymn was rung on handbells in the church during the service, and afterwards the bells of St. Mary's were rung half-muffled to most of Mr. Saddington's favourite methods, including Stedman, Grandsire, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Kent.

The local tower and the Diocesan Guild will sadly miss a ringer who gave of his best to all his activities, was a fine striker and was, until about two years ago, at his post in the belfry every Sunday and practice. G.E.W.

OUTING

CHRIST CHURCH, MACCLESFIELD.

A party of 17 ringers and their wives and friends had their annual outing on Easter Monday, the journey being to the Dukeries via Glossop, Snake Pass, Bamford, Grindleford, Chesterfield, Cresswell, Cuckney and Mansfield, returning via Derby, Ashbourne, Leek to Macclesfield.

The first halt was at Chesterfield, where the ring of ten was set going to Treble Bob Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Caters. After a really good lunch at Mansfield the party went to the church and rang several good touches of Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

The next call was at St. Andrew's, Derby, another ring of ten. Dinner was served at the York Hotel, followed by a social hour in the lounge. Macclesfield was reached at 10.30 p.m., the outing being voted a great success.

TOWER CORNER (9)

'DEVELOPMENT OF BELL CONTROL.'

Dear Learners, — Our new general heading and sub-title this week mark the stage of your promotion from 'Beginners.' As a matter of fact, 'Tower Corner' is the title originally chosen for this series, but, up to this stage, 'Mainly for Beginners' has seemed more likely to encourage your interest.

Back in the tower, for further instruction, then, we find our old friend, Tom Truetouch, busy at the blackboard on the wall. 'Here,' he says, 'is a summary of last week's Lesson V. You will remember I called it the transition between Sections I. and II. of the Course.' LESSON V. (Transition—Sections I. to II.)

'Raising and lowering a bell.'

- Ex. 11. The start of raising. Chiming with a coiled rope-end.
- Ex. 12. The let-out. (On a dead-rope.)
- Ex. 13. The take-up. (On a dead-rope.)
- Ex. 14. The half-wheel raise and lower.
- Ex. 15. The beginner's pass-out. (Raise, set and lower.)

(Note: For the benefit of readers who may have missed some of the earlier articles we may recall that Article 1 indicated that a full course of instruction in all branches might consist of ten sections, each of so many lessons, the lessons containing practical exercises serially numbered. Then, in Article 6, we summarised the first Section under the 10 Exercises of the first four lessons. Above is the continuation. Each Section will be summarised in turn.)

'From this,' says Tom, indicating the blackboard, 'we go on now to Section II., dealing with the variation of bell-control, and leading to the art of striking. The first thing to realise is that though you may manage to ring a bell, and even to raise and lower it, yet until you can so vary your control as to make the bell perform exactly to your desired time of beat—and this means to within a time interval of as little as one-fifth of a second—that is, until you can strike your bell properly, you cannot become a ringer in the acceptable sense.

'In actual ringing, your bell is controlled to give a varying rate of stroke. Even in ringing rounds, except for call changes as practised in some districts, the bell swings up to a pause which is slightly longer at sally than at back. The effect of this is that after all bells have sounded at backstroke and before any bell begins the next handstroke there is a gap in the sound sequence. How long is this gap? And has it a name?

'Yes. It is called, "The open hand-stroke." Many a beginner is told to make it, but is given very little real guidance as to its length or period. Now this is of the greatest importance, and we will first show you why; then we'll indicate how to gauge the period.

'When bells go off into changes with the tenor covering, there would be no difficulty in recognising the completion of each change even if the striking were very irregular: the tenor sounding behind each rearrangement of the others would mark it well enough. But if the changes include the tenor, i.e., if the tenor is "turned in," then, unless some sort of pause or gap is employed to mark the end of a change-row, the row sequence would tend to become lost. In practice it is found unnecessary to have such a gap at the end of each row or group of strokes; it is employed only after each pair of stroke-groups, that is at the end of the group of back-strokes. This is a sort of full-stop after every change-rung sentence.

'As to the length of the gap, there is always at hand a yardstick, as it were, for measuring it. It is equal to the average time-interval between any two bell-sounds in the ring concerned.'

Here Tom turns again to the blackboard and draws a circle with seven marks equally spaced around it. Against the marks he writes round the circle 'A. B. C. a. b. c. P.'

'This,' says Tom, 'represents the time cycle of rounds on three bells from one handstroke to the next, the three letters representing Treble, Second and Third, respectively. The capitals are handstrokes and the smalls are backstrokes, while the "P" is one-bell-beat pause before the leading bell's next handstroke.

'If we let "n" represent the number of bells in any particular ring, then the time cycle of beats for that ring, between handstroke and handstroke, is always "twice n plus one." And this cycle is maintained in rounds and changes alike. On 8 bells, for instance, this cycle becomes 2×8 plus 1, equals 17. On five only—11; on twelve—25; and so on.

'For example,' Tom continues, drawing a second and third circle, 'if we go off into changes from the rounds position I show in circle 1, we get what I show here in circle 2, namely, "B.A.C.b.c.a.P.," then this of circle 3—"C.B.A.c.a.b.P.," and so on. Now notice that in rounds the interval from any one capital to its relevant small (i.e., h/s to b/s) is always 3; and similarly from small round to large is always 4; providing what we may call a constant variation in the beat; but as soon as changes begin this beat variation itself alters from change-row to change-row, as you may check for yourself by counting the intervals between corresponding letters, round the other circles.

'It is clear, then, that in rounds we have a consistent variation of the beat or striking time, but in changes we have an inconsistent (or altering) variation. From this it becomes obvious that the most careful timing of the beat or striking interval is essential if the bells are to sound evenly spaced, from change-row to change-row. So far we have considered only three bells, but the principle is true for any number, though on higher numbers the degree of precision required is correspondingly higher. The achievement of this in practice is known as the art of striking.

'The exercises in this lesson,' Tom goes on, 'and in the next two are designed to develop skill in this art. The essential foundation for it is 100 per cent. bell control.

'Many good strikers, asked how they get their results, feel at a loss to explain how they do it, and say, "It comes by practice," or "You just have to ring by listening." The truth of the matter, of course, includes both these things, with others. There are, in fact, five main factors of good striking:—

1. Compass audibility.
2. Automatic registration of pull-off point within that compass.
3. Ear-check.
4. 100 per cent. bell control consistently maintained.
5. Applied control adjustment.

'The visibility factor, i.e., the effect of following visibly the preceding rope, is of less importance in precision striking than the beginner may imagine. It is little more than a rough check. Reasons for this include the facts that many bells are "odd-struck," and that the pull-off point (see 2 above) varies as between smaller and larger bells.

'Later on,' Tom explains, 'we shall deal in detail with those five factors of good striking. But now for these exercises in bell-control, for which purpose we've silenced four of the bells.'

And there, Learners, we must pause, having used up our Corner space.—Yours ever,

CORN. R. STONE.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING AT TAUNTON.

About 100 members met at 12 noon at the Church of St. James for the annual service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. Hirst. In his address he told of the uses of bells and paid tribute to the services rendered by ringers. Ringing, he said, was a co-operative effort.

Luncheon, which followed, was a fine example of such an effort. The food had been transported across the county from Yatton and Wrington, and even the flowers which graced the tables came from the latter place. These arrangements were made by Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Knight, Mrs. Norton and Mr. L. Pullin. The amenities at the Taunton end were provided by Messrs. W. Gigg and A. H. Reed. The long distance visitors, of whom there were eight, agreed that the meals provided—tea was served, too—were well worth the journey.

The business meeting, which was chiefly of a routine character, then took place. The Master, the Rev. A. J. Hook, commenced his report by congratulating the secretary on the completion of 25 years' office. He regretted that he was unable to attend as many meetings as he would like to do, but he had been to meetings of the Bridgewater Branch, which was now making rapid strides, and to meetings of the Dunster Branch, where the attendance and enthusiasm were marked features. As a member of the Diocesan Advisory Committee he had been struck by the number of towers where the business of getting the bells into ringing order had been tackled.

He reported that the number of towers affiliated showed an increase of six, making a total of 175. The number of resident ringing members had risen by 84 to 1,515. Increases were most marked in the Axbridge, Bridgewater, Cary and Chew branches. A new branch secretary in the person of Mr. E. J. Chivers had taken over the Frome area.

The broadcast 'From Tower and Steeple' had roused considerable interest, and he had addressed the Minehead Rotary Club on Somerset bells. Two of the recordings made had been processed and were occasionally used as interval signals on the West Regional programmes.

The Master concluded his report by urging that recruits should be young, so that when they had to do their National Service they would be capable ringers and would return with added experience. He stressed the importance of Sunday service ringing, which was the primary reason for church bells.

The secretary then made a short statement, in which he said that the Association would be able to pay for the forthcoming report and for the war memorial without disturbing its investments. He regretted that with only 14 gallons of petrol for bellringing during six months, he was unable to do as he used to do, to visit each of the eleven branches at least once a year. He had attended 12 branch and some 60 practice meetings during the year.

Miss Williams then told of the Central Council meeting at York and gave an account, for which she was thanked by the meeting.

Mr. W. A. Osborn then recounted the work that, as belfries' adviser, he had done during the year. He emphasised the importance of good steeple keeping. He, too, was thanked for his work and report.

Mr. S. S. Woodburn then reported on the war memorial, which was at last fixed. He paid great tribute to the Rev. W. Beaumont Russell, who had so patiently overcome the many obstacles which had lain in the way of its successful completion.

The officers of the Association were re-elected en bloc, the Master and the secretary returning thanks.

Greetings from the Middlesex Association were conveyed by Mr. W. H. Coles, once of Somerset. Mr. A. Payne, of Tiverton, spoke for the Devon Guild, while Mr. H. J. Poole, who with Mrs. Poole, Jill and Peter attended the meeting, spoke for the Leicester Diocesan Guild. Other visitors were Mr. G. S. Morris and Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Cannon. These were all welcomed by the Master.

After numerous votes of thanks, the meeting dispersed to the eight towers which were available. Handbells were put to good use by the visitors, and the rise and fall on them appealed particularly to the Somerset audience.

COMBINED MEETING AT ECCLESTON

The Chester Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild and the North Wales Association held a combined meeting at Eccleston, Chester, which attracted an attendance of 45. Ringing in several methods was performed before the service, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. Musgrave.

After the service the excellent ring of eight was kept going until 7 p.m., when it was necessary to close the tower because of a concert which was being held in the Village Institute nearby. Nothing daunted, however, the ringers betook themselves to Handbridge St. Mary's, where the eight were kept going until approximately 8.30 p.m. The popularity of these combined meetings is such that it was agreed by all present to hold another meeting later in the summer at either Llangollen or Buckley, Chester.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

EAST DEVON BRANCH.

Over 60 members and visitors from Cornwall, Chittlehampton and Bristol attended the annual meeting of the East Devon Branch at the lovely old church of Ottery St. Mary on Easter Monday.

The Vicar (the Rev. B. C. Jackson) conducted the service and the address was given by the Rev. C. H. Bray. The tea was arranged by the wives of local ringers. A welcome to the visitors was extended by the Rev. H. Taylor, to which Mr. Field replied.

In his report the hon. secretary stated that the branch had had a most successful year, due, he thought, to the number of bell restorations in the branch's area which had helped to create interest in ringing. Just on 50 new members had been elected during the year, 23 at one meeting. The branch had 125 performing members, five honorary and three unattached. The branch was in a sound financial position, with a balance in hand of £36 11s. 5d.

Officers elected for 1950 were: Chairman, Rev. H. Taylor; vice-chairman, Mr. G. C. Woodley; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Arbury; Ringing Master, Mr. C. J. Turner; Guild Committee, Messrs. P. Davis, L. Baker and C. J. Turner.

The bells were rung to various methods, and everyone thought the Loughborough Foundry had done a very good job at Ottery. A collection for the Guild Restoration Fund amounted to £2. J. A.

LATE NOTICES

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Meeting at Bentley (6) on Saturday, April 29th, 2.30 p.m. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45. Please notify for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. A. Raggett, Church Lane, Bentley.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 6964

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Woolton Hill, April 29th. Six bells. Service 4.15. Tea 5 for those who notify J. A. Hill, Maesteg, Anna Valley, Andover. 6905

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MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting Goodnestone, Saturday, Apr. 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. — B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 6906

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E, Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting Saturday, Apr. 22nd. Bray (8) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6. — Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 6815

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Clerkenwell, Apr. 22nd. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Bells, Clerkenwell, 3; Holloway and St. Giles-in-the-Fields after meeting. Names for tea to Ernest Turner, 41, Windsor Road, Ealing. 6823

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove. Apr. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.—J. W. Cotton, Overseal. 6872

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. Division.—Meeting at Great Bentley on Saturday, Apr. 22nd. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 at Red Lion.—H. J. Millatt, Dis. Sec., c/o 54, Beche Road, Colchester, Essex. 6829

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting at Wootton Bassett, Apr. 22nd. Dedication of new ringing chamber. Service 3.—L. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec. 6874

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting Upwey, Apr. 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting after.—Hayne, Hon. Sec., Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 6837

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Saturday, Apr. 22nd. Ringing commences 2.30. Business meeting. 6870

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting Bexley, Saturday, April 22nd, 2.30. Names for tea to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 6845

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting Overton, Saturday, Apr. 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30.—J. Chesterman, Dis. Sec. 6841

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Sharnford (Thurlaston not available), April 22nd. Bells (6) 3. Tea at Star Inn 5.—F. K. Measures, Hon. Sec. 6893

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Rye, Saturday, April 22nd. Tower open 3 p.m.—P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec. 6875

MUCH HADHAM, HERTS.—Dedication of two new trebles, new frame and old six rehung, Sunday, Apr. 23rd, at 11 o'clock.—F. G. Springham, Green Tye, Much Hadham, Herts. 6842

MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH.—Corporate Communion, Apr. 23rd, 8 a.m. Bells 7.15 a.m.—W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. Phone Timsbury 87. 6822

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting Lincoln, Apr. 29th. Ringing Cathedral 2 to 3.45, St. Giles' and St. Peter-at-Gowts, 2 to 3.30. All available after meeting. Cathedral evensong 4. Tea Wesley Schoolroom, Clasketgate, 5, followed by business meeting. Names (not numbers) for tea by Apr. 25th to Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 6847

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Luton, Saturday, Apr. 29th. Ten bells (tenor 2½ cwt.) available 3. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, Apr. 26th, please, to Mr. H. P. Burton, 129 Bradley Road, Luton, Beds.—Peter N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 6850

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Apr. 29th at Thame. Bells 2.45. Service 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by Apr. 25th to H. Badger, Branch Sec, 38, North Street, Thame. 6848

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Joint meeting with Selby and District Society at Eastington, Apr. 29th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 2s. 6d.; apply Mr. P. Pows, Rae Neath, Eastington, near Goole.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 6864

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at the Priory Church, Lancaster, on Apr. 29th. Notice for tea to Mr. J. Woods, 44, Blades Street, Lancaster, before Apr. 24th.—W. H. Shuker and F. Dunkerley. 6863

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, Apr. 29th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea (4.30) will be arranged for all who notify Mr. R. H. Dove, 26, Sycamore Avenue, Leeds 8, by Apr. 26th. Business meeting in tower 7. A good attendance is desired.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 6855

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DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Tickhill, April 29th, 3. Names for tea to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 6880

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Peak District) and **CHESHIRE GUILD** (Bowdon, Stockport, Mottram Branch).—Joint meeting Fairfield (8), Apr. 29th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5.15. Names for tea to Mr. E. Ellison, 70, King's Road, Fairfield, Buxton, before Apr. 25th.—Miss D. J. Dunn, Darley Dale. 6865

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Stockport and Macclesfield Branches) and **DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting, Fairfield, Buxton, April 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea advise Mr. E. Ellison, 70, King's Road, Fairfield, Buxton.—C. K. Lewis. 6899

LADIES' GUILD.—Wiltshire Branch.—Meeting, Calne, April 29th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to R. Maundrell, 173, Quemerford, Calne. 6882

TRURO GUILD.—Penzance Branch.—Spring meeting, Tuckingmill (8), April 29th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Camborne (8) also 2.30 to 4, and 6 to 7.30.—Rev. A. S. Roberts, Carbis Bay. 6878

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Brigstock, Saturday, April 29th. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Tuesday, please.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 6883

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Radwinter (8), Saturday, April 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 6884

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Curry Rivel, Saturday, April 29th, 3 p.m. Tea and meeting. Service 4.30. Notify early for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton, Taunton. 6886

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Staines, Saturday, April 29th. Bells from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8. Own arrangements for tea.—F. Finch. 6888

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Wootton, April 29th. Names for tea to Mr. Eric Nobles, 48, Millway, Duston, Northants, by Tuesday, April 25th. 6889

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Cople (6), April 29th. Bells 3. Tea 5.—Michael Stephens, District Sec., Durler Avenue, Kempston. 6891

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Combined meeting of Wotton-under-Edge and Bristol Rural Branches at Berkeley, Apr. 29th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by April 24th to Miss D. M. Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall, Glos. 6895

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Kedington (6), Saturday, April 29th, 3 p.m. Tea 5, followed by business. Bring own food.—A. A. Fitch, Dis. Sec., 7, Croft Road, Sudbury. 6896

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The War Memorial to those members of the Association who lost their lives in the late war will be dedicated in Bath Abbey by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Bath, on Sunday, April 30th, at 6.30 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6885

ST. GEORGE COLEGATE, NORWICH.—The ceremony of the Hallowing of the Bells will be performed by the Lord Bishop of Thetford on Saturday, May 6th, at 7 p.m., previous to their being hung in the tower.—A. G. G. Thurlow, Vicar. 6876

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Leicester, May 6th. Ringing, Belgrave (8), 11 to 12.30; Cathedral (12), St. Margaret's (12), All Saints' (6) from 2 to 4. Service, St. George's, 4.30. Tea, St. George's Hall, Colton Street, at 5, followed by meeting and social evening. Names must be sent by May 3rd to J. R. Smith, 75, Woodville Road, Leicester.—Wm A. Wood, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6881

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Worth (6), Saturday, May 6th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, by May 3rd. 6890

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, High Halden, May 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 6894

HEREFORD "DIOCESAN GUILD."—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting at Worthen, Saturday, May 6th. Bells (6) 3. Teas to E. Colley, Victoria House, Worthen. 6898

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting, Washingborough (8), May 6th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 6901

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the Association will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d. per head) served 5 p.m. in Radcliffe Lane School only to those who notify Mr. W. Barton, 9, Pembroke Road, Pudsey, near Leeds, by May 4th. General meeting same premises immediately afterwards. Subscriptions due and reports available.—L. W. G. Morris, 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 6900

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Hersham, May 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m. Notifications to W. Simmonds, 33, Burwood Close, Hersham, by 3rd.—F. Hawthorne. 6897

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 13th. Service at St. Peter's, Brighton, 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5. Individual names for tea to me before May 6th. Ringing, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', from 2.30. Good Shepherd in the evening.—S. E. Armstrong, General Sec., 21, Kenmure Avenue, Brighton 6. 6902

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ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. M. Haile 1, J. N. Haile 2, J. A. Haile (first quarter of Triples 'inside' 3, R. A. Johnston 4, G. McKay 5, H. Wilson 6, S. Richardson (cond.) 7, T. McKay 8. First quarter of Triples for 1, 5, 6 and 8.

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WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—At St. Bartholomew's on March 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Gaden 1, K. Knowles 2, W. Powell 3, G. Darlington 4, A. Hubble 5, H. Morton 6, A. H. Hingley (cond.) 7, D. K. Knowles 8, D. Tranter 9, J. H. Morton 10.

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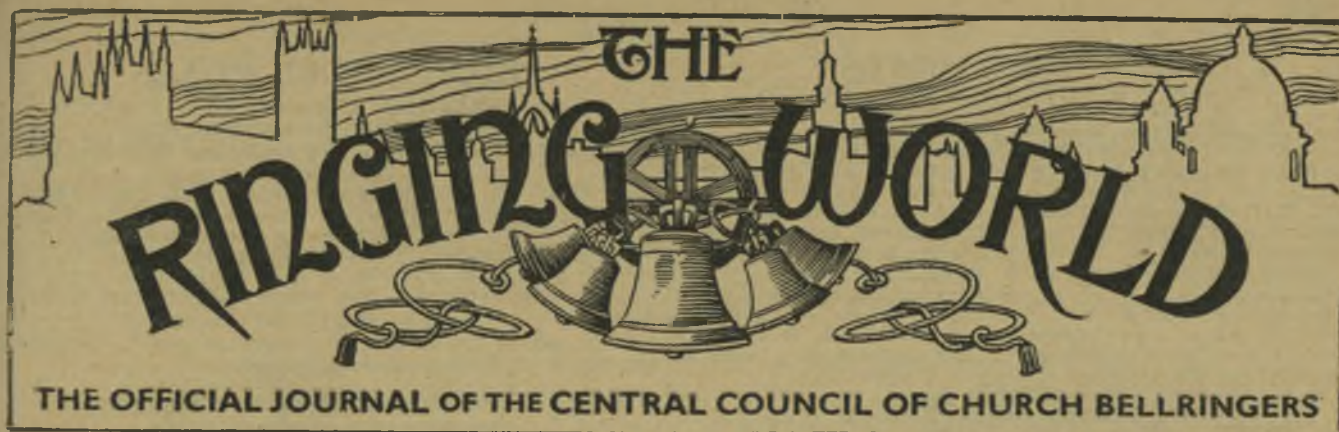
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ANNUAL MEETINGS

SINCE Easter we have been in the throes of annual meetings of Guilds and Associations. It is a time for stocktaking, and almost without exception the reports make good reading. Numerically, there is no decrease in membership; in fact many Guilds report an increase, and practically all of them report a very live organisation directing their affairs.

Correspondence previous to the meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association meeting at Taunton suggested that there might be criticism of the general policy; these happily have been smoothed over and reports received indicate that sweet accord marked the proceedings. The Bath and Wells is probably our largest Association, with a membership of 1,515, an increase of 84 during the year. Somerset is a county of some of the finest towers in the land, and visiting ringers know only too well of the hospitality it extends. The Association operates through eleven branches. The Master and General Secretary are greatly dependent on their chief lieutenants.

Their neighbours, the Gloucester and Bristol Association, with a membership of nearly 1,000, are also a vigorous body, but they have one or two branches which are not displaying the general enthusiasm of the main body, Mr. C. R. Harding, the general secretary, has retired, and Mr. F. Skidmore, a well-known and popular member of the Central Council, is his successor. Mention should be made of Mr. P. C. Williams' 21 years as honorary treasurer. The Association did not overlook his coming-of-age in office, and he was the recipient of a suitable presentation.

Another hon. treasurer to come-of-age this year was Mr. F. M. Mitchell, of the Kent County Association. There was no lack of cordiality at Rochester on Easter Monday on the way he fulfilled his stewardship. Kent are among the wealthy, with assets totalling £1,234, and during his tenure of office these increased by £400. This Association has a membership of 1,015, of whom 127 are new practising members during the current year. With

one member in eight a first-yearer, the importance of the instructional side of ringing cannot be overlooked.

The question of ringers' badges was raised at a number of meetings. Last year Oxford Diocesan Guild designed their own badge and the year before that Guildford Diocesan Guild did the same. Southwell Diocesan Guild and Coventry Diocesan Guild are both grappling with the question and Kent are making inquiries. We live in an age when people love to be labelled and if it gives pleasure why say nay? Ringers can rarely disguise their love of bells—it is said that practised eyes can pick them out by their gait and other peculiarities. We have not this detective genius! The idea of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association of providing a badge of office for the Master is to be commended. The chains of office worn by the Masters of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths do give a touch of dignity. There are other Guilds where the office is similarly honoured.

Irish ringing before the war was not conspicuous. In Northern Ireland in recent years there has been marked progress in the art of change ringing and also enthusiasm for peals. A resident company is now ringing Surprise. Another sign of progress was the election of 20 new members at the annual meeting of the Northern district on Easter Monday. The pioneer work of Mr. F. E. Dukes and Mr. J. T. Denwoody is bearing good fruit, and interest in ringing is far from dormant in other parts of the country.

In these days there is a desire to hold commemoration dinners, probably modelled on the Birmingham tradition. The George Williams commemoration dinner is being held at Bournemouth next month. A suggestion that the Guildford Guild should revive their annual dinner and call it the John S. Goldsmith commemoration dinner found opinions very divided. In no sense was there any desire among the critics to belittle the great work the founder of 'The Ringing World' did for change ringing. Their point of view was that his work should not be an excuse for a dinner. The art of compromise was graciously introduced and the title of this revived function is to be 'The Guildford Diocesan Guild dinner commemorating John S. Goldsmith.'

TEN BELL PEALSKINGSTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.*On Sat., Apr. 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

N. G. HOLLINGWORTH... Treble	C. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 6
*BARBARA M. HARRIS ... 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT... 7
SQUIRE CROFT ... 3	†THOMAS E. DAVIES ... 8
GEORGE C. GOODMAN ... 4	HAROLD W. ROGERS ... 9
†GEORGE W. MASSEY ... 5	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
 * First peal of Royal. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob. ‡ First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of the 2nd, a member of the local company.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

JOHN W. BEST ... Treble	*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD 6
*FREDERICK H. BIRKS ... 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 7
*HENRY O. BAKER ... 3	†R. GORDON CORBY ... 8
ARTHUR B. CLOSE ... 4	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 9
†BRIAN HARRIS ... 5	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on 10 bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*JOHN W. STEPHENSON Treble	RICHARD F. B. SPEED... 6
DENIS N. LAYTON ... 2	†VERNON J. BENNING ... 7
†A. W. J. APPLETON ... 3	†PHILIP A. F. CHALK ... 8
†MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT... 4	JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... 9
DAVID E. PARSONS ... 5	FRANK E. DARBY ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Cambridge Royal. First peal in the method as conductor. A wedding compliment to Hilda Prescott and William H. Kingcott.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

JOHN H. GRUNDY ... Treble	*THOMAS C. BELTON ... 6
JOHN P. FIDLER ... 2	LESLIE W. STEVENS ... 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 3	COLIN HARRISON ... 8
PAUL LEA TAYLOR ... 4	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 9
HAROLD MARCON ... 5	WILLIAM HICKMAN ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

* First peal on ten bells. A compliment to Miss Erica Hancock upon attaining her majority and on her engagement.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN BEARDMORE ... Treble	†EWART H. EDGE ... 6
GEOFFREY C. BEACH ... 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 7
REGINALD ROWLEY ... 3	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... 8
G. ARNOLD MOORE ... 4	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 9
ARTHUR PEAKE ... 5	*W. ARTHUR GAUNT ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by CHAS. H. PAGE.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells. In honour of the birth of a daughter to the tenor ringer.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Morris' Transposition of Parker's.	Tenor 15 cwt. 11 lb. in F sharp.
*GERALD ARMSTRONG ... Treble	W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ... 5
†ERNEST MORRIS ... 2	CHARLES R. BELTON ... 6
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 3	ALAN H. HOUGH ... 7
THOMAS C. BELTON ... 4	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN H. HOUGH.

* First peal of Triples. † 1,0001st tower-bell peal. A welcome to the Rev. S. C. Kipling, curate of Barwell.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD Treble	*FRANK BAILESS ... 5
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ... 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 6
MAVIS WHITEHEAD ... 3	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 7
JOHN BRAMLEY ... 4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal in the method.

AMESBURY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MELOR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 22½ cwt.
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS Treble	*DAVID R. REED ... 5
*JEAN M. BROWN ... 2	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD... 6
RONALD N. BARLOW ... 3	FRANK L. HARRIS ... 7
*BRIAN R. TILLER ... 4	JACK MUSSEL ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

* First peal in the method. First peal in method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung for the wedding of the churchwarden.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's.	Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.
WILLIAM BOND ... Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE ... 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 2	JACK BAILEY ... 6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 3	WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 7
ALFRED MOULD ... 4	WALTER SHAW ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

A birthday peal for Charles R. Belton, of Barwell.

HOLSWORTHY, DEVON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.	Tenor 15 cwt.
JOHN W. SANGWIN ... Treble	CHARLES E. TAYLOR ... 5
CHARLES SANGWIN ... 2	FREDERICK SANGWIN ... 6
*ALAN J. HICKS ... 3	THOMAS G. MYERS ... 7
W. RONALD HILL ... 4	REGINALD G. PEARCE ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

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On Tues., Apr. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE O. WRIGHT ... Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
CHARLES R. BELTON ... 2	†FRANK BAILESS ... 6
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 3	‡THOMAS HY. WRIGHT ... 7
†PHILIP T. GODDARD ... 4	‡GEORGE A. NEWTON ... Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by GEO. A. NEWTON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Double Norwich. A farewell to Brian Newton, son of the conductor, on joining the R.A.F.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF TRINITY COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

GEORGE P. ADAMS ... Treble	HENRY TOOKE ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 6
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 3	BERT GOGLE ... 7
GEORGE SAYER ... 4	WILLIAM CLOVER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

The first peal in the method.

HOLYWOOD, NORTHERN IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern District.)

On Tues., Apr. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 6144 CHANCES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb.

JOHN SAVAGE ... Treble	JAMES EDGAR ... 5
WILLIAM PRATT ... 2	NAT. SAVAGE ... 6
*JOHN J. FIELDING ... 3	*JOHN CAMPBELL ... 7
JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 4	HARRY BROWN ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY BROWN.

* First peal of Major.

KINGS LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

*BRIAN M. BARKER ... Treble	EDWIN A. UPTON ... 5
TERENCE G. MORTON ... 2	WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... 6
PAMELA A. MARTIN ... 3	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 7
ANNE B. STOCKDALE ... 4	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal. To commemorate the diamond wedding (April 6th) of Mr. and Mrs. E. Toms, of Kings Langley, and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Puddifoot (Apsley) on the birth of a son and heir.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL ... Treble	*FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5
GEORGE L. GROVER ... 2	*T. MARK WHITE ... 6
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 7
HAROLD A. MAY ... 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... Tenor

Composed by EDWIN A. BARNETT. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

* First peal of Belgrave. First peal of Belgrave on the bells.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 13, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

WILLIAM JUDGE ... Treble	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 5
*BRIAN D. THRELFALL ... 2	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 6
MARIE R. CROSS ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
*PHILIP WALKER ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DEVON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	ALICK CUTLER ... 5
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 2	MAURICE HODGSON ... 6
RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
THOMAS J. LOCK ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Arranged by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 13, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Davies' Transposition.	Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.
CLEMENT GLENN ... Treble	HENRY ROGERS ... 5
FREDK. A. SALTER ... 2	FRANK BRADLEY ... 6
J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 3	WALTER NICHOLS ... 7
REGINALD ALEY ... 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN G. GIPSON ... Treble	STANLEY GILBERT ... 5
CHRISTINE DUNNINGTON ... 2	G. HENRY DUNNINGTON ... 6
CHARLES W. COOK ... 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 7
GEORGE E. CRISP ... 4	MANSFIELD GINN ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

First peal in the method for the Association, on the bells and by all except the ringer of the 6th.

BRANCEPETH, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRANDON,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

*DENIS R. AIREY ... Treble	DENIS A. BAYLES ... 5
JOHN ANDERSON ... 2	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ... 6
GEORGE F. NEWTON ... 3	†THOMAS COOKE ... 7
JOHN A. BROWN ... 4	W. NORMAN PARK ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Surprise Major and 25th peal.

DRAYCOTT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;
J. Reeves. Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lb.

WILLIAM PERKINS ... Treble	*WILLIAM POTTS ... 5
WILLIAM CARNWELL ... 2	ALAN D. STEEL ... 6
WILLIAM EDWARDS ... 3	ALBAN JACK ... 7
CHARLES S. RYLES ... 4	ARTHUR W. HALL ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR W. HALL.

* First peal on eight bells. A compliment to the Rector, the Rev. Frank Chadwick, who was inducted to the living a few weeks ago.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 23½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM G. COOK ... Treble	ROBERT COLLINS ... 5
EDWIN H. LEWIS ... 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... 6
FREDK. W. BUDGEN ... 3	JOHN O. WELLER ... 7
DORIS COLGATE ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

DRAYTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Brooks' Variation. Tenor 9½ cwt.
*M. ANGELA CARTER ... Treble †CLAUDE CORDEROY ... 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK ... 2 ALBERT E. LOCK ... 6
*AUDREY J. WEST ... 3 †MALCOLM S. CLOKE ... 7
*H. ANTHONY TREADGOLD 4 †JOHN W. SEYMOUR ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

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

GILLINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

*GLADYS K. JARRETT ... Treble S. GEOFFREY WATERS ... 5
GEORGE KENWARD ... 2 *CYRIL S. JARRETT ... 6
VICTOR A. JARRETT ... 3 WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... 7
FREDERICK RICHARDSON 4 CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by WM. A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal of Double Norwich as conductor.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... Treble FRANK L. FISHER ... 5
ALBERT E. WHITING ... 2 *GEORGE SAYER ... 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 3 *REV. A. G. G. THURLOW 7
LESLIE G. BRETT ... 4 NOLAN GOLDEN ... Tenor

Composed by JAS. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method.

LINDLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*CLIFFORD AARON ... Treble JOHN PEARSON ... 5
DEREK SHARPLES ... 2 GEOFFREY GEE ... 6
BRIAN E. MOORHOUSE ... 3 ALBERT W. BOND ... 7
W. GEORGE TURNER ... 4 ARNOLD ROTHERY ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by ALBERT W. BOND.

* First peal, age 15.

NEWTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

THOMAS HORRIDGE ... Treble ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... 5
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 2 THOMAS HESKETH ... 6
JACK ASHCROFT ... 3 EDWARD BIRKETT ... 7
RONALD KENRICK ... 4 JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

BRIAN BLADON ... Treble EDWIN G. MOORE ... 5
ALAN R. PINK ... 2 WILLIAM A. T. CARTER ... 6
*ANTHONY R. PEAKE ... 3 EDGAR J. SMITH ... 7
†DOUGLAS O. WILKS ... 4 PETER ANGER ... Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

WINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

*EILEEN S. WYLES ... Treble *WILFRED S. PALIN ... 5
JABEZ WALTER ... 2 *ALAN BUTLER ... 6
*PETER NEWING ... 3 *THOMAS H. HOLMES ... 7
SIDNEY WALTER ... 4 WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. BOTTRILL.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM ROGERS ... Treble ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 2 ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 6
THOMAS E. SONE ... 3 ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4 PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by E. W. TURNER. Conducted by GEOFFREY V. MURPHY.

The conductor's 300th peal.

SIX BELL PEALS

STOW, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Ipswich, Netherseale, Bourne, Cambridge and Kent Treble Bob, and one each of Double Oxford and St. Clement's and Plain Bob and Oxford Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ROLAND APPLEWHITE ... Treble MOSES BILLINGS ... 4
GEOFFREY PARKER ... 2 WILLIAM R. PARKER ... 5
*AMOS INGALL ... 3 JOHN E. COOK ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

* First peal in nine methods.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of London Scholars' Pleasure and one of Kent Treble Bob and two each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*MARY WEBSTER ... Treble ARNOLD HILL ... 4
†DORIS MARSHALL ... 2 DONALD CHADWICK ... 5
†DOUGLAS H. ROOKE ... 3 HERBERT T. ROOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside'. ‡ First peal in four methods. Rung for Easter at the request of the Rector. A 15th birthday compliment to D. H. Rooke.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six extents of Plain Bob and one of Single Court. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*FREDK. W. PINCHBECK ... Treble FRANK P. HARWOOD ... 4
*DENIS A. FRITH ... 2 *WALTER WESTON ... 5
*JAMES W. HAW ... 3 JAMES H. MUSSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in two Minor methods. For the engagement of Miss Joan Wright and Mr. Derek Wilson, ringers at the above church.

EDENBORO, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,520 Stedman, 1,200 Plain Bob and 1,320 Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

*NORMA HOWES ... Treble DENNIS SCOTT ... 4
HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 2 GEORGE H. PAULSON ... 5
*JEAN D. DUNN ... 3 *NORMAN HOTCHIN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. PAULSON.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles in three methods by all.

BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. DORA EVANS ...	Treble	GEORGE J. HAWKINS ...	4
LEONARD COLES ...	2	*REGINALD W. PERRY ...	5
MAURICE HELPS ...	3	CLAUDE S. KNOTT ...	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

*First peal in three methods. A welcome to the Rev. E. J. T. Hawthorne, who returns to his parish after an illness of ten months.

CREECH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

*FRANK MATRAVERS ...	Treble	ARTHUR H. REED ...	4
*C. HENRY FLOYD ...	2	*WALTER E. PRIDDLE ...	5
GORDON WALFORD ...	3	WILLIAM G. GIGG ...	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

*First peal of Minor. 100th peal for the Bath and Wells Association for the conductor. Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Floyd.

NORTON ST. PHILIP, SOMERSET.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Fri., Apr. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Hereward Bob, Double Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDK. A. TARGETT ...	Treble	VICTOR SAVAGE ...	4
A. GEORGE CLARE ...	2	RONALD G. BECK ...	5
FREDERICK SAVAGE ...	3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS ...	Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

RUMNEY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 4 Morris' 240's (four callings), 7 Pitman's 240's (seven callings), and 20 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

WALTER R. SPEAKE ...	Treble	†RONALD C. LUCAS ...	4
*ALAN EVANS (14) ...	2	*MARTIN IRWIN ...	5
JACK R. WORRALL ...	3	LEONARD I. HULBERT ...	Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

*First peal. †First peal 'inside.' The fastest peal on the bells.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Cambridge, two extents of Bourne, and one each of Norwich and Hull. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

FRED INGALL ...	Treble	LOUIS WILLDERS ...	4
BERTIE BEE ...	2	ROBERT PARKER ...	5
AMOS INGALL ...	3	MOSES BILLINGS ...	Tenor

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

First Surprise peal in four methods by all the band. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 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 St. Clement's and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

BASIL H. HYATT ...	Treble	RONALD E. BURT ...	4
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD ...	2	*T. CHARLES BROWNE ...	5
LEONARD G. TOOKE ...	3	FRANK W. PHILLIPPO ...	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

*First peal of Minor in three methods. First peal in three Minor methods as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. R. Arnold.

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CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Hereward Bob, Double Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN FOWLER	Treble	VICTOR SAVAGE	4
EDWARD CHIVERS	2	A. GEORGE CLARE	5
FREDERICK SAVAGE	3	RONALD G. BECK	Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Targett, parents of two members of the local band.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being extents as follows: (1) Double Bob, Windermere, Plain Bob, Canterbury, St. Clement's, Killarney, Childwall, London Bob, College, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Wavertree, Reverse Bob, Cumberland, Frodsham, Ennerdale, Fulbeck, Horsmonden and Lytham, (2) Durham, York, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (3) London and Wells Surprise, (4) Chester and Munden Surprise, (5) Oxford, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob, (6) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob, (7) Hereward, Double Court, Single Court and Single Oxford.

Tenor 10 cwt.

STANLEY R. GARDNER	Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	4
SAMUEL A. MARTIN	2	JAMES W. BOWLEY	5
C. WILLIAM HALL	3	ROLAND BENISTON	Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

First peal in 40 methods by all.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising eight 120's of April Day, eight of Plain Bob and 26 of Grandsire, being two 240's each by Morris, Pitman, Lindoff and Price and ten ordinary 120's.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*WILLIAM A. WOOD	Treble	†FREDERICK WATSON	4
GEORGE PICKERING	2	JOSEPH TAYLOR	5
ERNEST MORRIS	3	PETER HALLAM	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* 150th peal. † 50th peal.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Double Court, Plain Bob, Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

HORACE BENNETT	Treble	BERNARD H. DALTON	4
W. ALLEN RICHARDSON	2	CYRIL WANDER	5
LEONARD P. WILSON	3	*HAROLD BARSLEY	Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

* 100th peal.

IFFLEY, OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Reverse Canterbury, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps, St. Cullum, Plain Bob, Old Doubles and Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt.

L. BUSBY	Treble	D. WOODLEY	4
*T. BOWLES	2	W. FERN	5
J. ADAMS	3	G. WEBB	Tenor

Conducted by J. ADAMS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells and by a local band. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Webb, mother of the ringer of the tenor. Also a wedding compliment to Miss B. M. Harrison and Mr. K. T. Stocker.

KINGSTONE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS J. HILL	Treble	HARRY J. GAYLARD	4
FREDERICK WELCH	2	ARTHUR H. ROWSELL	5
REGINALD BEALE	3	JACK W. DREW	Tenor

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.

A welcome to the Rev. V. Whiteman, recently inducted to the living.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

IN THE CHANCEL OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

ALAN CATTELL	1-2	*FRED W. GROCOTT	5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3-4	JOHN BRAMLEY	7-8

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

* First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Mar. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

IN THE VICAR'S VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

ERNEST MORRIS	1-2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD	5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3-4	FRED W. GROCOTT	7-8

JOHN BRAMLEY 9-10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sun., Mar. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

*ALAN CATTELL	1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5-6
*FRED W. GROCOTT	3-4	ERNEST MORRIS	7-8

*JOHN BRAMLEY 9-10

Composed by EDWARD C. GOBEY Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Royal 'in hand.' In memoriam Charles Marshall.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

At 35, MARKET STREET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

*PETER BERESFORD	1-2	*DENNIS BERESFORD	5-6
*JOAN BERESFORD	3-4	†GEORGE E. OLIVER	7-8

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand.'

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Apr. 13, 1950, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

At 35, MARKET STREET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

DENNIS BERESFORD	1-2	JOAN BERESFORD	3-4
*PETER BERESFORD	5-6		

Conducted by PETER BERESFORD.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand' and 25th peal. First peal as conductor.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At 21, GARFIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 24 six-scores of Grandsire and 18 six-scores of Plain Bob.

Tenor size 15 in C.

*E. GAVAN D. TONKIN	1-2	†FRANK H. HICKS	3-4
*C. JOHN PIPER	5-6		

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal of Doubles 'in hand.'

LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 17, 1950, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,

IN DERRY CATHEDRAL SCHOOLS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 14 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor size 14 in D.

JOHN J. FIELDING	1-2	FRED E. DUKES	3-4
JOHN CAMPBELL	5-6		

Conducted by FRED E. DUKES.

First peal 'in hand' in three methods in the county.

ALFORD, Lincs.—At St. Wilfrid's Church on April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Scoffin 1, S. H. Sutton 2, Miss H. E. Broomhead 3, J. I. Smith 4, E. D. Chandler 5, K. Ketteringham (cond.) 6. In recognition of the completion of sixty years' service as a chorister at Alford Church by Mr. Harry Gibbons.

ASHFORD, Kent.—On April 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Parks 1, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 2, P. Page 3, F. G. Huckstepp 4, T. Cullingworth 5, W. Ring 6, C. W. Everrett (cond.) 7, D. Godden 8.

BARWELL, Leics.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Lord 1, G. Armstrong (first 'inside') 2, E. Sowman 3, W. P. Whitehead 4, C. R. Belton (cond.) 5, H. A. Knights 6, G. P. Garner 7, J. Hill 8. In honour of the 21st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Armstrong, parents of the 2nd ringer.

BISHOP'S LYDEARD, Somerset.—On April 11th, 1,344 Bob Major: R. Stone 1, G. Walford 2, D. North 3, C. Tarr 4, A. H. Reed 5, F. Morris 6, W. G. Gigg 7, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for 1, 3 and 6, and believed to be the first quarter of Major on the bells.

BURES, Suffolk.—On April 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. Leslie Mills (first quarter) 1, A. Ives 2, C. Bower 3, L. Mills 4, G. W. Pipe (cond.) 5, A. Fitch 6.

CHELSEA, London.—At St. Luke's on April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Turner 1, Miss J. Atkins (first quarter) 2, Miss V. Dupré (first of Triples, first 'inside') 3, Miss K. Branson (first as cond.) 4, T. Miller 5, J. Lott 6, P. Carter 7, C. Bartlett 8.

DINDER, Somerset.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Hull 1, H. Hill 2, E. Hill 3, R. Green 4, S. Atwell (cond.) 5, T. Harris (first quarter) 6. For the wedding of Miss Peggy Bird and Mr. William Rawlings.

EAST RETFORD, Notts.—On April 10th, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: Miss G. Burchnell 1, D. Rooke 2, K. Beardsall 3, Miss K. Burchnell 4, H. Barnes 5, H. Denman 6, H. Rooke 7, F. Jackson (cond.) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

GRAYSHOTT, Hants.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Yarborough 1, J. Wells 2, R. Corke 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, C. Beadle 5, E. Gardner 6, F. Bowden (cond.) 7, F. Maybe 8. For the wedding of Mr. A. D. Howard and Miss R. A. Brading.

HAMPTON, Middlesex.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. H. Lawrence 1, S. J. Woodcock 2, P. C. Ridgeway 3, F. C. Price (first as cond.) 4, T. H. Blunt 5, K. S. Smith 6. First quarter by all the band except the conductor. All the band are under 21 years of age.

HESTON, Middlesex.—On April 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. A. Rose 1, F. Goodfellow (cond.) 2, W. W. Webb 3, K. Gristwood 4, W. A. Lewis 5, E. R. Gladman 6, W. Godfrey 7, W. Winter 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Gladman on their 50th wedding anniversary.

LANE END, Oxon.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. G. Bune 1, F. Cox 2, A. K. Street 3, Miss J. S. Cox 4, L. Bune (first as cond.) 5, W. Avery 6.

LLANELLY, Carm.—On April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Graham Edwards 1, John Evans 2, Gwyn Francis 3, C. H. Hawkins (cond.) 4, Edwin Parmenter 5, Les Hurren 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Wm. Robbings, an old member of the band and a life member of the Guild.

MAIDENHEAD, Berks.—At All Saints', Boyne Hill, on April 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Tuck (first quarter of Triples) 1, G. Martin 2, E. E. Gosling 3, J. Eldridge 4, E. Eldridge 5, W. Walker 6, T. J. Fowler (first as cond.) 7, H. Baldwin 8.

RADLEY, Berks.—On April 11th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): Elizabeth Llewellyn Jones (first quarter) 1, Marie R. Cross (cond.) 2, Mrs. R. G. Cross 3, Margaret Paton 4, A. E. Lock 5, Rev. J. V. Pixell 6.

SHRIVENHAM, Berks.—On April 7th, 1,260 Doubles (960 Bob Doubles, 300 Grandsire) with 4.6.8 behind: A. Allan 1, E. Anger 2, A. Peake 3, E. Gainger 4, B. Bladon 5, M. Collins 6, P. Anger (cond.) 7, J. Durham 8. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung half-muffled. Also on April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Anger 1, B. Bladon 2, A. Peake (first of Doubles as cond.) 3, A. Allan (first quarter 'inside') 4, E. Anger 5, H. Collins 6, J. Durham 7, E. Gainger 8. Rung with 6.7.8 behind.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincs.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Court and 540 Plain Bob): Irene Marrows 1, D. A. Frith 2, J. W. Haw 3, H. P. Collin 4, F. R. Mitchell 5, J. H. Musson (cond.) 6. First of Minor in two methods by 1, 4 and 5.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On April 2nd at St. Mary's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. C. Williams 1, Miss E. Arthur 2, Miss J. Cox 3, O. N. Curtis 4, R. Brown 5, J. Faithfull 6, M. Butler (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, W. Glasspool 8. First of Stedman for ringers of 2, 3 and 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor. First of Stedman on the bells since their restoration.

SOUTH WIGSTON, Leics.—On April 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Marshall 1, G. Deacon 2, H. Kilby 3, J. Clarke (82) 4, J. Morris 5, S. Cox 6, A. Bodycote 7, A. Riddington (cond.) 8. In memoriam Charles Marshall.

SOWTON, Devon.—On April 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Salway 1, W. Seldon 2, A. G. Betts 3, J. Dunster 4, W. Reeks 5, A. Tapley 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. Burnett 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Tapley.

STAUNTON, Glos.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. K. Smith 1, Mrs. D. Stafford 2, Miss D. Barnett 3, L. H. Jones 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, E. Malsom 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 6. In honour of the 99th birthday of T. Barnett, grandfather of the ringers of 1, 2 and 3, and former ringer at this church.

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LATE NEWS.

We regret to announce the sudden death on
Sunday of Mr. George W. Steere, of 48, Milton
Avenue, Sutton. Mr. Steere was hon. secre-
tary of the Society of Royal Cumberland
Youths from 1928 until last January.

After a meeting lasting
2½ hours, the Middlesex
Association decided last
Saturday to elect three representatives to the
Central Council in place of the irregular elec-
tion last year. The new representatives are
Messrs. W. H. Coles, F. A. Finch and F.
Goodfellow. A difficult meeting was handled
in a masterly manner by the new president,
the Rev. Percival Gough.

The Copt Oak, Leicestershire, band is pro-
gressing. This week we record a peal in 40
Minor methods. Congratulations!

Mr. A. E. Lock, of Abingdon, who conducted
the peal of Stedman Triples at Drayton on
April 15th, conducted his last peal 18 years ago.

Mr. James George is now in St. Mary's Hos-
pital, Poole, Dorset, owing to bronchial trouble.
His friends send him greetings and wish him
well.

Visitors to South-East Kent coast resorts
this summer desirous of a peal attempt should
write to Mr. W. Bottrill, 110, College Road,
Deal, who will endeavour to make arrange-
ments.

The New South Wales Association is attempt-
ing a record length of Doubles at St. Clement's
Church, Yass, N.S.W., on Saturday, April 29th,
starting at 8 a.m. Details of the attempt have
been lodged with the secretary of the Central
Council.

A compact and interesting history of St.
Margaret's Church, Leicester, has been written
by Mr. Ernest Morris in connection with the
Appeal Book (price 2s. 6d.) which the parish is
publishing. Mr. Morris is now a member of
the Royal Society of Literature, awarded to
him upon his recent contribution to Cham-
bers' New Encyclopædia upon campanology.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Six sons of Mrs. L. O.
Alderman rang on March
12th a quarter peal of
Grandsire Doubles (half-muffled) at Ashbrittle,
Somerset, to the memory of their mother. It
was the first quarter for Messrs. D. and J.
Alderman and was conducted by Mr. S.
Alderman.

The bells in Evesham bell tower will not
be available for ringing until further notice
owing to repairs being carried out on the
fabric.

The peal attempt last Saturday at Exeter
Cathedral by a band of 'West Country' Col-
lege Youths was successful and a good peal was
rung. Details will be given in our next issue.

Congratulations to Mr. William A. Wood, the
general secretary of Leicester Diocesan Guild,
on his 150th peal. By this peal he completes
the 'circle' of Croft tower for the third time!

A pair of gloves was left behind in the
belfry of St. Giles', Norwich, on Easter Mon-
day. Will owner please apply to Mr. W.
Gowing, 60, Alexandra Road, Norwich?

The peal of Plain Bob Major, 6,144 changes,
at Holywood, Northern Ireland, is the longest
length in any method yet recorded in Ireland,
beating the previous best by 768 changes. Six
of the team were members of the local Sunday
service band, and the other two came from
Londonderry.

The peal of Minor rung at Creech St.
Michael's, Taunton, Somerset, was arranged
and rung for the silver wedding anniversary of
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Floyd, who were married
at this church on Easter Monday, April 13th,
1925, and also resides in the parish. Mr. Floyd
is a member of the Taunton St. James' band.
It was also the 100th peal for the Bath and
Wells Association by the conductor.

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Festival of Britain

SUGGESTIONS AS TO RINGERS' CONTRIBUTION.

Dear Sir,—The centenary year of the Great Exhibition of 1851 will be celebrated throughout the land with the Festival of Britain, putting the whole country on show, both to its own people and to the world. Ringers everywhere will be anxious to play their full part in this historic and unique expression of the British way of life, for every locality and interest is being encouraged to participate actively.

Planning and working hard in preparation for the celebrations of next summer are many festival committees set up by or under the auspices of local authorities; and cities, towns, urban and rural districts, counties and villages are preparing for great happenings in 1951. In all these plans emphasis lies on the future, for it is intended that opportunities should be seized on to initiate or complete projects of lasting value, the rehunging of bells being one of the suggestions put forward in festival literature.

How then can ringers play their most effective part in this great national festival? It might be thought that the answer was the obvious one: just ring the bells; and that little else could be said or done. Certainly it is not easy to develop a discussion on this topic (as was our recent experience at a local ringing meeting), but the explanation of this surely is that a necessary basis for such a discussion is full knowledge of the festival aims and plans.

Everyone is aware of the 'centrepiece' of the festival, the South Bank Exhibition, but in addition to this there will be

(a) Two travelling exhibitions, one housed in the naval escort carrier, H.M.S. 'Campania' (note the name, please!), which will tour the ten main seaports of Britain, the other going overland to visit the cities of Birmingham, Leeds, Manchester and Nottingham, the visits varying from ten days to three weeks.

(b) Festivals of the arts at many historic centres such as Bath, Worcester, Canterbury, York, etc.

(c) Numerous local festivals organised by local authorities of a very varied nature indeed.

The whole festival season will last from May to September, and there will be many opportunities for ringers to participate in these events, at all levels, from the village band to the guild or association as a whole, to the national level sponsored by the Central Council, thus ensuring that our traditional English art is suitably depicted.

There are many ways in which our Exercise could display itself, such as—

(1) By small demonstrative exhibitions held in conjunction with local festival events.

(2) By inviting the public to ringing meetings, etc. (this might well prove a most rewarding recruiting drive).

(3) By festival peals.

(4) By special festival ringing meetings.

(5) By great ringing rallies associated with the travelling exhibitions and the arts festivals.

(6) By special ringing Sundays.

But quite clearly the whole position must be studied, liaison established with the festival organisers and the local festival committees, and also with the Festival of Britain Advisory Committee of Christian Churches (whose chairman is the Dean of Westminster). To this end at the recent committee meeting of the Kent County Association it was decided to give notice of a motion to be tabled at the forthcoming Eastbourne meeting of the Central Council requiring that the Council should undertake this study and liaison and determine for the ringing Exercise how it can best play its part in the Festival of Britain.

Yours sincerely, E. S. JOHN HATCHER.

Ditton, near Maidstone.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

ANNUAL MEETING AT NEWARK.

The fourth annual general meeting of the Southwell Guild was held at the Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Newark, on April 15th.

This magnificent church, with its wonderful tower and spire, is familiar to countless thousands of travellers by reason of the fact that it dominates the spot where two ancient highways, the Great North Road and the Fosse Way, intersect.

Prior to 1713 there were six bells hanging in the tower. That year they were taken down, recast and increased to eight by the addition of new metal. The next important date is 1842, when they were recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. and increased to ten, fresh metal again being added. The tenor is now 1 lb. short of 33 cwt.

The last time the bells were rehung was about 1913, since when they have been efficiently maintained by a succession of local steeplekeepers, to whom much credit is due for their general condition. Naturally this old ring cannot compare with modern rings of comparable weight either for 'go' or tone, but, nevertheless, the 'right hands' find them both pleasing and satisfying to ring.

An account of the proceedings of 1942 makes interesting reading to-day. The new bells were brought by boat and eventually opened on May 25th, and the Notts Society of Change Ringers were appointed by the churchwardens of Newark to open the new ring. The bells were raised at 8 o'clock in the morning and 600 changes rung. The Sheffield Change Ringers then raised the bells, and after accomplishing nearly the same number of changes, desisted. The bells were then oiled and short touches rung at intervals during the day. The hard going nature of these fine old bells certainly seems to be founded on a long tradition!

Winthorpe bells were also available during the afternoon, providing a light six by way of contrast.

Between 60 and 70 ringers attended the meeting, which is still a long way short of the ideal, but one which shows a distinct improvement over last year's total.

A short service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar of Newark, the Rev. G. W. Clarkson, who spoke of the need for as much well-ordered noise as possible for Sunday service ringing to awaken the slothful and proclaim to Christians the glorious Resurrection.

The Vicar referred to the beauty of English church music and English bells and spoke of the losses sustained in two devastating world wars and of the need to counteract that loss by training young people.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

At the business meeting, presided over by Canon R. F. Wilkinson, apologies of absence were voiced on behalf of Mr. F. A. Salter and the Misses Katharine and Grace Burchall through illness and Messrs. Arnold Hill and Oswy Street.

The officers, auditors and trustees of the Guild were all re-elected, namely, chairman, Canon R. F. Wilkinson; vice-chairman, Mr. H. Pailing; hon. treasurer, Mr. Walter Nichols; hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. Raithby; auditors, Messrs. F. W. Brown and P. E. Ball; trustees, Canon Wilkinson and Mr. Nichols.

Arising on the minutes, the secretary produced an estimate submitted by Messrs. Denton and Down, of Holborn, to provide a multi-coloured enamelled badge at a cost of 2s. each. The cost of the steel die for this attractive badge, designed by Mr. Ernest Morris, would be £5 10s., and the secretary was directed to place an order with the manufacturers.

The last annual dinner resulted in a loss of £6 11s. 4d., which had been met out of general funds, but despite this setback, it was resolved to continue with the function and to hold the next dinner at East Rexford on Jan. 27th, 1951. A committee, consisting of the

North Notts District Committee, plus the hon. treasurer, was appointed to conduct next year's dinner.

The hon. secretary submitted his report and referred to the remarkable increase in the number of peals during 1949, no fewer than 63 having been rung, the phenomenal increase of 50 per cent. over last year being solely attributable to peals on the higher numbers.

One peal of which the Guild could feel particularly proud was of spliced Grandsire and Double Grandsire Triples, rung for the first time.

TEN FIRST PEALS.

Ten ringers scored their first peal and something fresh was accomplished in no less than 104 cases. Mr. Clement Glenn headed the list of conductors with 34 peals, a record for the Guild that would probably remain unchallenged for many a year.

The financial side was healthy, and in his account the hon. treasurer showed a net balance in hand on general account at the end of the year of £133 0s. 11d., in addition to £12 6s. 1d. in the Bell Repair Fund.

Throughout the afternoon and evening the quality of the ringing was generally satisfactory and in both towers ranged from rounds to Surprise. Mr. A. E. Chilton and Mr. H. J. Cloxton were in charge of the ringing and showed considerable skill in keeping the bells going. A course of Double Norwich Caters was rung in good style at the Parish Church to the astonishment of the dismal johnnies with their mournful prognostications.

The number of youngsters of both sexes present at the meeting was highly gratifying and can be regarded as a source of strength and a good omen for the future. J.W.R.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

Despite the unsettled weather, ringers and friends representing 27 towers visited Ashted on Easter Monday. The tea and meeting was held in the Peace Memorial Hall and 80 ringers enjoyed a splendid meal.

Preceding the meeting, Mr. F. E. Collins announced the deaths of Mr. Ades, a regular service ringer at St. John's, Croydon, Mr. W. Conning, of Merton, and Mr. C. F. Johnston, O.B.E., of Croydon. The members stood in tribute to their memory.

Mr. Collins spoke on the loss to the Association in Mr. Johnston's death, saying ever since his youthful days he had been a keen supporter of the Association, and at one time held the office of general secretary. It was by his efforts that St. John's were provided with a splendid ring of twelve bells. The thirteenth bell was his personal gift to commemorate the Allied victory in the World War. He spoke with personal feelings of Mr. Johnston, having been in close contact with him for many years in the relationship of employer to employee. This relationship was always a happy one, and he considered a fitting epitaph to his memory would be, 'He was just to those he employed.'

At the meeting ten ringing members and three compounding ringers were elected. On a vote Walton-on-Thames was chosen for the meeting on June 24th. Two combined meetings were confirmed, viz., with the Kent Association, Lewisham District, at Chislehurst, on October 7th, and the Surrey Association, Southern District, at Lingfield, on July 22nd. The sum of 36s. was collected towards the new Belfry Repair Fund.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for use of the bells, and to Mr. A. G. Cook for making the arrangements.

Mr. A. P. Cannon has rung his 250th peal (conducted 142). These have been rung in 227 towers, in 33 counties with 682 ringers. We doubt whether any other ringer has had such a varied assortment in his first 250 peals.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

REVIVAL OF ANNUAL DINNER PLANNED

The Guildford Diocesan Guild at their annual meeting on April 15th discussed at length whether the revival of their annual dinner should be associated with the name of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, first secretary of the Guild and the founder of 'The Ringing World.' It was eventually decided that the title of the dinner should be 'Guildford Diocesan Guild Dinner commemorating the name of J. S. Goldsmith.'

Proceedings started with ringing at Holy Trinity Cathedral and S. Nicolas' Church previous to the service, which was conducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. R. S. B. Sinclair. The address was given by the new Bishop of Guildford, the Right Rev. J. C. Montgomery-Campbell, who asked the ringers present to examine themselves in their capacity as guests of the Divine House. 'When you come to worship in His house, you bring your talent and delight in your bellringing. It is something in which you can serve, and you should say, "Lord, I am presenting this act of service to the glory of God and as an adornment of His worship." It is for this purpose the bells of His house are rung. Ringing is an offering to God. It is not just a healthy exercise or a pleasurable entertainment. It is a gift that you bring to help yourself and others in their worship.'

Following tea, the Rev. K. C. Davis, of Hawley, presided at the business meeting, supported by the Master (Mr. A. Harman) and the hon. secretary (Mr. G. L. Grover). The secretary reported that Mr. J. Corbett, the hon. treasurer, had had a setback during the past week, and although he was a little better that day, he was unable to attend.

Officers of the Guild were re-elected, and Mr. A. Harman was appointed as the representative of the Guild on the Surrey Association.

ASH CONGRATULATED.

The report of the Executive Committee gave the membership of the Guild as 572 (ringing 461, honorary 111). The report stated that no major restorations had been completed during the year, but congratulated Ash ringers and people on the enthusiasm and courage with which they had faced the tremendous task of raising £1,000, a task now almost satisfactorily completed.

A move had been made with regard to the recasting and rehanging the eight at Heresham. An order for restoration work at Capel had been placed and an adjustment made to one of the bells at Crondall. At Frensham an effort was being made to secure funds for rehanging and retuning the six bells. As regards Godalming bells, the report states: 'We are sorry to record, however, that only a "patch-up" job is being contemplated. In our opinion, anything less than a clean sweep (new frames, new fittings and recast bells) will be a waste of money and effort.'

The members stood in silence in memory of the death of the following members during the year: A. J. Chuter (Frensham), William Daborn (Horsell), R. Hayes (Haslemere), A. A. Hadley (Ewell) and R. J. Bailey (Grayshott). Mr. Bailey was tower secretary at Grayshott for 12 years and tragedy was associated with his passing, for, although he died from natural causes, his wife, who visited him in hospital just before he died, was knocked down by a car and killed after leaving him.

Mr. C. E. Smith emphasised that the work contemplated at Godalming was only a 'patch-up' job. It would be much better if the whole lot were 'boiled up' and a new frame provided. These bells had been patched up on two or three occasions, with no satisfactory result.

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne said that Esher bells had gone to the foundry, and two more were to be added to the ring.

The hon. secretary presented the financial statement, which showed that the year started with a balance of £73 18s. and finished with £40 3s. 3d. He pointed out that the Guild could not keep solvent on the present subscription, and the committee proposed to increase the subscriptions from 2s. to 2s. 6d., and for compounding members from 3s. 6d. to 5s. Subscriptions for members under 16 would continue at 1s. This was seconded by Mr. C. E. Smith, and the meeting approved of the increased subscription to operate from January 1st next year. The new rate for compounding members is to be introduced forthwith.

The question of revival of the annual dinner was introduced by Mr. W. Viggers, who said he had received a satisfactory quotation for a dinner at 7s. 6d. He felt that the dinner should be associated with the name of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

Mr. A. H. Pulling said if the Guild wanted a dinner they should call it the Guildford Diocesan Guild dinner. They should not make the name of Mr. Goldsmith an excuse for the dinner.

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne said it was one of his pet schemes that the work of Mr. Goldsmith should be commemorated.

Mr. C. W. Denyer suggested a compromise in that the dinner should be called 'The Guildford Diocesan Guild commemorating the name of J. S. Goldsmith,' and this was carried. It was left to the Master, Mr. Viggers and Mr. G. S. Joyce to make arrangements for the function, the date suggested being in October.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to all concerned in connection with the meeting was given by Mr. F. E. Hawthorne.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSN.

ANNUAL MEETING ST. WOOLLOS' CATHEDRAL.

A pleasing feature of the attendance at the annual meeting of the above Association was the large number of young ringers among the 80 odd ringers present. Ringing started at 2 o'clock on the twelve bells of St. Woollos' Cathedral, which were kept going in various methods from rounds for the learners to Cambridge Surprise.

The service was taken by the Rev. Edgar; the Dean was present, but asked to be excused taking the service owing to feeling unwell. Tea, which was kindly provided by the local ringers and friends, followed the service.

At the business meeting the Rev. Ivor J. Richards, Vicar of Crumlin, was voted to the chair.

The secretary gave his report, which showed an increased membership of 21, making a total of 265. Sixteen peals had been rung during 1949. There was a debit balance of £13 11s. 9d., due chiefly to the cost of printing the new forms of service and to grant to Llandaff Cathedral Appeal Fund.

Mr. G. Large was elected Master for the ensuing year. The secretary (Mr. F. J. Hannington) was re-elected, and Mr. Addis and Mr. T. Roderick reappointed auditors.

Mr. J. W. Jones proposed that a badge of office, to be worn by the Master on official occasions, be purchased. After some discussion it was decided to do so, £20 being the limit of cost.

Cardiff was selected as the place of the next annual meeting, and Abergavenny and Aberdare the next two quarterlies. Mr. J. Worrall proposed a hearty welcome to the visitors, who were present from Wednesbury, Croydon, Soberton, Ifley and Swansea. Ten new members were elected from Whitechurch, Cardiff, Chpstow, Penhow and Bedwellty.

Members then returned to the tower for more ringing, some going on to All Saints', where the bells were also available.

Bedfordshire Association

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting was held at Bedford on Easter Monday. In spite of the inclement weather, ringers attended from all parts of the county and the bells of St. Paul's and St. Peter's were kept going throughout the morning.

A late lunch was provided in St. Mary's Hall by Mr. Foskett and his band of helpers. About fifty members and friends sat down to a generous but amazingly cheap meal.

The business meeting which followed was presided over by the president, Miss Steel, who opened the meeting by welcoming the members and friends present. Apologies for absence were read, and they included Canon Rust, Mr. J. Nicholls and Mr. A. King, who were unable to attend through ill-health. The minutes of the last annual meeting were then read by the secretary (Mr. F. J. Plummer), and after a short discussion adopted. In proposing the annual report and the balance sheet it was pointed out that membership had again increased, handbell ringing had been revived in the Bedford District, and there was a small increase in the balance in hand. The report and the balance sheet were adopted.

Miss Steel, who tried to vacate the chair, was immediately re-elected president and returned amongst loud applause. After a discussion it was decided not to re-elect the vice-presidents en bloc, but with a show of hands all the past members were re-elected. The secretary remained in office. Mr. Herbert, the hon. auditor, was not re-elected owing to ill-health, and Mr. Harris proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. E. Herbert for his past services. Miss Steel associated herself with the vote of thanks, and then proposed that Mr. Mason should be elected. This was carried unanimously.

Bedford was again chosen as the place for the 1951 annual meeting, and the summer festival was fixed for Maulden in late June. The suggestion by Mr. Spavins that the Association should have a badge was referred to the secretary to make arrangements with Mr. Spavins and report in due course. Mr. Foskett, the librarian, then gave a report explaining that little business had been undertaken during the year, but that the number of books was gradually increasing.

The president then proposed a sincere vote of thanks to Mr. Foskett and his helpers for providing such a splendid lunch, and asked all present to show their appreciation in the usual way. The meeting then closed with thanks to Miss Steel for taking the chair, and to the clergy for the use of the bells during the day.

The two rings in Bedford and the six at Elstow were then visited, and ringing from rounds to Surprise continued until a late hour.

OBITUARY

MR. H. J. FORD.

Mr. H. J. Ford, who died on April 6th, aged 77, had been a ringer for over fifty years. For most of this time he had been a member of the Sevenoaks band; of which he had been captain for nearly thirty years when he resigned in 1944.

He was a member of the Kent County Association and attended its meetings regularly until the beginning of the war. During the years he was captain at Sevenoaks he also acted as steeplekeeper, and gave regular and careful attention to the bells and ropes.

He was buried on Thursday, April 13th, and in the evening the members of the local band rang a quarter peal of Grandshire Triples, half-muffled, several of those taking part having been taught to ring under his guidance: Miss D. Corke 1, P. Turley 2, Miss A. Hinds (first quarter 'inside') 3, Mrs. H. Baker 4, L. Turley 5, Miss D. Colgate 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, H. Baker 8.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday was well attended, over 100 members and friends being present during the day, and a pleasing feature was the unusually large number of visitors from distant parts of the country. Some 80 attended the special service, held in All Saints' at 11 a.m., at which the Right Rev. Bishop B. Lasbrey and the chaplain, the Rev. H. Hartley, officiated, with the Rev. J. M. Wayle at the organ.

For the first time since his installation and induction, the new Dean of Worcester (the Very Rev. W. E. Beck) presided at the general business meeting, held, through the kindness of the headmaster of King's School, in College Hall, and he was supported by the Master (Mr. C. Skidmore), the chaplain (the Rev. H. Hartley) and the general secretary and treasurer (Mr. J. D. Johnson). In extending a welcome to the members, the Dean described himself as a 'campanological ignoramus,' a state of which he had every intention of doing his best to remedy.

In his 'foreword' to the sixty-fifth annual report, the Chaplain reminded members that during 1950 the 'Bishop of Worcester's Mission, 1951,' would be launched and appealed to every ringer to place himself or herself at the disposal of the Vicar of the parish.

A PEAL RECORD.

On the business side of the report, the general secretary referred to the fact that for the first time in its history the Association had rung over 100 peals in a year, the total being 109, of which nine were rung on handbells. Thirteen of these and two on handbells were rung by a Lincolnshire touring band during a week in September, but of the peals rung by resident members, a pleasing feature was the number rung by complete local Sunday service bands, while several new conductors' names appeared.

Reference to the balance sheet showed that membership had increased by 31 during the year to a total of 512, an increase shared by all three branches. As was anticipated under the old subscription of 1s. 6d., the general fund showed a loss on the year of £9 2s. 5d., and members were reminded that the new rate of 2s. 6d. per annum, with 1s. 6d. for juniors up to their 17th birthday, came into force on January 1st this year. The Belfry Repairs Fund had increased in value by £15 14s. 3d. to £171 3s. 9d., and the total value of Association funds now stood at £219 2s.

The secretary reported that the annual dinner had been fixed for Saturday, October 7th, and the Guildhall booked for that date. The librarian, Mr. C. W. Cooper, reported that during the year he had received 10 applications for the loan of 12 books, and it was decided to purchase the new Directory of Towers for inclusion in the library.

The Dean of Worcester was unanimously re-elected president of the Association, and all other officers were re-elected, with the addition of the Rev. L. J. Birch (Rector of Hanbury) to the clerical vice-presidents, and Mr. John Thomas as a representative of the honorary members on the Central Committee.

Arrangements for the annual peal were left to the Master, and a proposal that the next annual meeting be held at Evesham received very little support, Worcester being selected by an overwhelming majority.

A resolution by Mr. D. H. Watson, 'That the Central Council representatives be instructed to move that the Exercise be represented at the Festival of Britain, 1951,' received unanimous assent.

The secretary read a letter from Mr. H. Shuck, of Cradley, thanking the Association for the grant of £10 towards the rehanging of Cradley bells. The chairman remarked that he was interested in these appeals, as he would be shortly launching one for 400,000 shillings—the amount needed for the restoration of the

Cathedral tower. Some work had been done to the pinnacles, during which the bells could not be rung, but more was necessary to ensure the safety of the tower.

The meeting closed with sincere votes of thanks to the president, Dean and Chapter, headmaster of King's School, Bishop Lasbrey and the Rev. Wayle, and the incumbents of the following churches whose bells were extensively used during the day: Cathedral (12), All Saints' and Claines (10), St. John's (8) and Kempsey (6).

EAST DERBYSHIRE & NOTTS ASSN.

ANNUAL MEETING AT SWANWICK.

The annual meeting of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association was held at Swanwick on Easter Monday. The bells of the church were raised in peal a few minutes after 2 p.m. and were put to good use by members present, with rounds for learners and methods ranging from Plain Bob to Stedman.

The Vicar of Swanwick conducted the service and in his address thanked the Association for their visit and welcomed the ringers. Mr. C. Stannard was the organist.

Presiding at the business meeting, Mr. J. W. England (president) expressed the thanks of the members to the Vicar, the Rev. L. H. Roper, for his welcome and hospitality. He also thanked the young members for their attendance and expressed the hope that they would become regular Sunday service ringers and also regular church members. The president congratulated Mr. H. Draycott (Tibshelf) on attaining his 82nd year, and of being a member of the Association for over 50 years, and his regular Sunday service ringing for a longer period than that.

Mr. J. W. Price (secretary), reporting on the year's working, stated that nine meetings had been held. He appealed for a better attendance at meetings.

Meetings for the coming year were decided by ballot, these being: June, Pentrich; September, Clay Cross; December, Sutton-in-Ashfield; with the 1951 annual, Easter Monday, South Normanton. The May monthly meeting will be held at Blackwell.

Morton were decided as winners of the Jubilee Shield, presented annually to the most progressive tower, the marks being on a percentage basis, namely, 55 per cent. Sunday service ringing, 36 per cent. progress and 10 per cent. Association meeting attendance.

Eighteen young people were elected members.

Officials elected were as follows: Mr. J. W. England (South Normanton) president; Messrs. W. Dobb (Selston), H. Draycott (Tibshelf) and J. E. Hobbs (Watnall), vice-presidents; Mr. C. E. Heathcote (Sutton-in-Ashfield), treasurer; Mr. C. Evans (Sutton-in-Ashfield), Central Council representative; Mr. J. W. Price (Clay Cross), secretary; Miss F. M. Price (Clay Cross), assistant secretary; Messrs. H. Doughty and F. Davis (South Normanton), auditors; Messrs. A. L. Rawson (Selston), T. Jennings (Heath), A. Smithson (Blackwell), J. Cooper (Ault Hucknall), T. Radford (Tibshelf) and E. Sterland (Morton), executive committee.

Mr. J. E. Hobbs proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for their kindness in catering for tea.—Mr. T. Radford seconded.

The Vicar, in acknowledging, said until that meeting he knew nothing of bellringing. He had been greatly interested in all that had been transacted and wished the Association every success. At any time they wished to visit Swanwick they were at liberty to do so.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Cross (first quarter) 1, G. Gammon (first 'inside') 2, G. Salter 3, G. Walford 4, D. North (cond.) 5, W. Stevens 6.

Dedication

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.

For 70 years the five bells at Piddlehinton had been unringable until in 1949 they were rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. in a new frame with entirely new fittings, two being recast and a sixth added.

A tablet is to be erected bearing the following inscription: 'Charles Broughton Clay Swayne, Commander, Royal Navy, died while serving as Assistant Harbour Master, H.M. Dockyard, Chatham, 7th November, 1942, aged 47. To his beloved memory the bells in this tower were rehung and a sixth added in the year 1949 as a gift of his wife. God's Name be praised.'

The gift is also a tribute to the memory of Louise Elizabeth Thompson, who died on June 8th, 1944, at Piddlehinton Rectory, faithful friend and some time nurse to two generations of Mrs. Swayne's family.

The lovely old church was flooded with spring sunshine when on Sunday, April 16th, in the presence of a large congregation, the Rt. Rev. Neville Lovett, formerly of Salisbury, re-dedicated the bells at the request of Mrs. Swayne and gave them the safe keeping of the Rector, the Ven. J. C. Chute.

The Bishop took Easter as the subject of his much appreciated address. The service was fully choral, the singing being ably led by the choir of children.

The twenty members of the local band having previously drawn lots as to whom should take part, the dedication rounds were rung by I. Read 1, Shirley Allen (12) 2, Betty Allen 3, B. Cheeseman (15) 4, T. Jeanes 5, R. J. Walden 6; all except the tenor ringer having learnt to ring within the past few months.

Immediately after the service the first 720 of Plain Bob Minor on the bells was rung by H. C. Cluett 1, C. H. Smart 2, J. Bryant 3, W. C. Shute 4, R. H. Duke 5, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 6.

A sumptuous tea was served in the school, the bells then being available till 9 p.m. During the evening the methods rung included Grandsire, Stedman and April Day Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Court, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Kent Treble Bob Minor, and rounds and call changes for the beginners.

In addition to the local band, ringers were present from Beaminster, Dorchester (St. Peter's), Upwey, Preston, Hamnreston, Yeovil, Hazelbury Bryan, Okeford Fitzpaine, Childe Okeford, Yemminster, Sturminster Newton and Doncaster (Yorks).

All ringers present agreed that the founders had made an excellent job, both of the restoration and the 'splice.' E.T.P.F.

BELLS OF ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER DEDICATED TO ERNEST MORRIS.

A lovely summer evening,
The sky a cloudless blue,
Across the Abbey Meadows
The bells ring clear and true.

Within St. Margaret's Tower
The ringers work with zest,
God and mankind are listening
As each one gives his best.

Cascades of music tumbling
In eager jostling queues,
Like waterfalls enchanted
Telling the joyful news.

Happy the Ringing Master,
Famed specialist on bells,
Hearing the rhythmic music
In him contentment dwells.

R. E. J.

March 10th, 1950.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RINGING AND THE PRESS

Dear Sir,—Following the annual meeting of the Worcestershire Association at Worcester on Easter Monday, reports appeared in several of the national dailies under such large type headings as 'Their aim is a ringing good time,' 'They queue to ring' and 'Women join queue for bellringing.'

Such publicity is welcome and all to the good, provided that the statements are substantially correct, but at least two of the reports stated that 'scores of belfries in the county were unsafe,' painting a black and quite wrong impression of conditions in the diocese. I hasten to correct this and can only infer that the reports started from references at the meeting to various towers where restorations were either complete, in hand or contemplated.

As far as Easter Monday is concerned, I can understand the 'queue to ring,' for with a large attendance ringers preferred the church or the belfry stens to facing the cold wind outside, but the Worcestershire is still just an average association with average conditions and can still do with all the recruits it can obtain.—Yours faithfully,

J. D. JOHNSON, Hon. Gen. Sec.,
Worcestershire Association.

EASTER BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—Regarding your note in 'Belfry Gossip' of April 14th issue, commenting on the excellent choice of bells for the B.B.C. broadcast on Easter morning, I am afraid I do not feel completely in agreement with you, and I imagine a great many others must feel likewise.

I am surprised that no one has yet drawn attention to the invariably poor impression made by broadcasts of St. Paul's Cathedral bells. Probably the microphone is badly sited, but, if so, surely this could and would have been remedied before now.

If no improvement is possible, I think the B.B.C. would be well advised to replace St. Paul's with Southwark Cathedral bells (which come over remarkably well) when making similar broadcasts.—Yours truly,

E. LINES.

Rugby.

THE HANDSTROKE LEAD

Dear Sir,—Surely the author of the admirable Tower Corner is at fault when he states that the handstroke lead gap is equal to a one bell beat pause in the ring concerned. If that principle were carried out, the open lead on twelve bells would be too little, and that on five bells too great. Would it not be more correct to say that the open lead should be the distance between two bells rung properly in rounds or changes, plus a factor which is a constant for any particular ring of bells, depending on the length of draught of rope or to the extent to which the ropes are 'drawn' from the vertical? Good striking can only be achieved by taking advantage of the natural difference in the height of swing between handstroke and backstroke.—Truly yours,

J. T. DYKE.

Chilcompton, Bath.

FIRST PEAL AT WALTON-ON-THAMES

Sir,—I wish to establish when the first peal was rung at St. Mary's, Walton-on-Thames, on the eight bells. These were made into eight by the addition of two trebles cast by Messrs. Warner in 1883. In 1885 a peal of Holt's Original was rung by the Surrey Association, conducted by James Strutt; there is no mention of this being the first peal on the eight bells. Perhaps the Ancient Society of College Youths or some other society rang one before this. If any information is forthcoming I should place a record of the same in the tower.—Yours sincerely,

R. LATHBURY.

Walton-on-Thames.

TUNE RINGING

Dear Sir,—I do not wish to intrude in a journal devoted to change ringing on church bells, but I would like to mention that my team of tune ringers were all church bell-ringers and I have seen their names in successful peals. The girls soon went on from handbells to church bells and were proficient in both.

The three bell founders tell me that although they make handbells, they have never seen any publication as to how to ring them and it is time there was one. Handbell ringers in America had no book on the subject. They have one now.

A poor chap wrote me last week. He had bought a set of handbells and did not know how to ring them as he could not get a book. He has one now.

Twenty-five years ago I had never seen a handbell and could not ring one if I saw it. I searched libraries and catalogues for instruction books, but have not found one yet. I made handbells my lifelong hobby until I went on the air twice with my team, was invited a third time, but I moved to Devon and my bells with me.

'The Musical Times' published an article of mine on the subject July, 1933, and said they had never heard of handbells or how to ring them.

Not being able to discover a book, I wrote my own. The hobby has not hindered me standing in with our ringers twice on Sunday before I go to the prayer desk.—Yours sincerely,

J. M. TURNER.

Washfield Rectory, Tiverton.

YORKSHIRE—THE REAL HOME

Dear Sir,—I was glad to see your leading article on tune ringing, because I have felt for some time that tune ringing on handbells has not been fully appreciated by the general public or even by most change ringers. It is quite evident that the B.B.C. know nothing about it, for the few small attempts at tune ringing that they have broadcast from time to time are really only approaching the beginning of real tune ringing.

The home of handbell tune ringing is, of course, in Yorkshire, and especially in the West Riding, although it has declined somewhat this last twenty years. The annual handbell contest, held at Belle Vue, Manchester, regularly for a great number of years, used to attract as much attention as the brass band contest, and that is saying something, for everyone knows what brass bands mean to 'Yorkshere Fowk.' I have not read the Rev. J. M. Turner's book, but one statement that you make, that 'an essential accomplishment in tune bell ringing is to ring two bells in each hand,' is very old-fashioned, and is never done nowadays by our crack bands, unless they are out somewhere, we'll say, ringing carols out of doors at Christmas time and had nowhere to put down their bells. No, sir, the real tune ringing is done on a table, with the bells all laid out on a padded cloth, where each man can get his own and ring them one at once. Bands number anything from ten to twenty, with often over 100 bells, ranging from an egg-cup to a small bucket in size, and a lot of the smaller bells duplicated.

Any sort of music is rung, mostly specially copied out for the various parts and all in one clef, so that the bass and treble parts can interchange without any trouble. As all the bell straps have their own note stamped on them, there is no need for numbers, and all the players are readers of music. But, apart from that, it is quite easy to get familiar with every note needed for a particular tune (that is, your own part in it) and automatically pick up each bell, in its right order, place and time. The spectacle of the lightning-like

movements of the ringers is quite as much a part of the show as the tune.

When I say that such things as the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's 'Messiah' are often rung, with every part and every note correct and to perfect time, you will see that we know 'summat abaht' tune ringing in Yorkshire. The music is sweet and mellow and would delight the most critical ear, and is a pastime quite distinct from change ringing. Of the ringers, not one in fifty knows anything whatever about change ringing, although they would learn to 'swap 'em' in no time.—Yours, etc.,

JOHN R. BREARLEY.

Bolsterstone, Yorks.

SHIPWAY-STEADFAST CONTROVERSY

Dear Sir,—The letter in last week's 'Ringing World' from Mr. York-Bramble has at last caused me reluctantly to enter the Shipway-Steadfast controversy.

The Methods Committee exists an expert committee to advise its parent body (the Central Council) on matters concerning new or supposedly new methods. As such it is within its rights in publishing its views on any question referred to it, but should the Council require to do so, it is quite capable of deciding the matter finally when accepting or rejecting the committee's report when presented. Any criticism of their decision on a question should therefore only come from the members of the Central Council when they meet. I feel that 'The Ringing World,' being 'the official journal of the Central Council,' should therefore not devote space to letters such as that appearing this week, since it is clearly 'out of order.'

No one is forced to abide by the rules made by the Central Council nor by its committees. Those who refuse to accept the ruling are perfectly at liberty to ring 'Steadfast' by themselves.

I do not wish in this letter to take sides in the main controversy whether or not the two methods are the same, but Mr. York-Bramble's letter is bound to make many people now sympathise with the Methods Committee who would not have done before.

As a last point, does not science make progress by virtue of its own ultimate truth, and not by monetary inducements?—Yours faithfully,

P. W. B. SEMMENS.

Middlesbrough.

MORE ABOUT SHIPWAY PRINCIPLE

Dear Sir,—Mr. York-Bramble is to be congratulated on his remarkable discovery that, by starting Shipway's Principle one change later than the author did, he has caused the backstrokes of one to be the handstrokes of the other, and vice versa. One can imagine the hours of patient research necessary before this was revealed to him, and the Methods Committee, poor misguided individuals, will indeed find it hard to controvert!

For both his and their benefit, perhaps I may point out that the same result would be achieved by beginning three, five or seven changes behind Shipway. I do not claim any originality for this discovery, as according to Professor Lancelot Hogben, the properties of odd numbers were referred to in one of the earliest treatises on numbers, the 'Chinese Book of the Permutations,' written about 1100 B.C.

Some time ago I had to spend a considerable period in the company of the same body of people. One idea to prevent tempers becoming too frayed was the presentation of a wooden spoon to anyone guilty of what we called 'stirring'; in other words, it was awarded solely on 'nuisance value.' I venture to suggest that if such a trophy were in existence in the Exercise, Mr. York-Bramble would be unanimously acclaimed as the winner.—Yours faithfully,

'LIBRA.'

Bath and Wells Association

CHEW DEANERY AT BACKWELL.

The April meeting of the Chew Deanery was held at Backwell, one of the 'show' churches of North Somerset. Succeeding generations of worshippers have striven to beautify this church, and from the 12th century font to the 20th century oak pews it is evident to the most casual observer that craftsmen have given of their best to this end.

But Backwell Church is no mere museum of beautiful things, it is the centre of a really live parish; when the ringers assembled at 5.30 a.m. to ring for the first Communion on Easter Day, they found an octogenarian parishioner, who had walked two miles, already waiting in the church. Backwell tower, a landmark in a county famous for its tall towers, has glee arches, unusual in these parts, and for many years its six bells, with a tenor just under a ton, were considered very good; on the eve of World War II. two new trebles were cast at the Loughborough Foundry, the six having been tuned and rehung some years earlier, thus making a really delightful octave.

The Rector, Preb. H. S. Urch, conducted the office, but, being within the octave of Easter, hymns suitable to the festival were chosen instead of those printed on the service papers, and well the singing went, helped by the fine acoustics of the lofty church, and, perhaps, the skilful registration of the lady organist, who clearly knew that mutations make men sing.

The Rector and Mrs. Urch were hosts at high tea, laid out in the rectory dining room, and Mr. Urch presided at the business meeting which followed. In welcoming the ringers, the chairman commented on an item on the agenda which had not been there when last they met at Backwell, namely, the venue for the next quarterly corporate Communion; this was truly a progressive step forward in the work of the Association. Portishead was chosen as the place of the July meeting, with intermediate practices at Kingston Seymour and Dundry. The branch corporate Communion will be at Backwell on June 25th, with ringing for the 8 a.m. celebration, followed by breakfast. Ringers attended from Wrington, Chew Magna, Yatton, Clevedon, Publow, Long Ashton, Wembdon, Woolavington, Nailsea, Easton-in-Gordano, Ditchat, Gurney Slade and the local tower.

Some of the stalwarts were missing from the evening ringing session, but they were busily engaged in the neighbouring parish of Wrington, ringing a quarter of Grandsire Caters in honour of 'Bill' Kingcott and Hilda Prescott, two popular members of the Association, who had been married that day. E.G.C.

AN ESSEX GOLDEN WEDDING

MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR SAUNDERS.

On April 22nd, several ringing friends had great pleasure in joining Mr. Arthur Saunders and his wife on the occasion of their golden wedding, the reception being held at the Five Bells, Colne Engaine, Essex, kept by Mr. Saunders' son-in-law.

After the reception Miss Snowden, Master of the Northern Division, expressed the good wishes of the ringers, and said she hoped they would be able to ring again in ten years' time for Mr. and Mrs. Saunders' diamond wedding.

Mr. F. Ridgwell, of Earls Colne, supported Miss Snowden, and handed over a small appreciation in the form of a cheque on behalf of the ringers.

Mr. Saunders replied, and gave an interesting talk on ringing in North Essex over the last fifty years.

During the evening handbells were rung to Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Kent Major, Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal, Mr. Saunders taking part in two or three courses. — R.S.

Irish Association

NORTHERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

That twenty new ringing members had been elected and that Surprise ringing had now been reached for the first time by a resident band were features at the annual meeting of the Northern District, held at St. Donard's, Belfast, on Easter Monday.

In the morning the first competition for a beautiful cup, presented by Mr. James Cunningham (ex-president of the Association and Ireland's oldest active ringer at 92), for good striking, was held. The Rev. F. J. Mitchell and Mr. F. E. Dukes judged the seven teams and awarded the cup to SS. Philip and James', Holywood, who had 30 deductions. Runners-up were St. Thomas', Belfast, 36, and St. Donard's, Belfast, 39. The winners will meet Bray and Limerick, winners of the Eastern and Southern District Cups, for the Murphy Cup.

After lunch at St. Donard's Hall, the Rev. F. J. Mitchell presided at the business meeting, when the following were made life members for services rendered to the Association: Edward W. Evans, W. Pratt, H. S. Lightbody, Miss McAuliffe and R. W. Adamson. All towers in the district, it was mentioned, were now affiliated to the Association, and membership was steadily increasing.

The election of district officers resulted as follows: District vice-president, Mr. W. Rogan (St. Thomas'); district secretary, Mr. John T. Dunwoody (Holywood); district assistant secretary, Mr. J. J. Fielding (Londonderry); district treasurer, Mr. J. Dixon (Coleraine); Ringing Master and chairman, Mr. H. Brown (Holywood); representatives on Executive Council, Messrs. J. Campbell (Londonderry), F. Burrows (St. Thomas') and the district secretary; auditors, Messrs. D. Barbour (Coleraine) and J. Campbell. The next annual meeting is to be held in Coleraine.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

A company of 48 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Southern District, held at Bandon, Co. Cork, on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th. Canon Cochrane, M.A., Rector of St. Peter's, Ballymoden, Bandon, welcomed the visiting ringers and hoped they would enjoy their visit.

The following were elected officers for the coming year: Chairman, Mr. W. Boyce (Waterford); hon. secretary, Mr. C. W. Galbraith (Limerick); hon. treasurer, Mr. G. E. Jones (Kilkenny); committee, Mr. J. E. Harris, Mr. J. Morton, Mr. R. McCormack, Mr. A. H. Holloway and Mr. W. Evans.

The Southern District Challenge Cup for striking was won by St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, after a very keen competition.

The ringers were entertained to lunch and tea by St. Peter's, Ballymoden, Society.

Suffolk Guild

ANNUAL MEETING AT IPSWICH.

The annual general meeting took place as usual at Ipswich on Easter Monday, when seven of the town's towers were available for ringing from an early hour. Some good Cambridge Royal and Stedman Caters at St. Mary-le-Tower and the four standard Surprise methods at St. Margaret's and a 720 of Minor at the bomb-wrecked Church of St. Mary Quay were successfully brought round.

A committee meeting was held at 11.30, and at the service in St. Lawrence's Church over 80 ringers attended. The lesson was taken from the parable of the talents and splendidly read by Mr. Edward Ellenger, the district secretary of Ipswich.

In his address to the ringers the Rev. C. P. Newell emphasised the words, 'What have ye in your hand?' He said it was a saying 'The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world,' but it was also true to say, 'The hand that holds the bell-rope tells the world.' The service was greatly enjoyed and considered the best ever.

Over fifty sat down to a good lunch, and at the business meeting which followed the Rev. C. P. Newell, who is the Guild's clerical secretary, was elected chairman.

Reports were received from the Ringing Master (Mr. C. J. Sedgley) and from the general secretary and treasurer (Mr. C. W. Pipe). Membership of the Guild had increased and the finances were in a healthy condition. All officers were re-elected, and Mr. Charles G. Sherring and Mr. Derek Woodward were elected to the committee.

All other business was dealt with quickly and smoothly and the meeting closed before 3 p.m. The absence of Mr. Fred Tillet and Mr. W. J. G. Brown due to illness was regretted and it was hoped their health will improve.

Many visitors from other counties were welcomed, and further ringing was indulged in until a late hour.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

In spite of the inclement weather, a goodly number of members drawn from all parts of the diocese attended the annual meeting at Whittlesey on Easter Monday, together with several visitors from other associations.

Places represented were as follows: Cambridge, Long Stanton, Meldreth, Huntingdon, Brampton, Over, Sutton, Somersham, Glinton, Great Staughton, Market Deeping, Lewisham, Peterborough, Bedford, Luton, Downham Market, St. Ives, Ely, Shouldham, Walpole St. Andrew, Spalding, Roydon, Terrington St. John, Long Sutton, Tilney All Saints, Sawston and Whittlesey.

The bells—St. Mary's (8) and St. Andrew's (8)—were available from 11 a.m. For the convenience of non-resident members and visitors, ringing was permitted during the holding of the business meeting. At this meeting the following officers were re-elected: General secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. W. Cousins; peal secretary, Mr. M. Thurmott; auditor, Mr. T. R. Dennis.

Since the last annual meeting the Association's rules have been extensively revised by the committee, and the rules in their new form were unanimously adopted.

Cambridge was chosen as the venue for next year's annual meeting. During the day a large number of methods were rung to suit all comers until 9 p.m.

CHALE, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On April 1st, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Nobes 1, B. Stirling 2, W. Upton 3, F. Taylor 4, J. Meade 5, F. W. Burnett (cond.) 6. First 720 in the Isle of Wight and by all the band.

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CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Great, 1,367 Grandsire Caters: G. Smith 1, C. W. Smith 2, A. Carpenter 3, J. Blackburn 4, C. A. Hurst 5, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 6, T. R. Dennis 7, H. L. Martin 8, J. W. R. Quinney 9, S. Brown 10.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Lawrence 1, A. Worth 2, R. Barratt 3, H. Callwood 4, A. Street (cond.) 5, J. P. Jackson 6. A 70th birthday compliment to J. Moores, a former Sunday service ringer.

DERBY.—At St. Luke's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Warner 1, C. J. Jennings 2, C. H. Baker 3, F. R. Lowe 4, J. Stennitt 5, W. H. Buxton 6, W. A. Parsons (cond.) 7, C. Cooper (first quarter) 8. First quarter of Stedman for 1 and 5.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.—1,320 Plain Bob Minor: W. G. Cooke (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. Owens 2, R. G. Ling (first quarter 'inside') 3, L. A. Freeman 4, G. A. Cooke 5, V. R. Owens (cond.) 6, G. Dye 7.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss F. Clayton 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, H. D. Butler 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart 5, P. D. Beedie 6, J. R. Mayne 7, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. G. Dodson 1, W. Simmonds (cond.) 2, Miss Judy Dodson 3, H. Colcombe 4, Miss Pam Collis 5, J. Brent 6, R. F. B. Speed 7, C. Bennett (first quarter) 8.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. Sandford 1, E. E. Retter 2, Miss Q. Pring 3, W. D. Ashdown 4, D. Callard 5, J. Salway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Holway 8. Rung after the christening of the tenorman's daughter and an 18th wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral, 1,287 Stedman Cinques: G. M. Mayer 1, P. M. Freeman 2, D. R. White 3, R. F. Smith 4, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 5, L. Snell 6, H. Lowman 7, W. Tomlinson 8, H. L. Pask 9, S. A. Chambers 10, A. T. Lowman 11, C. E. Brown 12.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Reed 1, W. Shute 2, Miss J. Still (first 'inside') 3, R. E. Tiller 4, B. Tiller 5, C. Reed 6, W. Cheater (cond.) 7, J. Hartless 8.

STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. S. Powell 1, J. W. Drew (cond.) 2, W. Warr 3, H. Pester 4, H. Gaylard 5, R. Comer (first quarter) 6. Rung for early Communion.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. James, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Jarman 1, H. Floyd 2, W. H. Tarr 3, F. Matravers 4, W. Priddle 5, H. Mockridge 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, E. Symonds 8.

TIBSHELF, DERBYS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Foster (first quarter) 1, Jos. Draycott 2, Hy. Draycott 3, T. H. Radford (first as cond.) 4, J. Draycott 5, S. Holdgate 6. An 82nd birthday compliment to H. Draycott (captain), and who has been a regular ringer for over sixty years.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Payne 1, F. Norrish 2, L. H. May 3, P. J. Mayne 4, W. H. Ware 5, J. D. Upton 6, R. J. Bowden (cond.) 7, A. Kerslake 8.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—1,260 Doubles (2 six-scores Reverse Canterbury, 3 each April Day and Plain Bob, 24 Grandsire): Mary Yorke (first quarter) 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, Barbara Mitchell 3, Wm. A. Hughes 4, Arthur S. Richards (cond.) 5, John Cannell 6.

WINDSOR.—At the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Drewett 1, A. J. Glass 2, E. S. T. Farr 3, C. A. Wratten 4, A. Wratten 5, K. Curtis 6, L. Stilwell (cond.) 7, J. H. Cropley 8.

WITNEY, OXON.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Powell (first quarter, age 14) 1, A. W. Cox (first 'inside') 2, L. T. Oliffe (first as cond.) 3, B. J. Coggins 4, G. H. Wright 5, P. Powell 6. For the christening of the conductor's first grandchild.

WOOD GREEN, WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—1,260 Erin Triples: Miss J. Cotterill 1, B. Bicknell 2, E. Marlow 3, H. Howl 4, J. N. Hadley 5, E. J. Tyler 6, M. G. Turner (cond.) 7, W. T. Powell 8. First in method for 1, 2, 4 and 5.

YATELEY, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dorothy Butler 1, C. Bunch 2, A. Hearmon 3, Josephine Butler 4, C. Butler 5, B. Goodall 6, G. Butler (cond.) 7, A. Gibbs 8.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

About 70 members and friends attended the annual meeting of the Dudley and District Guild on March 21st. The president (Canon J. Waring) conducted the service and presided at the meeting.

The yearly reports all showed progress. The officers were re-elected with the exception of one hon. auditor, Mr. D. Jones, of Dudley, being elected to this office. Twelve new members were enrolled.

This year being the jubilee of the Guild, it was arranged to attempt the annual peal at Dudley during April if possible.

The next quarterly meeting will be held on June 3rd at Kinver.

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ST. MARY'S, WIMBLEDON.—As from April 25th, the weekly practice night will revert to Tuesdays, 7.45 to 9 p.m. Everybody is welcome.—E. Blake, 101, Elborough Street, S.W.18. 6910

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MEETINGS

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Luton, Saturday, Apr. 29th. Ten bells (tenor 25½ cwt.) available 3. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. H. P. Burton, 129, Bradley Road, Luton, Beds.—Peter N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 6850

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Tickhill, April 29th, 3. Names for tea to W. E. Critchley, 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe, Doncaster. 6880

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Stockport and Macclesfield Branches) and **DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting, Fairfield, Buxton, April 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea advise Mr. E. Ellison, 70, King's Road, Fairfield, Buxton.—C. K. Lewis. 6899

TRURO GUILD.—Penzance Branch.—Spring meeting, Tuckingmill (8), April 29th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Camborne (8) also 2.30 to 4, and 6 to 7.30.—Rev. A. S. Roberts, Carbis Bay. 6878

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Radwinter (8), Saturday, April 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 6884

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Staines, Saturday, April 29th. Bells from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8. Own arrangements for tea.—F. Finch. 6888

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Bentley (6) on Saturday, April 29th, 2.30 p.m. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45. Please notify for tea to Mr. A. Raggett, Church Lane, Bentley.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 6964

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Woolton Hill, April 29th. Six bells. Service 4.15. Tea 5 for those who notify J. A. Hill, Maesteg, Anna Valley, Andover. 6905

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Meeting at Kedington (6), Saturday, April 29th, 3 p.m. Tea 5, followed by business. Bring own food.—A. A. Fitch, Dis. Sec., 7, Croft Road, Sudbury. 6896

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Winterton (4.30), Saturday, April 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names or numbers to Mr. R. E. Woodhouse, Clink Road, Winterton. Buses from Yarmouth.—J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 6852

ST. GEORGE COLEGATE, NORWICH.—The ceremony of the Hallowing of the Bells will be performed by the Lord Bishop of Thetford on Saturday, May 6th, at 7 p.m., previous to their being hung in the tower.—A. G. G. Thurlow, Vicar. 6876

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Leicester, May 6th. Ringing, Belgrave (8), 11 to 12.30. Cathedral (12), St. Margaret's (12), All Saints' (6) from 2 to 4. Service, St. George's, 4.30. Tea, St. George's Hall, Colton Street, at 5, followed by meeting and social evening. Names must be sent by May 3rd to J. R. Smith, 75, Woodville Road, Leicester.—Wm. A. Wood, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6881

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Worth (6), Saturday, May 6th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, by May 3rd. 6890

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, High Halden, May 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 6894

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting, Washingborough (8), May 6th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 6901

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the Association will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d. per head) served 5 p.m. in Radcliffe Lane School only to those who notify Mr. W. Barton, 9, Pembroke Road, Pudsey, near Leeds, by May 4th. General meeting same premises immediately afterwards. Subscriptions due and reports available.—L. W. G. Morris, 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 6900

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Hersham, May 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m. Notifications to W. Simmonds, 33, Burwood Close, Hersham, by 3rd.—F. Hawthorne. 6897

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, May 6th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea May 3rd.—R. F. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 6930

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, May 6th, at Barkstone (6). Bells 2.30. Meat tea at the Stag Hotel 4 p.m., followed by business meeting. Service 5.30. Names to me for tea by Monday previous.—Bernard H. Dalton, Church Road, Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs. 6936

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Simpson, Saturday, May 6th. Bells (6) at 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson. 6935

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery.—Meeting at East Coker on Saturday, May 6th. Usual arrangements. Early notification for tea essential.—F. Farrant, Marlock. 6931

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devises Branch.—Monthly meeting, Market Lavington, May 6th. Bells (6) 3. Names for tea to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 6928

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—Meeting, Charlton Horne (8), May 6th. Service 4.30. Tea following.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditchat, Somerset. 6927

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Holywell, Saturday, May 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 6926

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Much Dewchurch, May 6th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 6923

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gullesborough Branch.—Meeting at Creaton (6), Saturday, May 6th. Names for tea to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, before May 2nd, please. 6933

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting is at Whiston on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Wright, 501, Bawtry Road, Whiston, near Rotherham.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 6920

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgewater Branch.—Meeting at Cannington, May 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 6917

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—May 6th, Stoke Bishop (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Church House, Julian Road. Notify May 3rd.—A. Bennett, 5, Lancaster Street, Redfield, Bristol. 6914

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Lower Peover, May 6th. Bells 2.30. Tea provided. Names before May 1st to H. Howard, 5, Green Lane, Davenham, Northwich. 6912

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Wargrave (8) on May 6th, 6 to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 6909

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Leek, Saturday, May 6th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Sharratt, 13, Lowther Place, Leek, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 6911

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Saxlingham Nethergate on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea for those who notify Mr. G. Poyntz, Saxlingham, by May 2nd.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 6907

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, May 6th, Emmanuel, Southport. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea will be provided at a small charge to those who notify Mr. B. Arnold, 8a, Threlfalls Lane, Marston, Southport, by May 3rd.—J. Burns. 6945

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burton-in-Lonsdale on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Cups of tea provided.—John Woods, Secretary. 6944

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale and Blackburn Branches.—The next meeting is at Rawtenstall on Saturday, May 6th. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower at 6. A good attendance is requested. Business important. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter. 6942

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Wolverton. Dedication of recast tenor, new framework and re-hanging of first five bells on Sunday, May 7th, at 3 p.m. Bells available to visitors after service. Our practice night will be on Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. 6922

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 13th. Service at St. Peter's, Brighton, 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5. Individual names for tea to me before May 6th. Ringing, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', from 2.30. Good Shepherd in the evening.—S. E. Armstrong, General Sec., 21, Kenmure Avenue, Brighton 6. 6902

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, May 13th, Blackwell (6). Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Smithson, 10, Bamford Street, Newton, Derbys, not later than Friday, May 12th. 6941

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting will be held at St. James', Cowley, Oxford (6), on Saturday, May 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Ifley (6) 7. Names for tea to Mr. Walter Holloway, 17, Westbury Crescent North, Cowley Oxford, by Wednesday, May 10th.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Sec. 6916

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Tring (8), May 13th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Badrick, 53, Western Road, Tring, by May 10th.—Pamela A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 6924

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Sat., May 13th, Parkway, 3 p.m. until 5. Tea at Barley. Ringing at Barley after tea.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 6934

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Meopham (8) on Saturday, May 13th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea is by kind invitation. Will you please advise me by Saturday, May 6th, to enable the caterers to make their arrangements?—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 6932

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Crusaders of the S.W. Division.—Meeting at South Weald (6), May 13th, 3 p.m. Meeting essentially for learners. Everybody welcome. Names for tea to Mr. F. Taylor, School House, South Weald, Brentwood. 6918

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Badby, Saturday, May 13th. Names to me for tea not later than Friday, May 5th.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 6939

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Ulcombe (6), May 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 6937

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Fryerning (6), Saturday, May 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Number for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 6940

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Swanmore (6), May 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business, Parish Hall, 5. Names by May 9th to H. Ainsley, Chapel Road, Swanmore, Southampton. Bishop's Waltham (8) bells available 2 to 3.30 and 6 to 8.—John H. Hunt, Dis. Sec. 6921

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at Aldridge, Saturday, May 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Names by May 9th to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 6915

PORTRICKERY, NEAR BARRY.—Dedication of two trebles (to make six), Saturday, May 13th, at 3 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) for visiting ringers who notify by May 8th. Frequent Barry to Llantwit bus service.—L. J. Malings, Portkerry Road, Rhosce, Glam. 6908

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting at Ewerby (10) on Saturday, May 13th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—Mrs. D. Wray, Hon. Sec. 6892

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, Monday, May 1st, 7.15 p.m. Meeting, May 13th, Isleworth, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. Further ringing after. Church rebuilt—dedicated May 12th. Names early, please. Surprise practice, St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Wednesday, May 17th, 7.45. Everyone welcome to all.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 6946

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting at Whitbourne on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea May 10th.—A. S. Tomkins, Harp Cottage, Bredenbury, Hereford. 6947

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Lincoln Week, August 18th-26th. Members participating, please write before May 11th.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 6938

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting at Woodbury, May 20th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by May 14th to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 6929

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ST. GEORGE COLEGATE, NORWICH. —
The ring of six will be opened for ringing on
Saturday, May 20th, by the Archdeacon of
Norwich. Service 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards.
Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. A. G. G.
Thurlow, 3, Colegate, Norwich, by Friday, May
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REPRESENTATION

ALL Associations and Guilds in affiliation with the Central Council will congratulate the Middlesex Association on the courageous way they have settled the difference of opinion over the vexed question of representation for a triennial period. Personal pride has been pocketed for the sake of harmony. The decision arrived at at the Clerkenwell meeting was a hard one for the individual members, and the fact that those who did not see eye-to-eye with the conclusions of the President (the Rev. Percival Gough) could be almost counted on the fingers of the hand was striking testimony to the desire of the Association to work in comity with ringers the world over.

The point at issue arose over Rule 3 of the Central Council which reads:—'That, except in the event of a vacancy, in which case the new member shall be elected only for the unexpired period of the three years, the election of Representative Members shall take place triennially, before the end of the year.' The triennial election of honorary members last took place in London in 1948. On that occasion Mr. Ernest C. S. Turner, the hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association, failed to secure re-election. The Association quite naturally desired that he should continue to remain on the Council. To decide who should give way the existing members resigned and new nominations were sought. This method was done at the time in complete innocence, the principle implied by Rule 3 that a person elected for a triennial period cannot resign and then offer himself for election for the same period for which he has been previously elected being overlooked and not appreciated by the chairman or any other member present.

The unfortunate sequel, alas, is too well known, in that those who had resigned and were irregularly elected were deprived at York of the privileges of accredited representatives. But there had been a warning. The Hon. General Secretary of the Council did write to the secretary of the Middlesex Association calling attention to Rule 3, and the latter frankly admits that he misinterpreted the letter.

The infinite pains taken by the new President of the Middlesex Association to sift the conflicting views and to secure legal guidance on the correct interpretation of

the rule will commend itself to all those with independent views on the subject. The steps he proposed to remedy the breach that might possibly have existed were most praiseworthy. 'I was the culprit,' he told the meeting, 'because I took the chair and conducted an irregular election, although I was not aware of it at the time.' The Middlesex Association are not to lose their full representation at the last meeting of the triennial session at Eastbourne. Three new members have been elected, and they can make their journey with good heart, knowing that they will be kindly received by the President and his officers.

The Guilds and Associations of British change ringers are so interlinked that it is impossible for one territorial Association to remain outside. The whole structure of the Exercise is built up upon this principle. The Middlesex Association embraces in the Diocese of London one of the great pillars of English Church life, and it is unthinkable that such an Association, with its honourable tradition and the great men it has contributed to all branches of the Exercise, should be divorced. Any separation would be a slur on their memory. Apart from the rank and file of the Association, there are the hundreds of non-resident members — men and women who have felt it is a real privilege to have rung peals for this Association.

One final point the Editor feels should not be permitted to pass unnoticed. One of the speakers said: 'In the past we had a free Press, but, with the Press tied to the Central Council, one could not get views expressed if they were not complementary to the things they (the Council) do.' The Editorial Committee has entrusted the present editor with a measure of editorial discretion similar to that enjoyed by editors generally. The purport of 'The Ringing World' is to be the family journal of ringers the world over and to promote and stimulate the art of church bell ringing. We have exercised a reasonable degree of latitude; we have permitted ideas to be propounded that are contrary to accepted principles of committees of the Central Council. The guiding principles behind our judgment are good fellowship and unity among the church bell ringers of England and to keep constantly before the Exercise our sense of vocation. As another speaker at the meeting said: 'Our main object is to ring our church bells on Sundays.'

TWELVE BELL PEALS

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLDS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in D.

*FREDERICK G. LEAKER...Treble	*P. LESLIE PEARCE ... 7
ANNIE BROWN ... 2	*SYDNEY G. RICHES ... 8
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 3	*FRANCIS C. MOGFORD... 9
*MARY P. HILLIAR ... 4	WILLIAM H. PARKER ... 10
*JACK WORRAIL ... 5	*NORMAN H. COOMBS ... 11
THOMAS H. KIMBER ... 6	EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by EMLYN F. HANCOCK.

* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Maximus as conductor. First peal of Plain Bob Maximus by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

DONALD G. CLIFT ...Treble	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING... 7
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 2	NORMAN H. COOMBS ... 8
ALBERT M. TYLER ... 3	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON... 9
ARTHUR H. REED... 4	THOMAS G. MEYERS ... 10
*G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 5	EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... 11
ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... 6	LEONARD DERRICK } Tenor
	WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT }

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

* 300th peal. Rung as a farewell peal to the Very Rev. Dr. Carpenter, Dean of Exeter, retiring.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE TOWN HALL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 42 cwt.

*HOWARD HOWELL ...Treble	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 7
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 8
†ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 3	†RICHARD BENSON ... 9
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RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... 5	JOHN N. LINDON ... 11
MAURICE G. TURNER ... 6	HAROLD WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* 50th peal of Stedman Cinques and 25th peal of Stedman Cinques as conductor. † First peal of Stedman Cinques. 25th peal together for J. N. Lindon and H. Howell. First twelve-bell peal for the Association.

TEN BELL PEALS

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

REUBEN CHARGE ...Treble	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 6
MRS. E. E. DAVIS ... 2	JOHN PHILLIPS ... 7
MRS. R. F. DEAL ... 3	RICHARD F. DEAL ... 8
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS... 4	REUBEN SANDERS ... 9
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 5	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.

In memoriam Cyril F. Johnston.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Apr. 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF SOLIHULL SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

H. JAMES TURNER ...Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 6
ALBERT WALKER ... 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	LEONARD TREVOR ... 8
JOHN PINFOLD ... 4	HENRY H. FEARN ... 9
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

The first peal of Solihull Royal (No. 622 in Corrigan's Collection).

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

THOMAS WILSON ...Treble	†JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON ... 6
*BRIAN A. TOMLINSON ... 2	†JOSEPH E. WILSON ... 7
*LEONARD HENRYS ... 3	†JAMES SKEATS ... 8
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 4	†FRANK HEYES ... 9
†ARTHUR SWINDLEHURST ... 5	†HARRY ANDERTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by HARRY ANDERTON.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. All are regular Sunday service ringers at the Cathedral.

STONHAM, ASPAL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE A. FLEMING ...Treble	*RONALD W. STEWARD... 6
CHARLES E. FISHER ... 2	CECIL W. PIPE ... 7
RUSSELL PARKER ... 3	CHARLES A. ANDREWS... 8
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ... 4	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 9
GEORGE W. PIPE ... 5	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. NEWTON. Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Mar. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

W. H. OLDFIELD ...Treble	WILLIAM SMITH ... 5
DAVID PETERS ... 2	FRANK WARRINGTON ... 6
JOSE TURNER ... 3	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN ... 7
HERBERT GOAKES ... 4	*JEFFREY OLDFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal. In honour of the birth of a daughter to the Rev. and Mrs. P. W. Dorman.

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN D. ROCK ...Treble	E. PETER ROCK ... 5
*GEORGE DAVIS ... 2	REGINALD T. JONES ... 6
LESLIE EVANS ... 3	MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 7
†AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... 4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by M. P. MORETON.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor. First peal in the method in the county. Rung in honour of the Easter Festival.

OXTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E.

*JAMES M. PEMBERTON...Treble	ALFRED W. CUSICK ... 5
JOAN M. WEBSTER ... 2	JOHN COOKE ... 6
CHARLES B. PEMBERTON ... 3	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ... 7
JAMES H. COOKE ... 4	ALFRED K. LEATHAM ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Wirral Branch. In memoriam Samuel Moston, for 52 years a ringer at this church.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

*MICHAEL DOWNING ...Treble	JOHN BRASSINGTON ... 5
MARGARET FLACKETT ... 2	G. ARNOLD MOORE ... 6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT... 3	REGINALD ROWLEY ... 7
ERIC B. ALLMAN ... 4	*ERIC LOWE ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by FREDK. W. GROCOTT.

* First peal. First peal of Bob Triples by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. A wedding compliment to Miss Margaret Cooper and Mr. Eric H. Oakes.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., Apr. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Six-part (No. 13).		Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.	
*PETER BERESFORD	... Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY	... 5
*DENNIS BERESFORD	... 2	*GEORGE E. OLIVER	... 6
*JOAN BERESFORD	... 3	GEORGE L. RODEN	... 7
NOREEN BRAIN	... 4	EDWARD J. WHITE	... Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal in the method. A compliment to Miss N. Brain on her twentieth birthday.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

PAUL BIRKET	... Treble	HARRY WILD	... 5
MOLLY AMBLER	... 2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	... 6
WILLIAM AMBLER	... 3	EDWARD JENKINS	... 7
FRED HODGSON	... 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM	... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by SAM LONGBOTTOM.

First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. William Ambler and to celebrate the wedding anniversary of the conductor.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN	... Treble	*COLIN E. WRIGHT	... 5
JOHN ARMSTRONG	... 2	JAMES R. FLEETWOOD	... 6
*MISS D. FLEETWOOD	... 3	FRANK V. GANT	... 7
HAROLD WORBOYS	... 4	SYDNEY PENFOLD	... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.

* First in method. In memoriam Thomas A. Laybourn, died April 19th, 1947.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 25 lb.

ARTHUR F. WARREN	... Treble	FREDERICK A. BARKER	... 5
*MABEL A. PROCKSON	... 2	*PHILIP BLAKE	... 6
*WILLIAM D. PROCKSON	... 3	*BERNARD J. WILLIS	... 7
*LEONARD E. TUBB	... 4	JOHN G. NASH	... Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN G. NASH.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. First peal as conductor and first peal on the bells since augmentation.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt. in C.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK	... Treble	*JOHN M. MYATT	... 5
*JILL POOLE	... 2	*PETER J. STANFORTH	... 6
JOHN BRAMLEY	... 3	*TERENCE A. THORNER	... 7
*MICHAEL D. STANFORTH	... 4	*HARRY POYNER	... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HARRY POYNER.

* First of Major in the method on tower bells. † First of Major in the method. ‡ First peal in the method on tower bells and first as conductor.

SALISBURY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).		Tenor 12 cwt.	
*FREDERICK E. MANN	... Treble	JACK MUSSELL	... 5
ROBERT E. TURNER	... 2	RONALD N. MARLOW	... 6
FRANK L. HARRIS	... 3	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	... 7
LESLIE PAGE	... 4	†JOHN MERRIFIELD	... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. A silver wedding compliment to the treble ringer and his wife.

STOKE, COVENTRY.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF HITCHIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

ALBERT WALKER	... Treble	HENRY H. FEARN	... 5
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	... 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	... 6
TERRY R. HAMPTON	... 3	FRANK E. HAYNES	... 7
JOHN PINFOLD	... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN	... Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

First in the method for the Guild and by all the band.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTOLINE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

GEORGE ASTBURY	... Treble	*JOHN TIMMIS	... 5
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	... 2	JOHN BRASSINGTON	... 6
MARGARET FLACKETT	... 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN	... 7
ERIC B. ALLMAN	... 4	G. ARNOLD MOORE	... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK W. GROCOTT.

* First peal of Major.

GREAT TEW, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A Variation of Thurstan's Four-part. Tenor 22½ cwt.

MARGARET L. TUTT	... Treble	JOHN S. WALTON	... 5
*EDMUND E. PEARSON	... 2	EDGAR J. SMITH	... 6
IVOR D. HARRIS	... 3	WALTER F. JUDGE	... 7
WILLIAM J. CROSS	... 4	HENRY J. HARTFIELD	... Tenor

Conducted by MARGARET L. TUTT.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Apr. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT G. RICHARDS	... Treble	FREDK. G. HINTON	... 5
JOHN N. LINDON	... 2	HOWARD HOWELL	... 6
*ARTHUR G. NEWMAN	... 3	MAURICE G. TURNER	... 7
*J. NORMAN HADLEY	... 4	ALAN ELSMORE	... Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples.



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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Comprising 1,760 Yorkshire, 1,728 Superlative and 1,664 Cambridge with 102 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

MARGARET A. SWANN ... Treble	*H. LESLIE PASK ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	JOHN FREEMAN ... 6
RAYMOND F. SMITH ... 3	JOHN WALDEN ... 7
FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Arranged by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
*First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells. Rung on the conductor's birthday.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Apr. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF GRANDIS TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.

*RONALD CHAFER ... Treble	*HARRY HALL ... 5
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 2	JACK BRAY ... 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 3	GEORGE W. MOODY ... 7
PHILIP BARNES ... 4	BRIAN BRAY ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

*First peal of Triples.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Comprising 640 London, 320 each of Eastcote, Bristol, Rutland, New Gloucester, Wordsworth, Wembley, Lindum, Pudsey, Yorkshire, Cambridge, Superlative, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, and 160 each of Watford and Uxbridge, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 7½ cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE ... Treble	ALAN R. PINK ... 5
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 2	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 6
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 3	MICHAEL E. H. BARROW ... 7
MARIE R. CROSS ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

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

First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 16 methods by all the band. The conductor's 25th peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

CALEB FENN ... Treble	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON ... 5
ALBERT W. BEARD ... 2	SIDNEY J. HOLGATE ... 6
COLIN E. WRIGHT ... 3	FRANK V. GANT ... 7
RICHARD W. STANNARD ... 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... Tenor

Composed by ALBERT C. HARDY. Conducted by CALEB FENN.

In honour of the marriage of Miss Marie Constance Kirkman and the Rev. Edward Freeman Hudson, M.A., Rector of Dengie-with-Asheldham, Essex (late Curate of Barking), which had taken place a few hours previously at the above church.

NORTHOP, FLINTSHIRE.

THE GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.

On Thurs., Apr. 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. EUGRAIN AND PETER.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

REV. J. H. B. ANDREWS Treble	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ... 5
REV. C. CAREW COX ... 2	†REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... 6
*REV. T. PETER HEARN ... 3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 7
CANON R. F. WILKINSON ... 4	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD Tenor

Composed by REV. E. S. POWELL. Conducted by REV. C. C. COX.

*First peal in the method on tower bells. †First peal in the method. The first clerical peal rung in Wales. In memoriam George Frederick Coleridge, Charles Augustine Phillips and Charles Cecil Marshall, priests.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

LEONARD WALSH ... Treble	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 5
DEREK WHILFORD ... 2	KENNETH HARTLEY ... 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 3	CHARLES CLEGG ... 7
ALFRED V. WILLIAMS ... 4	ROGER LEIGH ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

A birthday compliment to Princess Elizabeth.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstan's Four-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN H. HUNT ... Treble	HAROLD A. NOBES ... 5
ERNEST A. JURD ... 2	JOHN W. MEADE ... 6
PATRICK PAGE ... 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 7
BRYAN C. STIRLAND ... 4	ERNEST BROWN ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

*LILY DUNN ... Treble	ALBERT GREENHALGH ... 5
MURIEL REAY ... 2	RICHARD BENSON ... 6
EDWARD IDDON ... 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 7
EVEREST FORD ... 4	PETER CROOK, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

*First peal in the method. To celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Everest Ford.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Brooks' Variation. Tenor 22½ cwt.

CECIL H. JALLANDS ... Treble	ARTHUR MACKEARS ... 5
WILLIAM G. THORPE ... 2	SIDNEY PROCTOR ... 6
*ARTHUR J. HAYNES ... 3	JOHN CRAGG ... 7
ARTHUR W. WARD ... 4	THOMAS H. HALL ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

*First peal of Stedman. A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. W. Ward.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

CYRIL WRIGHT ... Treble	STANLEY SLANEY ... 5
ARTHUR B. COOPER ... 2	FREDERICK FLINT ... 6
HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 3	JOSEPH SAXTON ... 7
*DENNIS SCOTT ... 4	GORDON C. BRIGGS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

*First peal of Major 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Saxton, wife of the ringer of the seventh.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

FRANCES A. EDGAR ... Treble	WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... 5
RICHARD E. PRICE ... 2	VERNON J. BENNING ... 6
GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN ... 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 7
DAVID BEVERIDGE ... 4	FRANK E. DARBY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

First peal in the method by all.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM R. MANSEY ... Treble	PETER C. WRIGHT ... 5
FREDERICK S. MACZEY ... 2	*JOHN H. R. BETTS ... 6
TOM SAUNDERS ... 3	GEORGE F. CANTRELL ... 7
MARGARET H. BAKER ... 4	LUTHER J. HONESS ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE (119). Conducted by P. C. WRIGHT.

*First peal of Major.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 7½ cwt.

JAMES A. MILNER Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
*ANNE WORTH 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER... 6
JAMES FERNLEY 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method. First peal of London on the bells. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. L. Slack, an esteemed member of the Macclesfield Branch.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

ARTHUR E. CHILTON ... Treble	OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... 5
PETER N. WHITE 2	WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. 6
*W. ROBERT PARKER ... 3	JOHN FREEMAN 7
†COLIN W. REED 4	JOHN E. COOK Tenor

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of Cambridge Major. † First Surprise peal. The first peal of Cambridge Major on the bells.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HARRY L. MARTIN ... Treble	GEORGE E. CRISP ... 5
STANLEY GILBERT 2	†WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN ... 6
JOHN G. GIPSON 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 7
*ALAN PAYNE 4	MANSFIELD GINN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*SIDNEY FLINT ... Treble	*WILLIAM COURT ... 5
RONALD KENRICK 2	THOMAS HESKETH ... 6
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 3	*EDWIN BIRKETT ... 7
*WILLIAM DEACON 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (194). Conducted by J. RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

*REGINALD E. LAMBERT... Treble	DORIS E. COLGATE ... 5
†EDNA M. SILLS 2	§THOMAS E. SONE ... 6
†ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 3	*†ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
ROBERT COLLINS 4	WILLIAM ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 41). Conducted by THOS. E. SONE.

* 275th peal together. † First peal of Surprise. ‡ 100th peal together. § 75th peal of Surprise.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*RONALD BARLOW ... Treble	MARGARET FLACKETT ... 5
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT... 2	ARTHUR PEAKE 6
MARGARET RIGBY 3	†G. ARNOLD MOORE ... 7
JUNE M. HENSHAW ... 4	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND... Tenor

Composed by J. W. F. TROTMAN.

Conducted by F. W. GROCOTT.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal of New Cambridge for the Association, on the bells and by all the band except the conductor. First peal of New Cambridge as conductor.

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RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Mar. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.
DENIS BURLING Treble | F. S. WILSON 4
MRS. E. GOOCH 2 | FRANK PICKERING 5
GEORGE R. HINER 3 | HARRY MORTEMORE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY MORTEMORE.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam to Rev. Carey Davies, Vicar of Rawmarsh.

HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Plain Bob, Woodbine Treble Bob, Merchant's Return and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

WILFRED BROADHEAD ... Treble | ARTHUR CHAMPION ... 4
PETER CARBUTT 2 | ERIC STAINROD 5
LEONARD W. CARBUTT ... 3 | HARRY MANN Tenor

Conducted by ERIC STAINROD.

First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. L. W. Carbutt. Rung on the wedding anniversary of the conductor.

OAKS-IN-CHARNWOOD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of College Single, Reverse Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

*IRIS KING Treble | C. WILLIAM HALL 4
†JACK BENISTON 2 | RICHARD MANTON 5
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ... 3 | ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

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

KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,680 Stedman, 1,680 Grandsire, 1,680 Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.
*ERIC NIXON Treble | *RONALD BARLOW 4
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 2 | †EWART H. EDGE 5
MARGARET FLACKETT ... 3 | *GEOFFREY C. BEECH Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Doubles.

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, four of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb.

*GEOFFREY C. BEECH ... Treble | *†ERIC NIXON 4
†RONALD BARLOW 2 | EWART H. EDGE 5
†MARGARET FLACKETT ... 3 | FREDK. E. WILSHAW Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.

* First peal of Minor on tower bells. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal. First in three Major methods by all the band. First peal of Minor as conductor.

KINGSLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PRIMROSE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.
FREDERICK A. JAINE ... Treble | JOHN D. ROCK 4
LESLIE EVANS 2 | MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 5
E. PETER ROCK 3 | WILFRID F. MORETON Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL P. MORETON.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild. In honour of the wedding in Cairo of Sheila St. Bride Moreton and Guy Stackhouse Graham.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.
MARLOW SIMPSON Treble | *DORIS KILLINGLEY ... 4
JOAN BUSSEY 2 | LESLIE BARRY 5
MARY DREW 3 | CHARLES LARNER Tenor

Conducted by JOAN BUSSEY.

* First peal of Doubles. Rung for Miss D. Killingley, who hails from Richmond, Yorkshire.

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, 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 11 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.
LESLIE BARRY Treble | *DAVID KING 4
JOAN BUSSEY 2 | *JOHN SIMS 5
*JACQUELINE EVANS ... 3 | CHARLES LARNER Tenor

Conducted by JOAN BUSSEY.

* First peal.

KIRKBY MALLORY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

NORMAN STATHAM ... Treble | HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 4
ALFRED BALLARD 2 | FRANCIS R. DEACON ... 5
TED SOWMAN 3 | JOHN J. NORRIS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. NORRIS.

A birthday compliment to Norman Statham.

LANGLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Carlisle, Chester, Alnwick, London, York, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in E.

FREDERICK A. FINCH ... Treble | ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 4
*GEOFFREY DODDS 2 | RICHARD E. PRICE 5
WILLIAM WELLING ... 3 | TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First seven-Surprise peal.

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 15, 1950, 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 13 cwt.

MRS. J. THOMAS ... Treble | ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ... 4
JOHN THOMAS 2 | ARTHUR JOPP 5
*JACK ROBERTS 3 | CHARLES J. CAMM Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.

* First peal of Minor.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Stedman, six of April Day, eight of St. Simon's, ten of Plain Bob and sixteen of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. in F.

TOM J. MARRIOTT ... Treble | ARTHUR J. MARRIOTT ... 4
*PETER MARRIOTT 2 | WALTER G. SOAR 5
LEONARD WARREN ... 3 | JOSEPH HULSE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER G. SOAR.

* First peal of Doubles. First in five methods of Doubles by all the band. First peal as conductor. A farewell to the Rev. J. G. Pope. Also a compliment to Peter Marriott on his 15th birthday.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

*MICHAEL BOARD ... Treble | *CYRIL DEEM 4
*JOHN CARTER 2 | *JAMES SMITH 5
*SIDNEY SKINNER ... 3 | BRIAN PIDGEON Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells. A wedding compliment for John Quick.

REDBOURN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF PRIMROSE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOE HOBBS Treble	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ... 4
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 2	*BERTRAM C. JOHNSON... 5
TERENCE G. MORTON ... 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Minor. First peal in the method by all, on the bells and by the Association. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung to celebrate the wedding anniversaries of the ringers of the 2nd and tenor.

SLINFOLD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Apr. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

C. ERNEST SMITH Treble	*JOHN HILL 4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5
LEONARD STILWELL ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in seven methods. The conductor's 250th peal. A farewell peal for the Rector, the Rev. A. E. N. Hughes, who is leaving the become Bishop of Kalgoorlie, Australia.

DUNSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six 120's each of New, St. Simon's and Canterbury Reversed and twelve 120's each of Plain and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb.

*SHIRLEY WISEMAN ... Treble	GEOFFREY R. PARKER ... 3
EVELYN M. WRIGHT ... 2	COLIN W. REED 4

JOHN E. COOK Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all the band.

HANDBELL PEALS

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 4, 1950, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

In St. Peter's Belfry,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 12 in F.

*ERIC NIXON 1-2	†FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT 3-4
	†FREDERICK E. WILSHAW 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 9, 1950, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,

In St. Peter's Belfry,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 12 in F.

ERIC NIXON 1-2	FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT 3-4
	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW... 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 1 Hour and 30 Minutes,

At 4, NORTH STREET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 240 and 20 120's of Grandsire and 20 120's of Plain Bob.

Tenor size 8 in C.

ERIC NIXON 1-2	FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT 3-4
	MARGARET FLACKETT ... 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At NEWSTEAD, STOKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 12 in F.

EDGAR VALLANCE 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD 5-6
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON... 3-4	JOHN J. MORRIS 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.

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LATE NEWS.

The sudden appearance of the verger in
the last course of the peal attempt for Sted-
man Caters at Sheffield Cathedral on Satur-
day so startled some of the ringers that the
peal was lost in the last few changes. The
attempt had been in progress nearly 3½
hours.

During the recent visit
of their Majesties the King
and Queen to Stratford-on-
Avon they met the ringers and showed a keen
interest in bells and ringing. They had a
special word for the learners, asking such ques-
tions as 'Have you been taken up with the
rope yet?' Her Majesty expressed a wish to
see the bells, but the Vicar explained to her
that he was afraid it might spoil her pretty
dress having to climb so many steps.

Mr. George W. Pipe has completed Kent
Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

Mr. L. Barry has circled the tower of Hard-
wicke, Gloucestershire, and Mr. J. Church that
of Henlow, Beds.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung
at Melbourne and published in our issue of
April 7th was 5,056 changes and not 5,088.
This was the composer's error.

Mr. John P. Fidler informs us that the
lightest six in the country are at Wormhill,
Derbyshire, with a tenor of 1 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.
These were cast by John Taylor and Co. in
1863.

Regarding the Trowbridge broadcast last
Sunday, Mr. Cecil W. Pipe, of Grundisburgh,
writes: 'Congratulations to the ringers, the
mike setter and the bell founders. That was
ringing. That was. The ringers' names and
bell founders deserve publication.'

After nearly forty years in South Wales as
'maintainer of ringing enthusiasm' and 'con-
vener of peal bands,' Mr. Ernest Stitch has
taken up residence at Wolverhampton. A peal
of Double Norwich at Cowbridge, Glam., on
April 15th, came to grief, but 1,260 Stedman
Triples was rung to mark the occasion by A.
Hannington 1, E. Stitch 2, A. Hoare 3, A. J.
Pitman 4, R. E. Coles 5, J. Lovett 6, T. M.
Roderick (cond.) 7, H. Blick 8.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A new triumph for youth
was established at Trow-
bridge last Saturday, when
a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung. The
average age of the band was 19 years 8 months.
John E. Chilcott was the conductor and there
were three ladies in the party—the Misses
Joyce England, Jill Brittain and Audrey
Diserens. They claim that this was the
youngest band to ring a peal on twelve bells.
The peal was composed by a member of the
band, David E. Parsons. The majority of the
band came from the Metropolitan area, and
they trust that their success will serve as a
spur to their friends at Leicester.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bray, of Burton-on-
Stather, have the distinction of having taken
part in the greatest number of methods rung
'in hand' to a peal of Minor, Major, Royal
and Maximus and also of Minor on tower bells.

In the April issue of the East Anglian Maga-
zine, Mr. R. W. M. Clouston contributes an
interesting article on the ancient art of bell-
ringing. It is illustrated by pictures of Laven-
ham tower and other explanatory pictures of
bells.

He points out that in Suffolk alone there
are 233 rings of bells, numbering between five
and twelve. 'Although all but 40 of them are
ringable, it is sad to record that very few
are rung regularly for Sunday services, despite
the fact that the working parts are in first
rate order.'

The trend, he comments, may be largely
due to the longer hours worked by the agricul-
tural community as compared with their
counterparts in industry. But the interest was
certainly there in the past, so it is hoped that
the present trend will stop and that the
typically English art of change ringing will
recover its popularity in East Anglia.

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tunity of considering the names of the new representatives (but they were not new) and pointed out that elections to the Council were triennial, and vacancies could only be filled when a representative resigned. A representative could not resign and then seek re-election during a triennial period. The letter concluded, 'I should be glad if you would tell me now under what rule the election was made.'

That letter was so serious that a general committee should have been called. Unfortunately, nothing was done and those members were allowed to go to York. Mr. Turner replied to the letter and pointed out he was elected unanimously, but that was not the point. It was not questioning Mr. Turner's election, but questioning the election of the other three who had resigned.

EXPRESS REGRET.

'I feel I cannot recommend any other course than that we, as an Association, should express our regret to the Central Council for that infringement, and we should, if we can get permission, which I have, elect three new representatives to the meeting at Eastbourne to complete the triennial session. I should like the following letter, signed by myself, to go to the secretary of the Central Council:—

'Dear Sir,—I enclose the names and addresses of the three new representatives on the Central Council who were elected at a general meeting on April 22nd in place of those whose election last year infringed rule three of the Central Council. In forwarding these names, I am instructed to express the regrets of the Middlesex Association that this infringement took place, and assure the Central Council of our desire to co-operate with the Central Council and accept their decision.'

'I believe that no other way is Christian or proper.'

Mr. C. W. Roberts proposed that the president's statement go forward and be complied with.

In reply to a question, the President said it was not the responsibility of the chairman or the president of the Central Council to apologise to anybody. He assured him that those three representatives at Eastbourne would be received kindly and he would take steps to put them at their ease.

Mr. C. W. Roberts said he felt this subject very keenly for the prestige of the Association, and at the appropriate time he would like to thank their president for what he had done. He felt that the time had come for them to let 'bygones be bygones.'

Mr. G. L. Joyce, of Hornchurch, Essex, said that for 40 years he had had many disagreements with the decisions of the Central Council in various matters. In the past they had had a free Press, but with the Press passing to the Central Council, one could not get one's views expressed, unless they were complementary to those of the Council.

Mr. B. Hewitt suggested that the meeting should take no action as to filling the three vacancies. He moved that as an amendment, 'PLOT ALLEGED.'

Mrs. Mayne asked the president if when he met Mr. Lewis and Mr. Hughes, had they given him any information of the plot to depose Mr. Turner and get him off the Central Council.

The Chairman: 'I am afraid we did not discuss any plot, and I was not aware that there was any plot.'

Mr. C. C. Mayne: 'As a point of information I can tell you what that plot was.'

Mr. Turner: 'I have never complained to anybody that I have been badly treated, and I hope it will be forgotten.'

The Chairman thought that this discussion was entirely out of order, and expressed a wish that the meeting would avoid personalities.

Mr. W. Wilson said he was at York, and he held that even if the Association committed a

technical breach of the rules, it was not fair for the secretary of the Council to bar those members who had travelled all the way to York from taking part in the proceedings. He alleged that the action taken at York was an insult to their Association.

The Chairman: 'I gravely deprecate any talk of an insult to our members. It was not an insult.'

Mr. Wilson then moved as an amendment: 'That this association regrets that it may have committed a technical breach of the rules of the Central Council, and that for the remainder of the triennial period the Association does not elect representatives in place of those who were considered to be not eligible.' He knew that Mr. Cockey had written a letter of resignation. He had spoken to him, and he thought that if they agreed not to elect somebody in their place, they might succeed in keeping Mr. Cockey as a member. If they showed disloyalty to their own people then they lost Mr. Cockey.

Mr. Alec Cutler seconded the motion proposed by Mr. C. W. Roberts.

The amendment that no action be taken to fill the vacancies was then put and received only six supporters, being defeated by an overwhelming majority. The motion to send three representative members was carried, there being only four votes cast against.

Mr. Clarke proposed a vote of thanks to the president, the vote being carried with acclamation.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected: President, the Rev. P. Gough; active vice-presidents, Messrs. W. H. Coles and A. W. Coles; Master, Mr. C. W. Roberts; treasurer, Mr. W. H. Oram; secretary, Mr. C. Ernest Turner; assistant secretary, Mr. Norman Genna; auditor, Mr. Maurice Hodgson; trustees, Messrs. T. J. Lock, E. C. S. Turner and W. H. Oram; representatives on the Central Council (after a ballot), Messrs. W. H. Coles, F. A. Finch and F. Goodfellow.

The secretary, reporting on the memorial to Mr. C. T. Coles, stated that the amount subscribed was £124 16s. and expenses 19s. 11d. The bell had cost £150, and the committee had decided to close the fund and meet the deficiency from the funds of the Association.

Mr. T. J. Lock said some weeks ago an appeal was launched for St. Paul's, Shadwell, providing the bells were hung for ringing, and he would like to move that the Association make a donation of £5 towards the fund. This was agreed to.

On the proposal of Mr. Lock, it was decided that a committee be formed to consider what arrangements could be made for ringing in connection with the Festival of Britain. This was agreed to.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Clerkenwell and those responsible for making arrangements for ringing and for the meeting.

NO PARTY TO RESOLUTION

Dear Sir,—I understand that a resolution was passed expressing regret at the action taken last year relating to the election of members to the Central Council.

In fairness to myself, will you please make it quite clear I was in no way a party to such resolution and that I dissociate myself entirely from it. Further, that in view of the treatment to which we were subjected at the meeting in question, I repeat the comments made at the time.—Yours faithfully,

J. E. LEWIS COCKEY.

Edgehill Road, W.13.

Within the last two years the Alford (Lincs) ringers have paid compliments by ringing quarter peals to their organist with fifty years' service, their treble ringer with fifty years' service and recently to a chorister with sixty years.

Coventry Diocesan Guild

ANNUAL MEETING AT ALLESLEY.

The annual meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Guild was held at Allesley, Coventry, on April 15th. The Rector (the Rev. F. W. Moyle, the famous broadcaster), gave a warm welcome in his fine address to about 100 members and friends. A splendid tea, arranged by the junior members of the Allesley band, was partaken of in two sittings in a room at the Rectory.

The committee discussed matters which were later brought up at the business meeting. The Rector presided for a short time, the chair being taken afterwards by the Master (Mr. A. H. Beamish). Apologies were read from the president (the Rev. R. T. Murray, Rector of Southam), Canon F. S. Herbert (Vicar of Nuneaton), the Rev. J. H. Dingley (Vicar of Bulkington), both vice-presidents, and Messrs. F. Brassington and R. J. Edden, ringing members.

The retiring president not seeking re-election, the Rev. R. P. Rigby (Vicar of Chilvers Coton) was elected, and Canon F. N. Didsbury, Rector of Bedworth, was elected vice-president to fill the vacancy left by the removal from the district of Canon O. M. Jones. All the remaining officers were re-elected en bloc.

Southam was selected as the meeting place for July 8th. New members elected were G. Tallis (Nuneaton), A. Wilson (Stoke), H. R. Leach (Bilton), H. L. G. Haywood, J. Flowers (Southam) and G. Measures and H. M. Windsor, both of Harbury.

A member of St. Andrew's, Rugby, band referred to 'The Ringing World' leader of March 24th last, when portions of a letter sent by Mr. H. R. Leach, of Bilton, near Rugby, were published complaining that the band there was only ringing plain courses through lack of instruction. 'Unquestionably it is one of the primary functions of guilds to provide instructors,' quoted 'The Ringing World.'

The nearest band to Bilton was that of Rugby, St. Andrew's, and they had visited Bilton, giving up their own practice to do so, but were made to feel unwelcome and had, therefore, not proffered their services as instructors again.

Mr. Leach refuted this, and to prevent further argument Mr. F. E. Pervin (Coventry and Rugby District secretary) said he would hold a district meeting there in June and endeavour to smooth out any difficulties.

Reports for 1948 and 1949 were distributed and also Guild badges had been purchased to the design decided upon by the members at the previous quarterly meeting and were on sale at 3s. each.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

With a bus service once a week, Goodnestone, far from a main road, was the venue of the latest meeting of the Canterbury District. In spite of the difficulties of travel, 83 members and friends attended, thus keeping up the splendid record of the district. These came from 22 towers.

Ringing commenced shortly after 2.30, and continued until service time, while those who were not ringing took a walk through the park and the avenue of horse chestnut trees, just coming into leaf.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. R. Davies), who gave a short address of welcome to all.

The district's good friend, Mr. Cecil Dinlot, of Whitstable, came to the rescue again with the tea, after which the usual business meeting followed. Two new members were elected, Hernhill for a by-meeting, with Eastry as the next quarterly were chosen, and the meeting closed with thanks to the Vicar, the organist and the 'Mayor of Goodnestone' (Harry Stringer) and his wife for all the local arrangements.

OBITUARY

THE REV. J. R. VINCENT.

With the passing of the Rev. Joseph Robinson Vincent at the age of 86 years, the former Rector of St. Mary's, Shenley, near Bletchley, Bucks, from 1901 to 1922, the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild has lost one of the great figures so well known to many of the older generation of ringers. The Rev. Vincent held the office of chairman of the branch from 1908 until 1922, in which year he left the parish.

Living entirely for his vocation, the Church was his first thought in every matter. Everything had to be the best possible in this connection, and during his incumbency the Rev. Vincent raised the standard of the church, and beautified it in such a way that Bishop Gore declared it to be one of the most beautiful in the Diocese of Oxford.

The bells were taken in hand during 1907, and a scheme was suggested to recast the 3rd of the ring of five, as this bell had two large pieces out of the sound bow, worn thin and knocked out by the clapper.

The Rev. Vincent was wholeheartedly in favour of a more ambitious project, and through his great leadership and enthusiasm the complete restoration was put in hand, the work being undertaken by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who made such an excellent job and provided the church with a ring of six of which we are justly proud to be the custodians. In passing it is worthy of record that the tenor is in its original state as when cast circa 1350 (except for losing its cannons about the year 1870). Strange to relate, the tenor was the only bell which had no defect.

On the reopening of the bells on June 6th, 1908, the North Bucks Branch annual meeting was fixed for Shenley; and so delightful were these meetings that the 'annual' was held regularly until the year of the departure of the Rev. Vincent. And what meetings they were! Quite apart from the business, there is the happy memory of the bright and cheerful service, with many robed clergy and choir; and such a rich volume of men's voices singing the familiar hymns as printed on the service leaflets, which, by the way, are still in use at the present time!

After the service there was always the tea, held under the cedar tree in the rose garden of the lovely grounds of the Rectory, presided over by the Rev. and the Hon. Mrs. Vincent. The ringers were 'their guests,' and such preparations were made in advance that this day became known locally as 'The Ringers' Day.'

This well-loved Rector had lived in Higham, Colchester, for 12 years, and on April 15th we heard of his death. The funeral took place at St. Mary's, Shenley, and after a Requiem, with a large congregation and choir in attendance, the Rev. Vincent was laid to rest in the same grave as his beloved wife.

To show their great regard for the memory of such a well-loved Rector, the ringers rang fully muffled touches of Grandsire Doubles before and after the service.

A quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung in the evening. This was half-muffled and conducted by Mr. H. Daniels, the first child to be baptised by the Rev. Vincent when he came to the parish of Shenley in 1901. E. A. C.

MR. E. T. EXETER.

We regret to record the death of Mr. E. T. Exeter, of Balcombe, Sussex, who passed away on April 21st at the age of 73. He was a member of the Sussex Association and College Youths. Although he was not a great ringer, he was most loyal and faithful to his Sunday service ringing.

The interment was at Balcombe on April 26th, after which the bells were rung half-muffled to Plain Bob Major by D. Laker 1, S. Wood 2, R. Johnson 3, J. Laker 4, C. Stoner 5, J. Gardner 6, E. Knapp 7, A. E. Laker 8.

MR. GEORGE W. STEERE.

The sudden and unexpected death of Mr. George W. Steere, of Sutton, Surrey, on April 23rd, is deeply regretted by a wide circle of friends. Mr. Steere, who was 55 years of age, had been in indifferent health for some months. He recently entered the Sutton and Cheam Hospital.

Born at Shalford, near Guildford, he learnt to ring on the bells of the village church where he was also a chorister. In the First World War he served in the R.A.S.C., and in 1919 joined the Holy Trinity, Guildford, company, and quickly became one of the foremost members of this band. With them he rang his longest length, 9,600 Double Dublin Surprise Major on April 6th, 1931.

He was a civil servant in the Customs and Excise and towards the end of 1927 he moved to the Metropolitan area. Then started a long association with the St. Martin's-in-the-Fields company. He was elected hon. treasurer of the Society of the Royal Cumberland Youths in 1928 and held that office at the time of his death. In 1936 he took over the duties of secretary, resigning last January.

He served the Cumberlands with great faithfulness in all departments. His ringing was sound and accomplished, but his friends will value him particularly for the sound common-sense he brought to bear on the problem of the moment, and that friendliness and ready smile for all who came in contact with him. He represented the Cumberlands on the Central Council, and his viewpoint was always listened to with close attention.

Mr. Steere was a Freemason and a chess player. The sympathy of the Exercise is extended to his widow, son and daughter.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral service was held at Cranleigh Parish Church on Friday, the Rector (the Rev. H. L. Johnston) officiating. Previous to the service the bells were rung half-muffled, and at the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples by Mrs. F. I. Hairs 1-2, A. H. Pulling 3-4, F. I. Hairs 5-6, G. Cross 7-8. Afterwards the whole pull and stand was rung by H. Hutton 1, W. J. Robinson 2, Mrs. Matthews 3, D. Cooper 4, F. J. Hawthorne 5, T. M. White 6, W. T. Beeson 7, P. N. Bond 8.

There was a large attendance of personal, ringing and Masonic friends at the service. Among those present were Mr. A. H. Pulling (representing the Central Council), Mr. G. H. Cross (Master), Mr. P. N. Bond (secretary, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hawthorne, Mrs. Matthews, Messrs. D. Cooper, R. Whittington, W. T. Beeson, C. G. and H. Charman, C. Stevens, L. Warner, A. Tidy, J. Elliott, E. Barnett, sen., W. J. Robinson, H. Hutton, L. Hunter and T. M. White (also representing T. W. White).

Fast Peal at Exeter Cathedral

SCORED BY WEST COUNTRY RINGERS.

This week in our peal columns we record the peal of Stedman Cinques rung on the bells of Exeter Cathedral on April 22nd. The attempt was made by a West Country band for the Ancient Society of College Youths, and was accomplished in 3 hours 50 minutes, a fast time for the bells.

The seeds of the attempt, writes a correspondent, were actually sown in July, 1948, when the Bristol ringers visited the tower and rang some excellent Stedman Cinques.

Permission was obtained towards the end of 1949, and efforts were made to build up a band composed of a number of prominent London ringers. This, however, was not possible, and it was decided to make the attempt with an all 'West Country' band, whose efforts were rewarded by the scoring of a good peal, which, with the exception of no more than four missed dodges, was rung without a trip.

From the word 'Go' the bells settled down to a 'cracking' pace, which was maintained throughout the 26 courses in the titum position. There was a natural slowing up in the handstroke, but the attempt was never in doubt, and at the finish a very happy band received the congratulations of Messrs. Glass and Laver and the steeplekeeper, to whom grateful thanks are tendered for their help in raising the bells, adjusting the ropes, etc.

Incidentally, the ringers of the treble (D. G. Clift) and fourth (A. H. Reed) have now completed a trio of peals on the existing heaviest eight, ten and twelve in the country.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING AT EDINBURGH.

The annual meeting of the Scottish Association was held on April 22nd at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. The attendance of ringers was the best ever in the history of this scattered association, where towers are few and far between.

The fine heavy ring of ten (tenor 41 cwt.) was rung to Caters and Royal as well as Triples, and rounds were provided for those unaccustomed to ringing ten. It was a true delight to the Cathedral ringers to hear their ten bells ring out, as at the present time it is only on such rare occasions that sufficient ten-bell ringers can be mustered at one and the same time.

During the service, held in the Cathedral, the Very Rev. H. B. Gooderham, Provost of Edinburgh, spoke shortly of the task of ringers and how it was an impersonal one compared with that of the choristers, as few outside the tower ever knew who rang the bells. He pointed out that ringers had the greatest impact on those outside the church, for the bells would not ever let the indifferent forget that the church was still alive.

After tea, which was provided by the Cathedral Society, the annual business meeting was held, the Provost ably presiding in the unfortunate absence through illness of the president, Professor Street. It was felt that the Master and president should remain in office for another year in order to conform to the constitution.

Mr. Charles Raine intimated that he wished to resign from the office of secretary and was thanked for all his labours during the last 13 years. Mr. Rognvald Wilson was appointed to take his place. It was decided to hold the half-yearly meeting in October at Alloa, as it is central for all towers, and the next annual at Paisley.

After the business was over the party split, some returning to the Cathedral and the others, going to St. Cuthbert's nearby, where there is an easy-going ring of eight (tenor 21 cwt.).

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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Minutes of York Meeting

Minutes of the second session of the twentieth Council (52nd annual meeting), held in St. William's College, York, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 7th, 1949.

The Dean (the Very Rev. E. Milner White) extended a very warm welcome from the Minster and the Chapter, which was suitably acknowledged by the President, who presented the Dean with a copy of 'The History of the College Youths.' At the request of the President, the Dean opened the meeting with prayer.

PRESENT—

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Mr. G. W. Cecil.

Barnsley and District.—Mr. H. Chant.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Mr. J. T. Dyke, Miss N. G. Williams.

Bedfordshire Association.—Mr. H. Harding, Mr. A. C. Sinfeld.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. E. Bibby, Mr. J. W. Clarke, Mr. C. K. Lewis.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—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 Association.—Mr. F. Ainsley, Mr. W. H. Barber, Mr. W. N. Park.

Ely Diocesan Association.—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. H. Pulling.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. E. Oliver, Hertford County Association.—Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. R. G. Bell, Mr. C. W. Woolley.

Irish Association.—Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County Association.—Mr. E. S. 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 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. Stith.

London County Association.—Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers.

Middlesex County Association.—Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

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. P. 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.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. W. Rose, Mr. G. S. Valentine, Mr. E. E. Whitmore.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. G. H. 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 Guild.—Miss J. A. Southern.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Mr. H. Knight, Mr. C. 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 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, Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—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. Johnson, Mr. C. H. Kippin, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. J. F. Smallwood, Mr. A. Walker.

SUMMARY.

Members Associations. Present. Absent.

Wholly represented ... 24 66

Partially represented 20 35 36

Not represented ... 9 11

Hon. Members ... 53 101 47

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the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH.

The President formally reported the death of the following: Canon C. C. Marshall, R. H. Brundle, G. P. Burton, H. Chapman, T. Groombridge, jun., and G. Williams. Tributes were paid to Canon C. C. Marshall by Mr. P. J. Johnson, and to Mr. George Williams by Mr. G. Pullinger. The members stood in silence as a tribute to their memory.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The Secretary reported that in the printed copy the name of Mr. A. Relfe, East Grinstead Guild, had been omitted and moved that with this correction the minutes as published be taken as read and be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs and carried.

REPORTS

The various reports and accounts as presented have been published as indicated and are preserved in the Council's records.

REPORT OF HON. LIBRARIAN.

('Ringing World,' No. 1,993, June 17th, 1949, page 282.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS.

('Ringing World,' No. 1,993, June 17th, 1949, page 282.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes and supported by Mr. C. Dean.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE

CARTER RINGING MACHINE. ('Ringing World,' No. 1,993, June 17th, 1949, page 282.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. A. Walker, with approval of the action taken by the Trustees in removing the machine from the Museum for repairs, and thanks to Mr. B. Price and Mr. D. Hughes for the work they had done and are doing.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee reported that consideration had been given to the agenda, particularly in regard to the report of the Rules Sub-Committee, and recommended that the Council discuss the suggestions made to assist the sub-committee in their task of revision. The committee also reported that the sub-committee appointed to consider Decisions of the Council had presented an interim report and that a member had now been found to undertake the work in compiling the Roll of Honour. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens. The suggested new rules were discussed at length.

REPORT OF THE PEAL COLLECTION

COMMITTEE. ('Ringing World,' No. 1,993, June 17th, 1949, page 283.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. G. R. Newton, seconded by Mr. C. W. Woolley, with thanks to Mr. Stephen Hoare, of Watford, for his assistance. The recommendations of the committee that the late Gabriel Lindoff's collection of peals of London Surprise be not published as a broadsheet, and that the committee proceed with the production of a collection of peals of Royal and Maximus were accepted.

REPORT OF THE METHODS COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1,993, June 17th, 1949, page 283.)

Adopted on the proposal of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. F. W. Rogers. Regarding the collection of Surprise methods prepared by the previous committee, the Standing Committee recommended that if copyright be claimed it be not recognised, and that Mr. E. C. S. Turner, the remaining member of this committee, be asked to deliver up the manuscript to the hon. secretary. On

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the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson, the recommendation was adopted.

REPORT OF THE PEAL ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1.993, June 17th, 1949, page 284.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. C. Dean, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre. It was further resolved that any peal which does not conform to the present Decisions of the Council be ruled out, proposed by Mr. F. W. Rogers, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens.

REPORT OF THE RECORDS COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1.994, June 24th, 1949, page 295.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

REPORT OF THE TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1.994, June 24th, 1949, page 295.)

An interesting verbal report by Mr. E. H. Lewis was adopted on the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. H. W. Rogers. The Standing Committee's recommendation that six copies of the President's book devoted to the calculations of horizontal forces be prepared for distribution to scientific bodies and the British Museum, at the discretion of the officers, was adopted on the proposal of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. H. Rogers.

REPORT OF THE LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1.994, June 24th, 1949, page 295.)

Adopted on the proposal of the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. A. Walker.

REPORT OF THE PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE.

Owing to changes in the constitution of the committee no report was presented. The Standing Committee recommended that the remaining members of the committee be asked to appoint a new convener, to obtain the papers at present in the hands of Mr. W. G. Wilson, who had resigned, and to co-opt Mr. J. W. Clarke, of the Chester Guild. The recommendation was adopted on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

REPORT OF THE BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1.994, June 24th, 1949, page 296.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher.

REPORT OF 'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE.

('Ringing World,' No. 1.994, June 24th, 1949, page 296.)

Adopted on the proposal of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs. The action taken by the Hon. Secretary in submitting the accounts for audit to a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants was approved.

On the motion of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. A. Walker, the recommendation of the Standing Committee that the price of the paper be increased by one penny per week, with certain concessions to postal subscribers, was adopted.

MOTIONS.

It was proposed by Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, seconded by Mr. G. W. Fletcher and resolved: '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.'

It was agreed that this resolution be passed in the Methods Committee.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

On the proposal of Mr. F. H. Dallaway, seconded by Mr. H. J. Poole, Eastbourne was selected. Mr. J. Bray invited the Council to visit Lincoln in 1951.

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Dedications

RINGING CHAMBER AT WOOTTON BASSETT.

Members of the Calne Branch met at Wootton Bassett, Wilts, on April 22nd, for the dedication of a new ringing chamber. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. L. Sharpe), who also gave the address, and the act of dedication performed by the Rural Dean (the Rev. H. V. White).

After the service the ringers, who numbered 70, were entertained to tea at the Vicarage. The Vicar and churchwardens thanked all for their co-operation which had enabled Wootton Bassett to have one of the finest ringing chambers in the county.

Mr. L. A. Wilson, Ringing Master, in reply, gave a brief account of his 52 years' service in the tower, and said it had been a dream of his to get this floor erected. By a legacy left by Mr. W. T. Baxter, captain of ringers from 1898-1925, and with the help of past and present ringers and friends, he saw his dream come true. He hoped that when he had passed on those who followed would see that the bells were rung for divine service and take the same care as he had of the bells and ringing chamber.

Ringing ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise Major.

KILBRONEY, CO. DOWN, N.I.

The six bells of Kilbroney Parish Church, Rostrevor, Co. Down, were rededicated by the Rt. Rev. W. S. Kerr, D.D., Lord Bishop of Down and Dromore, on April 25th, in the presence of a packed congregation.

After the opening prayers and psalm the Bishop was conducted to the base of the tower. Here at the request of Mr. H. S. Lightbody, churchwarden and a ringer for over 50 years, he performed the act of dedication. The bells were then rung by F. E. Dukes (conductor), J. Purdy, W. Morrow, W. Rogan (Belfast) and Mrs. F. E. Dukes.

In his sermon the Bishop referred to the bell of St. Bronach, still preserved in the sister church at Rostrevor. This bell dates back to the ninth century and was for over two centuries 'lost' in an ash tree at the site of a former parish church.

At the conclusion of the service the bells were rung by visiting ringers from St. Thomas', Belfast; Lurgan; St. George's, Dublin, and Holywood. This was followed by an excellent tea in the Lecture Hall, to which clergy, congregation and ringers were invited.

The bells were installed in 1880 by Messrs. Taylors, the tenor weighing 13 cwt. They have now been rehung in ball bearings and a clock provided with a perspex dial—illuminated at night—through the generosity of Mr. Edward W. Evans, who bore the entire cost of the work. The bells were rehung by Messrs. Taylors and the clock restored by Messrs. Smith, Derby. The Rostrevor people are very grateful to Mr. Evans for this magnificent work. The ringers expressed themselves pleased with the 'go' of the bells.

It was the regret of everybody present that that G.O.M. James Cunningham, aged 92, and who is still an active ringer at Rostrevor, was unavoidably absent from the ceremony, due to an indisposition. Mr. Cunningham was one of the first ringers at Rostrevor when the bells were installed originally, and has continued right through their 70 years' existence to ring them Sunday after Sunday.

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VOTES OF THANKS.

On the President's motion, grateful thanks were accorded to the Dean, the Yorkshire Association, its president and officers, and Mr. George Horner and York company for arrangements, tea and hospitality, and the incumbents of the many churches for the use of bells.

Thanks to the President and officers were expressed by Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Oxford Diocesan Guild

EAST BERKS AND SOUTH-BUCKS BRANCH

When the East Berks and South Bucks Branch held its annual meeting at Bray-on-Thames on April 22nd, the Village Hall—where tea had been arranged—was overcrowded, and some ringers had to visit a riverside cafe. A hundred members attended altogether. There was ringing on the grand eight, tenor 27 cwt., in the tower of St. Michael's during the afternoon and evening, and the service was conducted by the Vicar of Bray and popular chairman of the branch (the Rev. E. S. C. Lowman). Mr. A. D. Barker, of Stoke Poges, secretary and treasurer of the branch for 26 years, and treasurer of the Oxford Guild, read the lesson.

Presenting his annual report, the Ringing Master, Mr. T. J. Fowler, of Cookham, said that 40 towers and 250 ringers were affiliated to the branch, making it the largest in the Guild.

Monthly meetings obviously could not visit every tower in the branch during a year, but were distributed as fairly as possible throughout the district. Everyone present at meetings had been catered for; advanced methods were invariably followed by simpler ones or rounds. Attendance at most had been quite good, but some of the striking not too good. 'I am convinced that the only way to become a good striker is by good handling and good listening,' continued Mr. Fowler.

Mr. George Gilbert, at Burnham, Bucks, had at last 'got rid of his old pots' and now had a fine Taylor eight. George had worked hard to raise the money for the job and was to be congratulated on his efforts. Two trebles recently added at Slough had given Buckinghamshire an excellent ten, and made Bill Birmingham 'another happy man.'

The annual meeting was being held at Bray for the first time, said Mr. Fowler. The branch was fortunate in having the Vicar of Bray as chairman. He took a keen interest in all activities, attending meetings and taking part in ringing.

Concluding, the Ringing Master said: 'Let us never forget that our first duty is to give of our best for Sunday service ringing. Regular and punctual attendance and good striking are something for a band to be proud of.'

Members stood in silence in memory of Canon G. F. Coleridge, who was described as 'the best known ringer in England, if not all the world.'

Officials elected were: Chairman, the Rev. E. S. C. Lowman; Ringing Master, Mr. T. J. Fowler; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. Roland Biggs, of Hughenden; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker. Mr. Fowler, who is entering his 22nd year of office, has missed only three branch meetings during 21 years.

A WEST COUNTRY WEDDING

Many ringers were in the congregation that overflowed the village church of Marksbury, Somerset, on April 15th, for the wedding of Mr. William H. Kingcott, of Wrington, and Miss Hilda M. Prescott, of Timsbury.

The bride is vice-captain of the Marksbury band, of which her father is captain and also organist at the church. The bridegroom is towerkeeper and vice-captain of Wrington.

The choral service was conducted by the Vicar of Marksbury and included the Ringers' Hymn ('Unchanging God'). Mr. W. A. Prescott gave away his daughter. The bride was attended by the Misses Brenda Prescott and Eveline Kingcott (sisters of the bride and bridegroom), and Mr. T. Mark White was the best man. A reception followed at Kingwall Hall Hotel, and the honeymoon was spent at St. Ives, Cornwall.

In the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Wrington by W. R. Kent (first on 10 bells) 1, H. H. Yates 2, D. Yeo 3, R. D. Shot 4, T. Brice 5, A. Ferris 6, T. M. White 7, H. Vowles 8, H. Knight (cond.) 9, M. Collins 10.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers

NORTH-EAST BRANCH.

The little village of Huntsham may well be called the cradle of the Devon Guild, for it was here that Col. C. A. W. Troyte and his brothers trained the band who rang the Guild's first peal in 1875.

Huntsham was looking its best on April 15th for the Spring meeting of the North-East Branch. The lawns of Huntsham Court were gay with daffodils and narcissi, whilst the little church looked very beautiful with its Easter decorations. After the service over 40 sat down to a bountiful tea, which included cut-rounds and cream. Among the company were visitors from Dorchester, Combe Martin, Exeter, Wellington and Highweek, as well as the Rev. J. M. Turner, whose recently published book on handbell tune ringing bids fair to become the Troyte of that branch of our art, and incidentally is helping with the dollar drive.

The chairman, Mr. E. J. Taylor, welcomed the Rector of Huntsham, the Rev. J. M. Jones, into the branch, and expressed the hope that he would follow his wife's example and learn to ring.

The meeting agreed to accept the proposal of the North-West Branch to hold a joint meeting at South Molton in October. There will be a joint meeting with the Taunton Branch of the Bath and Wells Association at Wellington on July 1st, and the next branch meeting will be at Washfield on July 8th.

MID-DEVON BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at Buckfastleigh on April 22nd. The bells were rung throughout the afternoon, and this was later followed by a short service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Timms).

After tea the usual business meeting took place, with Mr. J. E. Lilley, of Newton Abbot, in the chair. It was reported that the meeting had been transferred to Buckfastleigh from Lustleigh at the last moment owing to the death of a Lustleigh ringer.

The following associate members were elected: Messrs. R. G. Crang, E. Hodge, H. Rogers and Master A. Rogers, of Dartington.

It was reported that a joint meeting with the South-West Branch would be held at South Brent on June 24th, and that the next quarterly meeting would be held at Dean Prior on July 22nd, both subject to the necessary permission being obtained.

GRANTHAM RINGERS' DINNER

Ringers from Grantham, Ancaster and Great Ponton met together for ringing, a service and a dinner recently, the company, which included wives, numbering 31.

The Rev. P. J. F. Simpson presided and the speeches were witty. Proposing 'The Ladies,' Mr. V. Scales sympathised with the wives over the absence of their husbands out ringing, to which Miss J. Brandon (Ancaster) rejoined that if wives objected they should come along and learn bellringing.

'The Beginners' were toasted by Mr. F. Parsons (Grantham), who reminded them of the usefulness of a little homework. Mr. R. Chadburn (Ancaster) dutifully replied by thanking the instructors for their patience and spoke of the friendly atmosphere in the belfries.

This theme was echoed by Mr. E. Hawley (Ancaster), who thanked Mr. J. M. Simpson for organising the meeting. In his acknowledgment Mr. Simpson suggested that another year a visit might be paid to Stratford-on-Avon or some other district.

The chairman concluded the speeches by giving statistics to show how Great Britain far exceeded the rest of the world put together in the number of bells and ringers. He suggested that ringers might justifiably look for better results from their efforts and 'give people a nudge' if they did not respond to the call of the bells on Sundays.

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.

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All notices must be prepaid.

Notices must be received not later than Monday.

SITUATION VACANT

Wanted, GENERAL HOUSEMAN—married couple would be considered—live in. Most evenings free. Every Sunday and one other half-day off each week. Holidays and wages by arrangement. Apply Mrs. Hughes, Church Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, London, E.1. 6971

HANDBELLS WANTED

Wanted, set of handbells, not less than 12. State key, condition and size, etc.—George Yaxley, 7, Vicarage Road, Woking, Surrey. 6956

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 ART AND SCIENCE OF HANDBELL RINGING,' illustrated, by J. M. Turner, Washfield, Devon, late president of N.E. Devon Guild of Ringers and broadcaster. 3s. 6d. post free from the Author. 6787

No better pen picture of early ringing societies has been published than J. Armer's Trollope's 'COLLEGE YOUTHS,' illustrated, 5s. 6d. post free.—'The Ringing World,' c/o Woodbridge Press, Ltd. Guildford.

MISCELLANEOUS

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Mr. Charles Raine has resigned from the secretaryship and any communications for the Society should now be sent to Mr. Rognvald Wilson, 15, Durham Road, Portobello, Midlothian. 6949

Any ringing tours this year? Prepare to permanently record your activities in a 'DELIGHT' LOOSE LEAF BOOK. All your records in one volume. Details from William Viggers, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 6013

MEETINGS

ST. GEORGE COLEGATE, NORWICH.—The ceremony of the Hallowing of the Bells will be performed by the Lord Bishop of Thetford on Saturday, May 6th, at 7 p.m., previous to their being hung in the tower.—A. G. G. Thurlow, Vicar. 6876

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Worth (6), Saturday, May 6th, 3 p.m. Tea. Names for tea to G. T. Jennings 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 6890

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Hersham, May 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m. Notifications to W. Simmonds, 33, Burwood Close, Hersham.—F. Hawthorne. 6897

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, May 6th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to R. F. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 6930

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, May 6th, at Barkstone (6). Bells 2.30. Meat tea at the Stag Hotel 4 p.m., followed by business meeting. Service 5.30.—Bernard H. Dalton, Church Road, Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs. 6936

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery.—Meeting at East Coker on Saturday, May 6th. Usual arrangements. Early notification for tea essential.—F. Farrant, Martock. 6931

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—Meeting, Charlton Horrothorne (8), May 6th. Service 4.30. Tea following.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditchat, Somerset. 6927

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Holywell, Saturday, May 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 6926

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting is at Whiston on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Wright, 501, Bawtry Road, Whiston, near Rotherham.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 6920

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Saxlingham Nethergate on Saturday, May 6th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea for those who notify Mr. G. Poyntz, Saxlingham.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 6907

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—May 6th, altered arrangements: High Halden, bells 3 p.m., service 4.30. Beithersden, tea 5.30, bells 6.30. Bus leaves High Halden 5.20 p.m.—T. Cullingworth, Dis. Sec. 6961

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Poulton on Saturday, May 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 6958

BOURNEMOUTH RALLY.—Saturday, May 6th. Ringing at Christchurch Priory, 2.30 to 4.30; Bournemouth, St. Peter's, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 5.30; Bournemouth, St. John's (Surrey Road), 2.30 to 5 p.m. Dinner at Bournemouth Pavilion 7 p.m.—Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 6960

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Wolverton. Dedication of recast tenor, new framework and re-hanging of first five bells on Sunday, May 7th, at 3 p.m. Bells available to visitors after service. Our practice night will be on Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. 6922

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, May 13th, Isleworth, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. Further ringing after Church rebuilt—dedicated May 12th. Names early, please. Surprise practice, St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Wednesday, May 17th, 7.45. Everyone welcome to both.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 6946

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Sat., May 13th, Barkway, 3 p.m. until 5. Tea at Barley. Ringing at Barley after tea.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 6934

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Meopham (8) on Saturday, May 13th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea is by kind invitation. Will you please advise me by Saturday, May 6th, to enable the caterers to make their arrangements?—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 6932

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Swanmore (6), May 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business, Parish Hall, 5. Names by May 9th to H. Ainsley, Chapel Road, Swanmore, Southampton. Bishop's Waltham (8) bells available 2 to 3.30 and 6 to 8.—John H. Hunt, Dis. Sec. 6921

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, May 13th, Eckington (8), 3. Bring own food. Good attendance specially requested.—A. B. H. Cooper, District Sec. 6965

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Beverley (50th anniversary of dedication of ring), on May 13th. Bells (10) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for all who notify Mr. A. Taylor, 26, Albert Avenue, Beverley, by Wed., May 10th. 6964

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Crosthwaite, near Kendal, on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Hudson, Felledge Farm, Crosthwaite, near Kendal.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 6967

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting will be held at St. James', Cowley, Oxford (6), on Saturday, May 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Ifley (6) 7. Names for tea to Mr. Walter Holloway, 17, Westbury Crescent North, Cowley Oxford, by Wednesday, May 10th.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Sec. 6916

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Tring (8), May 13th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Badrick, 53, Western Road, Tring, by May 10th.—Pamela A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 6924

PORTRICKERY, NEAR BARRY.—Dedication of two trebles (to make six), Saturday, May 13th, at 3 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) for visiting ringers who notify by May 8th. Frequent Barry to Llantwit bus service.—L. J. Malings, Portkerry Road, Rhooose, Glam. 6908

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—Meeting, Badby, Saturday, May 13th. Names to me for tea not later than Friday, May 5th.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 6939

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Ulcombe (6), May 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 6937

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at Aldridge, Saturday, May 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Names by May 9th to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 6915

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting at Ewerby (10) on Saturday, May 13th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—Mrs. D. Wray, Hon. Sec. 6892

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Crusaders of the S.W. Division.—Meeting at Shenfield (6), May 13th, 3.30 p.m. Meeting essentially for learners. Everybody welcome. Names for tea to H. Turner, Church Cottages, Hall Lane, Shenfield, Essex. 6976

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Westerham (8), May 13th. Bells 3. Names for tea to Mr. J. Weller, Moor Cottage, Westerham.—C. A. Bassett. 6957

OXFORD—WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILDS.—Combined meeting of Newbury and Basingstoke branches, Saturday, May 13th, Newbury (10). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. E. Curtis, 67, King's Road, Newbury, by May 10th. 6955

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crews Branch.—Holmes Chapel, 6 bells (not Goostrey), 2.30 p.m., May 13th. Names required by 10th.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crews. 6979

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Halewood (8) on Saturday, May 13th. Bells open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (cost 2s. 6d.) only for those notifying John Robinson, Halewood Farm, Halewood, before Wednesday.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 6978

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Sandal, near Wakefield, Saturday, May 13th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Spencer, 425, Barnesley Road, Milnthorpe, near Wakefield, not later than May 9th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 6977

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Blunsdon (6), May 13th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 6954

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Ruiship, Saturday, May 13th, 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and short business to follow. Ringing during evening.—F. Finch. 6979

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Next meeting is to be held at Eccleston on Saturday, May 13th. Will all those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, May 10th.—L. Walsley, Leyland Motors, Ltd., Leyland, Lancs. 6953

ELY ASSOCIATION (Ely and Cambridge Districts) and CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Joint meeting, Saturday, May 13th, Longstanton (8). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 6951

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting, Puttenham, May 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names not later than May 8th. No name, no tea.—Eric T. Lee, Ashley Cottage, Ockford Road, Godalming. 6950

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting, Oldham, St. Mary's, on May 13th. Bells (12) available from 3. Business meeting 6.30. Ringing until 8 o'clock. Cups of tea can be obtained.—V. Wilson Sykes, Hon. Sec. 6982

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Cossington, Saturday, May 13th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Rowlatt, Main Street, by Wednesday, May 10th.—F. Key, Hon. Sec. 6975

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD and LEICESTER GUILD (Hinckley District).—Combined meeting, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, Saturday, May 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing during evening. Social in Parish Hall 7.30 to 11.15; admission 1s. 6d., including refreshments. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 10th, to Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nun. 3296. 6974

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shiplake, May 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Evening ringing. Names for tea (1s. 6d.) by May 9th.—T. N. Lanaghan, 31, Blenheim Road, Reading. 6973

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at the Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, May 13th, 3 p.m. Practice afterwards at St. Stephen's, Westminster.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 6981

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Meeting, Milverton (8), May 13th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting follow. Everyone welcome.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 6967

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Harworth (6), Saturday, May 13th. Names for tea to Mr. A. Lister, The Glen, Harworth, Doncaster, by 9th.—H. Denman. 6970

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guild Festival, Trowbridge, May 13th. Annual meeting in St. James' Hall, Union Street, 2.15 p.m. Guild service, Parish Church, 3.45 p.m. Meat tea, Court Hall Cafe, 4 p.m. (2s. each). Towers available: 12 bells, Trowbridge; 8 bells, Bradford Christ Church, Melksham. North Bradley, Westbury, Warminster, Longbridge Deverill; 6 bells, Devizes St. James' (Southbroom), Hilpert, Holt, Seend. Ringing from 11 a.m. to 1 and after 6 p.m. Ringers intending to be present should signify their intention to the secretary by Monday, May 8th, at the latest.—F. Ll. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 6969

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Stickney on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) at 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in School-room at 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, May 8th. Good bus service from Boston.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 6968

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Limpsfield (6) on May 13th, 3. Service 5. Tea and business following. Ringing after. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 9th, to J. W. Knight, 19, White Cots, Hurst Green, Oxted. 6980

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Slimbridge, May 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by May 9th to Miss Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 6965

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Heswall, Saturday, May 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and cakes provided—bring sandwiches. Names, please, by 10th.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 6963

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—At the Church of St. Lawrence, Caversfield, on Tuesday, May 16th, at 7 p.m., two treble bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Dorchester. (Ring now augmented to five bells.) 6964

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Fryerning (6), Saturday, May 20th (note alteration of date). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Number for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 6940

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting at Woodbury, May 20th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by May 14th to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 6929

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—Dedication by Bishop of Buckingham on Saturday, May 20th, 6 p.m., of Parish Church bells, rehung and augmented to ten.—W. Birmingham. 6959

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, East Hagbourne, May 20th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Notify by 16th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 6962

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Owlebury (6), May 20th. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names by Monday, 15th.—L. A. Tremear, 34, The Dean, Alresford. 6943

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Sutton-on-Trent (8), Saturday, May 20th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify Miss G. Burchall, Pembroke House, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark, by previous Tuesday.—P. N. White, Hon. Sec. 6925

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grimsby, Saturday, May 20th. Bells, St. James' (8), available 2.30 p.m. until service, and 7.20 p.m. until 9 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Tudor Cafe, 3s. per head, but only for those whose names reach Mr. H. I. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby, by Wednesday, May 17th. Business meeting in Church House, Bull Ring, 6 p.m., in Room No. 6. Please note, teas ordered have to be paid for.—F. Lord, Hon. Branch Sec. 6906

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District.—Meeting at Freshwater (6 bells), May 20th. Names for tea to Mrs. Guy, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport, I.W. 6983

ST. GEORGE COLEGATE, NORWICH.—The ring of six will be opened for ringing on Saturday, May 20th, by the Archdeacon of Norwich. Service 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, 3, Colegate, Norwich, by Friday, May 12th. 6877

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Ringing meeting, Aldeburgh, Saturday, May 20th, 2.30. Names for tea by May 17th.—W. Smith, 8, Leiston Road, Aldeburgh. 6952

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival and meeting at Hereford on Whit Monday, May 29th. Service 3.30, followed by tea and meeting. Bells: Cathedral (10), All Saints' (8), St. Nicholas' (6), available 11.30.—Rev. E. G. Benson, Hon. Sec., Presteigne Rectory, Radnorshire. 6966

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Lincoln Week, August 18th-26th. Members participating, please write before May 11th.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 6938

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FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN

EVIDENCE is not lacking that ringers will make a contribution towards the Festival of Britain. From three independent sources, each unknown to the other, the idea has been ventilated and accepted with alacrity. Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher brought up the question when the committee of the Kent County Association met on Monday, and to this end it was decided to table a motion for the consideration of the Central Council at Eastbourne. On the same day at Worcester, for the meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, Mr. D. H. Watson moved: 'That the Central Council representatives be instructed to move that the Exercise be represented at the Festival of Britain, 1951.' The same idea occurred to Mr. T. J. Lock at the Middlesex Association's annual meeting, and there it was decided that a committee be formed to consider what arrangements could be made for ringing in connection with the Festival. Mr. Lock has carried his ideas a stage farther by the letter which is published in this week's issue.

The year 1951 coincides with the triennial meeting of the Council in London. At York there were suggestions made that, owing to the difficulty of securing meeting halls and because of the number of towers damaged by the raids on London, ringing facilities were not satisfactory for a meeting at the Metropolis and that a centre in the Home Counties should be substituted. Our personal opinion is that, despite these difficulties, every endeavour should be made to hold the Council meeting in London. The Festival of Britain is unquestionably an event that ringers from all parts of the country will like to see and the dual event will make a strong appeal.

It must not be assumed that the Festival is confined to London. While it is true that the centre piece of the Festival will be the exhibition in London on the south bank of the Thames, the idea behind this event is that the whole country is on show, demonstrating to the visitor the British way of life, Britons' past achievements, their energy and determination in enriching the present and endowing the future. A special appeal has been addressed to every Parish Council to prepare its own village for the event, to tidy the general surroundings and to arrange events which will enable the visitor to understand our mode of living.

Of all British pursuits the art of change ringing is an essential prerogative of our people. No country possesses bells equivalent to our own; no country practises our art with the same dexterity, knowledge and enthusiasm. And as villages make their respective contribution to the Festival as a whole, we, as ringers, will be ready to play our part, not only by the ringing of bells, but by inviting visitors into our ringing chambers and explaining to them how to ring. It is strange as one travels about in this country to notice that a relatively small number of people has visited a belfry and seen bells rung; still less are those who have any ideas of the art of change ringing. The Festival in itself provides an unrivalled opportunity for propaganda which should be readily embraced.

In certain provincial towns festivals are being planned quite apart from the two touring exhibitions. We would suggest that the local Guilds should not hesitate to offer their services to the town's committee, and make appropriate suggestions as to ways and means bells can be introduced into the local programme. Ringers are not just an isolated body unto themselves; by their vocation they are the instruments for giving public expression to national sentiment. Such offers of co-operation, we feel certain, will be readily accepted by the Civic Authorities.

We feel certain that whatever course is adopted by the Central Council on Whit Tuesday the peal side of the programme will not be neglected. What we should like to see is not only the regular peal ringers participating, but those to whom a peal is a special occasion, an event to be treasured in memory. Since the war we have had three memorable days in the annals of the Exercise—the Thanksgiving Day for Peace, the marriage of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh and the birth of Prince Charles. The opening of the Festival is likely to be a similar occasion. It was a century ago that the great exhibition at the Crystal Palace was held, and it is possible that some Guilds or Societies have records of peals rung on that occasion. If any exist we would welcome the details. But times have changed since 1851; ringing to-day is on a far different footing. The Exercise is now in a position to act in unity and make a worthwhile effort. There can be little doubt that at Eastbourne a sound lead will be given.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 23½ cwt.

JOYCE A. ENGLAND ... Treble	PHILIP A. F. CHALK ... 7
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT ... 2	GEORGE E. EVENDEN ... 8
JILL BRITTAIN ... 3	T. MARK WHITE ... 9
DAVID E. PARSONS ... 4	JOHN W. STEPHENSON ... 10
AUDREY N. DISERENS ... 5	JOHN CHILCOTT ... 11
NOEL J. DISERENS ... 6	ROGER O. FRY ... Tenor

Composed by DAVID E. PARSONS. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.
Believed to be the youngest band to ring a 12-bell peal. Average age 19 years 8 months. A wedding compliment to Hilda Prescott and William H. Kingcott.

TEN BELL PEALS

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

*REGINALD WOODYATT ... Treble	†ALLEN MORGAN ... 6
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 2	†ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES ... 7
†CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... 3	WILLIAM LEWIS ... 8
†R. GEORGE MORRIS ... 4	CYRIL TANSELL ... 9
JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 5	*THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* 100th peal together. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal of Treble Bob Royal. First peal of Treble Bob Royal as conductor.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

E. JOAN SALMONS ... Treble	LESLIE A. TREMEER ... 6
HARRY BALAAM ... 2	JOHN H. HUNT ... 7
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3	*TOM PAGE ... 8
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 4	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 9
NELIA M. LEAHY ... 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

*JOHN N. LINDON ... Treble	*TREVOR REYNOLDS ... 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 7
†BARNABAS G. KEY ... 3	*MAURICE G. TURNER ... 8
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 4	GEORGE A. PACKER ... 9
†WILFRED KERR ... 5	HOWARD HOWELL ... Tenor

Composed by J. H. TUCKER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Bob Royal and completes Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus. ‡ First peal of Royal 'inside.' First peal of Royal as conductor. A compliment to Miss A. I. Clements and Mr. W. A. Tart on the occasion of their wedding at this church.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

VERNON SYKES ... Treble	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	SELWYN H. DEARDEN ... 6
STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
DEREK OGDEN ... 4	ALAN J. BROWN ... Tenor

Composed by E. H. LEWIS. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.
A wedding compliment to Miss E. Beryl Brierley and Mr. Tyson Cook.

BLEWBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE ... Treble	NOEL J. DISERENS ... 5
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 2	FRANCIS A. WHITE ... 6
AUDREY B. DISERENS ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
EDMUND E. PEARSON ... 4	GEORGE HOLIFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by MARGARET L. TUTT.

On the 28th anniversary of the record peal of 21,363 Stedman Caters at Appleton. in which the tenor man took part.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 18 cwt.

*GEORGE E. HANCOCK ... Treble	EDWARD F. GOBEY ... 5
JOHN E. TURLEY ... 2	HAROLD TAYLOR ... 6
†ALBERT E. THOMPSON ... 3	FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 7
JOHN F. WILKINSON ... 4	DENIS R. CARLISLE ... Tenor

Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

* First peal. † First peal of Cambridge Major. To mark the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Thompson. Also a birthday compliment to Miss Dorothy Templeman, of Ilkeston.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

JAMES THORLEY ... Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
*WILLIAM H. JACKSON ... 3	GIBSON JACKSON ... 7
ALAN ROGERS ... 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, POOLSTOCK,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY ... Treble	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 5
ALEX J. WEBSTER ... 2	JAMES S. WEBB ... 6
*WALTER ALLMAN ... 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* 200th peal. First in the method as conductor.

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On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

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

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

* First peal in the method.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ...	Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ...	5
E. JOAN SALMONS ...	2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	6
JOHN H. HUNT ...	3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ...	7
FREDERICK W. BURNETT ...	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR ...	Treble	*REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	5
*TERENCE A. THORNER ...	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	6
HAROLD J. POOLE ...	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ...	7
†SIDNEY O. CHENEY ...	4	COLIN HARRISON ...	Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major in the method.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

WILLIAM JUDGE ...	Treble	*WILLIAM YATES ...	5
MARGARET L. TUTT ...	2	†FREDERICK C. CASE ...	6
*FREDERICK VICKERS ...	3	*GEORGE W. HOLLAND ...	7
*EDMUND E. PEARSON ...	4	WALTER F. JUDGE ...	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER J. LEMON ...	Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS ...	5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ...	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	6
ALFRED G. HILL ...	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	4	HARRY PARKES ...	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

A compliment to Miss Jean Barnett on her seventh birthday.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

HAROLD J. POOLE ...	Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ...	5
ALFRED BALLARD ...	2	JOHN R. SMITH ...	6
*WINIFRED M. BURTON ...	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ...	7
ELIZABETH FAULKNALL ...	4	*ALFRED BROUGHTON ...	Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal.

BATHWICK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*KENNETH F. MEDWAY ...	Treble	BETTY SPICE ...	5
THOMAS F. KING ...	2	†EDWARD J. FRY ...	6
MRS. DORA EVANS ...	3	JESSE HALLETT ...	7
GEORGE J. HAWKINS ...	4	SEALY S. WOODBURN ...	Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal of Bob Major 'inside.' Eighty-fourth birthday peal for Charlie Bell.

BENINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

SYDNEY F. CARTER ...	Treble	*ANTHONY R. AGER ...	5
REGINALD DORE ...	2	ERIC EDMONDSON ...	6
*DOROTHY H. JACKSON ...	3	J. MARTIN PAGE ...	7
*JOHN M. KEMP ...	4	JACK WELCH ...	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by SYDNEY F. CARTER.

* First peal of Major.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

No. 419 Reverse Variation.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

BERTIE A. CORWELL ...	Treble	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ...	5
WALTER AYRE ...	2	WILLIAM C. HUGHES ...	6
*OLIVE MARTIN ...	3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ...	7
PAMELA A. MARTIN ...	4	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON ...	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEO. W. DEBENHAM.

* First peal in the method.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON ...	Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ...	5
WILLIAM G. COOK ...	2	LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	6
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ...	3	FRANK I. HAIRS ...	7
ALFRED G. HILL ...	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

John Wheadon's 100th peal in this tower.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstan's Four-part. Tenor 20½ cwt.

JOSEPH H. COX ...	Treble	STANLEY PRESTIDGE ...	5
J. DENNIS HOLDEN ...	2	RODERICK J. LEES ...	6
JOHN LLOYD ...	3	WILLIAM DAVIES ...	7
MOLLY TROMANS ...	4	FRED HOLDEN ...	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.

The annual peal for the Guild; also to mark the 50th anniversary of the Dudley Guild.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

RONALD E. NORRIS ...	Treble	FRED BISHOP ...	5
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ...	2	*ELLIS D. SILLS ...	6
VICTOR A. JARRETT ...	3	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ...	7
GLADYS K. JARRETT ...	4	WM. A. J. KNIGHT ...	Tenor

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Major 'inside' and first peal for 30 years. Birthday peal for the ringer of the 3rd.

HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

WILLIAM JUDGE Treble	*BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... 5
*EDWIN G. MOORE ... 2	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 6
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (No. 5). Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. The first peal on the recast bells.

HORNBY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... Treble	VICTOR J. C. WOOD ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	ERNEST J. GOWER ... 6
THOMAS BARKER ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
*CHARLES CLEGG ... 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* 50th peal.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 5
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEEP ... 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... 6
WILFRED W. RING ... 3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... 7
PETER D. HUCKSTEEP ... 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PETER D. HUCKSTEEP.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MAURICE A. COLLINS ... Treble	WALTER D. POOLEY ... 5
HORACE E. WERRETT ... 2	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... 6
JOHN CHURCH ... 3	ROY V. WEBB ... 7
JACK S. DEAR ... 4	LOUIS H. BYWATERS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 173). Conducted by ROY V. WEBB.

* First peal, aged 13. A compliment to the incumbent, Canon J. H. Bailey, on fulfilling 40 years' service in this parish.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*REGINALD HOLMES ... Treble	†HENRY C. WHITE ... 5
FRANK WHITE ... 2	FRANCIS A. WHITE ... 6
ANTHONY G. HOLIFIELD ... 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD ... 7
FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 4	FRED WHITE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' Believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

*HENRY N. VAUGHAN ... Treble	*ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 5
*ERNEST J. LADD ... 2	*WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 6
*ALBERT RELFE ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... 7
*FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 4	†FRANK H. HICKS Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Monday, May 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James-the-Great,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

VINCENT A. HEMMING ... Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 5
H. JAMES TURNER ... 2	EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 6
HENRY H. FEARN ... 3	JOHN PINFOLD ... 7
JAMES F. HARVEY ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by A. P. HYZWOOD. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

COUND, SHROPSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sun., Apr. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*KENNETH M. GRAYSON ... Treble	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 4
†ANNE M. DICKINSON ... 2	W. GWYN THOMAS ... 5
†M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY ... 3	FRANK P. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise.

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Apr. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

R. EDWARD HUDSON ... Treble	†WALTER STAR ... 4
E. CONNOCK ... 2	*ERNEST SHEARN ... 5
*AUDREY TIBBOTT ... 3	GEORGE PRESCOTT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells. For the wedding of H. W. Kingcott and Hilda Prescott.

CHURCH BROUGHTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

WALTER SHAW ... Treble	WALTER STEEN ... 4
JACK BAILEY ... 2	WM. LANCASTER ... 5
JACK W. GLEW ... 3	ALFRED MOULD Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

In memoriam Robert William Bowles. First peal on the bells. The treble was dedicated by the Bishop of Derby on April 2nd, when the above band rang for the opening ceremony.

COLNE ENGAIN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE TRENDALL ... Treble	CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... 4
FRANK CLAYDON ... 2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... 5
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 3	RONALD SUCKLING Tenor

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Saunders. Mr. Saunders was Master of the Northern Division, Essex Association, for many years.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, 10 callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

GEORGE E. LARGE ... Treble	*ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES ... 4
R. GEORGE MORRIS ... 2	ALLEN MORGAN ... 5
REGINALD WOODYATT ... 3	FRED HYDE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. In honour of Princess Elizabeth's 24th birthday.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

MARGARET ACKERS ... Treble	ELLEN RICE ... 4
VERA DRAPER ... 2	CUTHBERT ACKERS ... 5
JACK POUNDS ... 3	*ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MAWDSLEY.

* 100th peal.

HAWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... Treble	HERBERT HELLIWELL ... 4
JOHN I. ROBERTSHAW ... 2	*HARRY WILD ... 5
*DORIS M. KILLINGLEY ... 3	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... Tenor

Conducted by SAM LONGBOTTOM.

* First peal in three months. First peal of Minor as conductor.

HENLOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

J. CHURCH ... Treble	RONALD J. SHARPE ... 4
C. HENRY HARDING ... 2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 5
DAPHNE J. HARE ... 3	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

HUNTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 240 Original and 2,400 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire, rung in alternate quarters.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MARGARET A. TOMLIN ... Treble	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... 4
*DAPHNE TURK ... 2	*KEITH H. BURBIDGE ... 5
FRANK W. TOMLIN ... 3	*JOHN H. MANKTELLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by ALEXANDER WADDINGTON.

* First peal.

LITTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

GORDON FORD ... Treble	JOHN BARTLETT ... 4
LEONARD PULLIN ... 2	RICHARD DUDDIN ... 5
JOHN WITHEY ... 3	CHARLIE FORD ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WITHEY.

First peal by all the band except the ringer of the second.

SILKSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Plain Bob and three each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb.

DOUGLAS HALL ... Treble	STANLEY DANCE ... 4
ERIC STAINROD ... 2	EDWIN ATKINSON ... 5
LEONARD W. CARBUTT ... 3	HARRY MANN ... Tenor

Conducted by ERIC STAINROD.

A birthday compliment to Eric Stainrod.

TYDD ST. MARY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, 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 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

A. W. TOWNSEND ... Treble	G. R. G. BUTLER ... 4
JOHN W. KETTERINGHAM ... 2	W. ROSE ... 5
CHARLES C. RAWDING ... 3	C. HAROLD WHITTON ... Tenor

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

A birthday compliment to Princess Elizabeth.

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WINTERBOURNE ST. MARTIN, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising fifteen 120's each of Grandsire and Stedman and twelve 120's of Plain Bob, 24 callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL <i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH T. BARRATT ... 4
ARTHUR J. SCOTT ... 2	HENRY G. KEELEY ... 5
ROGER KEELEY ... 3	W. CECIL POOLE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL.

In honour of the 79th birthday of Mr. A. Stone (uncle of the tenor man). Mr. Stone is also the oldest inhabitant of the village.

WRENBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extent. Tenor 11 cwt.

*THOMAS G. HAYES <i>Treble</i>	JOHN E. BROUGH ... 4
HAROLD G. SMITH ... 2	FRANK OLLIER ... 5
FREDERICK S. SUTTON ... 3	EDWARD J. BOFFEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* First peal.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

SIDNEY H. JONES <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR J. MARRIOTT ... 4
*PETER MARRIOTT ... 2	*JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 5
BARNABAS G. KEY ... 3	ROLAND BENISTON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First in seven methods. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Double Court. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN W. MOORE <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES E. BROWN ... 4
EVELYNE M. WRIGHT ... 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 5
BETTY BROWN ... 3	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

In memoriam David Midwinter.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Apr. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 extents of Stedman (10 callings) and 32 extents of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb.

ERNEST PARKER <i>Treble</i>	RICHARD PEARSE ... 4
SIDNEY WYBURN ... 2	ALBERT J. CHUBB ... 5
RAYMOND YOUNG ... 3	JOHN M. COOK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by SIDNEY WYBURN.

A compliment to Major H. J. Cann and Mrs. Cann on the silver anniversary of their wedding.

PARRAMATTA, NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Apr. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5280 CHANGES;

Being 16 extents of Grandsire, 12 of Antelope and 16 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

*EDMUND J. FOWELL <i>Treble</i>	*JOHN S. CLARK ... 4
ROBERT W. FERRIS ... 2	*THOMAS W. GOODYER ... 5
†A. ROBERT BOTTING ... 3	†JAMES SMITH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ROBERT W. FERRIS.

* First peal. † First peal in Australia. ‡ First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. Rung for the commemoration of Anzac Day.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 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 <i>Treble</i>	EILEEN MOUNFIELD ... 4
WALTER PAPWORTH ... 2	*HAROLD S. PEACOCK ... 5
*FRANK WARRINGTON ... 3	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* 25th peal together. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Chamberlain, of Eynesbury.

WALPOLE ST. PETER, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

JOHN E. FOX <i>Treble</i>	*WALTER HAMMOND ... 4
*STANLEY HARTLEY ... 2	ROBERT WISKIN ... 5
†DORIS WISKIN ... 3	ROLAND REED ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN E. FOX.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging. Believed to be the first peal ever rung at this church.

WHISTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN E. LABUTT <i>Treble</i>	PERCY AMOS ... 3
KILBY HOLTOM ... 2	VICTOR S. ADAMS ... 4

Conducted by HARRY WOODING.

First peal on the bells since 1936, and believed the third only.

FELKIRK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, London Scholars, Sandal, Kingston and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERIC STAINROD <i>Treble</i>	HERMANN RUSBY ... 4
CYRIL RUSBY ... 2	JOHN W. MOXON ... 5
NOEL F. MOXON ... 3	DANIEL SMITH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

A wedding peal for the Vicar, the Rev. Donald Moxom, M.C., and Miss Elizabeth Ann Tate, of Ashington, Northumberland.

STEBBING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*SHIRLEY BARRINGE <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE SAUNDERS ... 4
ALFRED LITTLE ... 2	WALTER LITTLE ... 5
F. E. L. HARRINGTON ... 3	RONALD SUCKLING ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal (age 14 years).

HANDBELL PEALS

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Mar. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE HOLYWELL STORES, LONDON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

ALFRED JORDAN ... 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD ... 5-6
EDGAR VALLANCE ... 3-4	HECTOR KNIGHTS ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT 42, RICHMOND ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's.	Tenor size 13 in C.
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 1-2	HUBERT E. ASHLEY ... 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 methods: Pulford, Avalon, Painswick, Kidlington, Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's, Crayford College, Richmond, New London, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Gainsborough, Little Bob, Wellington Little Court, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court, Bastow Little Court and Kent Little Court, 332 changes of method.

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2 | JACK BRAY ... 5-6
 GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 3-4 | PHILIP BARNES ... 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes.

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in C.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 1-2 | HUBERT E. ASHLEY ... 5-6
 WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4 | HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5004 CHANGES;

Being 22 methods: Pulford, Avalon, Painswick, Kidlington, Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's, Crayford College, Richmond, New London, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Little Oxford Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Wellington Little Court, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court, Bastow Little Court and Kent Little Court, 346 changes of method.

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2 | JACK BRAY ... 5-6
 GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 3-4 | PHILIP BARNES ... 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Apr. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Washbrook's.

Tenor size 17 in A.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2 | JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 5-6
 *JOHN J. MORRIS ... 3-4 | ERNEST MORRIS ... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman 'in hand.'

RISLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Apr. 19, 1950, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

AT 85, DERBY ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 12 in F.

DENIS R. CARLISLE ... 1-2 | ALFRED MOULD ... 3-4
 JACK BAILEY ... 5-6

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT 9, WINDSOR STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

ALFRED BALLARD ... 1-2 | JOHN J. MORRIS ... 5-6
 W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 3-4 | HAROLD KILBY ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Apr. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

No. 14.

Tenor size 17 in A.

MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
 MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4 | JAMES E. DANIELS ... 7-8

GEORGE E. EVENDEN ... 9-10

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LATE NEWS.

We regret to record the deaths of Mr.
William Hayes, of Flamstead, Herts; Mr.
H. M. Hurst, of the Peterborough Guild;
and Mr. John Cox, St. Ambrose, Bristol.

Mrs. C. J. Matthews is acting as secre-
tary of the Society of Royal Cumberland
Youths until the end of the present year.

By completing his 100th
peal in Dartford tower,
where his first peal was
rung in 1905, Mr. John Wheadon has become
the first to accomplish this feat. Mr. Wheadon,
now in his 79th year, is a native of London
(County Hall now stands on the site of his
birthplace), but learned to ring at Brenchley,
Kent, some 55 years ago. He was, however,
out of ringing for some years on first coming
to Dartford, so that he did not ring a peal
until he was 33. Of the 360 odd in which he
has now taken part, 68 others have been at
Crayford and about 50 at St. John's, Erith.
Mr. Wheadon's outstanding contribution to
ringing has been in originating the principle
of clapper buffers about 30 years ago, his idea
having later been developed by Messrs. Mears
and Stainbank.

Peal ringing visitors at Shrivenham, Berks,
will pay 10 shillings for each attempt towards
the bell ropes fund. Bells are guaranteed to
be oiled and ropes in good condition.

Bletchley, Bucks, bells, which have been
away for 15 months at the Whitechapel
Foundry, are now in the process of being
reinstated.

Whiston, Northants, where a peal of Doubles
is recorded this week, has no sally guides to
the ropes and one of the longest pulls in the
Midlands. The bells are very difficult to ring.
This church is lit by candles, and a paraffin
lamp illuminates the belfry.

Congratulations to Mr. Alfred Broughton,
the village postman at Gilmorton, who rang
the tenor to the peal of Stedman Triples rung
at Gilmorton on April 28th. He has been a
ringer for 47 years, and this was his first
attempt for a peal. Another first pealer in
the same peal was Winifred M. Burton,
daughter of Mr. Shirley Burton.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A promising Yorkshire
ringer is 14-year-old Wil-
liam H. Jackson, who rang
his first peal of London Surprise Major at
Thorne on April 22nd. Previously he had only
rung the plain course in the method on two
occasions. He never made a false blow during
the peal. This was his sixth peal, his others
being Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich (2),
Superlative and Cambridge.

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung
at Brightling, Sussex, on April 16th, was com-
posed by E. W. Tippler and not E. W. Turner
as stated in the issue of April 28th.

In connection with the broadcast of Trow-
bridge bells the following appeared in 'The
Radio Times': 'Captain of the Ringers,
Samuel Hector.' 'This is a very welcome inno-
vation,' writes Mr. T. G. Hawkins, of Slough,
'and I wonder if it would be possible to inform
the B.B.C. that it is appreciated.'

Mr. A. R. Botting, who rang in the peal of
Doubles at Parramatta, N.S.W., on April 24th,
1950, rang his last peal 39 years ago at St.
Michael and All Angels', Betchworth, Surrey,
being Holt's Ten-part Grandsire Triples, which
he conducted. Also in the same peal was Mr.
James Smith, who rang his last peal 40 years
ago, being a peal of Minor.

When Miss Eileen Maisey, a bellringer at
St. Michael's, Bray, Berks, married Mr. Robert
Mills, of Lake Vyrnwy, North Wales, at Wind-
sor Parish Church on April 15th, her friends
from Bray tower rang for her and formed an
archway of handbells as she left the church.
The bride and bridegroom met through a pen-
friendship. At the ceremony Miss Maisey wore
ivory figured satin, a headdress of orange
blossom, and carried dark roses. She and
her husband will live at Lake Vyrnwy.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

PEAL BOOKING FEE ACCEPTED.

THE Association held its 72nd annual meeting at Lancaster on April 29th. The day opened with a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at St. Margaret's Church in the lovely village of Hornby, where a ring of eight is installed in an octagonal tower.

General ringing commenced at 2 p.m. at Priory Church, eight bells (tenor 35 cwt.) and the R.C. Cathedral, ten bells (tenor 25 cwt.). Various methods were rung by a good muster of ringers, which was, however, not as large as it would have been had the weather been good. As it was the methods ranged from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

The service was held at the Priory Church and was conducted by the Rev. A. F. Clark. The president of the Association, the Rev. F. F. Rigby, read the lessons, and the Bishop of Lancaster, the Rt. Rev. Benj. Pollard, preached the sermon. The service was very well attended by approximately 200 members and a very pleasing feature was the large number of younger members.

An excellent muster sat down to tea, which had been arranged at the Priory Club. Mr. Wood, a well-known local ringer, organised the function and also the arrangements for the meeting. The Bishop stayed to tea and his jovial presence contributed in no small measure to the pleasant way in which the proceedings went off. The Rev. F. F. Rigby thanked the Bishop and all concerned in making the meeting possible and the Bishop suitably responded.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The Rev. F. F. Rigby was in the chair for the business meeting, supported by Mr. W. H. Shaker (secretary), Mr. F. Dunkerley (ringing secretary) and Mr. A. E. Sandeford (treasurer).

The President asked the members to stand as a token of respect to the 19 members who had died during the year, amongst them being such well-known ringers as John Potter, Benj. Thorpe and W. Taylor.

The secretary reported that there were 73 honorary life members, 409 non-resident members and 865 ringing members. The new ring of ten at Blackburn and eights at Bilsborrow and Ormskirk were completed, but the Liverpool Cathedral bells and the new eight at Walton were not ready.

The ringing secretary reported that the year had been a record one for the Association in so far as peals rung, which totalled 162, ranging from Doubles to London Surprise Major and Rochester Surprise Royal. Twenty-nine members rang their first peal, three their first as conductor.

Mr. A. Tomlinson rang his 400th peal for the Association, Mr. J. Ridyard his 200th peal and Messrs. H. Davenport and F. Varty their 150th peal for the Association. Mr. J. Hall (Miles Platting), Mr. Thomas Metcalfe (Dalton-in-Furness) and Mr. Miller have given 50 years in the service of ringing. Canon Wilson had been Vicar of Great Harwood for 50 years.

OLDEST MEMBER.

Mr. John Holme was introduced to the members as the oldest ringer in the county, having been a bellringer for 70 years.

The members were informed that the annual reports from the reconstitution in 1879 to 1948 had been made up into bound volumes, having been collected by Mr. A. Tomlinson, and an old copy of 'The Church Bells of Lancashire' been given by Mr. P. Crook. The ringing secretary thanked Mr. Arthur Tomlinson and Mr. Stephen L. Parry for the assistance given him in compiling the report.

The treasurer produced the balance sheet and during the discussion which followed it was decided that, owing to the state of the Association's finances, some emergency measure would have to be taken. Suggestions ranged from cutting down the annual report to

halving the representatives on the committee, but it was decided that this be left in the hands of the committee.

A proposal that a peal booking fee of 6d. per rope be charged and the proceeds go to the Association funds was carried unanimously. The ringing secretary was instructed to advise all conductors that they were responsible for forwarding to the treasurer the moneys due from successful peals.

In the election of officers, Mr. J. Leatherbarrow was elected vice-president. Mr. J. Burns was elected auditor. The next annual meeting will be held in the Fylde branch, and after some discussion about bringing it forward earlier than April, the matter was left in abeyance and in the hands of the committee and the Fylde ringers.

The meeting closed with an expression of thanks for by the president to all who had contributed to making this annual meeting a success, and Mr. Wood replied on behalf of the ringing fraternity in the Lancaster Branch, stating that anything they had done had been done willingly and had given them a great deal of pleasure.

Dedications

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.

Two new trebles have been added to make a ring of six at Aston Ingham, near Ross-on-Wye. The first bell is to the memory of the Rev. C. L. Whatley, who was Rector from 1914-1945, and the second is in memory of the fallen in the World War 1939-45.

The tenor, weighing 5 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb., is a pre-Reformation bell inscribed 'Saneta Margareta Ora Pro Nobis.' The third and fifth are Rudhall bells dated 1828 and 1740 respectively.

The hallowing of the restored bells and the dedication of the two new bells took place on April 28th, the ceremony being performed by the Bishop of Hereford. Assisting in the service was the Rector (Rev. H. L. Whatley), and the ropes were presented to the Bishop by Mr. T. E. Aubrey on behalf of the churchwardens. Following the dedication rounds were rung by ringers of the Ross District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

The contract, which included new fittings and framework, was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

MUCH HADHAM, HERTS.

Much Hadham bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Bedford on April 22nd. The Bishop was escorted to the belfry by the Rector (the Rev. H. Thomas), the former Rector (the Rev. H. B. Tower) and churchwardens. After the dedication rounds were rung by eight of the local company. The old six have been restored and two trebles added and all hung on ball bearings in a new oak frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

After the service the bells were set going by ringers from neighbouring towers. The Hertford County Association was represented by the secretary, Mr. W. Ayre, and many ringers were present.

The new bells are part of the church's war memorial. The two oldest bells are dated 1595. The opinion of all present was that they are a very nice eight, and despite the long draught the 'go' is very good.

F. G. S.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.

The dedication of Lyminster's recast tenor and restored roof took place at morning service on Sunday, April 30th, by the Archdeacon of Chichester, the Ven. Lancelot Mason. The new bell bears the following inscription: 'Recast 1950 in memory of Stephen P. Duval, DD., O.B.E., Vicar 1924-1947.' A quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles preceded the service.

Guild of Clerical Ringers

THE CHESTER WEEK.

As noted in 'The Ringing World' recently, the Guild of Clerical Ringers visited Chester for its annual ringing week this year. Those present were the Revs. C. C. Cox (president), Canon R. F. Wilkinson (vice-president), J. H. B. Andrews, E. W. Blyth, D. L. Board, W. G. Bridge, K. C. Davis, F. L. Edwards, K. W. H. Felstead, T. P. Hearn, J. Kingdon, F. A. Oswald, R. H. Palmer, I. J. Richards, A. S. Roberts, D. P. Roberts, B. F. Sheppard, R. D. St. J. Smith and A. G. G. Thurlow.

The absence of the hon. secretary, Preb. E. V. Cox, owing to prolonged illness, was regretted by all, especially after all his work of organising the week. The Rev. J. H. B. Andrews proved a very efficient deputy. Everything went without a hitch.

The week was most successful from the very beginning, and a happy omen of this came the very first night when we learned at dinner at the headquarters, the Queen Hotel, that Mr. Thurlow had purchased a book on ringing from another member! How are the mighty fallen! So much so that investigation revealed that after that he never attempted to sell one of his own.

After dinner we visited our first tower, St. Mary's-without-the-Walls, before returning to plan the peal attempts during the week.

Tuesday started with the annual corporate Communion at St. Barnabas' Church. The day was spent in the Wirral district—Shotwick (6) with a touch of London Minor, Neston (8) where Mr. Thurlow did not recognise the Double Norwich touch, Bebbington (8), Bromborough (8), Eastham (6) and, after dinner, Eccleston (8), the best bells of the day despite the notice in the belfry on arrival, 'Dangerous, bells are up.'

Before the coach had gone very far on Wednesday it was realised that an important member had been left behind! Pulford (8) was the destination for eight members, who rang a long touch of Bob Major before the bells ran round perfectly after nearly an hour's ringing. Consultations decided that this could not be called a peal! The remainder of the party spent the morning at Duddleston (6), but the best ringing of the day was at Gresford (8) and Wrexham (10). Tea at Wrexham, during which reporters of the local paper recorded with awe the prowess of the eight in ringing for a whole hour without stopping and the fact that we hoped to ring for three solid hours the following day. Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, joined the party in the evening in the belfry of Chester Cathedral.

Goodbye was said to several members on Thursday. At Northop (8) a successful peal of Bob Major was conducted by the president while the remainder of the party rang at Halkyn (6). Lunch was followed by a ring on the light six at Mold, a visit to St. Demetrius' Library, Hawarden (founded by Gladstone), and tea with the warden. Ringing in the church preceded evensong.

That evening the annual meeting was held, at which the officials were re-elected and a proposal to make Wells the centre for next year's week (if possible) adopted.

Numbers were reduced to nine on Friday, when there was ringing at Tarporley (8), Waverton (6), Christleton (a light 8) and after dinner St. Mary's-within-the-Walls (8). Thanks are due to all who helped in various ways.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's on April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. C. Williams (cond.) 1, M. J. Butler 2, Miss C. Nicolas 3, Miss J. Cox 4, Miss E. Arthur 5, E. J. Smith 6, C. Perry 7, W. Glasspool 8.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On April 15th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob: E. J. Leversuch 1, D. Cattell (first in method) 2, F. Cattell 3, A. Wenban 4, W. Wenban 5, T. Clark 6, J. Rootes 7, W. J. Nudds (cond.) 8.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING AT HITCHIN.

THIS year, the northern part of the county was visited on the occasion of the annual meeting, with Hitchin as the central part. The bells of Norton, Great Wymondley and St. Ippolyts were available and well used, as were the eight at Hitchin—a variety of methods to suit all tastes being rung.

In addition, one party had obtained permission to use the lovely ring of six at Stotfold, just over the border, earlier in the day. The well-attended service was conducted by the Vicar of Hitchin (Canon Kemp), who extended a cordial welcome to all, and gave 'food for thought' in his short address.

Tea and business meeting followed at The Angel. The president, Mr. A. V. Good (Apsley) expressed his thanks for the welcome extended to him when he had attended the various meetings in the districts. Continuing, he said how gratifying it was to see more young ringers about, but urged the older ones to make more efforts to obtain many more, though it meant sacrifices on their part.

Members stood in silence in memory of those who had passed on to higher service.

The treasurer (Mr. G. E. Debenham), in his report, explained that more funds were necessary to keep the Association in a sound position. The Voluntary Bell Fund and the Benevolent Fund had received no applications for grants during the past year. The reports were adopted.

In his report the secretary emphasised the remarks made by the president about the necessity of obtaining new recruits to the Exercise and went on to regret the silence of many church bells on a Sunday evening, either through lack of ringers or enthusiasm, as, after all, their main purpose is to call people to worship. It was everyone's duty, both individually and collectively, to try and alter that state of affairs.

Congratulations were offered to the Northern District, which had had its most successful year, mainly through a small group of enthusiasts. The Eastern District, too, seems to be on the upward trend, but the secretary asked why it had to depend on one or two keen people to stir up an area. He was perturbed at the tendency to rely on one good conductor to organise and call the peals. Was it slackness on the part of others, lack of knowledge, ability or opportunity?

19 PEAL CONDUCTORS.

But when he came to the peal list, a little relief was apparent, for out of the 56 peals rung, there were 19 conductors, some new names appearing. The outstanding conductor was Mr. H. G. Cashmore, with 15 peals to his credit. His brilliance and ability could not be over praised. A peal in eight Spliced Surprise Major methods had appeared in their lists for the first time. Several outstanding peals were mentioned, with the youthful Roy Webb, of Norton, being particularly singled out.

Regarding restoration in the county, Much Hadham bells had been rehung in a new oak frame and augmented to eight. The order for recasting the old six at Stevenage into eight, together with rehanging, had been placed. St. Mary's, Hemel Hempstead, were to be rehung at least.

Members lost to higher service were Canon Greig, Royston; Herbert Else, Hitchin; Charles Henley, Apsley; Leonard Turner, St. Albans; Thomas Seymour, St. Albans; Canon Coleridge and Mr. C. F. Johnston.

The district secretaries' reports were read, and the secretary thanked them for their unfailing energy, keenness and patience. Those who so loyally supported them by turning up at district meetings were heartily thanked.

Mr. Ayre expressed a real heartfelt regret that Mr. G. E. Debenham had come to the decision that he must give up being the

treasurer. His kindly thoughts, words and actions, his sincerity and his work for the Association had maintained the true Debenham tradition; and for all that was felt, he (the secretary) personally said, 'Thank you.'

The report was adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Mr. R. G. Bell (Watford) was elected president for the ensuing year and was suitably installed by the retiring president. Mr. Bell said that he considered it a real privilege to serve the Association in that capacity.

Mr. G. W. Debenham was appointed treasurer in place of his brother. The retiring treasurer was heartily thanked for his services. He thanked the members for their remarks, explaining why he had taken that step, but rejoicing that the name and office were being maintained.

The general secretary (Mr. W. Ayre) was re-elected. Mr. W. C. Hughes was elected assistant secretary and Mr. C. F. Sayer librarian.

Rule 2 was amended so that from December 31st next the annual subscription shall be raised to a minimum of 2s. 6d. per annum. Rule 10 was also amended so that from December 31st, 1950, the peal booking fee shall be 3d. per bell.

The next annual meeting was fixed to be held at St. Albans, the probable date being March 31st.

Mr. G. F. Carter thanked the retiring president for his kindness and courtesy throughout the past year. It was regretted that Mr. G. W. Cartmel could not be present owing to having a chill.

The secretary proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Hitchin, the incumbents of the several churches, to Mr. A. E. Symonds and the Hitchin company, and all who had made the meeting such a success.

W. A.

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Derbyshire Association

INCREASE OF 52 IN MEMBERSHIP.

About 80 members attended the annual general meeting of the Association at Derby on April 16th. The bells of the Cathedral and St. Peter's were available, and a short service was held in the Cathedral, at which the president, the Right Rev. R. S. M. O'Ferrall, officiated. Tea was served in St. Peter's Hall, followed by the general meeting. Mr. Jack Bailey was re-elected vice-chairman, Mr. E. Fletcher treasurer in place of Mr. W. Steen, retired, and Mr. F. George appointed trustee in place of Mr. W. Buxton, retired.

It was decided to increase the annual subscription to 2s. 6d., juniors up to the age of 18, 1s. 6d., and abolish the entrance fee.

The secretary was asked to send a letter of condolence to the Vicar of Melbourne, the Rev. J. Morris, who was unable to attend on account of illness, with the hope he would soon be restored to health.

The secretary (Mr. W. Lancaster) presented the annual report and financial statement, which were adopted. Good meetings were held during the year in both Derby and Peak districts; in Chesterfield district the joint meetings with neighbouring associations were the best attended, but the meetings in Ilkeston district were not supported as they should have been, and an effort was to be made to remedy this in the future.

Membership increased by 52, but it was pointed out that several members were in danger of lapsing, and it was felt that this could be avoided if tower secretaries would collect subscriptions and remit to the district secretaries. Forty-one peals were rung during the year, an increase of one on the previous year. First pealers numbered 14, whilst as many as 87 rang their first in the method, and seven as first in method as conductor.

During the year grants of £5 each were made to the restoration funds of Bolsover, St. Luke's, Derby, and Fairfield (Buxton).

The best thanks of the Association were given to the retiring officers, the district secretaries, to the clergy for their co-operation in granting the use of the bells for meetings and peals, to the ringing masters and Mr. D. Carlisle, peal secretary, and finally to the lady workers for arranging teas and giving their help and support whenever called upon.

After the meeting ringing continued at both towers until 9 p.m. The standard of the methods rung and the striking at St. Peter's was particularly good throughout the day. One very pleasing feature was the number of young ringers present.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.

A special interest attached to the Wellingborough Branch meeting at Mears Ashby on April 22nd was the fact that the Rector (the Rev. R. H. Robinson, D.D.) is a son of the late Rev. W. J. Robinson, whose record is unsurpassed by any other clerical ringer. At the meeting Mr. J. R. Main (Finedon) and Mr. A. Tyler (Irthlingborough) recalled ringing 50 years or more ago with the Rector's father.

The service was conducted by the Rector, who also gave the address. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 5s. 9d.

The Rev. J. C. R. Creagh Coen (Wollaston), branch president, was in the chair for the business meeting. Members stood in silence to the memory of Mr. F. Letts (Wollaston).

New members elected were Miss June Abbott (Mears Ashby), Michael King and Colin Riley (Wilby). First peal certificates were presented to Brian Mabbutt (Mears Ashby) and J. L. Le Marquand (Irthlingborough). Mr. J. R. Main (Finedon) moved a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting a great success.

The Rector, in reply, paid a tribute to the fine band of church workers who had provided tea, and expressed the hope that the Guild would soon visit Mears Ashby again.

Mr. G. W. Steere

AN APPRECIATION.

The many friends of George William Steere will have heard of his passing with extreme regret. It was about 1911 that George commenced ringing, and from then until the end of 1926 he did the majority of his ringing with the Guildford District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. During this period he took part in many peals with his friend, Alfred Pulling, chiefly at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Guildford. These included the first peals of Double Dublin Surprise Major and also that of Spliced Surprise in four methods ever rung.

At the beginning of 1927 he took up an appointment with the Customs and Excise Department in Moorgate, and from that time became a regular member of the St. Martin's-in-the-Fields Society, which is also the headquarters of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. Subsequently he took part in nearly all the peals rung by the S.R.C.Y. at the Churches of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, amongst which were the Society's first peals of Cambridge Surprise Royal and Maximus. During the whole of the period from 1927 to the time of his admission to hospital in April this year he rang regularly at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, and also up to the time of the ban at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch.

Among other peals of note in which he took part were the first name peals of London at Gravesend and Bristol at St. George-in-the-Borough; at this latter church he also rang in the first peal of London by a band of civil servants.

As a peal ringer George seldom made a mistake, was an excellent striker and most useful at the back end. It was not, however, as a peal ringer that he will be best remembered, but as an official of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. In 1928 he was appointed treasurer of that Society, and upon the death of George Card in 1936 he took over the duties as secretary. Later in 1939 he filled the dual office of secretary and treasurer and held this position until January of this year. At the annual meeting of the Cumberlands in January he resigned from his position as secretary, but continued with his duties as treasurer. For some years past he had also been a Central Council representative for the Cumberlands, and also filled the position of hon. auditor for the Surrey Association.

In addition to his interest in ringing, George was a prominent Freemason and took part in several of the first peals in different methods by members of the craft.

Our sympathy will go out to his widow and two children (one of whom, Pamela, is a ringer) in their great loss.

A fine ringer, a sincere friend, painstaking in whatever duties he undertook, he will long be remembered and his place will be hard to fill.
G. H. C.

OBITUARY

MR. WALTER WALLACE.

By the death of Mr. Walter Wallace, Derby has lost one of its oldest members, who was one of the band that rang in the first double-handed handbell peal in this town. This was followed shortly after by the famous 'Original,' which he himself called from an 'inside' pair. As far as the writer knows, he rang about 100 peals altogether, a good many of these 'in hand,' in various plain methods ranging from Bob Triples to Grandsire Caters.

On tower bells he rang Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative. A big, robust man of commanding physique, he was a fine heavy bell ringer and a safe conductor. The sympathy of all the older generation of the now defunct Midland Counties Association will be extended to his widow and family in their bereavement.
A. H. W.

TOWER CORNER (10)

'DEVELOPMENT OF BELL CONTROL'

(Continued)

Dear Learners, — Last time our instructor, Tom Truettouch, was about to give us, you may remember, our first exercises in the development of bell control, having warned us that being just able to raise, set and lower a bell does not make us good strikers; for that is an art to be acquired by patient perseverance.

'The first exercise for this,' Tom continues, 'is setting the bell at sally, to order. Then follows a similar exercise, setting at back. In a third exercise you are required to set either at hand or at back, according to when the order to "stand" is actually given, your bell coming to rest just two strokes afterwards.'

So begins exercise 16, with Tom and his assistant Mary watching two pupils each, on the four *silenced* bells; and with Tom calling 'Stand' at two or three whole-pull intervals, so that the pupils set at hand.

Exercise 17 follows similarly, but with the calls timed for setting at back-stroke.

The pupil should now be ready to act correctly on calls coming for either hand or back-stroke setting, as the instructor may require; and exercise 18 continues until this is assured.

'Next,' says Tom, 'comes the whole-pull-and-stand exercise. First from hand to hand. Then from back to back. It surprises me,' he goes on, 'that oftentimes beginners are somehow expected to muddle through their first bits of change ringing without ever having been put through exercises of this kind; still less, exercises in beat or stroke variation. This whole course of instruction is designed, as the result of experience, to introduce the pupil to the successive stages of the art in a natural and logical fashion. He must be able to control his bell *before* he starts change ringing. How many beginners (and others for that matter!) fail to set up when the conductor calls "Stand"? And if they have not that elementary degree of bell-control, how can they possibly strike properly in changes? So don't expect,' Tom emphasises, looking round at each one of us, 'don't expect me to allow any of you to try to run before you can walk. In point of fact, our system of training will get you "running" (change ringing with precision and confidence) long before those taught with less care can reach that stage, and even, almost, before you realise it!'

So now follows exercise 19, pulling off from hand and setting at next hand position. (Repeated.)

Then exercise 20, pulling off from back and setting at next back position. (Repeated.)

'The next exercise,' continues Tom, 'will show more clearly what I meant just now. Mary will take the treble and I will take the 3rd. One pupil will take the second and follow Mary, and another will take the 4th and follow me. As the bells are silent we shall not disturb neighbours, with what might otherwise sound annoyingly. If you can do this exercise well you will have no trouble with bell control. No word will be spoken. You will take your rope and watch intently. As we begin to pull off, so will you. And as your "lead-bell" sets at hand or back, so will you. It's very difficult at first, but don't be discouraged. Even experienced ringers have been caught out by this exercise. The secret is to pull just sufficiently at each stroke to send the bell up to its balance point—no more—so that if your lead-bell pauses, so can you; but if it doesn't, check yours and follow away. If your bell drops, or if you get in front of your lead-bell, your bell is NOT under control. It's one of the best exercises for its purpose, but it requires the use of all the fine points of ringing action that we've taught you in earlier exercises.'

Then follows exercise 21, ring and set, to visual sequence only.

'Next comes the rhythm exercise. This,' says Tom, 'can only partially achieve its object—sometimes playfully called "earsight"—because the bells are silenced. But it is a useful preliminary to the "dodging exercise" which follows it. The effect to note is the gap after the back-stroke, producing what we have called the "open hand-stroke." For this exercise Mary will take the treble, I will take the 2nd, and each pupil, in turn, will take the 3rd. This is the bell which, you may remember, we said was preferable for teaching ringing action, and on this same bell you will shortly find yourself automatically slipping into the beginnings of change ringing.'

'We are going to ring rounds, silent, on three bells, then. In following the second you will notice how the bell rises a little more at sally, to give a pause after what is the back-stroke pull, thus providing the "open hand-stroke."'

Accordingly, in exercise 22, as we ring No. 3 we note that to follow Tom properly we have to 'hold up' a little at hand and 'cut' a little at back. After a while we get the rhythm of it and feel we could almost do it without watching the preceding rope. Why, yes! Of course! We could do this indeed, if only we could *hear* the stroke of the bell. So that's what Tom meant by 'ear-sight'.

'Watch it, now,' calls Tom, bringing our attention back on the job, 'closer at back-stroke! Then, after a few more strokes, "Stand!"—and we set up and tie off.'

'In the last exercise of this lesson,' says Tom, 'I shall call "Dodge!" or "Double dodge!" or "Triple dodge!" adding the words either "At hand" or "At back." As you will be ringing the 3rd in rounds on three you can only dodge with the 2nd, which I shall be ringing. To make these dodges you "cut" (either at hand or at back according to the order given) and thus find yourself pulling after the bell I was following—the treble. At the next stroke, either back or hand as the case may be, you "hold up" over the bell following you—the 2nd now—and thus strike back into your old third place again. That is a single dodge. If the order is "Double dodge!" you will do that twice. If it is "Triple dodge!" you will do it thrice. Now stand to for exercise 23.'

So it proceeds, with Tom calling out at intervals the various dodgings he requires. Mary maintains a steady pull on her treble, and we watch and follow with care, first Tom's rope then hers, as our dodging proceeds. So we find ourselves 'changing place' with the bell next to us.

'Yes,' says Tom, 'you've actually started change ringing. Though, of course, it's only a very simple form of it. Next lesson will see us on the "open" (sounding) bells, and learning the beginnings of the art of striking.'

'Before we disperse from this practice, I want to draw attention to what too often happens in the teaching of beginners. You will remember that one of our number, Sim Slackpull, did not give his undivided attention to the job. We instructors have to give ours, or we should fail. Sim failed to pass the Beginner's pass-out test. He, therefore, needed more than any of you to concentrate and catch up. But what has happened? He's not been since and has sent no message. Very well, we can waste no time on those who cannot give us their full attention in return. It wouldn't be fair to the rest of you.' So that's the last of Sim as a ringer!—Yours ever,

CORN. R. STONE.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On April 23rd. 1.260 Grandsire Triples: G. Stratton (first away from tenor) 1, E. Lathall 2, R. Abraham 3, H. Beard (cond.) 4, R. Evans 5, R. Howson 6, R. Hall 7, F. C. Wilson (first quarter) 8. For St. George's Day and farewell to ringer of tenor, who is leaving to join R.A.F.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN

Dear Sir,—My thoughts have turned during the last few weeks to what could be done by bellringers during the Festival of Britain, 1951, and I would have liked more time for discussion at the annual meeting of the Middlesex Association when the matter was brought up. I was pleased to read Dr. Hatcher's letter as to what was decided at a recent committee meeting of his association, and I shall await the outcome of the notice of motion.

At the annual meeting referred to I confined my suggestions to the closer area of the festival where I would wish to know that during the period of the exhibition every bell would be rung in every church for every one of the usual services. My other main remark was that we ringers in and around London should extend an invitation to our fellow-ringers or otherwise assist any of those who would like to visit the festival, and at the same time arrange for them to ring in our local towers. Owing to the lateness of the hour at the annual meeting the proposition was that the matter be dealt with by the Central Committee of the Association, but, doubtless, the committee will not now consider this matter in any case until after Whitsun.

London will be full of visitors from all parts of the world, and ringers should be their witness.—Yours faithfully, T. J. LOCK.
North Mimms.

A COMMITTEE'S FUNCTION

Dear Sir,—Mr. Semmens' letter in 'The Ringing World' suggesting that Mr. York-Bramble was 'out of order' in replying to the Methods Committee's statement about 'Steadfast' and that criticism of the M.C.'s views should only be made to a meeting of the Central Council prompts me to point out that:—

(1) The Exercise is governed, voluntarily, by the Central Council, which is, therefore, the appropriate body to decide questions of originality in method composition.

(2) The Methods Committee exists to collect and examine all relevant material and advise the Central Council.

It would, therefore, seem that it is the Methods Committee rather than Mr. York-Bramble which is 'out of order' in publishing what purports to be a binding decision when in fact its terms of reference do not entitle it to do any such thing. In any case, I think it is the duty of 'The Ringing World' to publish not only the decisions of the Central Council, but also the arguments for and against those decisions.

Finally, might I suggest that, as the Shipway-Steadfast controversy has now occupied a total space equivalent to about three pages of 'The Ringing World,' the various views have been sufficiently publicised and the matter should now be left to the Central Council to settle at Whitsun.—Yours faithfully, BANSTEAD, SURREY. DENIS N. LAYTON.

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL BELLS

Dear Sir,—Re statement on front page of 'The Ringing World' of April 21st of heaviest tenor of a ring of five bells, the tenor at Peterborough Cathedral is 56½ inches in diameter and is reputed to be over 30 cwt., as indeed it should be. It was cast in 1709 by Henry Penn, of Peterborough.

I doubt if it is possible to get its correct weight. The condition of the bells is reported to be fair, but the reason they are not rung is as you state. They were a ring of ten until 1831, when the front five were sold, tradition says to Mr. Dobson, a bell founder of Dereham, Norfolk, who installed them in the church of Witham-on-the-Hill, Lincs, after recasting them into six.—Yours, etc.,

ROBERT G. BLACK.

Geddington, Kettering

WILLIAM BANISTER'S BOOK

Dear Sir,—This Sunday afternoon I am perusing some 'Ringing Worlds' kindly given me by a ringing companion, and have come across a letter signed by Alfred Grove in a copy dated April 1st, 1949, referring to the Banister family.

No mention in that letter is made of William Banister, and as I have not any previous copies I could not refer to them. But what I want to point out is that there was an excellent work on ringing by that noted ringer. This is on the fly leaf: *The Art and Science of Change Ringing*, by William Banister, of Her Majesty's Dockyard, Devonport (late of Woolwich), member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, London, 'Exeter.' Printed for the author by William Pollard, 1874.

Banister has recorded all the Ancient Society of College Youths' peals from the year 1724 to 1873. The Woolwich peals are recorded: 5,376 Superlative Surprise, 3 hrs. 15 mins.; 5,600 London Surprise, 3 hrs. 27 mins., both 1849. In 1852 the famous Grandsire peal (famous I presume, because it was rung in 2 hrs. 53 mins.). The peal of Stedman in 1861 is not recorded, so it was not a College Youth peal. In 1858, 5,088 Kent Treble Bob Major, 3 hrs., and 5,040 Grandsire Triples, 2 hrs. 57 mins. 1860, Kent Treble Bob Major, 5,004, 2 hrs. 56 mins.; Stedman Triples, 5,040, 2 hrs. 50 mins. He also records: 1867, 5,040 Grandsire Triples, and another in 1868 at the Royal Dockyard Chapel, Devonport.

This book was given to me by my grandfather when I commenced ringing in 1886. It contains four Surprise Minor methods, Imperial, Cambridge, Superlative and London, and almost everything from Doubles to Maximus. From it I learned the conducting of Holt's Original and the science of composition, proving and conducting.

I regret I did not come across Mr. Alfred Grove's letter earlier, and I do not suppose that Banister's Treatise is heard of to-day. I am very glad I brought it out to Australia with me. I have never lost touch with ringing. I left Betchworth, Surrey, April 22nd, 1912. I did not ring when Mr. Pink and company were here owing to a bad attack of fibrositis in my back, but am back at it again.

On Easter Monday, a peal was attempted at All Saints', Parramatta. Owing to bad going of tenor it was abandoned after 186 extents of Doubles. A wedding at 4 p.m. and St. Mary's, Srdney, in the evening, Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. I rang at all times. Not bad for 73 years.—Yours sincerely,

A. R. BOTTING.

16, Miller Avenue, Ashfield, N.S.W.

LARGEST PARISH CHURCH

Dear Sir,—For some time now I have understood that St. Botolph's Church, Boston, Lincs, is the largest Parish Church in England, but it is a subject on which there seems to be much divergence of opinion.

I should be grateful if any reader of 'The Ringing World' could inform me which really is England's largest parish church, with, if possible, approximate dimensions.—Yours sincerely, R. S. HUNT.

Mapledurham, Oxon.

PEAL CORRECTIONS

Dear Sir,—I conducted the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. Mary's Church, Barwell, Leicester, on February 11th, 1950.

It was printed in 'The Ringing World' as rung for the Leicester Diocesan Guild. I wish to have it withdrawn from that Guild and have it recorded for the Midland Counties Guild as it was intended for. The composition was Groves' Variation of Parker's and not Morris'. Also the time of the peal was 2 hrs. 42 mins. and not as printed.—Yours truly,

ALAN H. HOUGH.

Barwell.

'Church Bells of Britain'

Sir,—In your leading article of April 21st you quote Mr. R. H. Dove's new work on the above subject as stating that the Cathedral Church of St. Germain at Peel, Isle of Man, has a ring of eight bells.

In point of fact, the Cathedral Church at Peel, situated among a miscellaneous group of buildings generally known as Peel Castle on St. Patrick's Isle just off the entrance to Peel Harbour, has been in ruins since the mid-eighteenth century and never possessed more than one bell, some broken fragments of which are still preserved in the building usually referred to as the Castle Keep. The eight bells, now unringable, are hung in the tower of the Parish Church of St. Germain (or German), Peel, erected in 1884.

The Pro-Cathedral of the Diocese of Sodor and Man is the Chapel of the Bishop's residence at Bishopscourt, Kirk Michael, and has one small bell hung in a turret on top of the tower.

There have, from time to time, been schemes to reconstruct St. Germain's Cathedral on St. Patrick's Isle at Peel, but so far nothing has matured, which may be all to the good, as this building and the ruined Church of St. Patrick on the same isle are of the greatest historic and archaeological interest, associated as they are with both Celtic and Scandinavian times, but Mr. Dove may be assured that this ruined building is still the official Cathedral of the Diocese.—Yours faithfully,

Harborne, Birmingham. W. E. BOX.

P.S.—In pre-war days it was the custom to hold one service each year in the Cathedral ruins, and I remember attending the one held in 1939, which, I understand, although standing open to correction, was the last one.—W. E. B.

TUNE RINGING

Dear Sir,—In his letter re tune ringing, the Rev. J. M. Turner tells us that he could not discover any book on this subject, even after much searching. I have in my possession a book written by C. W. Fletcher, of the Royal Criterion Handbell Ringers, published by J. Curwen and Sons, music printers.

It is not dated, but I am almost certain that it would be in the '90's of last century. The contents comprise six chapters of instruction for ringing up to 109 bells, followed by six pieces of music for practice.

These are given in ordinary musical notation, tonic solfa, and in figures. Mention is made of a table 13ft. long with half a dozen pairs of blankets on it (a tall order for 1950!). The book concludes with a course each of Stedman Doubles and Triples. Probably this book is long out of print, else Mr. Turner would have discovered it.—Yours, etc.,

Stockport. PETER LAFLIN.

MR. PETER N. BOND LEAVING LONDON

Dear Sir,—I should like, on my departure from London, to express my thanks and good wishes through the columns of our journal to my many ringing friends in the London area. I have very many happy memories of visits to numerous towers and the friendly reception accorded to me—also excellent tuition in advanced methods by the Bushey band—and would like to thank those who have kindly allowed me to stand in peal attempts.

With best wishes to all, particularly to the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—I am, Yours sincerely, PETER N. BOND.
Bosham, near Chichester, Sussex.

FIRST PEAL AT SUTTON VENY

Dear Sir,—Re the peal at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire, published in 'The Ringing World' of April 14th, footnote, 'Believed to be the first peal on the bells,' the first peal on these bells was rung on June 2nd, 1929—Bob Minor, conducted by Yours truly,

Melksham. C. F. ANDREWS.

Letters (continued)

CONTROVERSY A HEALTHY SIGN

Dear Sir,—We may well remember that controversy is not a bad thing, providing our sense of proportion and humour be maintained.

Libra, once again attacking anonymously, pays, nevertheless, an unconscious tribute to the protagonist of Steadfast when he attributes to him a 'nuisance value.' The history of human achievement reminds us that progress is aided rather than hindered by critical reaction, which is, of course, a symptom of vitality.

Not so very long ago in these pages appeared a plaint that discussions on the theoretical aspects of our art seemed moribund. From the attitude of your two correspondents on this subject last week it might be inferred that they 'couldn't care less.'

But heaven forbid that our official journal should abandon its laudable policy of impartiality!—Yours faithfully,

CORN. R. STONE.

MR. T. BARNETT, OF STAUNTON

Dear Sir,—I was very pleased to see the quarter peal at Staunton, Glos. in honour of the 99th birthday of Mr. T. Barnett, a former ringer (and churchwarden) there, and perhaps I may be allowed to congratulate the two of his three granddaughters who took part on their first quarter.

The old gentleman is, I have recently discovered, a distant relation of mine, his father (my great-great-grandfather), who with his five sons formed the band at Staunton at the time, having taught my own grandfather to ring there more than 70 years ago. Mr. Barnett himself is, I understand, in good health, and it is to be hoped he will be spared to reach his century and beyond.—Yours faithfully,

Crayford, Kent. E. A. BARNETT.

A DUPLICATED NAME

Dear Sir,—I wish to make a correction to the peal report published in your issue of March 3rd recording a peal in 14 Surprise Major methods, as I now find that the method we rang as Blackburn is actually named Cranbourne in A. J. Corrigan's collection.—Yours faithfully,

Altrincham, Cheshire.

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

HONOUR DECLINED

Dear Sir,—Although Mr. C. Ernest Smith was kind enough to attribute to me the composition of Belgrave Surprise he called recently, I'm afraid there are many other claimants, among them John Reeves, John Cox and Ernest Pye. As these gentlemen were associated mainly with the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries respectively, we should perhaps wait until the 21st before attaching yet another composer's name!—Yours faithfully,

Crayford, Kent. E. A. BARNETT.

ALDRINGTON RINGERS' LONG SERVICE

On April 22nd, the ringers and their friends at St. Leonard's Church, Aldington, Sussex, celebrated the long service given by three of the band. Mr. G. A. Steele has completed 60 years, while Mr. E. G. Godley and Mr. A. J. Cherryman have completed 56 years each.

The Church Council, choir, sidesmen and ringers representing the neighbouring towers enjoyed a social evening and entertainment with the Aldington ringers in the Church Hall. During the evening the Rector, the Rev. H. T. Mogridge, presented plaques, commemorating the occasion, to the three veterans. These specially cast plaques were designed by a young member of the local band.

In the afternoon 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung in honour of the occasion by B. K. Turnbull 1, M. W. Brown 2, S. W. Brown 3, E. E. Trusler 4, H. W. Brown (conductor) 5, R. W. Beach 6. This was the first quarter peal by all and believed to be the first quarter peal on the bells.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

—On April 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major:

M. F. Layton 1, G. R. Smerdon 2, D. N. Layton 3, Jill Brittain 4, N. Hobden 5, A. E. Cheesman 6, A. J. Adams 7, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 8. First quarter in method 1 and 2.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—At the Church of Holy Trinity on April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: John Chambers (first quarter) 1, Geoffrey Lowe 2, Roger Soars (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. Lowe 4, Keith Lovett (cond.) 5, H. Myatt 6.

BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincs.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Minor (540 of Bob Minor and 720 of Oxford Treble Bob): J. Rolt 1, F. Carford 2, A. Chilton 3, L. P. Wilson 4, W. Hare 5, B. H. Dalton (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Mr. C. Truswell and Miss P. Creadland, daughter of the churchwarden.

BRUTON, SOMERSET.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. J. Parsons 1, W. P. White 2, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 3, H. Gaylard 4, F. Symonds 5, F. L. Andrews 6.

BURFORD, OXON.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. J. Westmacott 1, M. C. F. Collett 2, H. Parker 3, B. S. Nichols (cond.) 4, J. W. Dixon 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon 7, L. Jewell 8. First quarter on the restored ring.

CALNE, WILTS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Freegard 1, H. Parsons 2, W. Hacker 3, E. Dixon 4, F. Walker 5, H. Burry 6, R. Barry (cond.) 7, W. Haines 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Wilson, of Wootton Bassett. Mr. Wilson has been secretary of the Calne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild for a number of years.

CHATHAM, KENT.—On April 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. E. Norris 1, V. A. Jarrett 2, E. A. G. Allen 3, C. S. Jarrett 4, F. Bishop (Lincs) 5, E. D. Sills 6, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 7, C. E. J. Norris 8.

CHESTER.—On April 23rd, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Caters: H. G. Miles 1, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 2, J. W. Best 3, A. B. Close 4, F. H. Birks 5, D. H. B. Millward 6, H. O. Baker 7, S. Jones, jun. 8, P. Swindley 9, R. G. Corby 10.

CHISWICK, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. Nicholas on April 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Sheila E. Harris 1, Jeanne Askew 2, Eileen D. Farrell 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 5, E. Dodds 6, P. N. Bond 7, A. Tomblin 8.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Dunmall (first quarter) 1, E. Barnett 2, J. Wheadon 3, J. W. Eden 4, F. I. Hairs 5, C. R. Popple 6, W. J. Lemon 7, W. E. Bond 8. Conducted by E. A. Barnett from the belfry.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On April 16th, 1,232 Plain Bob Major: W. Saunders 1, Miss K. Harrison (longest length 'inside') 2, K. Brown 3, C. Barber 4, C. Catchpole 5, H. Moss 6, E. Whiting (cond.) 7, J. Smith 8.

DITCHFORD, SOMERSET.—On April 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. A. Lintern (first of Stedman) 1, Audrey Look 2, W. Higdon 3, J. Metcalfe 4, J. T. Dyke (cond.) 5, E. Chivers 6, D. Gare (first of Stedman) 7, A. Lintern 8.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On April 23rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: E. C. Stacey 1, E. Dalingwater 2, E. Baldwin 3, F. A. Staveley 4, J. McCluskey 5, H. Wagstaffe 6, R. C. Westney 7, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to R. Willcocks.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Jackson 1, K. Beardsall (cond.) 2, C. Cook 3, J. Bartram 4, A. Towler 5, H. Denman 6, J. Segar 7, H. Willows 8.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Samways 1, H. Smith 2, E. T. Groves 3, Mrs. H. Smith 4, H. D. W. Bishop (cond.) 5, W. Groves 6. To mark the golden wedding of the parents of the conductor.

GREAT PONTON, Lincs.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. S. H. Valters (first quarter) 1, J. Pearson 2, T. Charity 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, P. C. H. R. Woods (cond.) 5.

QUARTER PEALS

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.

—On April 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S.

Hawkins 1, F. A. Barker 2, R. Newman 3, R. W. Green 4, G. A. Parsons 5, R. Charge 6, R. H. Begrie 7, A. W. Coles (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to 4th ringer.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On April 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Warwick (first in the method and for his 13th birthday) 1, Miss E. K. Fulton (cond.) 2, H. D. Butler 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart 5, P. D. Beedie 6, C. C. Mayne 7, J. R. Mayne 8.

HORBURY, YORKSHIRE.—On April 23rd, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob (720 and 600): H. Rowley (cond.) 1, R. Axford 2, E. Atkinson 3, M. T. J. Axford (first 'inside') 4, J. W. Milner 5, J. Dews 6. First quarter for 2 and 6. To mark 61 years of service ringing at St. Peter's by H. Rowley, who is in his 82nd year.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. M. Salisbury (first quarter) 1, A. H. Worboys 2, J. Carrott 3, Miss J. M. Peacock 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, F. V. Gant 6, C. E. Knight (cond.) 7, S. Penfold 8.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On April 16th, 1,260 Royal, being one lead Plain Bob and the remainder Cambridge Surprise Royal: W. J. Williams 1, A. H. Winch 2, G. P. T. Peters 3, G. Marriner 4, E. G. L. Coward 5, B. Hawkins 6, G. Smart 7, A. H. Smith 8, W. J. Newberry 9, A. Harman (cond.) 10. All members of the local band. First for 1, 3, 6 and 7.

LONDON.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, Southwark, 1,275 Stedman Caters: Joyce A. England 1, H. M. Page 2, J. Allsop 3, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 4, J. E. Chilcott 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, P. A. P. Chalk 7, M. V. Chilcott 8, A. W. J. Appleton 9, H. Belcher 10.

LONDON.—At St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on April 23rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: N. Bagsworth 1, Miss P. Kitchen 2, H. J. Andrews 3, W. A. Theobald (first in method as cond.) 4, J. Boyack 5, C. Wilmington 6, R. H. Begrie (first quarter) 7, J. Prior 8. For patronal festival.

LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Colum on April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss Joan McKinley (first quarter) 1, Miss Lily Hughes (first 'inside') 2, W. Young 3, J. J. Fielding (cond.) 4, J. Campbell 5.

MAPLEDURHAM, BERKS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Roy Assher (first quarter) 1, C. Smith 2, Mary Hart 3, C. Pocock 4, P. Dyke (cond.) 5, L. Fogg 6.

MORTON, DERBYS.—On April 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: K. Sterland (age 11, first quarter) 1, R. M. E. Richards 2, W. Swain 3, W. E. Gough 4, E. J. Sterland 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On April 17th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Canterbury, Kennington, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Norfolk, Old, Plain Bob, April Day, St. Bartholomew's and 180 of Grandsire): J. Yeates 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, E. Shearn 3, B. Shearn 4, C. Kortright 5, M. Shearn 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. E. T. Baker (captain), a ringer in the tower for 56 years, and for J. Yeates' silver wedding.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. McCutcheon 1, H. Newnham 2, Miss E. K. Knight 3, F. N. Lane 4, S. McCutcheon 5, G. Allen 6, L. A. Treemeer (cond.) 7, H. Mansfield 8. First quarter 1 and 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. Eric Lane, and to Mr. H. Newnham on the 48th anniversary of his wedding.

OLDHAM, LANCs.—At St. Mark's, Glodwick, on April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Fletcher 1, Miss M. Fielding (cond.) 2, O. Moores 3, A. F. Taylor 4, F. Pritchard 5, Cpl. A. J. Baker, R.A.F. 6, Miss M. I. Jaggard 7, E. Casterton 8.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Ivin (first of Minor) 1, J. Long 2, A. Smith 3, L. Mardlin 4, C. Woodhead 5, M. Stephens (cond.) 6.

Outings

ROCHDALE BRANCH.

Thanks are due to Mr. J. Taylor for his admirable arrangements for the Rochdale Branch's outing on April 15th by motor-coach to Ripon, York and Selby.

About 10.30 the party arrived at Ripon Cathedral and a happy hour was spent on the very good ring of ten.

Following a good lunch at York, the party had two privileges—a conducted tour of the Minster and an hour's use of the bells. The exceptionally long rope draught and the weight of the bells made some of the party feel strange, but they were soon at ease through the presence of some of the Minster ringers.

A tea of York ham at Selby made the party feel that they could ring the Abbey bells all night. Nevertheless, they were rather tired ringers who eventually left the coach at various points between Todmorden and Oldham. Apart from Mr. Taylor, thanks are due to local ringers who kindly arranged for the use of the bells and the meals at the places visited.

ST. MARY'S, OVER, CAMBS.

On April 17th, a party of about 30, consisting of past and present members of the Over band, together with friends and ringers from Cambridge and other small places, enjoyed another well-organised outing.

The coach left Cambridge at 7 a.m., picking up at Long Stanton, Swavesey and Over. Among the party was Mr. A. Ginn, for many years captain of the Over band. Arriving at Littleport, we were met by the Vicar, who pointed out interesting features of the church. We hardly did justice to the bells, for which we blamed either the early morning or the introduction of 'Summer Time.'

At Hilgay we were met by Mr. E. Mastin, who had everything ready for us, both there and at his own tower at Downham Market. With his help the ringing improved and we managed a course of Yorkshire. From Downham on to King's Lynn, where an excellent lunch was ready. At Fakenham, Mr. Cooke and two lady ringers awaited us. A lot of comments on Stedman had been going on during the journey, so much, in fact, that we made quite a good job of it.

The last stage of the outward journey saw us arriving at Norwich for tea, then on to St. Peter Mancroft, where with the encouragement of Mr. A. Bason and Mr. Nolan Golden, some of our eight-bell ringers put up quite a good show in a touch of Stedman Caters with the Norwich and Cambridge people. Leaving Norwich at about 9.30 p.m., we dropped the Cambridge contingent about 11.30 p.m. and all were safely home about 18 hours before the price of petrol went up. The thanks of all are expressed to the organiser, Mr. Mansfield Ginn. C. W. C.

A TOUR OF KENT.

On April 11th, a party of about a dozen ringers from several towers in the Hawkhurst district went by car on a day tour in Kent.

The first tower was High Halden, where several more ringers arrived by car and motor-cycle to make a party of just over 20. About an hour was spent at each tower, those visited in the morning being High Halden, Bethersden and Smarden, each having six bells.

After a picnic lunch, the party inadvertently split up during the break. Everybody, however, reassembled at Pluckley, and the ringing there was followed by more at Egerton, Lenham and Harrietsham, the last two being the day's only eight-bell towers.

Tea had been booked at Harrietsham, and the trip was then finished off by visiting Hollingbourne, East Sutton and Boughton Monchelsea, all six-bell towers. At the last tower Mr. Frank Wright, on behalf of the company, thanked Mr. Geoffrey Waters for organising the tour. Methods ranged from rounds to London Surprise Minor, and the bells from the very rough to the very smooth. M. S. C.

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DEATH

WALLACE.—On Wednesday, April 26th, 1950, Walter Wallace, aged 77 years. Interred in Darley Abbey Churchyard, Monday, May 1st, 1950. 6998

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Wanted, set of handbells, not less than 12. State key, condition and size, etc.—George Yaxley, 7, Vicarage Road, Woking, Surrey. 6956

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MISCELLANEOUS

ST. CHAD'S, SHREWSBURY.—Practice, Wednesdays, 8 to 9 p.m. Visitors especially invited May 17th, June 21st, July 19th. 7019

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Until further notice all communications should be sent to Mrs. C. J. Matthews, Hon. Sec. (pro tem), 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 6989

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MEETINGS

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, May 13th, Isleworth, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m. Further ringing after. Church rebuilt—dedicated May 12th. Names early, please. Surprise practice, St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Wednesday, May 17th, 7.45. Everyone welcome to both.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 6946

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Meopham (8) on Saturday, May 13th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea is by kind invitation.—B. W. May. Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne. 6932

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, May 13th, Eckington (8), 3. Bring own food. Good attendance specially requested.—A. B. Cooper, District Sec. 6985

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Swanmore (6), May 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business, Parish Hall, 5. Names to H. Ainsley, Chapel Road, Swanmore, Southampton. Bishop's Waltham (8) bells available 2 to 3.30 and 6 to 8.—John H. Hunt, Dis. Sec. 6921

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting will be held at St. James', Cowley, Oxford (6), on Saturday, May 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Ifley (6) 7. Names for tea to Mr. Walter Holloway, 17, Westbury Crescent North, Cowley, Oxford.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Sec. 6916

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Ulcombe (6), May 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 6937

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Crusaders of the S.W. Division.—Meeting at Shenfield (6), May 13th, 3.30 p.m. Meeting essentially for learners. Everybody welcome. Names for tea to H. Turner, Church Cottages, Hall Lane, Shenfield, Essex. 6976

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Westerham (8), May 13th. Bells 3. Names for tea to Mr. J. Weller, Moor Cottage, Westerham.—C. A. Bassett. 6957

OXFORD—WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILDS.—Combined meeting of Newbury and Basingstoke branches, Saturday, May 13th, Newbury (10). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. E. Curtis, 67, King's Road, Newbury. 6955

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Blunsdon (6), May 13th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 6954

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Ruislip, Saturday, May 13th, 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and short business to follow. Ringing during evening.—F. Finch. 6979

ELY ASSOCIATION (Ely and Cambridge Districts) and CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Joint meeting, Saturday, May 13th, Longstanton (8). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 6951

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting, Puttenham, May 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. No name, no tea.—Eric T. Lee, Ashley Cottage, Ockford Road, Godalming. 6950

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting at the Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, May 13th, 3 p.m. Practice afterwards at St. Stephen's, Westminster.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 6981

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Meeting, Milverton (8), May 13th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting follow. Everyone welcome.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 6967

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guild Festival, Trowbridge, May 13th. Annual meeting in St. James' Hall, Union Street, 2.15 p.m. Guild service, Parish Church, 3.45 p.m. Meat tea, Court Hall Cafe, 4.45 (2s. each). Towers available: 12 bells, Trowbridge; 8 bells, Bradford Christ Church, Melksham, North Bradley, Westbury, Warminster, Longbridge Deverill; 6 bells, Devizes St. James' (Southbroom), Hilpert, Holt, Seend. Ringing from 11 a.m. to 1 and after 6 p.m. Ringers intending to be present should signify their intention to the secretary.—F. Ll. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 6969

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Stickney on Saturday, May 13th. Bells (6) at 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in Schoolroom at 5 p.m. Good bus service from Boston.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 6968

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Limpsfield (6) on May 13th, 3. Service 5. Tea and business following. Ringing after. Names for tea to J. W. Knight, 19, White Cots, Hurst Green, Oxted. 6980

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Sutton on May 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mrs. C. W. Lawton, School View, Sutton. 7023

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—At the Church of St. Lawrence, Caversfield, on Tuesday, May 16th, at 7 p.m., two treble bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Dorchester. (Ring now augmented to five bells.) 6964

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Fryerning (6), Saturday, May 20th (note alteration of date). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Number for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 6940

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting at Woodbury, May 20th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by May 14th to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 6929

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—Dedication by Bishop of Buckingham on Saturday, May 20th, 6 p.m., of Parish Church bells, rehung and augmented to ten.—W. Birmingham. 6959

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, East Hagbourne, May 20th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Notify by 16th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 6962

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Owlebury (6), May 20th. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names by Monday, 15th.—L. A. Tremmer, 34, The Dean, Alresford. 6943

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Sutton-on-Trent (8), Saturday, May 20th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify Miss G. Burchall, Pembroke House, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark, by previous Tuesday.—P. N. White, Hon. Sec. 6925

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grimsby, Saturday, May 20th. Bells, St. James' (8), available 2.30 p.m. until service, and 7.20 p.m. until 9 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Tudor Cafe, 3s. per head, but only for those whose names reach Mr. H. I. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby, by Wednesday, May 17th. Business meeting in Church House, Bull Ring, 6 p.m., in Room No. 6. Please note, teas ordered have to be paid for.—F. Lord, Hon. Branch Sec. 6906

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District.—Meeting at Freshwater (6) bells, May 20th. Names for tea to Mrs. Guy, Merrie Meade, Watgate Road, Newport, I.W. 6983

ST. GEORGE COLEGATE, NORWICH.—The ring of six will be opened for ringing on Saturday, May 20th, by the Archdeacon of Norwich. Service 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, 3, Colegate, Norwich. 6877

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Eacrick, May 20th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.15. Bring own food. Cups of tea available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7000

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Coddington, Saturday, May 20th, 3 p.m. Bells (6). Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by 18th to H. K. Hill, The Village, Bosbury, Ledbury. 6996

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual meeting will be held at Aylestone, Leicester (8), on Saturday, May 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. Names for tea to Miss J. Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, not later than Wednesday, May 17th. No. 23 bus from Bowling Green Street every five minutes. All ringers welcome.—Jill Poole, Hon. Sec. 6995

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The May meeting will be held at Guiseley on May 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea arranged for all who notify Mr. Walsh, 45, Ashtoft Mount, Guiseley, by May 17th. Business meeting in the tower 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 7021

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Bugbrooke, May 20th. Names for tea by May 17th to Mr. Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 6994

PIDDLETRENTHIDE, DORSET.—You are invited to the fete on Saturday, May 20th, to help in raising the £1,000 required for the restoration of the bells. Good bus service from Dorchester. 6993

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, Tytherington (5), May 20th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 (limited). Tea bookings by May 15th, please, to Mr. N. Denson, 1, Quadrant East, Fishponds, Bristol. 6922

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Hanbury (2.30) and Hoar Cross, Saturday, May 20th. Service at Hoar Cross 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Few seats available on special bus. Apply early to J. W. Cotton, Overseal. 7020

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Thirsk (8), May 20th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. Jack Stott, 13, Kirkgate, Thirsk, before 18th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 6990

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice, Petworth, May 20th, 2.30 to 4.30; Fittleworth, 6 to 8. Names for tea (at Petworth) to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 7014

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Staindrop, May 20th, 2.30. Names for tea by 17th inst.—J. T. Titt, 34, Stooperdale Avenue, Darlington. 7013

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, May 20th, Preston. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Tea, Siddington, 4.30. Service 5.30. Siddington bells (6) after. Card for tea, please, Mr. J. Hope, 1, The Towers, Siddington, Cirencester, Glos. 7012

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Kingston Seymour, May 20th, 4. Tea. Notify, May 19th, E. R. Norton, Goat House Farm, Kingston Seymour. 7010

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at Christ Church, West Didsbury, May 20th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea.—Richard Benson. 7017

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Husbands Bosworth, May 20th. Bells (5) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 at The Bell.—L. W. Allen, Sec. 7009

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, May 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 7008

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Thurlaston, May 20th. Bells 3. Tea and meeting at Dog and Gun 5. Names to P. Hallam, 41, Queen Street, Thurlaston, by Tuesday, May 16th. 7007

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual conference at Ely Cathedral of C.E.M.S., Saturday, May 20th. St. Mary's bells (8) available until 2.45 p.m.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 7005

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Meeting, May 20th, Compton Martin. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names essential for tea. Ubley and East Harptree bells available after tea.—E. J. Chivers, The Retreat, Chilcompton, Bath. 7003

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Littleton (6), Saturday, May 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30 and business meeting. Names to W. J. Newman, 10, Peewit Road, Hampton, Evesham, by May 17th. 7002

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Smarden, May 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Names (tea) to Mr. P. Reeves, 5, The Oaks, Smarden. 7004

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, May 20th, Walton-le-Wolds. Tea 4.30, Village Hall. Names to C. W. Hall, The Terrace, Copt Oak, near Markfield, by Tuesday, May 16th. 7001

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting at Sandhurst, Glos. (8), May 20th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea required by May 15th to C. C. Larner, Chedholm, Churchdown Lane, Hucclecote, Gloucester. 7025

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting, Newdigate, May 20th. Bells (6) from 3. Service 5. Tea at Village Club. Numbers to Mr. Vine, Village Club, Newdigate, Dorking. 7024

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—May 20th, Newton-Hall, St. James'. Own food arrangements. Cups of tea provided.—C. T. Lamb, Dis. Sec. 7026

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at All Saints', Harrow Weald, Saturday, May 27th, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names to Mr. H. G. Hart, Woodside, Uxbridge Road, by previous Wednesday (Tel. Grimsdyke 609).—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 7006

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION and CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Crewe Branch).—Joint meeting, Market Drayton (8 bells), May 27th. Tea provided *only* if you notify Mr. F. Price, The Grove, Bentleys Road, Market Drayton. 7018

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Woodbridge and Ipswich Districts.—Joint meeting for practice, Grundisburgh, May 27th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Bring own food. 7015

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Benington, Saturday, May 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All welcome.—A. S. Carter, 93, North Road, Hertford. 6997

STITHIANS, TRURO.—Dedication of Stithians bells on Saturday, May 27th, at 3 p.m. by the Bishop of Truro. Names for tea by Tuesday, May 23rd.—Clemens, Carnsiddia, Stithians, Truro. 6999

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival and meeting at Hereford on Whit Monday, May 29th. Service 3.30, followed by tea and meeting. Bells: Cathedral (10), All Saints' (8), St. Nicholas' (6), available 11.30.—Rev. E. G. Benson, Hon. Sec., Presteigne Rectory, Radnorshire. 6966

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Chelmsford, Whit Monday, May 29th. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m.; preacher, the Very Rev. C. K. Waller, M.A., Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the Cathedral Hall at 1.30 p.m.; members 2s. 6d., non-resident members and non-members 3s. 6d. Tea will be served as a running buffet in the Cathedral Hall from 4.30 to 6 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head. Applications for lunch and tea tickets to the hon. general secretary not later than May 23rd to be prepaid, enclosing stamped addressed envelope for the return of the tickets. Bells available: Cathedral (13) 9.30 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), Doreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Gallewood (8), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6).—Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Gen. Sec., The School House, Wimbish, near Saffron Walden, Essex. 6991

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—Rededication of the rehung ring of eight at the Parish Church, tenor 13½ cwt., by Lord Bishop of Lewes, Wednesday, May 31st, 7 p.m., followed by ringing. All ringers cordially invited to attend.—Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. 6903

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NOTICES—continued.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Wicken on Whit Monday, May 29th. Committee meeting in the Schools 2.30. Guild service with address by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough 3.15. Tea on Vicarage lawn (schools if wet) 4.30. Names for tea to Guild Secretary not later than Monday, May 22nd. No name no tea; this is definite. Bells available: Newport Pagnell (8) 10.30 to 12 noon; Stony Stratford (8), Towcester (6), 11 to 1; Buckingham (8), Passenham (5), 1 to 2.45; Wicken, 1 o'clock onwards; Cosgrove (6), Paulerspury (6), Olney (8) and Hanslope (8) after meeting.—R. C. Noon, Guild Sec., 3, Denton Road, Brafeld, Northants. 7022

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice. Annual meeting, Oxford, July 15th. Choristers are invited to form a choir for the festival service. Will intending choristers please notify F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon?—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 6988

CHRIST CHURCH, FRIEZLAND.—An open six-bell contest will be held at the above tower on Saturday, August 5th. Entrance fee 10s. per team, to be returned to each company completing 120 changes of test piece of 600 changes, any method. Draw to take place at 12.45 p.m. For full particulars and entry form please write Mr. L. Dawson, 28, Shaw Hall Bank Road, Greenfield, Oldham, Lancs. 7011

PENSHURST, KENT.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Manser 1, B. Pankhurst 2, A. Leigh 3, J. Medhurst 4, L. Honess 5, J. Lambert 6, A. Richardson (cond.) 7, A. Branch 8. To celebrate the 81st birthday of George Edwards.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On April 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Diana Llewellyn Jones 1, Marie R. Cross (cond.) 2, Ruth Paton 3, Janet Dicks 4, A. E. Lock 5, E. Anne Humfrey 6. First quarter by 1, 4 and 6.

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BOURNEMOUTH

THIS week our main news story is the Bournemouth Rally and coupled with it the first commemoration dinner to Mr. George Williams. And it was a distinguished top table that did honour to the memory of the Grand Old Man of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, with two bishops and the Mayor and Mayoress of Bournemouth and sufficient clergy almost to form a Cathedral chapter. Among the ringers were many of Mr. Williams' friends of bygone days and the close associate of his last years, Mr. George Pullinger, who has succeeded him as Master of the Guild. His family was represented by his nephew, who, as a young man, was a journalistic colleague in Sussex of the founder and first editor of 'The Ringing World,' Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

The honour of being the first to propose the toast to the memory of Mr. George Williams fell to the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead. In reminiscent vein he recalled Mr. Williams' love of motoring, and that when approaching his 90th year he still held a driving licence. Two journeys in particular were recalled with gusto. One was when Mr. Felstead drove Mr. Williams to the Central Council meeting at Exeter. 'We were going along quite happily,' said the narrator, 'when Mr. Williams became a little fidgety. 'What are you looking for, George?' queried the driver. 'I am trying to see the speedometer. I don't think the engine has been as fast as this before!'

The second journey was when Mr. Williams drove Mr. Felstead to Andover for the dedication of the bells. 'I was sitting by his side and I have never been so frightened. We went round one corner and missed running into the ditch by inches. I must have said something, for George commented that it was 20 years since he had been on that road and he had forgotten that corner. Mr. Felstead added that he succeeded in persuading Mr. Williams to let him drive home.

Mr. George Williams' handbells have been presented to the Guild. There is a history behind this set. The late Mrs. Williams was the first lady to ring a handbell peal—Holt's ten-part in 1892. To mark the occasion the Editor of 'The Bell News' presented her with a set of 15 handbells. It seemed appropriate that public acknowledgment of this gift should be made at Bournemouth, one of the great handbell centres of England, where, at

23, Wellington Road, no fewer than 103 handbell peals were rung last year; and also that Mrs. F. J. Marshall-say should have rung 102 peals in hand during the same period, a feat unequalled in the annals of lady ringers.

Bournemouth seems now to have a regular niche in the ringers' calendar. Who are behind the scenes? Organising secretary of the first four ringers' rallies is Mr. Arthur V. Davis, who for over 30 years has been associated with St. Peter's Church. While there are veteran ringers in the key churches of Bournemouth and neighbourhood, the impressive thing about their towers is the strong accent on youth. There is a steady outpouring from these towers of competent young ringers who, with the exigencies of military service, become scattered over all parts of England. Many towers have met these young people, enjoyed their company and admired them as ambassadors of ringing fellowship from the Bournemouth district. What is particularly pleasing is that this valued contribution to the Exercise has not come from one tower — St. John's providing an equal share with St. Peter's.

But there are others besides Mr. Davis in this successful venture. 'This is my swan-song,' said Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, of Ferndown. To him the rally is an opportunity of reunion with friends of long standing. Yes, a story or anecdote was available for everybody. Mr. Stewart had a particularly interesting story to tell of his conversations with Mr. Goldsmith before the launching of 'The Ringing World.' Distant days but memories ever fresh. Amid a busy life he has always found time on a Friday morning to keep abreast of the Exercise through this journal. He is not alone with this long record of continued and sustained interest. Another first number reader in this area is Mr. George Preston, of Christchurch Priory, who, despite advancing years, enjoyed every minute of the proceedings. From the neighbouring county of Dorset came Mr. F. S. Wilson, and the finished exposition of handbells by Mr. D. Matkin brought back to him memories of his peals. It is such gatherings as the Bournemouth Rally that provide to the outsider a new conception of English ringing and the big fraternity behind. This fraternity seems bigger at times than ringing itself. The amazing thing is that there are Ishmaels within the ranks who, for personal pride or other reasons, will not sink differences in the general enjoyment of the fellowship. But human nature was always contrary.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

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

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY (11). Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus on an 'inside' bell.

LONDON.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANCES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.

MRS. R. F. DEAL ... Treble	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 7
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ... 2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 8
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 3	T. MARK WHITE ... 9
*A. RONALD LING ... 4	RICHARD F. DEAL ... 10
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 5	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 11
HAROLD P. BURTON ... 6	PETER N. BOND ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

* First peal in the method and on 12 bells. First peal on 12 bells for the Guild. In memoriam George W. Steere.

TEN BELL PEALS

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On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E.

*FREDERICK ROBSON ... Treble	*ERNEST WALLACE ... 6
JOHN ANDERSON ... 2	*WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ... 7
*JOHN A. BROWN ... 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... 8
*KENNETH ARTHUR ... 4	ARNOLD BRUNTON ... 9
*THOMAS W. CROWE ... 5	DENIS A. BAYLES ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor.

STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb.

GEORGE E. OLIVER ... Treble	GEORGE A. PACKER ... 6
*R. MARY ELKINGTON ... 2	HOWARD HOWELL ... 7
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 8
RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... 4	*CHARLES T. RICHARDS ... 9
FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 5	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

* First peal of Surprise Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... Treble	LESLIE EVANS ... 5
*MONICA DAVIS ... 2	FREDERICK R. HARRIS ... 6
*F. ERIC ROBERTS ... 3	†REGINALD T. JONES ... 7
†WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT ... 4	WILFRID F. MORETON... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Cambridge Major. A farewell to the Rev. E. G. Benson, who has left this parish. He is now Vicar of Presteigne.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

ERNEST BETTS ... Treble	WILLIAM BARTON ... 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	†J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	EDWARD JENKINS ... 7
*GIBSON JACKSON ... 4	†ERNEST A. THORPE ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together. First peal in the method on the bells.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

FRANK K. MEASURES ... Treble	LEONARD TREVOR ... 5
*EDWARD A. SOWMAN ... 2	ALFRED BALLARD ... 6
W. BRIAN ELLENDER ... 3	HUBERT E. ASHLEY ... 7
†L. MICHAEL CALLOW ... 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

EAHWURST, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

*JACK O. GLANVILLE ... Treble	†C. ERNEST SMITH ... 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 2	†EDWARD J. BRAGG ... 6
†WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	†HAROLD A. MAY ... 7
†JOHN A. ETHERINGTON ... 4	†FREDERICK A. MUNDAY Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Aldenham. First peal in the method, on the bells and for the Guild.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

WILLIAM J. BARRETT ... Treble	ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... 5
*JEAN H. BARHAM ... 2	REGINALD C. THRIFT ... 6
†HENRY W. SHADRACK ... 3	ALBERT G. BARTHOLOMEW ... 7
HERBERT DEVENISH ... 4	ARTHUR H. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by ARTHUR H. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Major 'inside.' † 25th peal.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

*FRANK CORKE ... Treble	ALICK CUTLER ... 5
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 2	†RICHARD E. PRICE ... 6
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
*WILLIAM WELLING ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

* 50th peal together. † First peal in the method. Believed to be the first peal of London on the bells.

NEW SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE HURA,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*JOHN WHITEHEAD ... Treble	ALBERT W. BOND ... 5
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... 2	BASIL WHITE ... 6
FRANK BENNETT ... 3	MAURICE THOMAS ... 7
JOHN V. LONSBOROUGH ... 4	HENRY STALHAM ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung at the request of the Vicar. Rev. F. S. W. Simpson, to commemorate his 16 years in the ministry.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's.		Tenor 10 cwt.
ERNEST MORRIS Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5	
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 2	ALAN H. HOUGH 6	
THOMAS C. BELTON ... 3	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN... 7	
SYDNEY H. JONES ... 4	HENRY C. ADAMS ... Tenor	

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

A birthday compliment to Sir Thomas Beecham.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.

*TAMIA DUNN Treble	ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS... 5
CHARLES B. PEMBERTON... 2	DEREK PARRY 6
ALFRED W. CUSICK ... 3	H. STEWART BAILEY ... 7
ALEXANDER J. MARTIN... 4	FRANK T. PARRY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK T. PARRY.

* First peal. To commemorate the golden jubilee of the foundation of this church. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Tamia Dunn.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

W. H. OLDFIELD Treble	*GERALD BRIDGER 5
DAVID PETERS 2	*MALCOLM TYLER 6
JOSE TURNER 3	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN ... 7
EILEEN MOUNFIELD ... 4	JEFFRY OLDFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS H. NEWMAN.

* First peal of Bob Triples. To mark the occasion of the ringing of the sixth winning a Henry Smart organ scholarship to the Royal Academy. Also the first peal ever rung by an entirely St. Andrew band.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

JOHN E. ETHERINGTON Treble	T. MARK WHITE 5
HAROLD A. MAY 2	WILLIAM ROGERS 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

In memoriam George W. Steere.

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

On Wed., May 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF HALLAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR D. COOK Treble	JOHN PINFOLD 5
HENRY H. FEARN 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 3	FRANK E. HAYNES 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

The first peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Albert Walker.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 3, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 105 lb. in F.

GEORGE SAYER Treble	*DR. FREWEN MOOR ... 5
*EDMUND E. PEARSON ... 2	AUBREY O. MILLS... .. 6
*MRS. FREWEN MOOR ... 3	NOLAN GOLDEN 7
*JOHN S. WALTON 4	ARTHUR G. BASON ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 3, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 25½ cwt.

HAROLD A. NOBES Treble	ERNEST A. JURD 5
E. JOAN SALMONS 2	JOHN W. MEADE 6
JOSIAH D. HARRIS... .. 3	JOHN H. HUNT 7
ERNEST TREAGUS 4	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

First peal in the method as conductor.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*C. EDWARD LANKESTER Treble	*LEONARD H. BOWLER... 5
FRANCIS A. EDGAR ... 2	*MAURICE HODGSON ... 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	*RICHARD F. B. SPEED... 7
*ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 4	*W. NORMAN PARK ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal in the method.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 5, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM WHITE Treble	WILLIAM CORDEROY ... 5
JAMES GORDAN 2	DOUGLAS JORDAN 6
JAMES P. BLOND 3	ROBERT B. BLOND 7
GEORGE W. BISHOP ... 4	*DOUGLAS BOSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS JORDAN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Fri., May 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

FRANK W. VERNON Treble	*PETER N. WHITE 5
KATHLEEN BURCHNALL ... 2	KENNETH W. MAYER ... 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	JAMES W. RAITHBY ... 7
GRACE BURCHNALL 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Double Norwich. In memoriam George W. Steere.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. GARTSIDE Treble	G. ALEC DIMMOCK 5
THOMAS BARKER 2	JOHN CHARNOCK 6
JOHN JACKSON 3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE ... 7
JAMES BLACKBURN 4	ERNEST J. GOWER ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.



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THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS F. WARDEN Treble	H. F. ASHLEY 5
MISS R. ASHLEY 2	COLIN HUGHES 6
H. E. ASHLEY 3	A. J. HINDE 7
S. CARTER 4	C. NEALE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. J. HINDE.

First peal of Major by all the band except the ringer of the 3rd. First peal as conductor on eight bells. First peal of Major on the bells since augmentation.

**DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6176 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*DENNIS SCOTT Treble	WALTER ALLWOOD 5
HERBERT E. TAYLOR 2	STANLEY SLANEY 6
ARTHUR B. COOPER 3	GORDON C. BRIGGS 7
CYRIL WRIGHT 4	JOSEPH SAXTON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Longest peal on the bells, for the Association and by all except the ringer of the fifth.

**HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

LEWIS J. LAST Treble	† ERNEST G. PEARCE 5
*GEORGE W. PIPE 2	WILLIAM J. BUTTON 6
GEORGE A. FLEMING 3	RONALD W. STEWARD 7
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

* 75th peal. † First peal of Major.

**LINTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

DORIS G. DOBBIE Treble	LOUIS HEAD 5
*SHEILA M. HOLE 2	GEORGE KENWARD 6
STANLEY B. DOBBIE 3	† WALTER H. DOBBIE 7
HARRY BAKER 4	GEORGE WOOD Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

* First peal of Stedman. † 150th peal. A birthday peal for Sheila M. Hole, Mrs. Kenward and Mrs. Head.

**MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

DOROTHY SCHOFIELD Treble	*WILLIAM T. TURNER 5
JOHN BAGNALL 2	HERBERT S. PALMER 6
FREDERICK SCHOFIELD 3	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE 7
BETTY SCHOFIELD 4	JAMES E. BURLS Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JAMES E. BURLS.

* First peal in the method. A welcome to the Rector, the Rev. Henry Allen Bland, M.A., and Mrs. Bland.

**NORTHCHURCH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 24 lb.

*ALBERT C. WENBAN Treble	† AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 5
FRANCES A. EDGAR 2	DONALD C. PRICE 6
† AUDREY M. BAILEY 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED 7
THOMAS J. CLARK 4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

NORAH M. BIBBY Treble	† BRIAN HARRIS 5
*DAPHNE LLOYD 2	HENRY O. BAKER 6
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES 7
† ARTHUR WATKIN 4	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD Tenor

Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Comprising 1,440 London, 1,440 Rutland, 800 Bristol and 480 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 124 changes of method.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
MRS. E. F. SALMONS 2	ERNEST F. SALMONS 6
FREDERICK W. BURNETT 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
JOHN H. HUNT 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in six methods by all the band and for the Guild.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

Thurstans' Treble	*PHILIP A. F. CHALK 5
HORACE BELCHER 2	JOHN A. WAUGH 6
A. W. J. APPLETON 3	ALFRED B. PECK 7
HERBERT LANGDON 4	JOHN PHILLIPS Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. In memoriam George W. Steere.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 32 lb.

MRS. C. W. LAWTON Treble	DENIS MOTTESHEAD 4
*E. ANN ROSE 2	IVOR NICHOLS 5
JUNE HENSHAW 3	CHARLES W. LAWTON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. LAWTON.

* First peal, aged 13.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

LEONARD CAMPEY Treble	IVOR NICHOLS 4
DENIS MOTTESHEAD 2	CHARLES W. LAWTON 5
MRS. C. W. LAWTON 3	GEORGE BARNARD Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. LAWTON.

A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. L. Slack, a Sunday service ringer at above church for 53 years, and a respected member of Macclesfield Branch. Also a 9th birthday compliment to Anthony Wm. Lawton, youngest ringer in the tower.

ABBOT'S LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*GWENDOLYN F. GOOD Treble	EDWIN J. UPTON 4
† F. STEDMAN POOLE 2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED 5
*D. KAY ADKINS 3	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal. † 75th peal. To welcome the Rev. R. S. Wilkinson, who was inducted as Vicar of the parish on April 26th.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

Mrs. F. CHAS GOODMAN <i>Treble</i>	HENRY TOOKE	...	4
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 2	LEONARD G. TOOKE	...	5
HARRY J. HALL ... 3	NOLAN GOLDEN	...	Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

In memoriam Frederick William Middleton.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Plain Bob Minor, Woodbine and Merchant's Return and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

LEONARD W. CARBUTT ... <i>Treble</i>	HERMAN RUSBY	...	4
ERIC STAINROD ... 2	SQUIRE FIELDING	...	5
RAYMOND CROSSLAND ... 3	ARTHUR CHAMPION	...	Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND CROSSLAND.

First peal as conductor. With the bells fully muffled in memory of Jim Tinker, a member of the local company, who was interred at Penistone on this day.

BASLOW, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*NORMA HOWES ... <i>Treble</i>	DENNIS SCOTT	...	4
JEAN D. DUNN ... 2	HERBERT E. TAYLOR	...	5
JOHN W. SYKES ... 3	GEORGE H. PAULSON	...	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. PAULSON.

* First peal of Minor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 2, 1950, 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 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

*R. JOHN WALLIS ... <i>Treble</i>	WALTER S. IZZARD	...	4
RONALD J. SHARP ... 2	CLIFFORD W. IZZARD	...	5
J. MICHAEL STEPHENS ... 3	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	...	Tenor

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

* First peal. For the golden wedding of Canon and Mrs. A. Rust.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)

On Wed., May 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, viz., Alnwick, Chester, Carlisle, London, York, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

ERNEST T. CARVELL ... <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	...	4
*STANLEY D. SUTTON ... 2	ALFRED W. CUSICK	...	5
A. TREVOR SUTTON ... 3	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	...	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES B. PEMBERTON.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor. For the occasion of the visit of Her Majesty the Queen to Birkenhead to launch the aircraft carrier, 'Ark Royal.'

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Cambridge, one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*MARGARET A. BAILEY ... <i>Treble</i>	†MARGARET D. REEVES	...	4
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH ... 2	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	...	5
LEONARD TREVOR ... 3	HUBERT E. ASHLEY	...	Tenor

Conducted by HUBERT E. ASHLEY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in four methods. First peal as conductor.

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THE LADIES' GUILD.

(Wiltshire Branch.)

On Wed., May 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

*H. JEAN HOLLOWAY ... Treble	BERYL J. STRANGE ... 4
MARGARET E. RICHARDS ... 2	BERNICE M. STRANGE ... 5
*MARION J. SKINNER ... 3	†B. ENID LLOYD-ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by MARGARET E. RICHARDS.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal for the branch.

EAST FARNDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising ten six-scores each of St. Simon's, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire, and one 240 of Grandsire.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

RONALD RUSSELL ... Treble	ARTHUR MILLWARD ... 3
ERNEST MORRIS ... 2	PERCY AMOS ... 4

KILBY HOLTOM ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Second peal on the bells, augmented to five 1897.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Thurs., May 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge, Oxford and Kent, and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*CYNTHIA EDMONDSON(15) Treble	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK... 4
*D. ELAINE WRIGHT (16) 2	GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 5
*MRS. MILDRED TURLEY 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal in four methods.

FLAMSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 5, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Bourne, Beverley, London, York, Cambridge, Netherseale and Norwich.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

JOE HOBBS ... Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 4
EDWIN J. UPTON ... 2	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT... 5
WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... 3	WALTER AYE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYE.

Half-muffled as a token of respect for and in memory of William Hayes, churchwarden, choirman and ringer for over 50 years at the above church.

ALFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

JOHN G. SMITH ... Treble	GEORGE E. MANSEY ... 4
SAMUEL H. SUTTON ... 2	HORACE BENNETT ... 5
GWENDOLINE D. ROBINSON 3	C. HAROLD WHITTON ... Tenor

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

GODSHILL, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM UPTON ... Treble	LESTER BAILEY ... 4
CHARLES H. DENNES ... 2	PATRICK PAGE ... 5
FRANK S. TAYLOR ... 3	TOM PAGE ... Tenor

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

First peal of Surprise Minor by all the band. First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor in the Isle of Wight.

MARBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*FREDERICK CHAPMAN ... Treble	FRANK BARNARD ... 4
*BRIAN SCHOFIELD ... 2	EDWARD J. BOFFEY ... 5
HAROLD G. SMITH ... 3	JOHN E. BROUGH ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* First peal in method.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Woodbine.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

WILFRED BROADHEAD ... Treble	ERIC STAINROD ... 4
ARTHUR CHAMPION ... 2	SQUIRE FIELDING ... 5
LEONARD W. CARBUTT ... 3	HARRY MANN ... Tenor

Conducted by SQUIRE FIELDING.

First peal as conductor. For the 25th anniversary of the installation of the bells after recasting by J. Taylor, Loughborough.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*GORDON WALFORD ... Treble	†F. WILLIAM SLOCOMBE... 4
†JEAN TATTERSALL ... 2	CLAUDE W. C. TARR ... 5
‡DAVID T. NORTH ... 3	†FRANK TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by GORDON WALFORD.

* First peal of Doubles and first as conductor. † First peal. ‡ First peal 'inside.' A birthday compliment to the father of the conductor, Mr. T. E. Walford.

TRULL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, 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 18 cwt.

*ROBERT W. SHIRE... Treble	*R. GEORGE PERRY ... 4
ARTHUR H. REED ... 2	HARRY CHURCHILL ... 5
*BENJAMIN J. BURSTON... 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

* First peal. For the fifth anniversary of the end of World War II.

UPCHURCH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

STANLEY V. RAYFIELD ... Treble	FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 4
BERT W. MAY ... 2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 5
*EDWARD A. G. ALLEN... 3	WM. A. J. KNIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* 100th. peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

IRON CROSS, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Apr. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

IN THE CONCERT ROOM OF THE QUEEN'S HEAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's.

JOHN BRAMLEY ... 1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6
JOHN J. MORRIS ... 3-4	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 7-8

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

Rung on the 100th birthday of Mrs. F. Hopkins, Evesham.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Apr. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE HOLYWELL STORES, LONDON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

ALFRED JORDAN ... 1-2	ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 5-6
JOHN MORRIS ... 3-4	ALFRED BALLARD ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Apr. 27, 1950, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

IN THE CHANCEL OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor size 19 in F

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 5-6	

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Apr. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Being two methods, comprising 3,424 Plain Bob and 1,584 Little Bob, with 214 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

JAMES E. DANIELS ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | *BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 7-8

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Spliced.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY... 3-4 | JAMES E. DANIELS ... 7-8
BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 9-10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

LEICESTER

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

In ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

JOHN BRAMLEY ... 1-2 | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6
JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 3-4 | ALAN CATTELL ... 7-8
ERNEST MORRIS ... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

In memoriam Charles Hy. Belton, May 1st, 1947.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

In ST. PETER'S CHURCH RINGING CHAMBER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;FREDK. G. HOOPER ... 1-2 | JOSEPH A. FENTON... 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN ... 3-4 | *FREDK. A. SALTER ... 7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* 50th peal of Stedman Triples. Davis' Transposition.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

At 24, DURLER AVENUE.

A PEAL OF PLAIN LOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*RICHARD W. STEPHENS ... 1-2 | J. MICHAEL STEPHENS ... 3-4
JOHN B. LONG ... 5-6

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

* First peal on handbells. First peal as conductor on handbells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of 1-2.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 4, 1950, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,

At 37, VICARAGE ROAD, RODBOURNE CHENEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor size 12 in F.

W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... 1-2 | *ENID LLOYD-ROBERTS ... 3-4

*FRANCIS G. WILTON ... 5-6

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

* First peal 'in hand.' A farewell to Francis Wilton on his joining the Royal Navy.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Fri., May 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

At 35, MARKET STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 14 in D.

PETER BERESFORD ... 1-2 | DENNIS BERESFORD ... 5-6
JOAN BERESFORD ... 3-4 | GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 7-8

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

First peal of Triples 'in hand' by all. A compliment to Miss J. Beresford on her 18th birthday.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 7, 1950, in 1 Hour and 31½ Minutes,

At 13, PEVERIL ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, differently called. Tenor size 4 in F.

BARRY COPE ... 1-2 | WILFRED L. ROBINSON ... 3-4

GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 5-6

Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

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LATE NEWS.

Mr. H. J. Poole has been re-elected Presi-
dent of the Leicester Diocesan Guild by 89
votes to 50. The other nomination was Mr. T.
C. Belton, of Barwell.

Badly damaged by German shell-fire during
the war, a part of the tower of St. James',
Dover, has crashed. The bells were found in
the 12ft. high heap of rubble.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild
last Saturday presented a
testimonial and a cheque
for £45 to the Rev. F. L. Edwards upon his
retirement from the office of general secretary,
a post he had held for 37 years. Mr. W. C.
West, of Melksham, is the new Guild secre-
tary. A report of the festival will appear
in the next issue.

Mr. James George has left St. Mary's Hos-
pital, Poole. He is now residing at 54, John-
stone Road, Oakdale, Poole.

Congratulations to the Wiltshire Branch of
the Ladies' Guild on their peal at Rodbourne
Cheney. The last peal for the Ladies' Guild
was in 1946.

The peal of Plain Bob Major at Bolton,
Lancs, was rung on Friday, April 21st, not
April 22nd, as appeared in a recent issue of
'The Ringing World.'

Mr. Edwin H. Lewis and Mr. A. A. Hughes
are to give a talk to the S.P.A.B. about
'Bells and their effect on church towers' on
Monday, June 5th, at 8 p.m. Details will be
announced later.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at
West Hartlepool, recorded in this week's issue,
was the first peal of Surprise Royal for the
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association
by a resident band since 1934.

Baslow Church, Derbyshire, where a peal was
rung on May 2nd, is pleasantly situated on
the banks of the River Derwent and is close
to Chatsworth House, the seat of the Duke of
Devonshire.

The bells of St. Thomas', South Wigston,
are to be placed on new ball bearings, the
work having been entrusted to the founders,
Messrs. John Taylor and Co. In consequence
the bells will not be available for service or
practice ringing after June 4th for an approxi-
mate period of three months.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Arundel's returned ring
of eight, recently rehung
by Messrs. Gillett and
Johnston in a new iron frame with new fit-
tings, will be rededicated by the Bishop of
Lewes on Wednesday, May 31st, at 7 p.m. The
Duke of Norfolk will be present at the service.
(The bells were the gift of the Duke's grand-
father in 1855.) A ringers' day will be held
on the following Saturday, June 3rd, when
the bells will be available for ringing during
the afternoon and evening.

Fifteen-year-old George W. Pipe, of Grundis-
burgh, rang his 75th peal on May 6th at
Hollisley, Suffolk.

The peal of Plain Bob Triples rung at
Whittlesey, Cambridgeshire, on March 24th,
was rung in 3 hours 4 minutes and not 2 hours
4 minutes as stated in the issue of May 5th.

Mr. John A. Hilton, 2, Albert Cottages,
Clarendon Road, Broadstairs, would like to
hear from anyone interested in a peal attempt
of Plain Bob Royal at St. Lawrence-in-Thanel,
Ramsgate, on June 1st, on the occasion of the
visit of Princess Margaret to Ramsgate.

In memoriam peals to Mr. George W. Steere
were rung at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Lon-
don: the Cathedral Church of Holy Trinity,
Guildford; All Saints' Church, Sutton-on-Trent,
and St. Mary's Church, Woodford, Essex. A
quarter peal was also rung at St. Anne's,
Brookfield, London, N.W.

Mr. Charles Briggs, of Howden, Yorks, who
left £75,933, bequeathed £275 on trust to pay
the income between the ringers at this church
as a Christmas honorarium. As a young man
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larly the ringing out the old and ringing in
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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AGENDA

The third session of the twentieth Council (53rd annual meeting) will be held on Whit-sun Tuesday, May 30th, 1950, in the Town Hall Assembly Rooms, Eastbourne, 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. Mr. W. Osborn retires and is eligible for re-election. There are two vacancies.
2. Loss of members through death.
3. Minutes of the last meeting.
4. Report of the Hon. Librarian.
5. Statement of the General Account.
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 the sub-committee appointed to consider the Rules of the Council.

(2) Report of the sub-committee appointed to consider the decisions of the Council.

(3) Report as to the preparation of the Roll of Honour.

(b) Peal Collection.

(c) Methods.

(d) Peal Analysis.

(e) Records

(f) Towers and Belfries.

(g) Literature, Press and Broadcasting.

(h) Peal Boards.

(i) Biographies.

(k) 'Ringing World.'

MOTIONS.

8. Festival of Britain.

That this Council, through an appropriate committee and by liaison with the organisers, should determine the nature of the part to be played by the Ringing Exercise in the Festival of Britain.

Proposed by Dr. E. S. John Hatcher.

Seconded by Mr. George H. Spice.

9. (1) That unanimous decisions of the Methods Committee, upon matters with which they are authorised by this Council to deal, shall at once become decisions and rules of the Council and published as such in 'The Ringing World.'
- (2) That any majority decision of the Methods Committee shall be submitted to the next meeting of the Council for confirmation, and if confirmed by a majority vote, become a decision and rule of the Council.

Proposed by Mr. Harold Poole.

Seconded by Mr. A. Ballard.

10. To fix the place of the next meeting.
11. Other business (if any).

GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Hon. Sec.

The White House, Caister-on-Sea.

ARRANGEMENTS

Headquarters: Imperial Hotel.

Ringing arrangements at the various churches will be circulated to all members.

WHIT MONDAY

Standing Committee meeting at 6.30 p.m., Imperial Hotel.

WHIT TUESDAY

Holy Communion, St. Mary's Church, 8 a.m. Council meeting at 11. Members are asked to sign the roll and be in their places at 10.50.

The Council will be received by the Mayor of Eastbourne (Alderman R. J. S. Croft), the Bishop of Chichester (the Rt. Rev. G. K. A. Bell, D.D.) and other church and civic officials.

Arrangements are being made for a group photograph to be taken at the luncheon adjournment.

Reception and tea.—Members and their friends will be received by the Mayor and Mayoress of Eastbourne, Alderman R. J. S. Croft and Mrs. Croft, at 5 to 5.30 p.m., after which tea will be served. Admission by ticket only.

Social.—At the Town Hall Assembly Rooms, which are licensed.

Tickets and passes will be issued to all members who have indicated their intention to be present.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS NEW ACTING SECRETARY.

The quarterly meeting was held at Luton on April 29th. Despite the inclement weather, some 30 ringers attended to ring on the fine ten. Among those present were Miss Steel, Dunstable, and Mr. A. King and Mr. H. D. Harris, of Woburn.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the Master, Mr. G. H. Cross. He first spoke of the grievous loss the Society had sustained in the recent death of Mr. G. W. Steere, who was treasurer from 1928-1938 and then combined the offices of secretary and treasurer from 1939-1950, when he resigned the secretaryship owing to pressure of business. He put in a tremendous amount of work for the Society, his heart and soul were in the job and nothing was too much for him. He took part in the first peal of Cambridge Maximus at St. Martin's in 1928.

The company stood in silence as a tribute to his memory, and the whole pull and stand was rung after the meeting, some of the local ringers taking part. A letter expressing the sympathy of the members was sent to Mrs. Steere.

The following belfry ratifications were made: Miss M. Brown (Aldington), Geoffrey Dodd (Highclere) and Peter Allen (Mitcham). New members elected were W. A. Kitchenside (Mayfield) and Miss M. Brockman (Canterbury).

Mr. Cross stated that the arrangements for the annual dinner (to be held on October 14th) were under way, and he hoped those who had supported the proposition at the annual meeting would do their best to attend in order that the affair would be a success and not result in a financial loss for the Society.

The resignation of the secretary (Mr. Peter Bond) was then announced. He was leaving London for Winchester. He took office at the beginning of the year and had done a good deal since. Mr. Cross thanked him for his past services and wished him every success in his new sphere.

Mrs. C. J. Matthews agreed to act as secretary until the annual meeting next January.

The death of Mr. Steere left vacant the offices of treasurer and Central Council representative. It was decided to ask Mr. W. R. Winterton to act as treasurer and Mr. Bond was appointed the Central Council representative.

The next meeting is to be held at Westerham on July 27th. The Master hoped for a good attendance, as Westerham is in a very pleasant part of the country and had a good ring of bells.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. H. Burton for the arrangements for the meeting and the Vicar for the use of the bells.

50 Years' Service at St. Paul's

PRESENTATION TO H. LANGDON.

A pleasing ceremony took place before ringing for morning service at St. Paul's on May 7th. Mr. A. B. Peck referred to the recent completion of 50 years' continuous service by their beloved leader, Mr. H. Langdon, and said that the members of the Cathedral Guild and friends associated with the ringing at St. Paul's felt that such a unique occasion could not be allowed to pass without some tangible expression. He called on Mr. J. F. Smallwood to express the feelings of the company.

Mr. Smallwood said that to be leader of St. Paul's ringers was a big job, and required a big man in every sense of the word. St. Paul's had been fortunate in their choice of leaders. James Pettitt and W. T. Cockerill, Mr. Langdon's predecessors, had set a very high standard, which Mr. Langdon had not only maintained, but enhanced.

It was rare to find a leader who was brilliant at conducting, an immaculate striker and a born leader, but in Mr. Langdon they had a combination of all these qualities, and he was highly respected, aye, loved by all who had the privilege of ringing with him. He felt that he was expressing the feelings of all present when he congratulated Mr. Langdon on the completion of 50 years' continuous service, and they hoped he would be spared to inspire them by his example for many more years.

Mrs. Price, the wife of one of the resident Canons at St. Paul's, then made the presentation (which was a wristlet watch) with a graceful little speech, and added her congratulations.

Mr. Langdon, taken completely by surprise, thanked those present for their kind wishes and this totally unexpected present, and remarked that he had never known a secret so well kept. Then in characteristic Langdon style he called on them to get busy with raising the middle six.

Before that could be done, Mr. A. A. Hughes, in a neat little speech, thanked Mrs. Price for making the presentation and said how much they appreciated the interest she was taking in the bells and ringers.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

EAST NORFOLK BRANCH.

The East Norfolk Branch met at Winterton on April 29th, when 38 members attended. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. G. Harwood (Rector), and was followed by tea and business meeting.

It was proposed to hold a joint North and East Branch meeting at Hanpisburgh on June 10th, and East Norfolk Branch meeting at Somerleyton on June 24th.

The president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, thanked the Rector for the use of the bells and also those who had arranged a fine tea.

The branch chairman (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) thanked the local company for their wholehearted support and for putting the bells in trim for the meeting, as it was as late as Thursday night they were waiting for the arrival of new ropes.

NORTH NORFOLK BRANCH.

A meeting of the North Norfolk Branch was held at Cromer on April 22nd and was attended by 35 members.

The Rev. Blyth presided at the business meeting, supported by the president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard), Mr. F. Nolan Golden (Ringing Master). Messrs. W. G. Larter (Mulbarton) and T. Allen (Intwoud) were elected ringing members. The ringers were entertained to tea by the Rev. Buxton, and the president, on behalf of the members, thanked him for his hospitality. Thanks were also expressed to Mr. Wilson, of Cromer, for arranging for the meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Garveston on July 8th.

BOURNEMOUTH RALLY AND GEORGE WILLIAMS

FIRST COMMEMORATION DINNER A BISHOP RECALLS HIS PEALS AT CAMBRIDGE THE EXAMPLE OF THE LATE MASTER YOUTH OF TO-DAY

BOURNEMOUTH gave a royal welcome to the visiting ringers who attended the fourth annual ringers' rally and the first George Williams Commemoration Dinner, held at the Pavilion on May 6th. The Mayor (Cdr. Lt.-Comdr. J. H. Turner) returned hurriedly from an afternoon function at Winchester, and Ald. Harry C. Brown, one of the Council's wits, was included among the speakers.

The Church also gave its full support. The Bishop of Southampton (the Rt. Rev. E. R. Morgan) presided over the opening proceedings, Bishop Basil Roberts, of the S.P.G., the Rev. A. L. E. Williams, Rural Dean of Bournemouth, and the Rev. R. P. Price, Vicar of Christchurch, were also present.

An excellent meal was followed by the loyal toast. The Chairman, in a welcome to the visitors, said he had been handed a list of visitors which showed that they had come from as far north as Derby; it was indeed a very representative gathering that had assembled to commemorate a veteran of their art.

He was very glad personally to be among such a large party of bellringers, even if it was to excuse himself and state that he did not understand the art. It was so intricate and marvellous—a science on its own—that they who were outside had a certain shyness about entering a belfry. It was not from any lack of friendliness or encouragement of the art that clergy did not visit the belfry.

The Chairman thought most people liked bells, but there were people who were nervous when they heard bells; the ordinary person, however, answered to the bells, whether it was a knell or a peal or one of those crashes at Winchester on the King's birthday, which made him cut himself when shaving, as he lived in the Cathedral Close!

The toast of 'The Church and State' was submitted by Mr. Fred Price, who stressed the importance of goodwill between the Church and the State. He felt the State needed the Church as it was the greatest instrument for the establishment of goodwill among men—it was the message it had been preaching down the ages. He urged the Church to do its utmost in teaching the Christian religion to young children and to find them a job of service after Confirmation; that was where the belfries would be of great assistance.

A BISHOP'S TWO PEALS.

Bishop Basil Roberts, who replied, said somewhere among his records were two handbell peals rung 30 years ago when he was an undergraduate at Cambridge. He could not now remember the method, but they were peals of over 5,000 changes. Associated with him in those peals was Mr. E. M. Atkins, and recently he had the happy experience of running into him and giving him lunch. That refreshed his memories and the Bishop added that he could still see Mr. Atkins in the belfry of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, with one bell in each hand and at the same time conducting a touch and telling each ringer where he should go.

It was quite possible that the Mayor in his speech would choose to refer to the merciful silence of the war and the nuisance value of the bells to the somnolent citizen. As a Bishop he felt it was his duty to emphasise the call and challenge of the bells to the sweet harmonies of the Christian faith and the resounding claims of Christian worship, and that the bells were all the more impressive when music issued not from mechanical instruments, but from servants of God who were aware of and devoted to the message they circulated. The

Church had the greatest possible appreciation of that service.

The Mayor also replied with the speech of a polished raconteur, and said he heartily subscribed to the view of Mr. Price that man was incomplete without religion. Without it there was something lacking in his make-up.

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

'The Memory of Mr. George Williams' was proposed by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, who said he felt greatly honoured in being asked to propose the toast, as Mr. George Williams was only recently taken to higher life. Probably every ringer in the room knew him, but the day would come when those who remembered him would be a dwindling band, who could speak of all that Mr. Williams did for ringing in general and more particularly for the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

'There are two things I would like to say that we can learn from the example of Mr. George Williams,' continued Mr. Felstead. 'One of these was the wonderful cheerfulness of his spirit. Although he was a great age, he was always cheerful and ever ready for a joke. I remember a year or two before he died he learnt London Royal and rang a course of it at North Stoneham, and if you look in his records in the year before the war you will find his first peal of Surprise and first peal of Bob Maximus. He was always ready to learn and keep a cheerful spirit; in that way he never grew old.'

'In the second thing he set ringers a wonderful example of being a true churchman. He never failed to ring on a Sunday at his church if he was well enough and after ringing never failed to stay for the service.'

The Rev. Felstead extended a special welcome to Mr. Williams' nephew, his only relative, and mentioned that he had given Mr. Williams' handbells to the Guild. For that gift on behalf of the Guild he expressed sincere thanks.

MR. ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

The toast of 'The Bells and Bellringers' was submitted by Ald. Harry C. Brown. He spoke of his affection for the bells of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, which dated from the days of the first World War, and said he had no use for the man or woman who regarded bells as an annoyance and begrudged St. Peter's ringers one practice night a week.

St. Peter's Church, he said, owed a very great debt of gratitude to Mr. Arthur Davis for his work, and that night with the handbell tune ringing they had an example of his training of the young lads and girls. He was an enthusiast in all he did, and he knew the Vicar was very proud of the work he had done for the bells and bellringers of St. Peter's.

The Vicar of St. Peter's interposed with his appreciation of Mr. Davis' work, and said it was an inspiration to every ringer.

Mr. Arthur V. Davis, who replied, mentioned his association of over 30 years with St. Peter's Church. He assured Ald. Brown that St. Peter's bells would always be kept in order while he was associated with the tower. It was an extraordinary thing that English people readily subscribed to make bells ringable.

It was a grand thing to have at that gathering ringers from London, Birmingham, Bristol and other places; it showed the great friendliness in the Exercise. It was also a great pleasure to have so many young people present.

Young people were very much discussed to-day. He well remembered reading in 'The Ringing World' a comment by one of the Masters that he thought they were making too much fuss of young people. What he

meant to say was that they were apt to patronise young people too much. Young people did not desire to be patronised—they were just as good, no better and no worse than youth of previous generations.

The toast of 'The Ringing World' was proposed by Mrs. C. H. Kippin, who recalled the work of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and Mr. J. A. Trollope, the former editors, and commended the foresight and business acumen displayed by the small group of ringers who purchased the paper on the death of Mr. Goldsmith and assured its future.

Mr. T. W. White, in his reply, voiced the thanks of all visiting ringers to the Dinner Committee and its secretary, Mr. A. V. Davis, for arranging such an enjoyable function.

The entertainment included a fine display of spiced handbell ringing by Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, R. Hurst, W. G. Young and D. T. Matkin, which unfortunately was suddenly terminated by the clapper of a tenor working loose. There was also songs by Mrs. Nellie Pearmain and tune ringing by the St. Peter's Youth Club, conducted by Mr. A. V. Davis.

The beautiful floral decorations on the tables were provided by Mr. Martin Stewart.

THE COMPANY.

Supporting the Bishop of Southampton, who presided, were the Mayor and Mayoress of Bournemouth, Bishop Basil Roberts, the Revs. A. L. E. Williams, R.D., of Bournemouth, K. W. H. Felstead (Southampton), R. P. Price (Christchurch), S. A. and Mrs. Culverwell (Hinton Admiral), J. Coutts, E. F. R. Routh, Ald. and Mrs. H. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Brown (Southampton), Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cartwright (Birmingham), Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dowding (Birmingham), Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Edwards (Wolverton, Bucks), Mr. and Mrs. J. Galton (Christchurch), Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hextall, Mr. and Mrs. D. Matkin, Mr. and Mrs. G. Pullinger (Southampton), Mr. and Mrs. V. Scardifield (Berks), Mr. and Mrs. C. Skidmore (Worcester), Cdr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker (Birmingham), Mr. and Mrs. T. W. White (Guildford).

Mesdames C. H. Kippin, E. Bell, T. Brayshaw (Channel Islands), F. J. Marshallsay, Pearmain, Skuse, Vatcher.

The Misses E. Arthur (Southampton), J. Askew (Osterley), K. Barnes (Christchurch), P. Cartwright (Birmingham), J. Cox (Southampton), N. Crofts, K. Fletcher, D. Fletcher (Beaconsfield), Sparshott (Christchurch), N. C. Martin Stewart, Vatcher, V. Willard (Harrow).

Messrs. J. Bass (Stourbridge), A. Butler, M. J. Butler (Southampton), M. J. Best, Charlton (Cranborne), C. W. Cooper (Stourbridge), A. P. Cannon (Betchworth), W. Cheater (Ringwood), J. Coles, Collett (Wimborne), J. Daniels, G. Evenden, J. Fidler (Loughborough), J. Hartless (Ringwood), A. Kingston and party (Shepton Mallet), Laker, W. Laker (Balscombe), H. Mitchell, G. Preston (Christchurch), F. Price, W. Reed (Ringwood), C. Rouse (Cheltenham), Martin Stewart, Thomas, J. M. Turner, A. H. Ward (Derby), A. T. Weeks (Devizes), F. S. Wilson, Weeks, W. Young (Winchester), Peters, Day (Cranborne), Poole ringers and members of St. Peter's band and Youth Club.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On April 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Gray 1, Brenda Rowe (first of Doubles) 2, W. Gray (first 'inside') 3, Audrey Gray 4, C. C. Dilnot (first as cond.) 5, Hazel Palmer 6. First quarter for 1, 4, 6. First recorded by all local band.

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JOINT MEETING AT BERKELEY.

Twenty-eight towers were represented at the first joint meeting of the Bristol Rural and Wotton-under-Edge Branches, held at Berkeley on April 29th. Nearly 100 ringers and friends were present, including members from the Bristol City, Cheltenham, Gloucester and South Forest Branches, also from Fresham.

After ringing during the afternoon members attended the ringers' service, conducted by the Rev. J. H. W. Fisher, Vicar of Berkeley. The Rev. W. A. Peel, of Tortworth, read the lesson. In his address the Vicar remarked on the significance of holding such a meeting at Berkeley and he gave an outline of the history linking Berkeley and Bristol.

Tea was served in the Town Hall, after which a short business meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. A. D. H. Allan, chairman of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch. He welcomed the many visitors, and to mark the unique occasion he read the following poem from his collection of 'Songs of the Bells of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch,' entitled 'The Berkeley Bells':—

By Severn Sea in Severn Vale

A giant stands, erect, alone:

'Tis Berkeley Tower (on slenderer scale

His little brother dwells at Stone).

Massive and stalwart, rapt aloof

From prayer and chant the giant stands:

And from his heart o'er street and roof

Ten of us issue our commands.

But seldom can our full extent

Be heard across the river's ripples—

Not every band is competent

To ring a touch of Grandsire Triples.

And like our Castle, grey with age,

We must be quiet patient waiters

Until good friends on pilgrimage

Bid us peal out in Stedman Caters.

Then we exult, and thrill and tingle,

The merry music to our liking:

We answer quick to Bob and Single

And glory in the perfect striking.

During the evening further ringing, ranging from rounds to Cambridge Major, was enjoyed under the guidance of Mr. E. F. Hancock, Master of the Bristol City Branch. It is hoped that in future such a meeting will become an annual event.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

EXETER BRANCH MEETING.

The Exeter Branch meeting at Tedburn St. Mary attracted a very large number of ringers from branch towers and further afield from Bristol and Dorset. The ring of six, recently rehung after being silent for nearly 80 years, was probably the attraction.

The Rev. G. H. Hackett gave a very hearty welcome at the service, and later at tea (provided in the Village Hall by the P.C. Council) expressed his pleasure to become an hon. member of the Guild. Six of the local band and six from Thorverton were elected associate members, and five non-resident members' elections were confirmed.

Mr. T. Bartlett, chairman, and Mr. E. J. Ryall, hon. secretary, conducted the business. Christow and Dunsford were chosen for the next meeting on June 3rd. Ringers from at least twenty towers of the Guild made good use of the bells before and after tea under the able Ringing Master, Mr. E. W. Biffin, who gave time to all present to ring touches of their choice. Regret was expressed at the absence of the Guild president, the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox, who had made the rehanging of the bells possible whilst Rector of the parish, although the actual work was delayed owing to the war. The local band, with Mr. H. B. Wroth as leader, should now be able to progress quickly.

St. David's Diocesan Guild

RINGING COMPETITION AT LLANELLY.

The late Dr. Prosser, whilst Archbishop of Wales, was the president of the St. David's Diocesan Guild, and three years ago presented a shield to the Guild to encourage church bell-ringers to give of their best in their ancient art.

The first competition was on the light ring at Llandovery, where St. Peter's, Carmarthen, ringers won. Last year Tenby was the tower chosen for the competition, where the home team won. This year the light ring of six at St. Elli, Llanelly, was handled by ringers from Haverfordwest, Carmarthen, Llanelly (handicap 5 faults), Llanbadarn (2 teams).

It was disappointing that the other churches possessing bells (St. David's Cathedral, Llandovery, Llanstephan, Burry Port and Llandilo) were not able to send a team.

The two teams from Llanbadarn Fawr opened the competition and the senior band 'rose' the bells, stood them and began again to ring 120 Grandsire Doubles, but misfortune befell after 80 changes and the effort failed. Two bells failed to set. The juniors (four girls and two boys, average age 14) made a plucky attempt, but the strange bells and absence of conductor resulted in mistakes and many points were lost. Carmarthen gave a good performance, but mistakes occurred. Tenby's effort was similar. Llanelly, the home team, gave a good display in the rise, changes and fall. Haverfordwest band rang next and found the light bells awkward and experienced difficulty in that the bells rang in the opposite direction to their home tower. Finally a scratch band rang with spasms of good ringing, marred by occasional lapses.

Mr. F. W. Sharpe, of Oxfordshire, was the judge and, sitting alone nearby, recorded the faults in the rise, the 120 changes of Grandsire Doubles and the fall. Two bells striking together—one fault. Too many changes or too few and failure to stand the bells were faults. He placed Llanelly first with 96 per cent. for the 'rise,' 98 per cent. for the changes, and 96 per cent. for the 'fall,' total 290 marks; Tenby, 265; Carmarthen, 263; Llanbadarn Fawr (1), 177; Haverfordwest, 165; Llanbadarn Fawr (2), 126.

The result was announced in the Parish Hall after a tea provided and served by the ladies of the parish and presided over by the Rev. T. J. Evans, who welcomed the contestants and thanked Mr. Sharpe for tackling the judging so fearlessly.

The shield was presented to the Llanelly band with a certificate, and the runners-up, Tenby, also received a certificate.

MARKET WEIGHTON BELLS

The bells of All Saints', Market Weighton, Yorks, have been lowered from the tower for the first time in 167 years. They are to be recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the massive oak frame will be overhauled. Altogether the recasting and renovation of the tower will cost about £1,000.

Watching the lowering of the bells was Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw (69), who has rung in this tower for over half a century. 'I hope they will be in position again on September 5th—my birthday,' he said.

Before 1877 Market Weighton had three bells. On January 23th, 1783, a parish meeting resolved to exchange the three old bells, valued at £117, for six 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. Gardoms £1 10s. 6d. for ropes. The tenor weighed 9 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

A Somerset Tour

A most successful week's ringing was enjoyed by a party of London ringers, mainly from St. Luke's Church, Chelsea, who toured Somerset from April 15th-23rd. Those taking part were the Misses Branson, Dupré, Atkins, Holmes, Weddell, Messrs. Bartlett, Carter, Lott, Ottley, Miller, Myer and Mr. and Mrs. Barker, who were able to join us for the first four days.

The party stayed at The Woodlands, Chilcompton, near Bath. On the journey down we rang at Sherborne St. John and Monk Sherborne. The next day, Sunday, 16th, we rang for morning and evening services at Binegar and Litton Parish Churches.

During the week the following towers were visited: Compton Martin (6), Blagdon (8), Chew Magna (8), Chewton Mendip (8), Wrington (10), Congresbury (8), Backwell (8), Long Ashton (8), Glastonbury St. John (8), Glastonbury St. Benedict (6), Street (8), Wookey (6), Doulting (6), Shepton Mallet (8), Croscombe (6), Dinder (6), Mells (8), Queen Camel (6), Castle Cary (8), Ditcheat (8), Nunney (6), Frome (8), Evercreech (10) and Kilmersden (6). We also rang at Chilcompton (6) on their practice night.

The methods rung were Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Caters, Stedman Doubles, Triples and Caters, Plain Bob Major and Minor, Kent Treble Bob Major and Minor, Double Stedman Minor, and Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

The success of the tour was in great part due to the friendliness and helpfulness of the local ringers, who made us most welcome everywhere we went. J. M. W.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ringing at the Festival

Dear Sir,—In the early part of this year my attention was turned to some aspects of the forthcoming Festival of Britain, and I fell to considering what representation might be made of our Exercise. An idea then occurred which at first seemed somewhat fantastic; but later, on reflection, and in view of the opinion now being voiced in the journal, it seems there may be possibilities to make it worthwhile suggesting.

The idea was that, in addition to all local arrangements which would undoubtedly be made, there should be shown, to the laymen of these islands and to our visitors from overseas, ringing in actual practice at the heart of the festival, in London. This might be achieved through the joint participation of the three principal bell-founding firms in the erection of a temporary campanile, where ringing might be demonstrated daily by visiting bands booked to attend.

The campanile might take the form of a steel-joist skeleton structure of three storeys, carrying a light ring of eight, and braced with corner shores of steel. The ground floor might comprise three 'stands,' one each for the participating firms putting up the structure, etc.; together with a ringers' ante-room, where the band would forgoather, hang clothing, sign the visitors' book and so forth. A light stair would lead up through the ceiling to the first floor. This ringing chamber would contain nothing whatever but the hanging ropes.

From the floor of the ringing chamber upwards, the entire 'walling' of the structure would be transparent, of glass or perspex or the like, so that ringers, ropes and bells in action, with internal lighting of the bell-frame as necessary, could be seen by the crowds gathered round.

The height of the entire structure would be kept as low as possible. The bells would be suitably 'clappered' to reduce the sound level to about 50 per cent. of the normal. The floor of the bell-chamber would be designed to damp out the sound as much as possible from the ringing chamber. But it is realised that with all precautions it might be 'a bit noisy' at the ropes; though this could no doubt be borne for the special purpose.

Suitable notices posted daily would announce the time of next ringing, the name of the band, and possibly the method to be rung. (Times would be by arrangement with the festival authorities, of course.) Just before the ringing commenced, or just afterwards, a short talk might be given through a public address installation, on ringing in general and the band in particular.

By some such means would be publicised in practice to the world, not only the work of the unique bell-founding firms of Britain, but also the peculiarly British art of ringing, which is our heritage. And the number of recruits deriving might be not inconsiderable!—Yours very truly,
A. YORK-BRAMBLE.
Netley.

5.088 SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—The figures on page 288 of your issue of May 5th are a simple variation of a composition by Henry Dains, published (to give but two sources) in the Norwich Diocesan Report for 1902 (peal No. 1,133) and in the Oxford Diocesan Guild Report for 1904 (peal No. 1,222). In the original the bobs 'wrong' in the 4th and 5th courses are omitted; in any case, these are superfluous, since they do not affect the part bell.

I think all ringers will approve of the list of methods to which a composition runs true being appended after the figures, but a number will not approve of such figures being submitted with no mention of the composer.—Yours faithfully,
NOLAN GOLDEN.
Norwich.

In a Transposed Form

Dear Sir,—The composition of Mr. Sedgley's published in your issue of May 5th is to all intents and purposes the same as one by Henry Dains appearing (in a transposed form) in the Kent County Report for 1900. I give the two below for comparison.

H. Dains					C. J. Sedgley				
23456	B	M	W	H	23456	B	M	W	H
45236	—	—	—	—	45236	—	—	—	—
62534	—	—	—	—	62534	—	—	—	—
43526	—	—	—	—	43526	—	—	—	—
54326	—	—	—	—	52436	—	—	—	—
63425	—	—	—	—	63425	—	—	—	—
46325	—	—	—	—	46325	—	—	—	—
34625	—	—	—	—	34625	—	—	—	—
34256	x	—	—	—	34256	x	—	—	—

Mr. Dains' peal was rung at Erith on October 26th, 1899. It is also true to the methods listed by Mr. Sedgley.—Yours faithfully,
E. A. BARNETT.
Crayford, Kent.

THE LATE MR. R. H. SMITH

A TRIBUTE FROM AUSTRALIA.

Dear Sir,—With deep regret I have read the report in your journal, January 6th, of the passing of my old friend and fellow-ringer, Mr. R. H. Smith, of Melton Mowbray, Leics, affectionately known to all as 'Dick' Smith. He will be greatly missed from the gatherings of ringers in the Melton Mowbray district and especially by the ringers of the village churches in the Vale of Belvoir.

You place on record that he was a member of the Framland Association (Diocese of Leicester, formerly Peterborough) for 50 years. This shows steadfastness and loyalty to the art which he loved.

He taught me to ring on the long ropes of those lovely toned bells of Long Clawson. I was not a good pupil. When others advised me to 'give it up before you hang yourself,' Dick Smith encouraged me to persevere. I do not know that he ever took part in a completed peal, but he did a great work for ringing in teaching and encouraging young ringers for half a century.

I feel very grateful to the ringers of Long Clawson and Hose—his two towers—for combining to ring a half-muffled quarter peal as a tribute of affection and honour. I am glad that my old friends Edward Tinsley and William Sharp, captains of the two towers, were able to take part.

Dick Smith was a faithful ringer and a loyal churchman, and his many friends will always keep him in affectionate remembrance.—Yours sincerely,
W. SMITH.

Captain, St. James' Ringers.

Turramurra, Sydney.

RINGS OF STEEL BELLS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the information given under the above heading in the excellent publication, 'Church Bells of Britain,' just published, it may interest some of your readers to learn that one of these bells, nicely cleaned up and fitted in a frame (not for ringing), is now on exhibition among other engineering products at Vickers House, Broadway, S.W.1. This bell, which probably weighs up to 20 cwt., is very like and may be the same one which was found in a scrap yard at John Brown's in Sheffield towards the end of the first World War, when the writer was employed there. At the time of the Armistice it was retrieved and fitted into a specially made steel frame. Two lusty fellows, provided with sledge hammers, then spent a considerable time flogging the bell, but the results, from a musical point of view, as might be expected, were not happy—and the bell remained suspended in its cage for many years.—Yours faithfully,
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY.

Edgehill Road, W.13.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN COX.

We regret to record the death on April 29th of Mr. John Cox, of St. Ambrose's, Bristol, aged 84 years. He had been a ringer for a great number of years, having first learnt in Somerset.

Although his change ringing capabilities were very little, he was an excellent tenor ringer, and if John Cox was on the tenor one was sure of a good beat. He had rung some very creditable peals and quarter peals. He had been a valuable member of St. Ambrose's Guild, Bristol, for the past 20 years, being most regular for Sunday service ringing, and will be greatly missed.

The funeral took place at St. Ambrose's Church on May 4th, and the Guild was represented by Mr. A. C. Baker (captain) and Mr. F. Skidmore (hon. secretary). In the evening a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled by F. Skidmore (cond.) 1, A. C. Baker 2, Mrs. D. M. Bennett 3, N. Denson 4, E. Sutton 5, Miss M. James (first quarter in method) 6, V. E. Lucas 7, G. Elliott 8. F. S.

MR. WILLIAM HAYES.

The Western District of the Hertford County Association have regretfully to report the passing of William Hayes (71), of Flamstead, Herts, in the West Herts Hospital on April 30th, after an emergency operation the previous Sunday.

'Bill' was well known in the parish, for he was one of those who *had* to be connected with everything that made up the life and well-being of the village.

His life was centred round his beloved church, of which he had been a member all his life, a member of the choir since boyhood, a regular bellringer for well over fifty years (he was the mainstay of the band) and people's warden for many years. In addition he was a parish councillor, a member of the British Legion, a very keen member of the Cricket Club and a life-long member of the Ancient Order of Foresters.

His life was one of unselfish devotion and service to his church and his fellows. As a ringer he was not one of the experts—he had only rung one peal—but he kept the band together and got the bells rung for Sunday services. A cordial welcome always awaited ringers, and he loved good striking.

It was unfortunate that the hour for his interment prevented some who would have wished to be there from attending, but a splendidly struck peal of Surprise Minor was rung on his loved bells the same evening. His remark would have been 'That was a good one!' and it was worthy of a grand Christian life.

The interment service was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. C. Russell, D.D., and was fully choral. As the Vicar remarked to the writer, 'We had it just as he would have liked it.' Very numerous floral tributes expressed the high opinion in which he was held by so many people. He will be missed. W. A.

MR. C. STEWART.

Mr. C. Stewart, of Rayleigh, Essex, aged 71 years, who died on April 12th, had been a ringer for 50 years and for many years had been secretary of the local band.

Born in Rayleigh, he had lived in the same house until a fortnight before his death, when he retired to Brentwood. A well-known resident of Rayleigh, he had continued the business of harness maker which had been founded by his father.

The interment was at Brentwood on April 16th, when the Essex Association was represented by Mr. F. V. Gant (hon. secretary of the South-West Division), and the Rayleigh band by Mr. W. Ward.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild

DORCHESTER BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Upwey on April 22nd, and was attended by 74 members and friends.

The Guild service in the Church of St. Lawrence was conducted by the branch chairman, Canon A. W. Markby, and the address was given by the Rector, the Rev. A. S. Bryant, who, taking as his text, 'Whosoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might,' appealed to his congregation to encourage the young folks in the art of ringing. He also expressed the hope that there would be a revival of handbell ringing in the area.

Four new members were elected at the meeting which followed a sumptuous tea (provided and served by the ladies of Upwey), two being ringing members, one associate and one non-resident life member. The June meeting was fixed for Piddlehinton.

The meeting decided to make grants of £5 to the towers of Preston and Piddlethrenthide, where augmentations and restorations will be taking place as soon as possible.

A branch outing was suggested, and it was decided to circularise the towers with a view to making this outing a trip to Trowbridge on May 13th for the annual festival of the Salisbury Guild.

Eighteen towers were represented, and after the meeting the six bells were kept going until 9 p.m.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

MEETING AT WEST TARRING.

For the monthly meeting of the Western Division, the Divisional Ringing Master, Mr. R. P. Wood, arranged an evening social at the Old Palace, West Tarring, to which ringers brought one guest. About 100 sat down and included in the company were incumbents of the parishes of Heene, Goring and West Tarring, at whose churches ringers assembled for ringing during the afternoon.

A service at Heene Church was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. D. F. Wilkinson), who gave an address, and ringers from Chichester contributed handbell ringing. The highlight of the evening was a demonstration by Mr. Brian D. Price of his ringing machine.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Officers elected for the Oxford University of Change ringers for 1950 are as follows:—

President: The Rev. C. Elliot Wigg (Keble). Vice-presidents: Mr. H. Miles (St. Catherine's Society), Dr. R. E. Harvard (Keble), Dr. L. E. Sutton (Magdalen), the Rev. J. R. Milford (Magdalen). Dr. J. E. Snice (New College), Miss B. Spice (Somerville), W. F. Moreton (St. John's).

Master: Gerard McCrum (St. Catherine's). Secretaries: Frank P. Wright (University), Miss M. E. Roe (St. Hilda's).

Treasurer: K. M. Grayson (St. Edmund's Hall).

Steeplekeepers: Ewart Edge (St. Edmund's Hall), C. Thomas (Jesus).

OBITUARY

MR. H. M. HURST.

By the sudden passing of Mr. H. M. Hurst (79) on April 27th at his home in Deanshanger, the Towcester Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild has lost its oldest member.

He joined the old Towcester and District Association when it was formed in 1894, and in 1930 he became a member of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

The funeral was on May 1st, and in the evening the following local members rang at Passenham a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles: T. E. Roberts (cond.) 1, H. Ridgway 2, W. Yates 3, F. C. Case 4, G. W. Holland 5.

AXMINSTER, DEVON.

— On April 26th, 1,260

Stedman Triples:— R. Keeley 1, C. W. Powell (cond.) 2, N. Mallett 3, J. T. Barratt 4, H. G. Keeley 5, A. S. Scott 6, G. S. Morris 7, J. L. Glyde 8.

BADBY, NORTHANTS. — On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Russell 1, R. Fennell 2, R. Field 3, S. Ruddlesden 4, S. Osborne (cond.) 5, R. Barnett 6. First quarter 3 and 6. Farewell gesture to Mr. E. Hammond on departure for Norwich.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORD. — On April 28th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Bob, 360 Canterbury, 180 Bob Minor): W. Watkins 1, F. J. Bedford 2, A. S. Tomkins 3, W. Mantel 4, G. Corbett 5, Y. Clements (cond.) 6. To celebrate 51 years as clerk and sexton by A. S. Tomkins.

BRISTOL. — At SS. Philip and Jacob's Church, on April 27th, 1,344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss A. Brown 1, A. E. Reeves 2, Miss B. Jordan 3, L. C. C. Warren 4, T. Harris 5, E. J. Brown (cond.) 6, W. Parker 7, R. G. Bryant 8. First quarter of Yorkshire Major by all except 2.

BUSHLEY, WORCS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. J. Cubberley 1, Miss M. Willett 2, Miss D. Smith (first quarter) 3, A. Jopp 4, E. F. Cubberley (cond.) 5, J. Moule 6.

CARDINGTON, BEDS. — On April 29th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. Freeman 1, J. Long 2, J. Walton 3, E. Pearson 4, A. Mills 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6, M. Stephens 7, S. Foskett 8.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS. — At St. Paul's Church on April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Jones 1, R. Tigwell 2, J. Trout 3, H. Heath 4, W. Page (first as cond.) 5, C. Lovelock 6, H. Fell 7, J. Martin 8. First quarter for 1 and 7. To mark last service taken by Archdeacon of Swindon, the Ven. Cornwell, before going to Brinkworth.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On April 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, W. E. Maulden 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, H. Ranzetta 4, G. A. Parsons 5, W. Prockson 6, A. W. Coles (cond.) 7, Dr. R. W. Winterton 8.

ECKINGTON, DERBYS. — On April 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Audrey Millward 1, W. L. Robinson (cond.) 2, Marie Bond 3, B. Cope 4, E. H. Barker 5. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. George Kirkham, churchwarden, who died April 19th.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: W. G. Bibby (aged 11) 1, J. E. Bibby (cond.) 2, F. Jackson 3, H. Hayes 4, J. Orme 5, Wm. Allman 6, Walter Allman 7, C. Valentine 8. First quarter for 1, 3 and 4.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Cooper 1, C. Haslop 2, G. H. Corner 3, J. A. Alexander 4, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 5, J. S. Bedington (first quarter) 6, H. Short 7, T. N. Tindale 8.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On April 30th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: B. Sydenham (first of Major, aged 15) 1, G. Green 2, E. W. Furbank 3, L. Ainger (first in the method 'inside') 4, P. T. Spencer-Phillips 5, H. Carter 6, P. Green 7, P. J. Eves (first in the method as cond.) 8.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. A. Brooks (first quarter away from tenor) 1, Miss E. Stone 2, P. E. Dodd 3, M. J. Dodd (first 'inside') 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, J. F. Smith (first quarter) 6. In memoriam Mr. G. H. Keen, organist at Highclere for 30 years.

HYTHE, KENT. — On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Prebble (aged 83) 1, C. Wratten 2, W. Fright (aged 87) 3, A. Swan 4, S. Mowl (cond.) 5, W. J. Bidnell 6, R. J. Birch 7, C. Swan 8. Rung for the hundredth birthday of Miss Emma Fright, sister of the ringer of the 3rd, also the birthday of the Vicar, the Rev. E. A. Newman.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. F. Biggs 1, D. Boreham 2, J. Kane 3, R. Blaby 4, N. Cornwall 5, P. Newton 6, A. Cox (cond.) 7, F. Cox 8.

QUARTER PEALS

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

— On April 25th,

1,260 Plain Bob Triples: H. Commins 1, G. Sparkes 2, R. Winter 3, G. Walford 4, D. North 5, F. Branchflower 6, C. Tarr (cond.) 7, W. Baker 8. First quarter of Bob Triples by all.

MOSSLEY, LANCS.—On April 29th, at St. George's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: O. Moors 1, Miss M. Fielding 2, Miss J. Carter 3, J. T. Walsley 4, A. F. Taylor 5, F. Pritchard (cond.) 6, P. A. Wells 7, E. Casterton 8.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK. — On April 25th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: J. Couzens (first quarter) 1, M. Tyrell 2, F. Beales 3, R. Alcock 4, T. Owen (cond.) 5, P. Beales 6. First in the method by all the band.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE. — On April 19th, 1,680 Plain Bob Major: Rev. J. H. B. Andrews 1, Rev. R. D. St. John Smith (cond.) 2, Rev. T. P. Hearn 3, Canon R. F. Wilkinson 4, Rev. B. F. Sheppard 5, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead 6, Rev. A. S. Roberts 7, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow 8.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On April 26th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: H. Jones 1, C. Brown (first 'inside') 2, D. Milverton 3, D. Hoare (cond.) 4, T. Griffin 5, D. Youdle (first quarter) 6.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS. — On April 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Canterbury, Old Doubles, April Day and Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): K. Perkins (first on working bell) 1, A. Paul 2, V. A. Perry 3, W. R. Paul 4, E. G. Bennett (first as cond. in five methods) 5.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Sharp (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Hole (first in the method 'inside') 2, Miss D. G. Dobbie 3, S. A. White 4, S. B. Dobbie 5, G. Kenward 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, B. W. May 8.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.—On April 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Church 1, B. Challen 2, F. Bennett 3, M. O. Thomas 4, H. Statham 5, F. Howe 6, R. Congreve-Pridgeon (cond.) 7, J. Toms 8. Rung on the 16th anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. F. S. W. Simpson.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's on April 13th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surnrise Major: B. A. Cornel 1, Miss A. Bailey 2, W. J. Arnold 3, R. W. Darvill 4, F. J. Spicer 5, H. V. Frost 6, B. C. Johnson 7, T. J. Southam (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method for 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On St. George's Day, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. W. Pratt 1, G. Nicholls (first 'inside') 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, F. L. Nicholls 4, L. W. Fisher 5, G. L. Perkins 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church on April 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 1, Miss M. J. Skinner (first of Stedman) 2, G. W. Townsend 3, E. J. Berry 4, F. Wilton 5, C. J. Gardner 6, R. G. Townsend 7, T. Townsend 8.

TOTTENHOE, BEDS. — On April 22nd, 1,272 Minor (720 Bourne Surprise and 552 Oxford Treble Bob): D. Knox 1, Joan Newman 2, A. Broyd 3, J. Sinfield 4, J. Scott 5, J. Newman (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. Howarth W. Jones, Vicar of Tottenhoe for 25 years, who died April 17th.

WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS, SUFFOLK.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): F. Bishoo 1, H. C. Fordham 2, W. Goodson 3, H. Hunt 4, L. Sharpe 5, A. E. Cook (cond.) 6. First quarter in two methods by 1 and 5.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (5 six-scores Plain Bob and 5½ Grandsire): Arthur S. Richards (cond.) 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, Anne Holmes (first in two methods) 3, L. W. G. Skinner 4, Wm. A. Hughes 5, Jimmy Porter 6.

WITHYCOMBE, RALEIGH, DEVON.—On April 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Hayman 1, F. Burnett 2, B. Pidgeon 3, F. Bastin 4, C. Deem 5, J. Smith 6, J. L. Glanville (cond.) 7, J. Deem 8. First in the method by 1 and 2.

Leeds and District Society

SUBSCRIPTION STILL A 'HUMBLE TANNER.'

The annual general meeting was held at Leeds Parish Church on April 29th. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., and a very good tea was provided by the local company.

The business meeting was held in the tower, Mr. T. Hill presiding. Ten new members were elected, viz., Miss Margaret Flackett and Mr. V. E. Phillips, of the local company, Messrs. L. Fisher, D. Lockwood, W. Lockwood, T. Hemmingway, M. Duffin and Miss Mary Davies (Ossett), Messrs. E. Hartley and A. E. Hartley (Thorne).

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was proposed by Mr. T. Hill and seconded by Mr. P. Birkett. Mr. I. Slack suitably acknowledged the thanks and promised to convey them to the proper quarter.

The next meeting was due to be held on Whit Saturday, but owing to the week-end holiday it was agreed to bring the date forward to May 20th.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. T. Hill; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. W. Strangeway, F. Hutchinson and S. W. Barron; Ringing Master, Mr. W. Dixon; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse.

The secretary's report and balance sheet were accepted. The main items were that ten meetings only had been held; whilst all had been fairly well attended, the striking in some methods should have been better. Total membership had increased by one, and was now 221. Of this number 155 were fully paid up. The financial side had improved and there was no fear of the subscriptions being raised from the humble tanner. There are not many societies who still retain the original membership fee fixed 59 years ago.

A special vote of thanks was accorded the secretary on his completing 27 years in office and for the splendid report and financial statement.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Over 30 ringers attended the monthly meeting of the Sheffield and District Society, held at Whiston on May 6th. The eight bells were raised in peal promptly at 3 p.m., and during the day a variety of methods up to Cambridge Major were rung. Ample opportunity was given to the less experienced and younger ringers.

A feature of the ringing was a touch of Bob Minor by a youthful all ladies' band, and several commented on the capable handling of the 14½ cwt. tenor by a 16-year-old girl for this touch.

An excellent tea was provided by the local company in the Church Institute.

Welcoming the ringers, the Rector (the Rev. J. Redrobe, M.A.) expressed pride in his bells, and appreciation of the ringers' services, and a vote of thanks to him and the local company was proposed by Mr. T. C. Ryder.

The next meeting is to be held at Bradford in June, by special request of the Vicar.

FRENCH BELLS FOR BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Boston Symphony Orchestra have ordered two bells of the French firm of Blanchet et Compagnie, of Bagnolet, near Paris. These bells have been ordered specially for the playing of the 'Symphonie Fantastique' of the French composer, Hector Berlioz. One bell weighs 75 kilogrammes and the other 31 kilogrammes (165 lb. and 68 lb.), with diameters of 20 and 15½ inches.

Steel tubes are generally used in orchestras for the bells, but the Boston Symphony Orchestra, in a desire for exactitude, ordered the two bells in question.

DEDICATIONS

BISHOP'S NYMPTON, DEVON.

'This is the peal which we had been hoping to get at Bishop's Nympton for many years,' was the comment of Mr. W. Warren (tower captain) and his band of ringers on April 29th, when the bells of St. Mary the Virgin were rededicated after being retuned and rehung in an iron frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

A crowded congregation was present at the afternoon service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. Rufus Price, B.A., assisted by the Very Rev. Dean Garfield Williams.

The ceremony of dedication was performed by the Right Rev. R. G. Mortimer, D.D., Lord Bishop of Exeter, and in his address he paid tribute to all bellringers for the great work they did in calling people to God's house for worship and prayer at all seasons of the year. During the singing of the last hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' a collection was made by four of the local ringers and amounted to £32. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, were represented at the dedication by Mr. Don Bradford, who extended an invitation to the Bishop's Nympton ringers to visit the foundry at Croydon.

After the service a good tea was provided in the Parish Hall by ladies of the Parochial Church Council and wives of the ringers.

An invitation by the local band of ringers to neighbouring towers of the deanery to the dedication was fully accepted. Ringing commenced at 4 p.m. and continued until 9.30 p.m. As for comments on the new ring by local and visiting teams, nothing could be better: everyone thought the tone and 'go' perfect and expressed complete satisfaction.

The day's proceedings ended with a concert given by the Umberleigh British Legion.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.

The tiny church of Durleigh, the dedication of which is unknown, was filled to overflowing on the evening of May 4th, when the Bishop of Bath and Wells dedicated the restored and augmented ring of bells. The Vicar of Bridgewater, Preb. E. H. Hughes-Davies, conducted the service, and the Preb. A. J. Hook, Master of the Bath and Wells Association, acted as Bishop's chaplain.

A loudspeaker was used to relay the service to a large number outside the church, and the proceedings were thus heard about a half-mile away.

The old four bells, which had not been rung for over 10 years, have been rehung and two new trebles added by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who were represented by Mr. J. Fidler. A good effort in a short while by the 200 inhabitants of Durleigh and friends has raised £250, but almost £100 is still needed. The hon. treasurer, Mr. H. C. Turner, of Bergholt, 56, Durleigh Road, Bridgwater, would be pleased to acknowledge subscriptions from anyone wishing to help complete this amount.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:

Treble.—Note E. John Taylor, Loughborough, 1950. weight 3 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

2nd.—D. John Taylor, Loughborough, 1950. 4 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

3rd.—C. No founder's mark. Sancta—Ora Pro Nobis. (Probably from an old Exeter foundry, said to be the oldest bell in Somerset.) 4 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

4th.—B. T. Wroth. Cast in 1739. I. and R. Woodlands, Churchwardens. 5 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

5th.—A. Roger Semson, Aish Priors, C 1550. Ave Maria Gracia. Roger Walrond. Gentleman. (Bears the ornamental stop of the Fleur-de-Lis.) 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

Tenor.—C. Richard Purdue, Bristol. Anno Domini 1631. P.H., W.H., R.P. 10 cwt. 4 lb.

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MEETINGS

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—Dedication by Bishop of Buckingham on Saturday, May 20th, 6 p.m., of Parish Church bells, rehung and augmented to ten.—W. Birmingham. 6959

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, East Hagbourne, May 20th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 6962

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Littleton (6), Saturday, May 20th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30 and business meeting. Names to W. J. Newman, 10, Peewit Road, Hampton, Evesham. 7002

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Eacrick, May 20th. Bells (8) 2. Service 4.15. Bring own food. Cups of tea available. —L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7000

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual meeting will be held at Aylestone, Leicester (8), on Saturday, May 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. Names for tea to Miss J. Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester. No. 23 bus from Bowling Green Street every five minutes. All ringers welcome. —Jill Poole, Hon. Sec. 6995

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Bugbrooke, May 20th. Names for tea to Mr. Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 6994

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Lymington (8), May 20th. Bells 2.30. Tea. Meeting. Lyndhurst (8) in evening. —Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 7036

PIDDLETRENTHIDE, DORSET.—You are invited to the fete on Saturday, May 20th, to help in raising the £1,000 required for the restoration of the bells. Good bus service from Dorchester. 6993

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Hanbury (2.30) and Hoar Cross, Saturday, May 20th. Service at Hoar Cross 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Few seats available on special bus. Apply early to J. W. Cotton, Overseal. 7020

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual conference at Ely Cathedral of C.E.M.S., Saturday, May 20th. St. Mary's bells (8) available until 2.45 p.m.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 7005

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Meeting, May 20th, Compton Martin. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names essential for tea. Ubley and East Harptree bells available after tea. —F. J. Chivers, The Retreat, Chilcompton, Bath. 7003

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Smarden, May 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Names (tea) to Mr. P. Reeves, 5, The Oaks, Smarden. 7004

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting, Newdigate, May 20th. Bells (6) from 3. Service 5. Tea at Village Club. Numbers to Mr. Vine, Village Club, Newdigate, Dorking. 7024

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice, Petworth, May 20th, 3.30 to 4.30; Fittleworth, 6 to 8. Names for tea (at Petworth) to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 7014

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at All Saints', Harrow Weald, Saturday, May 27th, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names to Mr. H. G. Hart, Woodside, Uxbridge Road, by previous Wednesday (Tel. Grimsdyke 609). —T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 7006

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND CHESHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD (Crewe Branch).—Joint meeting, Market Drayton (8 bells), May 27th. Tea provided only if you notify Mr. F. Price, The Grove, Bentleys Road, Market Drayton, by May 24th. 7018

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Woodbridge and Ipswich Districts.—Joint meeting for practice, Grundisburgh, May 27th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Bring own food. 7015

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Benington, Saturday, May 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All welcome. —A. S. Carter, 93, North Road, Hertford. 6997

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon Branch.—Saturday, May 27th (Whit Saturday), no meeting. Meeting at Alcester next month, when large attendance will be required. Please await further notice in 'R.W.'—D. Stanley, Branch Sec. 7027

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Farnworth on Saturday, May 27th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. —Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 7028

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Spaldwick, Saturday, May 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea and cakes available at 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 7033

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, May 27th, Christ Church, Aughton. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. J. Lunham, 3, Primrose Cottages, Liverpool Road, Aughton, near Ormskirk, by Wednesday, May 24th.—J. Burns. 7029

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Battle (8), May 27th. Tower open 2.30. Tea 5. Names to undersigned by 24th. Central Council delegates and friends welcome.—P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec., 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 7030

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, May 27th, Ellesborough (6) 3. Monks Risborough (6) 6.30. No tea.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 7034

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Toddington (6), May 27th, 3 p.m. Train from Cheltenham, St. James', 2.30. Return trains 5.58, 7.39, 8.39. First Association meeting at Toddington. Learners especially welcome. Notify for tea by 22nd.—Charles Rouse, 52, St. George's Drive, Cheltenham. 7038

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Ringers' service, Winscombe, Saturday, May 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Church Room. Bells to 9.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec., Sandford, Bristol. 7039

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Saturday, May 27th. Open practice will be held at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. All welcome.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7040

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Duffield, May 27th. 2.30. Bring food, cups of tea provided.—J. F. Wilkinson, Hon. Sec. 7042

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Monthly meeting at Totternhoe on May 27th. Bells (6) at 3. Cups of tea. —Valerie Willard, Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 7043

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Arksey, May 27th, 3 p.m. Tea only for those who send names to Mrs. Somerville, 13, Station Road, Arksey. 7048

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival and meeting at Hereford on Whit Monday, May 29th. Service 3.30, followed by tea and meeting. Bells: Cathedral (10), All Saints' (8), St. Nicholas' (6), available 11.30.—Rev. E. G. Benson, Hon. Sec., Presteigne Rectory, Radnorshire. 6966

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Chelmsford, Whit Monday, May 29th. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m.; preacher, the Very Rev. C. K. Waller, M.A., Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the Cathedral Hall at 1.30 p.m.; members 2s. 6d., non-resident members and non-members 3s. 6d. Tea will be served as a running buffet in the Cathedral Hall from 4.30 to 6 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head. Applications for lunch and tea tickets to the hon. general secretary not later than May 23rd to be prepaid, enclosing stamped addressed envelope for the return of the tickets. Bells available: Cathedral (13) 9.30 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), Springfield (6). —Robert C. Heazel, Hon. Gen. Sec., The School House, Wimbish, near Saffron Walden, Essex. 6991

DEVON GUILD.—Annual at Ottery St. Mary, Whit Monday, May 29th. Service in Parish Church at 12 noon; preacher, Rev. W. H. Smale, Rector of Petrockstowe. Luncheon at 12.50 p.m. in the Church Institute; price per head 4s. 6d. Please let me know numbers by May 22nd and state times your

band would like to ring at Ottery. Business meeting follows the luncheon. Towers open are Sidmouth (8), Sidbury (8) and Honiton (6 and 8).—Fredk. C. Smale, Hon. Sec. 6986

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Wicken on Whit Monday, May 29th. Committee meeting in the Schools 2.30. Guild service with address by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough 3.15. Tea on Vicarage lawn (schools if wet) 4.30. Names for tea to Guild Secretary not later than Monday, May 22nd. No name no tea; this is definite. Bells available: Newport Pagnell (8) 10.30 to 12 noon; Stony Stratford (8), Towcester (6), 11 to 1; Buckingham (8), Passenham (5), 1 to 2.45; Wicken, 1 o'clock onwards; Cosgrove (6), Paulerspury (6), Olney (8) and Hanslope (8) after meeting.—R. C. Noon, Guild Sec., 3, Denton Road, Brafield, Northants. 7022

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, May 29th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7032

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—Rededication of the rehing ring of eight at the Parish Church, tenor 13½ cwt., by Lord Bishop of Lewes, Wednesday, May 31st, 7 p.m., followed by ringing. All ringers cordially invited to attend.—Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. 6903

DUDLEY GUILD.—Meeting at Kinver, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Numbers, please, by May 30th to F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 7031

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Hernhill, Saturday, June 3rd, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 9d. per head. Names for tea, with cost enclosed, must reach me Wednesday, May 31st.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 7035

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Lakenheath, June 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve, Hockwold. 7050

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Newport Pagnell, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by May 29th. Other towers available in the evening, Chicheley (6), Great Linford (6).—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 7037

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Benenden (8) on June 3rd, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea not later than May 31st to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge. 7044

LEICESTER GUILD (Melton District) and SOUTHWELL GUILD (Nottingham District).—Joint meeting at Bottesford, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. C. H. Yallands, Bottesford, Notts, by June 1st latest.—J. H. Cook and W. Thornley. 7046

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Sible Hedingham (8), Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Castle Hedingham (6) bells available in the evening.—H. A. Pratt, District Sec. 7049

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Crusaders of the S.W. Division.—Meeting at South Benfleet (6), June 3rd, 3.30 p.m. Meeting essentially for learners, rounds upwards. Everybody welcome. Names for tea to C. L. Matson, Elm Tree Cottage, St. Mary's Road, South Benfleet. 7051

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and six bell prize contest, June 24th, at Lindley. For teas please notify Mr. G. Gee, 92, Wellington Street, Oakes, Huddersfield, by June 10th. Entrance fee (10s.) to A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughton, Mossley, Manchester, by June 10th if possible. 7047

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—Preliminary notice.—The 327th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 24th. Details later.—L. E. Pitstow. 7045

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CHRIST CHURCH, FRIEZLAND.—An open six-bell contest will be held at the above tower on Saturday, August 5th. Entrance fee 10s. per team, to be returned to each company completing 120 changes of test piece of 600 changes, any method. Draw to take place at 12.45 p.m. For full particulars and entry form please write Mr. L. Dawson, 28, Shaw Hall Bank Road, Greenfield, Oldham, Lancs. 7011

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THE TEAM

WHAT is the peculiar fascination about ringing?

Many people have attempted to essay an answer to that question. At Trowbridge the other week, when the Salisbury Diocesan Guild held their festival and did honour to the long and faithful service of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards as their secretary for 37 years, Canon R. L. Pelley, the Rector of that historic church, endeavoured to supply the answer.

He viewed the Exercise as an outsider and, perhaps because of his lack of practical knowledge and the inner workings of ringers in general, was able to view the question from an independent angle. His first suggestion was the delight in working together in rhythm in which each man pulled his bell at the right moment. 'The sense of rhythm in movement that makes it delightful,' he said. We in the Exercise have a word for that 'good striking.' Why is it that we find enthusiastic bands bubbling over with energy and getting the maximum enjoyment from their ringing and willing to make almost any sacrifice to be present? The answer is that their ringing has reached a sense of perfect rhythm by each subordinating himself to the whole.

This free orderly discipline, the secret of all good ringing, has a lesson for the world at large. Canon Pelley elaborated the theme in an appeal to pull together. 'If only we could get America and Russia, Labour and Conservative, husband and wife, to pull together, there is the answer to the world's problems of to-day.' But pulling together in the belfry is not the end of a ringer's duty. There must be a pulling together in the Guild or Association. The greatest danger confronting the Exercise is from those individuals who cannot take the lesson of the belfry into the affairs of the Guild. We deny no man or woman individual freedom, but we ask the minorities to give way to the majorities even if it is at the cost of individual pride. It is the secret of true democracy; at times it is hard and irksome, but it is the only true basis of successful administration.

Another point made by Canon Pelley read as follows: 'You bellringers are members of the Church and you are a part of the whole congregation. You play your part in

ringing the bells, but too often the bellringers are separated from the rest of the congregation and there is not the effective all pulling together. . . . Many of the ringers are found in their places at the church services; some are not and in so far as they are not they are spoiling the effect of the whole team. The congregation needs the ringers for the very reason that in the belfry you have the very secret of the Christian religion—of working as a team. We want you to bring that down into the nave.'

Next Sunday is one of the great festivals of the Church, Whitsunday, when we, as Church men and women, commemorate one of the great gifts bestowed by Christ on His followers. In it we are teamed as one with Him, and also with each other in His Church. A valued correspondent has directed the Editor's attention to the challenge that such an occasion as the birthday of the Church should make to each individual ringer. He suggests that all ringers should co-operate in two ways: (1) by endeavouring to see that every ring of church bells in the land be rung for at least 30 minutes before one of the services on that day; (2) that each ringer should dedicate this his service to God by attending at least one Church service on that day.

The purpose of this call he elaborates as follows: (1) To direct the art of change ringing to its most noble height—the service of God; (2) To encourage closer co-operation between the Church and its ringers; (3) To demonstrate the unity of ringers as a Christian fellowship; (4) To exhort ringing organisations to pursue their chief aims; (5) To set a new and more coherent standard for ringers.

Sunday service ringing has always been the primary aim of Guilds and Associations in affiliation with the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. Like all primary aims, there is a danger at times of it becoming secondary to the more intricate organisation and fabric of the science or art. In most ringers' hearts there is a very strong sense of obligation and duty to the Church, but there are some who are indifferent to this responsibility. To them we pass on the message—be one of Christ's team this Whitsuntide and put the gift and the privilege which have been placed in your hands unreservedly at His disposal and for furthering the work of His Church.

TEN BELL PEALS

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C sharp.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE PRESCOTT ... 6
ALLEN MORGAN ... 2	F. CECIL MOGFORD ... 7
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3	CYRIL TANSELL ... 8
LEONARD DERRICK ... 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 9
REGINALD WOODYATT ... 5	H. WILLIAM KINGCOTT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by WILLIAM KENT.

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

ERNEST G. SHORTING ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 6
F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 2	GEORGE BAILEY ... 7
GEORGE SAYER ... 3	BERT GOGLE ... 8
*GEORGE P. ADAMS ... 4	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 9
HENRY TOOKE ... 5	NOLAN GOLDEN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by HARRY G. MILES.

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* First peal of Caters.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Swithun,

A PEAL OF WEMBLEY SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

MARGARET A. SWANN ... <i>Treble</i>	ARCHER T. LOWMAN ... 6
BETTY BROWN ... 2	RAYMOND F. SMITH ... 7
*CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	FREDK. W. STOKES ... 8
JOHN FREEMAN ... 4	K. LESLIE PASK ... 9
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* 300th peal. This is the first peal of Royal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Apr. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 72 lb. in E.

CHARLES E. G. BANHAM ... <i>Treble</i>	VINCENT R. OVENS ... 5
*JOHN S. BARNES ... 2	†TONY OWEN ... 6
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* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF CAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5064 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... <i>Treble</i>	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 5
NORMAN V. HARDING ... 2	ARTHUR ROLFE ... 6
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On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

JAMES W. GROUNDS ... <i>Treble</i>	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 6
REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH ... 3	FRED DUNKERLEY ... 7
FRANK W. PERRY ... 4	DAVID VINCENT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ALAN J. BROWN.

Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

All are Master Masons. To celebrate the inauguration of Masonic ringers' meetings.

HULL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

*LEONARD RODMELL ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 2	GEORGE DOBBS ... 6
JACK BRAY ... 3	PHILIP BARNES ... 7
*PHILIP H. SPECK ... 4	*CHARLES BARKER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Believed to be the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in the East Riding.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E.

ERNEST J. LADD ... <i>Treble</i>	ROBERT COLLINS ... 5
CHARLES A. BASSETT ... 2	ALBERT RELFE ... 6
FRANK H. HICKS ... 3	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 7
DORIS E. COLGATE ... 4	ALEC E. RICHARDSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 8, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*ALFRED WILKINSON ... <i>Treble</i>	HARRY W. HOWARD ... 5
ERIC HORNBY ... 2	HAROLD WORRALL ... 6
DOROTHY C. OSBORN ... 3	HENRY PARKER ... 7
DAVID SMITH ... 4	CECIL RADDON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

* First peal. A wedding compliment to Mr. S. Booth (a local ringier) and Miss A. Grounds.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM R. WHITE ... <i>Treble</i>	ROBERT B. BLOND ... 5
HENRY L. BISHOP ... 2	BERTRAM L. J. BROWN ... 6
GEORGE W. BISHOP ... 3	ALFRED H. WEBB ... 7
JAMES GORDON ... 4	JACK C. NAPPER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JAMES GORDON.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Six-part (C.C.C. No. 13).

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

WILLIAM RANFORD ... <i>Treble</i>	CYRIL TANSELL ... 5
WM. H. A. COMPTON ... 2	CHARLES J. CAMM ... 6
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 7
REGINALD WOODYATT ... 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

An 81st birthday compliment to William Ranford.



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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Transposition.

Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

REGINALD ALEY Treble	FRANK BROWN 5
CLEMENT GLENN 2	FRANK BRADLEY 6
J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 3	WALTER NICHOLS 7
FREDK. A. SALTER 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, PRITTLEWELL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt 1 qr. 15 lb.

*BRIAN J. HOWARD ... Treble	WILLIAM PERRY 5
*VICTOR W. GRIMWADE ... 2	†PETER J. KING 6
BERNARD SADLER 3	DONALD COOMBS 7
FREDERICK SOUTER 4	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. BARKER. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal, both aged 15 years. † First peal away from treble, aged 16 years. Rung half-muffled in memory of Walter D. Taylor, ringer of Prittlewell.

WOOD GREEN, WEDNESBURY.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., May 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

*BERNARD C. BICKNELL ... Treble	†J. NORMAN HADLEY ... 5
†JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... 2	EDWIN J. TYLER 6
EDGAR MARLOW 3	HOWARD HOWELL 7
GEORGE W. HUGHES 4	MAURICE G. TURNER ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal in the method and of Major. † 50th peal for Society. ‡ First peal in the method. First peal in method as conductor.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

ALFRED BALLARD Treble	JOHN R. SMITH 5
*EDWARD SOWMAN 2	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ... 6
SHIRLEY BURTON 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 7
HERRICK B. BOWLEY 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First Surprise peal.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

WALTER J. LEMON Treble	ALFRED G. HILL 5
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2	RALPH BIRD 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 3	FREDK. J. CULLUM 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by F. J. CULLUM.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 12, 1950, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 5
*FRED DUNKERLEY 2	ERIC J. GILBERT 6
HENRY O. BAKER 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS 7
WALTER ALLMAN 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of London.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 3 Hours,

At the DEANEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

HENRY PRATT Treble	GEORGE SAUNDERS 5
ALBERT CATTERWELL 2	JOHN WARNER 6
FRANK CLAYDON 3	WALTER ARNOLD 7
RONALD SUCKLING 4	HARRY MILLATT Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

In memoriam Mr. Ernest Bowhill, for many years a regular service ringer at Earl's Colne, who passed away in the tower after ringing for morning service on Sunday, May 7th.

BOYNE HILL, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Church of ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr.

E. DENNIS POOLE Treble	WILLIAM WALKER 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
MRS. E. D. POOLE 3	*JOE YOUNG 7
JESSE ELDRIDGE 4	ERNEST E. GOSLING ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SINGLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*LEN D. MILLARD Treble	*ALBERT FLEET 5
*HAROLD SMITH 2	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 6
*MISS M. R. JAYCOCK ... 3	*CYRIL A. BURGESS 7
*MISS R. TABRAHAM 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. First peal in method on the bells.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James-the-Great,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

REGINALD WOODYATT ... Treble	ALLEN MORGAN 5
*CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... 2	†GEORGE E. LARGE 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	CYRIL TANSELL 7
*R. GEORGE MORRIS 4	†THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † 300th peal. ‡ 300th peal for the Association.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

EDGAR C. PIZZEY Treble	FRANK L. FISHER 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 2	JAMES G. RUMSEY 6
JAMES M. BAILEY 3	ALBERT E. WHITING 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At the Church of ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE N. ORMAN Treble	EDWARD E. DAVEY 5
ALAN R. ANDREWS 2	EDWARD B. SMITH 6
GEORGE A. ANDREWS 3	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ... 7
RONALD G. BUGG 4	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... Tenor

Composed by H. L. JAMES (49). Conducted by U. W. WILDNEY.

Birthday peal and 50th peal for R. Bugg. The conductor's 150th peal.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.	
MRS. C. C. MARSHALL ... Treble	A. HOLWAY ... 5
A. G. BETTS ... 2	J. SALWAY ... 6
A. TAPLEY ... 3	W. REEKS ... 7
D. CALLARD ... 4	W. ASHDOWN ... Tenor

Conducted by W. REEKS.

A wedding compliment to Miss Queenie Pring and Mr. George E. Retter.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.	
JAMES W. WILKINS ... Treble	ROLAND BIGGS ... 5
IAN S. BIGGS ... 2	JOHN KAPE ... 6
F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 3	PERCY NEWTON ... 7
ANTHONY E. COX ... 4	NORMAN CORNWALL ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCY NEWTON.

A compliment to the treble ringer, who was 87 on May 11th.

LONGWOOD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.	
*ARNOLD ROTHERY ... Treble	GEOFFREY CROSSLEY ... 5
SIDNEY H. BARRON ... 2	*GEOFFREY GEE ... 6
GORDON TURNER ... 3	JOHN PEARSON ... 7
*DEREK SHARPLES ... 4	ALBERT W. BOND ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.

* First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples on the bells. To celebrate 'Old Folks Day.'

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 10 cwt.	
*PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... Treble	HAROLD TAYLOR ... 5
DENIS R. CARLISLE ... 2	JACK BAILEY ... 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	SIDNEY H. JONES ... 7
JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 4	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* First peal of Surprise.

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.	
JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... Treble	JACK BAILEY ... 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	ALFRED MOULD ... 6
EDWARD F. GOBEY ... 3	*SIDNEY H. JONES ... 7
DENIS R. CARLISLE ... 4	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

* First peal in the method

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

A. J. Trollope's Four-part. Tenor 16½ cwt.	
*HAROLD HUGHES ... Treble	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 5
†MARJORIE JAMES ... 2	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW ... 6
A. EDWARD REEVES ... 3	WILLIAM A. FARMER ... 7
HENRY O. BAKER ... 4	JOHN N. LINDON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. FARMER.

* First peal of Major. † First peal. To mark the 80th birthday of Mr. John Hughes, Ringing Master at this church for 60 years.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Transposition. Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.	
KATHLEEN BURCHNALL ... Treble	SIDNEY BRIGGS ... 5
CLEMENT GLENN ... 2	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 6
GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	WALTER NICHOLS ... 7
FREDK. A. SALTER ... 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Mon., May 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.	
MRS. J. E. TURLEY ... Treble	GEORGE S. LEE ... 5
SHIRLEY BAMPTON (16) ... 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 6
*STEPHEN WRIGHT (15) ... 3	JOHN E. TURLEY ... 7
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 4	GORDON C. BRIGGS ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

PAPANUI, CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.

THE CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL SOCIETY OF BELLRINGERS.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 8 extents of St. Simon's, 14 extents of Plain Bob and 20 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt.	
C. HOLLOBON ... Treble	C. WARD ... 3
N. SLOAN ... 2	N. F. REEVE ... 4

A. J. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by A. J. LANCEFIELD.

First peal of Doubles by all except conductor. First peal in three methods for the Society. First peal on the bells.

YASS, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.

THE N.S.W. ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 4 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 8040 CHANGES;

Being 20 extents of Old, 30 of Antelope and 17 of Plain Bob, 4 callings of Old, 3 of Plain Bob and 6 of Antelope. Tenor 7 cwt.	
W. HARRY SHORT ... Treble	RONALD S. ROWE ... 3
ROBERT W. FERRIS ... 2	JOHN DUNCAN ... 4
WILLIAM M. ROWE ... Tenor	

Conducted by W. M. ROWE. Referee: EDMUND J. FOWELL.
Greatest number of changes rung to Doubles in Australia, and claimed to be the greatest number of changes rung to Doubles recorded with the Central Council.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in B.	
*ALAN BUTLER ... Treble	*PETER NEWING ... 4
†EILEEN S. WYLES ... 2	*THOMAS H. HOLMES ... 5
WILFRED S. PALIN ... 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor. First peal in three methods and quickest peal on the bells. For the 17th birthday of Peter Newing.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.	
PETER BEALS ... Treble	ROBERT ALCOCK ... 4
*DONALD PEGG ... 2	FREDERICK H. BEALS ... 5
JACK S. WILLIAMSON ... 3	TONY OWEN ... Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

* First peal.

SHORE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*JACK LEE Treble	J. ALWYN TAYLOR 4
†KEITH ABBOTT 2	ALLAN SMITH 5
IAN TAYLOR 3	JAMES TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by ALLAN SMITH.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal of Minor on the bells. A welcome to the Rev. E. D. Williamett, who was inducted Vicar on April 29th.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE OLD CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G sharp.

CYRIL TANSELL Treble	ALLEN MORGAN 4
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT 5
REGINALD WOODYATT 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 50 methods in the following extents: (1) Oxford, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Wath, Pontefract, Donottar and Carisbrooke Treble Bob, (2) Plain Bob, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Canterbury, Fulbeck, College Single Reverse, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Wavertree, London Bob, Lytham, Windermere, Frodsham, Cumberland, Killarney, Horsmondon and Ennerdale, (3) Single Oxford, Single Court, Hereward and Double Court, (4) Charwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby Treble Bob, (5) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV. and Willesden Treble Bob, (6) Beverley, Surfleet, York and Durham Surprise, (7) Chester and Munden Surprise.

Tenor 10 cwt.

G. STANLEY GARDER ... Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ... 4
SAMUEL A. MARTIN 2	JAMES W. BOWLEY 5
C. WILLIAM HALL 3	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

First peal in 50 Minor methods by all the band and for the Guild.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Primrose and Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

BETTINA A. DUFFY ... Treble	KENNETH W. DUFFY ... 4
WILLIAM DUFFY 2	FRED BRIGHTMAN 5
ERNEST BRITAIN 3	FRANK TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 8, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 9 cwt.

FREDERICK W. SWEET ... Treble	CECIL T. CLARKE 4
RONALD D. SHORT 2	WILFRED R. KENT 5
*ERIC M. NORMAN 3	OLIVER POLE Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED R. KENT.

* First peal. First peal on the bells, recently rehung and augmented. A compliment to the ringer of the 3rd on his engagement.

TITCHFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*A. GORDON LEAHY ... Treble	PATRICK PAGE 4
†NELIA M. LEAHY 2	*JOHN H. HUNT 5
*ALEXANDER PAGE 3	TOM PAGE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First peal of Cambridge Minor. ‡ First peal on six bells. Rung as a celebration of the fifth anniversary of V.E. Day and as a 77th birthday compliment to Miss M. Hewett, for 66 years a voluntary worker at the above church.

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On Wed., May 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford, two of Kent and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	J. WRIGHT ... 4
MISS M. REAY ... 2	J. ASHCROFT ... 5
J. GROUNDS ... 3	A. GREENHALGH ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

BOUGHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising ten six-scores of Antelope, eleven of April Day, ten of Grandsire and eleven of Plain Bob. Tenor 5½ cwt. in C.

GEORGE CARE ... Treble	*HORACE RINGROSE ... 3
PERCY AMOS ... 2	KILBY R. HOLTMAN ... 4

PHILIP JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP JONES.

* First peal. A compliment to H. Ringrose, who is leader of the local band, upon the recent birth of a son.

SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MRS. J. J. TAYLOR ... Treble	JOHN J. TAYLOR ... 4
*WILLIAM GRAVES ... 2	*RONALD COLDWELL ... 5
CHARLES WM. KING ... 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

* First peal in the method.

ASH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores, ten callings, and 6 240's, three callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*WALTER J. PARSONS ... Treble	HARRY J. GARLAND ... 4
JACK W. DREW ... 2	WALTER TILEY ... 5
FREDERICK ANDREWS ... 3	LESLIE WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Tiley.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, London and Wells. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

GEORGE F. NEWTON ... 4	GEORGE F. NEWTON ... 4
THOMAS COOKE ... 5	THOMAS COOKE ... 5
W. NORMAN PARK ... Tenor	W. NORMAN PARK ... Tenor

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 13 methods spliced into seven extents as follows: (1) Ockley and Norbury Treble Bob, (2) College Exercise and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob, (3) Wragby and Charwood Delight, (4) St. Albans and Neasden Delight, (5) Capel and Kingston Treble Bob, (6) Sandal and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob; 41 changes of method. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR TAYLOR ... Treble	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON ... 4
JAMES A. MILNER ... 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
WILLIAM SMITH ... 3	GEORGE ASHMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

MONTGOMERY, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 40 six-scores, ten callings, and one 240. Tenor 12 cwt.

GRAHAM LEWIS ... Treble	ALFRED A. G. OWEN ... 4
EDWARD W. COLLEY ... 2	CHARLES E. EDWARDS ... 5
RICHARD F. DAVIES ... 3	*ERNEST F. WILCOX ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. EDWARDS.

* First peal. First peal in Wales by all the band.

NOCTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

RONALD APPLEWHITE ... Treble	*FRED REDSHAW ... 4
BERTIE BEE ... 2	AMOS INGALL ... 5
LOUIS WILDERS ... 3	MOSES BILLINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

* First peal.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 4
†PRUDENCE LAMBERT ... 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 5
WILLIAM KITCHENSIDE ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

* 200th peal. † First peal. A first birthday compliment to Susan Jenkins, granddaughter of ringer of the tenor.

STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores, ten callings, and six 240's, six callings. Tenor 17 cwt. 15 lb.

JACK W. DREW ... Treble	*HERBERT WARR ... 4
REGINALD BEALE ... 2	THOMAS J. OSBORNE ... 5
WILLIAM WARR ... 3	HARRY J. GARLAND ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

EVEESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

THOMAS HARRIS ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3-4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

No. 34. Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD ... 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4	JAMES E. DANIELS ... 7-8
MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 9-10	

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

TARRYTOWN, N.Y., U.S.A.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 10, 1950, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,

AT 217, HIGHLAND AVENUE, PHILIPSE MANOR,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Stedman, eighteen of Grandsire and twenty-two of Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

BERNARD H. SWINSON ... 1-2	ROLAND PARK ... 3-4
IRENE PARK ... 5-6	

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

To commemorate the centenary of the first peal rung in the U.S.A., a peal of Grandsire Triples at Philadelphia, Pa., on June 9th, 1850. Believed to be the first handbell peal in the U.S.A., the second peal in that country and the fourth peal on the North American Continent. The band have now rung peals on both the North and South American Continents.

BRASTED, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT MOORCOCKS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

*ROBERT COLLINS ... 1-2	EDWIN H. LEWIS ... 5-6
FREDK. W. BUDGEN ... 3-4	DORIS E. COLGATE ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.

* First peal of Major in hand.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Nicholas on May 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Janet E. Dicks (first of Minor) 1, Mrs. A. E. Lock 2, M. Angela Carter (cond.) 3, J. R. Allen 4, A. E. Lock 5, H. A. Treadgold 6. A welcome to the ringing of the 4th on demobilisation.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On May 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. N. Pitstow 1, P. R. Layton 2, A. E. Cheesman 3, A. F. Spooner (first of Major) 4, H. Smerdon 5, T. Norman 6, N. Hobden 7, A. J. Adams (cond.) 8.

BOURNE, Lincs.—On May 3rd, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 York and 720 Spliced Cambridge and Ipswich): W. Fayers 1, A. Scott 2, J. Haw (first of Surprise) 3, C. Wade (cond.) 4, F. W. French 5, W. Oldman 6. For the recovery of the Vicar (Rev. Charles Horne) from a serious illness.

BROOKFIELD, LONDON.—At St. Anne's on May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. F. Carter 1, Jillian Brierley 2, D. J. Gay 3, F. A. Barker 4, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 5, P. G. Foot 6, T. Bevan (Senior Steward, Royal Cumberland Youths) 7, J. T. O'Dell 8. Half-muffled, in memoriam George W. Steere.

CAMBRIDGE.—At Great St. Mary's on May 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. R. Guy 1, G. A. Smith 2, P. T. Robbins 3, A. S. Watt 4, A. B. Stockdale 5, T. R. Dennis 6, C. W. Smith 7, G. Dodds 8, J. W. R. Quinney (first as cond.) 9, B. D. Threlfall 10. First quarter of Caters for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 10.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—On May 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: T. Yeomans 1, F. Hannington 2, G. B. Grover (first of Caters) 3, W. A. Theobald (first on ten as cond.) 4, J. Davis 5, W. Heath 6, F. Rowsell 7, J. Evans 8, W. Dare 9, S. R. Barker 10.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—At the Annunciation Church, on May 6th, for May Day festivities, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. R. Packer 1, J. L. Morris 2, I. Emery 3, J. Lyddiard 4, H. D. Ford 5, P. Spice 6, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 7, R. H. Barker 8. First of Triples 1 and 8.

QUARTER PEALS

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. John the Baptist's on May 7th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Davies 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, E. Razzell 3, D. Cooper 4, H. G. Pratt 5, R. Abbott 6, G. H. Humphries 7, F. E. Collins (cond.) 8.

CRANHAM, GLOS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Griffiths 1, Miss C. Griffiths 2, K. Lewis (cond.) 3, Miss M. Thomas 4, A. Griffiths 5, Rev. H. M. Thomas (first quarter) 6. Farewell to conductor before joining the Forces.

DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. J. Elsey 1, D. Clarke 2, G. Johnson 3, A. V. Bowen 4, S. G. Elsey 5, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 6.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Lovell (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Tomlinson 2, Wm. Martin 3, L. Woodburn 4, H. Rowley 5, S. Martin (cond.) 6.

HUNTINGDON, HUNTS.—On May 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob: H. B. Bull 1, R. Peacock 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, C. H. J. Gravette 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

KEMPSEY, WORCS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. P. Higgins 1, F. J. Cubberley 2, F. Salter 3, F. A. Rea 4, E. F. Cubberley (cond.) 5, G. H. Derrington 6. Half-muffled, in memoriam J. I. Blizard, an old member of the band.

LAUGHTON, SUSSEX.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Brett 1, F. R. P. Booth 2, Daphne J. Smith (first quarter) 3, R. P. Hughes 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5, B. Booth 6. A farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. G. R. Thornton.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. D. Williams 1, A. H. Winch 2, A. J. Smith 3, H. V. Young 4, C. Smart 5, G. Peters (first of Royal as cond.) 6, E. A. Gosling (first of Bob Royal) 7, A. Harman 8, A. H. Smith 9, B. Hawkins 10.

LLANTRISANT, GLAM.—On May 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. Yeoman 1, T. Coles 2, F. Bailey 3, W. Heath 4, F. Rowsell (first as cond.) 5, J. Evans 6, W. Theobald 7, W. Dare 8.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. B. Hunt 1, J. Netley 2, G. H. Lee 3, H. Shepherd 4, E. Treagus (cond.) 5, T. Wells 6.

LYDNEY, GLOS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Charles 1, O. Thomas 2, J. C. Goulding 3, W. H. Harris (cond.) 4, J. W. Davis 5, H. Christie 6. A 65th birthday compliment to O. Thomas and J. C. Goulding, who have been performing members in Lydney tower for 45 years.

NORTON, HERTS.—On May 7th, 1,296 Plain Bob Triples: J. Collings (age 12) 1, F. E. Putwain (age 13, first 'inside') 2, M. A. Collings (age 13) 3, H. E. Werrett 4, W. D. Pooley 5, E. G. Buck 6, R. V. Webb (cond.) 7, J. S. Dear 8.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Mary's on May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Haw (first quarter) 1, Miss I. Thompson 2, Mrs. J. W. Niblett 3, J. W. Niblett 4, C. Barnes 5, C. Glenn 6, W. Nichols (cond.) 7, A. E. Hoodless 8.

PENISTONE, YORKS.—On May 2nd, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob: J. Whitehead 1, A. Champion 2, R. Crossland (cond.) 3, E. Stainrod 4, H. Broadhead 5, G. Bashford 6. Fully muffled, in memoriam Jim Tinker.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church on April 23rd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. W. Debenham 1, B. C. Johnson (first in the method as cond.) 2, A. Dale 3, C. F. Sayer 4, F. J. Spicer 5, W. J. Southam 6, T. W. Southam 7, H. V. Frost 8.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At the Cathedral Church on May 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Vokes 1, W. C. Lampard (cond.) 2, T. Parrott 3, A. Goulding 4, H. Cook 5, T. Toccock 6, J. King 7, P. Bullen 8, G. Noice 9, C. Haines 10. After the service of dedication of the Royal Hampshire Regiment War Memorials.

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LATE NEWS.

The first peal of Bristol Surprise Maximus
was rung at Leicester Cathedral last Monday
in three hours and 42 minutes. It was con-
ducted by Mr. H. J. Poole.

The peal at St. John the
Baptist, Worcester, was a
well-deserved tribute to
Mr. William Ranford, of Suckley, for his 81st
birthday. 'Father,' as he is affectionately
known to his ringing colleagues, has over 50
years' membership of the Worcestershire Asso-
ciation and has been a member of the com-
mittee for some 20 or more years. This peal
brings his total up to 495, and his friends hope
he will continue in his usual good health and
spirits to complete 500 peals.

Mr. Edwin C. Birkett, of Liverpool, rang his
100th peal on April 22nd at Sefton, Lancs.
Congratulations!

Mr. James W. Wilkins walked from his home
a distance of four miles to Hughenden Church,
Bucks, to ring in a peal for his 87th birthday.
And many more birthdays!

Another peal (the second in just over a year)
has been rung at East Farndon, where the bells
were spoken of by some as 'unringable.' Greasing of the bearings and a general over-
haul of the headstock nuts is all that has been
done to make them ringable, thanks to the
ringer of the 4th, who also took part in the
previous peal.

Mr. E. J. Ladd has circled the tower of
St. Mary's, Salehurst, Sussex. Mr. Ernest
Brittain that of Deeping St. Nicholas, Lincs,
Mr. Arnold Rothery, St. Mark's, Longwood,
Huddersfield.

Mr. George Cecil, of Haywards Heath, a
former Master of the Ancient Society of College
Youths, has been elected Master of the Sussex
County Association. Mr. F. I. Hairs, the re-
tiring Master, announced that there was no
immediate probability of his returning to the
county. Life membership was conferred on
Mr. and Mrs. Hairs. A report will appear in
our next issue.

BELFRY GOSSIP

'Ringing Towers,' the
journal of the New South
Wales Association, for
March, contains an amusing story of ringing a
quarter peal of Minor in six methods in the
Yass tram. To prevent disturbance the ringers
gave their tickets to one of their number, who
unfortunately fell asleep. The conductor of
the tram arrived demanding tickets. The
quarter peal conductor nodded wildly to the
ticket holder asleep in the seat opposite. The
tram conductor took the hint and aroused the
sleeper by shaking him violently by the foot.
Strange to relate, the quarter peal was suc-
cessful.

With the new floor put in the belfry at
Thorpe Bay, Essex, we hope (writes a cor-
respondent) that the band will once more get
together after two months of inactivity.

Visitors to London this Whitsuntide are in-
vited to participate in the Whit Sunday ring-
ing at St. John's, Leytonstone, at 10 a.m. and
5.30 p.m. The church is just outside Leyton-
stone Tube Station.

By ringing the 2nd to a peal of Plain Bob
Minor at Horsmonden on May 14th, Miss
'Prudence Lambert becomes the first lady of
her native village of Brenchley to ring a peal.
Great credit is due to her on the way in which
she struck her bell. A distant relative of the
family of Lamberts, of Horsmonden, she hopes
one day to take part in a peal of all Lamberts.

Five ringers from the Worcester area in
co-operation with local friends rang two peals
in Somerset during a recent week-end. One
attempt of Stedman Triples at Weston-super-
Mare was lost after 1½ hours' ringing, after
which the following note was handed in: 'I
don't know who you are or where you come
from, but congratulations on some very nice
striking this morning.—Edna Bedford.'

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SALISBURY GUILD HONOURS RETIRING SECRETARY

REV. F. LL. EDWARDS' 37 YEARS IN OFFICE PRESENTATION OF CHEQUE AND TESTIMONIAL
MASTER REPORTS PROGRESS IN CHANGE RINGING AND FAITHFUL SUNDAY SERVICE

THIS year's festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, held at Trowbridge on May 13th, was a landmark in the Guild's history. The Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, who for the past 37 years had been hon. general secretary of the Guild, laid down the reins of office. As an expression of the Guild's appreciation of his long service he was presented with a testimonial and a cheque for £45.

The Master (the Rev. C. C. Cox) presided, supported by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. W. C. West (assistant secretary), Canon R. L. Pelley (Rector of Trowbridge) and Mr. E. Hughes (chairman of Trowbridge Urban Council).

A civic welcome to the Guild was given by Mr. E. Hughes, chairman of the Trowbridge Urban Council, who said they welcomed the music of their bells and they liked to picture the long line of ringers who through the centuries have pealed them for joyful occasions and called them to worship. There were few things that expressed more the spirit of our native land than bells.

Thanking Mr. Hughes for his welcome, the Master said Trowbridge had always been a hive of industry, and the Trowbridge mark on cloth was highly esteemed in Manchester and London. There were two other industries associated with the town—brewing and bacon curing. Trowbridge still considered that it was virtually the capital of Wiltshire, but Salisbury claimed to care for the souls of the county and to see to the hangings, and Trowbridge the drains (laughter).

Arising from the minutes, the secretary reported that the committee had decided not to alter the date of the annual festival. He had received letters of thanks from the incumbents of the parishes the Guild sent grants to last year.

THE PRESIDENT.

The Guild would remember, the secretary stated, that they decided to send a letter of congratulation to their president (the Earl of Shaftesbury) on his 80th birthday. He was ill at the time, but later he replied thanking the Guild for its good wishes and stating that owing to advancing years he had had to give up a good many commitments and regretted that since his illness he was informed that he would never be able to pull a bell again. He also tendered his resignation. The committee passed a resolution expressing the hope that he would continue in office. The Earl replied, 'Very many thanks. I shall be glad to continue, but I am afraid I shall not be able to discharge any duties.'

The Master, in his address, expressed the hope that the Earl would remain in office for some time, and upon his suggestion the meeting decided to send a letter to him thanking him for continuing in office.

As a Guild they would like to offer their congratulations to some towers—particularly St. Paul's, Salisbury, Piddihinton and North Bradley on their augmentations and rehangings. He was also glad to state that Little Cheney, Dorset, would have an octave, as two new bells had been presented to the parish.

GOOD RECORD FOR SUNDAY SERVICE.

Looking back on the records of the Guild, they had every reason to be satisfied with its progress and particularly in the development of change ringing, which had reached a high standard in many districts. They were grateful to those enthusiastic leaders and diligent instructors who had brought in fresh blood and many young ringers. There should be few places where the incumbents were not satisfied that the main object of the Guild, that of ringing the bells for Sunday service,

was not fulfilled. The Guild had a good record for that.

They had lost by death some valuable members: The Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett, who at one time occupied the Master's chair; Canon Coleridge, a great man, a great personality and a fine ringer; Mr. J. E. Figgures, who was actively associated with the Salisbury Branch; and recently Mr. B. J. Jewell, captain of St. Thomas'. There was also Mr. Robert H. Legg, of Melksham, who was a ringer for 75 years and a life member. He learnt to ring on the curfew bell at Lyme Regis and had a fine life and was a splendid ringer. Then there was the Rev. C. A. Phillips, who had been secretary of the Wimborne Branch for 48 years. He did everything possible to encourage the progress of that branch, and his generosity was amazing.

The meeting stood in silence to their memory.

A FINANCIAL WARNING.

The Hon. Secretary presented the statement



REV. F. LL. EDWARDS.

of accounts, which showed that the Guild started the year with a balance of £135 0s. 5d. Receipts amounted to £98 13s. 8d. and expenses £126 14s. 4d., leaving a balance of £106 19s. 9d. There were two rather exceptional expenses. For the Dorchester meeting they had to pay for the hire of the hall and also its furnishings for tea, and the meeting of the Central Council at York was also very expensive. He felt it necessary to issue a note of warning that the Guild spent £28 more than it received. The accounts were adopted.

Amid applause the Rev. C. C. Cox was re-elected Master. He promised to carry out his duties to the best of his ability.

THE HON. GENERAL SECRETARY.

The Master said the committee had received with very great regret the resignation of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards as hon. general secretary. He had held that office for 37 years. The Master said he would like to look back a bit and make a mental picture of Mr. Edwards as a young and sprightly man who travelled here, there and everywhere in search of ringing. He threw all his energies into the Salisbury Guild, which when he became secretary was comparatively young. Mr. Edwards was still energetic; he arranged that big meeting, joined their clerical ringing week at Chester and was still able to handle a bell rope. His decision

was unalterable and they regretted it very much. If any testimony was needed for his untiring labour and work for the honour and prestige of the Guild one could only say, 'Look around you.' Look around the counties of Dorset and Wilts; look around the diocese; the fruits of his labours were manifest. Mr. Edwards could have no greater gratification than that of knowing that the present position of the Guild was the outcome of his genial, businesslike and affectionate piloting (applause).

'I am sure,' continued the Master, 'that no Guild could possibly have had a more worthy secretary or one in whom the Master and members could place more confidence. And so we find with extreme regret that the moment has come for his retirement from office, and I want in the name of the whole Guild to offer him our warmest gratitude for all he has done and to express the deep sense of our loss on his leaving the helm. But it is some consolation to us that he is deeply rooted in Dorset and we are not parting with him as a ringer.'

The Master then asked Mr. Edwards to accept, as a small token of the Guild's gratitude and regard, a cheque for £45, and a testimonial expressing the Guild's heartfelt regret at his resignation as hon. general secretary after 37 years of faithful service (applause).

MEMORIES OF 37 YEARS.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said the gift came to him as an overwhelming surprise. I thank you very much for this very practical and substantial expression of your satisfaction of the service I have been able to render to you during the past 37 years. Words entirely fail me to express my gratitude, and I very much value the way this gratitude has been expressed in this delightfully-worded testimonial.

'I look back to the year 1912 when I first took over the office of secretary. The Guild was then a great deal smaller than it is now. It then had six branches; since then two new branches have been formed. One interesting occasion during my secretaryship was the celebration of the jubilee of the Guild. On that occasion we could not find any hall large enough for this gathering and we had to use a large marquee in the Palace grounds at Salisbury.'

'At the time I took office there was comparatively little change ringing in the diocese, but gradually change ringing has spread and we have now some very fine teams of change ringers. A very large number of rings of bells have been rehung or augmented and a large number of young ringers instructed.'

'It is with very great regret that I lay down the office. The fact is that I very often suffer from rheumatism in my right hand and for that reason I have resigned the office of secretary. I am sorry I am a back number. Unhappily I am an old-fashioned Dorset person who does not drive a motor-car and in consequence I have been unable to attend all the meetings. You will have the advantage of a new secretary who will be up to date and able to get about. I thank you for your generous expression of satisfaction for my work for the Guild, and I hope I shall have a few years left to take part in the activities of the Guild as a private member' (applause).

The Master then proposed the election of Mr. Edwards as a vice-president.

Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart (a former Master), seconding, said it had been a great privilege and pleasure for him to work with Mr. Edwards

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Salisbury Guild--cont.

for the greater part of the time he had been secretary. The Guild had always been fortunate in its officers. He was associated with Mr. Edwards in the restoration of Wimborne bells. It was difficult because one of the bells was cast by an itinerant founder and was of great value from an antiquarian point of view, but of little or no musical value. Thinking about it afterwards, he thought that bell ought to have been preserved as an antique.

Acknowledging his unanimous election, Mr. Edwards said when he took office they had no rings of ten in the Guild. They first had Wimborne and then Trowbridge, which later was augmented to 12.

OTHER OFFICERS.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards proposed Mr. W. C. West (Melksham) as hon. general secretary. This was seconded by Mr. F. Precey and carried.

Mr. F. Slatford, of North Bradley, was elected assistant secretary, and Mr. J. S. Weekes (Devizes) and Mr. C. F. Andrews (Melksham) hon. auditors. Mr. R. H. True (Poole) was elected to the committee. Mr. C. Pretty (Holt), Mr. G. Osborne (Upwey) and Mr. W. Hart (Westbury) were elected life members.

The committee recommended that with the object of encouraging membership certificates should be presented free.

Mr. H. A. Mitchell questioned the wisdom of the action and asked if it meant that certificates were to be issued ad lib.

The Master explained that the certificate required a qualification, and Mr. West said that the holder had to be able to ring 120 changes on the treble on tower bells or 'in hand.'

It was agreed that the certificates would be available free for one year.

In regard to Guild badges, Mr. West said they had disposed of the first quota. There was another £20 worth on order, and when received would be placed in the hands of the branch secretaries.

NEW GRANTS.

Grants of three guineas each were approved to Hazelbury Bryan, Dorset, where £600 was to be paid to put the bells in order; to St. James', Devizes; Southbroom, and Preston, Dorset, for a restoration and the addition of two trebles, estimated to cost £1,000.

It was decided to donate 2 gns. to the Bournemouth Festival, also one guinea from the collection at the service to the fund for the renovation of the spire of Salisbury Cathedral.

The financial position of the Wimborne Branch was discussed following the death of the late secretary, and it was agreed to authorise the Guild officers to make a loan to them if they were in difficulties.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rector of Trowbridge, the incumbents for the use of bells, and to Mr. Harding and Mr. West for the efficient arrangements for the meeting.

THE SERVICE.

The Guild service followed in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. L. Pelley). To the large congregation that filled the body of the church he asked, in the course of his sermon, what was the fascination of ringing. He thought it was the delight in working in rhythm, in which each one felt he must come in at the right moment in co-operation with the others. It was an example of perfect freedom and order. That freedom and order were wanted in the world to-day.

The Nunc Dimittis was followed by the ringing of a touch of Stedman Caters 'in hand' by the Lyme Regis band.

A company of 240 attended tea in the Co-operative Hall, at which the Master presided. A large number of churches in the area were available for ringing during the day.

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

MR. CHARLES H. MARTIN.

We regret to record the death on May 9th, at the age of 83, of Mr. Charles H. Martin, of Hendon, Middlesex, where he had been a ringer for 70 years and captain of the band for 60 years.

Mr. Martin was one of the original members of the Middlesex Association when it was founded in 1897, and held the office of Ringing Master of the North and East District from that date until 1907, when he asked to be relieved from that office owing to the responsibilities of an increasing family and to make way for a younger and more active member.

Although not a prolific peal ringer, he had rung peals in most of the standard methods, several of which he conducted. He took part in a peal of Superlative Surprise Major at Barnet in 1898, when peals in Surprise methods were a rarity and had rung in a number of handbell peals of Bob Major.

Mr. Martin was also the composer of many peal compositions. The first report of the Middlesex Association contained no less than eight of these and included one of Bob Major, two of Double Norwich, including the extent with the tenors together, one of Treble Bob Major, three of Superlative Surprise and one of Treble Bob Royal.

Several members of the Middlesex Association attended the funeral on May 14th, including Messrs. T. J. Lock, E. E. Pratchett, J. Hawkins and E. E. Pryor. In the evening the whole pull and stand was rung half-muffled at Hendon Church by Messrs. R. W. Green, A. W. Coles, R. Charge, F. A. Barker, E. E. Pratchett and R. H. Begrie. This was followed by other ringing, including an extent of Bob Minor, in which the following also took part: Messrs. L. Tubb, P. Blake, A. W. J. Butler, T. Bevan and R. J. Pitman, E. C. S. T.

MR. W. D. TAYLOR.

Mr. Walter D. Taylor, of Prittlewell, who died in hospital on May 6th, aged 39 years, had been a ringer for 28 years, learning in his native town of Topsham, Devon.

Moving to Prittlewell in 1934, he joined the local company and was a regular and consistent ringer until he joined the R.A.F. during the war. Soon after his discharge he contracted T.B. and faced his sufferings with a cheerful and Christian spirit. He was very keen on all church work and took a great interest in the choir.

His body was received into the church on the evening of May 11th, before which a peal was rung half-muffled by the local company. A good Christian and a good friend, he has been missed in the belfry for several years.

MR. E. A. BOWHILL.

The Earls Colne company have suffered a heavy loss by the death of Mr. Ernest A. Bowhill, which occurred with painful suddenness in the belfry of St. Andrew's Church on Sunday morning, May 7th, at the age of 68. He had taken part in a touch of Double Norwich and appeared to be in his normal health. A few minutes afterwards without the slightest warning he collapsed on the floor and passed away before medical aid arrived.

Mr. Bowhill came to Earls Colne about 40 years ago and was employed as a gardener. Although he had had some experience of five and six bells, it was not until about 16 years later he joined the local company. He then made good progress in Major methods and took part in 10 peals.

Mr. Bowhill was of a very jovial disposition and highly respected by all who knew him. He was a prisoner of war for 12 months during the 1914-18 war and during the last war served in the Royal Observer Corps. He leaves a widow and one daughter, with whom the deepest sympathy is felt.

The funeral took place on May 11th. The local company were represented by Messrs. W. Arnold, F. Claydon, F. Ridgwell, C. Saywood, Miss H. G. Snowden (District Master) and Mr. C. Snowden (Halstead), Messrs. A. L. Dixey and R. Lyon (Colne Engaine), B. Webb, H. Webb and E. Piper (Great Tey).

On the following Sunday the church bells were rung half-muffled for morning and evening services.

MR. CHARLES FAIRLEY.

Manchester Cathedral has lost one of its most conscientious workers and ringers by the death on May 12th of Charles Fairley, aged 82.

The funeral service was held in the Cathedral on May 16th. The bells were rung half-muffled with the whole pull and stand as the mourners entered the Cathedral. Interment was in the family grave at St. Paul's, Kersal.

In an address at the service Canon H. F. Woolnough paid a very great tribute to Mr. Fairley's long service to the church. He started as a Sunday School scholar and teacher. At the age of 14 he learnt to ring, and throughout his long life was a regular attendant at the belfry for service ringing until a week before his 82nd birthday.

Along with the family mourners were members of the Lancashire Association, including the secretary (Mr. W. H. Shuker) and Messrs. A. Barnes, F. R. Williams, H. Barlow, P. H. Darbyshire. The Police ringers from the Town Hall and the Cathedral ringers and a good number of the Cathedral congregation also attended.

On the Wednesday evening 1,295 Grandsire Caters was rung with the bells half-muffled by the following band: F. R. Williams 1, F. Barraclough 2, H. Hollingworth 3, Mary Walshaw 4, H. Longden 5, A. Ridyard 6, W. Pye 7, B. Walshaw 8, R. Longden (cond.) 9, G. Longden 10.

QUARTER PEALS

BURFORD, OXON. — On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. J. Westmacott 1, H. Parker 2, M. C. F. Collett 3, J. G. Collett 4, B. S. Nichols (composer) 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon (cond.) 7, L. Jewell 8.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK. — On May 7th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Forster 1, W. Warner 2, G. Walpole 3, D. Fenn 4, S. Fenn (first as cond.) 5, E. Long 6. First of Treble Bob for 1 and 2.

WROTHAM, KENT. — On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Edna M. Sills 1, Margaret H. Baker 2, Tom Saunders 3, L. Honess 4, R. Palmer (cond.) 5, W. R. Manser 6, P. C. Wright 7, C. East 8. For the wedding of C. R. Day and Miss R. A. Powell Jones.

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ST. GEORGE COLEGATE BELLS, NORWICH

We fortunately often read nowadays of the reopening of bells for ringing. We do not so often read about the use of the very ancient office of hallowing a bell before it ascends the tower, nowadays. The ancient service was revived in most impressive manner at St. George Colegate, Norwich, on May 6th, partly for the sake of the service and its meaning, partly to give the general public an opportunity of seeing and hearing bells at close quarters.

The arrangement of the service combined features traditionally used for centuries with one or two new and unique features. Following ancient precedent, the Litany was first sung—by the choir of King Edward VI. School—going in procession round the church to the chancel, where the six bells hung most impressively on two rolled steel joists between the choir stalls. Six choristers, not in the procession, lovingly gripped each a plumber's hammer (rubber headed!).

The Vicar then briefly indicated the meaning of the service, speaking of the power of bells to bridge all gulfs of time and space, indicated by the varying dates of the bells around him, from 1459 to 1950, and the fact that these bells, unlike any human being, would be equally at home in both America and Russia.

The Bishop of Thetford, in cope and mitre, then blessed water and oil, and sprinkled all the bells with water, praying that they might ring God's praise for many centuries, even as one had served here for five centuries already. He then solemnly anointed each bell with oil, making a cross on its shoulder. The treble, the ancient Sanctus recast as the clock bell in 1740 and now recast as the treble, he renamed the Sanctus.

The President of the Norwich Diocesan Association then offered the 2nd as a gift from the Association, and the Bishop named it Gabriel, to remind men of the message brought by Gabriel from Heaven.

A representative of the donors of the 3rd offered it as a memorial to Arthur Godfrey Howlett, Sheriff of Norwich in 1909, and the Bishop hallowed it to his memory and named it George, after the name of the church.

Lastly the three oldest bells were re-hallowed. The 4th, cast by John Brend, of Norwich, in 1637; the 5th, cast by Brasyer, of Norwich, in 1459 and now recast owing to a crack, he renamed after blessed Michael. The tenor, the oldest surviving bell, having been cast by Brasyer when the tower was new in 1459, he renamed Katherine.

The boys with their hammers had already taken their places, and each bell, as it was hallowed, had been solemnly struck three times. Now came a climax in the service. Two psalms had already been sung during the hallowing, and now Psalm 150 was sung to the setting by Stanford, the theme of which goes perfectly on six bells of this weight.

The chant was grandly and slowly played over on the back five, thus, 3, 5, 3, 2, 3,; 3, 2, 4, 3, 5, 6. Two verses of the psalm were sung unaccompanied; then the bells made a grand interlude; next came two verses; the bells accompanied 'Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals; praise Him upon the loud cymbals,' and finally made a grand accompaniment for the Gloria. The sermon was followed by prayers for the bells, the craftsmen who made them and those who will ring them. Followed a ringers' hymn by the Rev. W. G. Bridge, later 'Unchanging God' and the Blessing.

After the service the large congregation was shown a film taken by the Vicar only a few days before at the Whitechapel Foundry, showing in clear detail the furnaces, casting these bells, also tuning and other processes connected with other bells, foundry stamps



Members of the band of SS. Philip and James, Hollywood, winners of the first competition for the Cunningham Cup offered to towers in the Northern District of the Irish Association.

Left to right, standing: John Savage, H. Brown, R. Smyth, J. Lewis, N. Savage, B. Armstrong, John T. Dunwoody, J. Edgar and R. Bruce.

Seated: W. Pratt, Rev. E. S. Barber (Rector), Master J. Brown, Rev. W. B. B. Magill (curate) and W. V. Heasley.

and other details. Thus a memorable evening closed, and work immediately began at top speed to get ready for the opening a fortnight later.

Needless to say, the Vicar's new book on St. George Colegate and its bells (2s. 6d.) sold like hot cakes—or, rather, like his previous book.

A. G. G. T.

WOLVERTON, HANTS.

The Rev. D. L. Board, Rector of Wolverton and captain of Wolverton ringers, is to be congratulated on the successful completion of a very large effort, namely, the recasting of the tenor bell and the complete rehanging of the ring of six in a new cast iron bell frame, which job has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. The recast tenor bell weighs 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

On Sunday, May 7th, at an afternoon service, the Rt. Rev. Bishop L. H. Lang dedicated the completed work and highly praised those who had given and those who had carried out the work. The service was very impressive and the solemnity of the occasion seemed to be increased by the subdued lighting, the church being lit by candles.

The opening ringing was carried out by the local ringers under the vice-captain, Mr. D.

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Dedications

PORCHKERRY, NEAR BARRY.

A long-awaited day came on May 13th, when two new treble bells were dedicated at Porthkerry by the Rt. Rev. R. W. Jones, Assistant Bishop of the Province of Wales. There was a large congregation, and as the church holds less than one hundred, many people followed the service from the churchyard, where brilliant sunshine, the fresh green of the trees, and the sparkling waters of the Bristol Channel, provided a lovely setting for the little church.

The bells are in memory of the late Mr. Henry Gethin Lewis and his wife, of Porthkerry, who, with their family, have been closely associated with the church for many years. As recorded on the bells, these are the

gift of their surviving children.

During the dedication service the six were heard for the first time rung in rounds by the following: 1. J. Malings 1, H. Green 2, F. Way 3, R. Curtis 4, S. Jones 5, D. Dimond 6. After the service the first touch was called by that veteran of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, Mr. J. W. Jones.

A number of visiting ringers were present, and after tea the bells were kept going until almost nine o'clock, concluding a day which will be long remembered by those connected with the dedication.

The new bells weigh 2½ cwt. and 3½ cwt. respectively. The inscription reads: 'To the Glory of God and in memory of Henry Gethin Lewis and Ann Lewis, his wife, of Porthkerry, died 1945. The four bells were rehung and

two treble bells added by Mary Gwenda Langman, Margaret Llewellyn Meggitt, Henry Gethin Lewis, Godfrey Lewis.'

At least once before in its history Porthkerry tower had two new bells together—in 1695: these were cast by Evan Evans, of Chepstow. Another of the existing bells is believed to be by Thomas Gefferies, of Bristol, and the probable date is between 1500 and 1550. The tenor is a recasting in 1879 of an older bell and weighs 7½ cwt. These four older bells have been rehung, the cost of the work being borne by the Lewis family. The work has been carried out by Mears and Stainbank.

A final footnote: one of the donors, Mr. H. G. Lewis, has just learnt to ring, and was able to take part in rounds on the great day.

C. J. M.

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Cane, who is to be congratulated on the youngsters he has around him. We wish him every success. Many visiting ringers were present, amongst whom was Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Loughborough.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On May 7th, 1,320 Kent and Oxford: H. W. Pratt 1, S. Shipp 2, W. Ransom 3, A. Clements 4, C. Goodyear 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

BIG ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL MEETING TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF 1,346 REMARKABLE YEAR FOR PEAL RINGING RIVALS FOR THE PRESIDENCY QUESTION OF A SUBSCRIPTION

FULL use was made of the bells of Leicester during the afternoon of May 6th on the occasion of the annual general meeting of the Guild. The eight bells of St. Peter's at Belgrave were available before lunch. From 2 until 4 the six bells at All Saints' and the two twelves at the Cathedral Church of St. Martin and St. Margaret's were available for all comers.

A large number of ringers, their families and friends then assembled in St. George's Church, where the Vicar (the Rev. J. Adams) conducted the service. Lay Canon H. J. Poole, president of the Guild, read the lesson.

The Assistant Bishop, the Rt. Rev. F. S. Hollis, in his address, expressed his great pleasure in meeting such a large number of members of the Guild. In his last diocese—Labuan and Sarawak—there were only single bells. He spoke of his experiences and told of his first night sleeping under a row of human heads suspended above him. As a contrast, he spoke of the large Confirmation services he had held there before leaving. The robed choir was augmented by visiting ringers.

A company of 170 enjoyed an excellent tea in the nearby St. George's Hall. At the 'top table' were the Lord Bishop of Leicester, the Rt. Rev. Guy Vernon Smith, D.D.; the Ven. W. J. Lyon, M.A., Archdeacon of Loughborough; the Very Rev. H. A. Jones, B.Sc., Provost of Leicester; the Rev. J. Adams, Vicar of St. George's; the president, Mr. H. J. Poole, and the general officers, supported by the chairman and hon. secretary of each of the six districts of the Guild.

The business meeting was opened by the president saying how the Guild was honoured by the presence of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, who was looking forward to taking the chair. The President spoke of the very great interest of the Lord Bishop in the Guild and its progress. With the exception of the Archdeacon of Leicester, who was unable to come, all the leading dignitaries of the diocese were present.

The Lord Bishop expressed his welcome to all ringers and said it was his custom, if at all possible, to meet the ringers on his visits to country churches. The primary purpose of ringers should be service to the Church expressed, in part, by their ringing.

GENERAL PROGRESS CONTINUING.

Mr. W. A. Wood, hon. general secretary, then gave his report for 1949. He said the general progress of the Leicester Diocesan Guild continued to be very satisfactory as would be realised when the hon. peal secretary and the hon. treasurer gave their reports. Reports from each of the six districts showed increasing interest in the work of the Guild, and the relations between the districts and the adjoining guilds continued to improve. Joint meetings helped to bring new friendships and to cement old ones. They added interest to the meetings.

The influx of new members continued, but there was some wastage due to lapsed membership. Much of this was due to many waiting for a meeting in their own tower before paying their subscriptions. A much better way and one followed by a number of towers was to appoint someone to collect all subscriptions due and to send them to the district secretary. Resident members numbered 802 and, with the 544 non-resident members, the grand total was 1,346. This figure was arrived at after weeding out lapsed members.

Members would appreciate that the hon. peal secretary had a colossal job. As well as being strong numerically, the Leicester Diocesan was at the top of the peal ringing totals—both in

number and quality—for the year 1949. These results had not been achieved without hard work by the many who had the welfare of the Guild at heart.

On the social side, for which the Guild was noted, a very successful festival was held at Loughborough. This, in the opinion of the many present, was the 'best yet.' Several districts now organised socials and dances. One dance, arranged by the Hinckley district, raised over £30, which was handed over to the Market Bosworth Bell Fund. This was in addition to £21 granted from the Guild Repair Fund to this church.

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

There were one or two special personal achievements to note. The president, Mr. H. J. Poole, rang 143 peals in 1949; these included 484 'firsts.' To do this in one year was no mean feat, and the president was to be congratulated on his remarkable achievement.

Mr. A. Ballard, of the Hinckley District, during the year rang 118 peals without in any way neglecting the work of the Guild. He attended every monthly meeting in his own district as well as all general quarterly and committee meetings. He also attended all practices in his own tower as well as organising special practices in other towers. Even without the peal ringing this was a record few members had equalled.

PEAL RECORD.

Mr. Shirley Burton, hon. peal secretary, reported that 1949 was an outstanding year of remarkable peal ringing activity. The total rung was 267 and the variety of methods showed good progress on all numbers of bells from Doubles to Maximus. Minor peals in 19 and 20 methods and two of Surprise Minor in seven methods were the first in the county. Two long peals of Bristol, 9,344 and 10,976, had been rung with 6th place bobs. Eight members rang four Surprise peals in one day, comprising Superlative, London and Bristol Major and, with two additional members, Cambridge Royal. This was followed by four members taking part in three Surprise peals in one day—Major, Royal and Maximus. Mr. A. Cattell rang two tower bells to a peal of Minor for the first time in the county.

Peals in new methods rung for the first time were Bedford and Wigston Maximus, Aldenham and Leicestershire—both Royal and Maximus and Lindsey Royal. There were 37 first pealers, 655 first in the method, 36 different conductors and 58 first as conductors in the method.

The next item, the auditor's report, was given by Mr. H. G. Jenner, who, after certifying that the books were correct, complimented the hon. general secretary on his work and his excellent system, which made the work of the auditors easier.

GRANTS OF 50 GUINEAS.

Mr. A. E. Rowley, hon. treasurer, reported that the funds of the Guild were in a healthy position, and although the number of new members was slightly less than in 1948, the members' subscriptions showed a marked increase. This was largely due to the increase in subscriptions from 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d. The general fund balance had increased from £74 6s. 11d in 1948 to £132 13s. 4d. in 1949. A portion of this balance was earmarked to pay for the 1948-49 report. The Bell Repair Fund now stood at £165 18s. 10d. even after making grants during the year totalling 50 guineas to various churches. Recalling that the old M.C.A. had never been able to make grants on this scale, Mr. Rowley thought the Guild should be very proud to be able to do so

He appreciated the steady income for the fund from the collections at the monthly meetings.

The adoption of the balance sheet was proposed by Mr. A. Disney and seconded by Mr. H. Wayne and duly agreed to.

Mr. F. K. Measures' proposal that the next general quarterly meeting be held at Earl Shilton on July 15th was seconded by Mr. A. Ballard and this also was agreed.

The President then gave an account of recent general committee decisions. Mr. J. Norton, of Billesdon, on the application of the Syston District, was placed on the hon. life members' list. The question of new service forms was to be gone into; the next stage would then be to submit them to the Lord Bishop for his approval. District secretaries were to test the feeling at their meetings in order to gauge the demand for badges.

THE PRESIDENCY.

All the foregoing had been gone through swiftly and without discussion. It was plain to all that the next item on the agenda held the chief interest of all present, especially as a fairly large number of people had joined the meeting after tea, led by Mr. T. C. Belton and Mr. Walter P. Whitehead, both of Barwell.

The Lord Bishop then announced the names of the two nominees for the office of president—Mr. H. J. Poole, the retiring president, and Mr. T. C. Belton, of Barwell. The question was asked from the floor whether or not the voting could be by paper ballot, as it was felt that those who voted would be embarrassed if others present knew for whom individuals voted.

Mr. E. C. Turner, vice-president, stated that the General Committee's decision was that the voting should be by show of hands or, in the case of a very close vote, that the individuals should then stand and declare themselves.

The nominations were then put to the vote and resulted in 89-50 in favour of Mr. H. J. Poole. The nominations for Mr. Poole were from five districts and for Mr. Belton from the Syston District.

The election of Mr. Poole was greeted with acclamation, and he assured members in a very short speech that he would do all in his power to further the wellbeing of the Guild. He hoped Mr. Belton would not regard his loss of the election as a defeat and that he would help to carry out the proposals he had outlined in his circular to the towers. If he would do so, Mr. Poole said he would be one of Mr. Belton's strongest supporters.

The remainder of the general officers were re-elected, there being no other nominations: vice-presidents, Mr. P. L. Taylor and Mr. E. C. Turner; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. E. Rowley; hon. peal secretary, Mr. Shirley Burton; hon. general secretary, Mr. W. A. Wood.

The confirmation, en bloc, of 10 non-resident and 18 resident members was, on the proposition of Mr. E. C. Turner, seconded by Mr. P. L. Taylor, agreed to. The Lord Bishop hoped the new members would take up the duties and responsibilities of membership of the Guild.

At 'Any other business,' Mr. Belton arose and thanked his helpers. He enquired why members in H.M.F. had not been enabled to vote. He also cast doubt on the propriety of the Hinckley District nominations.

Mr. F. K. Measures, hon. secretary of the Hinckley District, replied that nominations had been overlooked at the meetings, but had been sent in by individual members as a district meeting could not be convened in the necessary time.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PAPANUI, NEW ZEALAND

Dear Sir,—The existing Church of St. Paul in the parish of Papanui, a northern suburb of the city of Christchurch, was erected in 1876, although the present tower was not constructed until 1912, when the original structure became practically unsafe as a campanile.

At this point the parishioners, desirous of keeping their bells in use, set to work to build anew. The result is that Papanui boasts of a unique wooden tower, neat, yet of no apparent dignity; strong, yet of no apparent support, veritably 'shivering in every timber' as the bells their merry circle swing.

It is indeed an involuntary reminder of the story that is told of a little ship, creaking and groaning in every timber, battling against the fury of a West African storm, until, at last, beneath a gigantic wave, she splits asunder and sinks into the deep, taking with her to their graves her complement of crew and a ring of five bells intended for this parish.

Luckily the cargo was insured, and in 1890 the present five musical bells (Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, London) were installed, and since that time have seldom ceased—according to local history—to say aloud the inscribed words on the tenor bell, 'We sing the Lord's song in a strange land.'—Yours, etc.,

ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.

174, St. Asaph Street, Christchurch, N.Z.

NOTE.—A peal of Doubles in three methods, the first peal on the bells, is recorded in our peal columns this week. Congratulations to the ringers.—EDITOR.

SURPRISE METHODS

Dear Sir,—May I ask the hospitality of your columns in order to thank all those who have so kindly written during my recent illness, and to convey my apologies for being unable in the circumstances to write to each of them individually?

From the announcement in the advertisement columns it will be seen that the long-delayed issue of 'Surprise Methods' is at last on the eve of publication. It has been necessary to reduce further delay by dividing the projected issue into two parts, the second of which will appear, I hope, at the end of June.

There are not many left of the small edition first printed of the Royal and Maximus Surprise methods. This I propose to reprint when it is possible to carry out the Methods Committee's recommendations on the subject of extensions—a thorny subject admittedly, but one which the Exercise must tackle some time. In view of the increase in the number of Surprise methods on 10 and 12 bells which have been rung since the twenties and thirties—an increase still being steadily maintained—it can certainly be said that the urgency of the matter is growing.—Yours sincerely,
Bitton, near Bristol. A. J. CORRIGAN.

LEICESTER GUILD—continued

SUBSCRIPTION POINT.

Mr. Measures then asked Mr. Belton whether he had paid his subscriptions during the past two years, as he, the district secretary concerned, had not received any from Mr. Belton. Mr. Belton then claimed to have handed his subscription for 1949 to Mr. Measures last November. Mr. Measures reiterated, definitely, that he had received no such payment from Mr. Belton. (A later search of the audited books failed to reveal any payment from Mr. Belton during the year 1949.)

The rule relating to the non-payment of subscriptions was read out, and, there being no further comment, the Lord Bishop closed the meeting with his blessing and wished the Guild success in the coming years.

The tables were then cleared away and the company settled down to enjoy a social evening arranged by the popular secretary of the Hincley District, Mr. F. K. Measures.

FIRSTPEAL OF MINOR AT MARKSBURY

Dear Sir,—Re the peal at Marksburry, Somerset, published in 'The Ringing World' on April 21st, in which the footnote states 'Believed to be the first on the bells,' the first peal on these bells was Bob Minor, rung for evening service on Sunday, October 16th, 1910, and was conducted by the late A. E. Seers.—Yours, etc.,
A. J. COUSINS.

Bath.

LARGEST PARISH CHURCH

Dear Sir,—Mr. R. S. Hunt is indeed correct in saying that upon the question of England's largest parish church there is much divergence of opinion. There are, in fact, few topics which provoke more heated argument among those who attend churches which are larger than the average.

I do not intend to state which is our largest parish church, nor do I care to express any personal opinion on this point. The answer to this much discussed question could only, I think, be provided by a thorough survey of claimants to the title.

This, however, I would say, that among the larger of these claimants ranks the Parish Church of Royal Leamington Spa. Dedicated to All Saints, this church, standing on the site of an old Saxon chapel, was built between the years 1843 and 1902. The architects were the Rev. John Craig, M.A. (Vicar), who was responsible for the erection of the eastern portion, and Sir Arthur Blomfield, who designed the western nave and tower. The approximate dimensions are: Length 220ft.; width across transepts 100ft.; width of nave 60ft.; height to centre of nave arches 80ft.; height of western tower 150ft.; height of transeptal clock tower 100ft.—I am sir, Yours, etc.,
ANTONY RANDLE.

Hostel of the Resurrection, Leeds.

THE DIRECTORY OF CHURCH BELLS

Dear Sir,—Apart from your recent editorial on Mr. Dove's book, the only comments so far made by readers have drawn attention to microscopic errors. Although a tyro among ringers, I have some experience as a writer and reviewer, and it will be readily conceded by anyone who has had the task of compiling records that the adjective we must apply to this book is 'monumental.'

It is clear that the utmost care has gone into its preparation, and for my part I am amazed that there are so few errors in the first edition of a work of this nature. One ringer with records of 850 towers has found one omission; my personal notes cover churches in 17 counties, but all of mine are there! To have achieved an accuracy of over 99 per cent. at the first attempt denotes an ability for pains taking research I would fain possess.

Congratulations, Mr. Dove; I should like to meet you.—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD G. CAPLE.

Clevedon, Somerset.

A PIONEER OF SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to correct one sentence of your report on the George Williams Commemoration Dinner at Bournemouth, which, no doubt, will cause surprise as it stands. I refer to the part of my speech which states that Mr. Williams rang his first peal of Surprise in the year before the last war. George Williams was, of course, a pioneer of Surprise methods ringing, and in his life rang nearly 400 peals in various methods, chiefly Superlative, out of his grand total of over 1,500. What I actually said was that in the year before the war, and at the age of over 80, he rang his first peal of *Spliced Surprise* and apparently commented afterwards that there was nothing in it!—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

Winchester and Portsmouth

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

In brilliant sunshine the first quarterly meeting of the year for the Portsmouth District was held at Swanmore on May 13th. The bells of Bishop's Waltham (8) and Swanmore (6) were available during the afternoon and evening, and the service in St. Barnabas', Swanmore, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. McCaig). A company of 33 partook of a sumptuous tea in the Parish Hall.

The business meeting was presided over by the district chairman (Mr. W. Linter). The election as a non-resident life member of Mr. E. Treagus, of Bognor Regis, was ratified, and Joan Dudman, Rona Gale, both of Soberton, and Ruth Ball, of Wickham, were elected ringing members.

The next meeting will be at Catherington on August 5th.

A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Macey to the Vicar, organist, Mr. Ainsley, and all who had helped to make the meeting a success.

Towers represented were Alverstoke, Fareham, Hambledon, Lyndhurst, Portsea (St. Mary's), Shedfield, Soberton, Southampton (St. Michael's), Swanmore, Titchfield and Wickham.

MR. JOE HARDCASTLE

Mr. Joe Hardcastle, the well-known Bradford ringer, spent his 80th birthday in Bradford Royal Infirmary. We regret to learn that his days as a practising ringer at Bradford Cathedral, where he has served with great faithfulness for over 60 years, have come to an end.

About 15 weeks ago he had a fall and broke his thigh bone high up. Since then he has had trouble with his right leg, which has been amputated above the knee.

Mr. Hardcastle was one of the band, now unfortunately getting less, who toured Australia for the Melbourne centenary celebrations.

A LOSS TO ABERAVON

A fraternal bond after 40 years with St. Mary's ringers, Aberavon, was broken on Sunday, April 14th, when for the last time 'Ernie' (Mr. E. Stitch) helped to lower the bells in peal for evening service. He was leaving for Wolverhampton the following day.

We cannot forget to pay tribute to the work he did in constructional alterations in the belfry. His sense of duty was a ritual.

A presentation, fitting to the occasion, was made to him by Mr. Jack Pitman in the form of a hymn book, autographed by the Vicar, wardens and ringers of the church, also a fountain pen.

Mr. Leonard Hughes takes his place as captain of the ringers.

AN AUSTRALIAN RECORD

The peal of Doubles, 8,040 changes, at Yass, N.S.W., Australia, was an attempt on the unofficial record of 10,080 changes of Doubles rung some 128 years ago in England. The attempt was for 100 extents of Doubles, but at the end of the 67th extent the conductor called 'Stand' because of the inability of one of the band to continue. The peal was, however, far above the original Australian record, and gave some satisfaction to the otherwise disappointed ringers.

On the treble was Mr. W. H. Short, son of Mr. William Short, of Birmingham, who on December 26th, 1901, conducted the record peal of 11,111 of Stedman Cinques, which took 8 hours and 2 minutes to complete. No. 2 was R. W. Ferris, who conducted his first peal five days prior to the attempt. It was his fifth peal. No. 3 was Mr. R. S. Rowe, who scored his second peal. No. 4 was Mr. J. Duncan, who scored his sixth peal. The conductor, Mr. W. M. Rowe, rang the tenor. It was his seventh peal, six of which he has conducted.

RINGERS OUTINGS

ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER.

On May 13th, the St. Margaret's, Leicester, ringers and friends, numbering forty, set out on the long journey to Selby and York. In glorious weather the countryside looked at its best. A brief stay at Thorne, where some of the party visited the church and were kindly invited to ring if they wished, but time would not allow. Thence on to Selby, where at the famous Abbey the grand ring of ten (tenor 25½ cwt.) was rung to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Kent Royal and Double Norwich. The 'conductor' renewed acquaintance with the bells which he had called to a peal in 1918 for the Canonry of the late Vicar. It was with the deepest regret that he heard of the passing of that local celebrity, Frederick Cryer, who took part in that far off peal, and who had died only that morning at the age of 91. From Selby on to York, where we had the privilege of ringing for evensong. While the ladies and others visited 'Great Peter' in his tower, the rest rang touches of Cinques, Caters and Royal on the heavy twelve (tenor 60 cwt.), and despite the long pull and heavy bells, the youngsters acquitted themselves with honour and rang splendidly.

'Ernest' again renewed old friendships, for he had dwelt two years in York during the first World War, and conducted at the Minster the Armistice ringing on November 11th, 1918. It was a delight to meet Messrs. Horner, Rickett, Atkinson and Walker. After an all too brief look around the city walls, the Shambles and ancient gates, an excellent tea was partaken of. Thence the return journey, with a brief stop at Scrooby, brought a most happy and pleasant day to a close—in the words of one, 'the best yet.' Our thanks are due to Messrs. Silk and Morley, of Selby; Horner and Walker, of York, and to the authorities for permission to ring. E. M.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

This took place on May 13th and went with the precision and success connected with everything Nolan Golden arranges. It was a most happy affair, lasting from 7.30 a.m. until 1 a.m. The motor-coach duly left Mancroft and picked up other friends on the way.

The first tower was Long Sutton, where Mr. Smith met us, and the grand eight in a very fine Early English tower made a good start with various methods.

Then to Pinchbeck, where Superlative, Double Norwich, etc., sounded very nice on a good eight (tenor 18 cwt.) in a lovely stone tower—the fine stone towers of Lincolnshire are the envy of those who have to keep in repair the flint towers of East Anglia. Mr. Richardson made us at home here.

At Surfleet Mrs. Richardson welcomed us, and there was much reminiscing about old times. The light twelve (tenor 12 cwt.) went very well as soon as people had got used to the trebles. Mrs. Richardson had lunch with us.

At Heckington, where Mr. Dixon met us, the grand eight (tenor 19 cwt.) in one of the finest 'Decorated' towers in England, attached to a glorious church of similar date, were rung to Superlative, Double Norwich, etc. Boston Stump was easily visible from here.

At Ewerby we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. John Freeman and other members of the Lincoln Guild, who were having a district meeting, and who most kindly allowed us to ring. A very nice ten (tenor 14 cwt.) were made good use of. Tea was served at Sleaford, where Mr. and Mrs. Wray and others were most kind to us; a ring on the eight here (tenor 19 cwt.) was enjoyed. A glorious finish to the day was provided by the grand ten at Grantham (tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.), where Mr. Thorpe and several other kind friends made us most welcome. Deep gratitude to all the kind friends who welcomed us, and most of all to Nolan Golden for his superb organising. A. G. G. T.

FINCHLEY.

Finchley ringers' outing on May 13th was most enjoyable, the party consisting of 16 practical exponents of the art and 11 wives.

By 9.15 the ringers were warily crossing a field inhabited by horses to Knebworth tower, where methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to Oxford Bob Triples. Here they were met by the 84-year-old veteran, Mr. Ferns.

Early 'elevenses' followed, and before lunch at the Swan, Biggleswade, there were touches at Hitcham. After lunch Mr. R. Newman expressed the thanks of the party to Mr. Fred Barker for arranging the outing.

Biggleswade and Bromham towers were visited during the afternoon. Tea was served at Turvey, with Mr. T. Bevan as an able waiter. At Turvey tower the whole pull and stand was rung to the memory of Mr. C. H. Martin, of Hendon, who died the previous Monday. Finchley was reached at 11.15 after a day which will be remembered by all for a long time to come.

STOKE GOLDINGTON, BUCKS.

On April 29th the ringers of Stoke Goldington, Bucks, accompanied by their popular Rector and several friends from nearby towers, spent a very enjoyable afternoon visiting six towers in the Northampton district. Ringing started at Harlestone with its heavy but well going ring of six, tenor 20 cwt., and then the party moved off to Long Buckby, where the delightful ring of five (tenor 15 cwt.) was made good use of. Unfortunately an already damaged stay on the second came adrift and we rang for the next half an hour minus its stay.

The party then journeyed to West Haddon, another ring of five with a 12 cwt. tenor. After tea a move was made to Guilsborough, where the light ring of six with a very short pull was rung for about half an hour. At Naseby, the next tower, the ringers found a somewhat disgusting ringing chamber. After a little first aid had been applied to the ropes the bells were raised and several well-struck touches brought home. The bells, a ring of five with a 15 cwt. tenor, were rather noisy in the ringing chamber, and bird debris from above rained down on the ringers. Apart from this, the bells went passably well and sounded quite musical from outside. The final tower was Maidwell, where the light six and spacious well-kept ringing chamber were a joy to all. O. G. W.

TUNE RINGING

Dear Sir,—I thank Peter Laffin for his information about a publication in the nineties instructing how to ring 109 bells. I must enquire for it. But I cannot undertake to travel about with a 13ft. table and half a dozen blankets to put the bells on!

I thank John R. Brearley for telling us Yorkshire is the real home of handbell ringing. I hope he does not infer that no other county must touch a handbell. In 1890 tune ringing on a padded table was done in Exeter by the Shepherd family. My team were all Northamptonshire bred and born, including myself. If required we could have rung by picking up on a padded table. I frequently did solo ringing by this method. But we preferred four in hand, which made for mobility when suddenly called upon for fetes, socials, concerts, church services with or without organ and voices, ringers' quarterly meetings and services, carol ringing indoors and out, etc.

Both methods work well according to the circumstances, which must decide which is better. J. M. TURNER.

Washfield Rectory, Tiverton.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 30th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: L. Stowell (cond.), 1. E. R. Ropley 2, Audrey M. Trott 3, R. P. Wood 4, C. Longhurst 5, S. A. Paice 6, J. Branch 7, C. Denyer 8. First in method for 2, 3 and 5.

NOTICES

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PERSONAL

Will you pray for PETER TYNDALL ROBBINS, to be ordained Deacon on Trinity Sunday (June 4th) by the Lord Bishop of Manchester, in Manchester Cathedral, and to be licensed to St. Paul's, Bury. Future address: 98, Bell Lane, Bury, Lancs. 7063

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

HOLLAM, DULVERTON, SOMERSET, is a well-known beauty spot for holidays in peace and pre-war plenty on the borders of Exmoor. Fishing and shooting available. Good train and bus services. Terms 1 guinea per day.—Miss M. S. Churchill, Dulverton 41. 7055

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. F. WHITE is removing on June 2nd from 142, Stephens Road, Tunbridge Wells, to Culverden, 68, Stratford Road, Luton, Beds. 7061

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 ART AND SCIENCE OF HANDBELL RINGING,' illustrated, by J. M. Turner, Washfield, Devon, late president of N.E. Devon Guild of Ringers and broadcaster. 3s. 6d. post free from the Author. 6787

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 ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at All Saints', Harrow Weald, Saturday, May 27th, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names to Mr. H. G. Hart, Woodside, Uxbridge Road (Tel. Grimsdyke 609).—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 7006

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Spaldwick, Saturday, May 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea and cakes available at 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 7033

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, May 27th, Ellesborough (6) 3. Monks Risborough (6) 6.30. No tea.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 7034

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Toddington (6), May 27th, 3 p.m. Train from Cheltenham. St. James', 2.30. Return trains 5.58, 7.39, 8.39. First Association meeting at Toddington. Learners especially welcome.—Charles Rouse. 52, St. George's Drive, Cheltenham. 7038

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Duffield, May 27th. 2.30. Bring food, cups of tea provided.—J. F. Wilkinson, Hon. Sec. 7042

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Toddington meeting, May 27th, cancelled.—Charles Rouse. Cheltenham. 7073

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday, May 29th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7032

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Chelmsford, Whit Monday, May 29th. Service in the Cathedral 11 a.m.; preacher, the Very Rev. C. K. Waller, M.A., Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral. Meeting to follow in the Chapter House. Lunch at the Cathedral Hall at 1.30 p.m.; members 2s. 6d., non-resident members and non-members 3s. 6d. Tea will be served as a running buffet in the Cathedral Hall from 4.30 to 6 p.m. at 1s. 6d. per head. Bells available: Cathedral (13 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3 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), Springfield (6).—Robert C. Heazell, Hon. Gen. Sec., The School House, Wimbish, near Saffron Walden, Essex. 6991

DEVON GUILD.—Annual at Ottery St. Mary, Whit Monday, May 29th. Service in Parish Church at 12 noon; preacher, Rev. W. H. Smale, Rector of Petrockstowe. Luncheon at 12.50 p.m. in the Church Institute; price per head 4s. 6d. Business meeting follows the luncheon. Towers open are Sidmouth (8), Sidbury (8) and Honiton (6 and 8).—Fredk. C. Smale, Hon. Sec. 6986

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Wicken on Whit Monday, May 29th. Committee meeting in the Schools 2.30. Guild service with address by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough 3.15. Tea on Vicarage lawn (schools if wet) 4.30. No name no tea; this is definite. Bells available: Newport Pagnell (8) 10.30 to 12 noon; Stony Stratford (8), Towcester (6), 11 to 1; Buckingham (8), Passenham (5), 1 to 2.45; Wicken, 1 o'clock onwards; Cosgrove (6), Paulerspury (6), Olney (8) and Hanslope (6) after meeting.—R. C. Noon, Guild Sec., 3, Denton Road, Brafield, Northants. 7022

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting of the joint branches at Crosthwaite, Keswick, on Whit Monday. Bells available 12.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to 14, Greta Hamlet, Keswick, Cumb.—J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Sec. 7069

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—Rededication of the rehing ring of eight at the Parish Church, tenor 13½ cwt., by Lord Bishop of Lewes, Wednesday, May 31st, 7 p.m., followed by ringing. All ringers cordially invited to attend.—Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. 6903

DUDLEY GUILD.—Meeting at Kinver, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Numbers, please, by May 30th to F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 7031

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Hernhill, Saturday, June 3rd, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 9d. per head. Names for tea, with cost enclosed, must reach me Wednesday, May 31st.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 7035

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Lakenheath, June 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve, Hockwold. 7050

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Newport Pagnell, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by May 29th. Other towers available in the evening, Chicheley (6), Great Linford (6).—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 7037

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Benenden (8) on June 3rd, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5s. Names for tea not later than May 31st to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge. 7044

LEICESTER GUILD (Melton District) and **SOUTHWELL GUILD** (Nottingham District).—Joint meeting at Bottesford, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5s. Names to Mr. C. H. Yallands, Bottesford, Notts, by June 1st latest.—J. H. Cook and W. Thornley. 7046

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Sible Hedingham (8), Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Castle Hedingham (6) bells available in the evening.—H. A. Pratt, District Sec. 7049

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Crusaders of the S.W. Division.—Meeting at South Benfleet (6), June 3rd, 3.30 p.m. Meeting essentially for learners, rounds upwards. Everybody welcome. Names for tea to C. L. Matson, Elm Tree Cottage, St. Mary's Road, South Benfleet. 7051

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Longbridge Deverill, June 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 7072

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Fairwarp (8), Saturday, June 3rd, at 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise by May 31st G. T. Jennings, 5, Malt-house Road, Crawley. 7084

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.—Ringing anniversary will be held on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Everybody welcome.—V. Ambrose. 7083

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—The Exeter Branch meeting arranged for June 3rd is cancelled.—E. J. Ryall, Hon. Sec. 7089

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly business meeting will be held at Bridekirk on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Bring own food.—Miss R. M. Haill, Branch Sec. 7087

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster and Furness and Lake District Branches.—Joint meeting, Silverdale, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea W. Bolton, Birkmeade, Silverdale, Carnforth.—J. Woods and N. M. Newby, Branch Secs. 7088

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Old Woking, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to D. Munday, 92, High Street, Old Woking, by Wednesday, 31st.—F. Hawthorne. 7080

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Penwortham, Saturday, June 3rd. Light refreshments provided.—L. Walmsley. 7075

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, June 3rd, St. Matthew's (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. No ringing after tea. Notify A. Bennett, 5, Lancaster Street, Redfield, Bristol 5. 7071

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Lutterworth (8), June 3rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Misterton (6) open after tea. Names by June 1st to E. W. Tipler, 47, Baker Street, Lutterworth, Rugby.—J. R. Smith. 7068

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Whitechurch (8), June 3rd. Tea for those who notify J. A. Hill, Maisley, Highbury Road, Anne Valley, Andover. 7060

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Bottisham, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7062

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rickmansworth (10), June 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 7024

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool, St. Aidan's, June 3rd, 2.30. Tea for all who notify Mr. T. W. Dobson, 181, Oxford Road, West Hartlepool, by June 1st. Method, Kent, among others.—W. F. Sheraton. 7058

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Bradfield on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. A. King, Bradfield Vicarage, near Sheffield. Bus leaves Malin Bridge Terminus at 2.30.—J. E. Turley. 7066

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Marchington, Saturday, June 3rd. Train departs Stoke 1.3 p.m.; departs Marchington 5.42, 6.28, 8.50 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Wainwright, Malt House, Marchington, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 7059

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Summer meeting at Sandhurst (6) on June 3rd. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Notify by May 27th.—B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 7056

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn and Rossendale Branches.—Joint meeting at Holy Trinity, Blackburn, June 3rd. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 7053

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at St. Briavels (8 bells), Saturday, June 3rd. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 31st.—J. C. Goulding, 27, High Street, Lydney, Glos. 7057

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Singleton on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. James Wilson, 20, Church Road, Singleton, not later than Wednesday, May 31st.—J. H. Foster. 7090

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Corscombe, Saturday, June 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting follow.—C. H. Lathey. 7054

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Long Sutton, Saturday, June 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Harrison, Roman Bank, Long Sutton, before June 3rd. 7067

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davertry Branch.—Meeting, Great Brington, Saturday, June 10th. Names to me for tea not later than Saturday, June 3rd.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 7070

MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH, SOMERSET.—Annual ringers' service, June 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea essential.—W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. 7074

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Crawford Cup contest and meeting, Tuxford (6), Saturday, June 10th, at 3 p.m. All names for tea to Mr. W. Brett, 1, Ashvale, Tuxford, Newark, by June 6th. Bells open for all after contest.—H. Denman. 7076

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham and Guildford Districts.—Combined meeting at Worplesdon (8) on Saturday, June 10th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea by June 7th to Mr. S. Petter, The Laurels, Fox Corner, Worplesdon.—G. S. Joyce and E. T. Lee, District Secs. 7077

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Abergavenny, Saturday, June 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea and business to follow. Tea 1s. 6d. per head to those who notify by June 5th Mr. George Ward, 69, Park Crescent, Abergavenny.—F. J. Hannington. 7078

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Southwold, June 10th, 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. R. S. Payne, 63, Pier Avenue, Southwold, by June 7th. 7081

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting at St. Paul's, Cross Stone, June 10th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. Bell, 5, Cooper Street, Halifax Road, Todmorden.—V. Wilson Sykes, Hon. Sec. 7092

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Llandudno, June 10th. Bells (8) 2. Service 3, followed by business meeting and tea. All those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, June 7th.—W. Catherall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 7091

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, June 10th, Pentrich (5). Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5. Business after tea. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 7th, to Mr. H. B. Walters, 139, Lowes Hill, Ripley, Derbyshire. 7081

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Queenborough (6) on Saturday, June 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea, which is by kind invitation. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 6th, to Mr. S. Rayfield, 35, Stanley Avenue, Queenborough. 7085

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HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and six bell prize contest, June 24th, at Lindley. For teas please notify Mr. G. Gee, 92, Wellington Street, Oakes, Huddersfield, by June 10th. Entrance fee (10s.) to A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughtown, Mossley, Manchester, by June 10th if possible. 7047

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—Preliminary notice. — The 327th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 24th. Details later.—L. E. Pitstow. 7045

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — Outing to Cambridge, Saturday, July 8th. Ringing at Bishop's Stortford and four Cambridge towers (6, two 8's, 12). Cost £1. Only a few seats left. Orders with a deposit, please, to P. Hutchings, 20, Hayter Road, S.W.2. 7065

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual shield contest at Wentworth, July 10th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Closing date for entries June 3rd. Names for teas not later than June 3rd to Mr. G. West, 25, The Square, Wentworth, near Rotherham. — D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 7086

CHRIST CHURCH, FRIEZLAND.—An open six-bell contest will be held at the above tower on Saturday, August 5th. Entrance fee 10s. per team, to be returned to each company completing 120 changes of test piece of 600 changes, any method. Draw to take place at 12.45 p.m. For full particulars and entry form please write Mr. L. Dawson, 28, Shaw Hall Bank Road, Greenfield, Oldham, Lancs. 7011

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—The first post-war annual dinner has been arranged for Saturday, October 21st, at the Lion Hotel, Guildford. Further details later.—W. Viggers. 7079

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SURPRISE METHODS

THE latest addition to the A. J. Corrigan series on Surprise Methods, now available, is doubly welcome. Not only is it a valuable contribution to the history of this branch of the art, but its appearance signifies the compiler's recovery from an illness which has delayed publication for several months.

The contents include lists of the first peals in Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus methods, the Major list being naturally by far the longest. The lists are in alphabetical order by method names, which arrangement is appropriate to their chief purpose of showing whether or not a peal has been rung in a given method, though this is not the only information that can be extracted from the data given.

For instance, examination of the dates of first peals shows clearly the great expansion in variety of methods during the nineteen-thirties. Presaged by the introduction of two or three new methods in most years of the preceding decade, the year 1932 produced such a spate of Major methods that it must be regarded as the beginning of a new era. No doubt the activity of composers in evolving new methods provided both the opportunity and the stimulus for the achievements recorded, but success was due to another factor. That a band should ring a peal in a fresh method with little or no practice would have seemed incredible in earlier times, though it is becoming commonplace to-day. Without improvements in the technique of method ringing, the score could not have mounted so rapidly. If, in the near future, the flood shows signs of abating, the explanation must be sought in the approaching exhaustion of the Surprise Major field. But the experience gained is available for application in other fields. The lists of peals in Royal and Maximus methods suggest that the lead given by Major is already being followed on ten and twelve bells; although here the scope is much greater, the opportunities for peal ringing are fewer, so that progress will inevitably be less spectacular.

In addition to first peals in separate methods, the first spliced peals in progressive numbers of methods are listed. Comparison of these lists with those for single methods reveals a parallel development in both fields. The few years' priority discernible in the advance of spliced ringing is attributable mainly to one band. This fact suggests another instructive way in which the data can be dissected, namely, in terms of the towers at which new methods have been rung. Such an analysis discloses the

existence of enthusiastic pioneers in certain localities, whose success has encouraged others to persevere in the mastery of advanced ringing.

Mr. Corrigan's diligence in compiling this comprehensive tabulation has supplied a compact reference book of past achievements which will also form a convenient basis for planning future performances. M. H.

WISDOM FROM YORKSHIRE

A PART from chronicling domestic happenings, there is much ringing commonsense in the 74th annual report of the Yorkshire Association. It has been written by a knowledgeable pen. Commenting upon the wide variety of Surprise methods rung during the year, the report states: 'There is no doubt that Surprise ringing is becoming increasingly popular as the opportunity to practise the higher methods increases; this is all to the good, and your committee welcomes this advance in change ringing. It should, however, be pointed out once more that good striking is more important than intricate method ringing; there is no reason why the two should not go together—in many cases they do—but perhaps it will not be out of place to warn our younger members of the risk of allowing their ambitions to be ruled by impatience. It is better to establish a good standard of striking, until it becomes a second nature, than to launch out in difficult method ringing with the hope that good striking will follow. That rarely happens, and it should be borne in mind that, while the listening public cannot distinguish a Surprise method from a Plain one, there are many people who can tell the difference between good and bad striking; they can be influenced, and often are, by what they hear.

Another delicious touch! 'Ringers have many ambitions. Some like to ring as many new methods as possible, some to ring in as many different towers as possible. Some have a particular liking for tenors, while others seem to be attracted by heavy bells, presumably to work off some of their surplus energy!' This craving for weight is apparent in our performances this year by the peals which have been rung on the heavy back eight at Wakefield Cathedral and Leeds Parish Church and the peal of Minor on the back six at Howden.

During the year the Association rang 148 peals (a record) and it is interesting to note that 45 members rang their first peal and 316 their first in a particular method. Six members called their first peal, and the 148 peals were shared by 42 conductors. In the matter of individual performances, Mr. J. E. Cawser, who is the leader of the

band which has rung all the new Surprise methods for the Association this year, has passed the 200 mark for the Association; three others of his band—Messrs. M. C. Fowler, A. Firth and F. B. Ditcher—have passed the first century for the Yorkshire Association. Mr. Eric Critchley is the top peal scorer for the year with 38 peals, followed by E. Jenkins with 37. Mr. J. E. Cawser heads the list of conductors by calling 26 peals.

One final point. Mr. W. Barton, who has prepared 30 reports for the Association, has resigned. We should like, on behalf of the Exercise, to acknowledge his work. The Yorkshire annual report is an exceedingly useful document, especially for conductors. The current issue contains 42 compositions new to the Association, a useful addition to the ringers' library.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb.

JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
PHILIP A. CORBY ... 2	DAVID E. PARSONS ... 8
JOYCE A. ENGLAND ... 3	PHILIP A. F. CHALK ... 9
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 4	WILLIAM ROGERS ... 10
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 5	FRANK E. DARBY ... 11
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 6	T. MARK WHITE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. Spice, sen., mother of the hon. secretary of the Association.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb.

DOROTHY M. UDALE ... <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 7
ELIZABETH FAULKNALL ... 2	HARRY G. WAYNE ... 8
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 9
JILL POOLE ... 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 10
JOHN R. SMITH ... 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 11
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 6	HAROLD J. POOLE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Maximus ever to be rung in this method.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., May 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

FRANK E. PERVIN ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN PINFOLD ... 7
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 2	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 9
ALBERT WALKER ... 4	HENRY H. FEARN ... 10
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 6	EDWARD T. LLOYD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung in honour of the installation of Alderman A. Paddon Smith, J.P., as Lord Mayor of Birmingham, in the City Council Chamber on the same day, May 23rd.

TEN BELL PEALS

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

WILLIAM WENBAN ... <i>Treble</i>	STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 2	RICHARD G. BELL ... 7
*THOMAS A. CLARK ... 3	†HARRY TIMMS ... 8
†GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 9
FREDK. W. ELLIOTT ... 5	FREDK. H. CROOK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. HALEY. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

*First peal on ten. †First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 12, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

MRS. K. F. J. PARR ... <i>Treble</i>	*ERIC DODDS ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	†EDWIN C. HYNARD ... 7
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS ... 3	THOMAS F. DAVIES ... 8
NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH ... 4	DAVID G. CHARNLEY ... 9
SQUIRE CROFT ... 5	HAROLD W. ROGERS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by HENRY HALEY. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

*First peal of Kent Treble Bob. †First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. For the dedication and opening by the Bishop of London of a temporary church built within the walls of the destroyed church.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*WILLIAM A. LACY ... <i>Treble</i>	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 6
JILL POOLE ... 2	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 7
ELIZABETH FAULKNALL ... 3	MICHAEL D. STANFORTH ... 8
ALBERT E. THOMPSON ... 4	JOHN R. SMITH ... 9
†HAROLD TAYLOR ... 5	PETER J. STANFORTH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

*First peal. †First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5200 CHANGES;

Ilkeston Variation.

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb.

ALBERT E. THOMPSON ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 6
WILLIAM A. PARSONS ... 2	MARK BARKER ... 7
EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 3	*PHILIP WHITAKER ... 8
WILFRED H. BUXTON ... 4	EDWARD F. GOBEY ... 9
JACK BAILEY ... 5	HAROLD TAYLOR ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD F. GOBEY.

*First peal of Royal. First of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Royal for all except the ringer of the 3rd, and for the Association. To celebrate the centenary of the Parish Church of St. Paul.

HERTFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 25 lb. in D.

REGINALD DORE ... <i>Treble</i>	*JAMES M. PAGE ... 6
*ERIC EDMONDSON ... 2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ... 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 3	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON ... 8
STANLEY A. CARTER ... 4	SIDNEY F. CARTER ... 9
WILLIAM J. SOUTHAM ... 5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.

*First peal on ten bells. First peal of St. Clement's Bob Royal by this Association. First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

JOHN ANDERSON ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ... 6
MARGARET FIDELL ... 2	ARNOLD BRUNTON ... 7
KENNETH ARTHUR ... 3	DENIS A. BAYLES ... 8
JOHN A. BROWN ... 4	ERNEST WALLACE ... 9
THOMAS W. CROWE ... 5	W. NORMAN PARK ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

The first peal of Cambridge Royal on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Comprising 1,440 each of London and Rutland, 768 Bristol and 480 each of Yorkshire, Superlative and Cambridge, with 113 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED J. HOUSE ... <i>Treble</i>	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 5
*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 2	THOMAS J. LOCK ... 6
*RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 7
ALICK CUTLER ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in six methods.

EWHURST, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 17, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

*LEONARD STILWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	*HAROLD A. MAY ... 5
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2	*T. MARK WHITE ... 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7
*FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

SHALFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GUILDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... <i>Treble</i>	*HAROLD A. MAY ... 5
*LEONARD STILWELL ... 2	*T. MARK WHITE ... 6
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7
*FREDK. A. MUNDAY ... 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WM. G. BIBBY (II) ... <i>Treble</i>	DENNIS MADDOCK ... 5
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 2	WILLIAM ALLMAN ... 6
*FREDERICK JACKSON ... 3	JOHN ORM ... 7
HENRY O. BAKER ... 4	WALTER ALLMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

* First peal.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Consisting of 2,880 changes of London, 800 Bristol, 864 Cambridge, 576 Superlative, with 120 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

TERENCE A. THORNBUR ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN R. SMITH ... 5
ALFRED BALLARD ... 2	J. FREDK. MILNER ... 6
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 3	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 7
*ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. For the feast of St. Dunstan, patron saint of bellringers.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

THOMAS W. BOND ... <i>Treble</i>	BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... 5
WM. H. B. WILKINS ... 2	EDWIN G. MOORE ... 6
ALAN R. PINK ... 3	CHARLES COLES ... 7
*M. ANGELA CARTER ... 4	EDGAR J. SMITH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Major. The conductor's 200th peal for the Guild (141 conducted).

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

WILLIE AARON ... <i>Treble</i>	EDWARD IDDON ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 6
JACK CLEGG ... 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 7
ALBERT GREENHALGH ... 4	RICHARD BENSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Comprising 768 London, 1,408 Bristol and 1,440 each of Superlative and Cambridge, with 123 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

*JAMES THORLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	*ERNEST A. THORPE ... 5
*MILTON C. FOWLER ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
*†F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 3	*GIBSON JACKSON ... 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 4	†J. EDWARD CAWSE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † 100th peal together. First peal of Spliced Surprise on the bells.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR PEAKE ... 5
FREDK. W. GROCOTT ... 2	THOMAS PRICE ... 6
*FREDK. LEECH ... 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
MARGARET RIGBY ... 4	FREDERICK PRICE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by F. W. GROCOTT.

* First peal of Major and first 'inside' on eight bells. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., May 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

BERTRAM C. HINES ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK V. GANT ... 5
ROBERT C. HEAZEL ... 2	HARRY TURNER ... 6
*STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 3	DENIS A. S. SYMONDS ... 7
ALBERT E. PRYKE ... 4	JOHN STICH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* 150th tower-bell peal. In honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. D. A. S. Symonds and grandson to Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Symonds.



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On Sat., May 20, 1950, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb.

MRS. A. RICHARDSON ... Treble	*THOMAS H. CHARLTON ... 5
*FRANK TAYLOR ... 2	*JOHN G. AMES ... 6
*FREDA OLDERSHAW ... 3	*CYRIL WANDER ... 7
AUBREY D. MILLS ... 4	*STANLEY E. BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by E. H. LEWIS.

* First peal in the method.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Davies' Transposition.	Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.
JOSEPH A. FENTON ... Treble	*JOHN E. T. WISEMAN ... 5
FREDK. A. SALTER ... 2	WALTER NICHOLS ... 6
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS ... 3	HENRY CLAYTON ... 7
CLEMENT GLENN ... 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., May 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

*MOLLY WESTOBY ... Treble	ARTHUR D. COOK ... 5
GEORGE E. FEARN ... 2	EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 6
S. GEORGE CHAPLIN ... 3	VINCENT A. HEMMING ... 7
JOHN SCOTT ... 4	†JOHN W. HOVEY ... Tenor

Conducted by VINCENT A. HEMMING.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. For the 40th anniversary of S. G. Chaplin's first peal.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*PETER ROMNEY ... Treble	JOHN DEARLOVE ... 5
C. ERNEST SMITH ... 2	LEONARD STILWELL ... 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 3	GEORGE W. CECIL ... 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... 4	RAYMOND OVERY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

WARMINSTER, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At the Minster Church of St. Denys,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. E. Groves' Transposition.	Tenor 28 cwt. in D
BETTY SPICE ... Treble	DONALD E. LEE ... 5
MRS. DORA EVANS ... 2	FREDK. S. SLATFORD ... 6
GEORGE J. HAWKINS ... 3	ROGER O. FRY ... 7
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING ... 4	KENNETH F. MEDWAY ... Tenor

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 21, 1950, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Bertoline,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*ERIC B. ALLMAN ... Treble	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 5
JOHN BRASSINGTON ... 2	HENRY PARKER ... 6
ERIC HORNBY ... 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN ... 7
DAVID SMITH ... 4	HARRY W. HOWARD ... Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. A birthday compliment to the father of the conductor and J. Brassington.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Consisting of 2,688 London, 1,056 Bristol, 672 Cambridge and 672 Superlative. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

JAMES A. MILNER ... Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... 6
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	WALTER ALLMAN ... 7
JAMES FERNLEY ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

WILFRED STEVENSON ... Treble	†HEDLEY WOOD ... 5
JUNE HENSHAW ... 2	*HARRY FARRER ... 6
*ANNE WORTH ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... 7
†GERALD FARRER ... 4	†GORDON HENSHAW ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung by fellow-members of the Christ Church tower to celebrate the occasion of the election to the office of Mayor of Macclesfield of Councillor J. B. Hilderley, a member of the tower.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 23, 1950, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

BERNARD BOVER ... Treble	PETER J. EVES ... 5
*FREDERICK SOUTER ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 6
ERNEST J. RUNTER ... 3	ARTHUR H. EDWARDS ... 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 4	GERALD FROST ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 24, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOSEPH D. HARRIS ... Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 5
E. JOAN SALMONS ... 2	FREDK. W. ROGERS ... 6
*REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD ... 3	JOHN H. HUNT ... 7
JOHN W. MEADE ... 4	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

* First peal in the method.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

*JEAN C. BROWN ... Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
*SELWYN H. DEARDEN ... 2	*DAVID VINCENT ... 6
*†STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... 3	*†PHILIP H. TOCOCK ... 7
*ALAN J. BROWN ... 4	*FRED DUNKERLEY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together. First peal in the method for the Association. To celebrate Empire Day.

SIX BELL PEALS

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Hilda,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MARGERY COULSON ... Treble	MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 4
MARGARET FIDELL ... 2	E. PETER ROCK ... 5
†WILLIAM MAUGHAN ... 3	PETER W. B. SEMMENS ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER W. B. SEMMENS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor and in three methods. First peal of Minor and in three methods as conductor.

SILKSTONE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb.

WILFRED BROADHEAD ... Treble	WILMOT MANN ... 4
LEONARD WM. GARbutt ... 2	SQUIRE FIELDING ... 5
IRVING CROSSLAND ... 3	HARRY MANN ... Tenor

Conducted by IRVING CROSSLAND.

PRISTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*RONALD LOCKE ... Treble	HEIDLEY GRIFFIN ... 4
JOHN FOWLER ... 2	EDWARD CONNOCK ... 5
*SIDNEY JOHNSON ... 3	DENNIS MERRICK ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD CONNOCK.

* First peal. A welcome to the Rector, the Rev. A. F. Bell, who was recently inducted to the living. Also a farewell to Ronald Locke, Royal Marines, who is leaving for a commission in Malaya.

BUCKWELL, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wed., May 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND GILES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE COURT MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

DONALD PITMAN ... Treble	JAMES SMITH ... 4
BRIAN PIDGEON ... 2	JOHN CARTER ... 5
SIDNEY SKINNER ... 3	JOHN QUICK ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.

A birthday compliment for F. Parr and a wedding compliment for Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Retter. First peal on the bells.

HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in twelve methods: (1) Spliced Single Oxford Bob and Single Court, (2) Spliced Plain and Double Bob, (3) Double Court, (4) Spliced St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (5) Spliced Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (6) Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure; with 105 changes of method. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*MARY PEMBERTON ... Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 4
*WILLIAM F. BUTLER ... 2	GEORGE GILBERT ... 5
*+WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 3	*FRANK H. HICKS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS,

* First peal in twelve methods. +100th tower-bell peal. Believed to be the first peal in twelve methods on the bells.

SHARNBROOK, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

PERCY AMOS ... Treble	RONALD J. SHARP ... 4
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 2	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS ... 5
WILFRED SURRIDGE ... 3	HARRY WOODING ... Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

A wedding anniversary peal for H. Wooding. Rung on the eve of Ascension Day. Believed quickest peal on the bells, restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1924.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... Treble	CHARLES E. BROWN ... 4
*MARIANNE GANN ... 2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 5
JAMES H. MUSSON ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by J. L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Minor.

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On Sat., May 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

CECIL T. CLARKE Treble	FREDERICK W. SMART ... 4
ARTHUR H. REED 2	WILFRID R. KENT 5
RONALD D. SHORT 3	WILLIAM G. GIGG Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

The first peal of Minor on the bells.

BARNESLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of New London Pleasure, Duke of York, London Scholars, Oxford, Merchant's Return, Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob.

*DEREK DAVIS Treble	LEONARD W. CARBUTT ... 4
CYRIL RUSBY 2	*EDWIN ATKINSON ... 5
*IRVING CROSSLAND ... 3	ERIC STAINROD Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD W. CARBUTT.

* First peal in seven methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., May 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4	MICHAEL J. E. BEST 7-8

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPICED ROYAL, 5016 CHANGES;

In three methods, comprising 2,640 Plain Bob, 1,320 Double Bob and 1,056 Little Bob, with 264 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

JAMES E. DANIELS 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4	ROY C. HURST 7-8
MICHAEL J. E. BEST 9-10	

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: ALBERT H. WARD.

First peal of Spiced Royal by all and for the Guild 'in hand.'

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

A PEAL OF SPICED MAJOR, 5004 CHANGES;

Being 26 methods: Colville, Romsey, Cheltenham, Leamington, Pulford, Avalon, Painswick, Kidlington, Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's, Crayford College, Richmond, New London, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Little Oxford Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Wellington Little Court, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court, Bastow Little Court, and Kent Little Court, 352 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN 3-4	PHILIP BARNES 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

The greatest number of Major methods yet rung in a peal.

TARRYTOWN, N.Y., U.S.A.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 16, 1950, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,

AT 217, HIGHLAND AVENUE, PHILIPSE MANOR,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 120's of Stedman and twenty 120's each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

BERNARD H. SWINSON ... 1-2	ROLAND PARK 3-4
IRENE PARK 5-6	

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wed., May 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

No. 22. Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD 1-2	DANIEL J. MATKIN 5-6
JAMES E. DANIELS 3-4	MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 7-8
MICHAEL J. E. BEST 9-10	

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT 39, TITIAN AVENUE,

A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Consisting of 960 London, 800 Superlative, 640 each of Rutland, Wembley, Ealing and Cambridge, 480 of Bristol and 320 of Ashtead, with 139 changes of method.

MARGARET D. WOOLLEY ... 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5-6
*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

Umpire: WILLIAM WENBAN.

* 300th handbell peal. This umpire checked every lead-end throughout the peal. This is the first peal in eight Surprise Major methods rung on handbells.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wed., May 17, 1950, in 1 Hour and 23 Minutes,

IN SACRED TRINITY BELFRY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

*J. NEVILLE HAILE 1-2	RONALD D. AIREY 3-4
ERIC NIXON 5-6	

Conducted by ERIC NIXON.

* First peal off tenors. First peal as conductor.

COVENTRY.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT 68, NEWFIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH ... 1-2	HUBERT ASHLEY 5-6
FRANK E. PERVIN 3-4	*C. HENRY WEBB 7-8

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

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

Tenor size 17.

*JOSEPH A. FENTON 1-2	*ALAN CATTELL 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

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ACTON, LONDON.—On May 14th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: W. J. Ellis 1, G. M. Kilby 2, L. H. Bowler 3, T. G. Bannister 4, F. A. Finch 5, A. Cutler 6, R. E. Price 7, T. Price (cond.) 8. For the first anniversary of the Mission to London.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On May 7th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. W. Everett 1, P. Page 2, W. Marshall 3, M. Marshall 4, F. G. Huckstepp (cond.) 5, W. Ring 6, H. Parks 7, T. Cullingworth 8. A birthday compliment to the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Cullingworth.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On May 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Tomlin 1, Joyce Gibbons 2, Joyce England 3, A. Clayton 4, A. Arnold 5, J. S. Pink 6, L. Bance 7, L. A. Reece 8, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 9, F. D. Jennings 10.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—On May 6th, 1,264 Bob Major: S. H. Wallace 1, D. J. Hare 2, A. S. Smith 3, H. W. Smith 4, J. Church 5, C. J. Smith 6, B. F. Sims 7, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 8. First of Major for 2 and 3.

BOLTON, LANCs.—On May 12th at St. Peter's, Smithills, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. B. Webster 1, A. Tomlinson 2, A. Heywood 3, F. Brownlow 4, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 5, A. Greenhalgh 6, R. Benson 7, J. F. Wood 8.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral on May 9th, 1,320 Bob Maximus: D. Chatfield 1, Miss B. E. Philpott 2, Miss M. M. Brockman 3, J. Walter 4, H. R. French 5, C. E. Buesden 6, J. W. Unwin 7, S. White 8, S. Walter 9, T. H. Holmes 10, B. J. Luck 11, R. G. French (composer and conductor) 12.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On May 10th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 720 Grandsire): Dorothy A. Walden (13) 1, C. A. E. Treasure 2, E. E. Coombs 3, C. W. Toyne 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, R. J. Walden 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. First in three methods for 2, 3 and 4. A farewell compliment to ringer of 4th on his transfer from Piddlehinton Camp.

QUARTER PEALS

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Barratt 1, A. Worth 2, E. Pimlott (cond.) 3, J. Lawrence (first 'inside') 4, A. Street 5, J. P. Jackson 6. A birthday compliment to J. P. Jackson.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. T. J. Roberts 1, F. J. Lewis, sen. (cond.) 2, J. Hope 3, Rev. T. P. Hearn 4, F. J. Lewis, jun. 5, E. H. Jefferies 6, W. H. Hayward 7, R. R. Wallis 8. Half-muffled in memoriam of Mr. Berkeley Stephens.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's Church on May 7th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: G. Boyden (first quarter) 1, H. T. Pye (first 'inside' in method) 2, E. P. Duffield 3, C. Andrews 4, A. Andrews 5, L. Mills 6, J. Edwards 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8.

DEAL, KENT.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joy Milner 1, W. Bottrill (cond.) 2, J. Baxter 3, M. M. Milner (first 'inside') 4, A. Rye 5, W. Mount (first quarter) 6. Half-muffled in memory of Canon Bowser, late Rector of this parish, after the funeral service.

GORING-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Ansell 1, Miss Anne Rae 2, F. Meetens 3, K. Bryder 4, H. Weaver (cond.) 5, A. E. Baker 6. To mark 51 years' bellringing and the 76th birthday of Mr. A. E. Baker.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Ricketts (first quarter) 1, K. Gristwood 2, A. Jones 3, E. R. Gladman 4, W. W. Webb (first as cond.) 5, W. Godfrey 6, W. A. Lewis 7, W. Winter 8.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On May 11th, 1,264 Bob Major: S. H. Symonds 1, V. Ambrose 2, Miss O. B. Lambert 3, F. Day 4, D. Reeve 5, F. Boreham 6, F. F. Mortlock 7, M. T. Symonds (cond.) 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. Symonds, of Blackmore, Essex, on the birth of a son and heir.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.—On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Beeson (first quarter) 1, W. N. Genna 2, G. H. Hart 3, D. Burton 4, E. W. Thurlow 5, T. Collins (cond.) 6, R. Wilkinson 7, H. Stratford 8.

PUDDLETOWN, DORSET.—On May 5th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): I. Read (14) 1, C. A. E. Treasure 2, E. E. Coombs 3, C. W. Toyne 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, F. C. Davis 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. First in two methods for 2, 3 and 4.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On May 4th, 1,200 Grandsire Doubles: W. Wood 1, L. Paice 2, W. J. Parker (cond.) 3, C. W. Barlow 4, F. Cooper 5, J. Lowe (first quarter, aged 15) 6.

STOKE, LINC'S.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. R. Woods 1, Miss E. Towns (first quarter 'inside') 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, F. S. Parsons 4, J. M. Simpson (first as cond.) 5.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church on April 23rd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Royal: W. W. T. Daniell 1, Miss B. E. Ll. Roberts 2, C. J. Gardner (cond.) 3, F. Wilton 4, G. W. Townsend 5, Miss M. E. Richards 6, R. G. Townsend 7, H. W. Bishop 8, E. J. Berry 9, T. Townsend 10. First quarter of Kent Royal and first in the method for 2 and 4.—On April 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. J. Gardner 1, Miss M. Skinner 2, Miss M. E. Richards 3, T. Tickner 4, F. Wilton 5, Miss B. E. Ll. Roberts (cond.) 6, T. Townsend 7, E. J. Berry 8, W. W. T. Daniell 9, E. Vincent 10.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On May 7th, 1,200 Doubles, being 480 Bob Doubles and 720 Grandsire: P. Wilson 1, W. Absalem 2, F. Absalem (cond.) 3, J. Godman 4, T. Sellwood 5, A. Davis 6.

WHISTON, YORKS.—On May 1st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: P. Longley (aged 12) 1, Cynthia Edmondson (15) 2, Stephen Wright (15) 3, Shirley Bampton (16) 4, W. Robinson (16) 5, G. S. Lee 6, T. Cutts 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8.

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Two ringers were elected
as Mayors on Tuesday.
Ald. A. Paddon Smith,
J.P., became Lord Mayor of Birmingham, and
Cclr. J. B. Hilderley Mayor of Macclesfield.
Cclr. Hilderley rings at Christ Church, Maccles-
field.

Worcester Cathedral bells will not be avail-
able this summer owing to the two remaining
pinnacles being repaired.

The band which rang the peal at Warminster
on May 20th would like to take the opportunity
of thanking Mr. N. Pearson for the arrange-
ments he made to welcome the visitors and for
having the bells ready on their arrival.

The Great Horwood, Bucks, bells are in the
process of being reinstated after receiving
attention at the Whitechapel Foundry. We
regret that we were misinformed in regard to
the paragraph in the issue of May 12th regard-
ing Bletchley, Bucks, bells.

Tender apologies are proffered to Mr. Denis
A. Bayles in regard to claiming that the recent
peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at West
Hartlepool was the first by a resident band for
the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Associa-
tion since 1924. He regrets that he has been
misinformed.

The 50th anniversary of a peal of Double
Norwich Court Bob Major at Walkden, Lancs,
was commemorated by a peal in the same
method on May 19th. The only survivor of
the original band, Mr. Percy H. Derbyshire,
rang the sixth.

Are there any licensed lay readers interested
in a peal attempt on Saturday, October 14th,
next? If so, please write to H. A. Price,
Eagle House, Yatton, near Bristol, stating (a)
parish in which licensed; (b) Grandsire or Sted-
man Triples preferred; (c) conductor or not.

BELFRY GOSSIP

As a mark of respect
and esteem for Mr. E.
Humphrey on his 80th birth-
day, a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at
Reading on May 18th. Edgar rang the 9th,
which is not the best going bell in the tower,
faultlessly. He rang his first peal 63 years
ago, and in his own words has not been a
peal grabber, having yet to reach the 200
mark, but says he had the pleasure of ringing
some remarkably fine peals, several being
under his conductorship.

After the peal Mr. Humphrey entertained
the band to supper and his health was toasted
with sincerity by the band. He is a fine ex-
ample to any youngster, writes our cor-
respondent, being most punctual and regular
at Sunday service ringing and practice, and
his word is his bond. A fine man, a fine ringer
and a fine member of St. Laurence's band.

It cost the Yorkshire Association £29 10s. to
entertain the Central Council at York last year.

The meeting of the Tonbridge District of the
Kent County Association for June 3rd is at
Brenchley and not Benenden as announced in
a previous issue of 'The Ringing World.'

The contract for the new ring of eight, with
tenor approximately 16½ cwt., for the old
Parish Church at Bromley, Kent, has been
placed with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

Before any attempt could be made to ring
a peal of Doubles at Norton on May 20th, the
efforts of the 'handyman' of the band were
necessary. After the tenor had been eased
from its headstock on one side and a wedge
driven in, the tenorman expressed the view
that he stood a much better chance now that
the bell did not catch on the frame. With
this and modifications to a few pulley-blocks
and rope holes on intermediate floors, a good
peal was rung, the first on the bells for 26
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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

THE annual meeting of the Sussex County Association took place in Brighton on May 13th. The church chosen for the Association's service this year was St. Peter's, and at the service the Vicar of Brighton gave the address on the subject of the appeal of bells to the public and the services of ringers as church officials.

The business meeting took place in St. Peter's Memorial Hall after the tea, at which 121 members and visitors were present. With the Master, Mr. F. I. Hairs, in the chair, a welcome was extended to the Vicar of Brighton, the Vicar of St. Nicholas', Brighton, and to Mr. E. A. Whiting, churchwarden of St. Peter's.

The secretary (Mr. S. E. Armstrong) was instructed to write to Mr. O. Sippetts, hon. treasurer, expressing the meeting's sympathy with him in his illness and their hopes for a speedy recovery.

Mr. C. Tyler, of Henfield, a foundation member, had congratulations expressed to him on the anniversary of his diamond wedding, while Messrs. Godley, Steele and Cherryman were congratulated on their combined service of 172 years to Aldrington tower.

KEITH HART MEMORIAL.

Arising from the minutes, the secretary stated that £26 5s. had been raised towards the erection of a bronze tablet to the memory of Mr. K. Hart. This was considered a rather disappointing result, as the cost, apart from faculty fees and cost of erection, had been estimated at £25. Mr. C. J. Cooper enquired how the necessary balance was to be raised, and on the chairman's statement that it was to be paid from the Association funds, he suggested that towers could contribute more, and promised assistance from the Church of the Good Shepherd. A tracing of the proposed memorial was on view, and the secretary reported that the design had now been submitted to the Diocesan Advisory Committee for their approval.

FINANCIAL POSITION.

The balance sheet, which showed a balance of £338 8s. 10d. on all accounts, and Master's report were adopted after the Eastern Division auditor had pointed out that his comment on the divisional balance sheet had been omitted and requested its inclusion.

The peal secretary reported the ringing of 87 peals in the year, with 36 conductors.

When the question of the divisional levies was opened, it was suggested that they should be at a fixed percentage, instead of being based on the expenses of the Central Fund, and levied at varying percentages from year to year. In the absence of the treasurer, Messrs. G. T. Jennings and R. G. Blackman replied, stating that previously the amount levied had not been enough to cover the working expenses; the cash balance in the central fund was becoming low; and that the divisions had had an opportunity to build up their balances at the expense of the Central Fund. The auditor of the Eastern Division was of the opinion that income should be levied on the year to which it applied. In particular the Eastern Division had received a number of outstanding affiliation fees for 1947 and 1948 that should be levied on the percentage for those years, which was considerably lower than the 91½ per cent. of 1949. Eventually the levies were adopted.

In the election of officers, the president and vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc.

A NEW MASTER.

Mr. F. I. Hairs, who had occupied the Mastership for the past year, although technically not a resident member, stated that there was no immediate probability of his returning to the county, and therefore wished not to offer himself for re-election. He thanked the officers and members for their loyal support during his period of office. Mr.

R. G. Blackman proposed and Mr. Hills seconded the election of Mr. and Mrs. Hairs as life members in recognition of their services, and on behalf of the meeting Mr. Blackman thanked the retiring Master for the excellent work he had done in the county.

The names of Mr. G. Bond, of St. Peter's, Brighton, and Mr. G. W. Cecil, of Haywards Heath, were proposed and seconded as Master. A ballot was taken and Mr. Cecil was elected and took the chair. He was welcomed by the retiring Master and the general secretary, and in reply thanked the meeting for his election.

The other officers were re-elected as follows: Hon. treasurer, Mr. O. Sippetts; hon. general secretary, Mr. S. E. Armstrong; peal secre-



MR. G. W. CECIL,
The new Master of the Sussex County
Association.

tary, Mr. J. Dearlove; Central Fund auditors, Messrs. Bond and Overy; hon. trustees of funds, Messrs. Butcher, Dallaway and Tompkins.

INSURANCE OF RINGERS.

On the question of insurance of ringers, Mr. Rayfield, of Rye, described an accident he had experienced in the tower resulting in a broken ankle and wrist, by a heavy trap door which caused him to fall from the tower ladder. He had approached the Church authorities regarding any liability they might have in such instances, as it was one which might well affect any ringer anywhere. He had been informed that as there was no inherent defect in either the trap door or the ladder, no liability was admitted by the Church authorities.

Mr. Dallaway stated that he had had a communication from an insurance company who would be prepared to issue a group policy at a cost of one shilling per head per annum. Mr. C. J. Cooper stated that in general church insurance did not apply to ringers, as they were not employees, but on payment of a small extra premium, and with the inclusion of an extra clause, ringers could be adequately covered against accidents in the tower.

The Master closed the discussion by pointing out that ringers should approach their Parochial Church Councils with the object of getting this clause included in the insurance policy.

Under any other business, Mr. P. Bond complained that the meeting had only been advertised once in 'The Ringing World' and that the touches rung at the meeting were too long. The General Secretary replied that two notices had been published in 'The Ringing

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Joint Meeting at Nuneaton

A joint meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Guild and the Hinckley District of the Leicester Guild took place at Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, on May 13th. Ringing to suit all tastes on the ten bells was indulged in during the afternoon and evening, and a short service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby, president of the Coventry Diocesan Guild. He paid tribute to ringers whose service for the church combined so readily with social activities in a greater degree than other spheres of church work.

About 60 sat down to tea in the Parish Hall and later in the evening a social was held, attended by about 150 ringers and friends. Dances and games were interspersed with hand-bell ringing, tunes by the Earl Shilton ringers and Grandisre Caters by a mixed band of both Guilds. Mr. H. J. Poole, president of the Leicester Guild, congratulated the organisers on the success of the gathering and hoped it was the forerunner of many more. Mr. F. K. Measures (hon. secretary of Hinckley District) acted as M.C. in his usual efficient manner.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION MEETING AT RUISLIP.

Not since pre-war days had the Middlesex visited Ruislip on a Saturday afternoon, and a very warm welcome was extended on May 13th by the Vicar, the Rev. E. C. Morimer, to the Association and to the 35 members who attended.

Ringing under the supervision of the Master, Mr. T. Price, was confined to the standard methods and Cambridge Surprise Major, the long draught of rope making good striking difficult for the less experienced ringers.

A beautiful service, conducted by the Vicar, was very much enjoyed, the closing hymn, 'Ruislip Bells,' being a special feature, this hymn being written and the tune composed by a friend of the Ruislip ringers many years ago. Mr. Raymond Cooke was at the organ.

An open-air business meeting was held in the beautiful spring sunshine, with Mr. E. C. S. Turner in the chair, supported by the district officers, when a very warm vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar, the organist, and Mr. Tom Collins, the secretary of the Ruislip band, for arranging what had proved a most enjoyable meeting.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The May meeting was held in the tower of the ancient Church of St. Oswald, at Guiseley, on May 20th. At this church the old bells were installed in 1846 and taken away for recasting in 1946, and they are now a pleasure to ring and listen to.

Ringing commenced early and continued until 5 p.m., when an adjournment to the old Tythe Barn (now modernised as a Parochial Hall) was made for tea, over twenty enjoying a splendid meal. At the business meeting the president (Mr. T. Hill) occupied the chair and two new members were elected, viz., Mr. C. Maxfield (Boston Spa) and Miss Jean Stewart (Otley).

The vote of thanks to the Rector, churchwardens and local company, including the ladies for preparing and serving tea, was proposed in a very able manner by Mr. Jack Gibson and seconded by Mr. J. W. Benten. Mr. W. Dixon acknowledged the vote.

The next meeting is due to be held at Idle on June 24th.

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World' and that every affiliated tower had had a copy of the agenda, report and balance sheet. The Master explained that the long touch which was specifically mentioned—of Surprise Royal—was due to a misunderstanding, as it was the intention to stop the bells at the half-course, but they ran beyond before the conductor realised the fact. Mr. Bond thanked him for his explanation.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

RECORD PEAL YEAR.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES RAISED.

THE annual meeting of the Association was held at Pudsey on May 6th—the first time since January, 1905. Ringing commenced at 2.30, and good use made of the bells during the afternoon and evening. A brief service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. G. Manby, who welcomed the Association in a most cordial way, and during the course of his address referred to the all-important part played by bellringers in these modern times, when in many quarters there was evidence of a drift away from the Church.

A sumptuous tea was afterwards served in Radcliffe Lane Schools, followed by the business meeting, when the chair was taken by the president, the Rev. C. O. Ellison, supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris), the hon. treasurer (Mr. S. F. Palmer) and the hon. peal secretary (Mr. W. Barton).

Hearty votes of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, local company and others who had so willingly given their services, particularly the organist and ladies who had officiated at the tea tables, were unanimously accorded.

The President presented the Association's 74th annual report, which showed that the membership now stood at 1,573, a net increase of 53 for the year. However, notwithstanding this very satisfactory and welcome gain in membership, the balance sheet showed a loss on the year's working of some £33—a situation which had engaged the earnest attention of the committee, who felt they would be failing in their duty if they did nothing to bring this situation to an end.

The assets of the Association were largely accumulated during the early years of its life, and it is not for the present generation to squander them by using them to make up deficiencies in annual income, but rather to hand on unimpaired and, if possible, enhanced such as had been received from the past.

The Hon. Treasurer amplified the position, and the hon. auditors reported that the balance sheet was in accord with all the documents and vouchers produced.

The peal secretary's report showed that a record number of peals had been rung during the year, which included for the first time in the history of the Association peals of Spiced Surprise Major in five and eight methods. Surprise methods new to the Association were Pudsey Surprise Royal, and Dublin, Rochester, Sandringham, Conisborough, Darlington, Doncaster and Tavistock Surprise Major, the last four being rung to a peal for the first time. The total number of peals rung during the year was 148 at 79 churches and one handbell centre, and the calling had been shared between 42 conductors.

Mr. P. Birkett moved and Mr. S. Steel seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried unanimously, the principal officers and district secretaries being thanked for their work.

A vote of thanks to the hon. auditors was also carried unanimously.

THE SECRETARYSHIP.

The next business was the election of the general secretary. Mr. L. W. G. Morris, the retiring secretary, announced that no other nominations had been received, and, as he had now held office for 12 years, and believed in official posts being changed more often, referred the members to a paragraph contained in the Western District secretary's report, which read, 'At the moment the efforts of the younger members are being mainly confined to peal ringing, but we hope that in time they will turn their attention towards taking over some of the more important offices of the Association, thereby becoming more interested in the administrative side of its work.'

Mr. Morris explained that when he was last re-elected three years ago, he had asked the members seriously to look round for a successor,

and earnestly hoped that someone interested in the affairs and well-being of the Association would come forward.

Mr. W. E. Critchley, in moving the re-election of Mr. Morris, said the Association owed much to his counsel and services, and hoped he would find it possible to continue in office. Mr. W. Ambler seconded, and Mr. Morris was unanimously re-elected. Acknowledging his re-election, Mr. Morris thanked the members for their renewed confidence, adding that as long as he held office he would do his best but, as before pointed out, he hoped to be relieved at an early date.

NEW PEAL SECRETARY.

The next business was the election of the hon. peal secretary. Mr. W. Barton, the retiring peal secretary, was warmly thanked for yet another year's service, and this was the 30th report he had prepared. It was not surprising, therefore, that he had expressed a desire to be relieved of the task, and the Association had been singularly fortunate in having a peal secretary of his calibre at its disposal for so long.

Mr. Barton explained that it would be 30 years in November since he took office, and if a successor was appointed, he would only be too pleased to give every assistance possible. He had consulted Mr. W. E. Critchley, of Doncaster, and had very great pleasure in moving his election as from November. Mr. E. J. Padgett seconded and Mr. Critchley was unanimously elected to take over from November.

Mr. Critchley, replying, said that he owed practically all he knew in the matter of proof to Mr. Barton, and realised his limitations sufficiently well to know that if he held office for thirty years, he would probably not then have acquired the vast knowledge and experience at the command of Mr. Barton.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The President reported that the General Committee, at its annual meeting, had given very serious consideration to the financial affairs of the Association, and had unanimously passed a resolution in the following terms:—

(a) That the annual subscription rate be increased from 2s. to 3s. per year.

(b) That the entrance subscription be increased from 2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d.

(c) That the completion fee in respect of out-county members be increased from 2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d. (i.e., making O/C life membership subscription 7s.).

(d) That the cost of the annual report to life members be increased to 1s. 6d., and to non-resident members 2s.

A long discussion ensued, which was characterised by many helpful suggestions and criticisms, but it soon became apparent that there was general realisation that action could

crystallised into two main groups, and Mr. E. J. Padgett moved and Mr. R. H. Dove seconded the following amendment:—

'That a levy of 3d. per ringer be imposed on each ringer for participating in a peal of 5,000 changes or more, this to be an alternative to the proposed increases in the subscription rates.'

The General Secretary pointed out that 1949 had been a record year in the number of peals rung by the Association, and that had the suggested levy been effective on an average of 2s. per peal rung, the revenue would have amounted to only £14 16s. or little more than half the loss that had been incurred on the year's working. On being put to the vote, the amendment secured only seven votes, and the committee's resolution carried substantially.

Although the increased rates do not apply until January 1st next, it was gratifying that several members had voluntarily increased their subscriptions this year.

Applications from St. Giles' and All Saints', Pontefract, to be transferred from the Eastern District to the Southern and to St. Nicholas', Thorne, to be transferred from the Eastern to the Southern, were approved.

Regarding the place and date of the next meeting, it was pointed out that the Association celebrated its 75th year this year, and Mr. P. J. Johnson moved and Mr. J. W. Moxon seconded that as the first meeting was held at Birstall in October, 1875, it would be appropriate to try and arrange the next meeting there as near the original date as possible, which would be October 28th. This was carried unanimously.

The following new members were elected: Mrs. H. Schofield and Miss A. Laycock, of Drighlington, Marjorie Smith, of Woodlesford, and L. Bounphrey, of Leeds.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman for the able manner he had conducted the meeting.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTH BERKS BRANCH.

Despite a wet start to the day, the afternoon proved fair, and a company 120 strong met at East Hagbourne on Saturday, May 20th, for the annual meeting of the North Berks Branch.

A well-struck quarter of Stedman Triples, rung by the local band, was brought round before the service. The near-full church was good testimony to the strength of the branch. In his simple and sincere address the Vicar of East Hagbourne, the Rev. Smith Masters, welcomed the ringers and visitors to 'the loveliest church in the world,' a phrase he said every incumbent used when talking of his own church, and wished them a happy and profitable time. After the service, in which all joined wholeheartedly, justice was done to an ample tea in the Village Hall.

At the meeting the branch was fortunate in having present the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. E. Wigg), the Deputy Master (Capt. A. R. Poyntz) and the general secretary (Mr. W. Hibbert), all of whom had made long cross-country journeys to attend. The Master expressed pleasure at such good attendance. The officers were duly elected, the re-election of Mr. A. E. Lock as secretary and treasurer bringing him into his 30th year of office. A promising sign was the nomination of 30 new members.

After tea ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge and London Surprise Major. The evening proved far beyond all expectations and, several local towers being open, many ringers rounded off the day with a visit to them on their homeward journey. M. A. C.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT. — On May 7th, 1,440 Bob Minor: Anne Holmes 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, Hildegarde Bird (first 'inside') 3, L. W. G. Skinner 4, Ralph Bird 5, Arthur S. Richards (cond.) 6.

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Scarborough's Restoration Scheme

AN appeal is to be opened for funds for the fabric of the ancient Parish Church of St. Mary, Scarborough, and included in the estimates which the Church Council have considered is one for the retuning and rehanging of the bells, which are the only ring in Scarborough. On July 25th this year, exactly 100 years after the church was reopened upon the completion of the restoration, a scheme will be launched known as the 'Friends of St. Mary's (Scarborough)', whereby all classes of people who are interested in the church will be able to help. In the meantime, however, the appeal for the bells fund has already been opened, the target being £800.

The bells, a ring of eight, with a tenor 21½ cwt., are now 99 years old, and it is hoped to have them put right for the centenary. Of special interest are the treble and tenor, which were exhibited by the founders, Messrs. John Taylor and Co. at the Great Exhibition of 1851, and obtained the first prize—a medal and the special approbation of the jurors. The six middle bells were added to complete the octave, and the completed ring was dedicated on Dec. 22nd, 1852. Ringers from St. James' Church, Hull, attended to open the bells.

St. Mary's, Scarborough, has always been a popular tower with ringers on holiday, and they are numerous. The company here prides itself on providing a welcome for them. If at all possible an opportunity to ring is afforded the visitor, but numbers at times present an insoluble problem. Those disappointed are always invited to come again for the Sunday evening service or on practice night.

Many visitors come year after year, and it is no exaggeration to say that there are hundreds of ringers who hold this tower with very deep affection. To all friends both near and far and to all lovers of bells and historic churches an appeal is now made for help in raising the £800 necessary for the restoration of the bells.

Included in the work is the dismantling of the separate frame in which the treble bell at present hangs above the rest, and an extension of the bottom oak frame to accommodate the whole ring. At present only the 6th and tenor are hung on ball bearings; it is intended that all the bells should be so hung.

It is coincidental that the architect, who has surveyed the fabric, has recommended that the tower should be the first part of the church to receive attention, and this certainly within the next two years. It is hoped to be able to proceed with the work on the bells at the same time.

In view of the magnitude of restoring the fabric of the church, the Scarborough ringers are endeavouring to raise as much as possible of the £800 needed for the bells independent of the July appeal. Contributions, however small, will be gratefully received and an acknowledgment sent. These should be sent to the Vicar (the Rev. F. E. Ford), the Vicarage, Scarborough, or to Mr. B. Sutton, 12, Highfield, Scarborough.

Plight of York Bells

A VISITOR AT THE MINSTER.

The 'Yorkshire Evening Press' had an interesting article last month about the bells of the city's churches.

The writer calls attention to the following:—

The ring of six at Clifton is in need of retuning and rehanging.

The fine six at Bishophill Senior are out of commission through hooliganism.

The ring of eight at St. Martin-le-Grand, damaged in a raid on the city, is still lying on the floor under the tower.

The bells of the Churches of St. John and St. Lawrence are in need of renovation and it is possible that soon an appeal will be issued to enable the work to be carried out.

The article continues: Thousands of York citizens have been and still are spellbound at the message of York Minster bells heard each



SCARBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH AS SEEN FROM THE SOUTH-WEST APPROACH.

Sunday morning. Over the Vale of York through many years the sound of the bells has gone forth carrying their promise of hope and joy.

Take a tour of the belfry and watch the ringers at work in their spacious ringing room, which is also the clock room. To reach this necessitates a climb of 70 steps of the spiral stair of the south-west tower.

A further climb of 32 steps brings the visitor to the chiming room used before the year 1925 as the ringing room. Still climbing another 28 steps, the end of the spiral is reached. From here begins the passage along the west front which connects the western towers.

It is from this point that beautiful views of the city and the Hambleton Hills are obtained. Along the west front and up 20 more steps one enters the chamber in the north-west tower. Here is housed Great Peter, the monster bell of 10 tons 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. This famous bell, tuned in E flat, is the fourth largest in England and is rung easily by one man.

Great Peter, heard each midday except Sunday, when it is rung from 10.20 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., was recast in 1927. It hangs in a massive oak frame made from about 300ft. of timber and put up in 1845.

Passing on to the south-west tower, a climb of 20 steps brings the visitor to the chamber, in which hang 13 bells. The largest weighs 60 cwt. and is in B flat.

Isleworth Bells Again

After a silence of almost five months, ringing was recommenced at All Saints', Isleworth, with a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, by nine members of the local company and one visitor, immediately prior to the dedication and opening by the Bishop of London of a temporary church built within the walls of the destroyed church.

The dedication took place on May 12th, and on the following day a successful meeting of the London County Association was held at the church. In addition to a well-attended service, tea and business meeting, ringing consisted of various methods, including Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

The chancel and nave of the new church stretches the entire length of the old, and two substantially sized transepts are incorporated. Main entrance is by the west door of the 14th century tower, and from this aspect the new has been blended with the old in an admirable and pleasing manner. Externally the tower has been completely repointed.

The week-end following the dedication, May 20th, was the day chosen by the local company for its annual ringing outing. Places visited were Luton, Dunstable, Leighton Buzzard, Woburn, Bromham and Bedford. A variety of methods were rung, including successful courses of London Surprise Major, Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

Excellent arrangements were made by the officers of the various towers visited, and thanks are due to Mr.

Ronald Sharp, of Clophill, for co-ordinating these.

H. W. R.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

JOINT MEETING AT FAIRFIELD.

On April 29th a successful joint meeting of the Stockport and Macclesfield Branches, together with the Peak District Branch of the Derbyshire Association, was held at Fairfield, Buxton. In spite of exceedingly wet weather, some 50 members and friends were present at the service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Saunders-Williams, who also gave an interesting address. The singing of the hymns was accompanied on the handbells by the local ringers.

After tea a shortened business meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr. A. R. Elkins. New members were elected from Taxal, Miss Dorothy Rowbottom, Miss Lilian Martin, Allan Dronfield and Eric Dowson, Bowdon, Kathleen M. Lewis, and a non-resident life member, Mr. J. W. Sykes, of Topley. The meeting received with deep regret the announcement of the deaths of Mrs. Shuker, wife of the Lancashire Association general secretary, Mr. W. H. Shuker, and Mr. Ben Thorpe, of Ashton. Mr. Worth congratulated the Fairfield ringers on being the possessors of a very handy and pleasant ring of eight. Further ringing was enjoyed on the bells until a late hour, and the conclusion of everyone was that Taylor's have made an excellent splice.

BELLS OF RUGBY AND DISTRICT

BY PERCY AMOS.

Rugby and the vicinity provide many examples of historical churches and bells of interest: Monks Kirby, with its noble church and fine eight bells (tenor 24½ cwt.); Lutterworth, associated with the famous John Wycliffe; Claybrook, with its pre-Reformation tenor (only 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat), is a cover to a grand octave; Cold Ashby, with its old bell of 1317 (2nd of four), and another of the same century at Winwick (tenor of three); Stanford-on-Avon, situated in beautiful parkland, a fine church with unusual pinnacles to the tower containing five bells by Hugh Watts, of Leicester, and a stained glass window of St. Anthony with his emblem, are all places worth a visit by ringers and archaeologists alike.

A little further south is Claycoton, whose church of six centuries is doomed to be closed. Here also are two bells by Watts, and a third by Briant, recast from an earlier bell by Edward Newcombe. The few people in this village are very indignant at the church's prospective closure, resulting from the unpopular grouping of more than two parishes under one priest, likewise Wolfhamcote, over the Warwickshire boundary.

Further south still is Yelvertoft, whose church shows the scars of the Cromwellian v. Charles I. civil wars, where the Roundheads sharpened their swords on the stone pillars in the chancel. Here are five very musical bells, all by Hugh Watts, 1635, and some of his best. One bears the unique inscription, 'Cvm cvm and praye.' The tower is strangely wider at the top than at the bottom.

Rugby itself has the only church with two rings—an eight in a fine south-east steeple, and a five in an old west-end tower, with unusual clock chimes. Ashby St. Ledgers, with four bells, is associated with the gunpowder plot of 1605. Braunston, only a few may know, has six bells (by John Briant), all older than the church—1811 and 1849 respectively, and a good six for Briant's. Newnham, until 1939, used to be known as the steeple where you rang 'underneath the arches' (the ropes are now taken upstairs) as the steeple is open to the churchyard on three sides.

Further north is Holdenby, whose tower used to possess six bells. These were sold by James I. as 'private property' when he took over the estate and are said to have weighed 'seven thousand weight' and valued at £166 13s. 4d. His son, Charles I., was imprisoned here by Cromwell after the battle of Naseby. There are now two bells at Holdenby, by Rudhall, 1719, which might be described as a treble and a tenor for five; one is 34in. and the other 46in.

Naseby, although so historical, has had practically every trace of its civil war confiscated: only a few relics are left, including the old tithe barn of 1651, which has disgracefully been allowed to fall into ruins. In the churchyard is a large copper ball brought back from the siege of Boulogne (1544): it used to be affixed to the top of the spire. The tower contains a musical five (though noisy in the belfry—only one floor). All these bells were originally by Watts, 1633 and 1640, but two were recast in 1939. The writer had the pleasure of a peal here at the time of the christening of Prince Charles, whose mother and grandparents (the King and Queen) occupied Naseby Hall from 1926-1929.

To the west of Naseby is the village of Lilbourne, whose five bells are said to be the last that were produced at the Kettering foundry of the Eayres. Thomas Eayre, sen., died during the last days of 1757, being buried on January 3rd. 1758. His son, Thomas, jun., having brought the business to a state of bankruptcy, had to call in his uncle, Joseph, to finish the job at Lilbourne. Lilbourne previously had four bells by Watts, which the

Eayres recast into five in 1761 and 1762. They were said to have a tenor of 14 cwt. The recast tenor is 10½ cwt. and 39in. diameter across the lip. They are not the best of tone, but their inscriptions, as follows, are nevertheless interesting: (1) 'Sparkling I spread rapid tinklings through the ears, 1762'; (2) 'Untouched I am silent, strike me and I will sing sweetly, 1762'; (3) 'John Robinson, Vicar; Joseph George and George Soden, Churchwardens, 1762'; (4) 'Wee are ordained for the praise of the Lord. Eayre, fecit 1761'; (5) (the tenor) 'Cum sono si non uis venire nunquam ad preces cvpies ire (meaning, "If you be unwilling to come when I call to prayers, you won't ever wish to go at all"), Eayre, fecit 1761.'

The Kettering bell foundry was situated in Bellfoundry Lane, later renamed Wadcroft. Thomas Eayre, sen., was originally the founder of Daventry's eight bells in 1738—three of which have since been recast—one by Joseph Eayre in 1764. A fourth is now cracked and about to be recast. Oundle's eight bells are also associated with the Eayre family, as are Stoke Doyle (five) nearby.

LEIGHTON, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.—On May 13th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: C. E. Edwards 1, G. Lewis 2, A. G. Owen 3, E. W. Colley 4, R. F. Davies (cond.) 5, E. F. Wilcox (first quarter) 6.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: John Stevenson (first quarter) 1, D. Pearson 2, W. Stevenson 3, June Henshaw 4, Anne Worth 5, G. Farrer 6, W. Gayes 7, H. Farrer 8, H. Wood 9, J. Worth (cond.) 10.

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EASTER TOUR IN SHROPSHIRE.

The Society's Easter tour this year had its headquarters at Shrewsbury, whence the members ranged on bicycles across some 150 miles of Shropshire. The resident band was delighted to welcome eight old members, bringing up the total present to over twenty. On the evening of April 13th the tour was rung in on handbells and lasted for a week.

Two attempts were made, at Wem and Church Stretton, for a peal of Spliced London, Cambridge, Bristol and Superlative, but were both unfortunately lost after passing the halfway mark. An attempt for a peal of seven Minor methods on the last day broke down in the fifth 720, but Cambridge Minor was successfully brought round at Count on April 16th, being the first peal of Surprise on the bells and for three of the band.

The programme of Major methods drawn up by the Master was almost completed, showing that the Society's eight-bell ringing is as good as its performance on six bells. Courses of London, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative, Bristol, Lincolnshire and Pudsey were brought round, although the tour ended before a band could be induced to learn New Gloucester. No less than five first courses of Cambridge Major were rung, putting us in hopes of some distinguished Surprise Major ringing during the rest of the year by resident bands.

Cambridge Royal was rung at Coalbrookdale and Wrexham, and Stedman Cinques at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. Of Minor methods the Society was persuaded to learn Durham and Warwick Delight, but at the majority of six-bell towers devoted itself to admiring the considerable prowess of the beginners.

Particularly fine rings were discovered at Clive, Hope Bowdler, Oswestry and Wrexham. We should like to record our profound gratitude for the kindness and courtesy of the Rector and the whole village of Brosely for some splendid ringing and their generous hospitality.

Among other memorable incidents was our expulsion from Much Wenlock by a policeman, charged with interfering with the course of justice at the Quarter Sessions. On Tuesday, April 18th, seven un-public-spirited members stepped over the county boundary into Staffordshire to ring at Forton, subsequently demonstrating at Lilleshall how fast seven people can 'grab' six bells. As usual, the company endured impressive hardships, in particular getting drenched daily by intermittent rain, and some members displayed as astonishing a propensity for losing themselves as others for obtaining dry lifts on lorries. In spite of everything, however, the tour embraced over twenty towers, culminating in a magnificent coach tour to Chester, accompanied by handbells.

We are extremely grateful to all who co-operated so generously in ensuring the smooth running of the tour, to the help given by the old members, and to Miss Catharine Trist, to whose excellent organisation and management we owe the great success of the tour and our pleasant memories of Shropshire.

AN 800th ANNIVERSARY

Ringers of St. Mary's, Eastham, Cheshire, gave full co-operation to the parish in their thanksgiving week to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the fine old Gothic church.

The bells were rung each day, and when Bishop N. H. Tubbs visited on the Wednesday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles were rung by G. F. Pickthall 1, P. C. Holmes 2, J. Amer 3, A. L. Shepherd 4, A. J. H. Scott (cond.) 5, T. H. Wood 6. A peal was rung on the Saturday, which is reported in the appropriate column.

LETTERS

WILLIAM BANISTER'S BOOK

Dear Sir,—I was interested in the letter of your correspondent, Mr. A. R. Botting, in the issue of May 12th. I discovered a similar copy of William Banister's 'Change Ringing' in a secondhand bookshop at Gloucester a few years ago and did not hesitate in purchasing it for the modest price of 1s. 6d. The book was in fairly good condition considering its age, and on the inside of the cover was written the name of G. H. Phillott and his Cheltenham address in the year 1874, the same date the book was published. This gentleman, you may recall, sir, was an eminent ringer in this area in the latter part of the 19th century, having taken part in many peals, notably 15,000 Grandsire Caters at Cheltenham in 1889, and the first combined universities' peal of Holt's six-part Grandsire Triples at Appleton in 1877.

I was intrigued, however, by the late owner's notes on conducting Holt's Original and Six-part peals of Grandsire Triples, for on the back page were written ten sentences in Latin and appended the 'clues' to them, for in addition the author had written 'a' means into the hunt; 'a' followed by 'l' stands for 1 lead; 'a' followed by 'm' stands for 2 leads; 'a' followed by 'n' stands for 3 leads; 'a' followed by 's' stands for 4 leads; 'a' in asper is the plain course; 'æ' is the first single; 'e' out of the hunt; 'i' middle; 'o' wrong; 'n' right.

This was followed by similar notes on Holt's Six-part peal (6th observation). The book also contained some notes on Stedman, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Major. It is, as your correspondent states, an excellent work on ringing, and contains a wealth of information to learner and conductor. I should be interested to know if there are other copies of the book still in existence.—Yours truly,

B. A. NEWCOMBE.

Cheltenham.

FIRST NAME PEAL OF LONDON

Dear Sir,—In the appreciation of the late Mr. G. W. Steere by G. H. C. in 'The Ringing World' of May 12th, the writer mentions the first name peal of London at Gravesend. The first name peal of London Surprise was rung on January 2nd, 1904, at St. Stephen's Church, Rochester Row, Westminster. The founder of 'The Ringing World' rang the 2nd bell. Superlative was rung at St. John the Divine's, Waterloo Road, in March, 1905, and Stedman Cinques at St. Giles' Cripplegate, in 1912.—Yours faithfully, JOHN R. SHARMAN.

Cogenhoe, Northampton.

LARGEST PARISH CHURCH

Dear Sir,—Whether your correspondent is referring to the largest parish church at present in full use when he quotes St. Botolph's, Boston, I do not know, but it has long been held that the distinction of being the largest parish church in England belongs to the now blighted St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth.

This fine church, as many of your readers, who in the past we were pleased to welcome as holiday visitors to the belfry, will have learned with regret, is now a ruined shell. The walls and tower still stand, but lacking a roof and all interior furnishings, including bells.

However, the dimensions relevant to this discussion still exist, and I quote from a booklet published in aid of the Restoration Fund: Length 236ft., width 112ft., width at transepts 150ft., area 25,023 square feet.

The church is said to be wider than any other church or cathedral in England, with the exception of Coventry Cathedral.—Yours, etc.,

PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD,
Late member, St. Nicholas' Company of Ringers.

Masonic Ringers Meet

It was at the end of last year that a number of ringers who are members of the Order of Freemasons were compelled to abandon a peal attempt because of a fraying rope. After their labours they adjourned for refreshments and it was during this social hour that Peter Crook suggested that we try to hold a meeting of ringers of the 'Order'.

The arrangements were soon on the way and on May 6th the meeting was held at Manchester. The day opened with a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Eccles. During the afternoon the Manchester Town Hall (12) and St. Mark's, Worsley (10), bells were much enjoyed, rounds to Cambridge Surprise being rung.

At 6 p.m. the party sat down to dinner at the Masonic Temple, Wor. Bro. F. R. Williams occupying the chair. The guests of the evening were Wor. Bros. Canon F. Paton-Williams, Rector of Prestwich, and Canon Taylor, Rector of Eccles.

The Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, in proposing the toast of 'Our Guests,' said we had real friends in them, always sympathetic in all matters relating to ringing.

Canon Paton-Williams, in reply, said he thought there was gathered together that day a body of Masons who loved to ring church bells and that it might well be that this meeting, which is believed to be the first of its kind, may be the nucleus for forming a new 'branch' of ringers—men who have two things in common.

Canon Taylor proposed the toast to the ringing craftsmen. He endorsed what had been said by Canon Paton-Williams and urged that steps be taken to achieve that end. It had given him pleasure to give permission for the peal at his church, and greater pleasure and enjoyment to hear his bells rung so beautifully.

Arthur D. Barker responded and he was supported by R. E. Elson.

The following were present: F. R. Williams, A. Ford, A. McCormack (Manchester); G. R. Newton, E. C. Birkett (Liverpool); P. Crook, E. Ford, T. F. Hilton, H. Howarth and V. Martin (Bolton); A. Tomlinson, T. Wilson (Blackburn); J. W. Grounds (Standish); F. Dunkerley (Rochdale); D. Vincent (Hale); N. Heaps (Southport); J. Taylor, T. R. Bury (Haslingden); Rev. R. D. St. John Smith (Crawshawbooth); R. E. Elson, H. Price (Nottingham); A. D. Barker (Slough); F. W. Perrins (Coventry).

Musical items were provided by H. Howarth and T. F. Hilton, with A. McCormack at the piano, also touches on the handbells. During the evening Canon Taylor conducted the party through the rooms of the Temple.

Grateful thanks were expressed to the conductors at the various towers for their very willing assistance.

Enquiries were received from many brethren who, probably owing to distance and other engagements, were unable to be with us. We thank them all for their interest and assure them that we are already talking as to where we might hold our second meeting.

P. C. and F. R. W.

QUARTER PEALS

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hook (first in the method away from tenor) 1, G. King 2, E. Avery 3, J. Harris 4, A. Smith (first in method 'inside') 5, A. Hoad 6, W. H. Hoad (cond.) 7, A. H. Hoad 8.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Sutton (first quarter) 1, P. Turley 2, Mrs. Baker 3, H. Baker 4, L. Turley 5, R. Collins 6, Miss D. Colgate (first as cond.) 7, G. Davey 8.

ST. HELENS, LANCs.—At St. Thomas' on May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. C. Henshaw 1, W. E. Court (cond.) 2, A. R. Pockington 3, P. G. Parrott 4, I. D. Campbell 5, J. A. Willans 6. First quarter by 1, 3, 5 and 6.

OBITUARY

MR. F. CRYER.

By the passing of Mr. Frederick Cryer on May 13th at the age of 91 years, the Yorkshire Association has lost one of its oldest members.

Mr. Cryer commenced his ringing career on the old three bells at St. James' Church, Selby, in the early 1870's, and after a few years in that tower he joined the Selby Abbey Company, of which he became captain about 1890 and retained the position until 1938. He was most regular and punctual for Sunday service ringing and practices until early 1945, when owing to old age he could not climb the steps leading to the tower, but he retained his love of the Abbey bells to the last.

After the Great Fire at the Abbey in 1906 the local company raised over £300 towards the restoration of the bells, largely through Mr. Cryer's enthusiasm, and he spent hundreds of hours in teaching learners when the present ring of ten bells was installed in 1909.

He was a vice-president of the Yorkshire Association for a number of years.

The Abbey bells were rung half-muffled for the funeral service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. Read. The lesson was read by the Rev. C. O. Ellison, the president of the Yorkshire Association.

MR. GEORGE JAY.

We regret to record the death on May 15th of Mr. George Jay, of Chadwell Heath, Essex, at the age of 69 years.

A contemporary of the Pye brothers, most of his 80 peals had been rung with them.

Owing to the indisposition of his wife he had not done much ringing of late years, but was a welcome visitor to Fyfield, where his assistance and advice was much appreciated. He will be missed very much by them.

MR. G. V. MURPHY'S 300 PEALS

Mr. G. V. Murphy, of Iltham, S.E.9, in his 300 peals (263 tower bells, 37 'in hand') conducted 10 peals. His peals comprise 61 different methods and extensions, including 36 different Major methods (or combinations of methods in the case of spliced). The peals were rung in 71 towers and no fewer than 85 were at St. Paulinus', Crayford. His list is appended:—

Tower bells.—Doubles: two methods 1, five methods 1.

Minor: four methods 1, five methods 1, seven methods 2, Cambridge Surprise 1.

Triples: Plain Bob 2, Grandsire 16 (conducted 2), Stedman 29, Canterbury Pleasure 1, Union 1, Erin 1.

Major: Little Bob 1, Plain Bob 18 (4), Pulford Bob 1, Double Oxford 2, Cheltenham Bob 1, Gainsborough Little Bob 1, Gonville Bob 1, Wellington Little Court Bob 1, Double Norwich C.B. 16 (1), Little Albion Treble Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 17, Oxford Treble Bob 4 (1), Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 1.

Surprise Major: Cambridge 31, New Cambridge 3, Yorkshire 19 (2), Pudsey 2, Superlative 14, Lincolnshire 5, Bristol 11, Rutland 5, London 10, Ipswich 2, Belgrave 2, and one each of Norfolk, Camdon, Ashtead, Eardley, Belvedere, Aldenham, Kent and Withyham. Spliced Surprise in two methods 1, four methods 6, five methods 1, and six methods 2.

Caters: Grandsire 1, Stedman 3.

Royal: Plain Bob 2, Double Norwich C.B. 1, Kent Treble Bob 3.

Surprise Royal: Cambridge 3, Yorkshire 2, Belgrave 1, Prittlewell 1.

Cinques: Grandsire 1, Stedman 1.

Handbells.—Doubles: two methods 1. Minor: Plain Bob 2. Triples: Grandsire 1. Major: Plain Bob 12, Kent Treble Bob 3, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Double Norwich C.B. 3. Caters: Grandsire 1. Royal: Plain Bob 9, Kent Treble Bob 1. Maximus: Plain Bob 3.

Outings

ST. ALBANS DISTRICT.

On May 13th, the St. Albans District of the Hertfordshire Association held an outing open to all towers in the district. This new venture was decided upon at the last annual meeting, and the towers represented were St. Albans (Cathedral and St. Peter's), Hatfield, Essenden, Kimpton, Harpenden and North Myms.

The route chosen was Burnham, Wokingham, Hurst, Twyford and Marlow, the perfect weather enabling the party to enjoy to the full the Thames Valley scenery in spring. Methods rung included Real Double Norwich, Yorkshire and London Surprise, and an attempt at Double Mancroft Bob.

The day was voted to have been most successful, and thanks were due to Mr. Bert Lawrence (driver and proprietor of the coach), who also being Hatfield Ringing Master, 'knows the ropes' and succeeded in keeping us to our scheduled times.

The incumbents and local ringers are thanked for their co-operation.

ST. MARY MAGDALENE'S, HOLLOWAY.

St. Mary Magdalene's band, together with local ringing friends and wives, selected Essex for their annual outing this year, which took place on May 20th.

Ringing took place at Bishop's Stortford (10), Dunmow (8), Bocking (8), Colchester (8) and Great Waltham (8). Lunch was served at Braintree and tea at Colchester.

WISBECH BRANCH.

For the first time in three years the Wisbech Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association had a fine start for their outing, which took place on May 17th.

Through the tulip fields of Lincolnshire the towers visited were Heckington (a fine eight), Winthorpe (6), Newark, Bulwell, Nottingham (where Mr. Clem Glenn had all in readiness), Bottesford and Grantham.

WYE, KENT.

On May 13th, the Wye band had a very happy and enjoyable outing, ringing in all eight towers visited. We convey our grateful thanks for the kindness shown at each tower and the permission for the use of the bells.

W. N. C.

THE LATE MR. G. W. STEERE'S PEALS

Appended is the list of 437 peals rung by the late Mr. G. W. Steere. Of these 47 were rung by the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths.

TOWER-BELL PEALS.

Grandsire Triples 10, Grandsire Caters 4, Grandsire Cinques 1.

Stedman Triples 62, Stedman Caters 30, Stedman Cinques 33, Erin Cinques 1.

Plain Bob Major 13, Plain Bob Royal 3, Plain Bob Maximus 2, Spliced Minor 4, Little St. Lawrence Bob Major 1, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 23.

Kent Treble Bob Major 5, Kent Treble Bob Royal 4, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 3.

London Surprise Major 37, London Surprise Royal 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 20, Cambridge Surprise Royal 6, Cambridge Surprise Maximus 4, Superlative Surprise Major 21, Superlative Surprise Royal 1, Bristol Surprise Major 11, Bristol Surprise Royal 1, Guildford Surprise Major 4, St. Blaise Surprise Major 1, Norfolk Surprise Major 1, Surrey Surprise Major 1, Spliced Surprise Royal 1, Spliced Surprise Major 1, Dublin Surprise Major 2, Double Dublin Surprise Major 2, Reverse Dublin Surprise Major 1; total 316.

HANDBELL PEALS.

Grandsire Triples 58, Grandsire Caters 15, Grandsire Cinques 1, Stedman Triples 8, Stedman Caters 12, Bob Major 14, Bob Royal 12, Bob Maximus 1, total 121.

Beverley & District Society

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the present ring of 10 bells in St. Mary's Church, Beverley, 60 ringers attended the meeting on Saturday, May 13th.

During the afternoon the bells were rung from rounds to Stedman Caters.

A shortened form of service was conducted by the Rev. G. Storer, R.D., followed by tea in the Regal Cafe.

After tea the Vicar, the Rev. T. H. Tardrew, introduced the guests he had invited for the celebration. They included the Mayor and Mayoress of Beverley, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Hull, Mayor and Mayoress of Goole, Mr. G. W. Odey, M.P. for Beverley, and the C.O. the Depot the East Yorks Regt., Major Thresher, and Mrs. Thresher. Lord Hotham was unable to attend through illness.

Speeches followed and the ringers heard what the civic heads thought of bells and ringers. The two Mayors did like bells and ringing, but the Lord Mayor of Hull, being a ringer's son and having lived in a home of handbells and ringing conversation, preferred them in the distance. The other guests and a churchwarden also spoke.

Although an hour was spent on speeches it was time well spent, as six of the guests were meeting ringers for the first time and they learned quite a bit about ringers and their organisations. A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells introduced the guests to the practical side of ringing.

The ringers then returned to the tower and the bells were rung until 9 p.m. in the standard methods.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

The Bristol Rural Branch monthly meeting for May was held at Tytherington (5) a week earlier than usual, to avoid Whitsun arrangements, and was attended by about 30 members. Before the ringers' service at 4.30 (conducted by the Rev. Waddleton) the bells were put to good use in methods up to Bob Minimus—a novelty for some of the six and eight-bell ringers being the Grandsire and Stedman Doubles with no tenor covering. The business meeting followed a most enjoyable tea in the Church Hall, presided over by Mr. Harding, branch chairman. The most outstanding business of the day was, of course, the very welcome admission of the Vicar of Tytherington, Mr. Davies, tower captain, and a good keen group of the local band into the Association.

Ringing continued into the evening, under Mr. F. Skidmore's able supervision, until rather prematurely halted through a treble-rope defect.

All had a happy afternoon and evening, thanks very largely to the arrangements of the Vicar and Mr. Davies.

N. D.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD NEWARK DISTRICT.

A highly successful meeting was held at Sutton-on-Trent on May 20th. The 60 ringers present represented upwards of 17 towers in three counties. The bells of All Saints' Church were raised promptly at 2.30, and methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Surprise Major were rung. The Vicar (the Rev. R. T. Keal, conducted a short service at 4.30 p.m., an excellent tea in the Church Hall following.

At the business meeting which followed it was resolved to invite the Lincoln Diocesan Guild to participate in a joint meeting at Collingham in July. Three new members were elected. At the conclusion of the business Mr. J. W. Raithby, the general secretary, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the local ladies for preparing tea, and to the visitors for their welcome support.

Ringing continued on the excellent octave until 9 p.m., when the meeting dispersed. This was one of the most successful meetings in the short history of the district.

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WEDDING

FRANCIS—ADDISON.—On Monday, May 29th, 1950, at St. Paul's Church, Thornaby-on-Tees, Yorkshire, Thomas H. Francis and Margaret Addison. Future address: 2, Camden Square, London, N.W.1. 7122

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Wanted to purchase, 'Ringing Worlds' for 1945; January, February, September, November, and numbers 1,780, 1,783, 1,785, 1,792, 1,796, 1,797, 1,805, 1,811, 1,812.—John A. Hilton, 2, Albert Cottages, Clarendon Road, Broadstairs, Kent. 7109

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MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Hernhill, Saturday, June 3rd, 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 1s. 9d. per head. Names for tea, with cost enclosed, must be sent to B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 7035

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Lakenheath, June 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve, Hockwold. 7050

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Brenchley (8) on June 3rd, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge. 7044

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Sible Hedingham (8), Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Castle Hedingham (6) bells available in the evening.—H. A. Pratt, District Sec. 7049

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Crusaders of the S.W. Division.—Meeting at South Benfleet (6), June 3rd, 3.30 p.m. Meeting essentially for learners, rounds upwards. Everybody welcome. Names for tea to C. L. Matson, Elm Tree Cottage, St. Mary's Road, South Benfleet. 7051

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Fairwarp (8), Saturday, June 3rd, at 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 7084

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.—Ringing anniversary will be held on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Everybody welcome.—V. Ambrose. 7083

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Old Woking, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to D. Munday, 92, High Street, Old Woking.—F. Hawthorne. 7080

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Whitchurch (8), June 3rd. Tea for those who notify J. A. Hill, Maisley, Highbury Road, Anne Valley, Andover. 7060

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Bottisham, Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7062

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rickmansworth (10), June 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 7024

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Bradfield on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. A. King, Bradfield Vicarage, near Sheffield. Bus leaves Malin Bridge Terminus at 2.30.—J. E. Turley. 7066

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn and Rossendale Branches.—Joint meeting at Holy Trinity, Blackburn, June 3rd. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 7053

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Singleton on Saturday, June 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. James Wilson, 20, Church Road, Singleton.—J. H. Foster. 7090

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Northwich on Saturday, June 3rd. Service at 3.30 and tea and business meeting directly after. 7106

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, W.C., on Monday, June 5th, 7 p.m. Nearest station, Tottenham Court Road.—T. J. Lock, District Sec. 7098

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Corscombe, Saturday, June 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting follow.—C. H. Lathey. 7054

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elooe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Long Sutton, Saturday, June 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Harrison, Roman Bank, Long Sutton, before June 3rd. 7067

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham and Guildford Districts.—Combined meeting at Worplesdon (8) on Saturday, June 10th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea by June 7th to Mr. S. Petter, The Laurels, Fox Corner, Worplesdon.—G. S. Joyce and E. T. Lee, District Secs. 7077

MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH, SOMERSET.—Annual ringers' service, June 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea essential.—W. A. Prescott, Timsbury, near Bath. 7074

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Crawford Cup contest and meeting, Tuxford (6), Saturday, June 10th, at 3 p.m. All names for tea to Mr. W. Brett, 1, Ashvale, Tuxford, Newark, by June 6th. Bells open for all after contest.—H. Denman. 7076

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Abergavenny, Saturday, June 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea and business to follow. Tea 1s. 6d. per head to those who notify by June 5th Mr. George Ward, 69, Park Crescent, Abergavenny.—F. J. Hannington. 7078

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Southwold, June 10th, 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. R. S. Payne, 63, Pier Avenue, Southwold, by June 7th. 7081

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting at St. Paul's, Cross Stone, June 10th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss H. Bell, 5, Cooper Street, Halifax Road, Todmorden.—V. Wilson Sykes, Hon. Sec. 7092

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Llandudno, June 10th. Bells (8) 2. Service 3, followed by business meeting and tea. All those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, June 7th.—W. Catherall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 7091

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, June 10th, Pentrich (5). Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5. Business after tea. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 7th, to Mr. H. B. Walters, 139, Lowes Hill, Ripley, Derbyshire. 7081

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Kempston (8), June 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Michael Stephens. 7096

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Bishopstone (8), June 10th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 7097

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Rothley, June 10th. Bells (6) 3. Tea at Cossington Mill Cafe 5 o'clock. Names for tea by Tuesday, June 6th, to Mr. F. Key, 36, Firfield Avenue, Birstall, Leics. 7099

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and **MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Joint meeting, Ashby, June 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Radford's Cafe. Names by June 7th to E. W. Beadsmore, Lyncroft, Packington Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.—O. Hall/J. Cotton. 7102

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting on June 10th at Huyton (6). Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea for those who write before Wednesday, June 7th, to Mr. W. R. Birchall, 68, Rupert Road, Huyton. 7103

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Piddington (5), June 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Names for tea by 6th, please.—C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 7100

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Meeting, Clay Cross (6), June 10th, 3. Names by June 8th Rev. F. Mitchell, Clay Cross Vicarage, Chesterfield.—A. B. Cooper. 7104

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, North Cave (6), June 10th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea for those notifying Mr. A. Cockin, Everthorpe, Brough, by first post, June 7th. 7117

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Balcombe on June 10th. Names to Mr. A. Laker, 4, Barnfield Cottages, Balcombe.—C. A. Bassett. 7123

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Henlow on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 7112

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Tortworth, June 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by June 7th to Miss Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 7118

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Gawsorth (8), June 10th, 3. Service in church 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5. Names for tea not later than June 7th to Mr. H. C. Lonyon, 87a, Mill Street, Macclesfield. 7105

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Saturday, June 10th, meeting, St. Mary's, Woodford (South Woodford Station, Central Line). Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Memorial Hall, ringing after. Names for tea early to A. Boyack, 58, Grove Hill, E.18. (WAN 1575). 7095

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 10th. The bells of Consett (8), Blackhill (8) and Benfieldside (6) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at Benfieldside. Names by June 7th to Mr. C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill, Co. Durham.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Sec. 7093

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Shoreham-by-Sea (8), June 10th. Tower open 2.30. Names for tea by 7th, please.—B. W. White, 14, South View, Henfield. 7116

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Thatcham (8), June 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by June 7th to Mr. R. Christopher, County Police Station, Thatcham, Newbury. 7115

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD (Nuneaton District) and **LADIES' GUILD** (West Midland District).—Joint meeting at Bulkington, Nuneaton, on Saturday, June 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Names for tea, Wednesday, 7th, please.—A. J. Hinde, Nuneaton District Sec., 15, Church Street, Bulkington, Nuneaton. 7114

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Meeting Portishead, Saturday, June 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea at White Cot Dairy. Please notify by June 7th.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., 20, Macaulay Buildings, Bath. 7113

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Wotton Underwood (6), June 10th, 2.45. Service 4. Tea, meeting after.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 7111

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, June 10th, 3 p.m. Ringing at St. Giles', Camberwell, afterwards.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey. 7108

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Flamstead (6), Saturday, June 10th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by June 7th to Miss P. A. Martin, 12, Chapel Street, Berkhamsted.—P. A. M. 7107

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—By-meeting, Staunton-in-the-Vale (5), Saturday, June 17th. Bells 2.30. Tea at Staunton Arms 5. Notifications by Monday, 12th.—P. N. White, 131, London Road, New Balderton, Newark. 7094

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual meeting, Hook Norton (8), Saturday, June 17th, 3. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—J. Keyte, Charlbury, Oxon. 7101

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Otlands Park, Saturday, June 17th. Details later.—Miss W. Oliver. 7120

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Chaddeley Corbett, Saturday, June 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by previous Thursday, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 7121

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HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
—The annual meeting and six bell prize contest, June 24th, at Lindley. For teas please notify Mr. G. Gee, 92, Wellington Street, Oakes, Huddersfield, by June 10th. Entrance fee (10s.) to A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughtown, Mossley, Manchester, by June 10th if possible. 7047

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONEY SOCIETY.
Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 24th. Bells, Cathedral (10) 2.30 to 3.15 and 6.15 to 7; St. Mary's (8), St. Michael's (6) from 3 p.m. Cathedral service 3.30. Tea in St. Mary's Parish Room 4.30, followed by meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, 20th, to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 7110

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual shield contest at Wentworth, July 10th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Closing date for entries June 3rd. Names for teas not later than June 3rd to Mr. G. West, 25, The Square, Wentworth, near Rotherham. — D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 7086

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Myhill 1, H. Devenish 2, E. J. Rnuter (cond.) 3, R. Thrift 4, W. Glover (first in method) 5, H. W. Shadrack 6. Birthday compliment to the ringers of 3 and 5.

TURRAMURRA, SYDNEY.—At St. James' on April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Cooper 1, J. Clark (first as cond.) 2, K. Stacey 3, C. Parr 4, W. Smith 5, J. Smith 6. For the wedding of a former captain of the tower, Mr. John Street.

WIDCOMBE, BATH.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Collett 1, Beryl Bate 2, Janet Davis 3, D. Percy 4, H. Newman (cond.) 5, E. Elkins 6. First quarter by 1, 2 and 3. A wedding compliment to Donald Percy and Joyce Fry.

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EASTBOURNE

ALL Central Council representatives who attended the Eastbourne Council meeting returned home with exceedingly happy memories. Nothing was lacking on the part of the Corporation to make the conference a success. On the day of the conference there was bowls, tennis, golf and archery and seats on the front available for the delegates, all free. The day was spent in more serious vein. Whatever might be the attitude of other conference members, with ringers business comes first and the normal pleasures of mankind take second place to bells. Local belfries made the visitors welcome — the three eights available in the county borough were all cast by Warners. Other towers in the surrounding countryside were visited, but peal attempts were not numerous. A Lincolnshire band secured a peal of Spliced Surprise Major at Rotherfield and there was a peal at Croydon by members making their way south.

The social side of this year's Council was a strong point. Each evening preceding the Council meeting there were animated scenes at the Imperial Hotel, the conference headquarters, where a large room was placed at the disposal of the visitors. On the Sunday evening an invitation was extended to other guests at the hotel to witness the handbell ringing. The President of the Council explained the principles of change ringing to the many visitors, and the programme was continuous for an hour and a half. The listeners were almost as enthralled as the ringers.

Of the business of the conference, the morning was largely occupied by the revision of rules—always a tedious matter. The Standing Committee felt particularly happy on achieving two points—an increase in the number of honorary members from 20 to 24, and the creation of life membership as a reward for those who had served well as officers of the Council or had rendered distinguished service to ringing. But the Central Council is proud of its democratic principles, and the floor of the house would not tolerate the suggestion of the Standing Committee that they should be the nominating body for honorary membership. There is to be nothing in the nature of *ad hoc* committees in control.

Why is there this urgent need for more honorary membership? A new spirit is abroad in many Guilds and Associations in a desire to change their Central Council representation. Key men of the Exercise, who take a prominent part in committee work and in the abstruse problems that come before the Council for unravelling,

are not being returned by certain Guilds and Associations, who desire representation to go round. The solution for the retention of their services is honorary membership. Guilds, when they elect their representatives, should seriously ask themselves: Is our member able to make a contribution to the advancement of ringing nationally, and, if so, in what particular capacity? The Council wants workers—men and women capable of service and leadership, and willing to give of their leisure in advancing its work.

Preliminary work has been accomplished in codifying the Decisions of the Council. The recommendations of the committee will be published in our columns in the form of an interim report. The time has now arrived for those who have a desire for an amendment as to the constitution of a peal on any number of bells from 5 to 12 to present their viewpoint to Mr. Frank Smallwood, the convener of this sub-committee. It is hoped that at the next Council meeting at Chester the Decisions will be passed. In the meantime the loosely-worded code, with its loopholes which the freak peal collector likes to explore, still operates to the concern of the Peal Analysis Committee.

An important ruling was the recognition that a six place bob in Cambridge Surprise Major did not constitute a new method. The Peal Analysis Committee put a query against this peal for guidance as to classification. As one of the learned members of the Methods Committee pointed out, the structure of the peal unit remained the same. Nobody asked a question as to what would happen if the two types of Bobs were introduced into the same peal! It would indeed be a conundrum of composition and proof if such an excursion into fantasy was introduced. The Methods Committee were able to report a certain measure of progress into the question of the extension of methods. There is a conciliatory atmosphere in their approach to the problem. An attempt to give added strength to the elbow of the Methods Committee that a unanimous recommendation on their part should operate at once was not acceptable to the Council as a whole. Again the democratic surge came forward, and there was a determination that the Council should not surrender its rights and liberties to one of its committees even if it was composed of experts in a particular field. This is a direct outcome of the Shipway-Steadfast controversy; it should be noted that no voice was raised at the Council to dispute the unanimous ruling that they were the same peal.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

READING, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb.

MRS. P. LEWINGTON ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 7
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 2	REGINALD W. REX ... 8
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 3	EDGAR HUMFREY ... 9
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 4	CYRIL WATTS ... 10
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BIRMINGHAM.

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On Thurs., May 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

JOHN SCOTT ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	H. JAMES TURNER ... 8
ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 3	RONALD H. DOVE ... 9
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 4	JOHN N. LINDON ... 10
TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 5	ARTHUR D. COOK ... 11
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CROYDON, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 56 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

WILFRED WILLIAMS ... <i>Treble</i>	DANIEL D. COOPER ... 7
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 2	*THOMAS G. MYERS ... 8
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* First peal of Surprise Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

No. 3 Version.

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E flat.

JILL BRITAIN ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN H. HUNT ... 6
*JOYCE A. ENGLAND ... 2	†WALTER ALLMAN ... 7
†C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	DAVID E. PARSONS ... 8
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THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

* First peal of London Royal 'inside.' † First peal of London Royal.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

GEORGE E. LARGE ... <i>Treble</i>	*REGINALD C. CHAPMAN ... 6
ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ... 2	*C. ARTHUR MANNING ... 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 8
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 4	CHARLES CAMM ... 9
*VIVIAN B. HUNT ... 5	*DEREK STANLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by Jos. D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 6
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ... 2	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 7
PEGGY G. KITCHEN ... 3	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 8
*JOHN H. HUNT ... 4	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 9
*A. RONALD LING ... 5	HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. To celebrate the wedding of Mr. Thomas H. Francis and Miss Margaret Addison, which took place at the Church of St. Paul, Thornaby-on-Tees, the same morning.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., May 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR D. COOK ... 5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD ... 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7
TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 4	FRANK E. HAYNES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.

First peal in the method as conductor.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

PHILIP A. CORBY ... <i>Treble</i>	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 5
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 2	*FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 6
*HILDA OAKSHETT ... 3	*EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 7
†HAROLD A. MAY ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method. † 200th peal.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON ... <i>Treble</i>	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
*MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 6
FRANK WALKER ... 3	HARRY PARKES ... 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 4	WALTER J. LEMON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

* 300th peal.

TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Variation.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

MRS. J. THOMAS ... <i>Treble</i>	*ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 5
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 2	NORMAN V. HARDING ... 6
JOHN THOMAS ... 3	*CLAUDE COUSINS ... 7
*WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 4	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

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

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On Tues., May 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

JOHN R. SMITH ... ..Treble	T. EDWARD HARROLD ... 5
*BRIAN AUSTIN 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
SHIRLEY BURTON 3	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 7
†RICHARD J. CARTER ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... ..Tenor

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted P. J. STANFORTH.

* First peal in the method on working bell. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. In honour of the wedding of Margaret Doreen Hibbert, daughter of the Vicar, Canon H. V. Hibbert, to James Ian Mitchell, M.C.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., May 24, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALICK CUTTER ... ..Treble	JOHN G. NASH 5
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ... 2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED... 6
*MRS. M. O. L. MANCHIP ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
*PHILIP J. COWARD 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... ..Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in method as conductor.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Transposition of Dexter's Variation of Thurstan's. Tenor 22 cwt.

GEORGE MAIDMENT ...Treble	HENRY W. LLOYD 5
*MARGARET BURGE 2	ISAAC FARMER 6
SIDNEY WYBURN 3	ARTHUR R. TUDBALL ... 7
HORACE ARSCOTT 4	JIM HERROD Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC FARMER.

* First peal. First peal of Stedman Triples for all the band, who are all Dunster ringers. Believed to be the first peal of Stedman Triples ever rung by a Dunster Deanery band without a conductor from outside.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Transposition. Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 2lb.

CLEMENT GLENN ... ..Treble	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS ... 5
REGINALD ALEY 2	FREDK. A. SALTER 6
JOSEPH A. FENTON 3	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF... 7
FREDK. G. HOOPER 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

In memoriam Thomas Groombridge jun.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Comprising 2,880 London, 800 Bristol, 800 Superlative and 640 Cambridge, with 120 changes of method. Tenor 23 cwt. 25 lb. in D.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
MARGARET FIDELL 3	*JACK BRAY 7
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	JOHN FREEMAN Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

J. EDWARD CAWSE ...Treble	GIBSON JACKSON 5
MILTON C. FOWLER 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
*WILLIAM H. JACKSON ... 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 7
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 4	ERNEST A. THORPE ... ..Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JOHN PEARCE ... ..Treble	HAROLD A. NOBES 5
E. JOAN SALMONS 2	PATRICK PAGE 6
JOHN H. HUNT 3	ERNEST A. JURD 7
†ERNEST BROWN 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT... Tenor

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

* First peal. † First peal of Major. A farewell to Rev. Keith, who is leaving for New Zealand, and also as an 83rd birthday compliment to Queen Mary.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Fri., May 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

ALEC E. RICHARDSON Treble	ROBERT COLLINS 5
DORIS E. COLGATE 2	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ... 6
*†CHARLES A. BASSETT... 3	†ALBERT RELFE 7
BERNARD V. COLLISON ... 4	ERNEST J. LADD Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* 25th tower for peal and first peal of Cambridge Major. † 25th peal together. First peal of Surprise as conductor. For Queen Mary's birthday.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS BARKER ... ..Treble	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE ... 5
*ERIO BALDWIN 2	†THOMAS TURNER 6
*IAN JONES 3	JAMES BLACKBURN 7
†ARTHUR RIGBY 4	JOHN CHARNOCK Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

* First peal. Both aged 14 years. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. ‡ First peal in the method.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

ROGER LEIGH ... ..Treble	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	EDWARD IDDON 6
CHARLES CLEGG 3	ALBERT GREENHALGH ... 7
FRED E. DUKES 4	JACK CLEGG Tenor

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

CHURCH KIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...Treble	*JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 5
CHARLES W. BLAKEY 2	*FRED E. DUKES 6
CHARLES CLEGG 3	ERNEST J. GOWER 7
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS... 4	ROGER LEIGH Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL...Treble	*PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 5
MARK W. MARSHALL 2	RALPH BIRD 6
WILFRED W. RING 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH 7
FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

* 50th peal. First peal in the method by all the band.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

RAYMOND OVERY Treble	KENNETH SNELLING 5
*MARY HOWELL 2	†JAMES W. JEFFERY 6
MRS. F. I. MARSHALLSAY 3	ERIC H. KNAPP 7
HORACE E. LILLEY 4	GEORGE W. CECIL ... Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

* First peal of Major with a bob bell. † First peal of Major. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JACK MUSSELL Treble	JOHN HARTLESS 5
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS 2	COLIN W. REED 6
WILLIAM C. SHUTE 3	FRANK L. HARRIS 7
DAVID R. REED 4	RONALD N. MARLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Six-part.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

EDNA M. SILLS Treble	LUTHER HONESS 5
TOM SAUNDERS 2	REGINALD L. SILLS 6
*MARGARET H. BAKER... 3	PETER C. WRIGHT 7
WILLIAM R. MANSER ... 4	ALFRED CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

* First peal in the method.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E.

ALBERT DISERENS Treble	CYRIL J. HIBBERT 5
NOEL J. DISERENS 2	JAMES GORDON 6
*JOHN N. MONEY 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
†GEORGE W. BISHOP ... 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

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

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb.

*DEREK M. SEVILLE ... Treble	STEPHEN LL. PARRY 5
JOHN T. WALMSLEY ... 2	DEREK OGDEN 6
*WILLIAM HARRISON ... 3	SELWYN H. DEARDEN ... 7
FRED PRITCHARD 4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK ... Tenor

Composed by J. HOWLETT.

Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

OLD BASFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEODEGARIUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*PATRICIA S. M. LEWIN Treble	HERBERT LEWIN 5
RALPH W. CARLISLE ... 2	REUBEN E. CARLISLE ... 6
SAMUEL PINDER 3	HORACE SEAGRAVE 7
MAUREEN PINDER 4	W. P. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by SAMUEL PINDER.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

OVER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ALFRED WILKINSON ... Treble	REGINALD W. WORRALL... 5
†BERNARD J. ONGLEY ... 2	ALBERT H. BOOTH 6
†ERIC HORNBY 3	DAVID SMITH 7
DENIS MADDOCK 4	HARRY W. HOWARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. CLEGG.

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal away from treble. ‡ 50th peal. A birthday compliment to Queen Mary.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

CYRIL J. BARBER Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 5
WILFRID G. SAUNDERS... 2	ERNEST WHITING 6
FREDERICK C. ROPER ... 3	HARRY MOSS 7
CLEMENT J. MORE 4	W. ARCHIE LOCK Tenor

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

ERNEST TURNER Treble	JOHN PINFOLD 5
WILLIAM C. DOWDING... 2	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY 6
JOHN LLOYD 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
HAROLD V. COOPER 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

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

For the wedding of Mr. Derek H. Watson, Northern Branch Ringing Master, and Miss Marie Keeley.

THAXTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY, JOHN-THE-BAPTIST AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb.

*MRS. L. D. SUCKLING... Treble	HENRY PRATT 5
*SHIRLEY BARRINGER ... 2	DR. P. SPENCER-PHILLIPS 6
*ALFRED LITTLE 3	RONALD SUCKLING 7
RONALD BOYKETT 4	ERNEST BRIGHT Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal of Major. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 2	*PHILIP A. F. CHALK ... 6
FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 3	RONALD SUCKLING 7
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*MAURICE BAILEY Treble	JACK BAILEY 5
†MRS. S. H. JONES 2	ALFRED MOULD 6
WALTER SOAR 3	BENJAMIN BARKER 7
†WILLIAM GARNER 4	SIDNEY H. JONES Tenor

Composed by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside'. ‡ First peal of Major. The conductor's 150th peal and 50th as conductor.

HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

ANNE WORTH Treble	ERIC J. GILBERT 5
*R. JOYCE PETT 2	JOHN WORTH 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
JAMES FERNLEY 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

PETER C. WRIGHT ... Treble	JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... 5
*MARGARET H. BAKER ... 2	*WILLIAM R. MANSEY ... 6
LUTHER HONESS 3	†GEORGE F. CANTRILL ... 7
EDNA M. SILLS 4	REGINALD L. SILLS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob Major and 25th peal. A 17th birthday compliment to Edna M. Silles.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALSHEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.*On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and two different extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

*WILLIAM GRAVES ... Treble	*RONALD COLDWELL ... 4
HORACE S. MORLEY ... 2	*THOMAS W. TUNE ... 5
FRED TERRY 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

* First peal in six methods. A last token of respect to Mr. Fred Cryer, aged 91 years (Selby Abbey), a ringer for many years.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)*On Sat., May 20, 1950, in 3 Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

*JOHN AMER Treble	*JAMES R. TURNER ... 4
†PHILIP C. HOLMES ... 2	A. LENNARD SHEPHERD 5
ANDREW J. H. SCOTT ... 3	THOMAS H. WOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by A. LENNARD SHEPHERD.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' This is the first peal ever rung on the bells by an all-Eastham band.

LANE END, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Sat., May 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*JOHN D. KAPE Treble	*ANTHONY E. COX ... 4
*DOREEN COKER 2	ROLAND BIGGS 5
*WALTER AVERY 3	WALTER LEE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER LEE.

* First peal in more than one method.

NORTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Sat., May 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 120's of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, twelve 120's of Plain Bob and twenty 120's of Grandsire. Tenor 19 cwt.

*WILLIAM KILSBY ... Treble	ERNEST G. ORLAND ... 3
*HAROLD HAYNES ... 2	VICTOR A. PERRY ... 4

SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ... Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.

* First peal of Doubles.

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On Sat., May 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*DONALD C. ANDREWS...Treble	GEORGE N. ORMAN ... 4
CHARLES A. ANDREWS... 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... 5
ROY DUESBURY ... 3	GEORGE A. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal, age 12. The ringers of 6, 2 and treble are respectively father, son and grandson.

APPLEFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Bob, St. Clement's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*H. ANTHONY TREADGOLD Treble	CHARLES COLES ... 4
M. ANGELA CARTER ... 2	*MALCOLM S. CLOKE ... 5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in seven Minor methods. A 21st wedding anniversary compliment to the parents of the treble ringer.

BLACK NOTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 24 extents of Grandsire and 18 of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*BARBARA CANDLER ...Treble	DERYCK TALBOT ... 3
HENRY PRATT ... 2	RONALD SUCKLING ... 4
STANLEY BONES ... Tenor	

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal (age 14 years). Farewell peal to the Rector on his leaving the parish for Leigh-on-Sea. Also a compliment to Mr. D. Talbot and Miss B. Felton, of Billericay, on their engagement.

FLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

*MRS. G. R. G. BUTLER Treble	†GEORGE SISSON ... 4
†E. SCOTNEY SETH ... 2	GEORGE R. G. BUTLER... 5
†ROBERT A. BENNETT ... 3	†HAROLD WALTHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. G. BUTLER.

* First peal of Minor. †First peal. Rung by the pupils of Mr. J. B. Halifax, esteemed captain at this tower, in honour of his 76th birthday, and to commemorate his 51 years' service at Fleet.

KILMERSDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 21 cwt (approx.).

*DONALD MILVERTON ...Treble	JOHN FOWLER ... 4
†HENLEY HAWKINS ... 2	†GILBERT POMEROY ... 5
DAVID HOARE ... 3	*CHARLES FRANCIS ... Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.

* First peal. †First peal 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Her Majesty Queen Mary.

NEWTON PORTHCRAWL, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Stedman, 10 six-scores of Plain Bob and five 240's and 10 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALFRED HANNINGTON ...Treble	BENJAMIN WILLIAMS ... 4
ROBERT E. COLES ... 2	GWYN I. LEWIS ... 5
TREVOR M. RODERICK ... 3	EDGAR COLES ... Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Bourne Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MOSES BILLINGS ...Treble	AMOS INGALL ... 4
*BERTIE BEE ... 2	LOUIS WILLIERS ... 5
EVELYN M. WRIGHT ... 3	JOHN E. COOK ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

* First peal in seven methods. A birthday compliment to Her Majesty Queen Mary, also Mrs. B. N. Billings, wife of the ringer of the treble.

CLIFTON-ON-TEME, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KENELM,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM RANFORD ...Treble	†FRANK WOODYATT ... 4
*DONALD R. HINKSMAN... 2	FRDERICK MERRICK ... 5
WILLIAM HINKSMAN ... 3	THOMAS COOPER ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS COOPER.

* First peal of Minor. †First peal. First peal on the bells for 23 years.

BERGH APTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 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 Kent Treble Bob, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

HERBERT C. BOGGIS ...Treble	REGINALD H. DRANE ... 4
CEDRIC F. C. PHILLIPPO ... 2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 3	LIONEL A. LESTER ... Tenor

Conducted by F. CHARLES GOODMAN.

The ringers of treble and tenor, both of Bergh Apton, have completed the circle.

ELMLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of London, York and Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

ALLEN MORGAN ...Treble	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 4
JOHN THOMAS ... 2	CYRIL TANSELL ... 5
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

In honour of Queen Mary's 83rd birthday.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Single Oxford Bob, (4) Double Oxford Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb. in F sharp.

WM. A. KITCHENSIDE ...Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 4
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 2	*ERNEST J. LADD ... 5
*CHARLES A. BASSETT ... 3	FRANK H. HICKS... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* 25th peal together. Rung after the wedding of Mr. C. D. Swift and Miss N. Marshall, daughter of Mr. Andrew Marshall, a local ringer.

WHAPLODE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

MAURICE BENNETT ...Treble	FRED BRIGHTMAN ... 4
WILLIAM DUFFY ... 2	*THOMAS H. CHARLTON... 5
*FRED A. OLDSERHAW ... 3	FRANK TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

* The first peal in seven methods.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*PETER MAYLE Treble	*WALTER PERRY (16) ... 4
*ROSEMARY SEABROOK (14) 2	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT... 5
*OWEN C. BALLARD ... 3	WILLIAM CUTMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT.

* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

BURLESCOMBE, DEVON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 17 cwt.

GORDON WALFORD ... Treble	DAVID T. NORTH ... 4
JEAN TATTERSALL ... 2	CYRIL J. STEVENS ... 5
*GEOFFREY J. GAMMON... 3	*ALBERT E. HAWKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by GORDON WALFORD.

* First peal.

FITZHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY COMMINS Treble	FRANK L. MORRIS ... 4
*REGINALD W. STONE ... 2	CLAUDE TARR 5
FRANK BLANCHFLOWER... 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Minor 'inside' and first peal of Plain Bob Minor.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. in D.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... Treble	THOMAS E. SONE 4
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 2	A. PATRICK CANNON ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

HANDBELL PEALS

LONDON.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE COUNTY HALL, WESTMINSTER BRIDGE, S.E.1,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

*THOMAS J. LOCK 1-2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5-6
*WILFRID G. WILSON ... 3-4	*MAURICE HODGSON ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal in the method.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;

No. 25.

Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
JAMES E. DANIELS 3-4	ROY C. HURST 7-8

KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER... 9-10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

A compliment to Mr. James George, upon attaining the age of 96 years and 6 months.

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LATE NEWS.

We regret to announce the death of Mr.
William H. Barber at Tamworth General Hos-
pital on May 30th. The funeral was at Sutton
Coldfield Cemetery last Saturday.

Mr. Arthur H. Blakeley
has completed 50 years'
service to Bengoe Church,

Hertfordshire, and in honour of this event, and
also of 25 years' service of Mr. H. Palmer as
verger, a peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung
on May 2nd, with the 7 and 8 covering. Un-
fortunately, under the decisions of the Central
Council, this is not a recognised peal. We
regret that the performance cannot be pub-
lished in our peal columns. Had the peal been
recognised it would have been the first for Mr.
Blakeley, who rang the treble. We congratu-
late him on his long service to the church, and
trust that he will have many more enjoyable
years of ringing ahead of him.

The peal of Double Court Minor for the
Guild of Devonshire Ringers reported last week
was rung at Buckerell and not Buckwell.

We regret to learn that Mr. William H.
Barber, late of Newcastle-on-Tyne and now of
Birmingham, is seriously ill and in hospital
for an operation.

As a compliment to Mr. Walter Read, of
Little Waldingfield, on his 82nd birthday and
46th year in bellringing, the bells of Acton
Parish Church, Suffolk, were rung in various
methods.

The peal of Plain Bob Minor at Trull, Som-
erset, on May 6th, was the first of Minor for
Robert W. Shire, Benjamin J. Burton and
R. George Perry, and not the first peal as
stated in the report. The weight of this tenor
is 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

Two youthful members of St. John's, Surrey
Road, Bournemouth, James E. Daniels and
Michael J. E. Best, who were taught their
initial ringing by Mr. Herbert A. Mitchell, the
tower captain, have shown their dexterity in
handbell ringing by a peal of Spliced Royal in
three methods.

BELFRY GOSSIP

To help in the raising of
£300 necessary for the re-
hanging of the bells of
Sutton-on-Hull, members of the Beverley and
District Society visited Sutton-on-Hull last
Saturday and rang the tower bells. They also
rang handbells in the streets while collectors
solicited contributions for the Bell Fund.

Congratulations to Mr. Tom Myers, who rang
his first peal of Surprise Maximus without any
previous practice.

Hearty congratulations to Mrs. F. I. Hairs,
now of Crayford, Kent, and late of Burgess
Hill, Sussex, on ringing her 300th peal at
Dartford, Kent, on May 22nd.

The treble ringer in the peal of Stedman
Triples rung at Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts, on
May 13th, was Katharine Burchnall and not
Kathleen Burchnall as stated in the issue of
May 26th.

Cambridge University Guild officers for next
year (1950-51) are as follows: President, Rev.
A. C. Blyth (Selwyn); Master, A. S. Watt
(Pembroke); treasurer, Rev. C. F. D. Moule
(Clare); secretary, A. W. T. Cleaver (Downing).

In connection with the installation of Ald.
A. Paddon Smith as Lord Mayor of Birming-
ham on May 23rd, the happiness of the pro-
ceedings was clouded by an accident to the
Mayor's aged mother on the Sunday previous.
Mrs. Paddon Smith, sen., who is 93, had a fall
and fractured her femur. She has since died.

The hospitality of the Eastbourne Corpora-
tion made a deep impression on the Central
Council. At the conclusion of the Council meet-
ing a civic reception was held in the Winter
Gardens, where the guests were received by
the Mayor and Mayoress. As the Mayor took
his seat the orchestra played the refrain of
'Dear Old Sussex by the Sea.' This was also
played as the Mayoral party left the hall.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL AT EASTBOURNE

A WELCOME EQUAL TO THE SUNSHINE OUTSIDE THE MIDDLESEX AND INFRINGEMENT OF RULES NEW HONORARY MEMBERS MR. J. F. SHEPHERD'S BEQUEST REVISION OF RULES ACCOMPLISHED CREATION OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP

EASTBOURNE gave a great welcome to the Central Council for its 53rd annual meeting, held in the spacious Town Hall Assembly Rooms on Whitsun Tuesday. The president (Mr. E. H. Lewis) requested the Mayor (Ald. R. J. S. Croft) to take the chair at the opening of the proceedings. With the Mayor was the Bishop of Lewes, who was deputising for the Bishop of Chichester, and also the representatives of the Sussex County Association. With the President were Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary), Mr. W. H. J. Hooton (hon. librarian) and Mrs. Fletcher.

In his speech the Mayor regarded the occasion as memorable to him, as it was the first conference he had welcomed to the county borough since his installation as Mayor the previous Tuesday. He recalled youthful memories of Robertsbridge bells on a Sunday evening.

Eastbourne, he said, was proud of its three rings of bells in use. As to the town, they prided themselves that they were the sun trap of the South—at any rate, that was what the publicity manager told the world (laughter), and they hoped that the warmth of their welcome would equal the sunshine outside.

The Bishop of Lewes mentioned in his greetings to the Council that the previous day he was at Lords watching the cricket, and he told his neighbour that he had to welcome the Central Council of Church Bellringers and asked him for a few hints. His reply was that a most proper address would be on the nature and habits of bats (laughter).

He had had a good deal to do with ringers, having been in charge of two churches that possessed rings of 10 bells. One was Grantham and three years ago he had the great joy of rededicating the bells. During the whole of his parochial life his relationship with ringers, in the words at the end of the King's speech, 'continued to be friendly.' Not only friendly, but very warm indeed, for he used to hear about it if he did not go up the belfry on most Sundays.

A CRAFT OF THE COUNTRYSIDE.

This was an age of machines and a great many people were disturbed that the craftsmanship of the countryside was being laid aside. He was glad to see that the craft of ringing was still flourishing and as he went about Sussex he found quite a number of young ringers. He thought of one particular belfry full of bright young things all under 20 who had been trained by an old ringer.

'I once asked, as my father was a ringer, how long it would take to learn to ring. An old ringer replied, "You'll learn something in the first five years and you might be a ringer in ten."

'I hope that in this materialistic age, which has produced two world wars, that this nation and the world at large will think again; I am certain we are at the beginning of a return from the things that are purely material to the things that are eternal.' Thus to the bells they turned in a national emergency to express the nation's thanksgiving and rejoicing and also to express things parochial. It would be a sad day if this craft were to die out and they were not to hear church bells calling out all over their land.

Thanking the Mayor and Bishop for their welcome, the President said those who had come early had learnt to appreciate Eastbourne. A suggestion had been made that instead of holding the first meeting of each triennial session at London it should be held at Eastbourne (hear, hear).

The Bishop had mentioned Grantham bells, continued Mr. Lewis. He had a set of dining room chairs made from the old oak frame of Grantham Church in 1885.

Prayers were then said by the Bishop of Lewes, and the President presented him with a copy of 'College Youths' as a memento of the occasion.

ROLL OF THE COUNCIL.

The Hon. Secretary presented the return of representatives, which showed that there were 54 societies affiliated to the Council, an increase of one over last year, in respect of the National Police Guild.

There were 24 associations with four members, 5 with three members, 13 with two members, and 12 with one, making a membership of 149. Three vacancies had been notified. There were 18 honorary members. Subscriptions had been paid by all associations and societies.

ATTENDANCE ROLL.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Mr. G. W. Cecil, Mr. E. G. Fenn, Mr. A. B. Peck. Bath and Wells Diocesan.—Mr. S. G. Coles, Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. H. J. Sanger, Miss N. G. Williams.

Bedfordshire Association.—Mr. H. Harding, Mr. A. C. Sinfield.

Cambridge University.—Mr. E. M. Atkins. Chester Diocesan.—Mr. J. E. Bibby, Mr. J. W. Clarke, Rev. J. Kingdon, 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.

Dudley and District.—Mr. F. Colclough. East Grinstead and District.—Mr. A. Relfe. Ely Diocesan.—Mr. E. H. Mastin.

Essex Association.—Mr. F. V. Gant, Mr. F. B. Lufkin, Miss H. G. Snowden.

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. Harman, Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Hereford Diocesan.—Mr. G. J. Lewis. Hertford County.—Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. H. G. Cashmore, Mr. C. W. Woolley.

Irish Association.—Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, Mr. T. E. Sone, Mr. G. H. Spice.

Ladies' Guild.—Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. A. Richardson.

Lancashire Association.—Mr. P. Crook, Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. W. H. Shuker, Mr. A. Tomlinson.

Leicester Diocesan.—Mr. A. Ballard, Mr. J. P. Fidler, Mr. H. J. Poole, Mr. A. E. Rowley.

Lincoln Diocesan.—Mr. J. P. Joy, Mr. G. E. Feirn, Mr. J. Freeman, Mr. J. A. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan.—Mr. J. W. Jones, Mr. E. Stith.

London County Association.—Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. O. L. Rogers, Mr. T. H. Taffender, Mr. T. W. Taffender.

Middlesex County Association.—Mr. W. H. Coles, Mr. F. A. Finch, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton. National Police Guild.—Mr. T. R. Butler.

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.

Peterborough Diocesan.—Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. W. Rose, Mr. G. S. Valentine.

St. Martin's Guild.—Mr. F. E. Haynes. Salisbury Diocesan.—Rev. F. L. Edwards, Mr. G. Harding, Mr. W. C. West.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. P. N. Bond, Mr. G. H. Cross, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, Mr. F. C. W. Knight.

Stafford Archdeaconry.—Mr. H. Knight, Mr. C. Wallater.

Suffolk Guild.—Mr. C. W. Pipe. Surrey Association.—Mr. D. Cooper.

Sussex County.—Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. F. H. Dallaway, Mr. F. I. Hairs.

Truro Diocesan.—Mr. H. Miles, Rev. A. S. Roberts, Mrs. A. S. Roberts.

Universities Association.—Miss M. Cross. Winchester and Portsmouth.—Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. C. H. Kippin, Mr. G. Pullinger, Mr. F. W. Rogers.

Worcester and Districts.—Mr. B. C. Ashford. Yorkshire Association.—Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. S. F. Palmer.

Honorary members.—Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. G. E. Debenham, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Mr. W. Osborn, Mr. C. W. Roberts, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. J. F. Smallwood, Mr. W. Viggers, Mr. E. Alex. Young.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

These were received from Miss J. Southerst and Mr. H. Denman (Southwell Diocesan Guild), Mr. F. Smale (Devon Guild), Mr. C. J. Sedgley and Mr. G. E. Symonds (Suffolk Guild), Mr. H. Bennett (Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild), Mr. H. J. Mansfield (Essex Association), Mr. W. N. Park and Mr. F. Ainsley (Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association), Rev. C. O. Ellison (Yorkshire Association), Mr. G. E. Oliver and Mr. W. F. Moreton (Hereford Diocesan Guild), Alderman A. Paddon Smith (St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Mr. C. Dean and Mr. T. Groombridge (honorary members), Miss E. Steel (Ladies' Guild), Mr. C. W. Cook (Ely Diocesan Association).

Rev. B. F. Sheppard (Cambridge University Guild), Mr. G. L. Hewitt (Shropshire Association), Mr. B. C. Key (Midland Counties Guild), Mr. C. Evans (East Derbyshire and Notts Association), Rev. C. Elliot Wigg (Oxford University Society), Mr. R. G. Bell (Hertford County Association), Mr. O. Sippetts (Sussex County Association), Mr. J. D. Johnson and Mr. S. T. Holt (Worcestershire and Districts Association), Miss B. Spice (Oxford University Society), Mr. F. Precey (Salisbury Guild), Mr. A. J. Hughes (North Wales).

WELCOME TO MIDDLESEX.

Before the presentation of new members the President said he extended a particular welcome to the three new members of the Middlesex Association. They had received a letter from that Association expressing regret that there was an irregular election last year, and assuring the Council of the Association's wholehearted desire to co-operate with the Council. He had promised the Rev. P. Gough that he would convey to the Council his personal regrets that he was the culprit for the irregular election which took place.

'I want,' continued the President, 'to express on behalf of the Council our regret at the fruitless journey to York of three members of the Middlesex Association, which was due to the delay in getting a letter from the

secretary pointing out that there was a probable infringement of the rules.'

The following new members were presented: Messrs. F. W. Goodfellow, F. A. Finch and W. H. Coles (Middlesex), C. H. Kippin (Winchester and Portsmouth), Peter N. Bond and F. E. Hawthorne (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), W. Viggers (hon. member), F. E. Haynes (St. Martin's Guild), Insp. T. R. Butler (Police Guild), Rev. J. Kingdon (Chester Diocesan Guild).

HONORARY MEMBERS.

The President announced that there were three vacancies for honorary members. Mr. Osborn, who was elected in 1947, retired and was eligible for re-election. They had lost by death Canon Coleridge and Mr. C. F. Johnston. The Standing Committee had considered the position and recommended the re-election of Mr. Osborn and the election of Mr. C. K. Lewis, who would drop out of the representation of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and Mr. F. I. Hairs, who ceased to represent the Sussex County Association.

On the proposition of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. F. H. Dallaway, these three members were elected.

LOSS THROUGH DEATH.

The Council stood as the President read out the list of the following members of the Council who had died during the past year: Mrs. Edwards (honorary member), 1919-1929; J. Morgan (Chester Diocesan Guild), 1915-1918; Canon G. F. Coleridge (Oxford Diocesan Guild, honorary member), 1891-1948, 1948-1949; C. F. Johnston (Surrey Association, honorary member), 1912-1926, 1927-1949; Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett (Salisbury Diocesan Guild), 1903-1914; G. W. Steere (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), 1936-1950; W. Andrews (Winchester and Portsmouth), 1943-45.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of the last meeting, which had been published in 'The Ringing World,' were taken as read on the proposition of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

REPORTS

REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN.

The report of the Hon. Librarian stated that the following books had been presented by their authors and others: 'Scottish Rings of Bells' (Ranald Clouston); 'Acoustical Measurements on Church Bells and Carillons' (Van Heuven, per Mr. F. H. Lewis); 'Towers and Forces' (Mr. E. H. Lewis); MS. on article on bells for new edition of Chambers' Encyclopædia (Ernest Morris); Vol. 1, 'Church Bells of Oxfordshire' (F. Sharpe); 'Among the Bells,' Robinson, bound in red leather (by Mr. F. White); 'Elementary Change Ringing,' by Rigby (purchased).

Sales of publications continued at a steady level. The Librarian asked if ringers would see that their cash with orders was correct. Prices were given in the current number of 'The Ringing World.'

The following publications were in the press: 'Collection of Major Method Compositions' and 'Card of Instructions on the Care of Bells' (revised).

The report acknowledged the services of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Woolley in dealing with orders during the librarian's illness.

Sales during the year amounted to £60 18s. 8d. Mr. Hooton, in moving the adoption of the report, said there was one matter in which he would like the help of associations. Shortly he would be receiving a considerable quantity of books which had been left to the library by the late Mr. J. F. Shepherd, and the result of this would mean a considerable duplication. The Standing Committee had considered the matter, and upon their recommendation he proposed to ask associations or guilds with libraries to let him know and choose from the list such books as they would require. He hoped to publish a list of books received in 'The Ringing World.'

This was seconded by Mr. Walter Ayre and agreed to.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS.

The statement of accounts of the Council showed that the year started with a balance in hand of £187 9s. 9d. and ended with a balance of £245 4s. 10d. Receipts included affiliation fees £36 10s., subscriptions hon. members 5s., sale of publications (balance) £54 2s. 11d.

By expenses: Library and publications, 12s. 3d.; Biographies Committee, £3 8s. 6d.; expenses of York meeting, £2; stationery, £12 8s. 6d.; postage, telegrams and telephones, £10 8s. 4d.; wreaths, £4 4s.; diocesan map, 1s. 3d.

The Secretary, in moving the adoption, said that their total income from associations was £37 5s., and the expenses were creeping up, and if they were to continue to send out great sheaves of papers their expenses would increase. The accounts were discussed by the Standing Committee and they recommended that they be adopted.

Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded and the accounts were adopted.

CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

The report stated that during last summer enquiries were made for a suitable electric motor and geared reduction unit which would run silently and give a variable range of speeds for operating different numbers of bells. These had been supplied and were tried out during the first week in May, and the results were highly satisfactory. Some alterations in the box under the machine were necessary and it was proposed to renew it and enclose the controls behind a drop out panel at one end.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, in moving the adoption of the report, expressed great admiration for Mr. Douglas Hughes and Mr. Brian Price, who had care of the machine, for its working and efficiency.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded and the report was adopted.

REVISION OF RULES

The remainder of the morning session and the first hour of the afternoon were occupied with the revision of rules. These were presented to the Council by Mr. G. E. Debenham, a number of amendments having been made by the Standing Committee the previous evening.

The rules as adopted by the Council were as follows:—

TITLE.

1. The Council shall be known as 'the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.'

CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS.

2. The Council shall consist:—
(i) Of representative members, elected by affiliated societies.

(ii) Of honorary members, not exceeding 24 in number, elected by the Council on the nomination of the Standing Committee.

(iii) Of life members.

[The increase from 20 to 24 honorary members gave rise to a long discussion. An unsuccessful amendment was moved by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, limiting the number of honorary members to 20, and life members to 10. The Hon. Secretary emphasised the importance of increasing the number of honorary members, pointing out that they rendered special services to the Council. This was supported by Mr. P. J. Johnson, who said it was essential that they should have people capable of undertaking specialised work, and if a specialist failed to secure election from his own association, the Council was placed in a difficulty. The administrative work of the Council would end in chaos without them. Mr. John Freeman pleaded a limitation to the number of life members of 10, but this was not accepted.]

AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

3. (i) Any society, association or guild of church bellringers (hereinafter referred to under the general term 'society'), numbering not fewer 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 and shall subscribe to an undertaking loyally to abide by the rules and decisions of the Council.

(ii) Societies hereafter applying for affiliation shall be classified as either territorial or non-territorial. In deciding whether such a society is to be classified as territorial or non-territorial, the Council shall regard as non-territorial a society whose members are drawn from an unlimited area or from an area already represented by one or more territorial societies.

(iii) The societies who are affiliated to the Council at the date of the passing of these rules and the number of their permitted representatives at that date are specified in the schedule to these rules.

REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS.

4. (i) Societies hereafter applying for affiliation shall be entitled to elect representative members as follows:—

(a) A territorial society, the number of whose members is 75 or over, but does not exceed 150, one representative member; exceeds 150, but does not exceed 300, two representative members; exceeds 300, but does not exceed 450, three representative members; exceeds 450, four representative members. Four representatives shall be the limit of representation allowed any one society.

For the purpose of this rule the basis of the calculation of membership for territorial societies shall be the number of honorary and ringing members, and resident life members at the time of the election of representative members. That number in respect of either the year of election or (if more readily ascertainable) the year preceding the election shall be certified in writing by the secretary of the territorial society to the secretary of the Council on demand.

(ii) (a) Those societies hereafter affiliated who are classified as non-territorial shall be entitled to one member per society. The representation of the societies now affiliated to the Council shall be as specified in the schedule to these rules unless modified on application to and by permission of the Council.

(iii) No representative member shall be eligible as an honorary member.

(iv) The election of representative members by affiliated societies shall take place triennially, and the names and addresses of those elected shall be forwarded to the secretary of the Council not later than four weeks before the commencement of each triennial session. In the event of a vacancy the new member shall be elected only for the unexpired period of the triennium, and his name and address shall be forwarded to the secretary of the Council.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

5. Honorary members shall be elected for three years and, on retiring, shall be eligible for re-election (retirement and election taking effect as from the end of the annual meeting), provided that any honorary member who during his term of office may be elected a representative or life member shall, *ipso facto*, vacate his honorary membership. The Council may fill a vacancy among the honorary members at any annual meeting of the Council.

LIFE MEMBERS.

6. (i) Life members shall consist 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 (expressed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting) 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.

(ii) All nominations for life membership under sub-paragraph (i) (b) of this paragraph shall be sent to the hon. secretary signed by two members of the Council not less than two calendar months previous to a meeting of the Council unless notice of motion has been

given at the previous meeting. Such nominations shall appear on the agenda paper.

[Mr. John Freeman again pressed for a limitation of the number of life members to 10, and pointed out, while the president and officers were extremely efficient, they might get a secretary who was not and they might be saddled with him for life. Mr. Dunwoody seconded an amendment to this effect. The Hon. Secretary explained that life membership was created so that they would not clutter up the honorary membership class with those who were too old to undertake the work of the Council. The amendment was defeated by a substantial majority.]

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.

7. All affiliated societies shall subscribe annually, on January 1st for the year commencing on that date, 5s. on behalf of each representative member to whom they are entitled, to meet the expenses of conducting the business of the Council, and no representative member shall be entitled to speak or vote at a meeting of the Council until the subscription of the Society he represents be paid.

MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL.

8. The Council shall meet once annually, about Whitsuntide, in some convenient centre, as decided upon by the Council at the previous meeting or (in the event of unforeseen circumstances) as the Standing Committee of the Council shall decide. Any meeting of the Council may be extended to additional sittings on the same or the following day on a motion for adjournment being put and carried. The president shall have power, in case of emergency, to call special meetings of the Council, and he shall at any time summon such a special meeting on receipt of a requisition signed by twelve members.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

9. At the annual meeting next after each triennial election, a president, an honorary secretary (who shall also act as treasurer) and an honorary librarian shall be elected from among the members to serve for three years. In the event of the president, honorary secretary or honorary librarian vacating office before the expiration of the three years, the ensuing meeting shall elect a member to fill the vacancy during the remainder of the period. The retiring president, honorary secretary and honorary librarian shall be eligible for the re-election at the expiration of their term of office. The president shall retire from the chair immediately his successor in office is elected, but the honorary secretary and honorary librarian shall continue in office till the business of the meeting is concluded. All nominations for these offices shall be sent to the Honorary Secretary, signed by two members of the Council, not less than two calendar months previous to the meeting, and such nominations shall appear on the agenda paper. The next business after the election of the president, honorary secretary and honorary librarian shall be the election of honorary and life members.

ELECTION OF AUDITORS.

10. The Council shall triennially elect from amongst the members of the Council two auditors who shall audit and report upon the annual accounts of the Council with power to employ the services of a professional accountant at the expense of the Council to audit the whole or any particular part of the accounts of the Council.

COMMITTEES

11. The Council shall appoint a standing committee and shall have power to appoint committees for any purpose for which it may appear desirable; and also, if the state of the funds permit, to allow the necessary expenses of holding the committee meetings. Each committee shall appoint a convener and shall report annually to the Council. All reports, except that of the standing committee, shall be made in writing to the hon. secretary at least 28 days before the meeting. Such reports as have not previously been published or circulated shall be read at the meeting.

VESTING OF PROPERTY.

12. The property funds and assets of the Council shall be vested in the president, honorary secretary and honorary librarian for the time being. They shall have power to invest money and adopt such measures as seem to them necessary in the interest of the Council, subject to the approval of the Council.

NOTICE OF RESOLUTIONS.

13. All resolutions to be proposed shall be sent to the honorary secretary in writing signed by two members of the Council, not less than six weeks previous to the meeting, and shall be placed by him on the agenda, together with the names of the proposer and seconder of the resolution. But it shall be competent, on a vote of the majority of the meeting, for the Council to discuss a subject not upon the agenda paper, provided such subject does not affect the rules or constitution of the Council.

[This rule was amended on the motion of Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher from two months' calendar notice to six weeks' notice being required for resolutions, in order to meet with societies that hold their annual meeting at Easter.]

PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS.

14. At the meetings of the Council the president shall take the chair, and in the event of his absence the members present shall elect a chairman for that meeting. The chairman shall have a casting vote. Twenty members shall form a quorum. Every new member, whether representative or honorary or life, shall, before taking his seat, be introduced by a member to the president, or, in the absence of the president, to the chairman of the meeting.

VOTING RIGHTS.

15. Each member, whether representative, honorary or life, shall have one vote.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

16. Provisional notice of the date and items for discussion at the annual meeting shall be given approximately nine weeks previous to such meeting. Full notice of the date, arrangements and agenda for each meeting shall be given not less than five weeks previous to such meeting, such notices shall be given in the ringing paper, but it shall be incumbent on the honorary secretary to send notice to each member. The names of the members present and the business transacted at each meeting shall be entered in the minute book and reported to the ringing paper. Copies of the resolutions passed by the Council and of the decisions of the Council shall be forwarded to the affiliated societies as soon as is convenient after the meeting.

SUBMISSION OF ACCOUNTS.

17. At each annual meeting the honorary secretary and treasurer shall submit the audited statement of accounts for the year to the previous 31st December and the auditors' report for adoption by the meeting.

ALTERATION OF RULES.

18. Alterations in the rules of the Council shall be made only at the annual meetings, and every notice of a proposed alteration shall be sent to the honorary secretary as laid down in Rule 13. All alterations in the rules of the Council shall be passed by a majority of two-thirds.

Mr. R. S. Anderson moved a vote of thanks to Mr. G. E. Debenham for his work in revising the rules.

In acknowledging the compliment, Mr. Debenham said it was not the work of a committee of one, and he had received very able assistance from the hon. librarian.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The report on the Ringers' Roll of Honour stated that there were 25 associations whose lists had not come to hand. The average number of casualties per association in the 1939-45 war, from the lists received, was six, and if this average was maintained, the total for the Roll of Honour, now in the course of production, would be about 300.

The report was presented by Mr. H. Miles, who expressed the hope that representatives

would remind the secretaries of their associations to complete their lists at the earliest possible moment. He would have to fix a closing date and names not included would be deleted from the roll.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded, and the report was adopted.

PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

The report of this committee, presented by Mr. H. G. Cashmore, stated that the committee had collected the proof of the collection of Major Method compositions and the book was now in the hands of the printers. Work had been commenced on a similar collections for Royal and Maximus, which the committee hoped to present to the Council in due course.

Mr. E. A. Barnett seconded and the report was adopted.

RECORD COMMITTEE.

The report of this committee, which was proposed by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and Mrs. L. K. Marshall, gave the following new records on tower bells:—

5,184 Wye Surprise Major, Kent County Association; 5,056 Biddenden Surprise Major, Kent County Association; 5,184 Spalding College Bob Major, Hereford Diocesan Guild; 5,280 Lindsey Surprise Maximus, St. Martin's Guild; 5,056 Bennington Surprise Major, Middlesex County Association; 5,000 Norwich Little Bob Major, Norwich Diocesan Association; 5,280 Bedford Surprise Maximus, Leicester Diocesan Guild; 5,040 Bedford Surprise Royal, Leicester Diocesan Guild; 5,040 Lindsey Surprise Royal, Leicester Diocesan Guild; 5,040 Spliced Grandsire and Double Grandsire Triples, Southwell Diocesan Guild; 5,280 Albanian Surprise Maximus, St. Martin's Guild; 5,184 Wordsworth Surprise Major, Lincoln Diocesan Guild; 5,056 Doncaster Surprise Major, Yorkshire Association; 5,280 Prittlewell Surprise Maximus, St. Martin's Guild; 5,056 Tavistock Surprise Major, Yorkshire Association; 5,088 Deva Surprise Major, Chester Diocesan Guild; 5,152 Radnor Surprise Major, St. Martin's Guild; 5,152 Darlington Surprise Major, Yorkshire Association; 5,004 St. Clement's Bob Caters, Cambridge University Guild; 5,280 Wigston Surprise Maximus, Leicester Diocesan Guild; 5,086 Spliced Stedman and Grandsire Caters, and Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Royal, Surrey Association; 5,280 Leicestershire Surprise Maximus, Leicester Diocesan Guild; 5,040 Leicestershire Surprise Royal, Leicester Diocesan Guild; 5,040 Herefordshire Little Surprise Major, Hereford Diocesan Guild; 5,088 Conisborough Surprise Major, Yorkshire Association; 5,280 Aldenham Surprise Maximus, Leicester Diocesan Guild.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Rochester District held its second quarterly meeting in St. John's Church, Meopham (8), on May 13th, and, favoured with excellent weather, about 85 ringers and friends met in this very pretty and interesting old village.

The meeting came at the end of a week's celebrations of the 625th anniversary of the church, and during this week over 3,500 people had attended the various services in the church.

Ringing commenced promptly at 3 p.m. and continued in various methods to suit all tastes until the ringers' service at 4.30 p.m., which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Vernon S. Nicholls, who gave an inspiring address.

Tea in the Village Hall was kindly given by Mrs. Worthington, the wife of one of the churchwardens, who was that day celebrating her birthday. It is interesting to note that it was Mr. Worthington who last year paid the whole cost of adding the two new trebles to the old ring of six in this tower.

At the business meeting no less than 52 new members were elected (is this a record for a district meeting?). The new members came from seven towers in the district, which included three new bands from Milton Regis, Stockbury and Meopham.

The meeting concluded, the ringers returned to the belfry.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BELL-RINGER

Dear Sir,—To my mind, as a printer, the very basis of our art is on a shaky foundation. I write concerning the word 'bell-ringer.'

In the heading of 'The Ringing World' it is given as one word, and taking this as a standard I have spelt it as one word in my recent publications for ringers. However, at Eastbourne the constitution was given as 'The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers' (two words), and this form of spelling was used throughout the papers handed out at the conference.

I therefore took (printer's) professional advice and ascertained that when used alone it should be hyphenated (i.e., bell-ringer), but that when used in the special context 'Church Bell Ringer' (i.e., a ringer of church bells) it should be separated to Church Bell Ringer in three words.

The above information may be of interest to fellow-ringers and it would certainly help if the word could in future be standardised for all printed matter connected with our Exercise—or has anyone else any other views on the subject?

W. VIGGERS.

Aldershot.

RECORD LENGTH OF DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—With regard to the claim that 8,040 changes of Doubles is the greatest number recorded with the Central Council the following may be of interest.

In the belfry of Whaplode Church in Lincolnshire is an old peal board recording 10,080 changes, being 84 extents. Methods are not specified, but five ringers' names are on the board and in those days I believe there were only five bells there.

The performance, as far as I can remember, is stated as having taken 7 hours and 25 minutes, including the raising and 'settling' of the bells in what is described as a 'masterly fashion.' Local ringers can no doubt supply fuller details, as I myself only noted it briefly during a short visit.

I should, however, like to congratulate our Australian friends on their fine achievements, since in my opinion the ringing of even only 5,040 of Doubles requires a considerable amount more concentration than Surprise and they are no doubt justly proud of their feat. Well done, Australia!—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

Holloway.

WILLIAM BANISTER'S BOOK

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Newcombe's query, I likewise possess a copy of William Banister's book, printed in 1874. It originally belonged to the late Charles Herbert, one of the founders and the first secretary of the Bedfordshire Association. On the fly-leaf, written in the author's own handwriting, appears 'With W.B.'s compliments and thanks.'

In addition to the various quotations noted by Mr. Newcombe, it might be added that pages 150 to 165 inclusive contain a 'Tabular List of Performances achieved by the Society of College Youths from the year 1724, at which date the custom of recording change ringing performances commenced.'

I also have a copy of Hubbard's 'Campanologia' mentioned by Mr. Albert J. Hughes, but as this copy is a fourth edition, revised, printed in 1876, the book he refers to may have been an earlier edition, as I cannot trace the piece of poetry quoted by him in the issue of 'The Ringing World' for April 14th last.—Yours truly,

H. DOUGLAS HARRIS.

Wohurn, Beds.

LARGEST PARISH CHURCH

Dear Sir,—Regarding Mr. Hunt's query as to the largest parish church in England, I am able to give you the following:—

(a) Largest south of the Thames probably is St. Mary's, Portsea, of campanological fame, which must be at least 900ft. long, and has a seating accommodation of nearly 2,000. When I used to ring there it also had a staff of 16 curates.

(b) Runner-up in Portsmouth was St. Matthew's, a triple-naved building with an accommodation of nearly 1,500. This church was blitzed in 1940.

(c) Outside Portsmouth the biggest one in the district is probably St. Philip Neri, R.C., at Arundel, a French Gothic building of cathedral proportions.

(d) Lancing College chapel, on the road to Brighton, though not a parish church, is probably the biggest public school chapel in the country.

(e) Another giant is St. Bartholomew's at Brighton.

(f) The biggest parish church in Somerset is reputed to be St. Cuthbert's, Wells, but I should think Yeovil church must be a hot favourite (also Taunton and Glastonbury).

(g) Of other large churches I can list Dorchester Abbey, Oxon, Wimborne Minster, Beaminster, Dorset, Tewkesbury Abbey, Glos., Bolton Priory, Yorks, Selby Abbey, Yorks, Wymondham, Christchurch Priory, Hants, Malmesbury, Maidstone, Froome - Selwood (whose bells I look for in vain in 'The Ringing World'), and Southwold, Suffolk.

Your other readers will doubtless supply the remaining three-quarters.—Faithfully yours,

F. A. CLUETT.

Gravesend.

BEHAVIOUR OF TOURING RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I understand there was an occasion last year when a party of touring ringers caused considerable annoyance at a certain village by carrying on with a peal attempt until well after 10 p.m. I have discovered that there are other places, apart from the tower, in which ringers can cause annoyance to the public.

I have recently been on holiday at Looe, Cornwall, and on Whit Monday night a party of touring ringers arrived at 10.30 p.m. at the hotel where I was staying. After partaking of refreshment the ringers proceeded to engage in handbell ringing until near midnight. From my bedroom I could hear, to the ringing, sounds of applause and laughter. The members of the party went to their rooms at 12.30 a.m., accompanied by the usual opening and shutting doors, flushing of lavatories, etc. I should say few of the forty odd other guests in the hotel got much sleep that night before 1 a.m.

The next day, following the departure of the tourists, I heard guests complaining of the noise made by the ringers the previous night.

The pity of it was that the handbell ringing was excellent, and would no doubt have been enjoyed by the hotel guests if performed at a reasonable hour, but few people other than perhaps some most ardent ringers are likely to appreciate handbell ringing at midnight.

Such thoughtless behaviour can only further antagonise and even add to the numbers of those who are opposed to bells, ringing and ringers.—Yours faithfully,

F. C. A. BENNETT.

Wombourn, near Wolverhampton.

HORNSEY, MIDDLESEX.—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. W. Blea 1, R. P. Crump 2, D. H. Kingston 3, Miss E. M. Fadden 4, W. G. Kingston (cond.) 5, J. Crump 6. First quarter in the method by all except 1.

OBITUARY

MR. JAMES P. CUNNINGHAM, J.P.

The death occurred on May 25th, five days before his 92nd birthday, of Mr. James P. Cunningham, J.P., of Rostrevor, Co. Down. He had been in failing health for some weeks past, although up and about a week before, and his death came very quickly.

James Cunningham became one of the original ringers at Kilbroney Parish Church, Rostrevor, Co. Down, when the ring of six bells was installed in 1880. There is now only one survivor of that band, the Rev. John Bushell, of Toronto. Mr. Cunningham had been ringing his beloved bells right up to last New Year's Eve, when he conducted the mid-night ringing and afterwards entertained the other ringers to the tune, 'Believe me, of all those endearing young charms,' on the handbells in the tower. It was a very bitter disappointment to him to be absent from the rededication ceremony of his bells last April after their rehanging by Messrs. Taylors.

He became a member of the Irish Association of Change Ringers in 1904, and took a deep interest in its affairs. He was rewarded by being elected president in 1946, and in the following year the honour of life membership for services rendered was conferred upon him. Early this year his great generosity, for which he was noted, reached a climax when he presented a magnificent silver challenge cup for competition among the towers in the Northern District for good striking.

Some years ago he was appointed a Justice of the Peace for Co. Down. He was also a very keen member of the Orange Order, in which he reached high offices and proudly led the district contingents on July 12th to their festivities.

James Cunningham loved his bells and the bellringers. They in turn held him in very high esteem. The Irish Association in general and Rostrevor in particular will be the poorer for his passing.

His funeral, which was very largely attended, took place on Whit Sunday amidst beautiful surroundings in Knotty Ash Cemetery. Bellringers from Hollywood, St. Thomas' and St. Donard's, Belfast, Lurgan and Hillsborough, as well as from the local tower, attended the funeral.

The bells of Kilbroney Church were rung fully muffled, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by Messrs. J. Rush 1-2, W. Pratt 3-4, H. Brown 5-6, F. G. Burrows 7-8, as a last token to Ireland's oldest and much beloved bellringer.

MRS. KATE SMITH.

The Lord Mayor of Birmingham (Ald. A. Paddon Smith) has been bereaved by the death in Dudley Road Hospital on May 30th of his mother, Mrs. Kate Smith, at the age of 94. She had a fall at her home just over a week ago and fractured her left leg. Complications set in and she died from pulmonary embolism.

At the inquest the Lord Mayor gave evidence and said his mother, despite her age, was fairly active, and it was while she was carrying her breakfast tray on May 21st that she fell and broke her leg.

CLAIM REFUTED

Dear Sir,—The claim to the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in the East Riding in the footnote to the peal at Hull and published in 'The Ringing World' of May 26th is not correct. A peal of Cambridge was rung at Escrick on October 27th, 1928, and although that may have been the first, no claim was made at the time.—Yours faithfully,

J. E. CAWSE.

Rotherham.

TOWER CORNER (10)

'THE ART OF STRIKING.'

Dear Learners,—This week our instructor, Tom Truetouch, is to set us on our way towards acquiring the art of striking; and, as we enter the ringing chamber, we see that he has prepared the blackboard on the wall thus:

STRIKING

- A. Knowing the method and finding one's place is only part of the job. The other, and more important, part is correct striking, ALWAYS.
- B. Every ring of bells has its optimum compass for change ringing, and the ringing, to be good, must quickly settle down to the relevant beat.
- C. Each ringer must act on the precept: 'My ringing can make or mar the striking, so it's up to me to keep the beat.'
- D. Within the beat, then, good striking involves—EYE plus HAND plus EAR.

The PROCESS may be analysed under five heads:—

1. Compass audibility. (Once the beat is attained.)
2. Registration of pull-off point within that compass.
3. Ear-check.
4. Consistent maintenance of bell-control, 100 per cent.
5. Applied control-adjustment, using eye, hand and ear.

Now, just as Tom is about to speak on this, Will Wellstruck, our most promising pupil, you may remember, steps forward with his copy of 'The Ringing World,' No. 2,038, and, referring to a letter on page 268 about the open hand-stroke lead, asks if Tom would accept what it says.

'Well now,' says Tom, 'that's a fair question; and as a matter of fact the subject enters into our lesson just now. The writer of the letter is a well-known, experienced ringer, and though he questions what I've said about the gap before the hand-stroke lead, I think I may be able to show you that there are more ways than of expressing the same thing, and that what we have already said about it is not incorrect. Let us see how it works out.'

'First consider the five factors of good striking,' he continues, pointing to the blackboard (see above). 'I mentioned them earlier in the course and promised, then, to deal later with them in detail. Take the first, "Compass audibility." Before we can fully appreciate just what this involves we must consider this.' He pauses and points to B on the blackboard (see above).

'By "optimum compass" we mean the best speed at which the bells can be struck as a complete ring. This, in turn, depends principally upon the natural periodicity of swing of the larger bells of the ring. We could prove our conclusions, to be reached, by delving into a little of the arithmetic of the mechanics of the whole matter, and considering the angular velocity of the bell-masses, as governed by the radius of movement of the centres of mass of the bells themselves.

'But let us try to stick to simple statements in everyday language. The periodicity of which we spoke can be varied in the hanging according as to how the bells are hung in their stocks, i.e., whether they are "tucked up" in highly arched stocks or hung low on flat or near-flat ones. The question of weight enters only in so far as a heavier bell, being normally longer from crown to lip, has its mass-centre further from the bearing axis than a lighter bell.

'So that, when Mr. Dyke says that on 12 bells the gap would be (too little and on five

bells too great, we have only to realise that it all depends on the mechanics of the ring, to perceive that we could have rings of five and twelve in which actually the reverse could be the case. The key to the problem lies in seeing it as a simple one in mechanics, and the optimum compass is predetermined, in spite of all the argument that has gone on about the expert heavy-bell ringer and the way he should or should not ring the bell!

'Consider this long pendulum of the church clock here in the ringing chamber. Notice that its periodicity is about three seconds. Now recall the small bracket clock at home with its short pendulum of about three inches, and its rapid "tick-tock, tick-tock" of about half a second. In the same way, if we had a very light ring of twelve, with a tenor of, say, 10 cwt., and a heavy ring of five with a tenor of, say, 30 cwt.; then the tenor of the five, being a much "longer" bell than the tenor of the twelve, would have a longer periodicity of natural swing, the compass of the whole ring being set accordingly; and if the two tenors were pulled off the balance simultaneously, that of the twelve would strike before that of the five. This simple fact has to be allowed for in practice, when a heavy bell, striking after a light bell, will be pulled off simultaneously with it.

'But to return to the example just considered, fortunately bell-founding has resolved into the making of rings to certain standards of weight for number, and, though there are exceptions, the smaller the number the lighter the ring, within limits. The heavier the bell, the greater its inertia when on the balance, and the less easily pulled-off. Hence in a larger ring, say, of twelve, the heavier bells, to be well struck within the narrow margin of the fraction of the second allowed, will be best rung so that they do not reach "top-dead-centre." The lighter bells, not having the inertia and thus allowing easier pull-off, are rung well up to top-dead-centre and allow for the "beat" or periodicity of the heavier bells. This determines the compass.

'Naturally, on higher numbers, the bells are rung closer together, to get them all within this natural periodicity. But on rings of smaller numbers (e.g., five) the bells are, as we say, "opened up," a bit, i.e., they "strike wider." From this you may see that we conceive an average time of compass, even for all rings; and, within this period, the bells are spaced out. The average time of this spacing

is the gap of the pause of the open hand-stroke lead. Other factors may vary it—"go" of the bells, length and "shoot" of ropes, etc., but in the main this holds good.

'As a matter of fact, the gap would not be too short for rings even up to 16, as I am going to demonstrate on these handbells which I have hung up, to be struck round with a tapper. I have heard some excellent Plain Bob on 14 handbells, rung so fast that the notes almost merge, yet with only a one-beat gap.

'Now listen carefully as I tap these 16 bells round. I shall run them "fast" and after the second round I shall strike the support at the end next the tenor, at exactly the same beat as all the others, and run straight round again, and so on. This will make the gap. Note how distinctive it is.'

Suiting action to word, Tom taps the bells round and we note the rhythm. With closed eyes and concentration on the sound only we realise the truth of what he has been so carefully explaining to us. 'Finally,' says Tom, 'listen to change-ringing on twelve, even good broadcasts, whenever you can. Check the time of the gap. And prove for yourselves what I have tried carefully to explain. It is of the utmost importance to you as ringers in training.'

'So you may see that the gap is not a constant; it varies according to both the number of bells and the way they are hung; but, once the correct compass has been obtained for the ring, it is positively determined. The time for the whole pull round (handstroke and backstroke) is divided into $(2 \times n)$ plus 1 intervals, where n is the number of bells, and the "1" is the gap before the handstroke lead.

'So far we have been speaking only of the precise *sounding* of the bell, rather than exactly when it is to be pulled off to attain the precision of sounding to time. The position of the guide pulley for the rope as it leaves the wheel affects the position of the "bottoming" of the rope's fall—sometimes spoken of as the amount of "draw" of the rope from vertically under the wheel-sheave. But even this does not affect the critical instant of time at which the bell must be pulled off, nor the height of the swing of the bell (not the rope), for that is fixed by other considerations, as we have shown. This timing for pull-off, and/or for height of swing allowed to the bell according to its size, requires precision that comes only with practice; and the due appreciation of the compass of the ring is essential before you can start that practice.

'So listen carefully to the compass, first of all, in rounds. Get the rhythm into your head. Then listen particularly to the sound of your own bell amongst the others. Note its sounding position within the whole compass. Now check whether, allowing for the slight pause as the rope comes up at handstroke, your bell is sounding at a regular beat within the compass. As soon as you are satisfied you can approve or disapprove of how you are "fitting in" amongst the others, you have acquired "compass audibility." Every time you ring rounds concentrate on this until it becomes automatic with you.

'Now for the second of the five factors. . . . (Sorry to interrupt, Learners, but we've used up our space again.) Continuing next time, Yours ever, CORN. R. STONE.

SPALDING, Lincs.—On May 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. T. Newington 1, S. E. Bennett 2, G. W. Mills 3, J. K. Mounfield (first of Stedman) 4, M. E. Bennett 5, A. D. Mills 6, J. G. Ames (cond.) 7, L. H. Wright 8.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Beasley (first quarter) 1, G. K. Dodd 2, J. F. Scott 3, M. J. Dodd 4, J. W. Berry (cond.) 5, T. Oram (first quarter) 6.

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Bob Minor: R. Willan
(first quarter) 1, Miss M. Perkins 2, S. Dance
3, D. M. Hall 4, E. Stainrod 5, E. Atkinson
(first as cond.) 6.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKS.— On May 16th, 1,264 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Warden 1, H. E. Ashley (cond.) 2, Miss R. Ashley 3, S. Carter 4, H. F. Ashley 5, C. Hughes 6, A. J. Hinde 7, T. Elson (first quarter) 8. Half-muffled in memoriam the wife of the people's warden, interred that day.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSELY, YORKS.— On May 7th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (240 each of Royston Delight, London Scholars, College Pleasure, New London, Duke of York and Violet): K. H. Wood 1, A. Rusby 2, F. Cowling 3, R. Brogan 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.— On Ascension Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Wynne Keys 1, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 2, Stella M. Wickens 3, R. G. Blackman (first as cond.) 4, N. J. Smith 5, J. T. Piney 6, P. R. Blackman 7, H. F. Dunford 8.

CLAINES, WORCS.— On May 18th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: E. Wilson 1, G. E. Large (cond.) 2, Miss J. A. Southerst 3, R. G. Morris 4, Miss C. A. Harding 5, C. Tansell 6, A. Morgan 7, W. H. A. Compton 8, R. Woodvatt 9, T. W. Lewis 10. A 77th birthday compliment to Mr. E. Percy Thomas, donor of this restored and augmented ring and clock.

FITTLEWORTH, SUSSEX.— On May 14th, 1,440 Bob Minor: P. Etherington 1, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 2, Jean Curtis 3, R. G. Blackman 4, N. J. Smith 5, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 3.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.— On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Marna Taylor (first quarter) 1, J. A. Alexander 2, W. Swaller 3, W. Atkinson 4, M. J. Cooper 5, H. Short (cond.) 6, S. R. Elwick 7, T. N. Tindale 8.

GODSHILL, ISLE OF WIGHT.— On May 14th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 240 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): E. Thorne 1, S. Hollis 2, C. Callaway 3, L. Bailey (cond.) 4, C. Denness 5, C. Morris 6. For the visit of the Archdeacon, Ven. E. K. Roberts.

GREAT BRINGTON, NORTHANTS.— On May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. G. Townsend 1, E. Smith 2, H. Haynes 3, V. Perry 4, E. Orland (cond.) 5, S. Manning 6. In honour of the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen to Althorp.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.— On May 14th, 720 London Surprise and 720 Wells Surprise: W. F. Todd 1, G. Cherry 2, A. E. Symonds 3, E. W. Winters 4, W. J. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.— On May 14th, 1,230 Kent Treble Bob Major: B. W. White (cond.) 1, Miss S. M. White (first of Kent 'inside') 2, F. E. Cruttenden 3, E. Lish 4, F. W. Parsons 5, R. Langridge 6, E. W. Morey 7, E. P. Packham 8. A farewell to the curate, the Rev. A. T. Waterer.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.— On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. A. Brooks 1, B. C. Stirling 2, P. E. Dodd 3, M. J. Dodd 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, D. A. Johnson (longest length on eight) 6, W. Kewel (first quarter) 7, J. F. Smith 8. 7-6-8 covering.

HITCHIN, HERTS.— On May 7th, 1,230 Plain Bob Major: L. Fidler 1, W. F. Todd (first 'inside') 2, A. E. Symonds 3, G. Cherry 4, D. C. Mears 5, E. Winters 6, W. Croft 7, F. W. Croft (cond.) 8.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.— At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene on May 14th, 1,344 Bob Major: N. G. Hollingworth 1, R. W. Green 2, R. Newman 3, A. E. Hoare 4, C. Finch (first in the method) 5, E. E. Holman (first in the method as cond.) 6, H. Kirby 7, R. H. Begrie 8.

LAUGHTON, SUSSEX.— On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Booth 1, F. R. P. Booth 2, R. Hughes 3, Iris G. M. Jarvis 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5, Robert Booth 6. First quarter by 4 and 6.

QUARTER PEALS

C. Cox 1, J. Morris 2, C. W. Powell 3, R. Keeley 4, G. H. Whitmore 5, H. G. Keeley 6, G. S. Morris (cond.) 7, J. Grant 8.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.— At St. Peter's on May 12th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. W. L. Slack 1, J. Worth (cond.) 2, D. Heapy 3, Miss A. Worth 4, F. Horsefield 5, J. Whittaker 6, S. Naden 7, H. Wood 8. A welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. J. Richards, who was inducted the same evening.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.— On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. R. Cockell 1, C. F. Andrews 2, Miss M. Hunt 3, A. Angel 4, Miss R. Gibbons 5, H. Prout 6, W. C. West (cond.) 7, A. W. J. Hunt 8. Half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. R. H. Legg, a ringer for 73 years.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.— On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. C. Sleet 1, R. Andrews 2, R. Monk 3, D. Sleet (cond.) 4, J. Ribbans 5, W. Horn 6. First of Grandsire by 1 and 3.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.— On May 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. J. Turner 1, B. Pidgeon 2, J. Glanvill 3, E. Rowe 4, C. Deem 5, F. Wreford 6, J. Arbury (cond.) 7, E. Marks 8. In honour of the wedding of Mr. G. E. Retter and Miss Queenie Pring.

OXFORD.— On May 14th, at St. Ebbe's, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss C. M. Trist 1, Miss A. M. Dickinson 2, Miss R. M. K. How 3, W. G. Thomas 4, M. E. H. Barrow 5, F. P. Wright 6, N. G. McCrum 7, R. B. Meadows (first as cond.) 8. First of Yorkshire 2, 4 and 6.

PENCOMBE, HEREFORDSHIRE.— On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. G. Clements 1, F. Jones 2, J. Clements (cond.) 3, F. J. Bedford 4, C. Jones (first 'inside') 5, E. Davies 6.

PINCHBECK, Lincs.— On May 5th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. M. Chenery 1, F. Taylor 2, Miss G. D. Robinson 3, H. Barsley 4, Rev. A. Muxlow 5, H. Bennett 6, C. R. Burrell 7, C. H. Whitton (cond.) 8. To mark the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Richardson.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.— On May 14th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: G. W. Howlett 1, C. J. Barber 2, E. A. Head 3, C. A. Thompson 4, E. Whiting (cond.) 5, F. M. Munnings 6, R. W. M. Clouston 7, W. J. Flatt 8.

REIGATE, SURREY.— On May 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Barbara J. Mayers (first quarter) 1, F. T. Hoad (cond.) 2, W. Claydon 3, V. Look 4, P. T. Hoad 5, A. P. Cannon 6, K. Snelling 7, A. T. Shelton 8, G. Oliver 9, W. Slaughter 10.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.— On May 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Brown 1, O. E. Broyd 2, B. W. Pettitt 3, C. J. Barker 4, S. Dace 5, A. Catterwell 6, C. W. Pipe (cond.) 7, E. W. Pye 8. In honour of christening of a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Pye, also a granddaughter of Mr. O. E. Broyd.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincs.— On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Irene Marrows 1, Mrs. D. Wray (first quarter) 2, F. R. Mitchell 3, H. P. Collin 4, D. A. Frith 5, J. H. Musson (cond.) 6.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.— On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Winifred E. Chaplin 1, J. Webb 2, E. Elton 3, N. Pratt 4, G. Peers, jun. 5, H. J. Dakin 6, G. Peers, sen. (cond.) 7, S. Dunkley 8. Birthday compliments to S. Dunkley (age 82) and E. Elton, and for choir festival.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.— On May 14th, 1,260 Minor (720 Norwich, 360 Cambridge, 180 St. Clement's): Joan Newman 1, A. Broyd 2, D. Knox (first 'inside') 3, J. Sinfeld 4, J. Scott 5, J. Newman (cond.) 6.

WOOKEY, SOMERSET.— On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. C. Hall 1, G. G. Salmon 2, R. H. Gardiner 3, B. Wear 4, V. G. Roberts (first as cond.) 5, A. E. Carver 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4.

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Stedman Triples: Rev. C.

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting, Ashby, June 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30, Radford's Cafe.—C. Hall/J. Colton. 7102

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Piddington (5), June 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.—C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 7100

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Meeting, Clay Cross (6), June 10th, 3.—A. B. Cooper. 7104

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, North Cave (6), June 10th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.30. 7117

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting at Balcombe on June 10th. Names to Mr. A. Laker, 4, Barnfield Cottages, Balcombe.—C. A. Bassett. 7123

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Gawsorth (8), June 10th, 3. Service in church 4.30. Tea (2s. 6d.). 7105

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Saturday, June 10th, meeting, St. Mary's, Woodford (South Woodford Station, Central Line). Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Memorial Hall, ringing after. Names for tea early to A. Boyack, 58, Grove Hill, E.18. (WAN 1575). 7095

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Shoreham-by-Sea (8), June 10th. Tower open 2.30.—B. W. White, 14, South View, Henfield. 7116

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Thatcham (8), June 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 7115

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Wotton Underwood (6), June 10th, 2.45. Service 4. Tea, meeting after.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 7111

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, June 10th, 3 p.m. Ringing at St. Giles', Camberwell, afterwards.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey. 7108

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Flamstead (6), Saturday, June 10th, 3 p.m. 7107

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 10th, at Hawley. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 and business meeting. Numbers for tea to C. E. Barrett, Warsash. 7125

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice, Mortimer, June 10th. St. John's (6), 3 to 5; St. Mary's (8), 6 to 8 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—T. N. Lanaghan. 7157

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Summer meeting at Childe Okeford on June 10th. Visitors welcome. Write Rev. W. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 7124

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—The annual meeting to be held at Bulkington in conjunction with Nuneaton District, Coventry Diocesan Guild, Saturday, June 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea available.—J. M. Griffiths, Hon. Sec. 7165

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Queenborough (6) on Saturday, June 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea, which is by kind invitation. Names for tea to Mr. S. Rayfield, 35, Stanley Avenue, Queenborough.—B. W. May, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7085

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—By-meeting, Staunton-in-the-Vale (5), Saturday, June 17th. Bells 2.30. Tea at Staunton Arms 5. Notifications by Monday, 12th.—P. N. White, 131, London Road, New Balderton, Newark. 7094

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual meeting, Hook Norton (8), Saturday, June 17th, 3. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—J. Keyte, Charlbury, Oxon. 7101

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Haddenham (6), Saturday, June 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 7132

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Chad-desley Corbett, Saturday, June 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by previous Thursday, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 7121

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Piddlehinton, June 17th. Usual arrangements. Names to Mrs. Walden, New Inn, Piddlehinton, Dorchester, by June 14th. No name no tea. Buses from Museum, Dorchester, 2.30 and 3.30. Return 7 and 10.20 p.m.—Hayne, Abbotsbury. 7129

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, Sherfield English, June 17th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by June 13th to M. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 7133

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Meeting at Denholme, Bradford, Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea, apply before June 13th Mr. V. Bairstow, 22, New Road, Denholme—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7126

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at Northaw on Saturday, June 17th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Cheshunt bells available in evening. No. 242 bus passes both churches.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 7143

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Blackrod, June 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook, Sec. 7158

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Burton (6 bells), Saturday, June 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea only provided. Special bus (1s. 6d. return) leaves Woodside Hotel 2 p.m.—A. J. Martin. 7155

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. Mark's, Worsley, June 17th, 3 p.m. Tea 2s. 6d.; names by 14th to P. Derbyshire, 251, Beesley Green, Worsley.—R. Benson. 7160

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Wistaston (6), June 17th, 2.30 p.m. Names by 13th, please.—Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 7162

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Over, June 17th. Tea only for those sending their names by June 12th to Mr. Sadler, Bungalow, Over Hall, Winsford. 7163

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual joint meeting with Barnsley, Doncaster and Sheffield District Societies at Barnsley, Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Hagenback's Cafe, 3s. per head. Business meeting in Royal Hotel 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Smith, 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley, by 17th.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 7161

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Oatlands Park, Saturday, June 17th. Bells 3, followed by service. Names for tea to Miss J. Smith, 5, Pantiles Road, Oatlands Park, Weybridge. All ringers welcome. 7164

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Aldbourne, Saturday, June 17th.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough. 7154

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Dundry, June 17th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 7152

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Hatfield Broad Oak (8), Saturday, June 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 7151

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, June 17th, St. Mary's, Holloway, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.; St. George-in-the-Borough 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea arrangements later. Everyone welcome.—D. E. Lidbetter. 7150

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Durligh on Saturday, June 17th, from 6.30 p.m.—R. Short, Hon. Sec. 7147

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—Annual outing, June 17th. Members taking part please note: Bus starts Willoughby 8 a.m., calling at Davenport 8.10, Staverton 8.20, Byfield 8.35, Newnham 8.50, Weedon 9, Lower Heyford 9.10, Bugbrook 9.15. Please be on time.—F. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 7146

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Northleach, June 17th. Bells (8) from 3.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea by June 13th.—W. H. Hayward, 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester, Glos. 7145

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Monthly meeting at Toddington on June 17th. Bells 3. Tea 4.30.—Valerie Willard, Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 7144

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—South Kilworth, Saturday, June 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Royal Oak.—L. W. Allen. 7141

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Arundel, June 17th, 3. Service 4.15. Names for tea, please, to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 7140

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Monthly meeting, Darley Dale (8), June 17th, 3 p.m. Bring own food.—Miss D. J. Dunn, Darley Dale. 7139

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Epworth on Saturday, June 17th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Tea at the Red Lion Hotel for those who notify me by Tuesday, June 13th.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 7164

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 24th. Bells, Cathedral (10) 2.30 to 3.15 and 6.15 to 7; St. Mary's (8), St. Michael's (6) from 3.30 p.m. Cathedral service 3.30. Tea in St. Mary's Parish Room 4.30, followed by meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, 20th, to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 7110

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Ringing meeting at Walton-on-Thames on Saturday, June 24th. St. Mary's bells 3 p.m. Service and dedication of plaque 4.30. Tea and meeting, Church Hall, 5 p.m. Notice for tea to Hon. Dis. Sec., R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 7138

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Folkestone, June 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by June 21st to T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 7142

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery.—Meeting, Stoke-under-Ham, June 24th. Names for tea by June 20th to Mrs. Powell, East Stoke Lodge, Stoke-under-Ham. 7149

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The summer festival will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 7153

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Leadenham (6) on June 24th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 7159

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Elsham, June 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by June 20th to Rev. D. M. Tindall, Elsham Vicarage, Brigg. 7137

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, June 24th, at Somerleyton (6). Service 3. Tea 5.30, Duke's Head. Names or numbers for tea to E. W. Brown, Margreth Cottages, Herringfleet, Lowestoft.—J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 7136

ELY, ST. MARY'S.—Third Annual Ringers' Sunday, June 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 6.30 evensong. Tea at St. Mary's Hotel 5 o'clock. Come and join us and help make this a real ringers' service. 7127

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-upon-Avon Branch.—Meeting at Alcester, Saturday, June 24th, at 3 p.m. All who require tea contact me at Shottery Grange, Stratford-on-Avon, not later than June 17th. No name, no tea definitely. These 8 bells must be rung well; so really good attendance, please.—D. Stanley, Branch Sec. 7135

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival on Saturday, July 15th, at Oxford (n.v.). Service, Cathedral, 11 a.m.; preacher, Rev. C. F. Sherwood (Vicar of Mapledurham). Business meeting, Ghafter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Christ Church Dining Hall, 1.30. Tickets 5s. Applications for tickets with remittance to General Secretary by July 8th. Usual towers available. Times of ringing later. Choristers, please get in touch with Mr. F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, near Bicester.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 7130

QUARTER PEALS

RAINHAM, KENT.—On May 14th, for Confirmation service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss Patricia Smee 1, E. Naylor 2, F. J. Cheal 3, T. A. Cross 4, B. Edwards (first of Stedman) 5, W. J. Walker 6, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 7, W. Hollands 8.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Edward the Confessor on May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. C. C. Roome 1, J. Aspinall 2, Mrs. M. M. Osborne 3, Mrs. J. C. Northam 4, Miss S. Booth 5, A. Langstone 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, H. W. Roome 8. 7.6.8 covering. For anniversary of Coronation.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's on May 18th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: G. W. Debenham 1, H. V. Frost (cond.) 2, C. F. Sayer 3, Miss A. Bailey 4, R. W. Darvill 5, H. G. Mason 6, F. J. Spicer 7, W. J. Southam 8, B. C. Johnson 9, T. J. Southam 10. First 'local' in county. First by 6 and 8.

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EXTENSION PROBLEM

WHILE the Methods Committee were not in a position to give their final views to the Eastbourne Council meeting on the extension of even-bell methods to higher even numbers they presented a series of recommended rules as an appendix to their report.

Their approach to the subject is interesting. As a basis they submitted the following note: 'We believe that the objective in extension should be to produce a method acceptable to the practical ringer (not so much the mathematician) as the obvious extended form of the parent. This can only be achieved by preserving in the extension all the distinctive features of the parent (e.g. place-making, work with the treble at front and back, etc.), and also the correct sequence of lead ends (if this is possible). No new blocks of places should be introduced except such as are additional reproductions of the parent. Of course, additional dodging and/or hunting are unavoidable as compensation for the longer path of the treble. We are of opinion that it is impossible to frame a set of rules which will satisfactorily control the whole subject, and that mathematics alone cannot accomplish this.'

The Methods Committee put forward a special plan that those who propose to ring an alleged extension shall commit the figures to them for approval and for their guidance submit the following recommendations:—

(1) Lead-end places.

(a) When the parent is a second place method, the extension shall be likewise.

(b) When the place of the parent is in the ultimate position the place of the extension shall also be in the ultimate position.

(2) Half-lead places.

The half-lead places in an extension may be either the same number of places from the front or from the back as in the parent.

(3) Place-making.

No sequence of places made by the same bell in any one dodging position shall be introduced into an extension unless such places conform to a 'pattern' already exist-

ing in the parent except where such places are an 'enlargement' of a sequence made by the pivot bell in a 'slow-work.'

(4) Contiguous places.

(a) No contiguous places in the parent shall be omitted from an extension.

(b) No contiguous places which have no counterpart in the parent shall be included in an extension.

(5) Sequence of lead-ends.

There has, in the past, been much argument on this subject, usually, we fear, with the object of 'proving' that someone's particular extension was correct, but very little attention has been given to the views of the ordinary ringer. We believe he will judge an extension by a comparison of the 'work' contained therein with that of the parent, and by the order in which such 'work' is performed. This latter is governed by the sequence of lead-ends, which, in turn, is governed by the bell making the half-lead pivot place. We believe that some rules are necessary governing this important point, but we have been unable to reconcile theory and practice up to the present and so are not yet in a position to recommend anything to the Council on this subject. As far as we are aware, this matter, when solved (if that is possible) will complete our investigation, as we believe all important points will then have been covered.'

The reconciling of theory and practice as the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead so aptly terms the problem is unquestionably the thorny point. Not one of the theorists who, by means of documents and arguments, have endeavoured to prove that theirs is the correct approach to the problem will climb down gracefully from their own particular pedestal. Perhaps the most useful contribution at this stage to the help of the Methods Committee would be the opinion of the 'ordinary' ringer—in other words, one who has not advanced his own particular theory. The committee are to be commended for trying to keep to a middle course, but we feel certain that before they complete their task they will be expected by the 'ordinary' reader to refute one or other of the 'experts' on the extension theories. The final report should be ready for the Chester Council meeting; it would, however, be an advantage to all concerned if, before the meeting, the conclusions of the committee could be published in the 'Ringing World' to enable the theorists to ensure that their point of view is properly presented.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb.

*HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	MAURICE G. TURNER ... 7
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 8
TREVOR REYNOLDS ... 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 9
GEORGE A. PACKER ... 4	†W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ... 10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5	JOHN BRAMLEY ... 11
RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... 6	GEORGE L. RODEN ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK W. PERRENS. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* 225th peal for the Society. † First peal of Cinques.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Apr. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Davies' Variation.	Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... Treble	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 2	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... 6
MARGARET RIGBY ... 3	ARTHUR PEAKE ... 7
G. ARNOLD MOORE ... 4	*ALBERT LAWTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PEAKE.

* First peal for forty-three years.

SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation.	Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.
NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... Treble	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 5
*FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 2	*FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 6
†JUNE M. HENSHAW ... 3	ARTHUR PEAKE ... 7
G. ARNOLD MOORE ... 4	†OWEN WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PEAKE.

* 50th peal together. † First peal of Triples. A birthday compliment to N. R. Holland.

ALMONDBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... Treble	*P. LESLIE PEARCE ... 5
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 2	IVOR H. TRUEMAN ... 6
SIDNEY G. RICHES ... 3	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD ... 7
JACK R. WORRALL ... 4	EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by EMLYN F. HANCOCK.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation.	Tenor 18½ cwt.
JOHN WHEADON ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
*MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 6
FRANK E. WALKER ... 3	HARRY PARKES ... 7
FREDK. J. CULLUM ... 4	WALTER J. LEMON ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

* 300th peal. A birthday compliment to Mr. W. J. Wheadon, son of the treble ringer and a former member of the local band.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF RUNNYMEDE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 7 lb.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... Treble	EDWARD JENKINS ... 5
ERNEST B. BETTS ... 2	VERNON BOTTOMLEY ... 6
THOMAS W. STRANGWAY ... 3	FRED HODGSON ... 7
ALFRED SMITH ... 4	FRED DUNKERLEY ... Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

First peal in the method by all the band.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr.

*NORMA BICKERDIKE ... Treble	†LESLIE BOUMPHREY ... 5
*ALEXANDER E. MARSH ... 2	EDWARD JENKINS ... 6
*WILLIAM WARD ... 3	*ROY BETTLEY-COOKE ... 7
*MOLLY AMBLER ... 4	*ALFRED SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal of Rutland. † First peal of Surprise. First peal of Rutland on the bells.

HYTHE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 19 lb.

*JOHN A. HILTON ... Treble	†JOHN H. BAXTER ... 5
†EILEEN S. WYLES ... 2	ALAN BUTLER ... 6
THOMAS H. HOLMES ... 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 7
PETER NEWING ... 4	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT ... Treble	ERNEST C. STAFF ... 5
CYRIL J. BARBER ... 2	WILLIAM J. FIATT ... 6
ERNEST A. HEAD ... 3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE ... 7
CECIL A. THOMPSON ... 4	ERNEST WHITING ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 20 lb.

*ROY BROOM ... Treble	DAVID SMITH ... 5
JAMES W. GROUNDS ... 2	*CHARLES CLEGG ... 6
ROGER LEIGH ... 3	HARRY W. HOWARD ... 7
DEREK OGDEN ... 4	JACK CLEGG ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JACK CLEGG.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. In honour of the birthday of Queen Mary. Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AD VINCULA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation.		Tenor 20 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.	
NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... Treble	2	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ...	5
CHARLES H. PAGE ...	2	G. ARNOLD MOORE ...	6
MARGARET FLACKETT ...	3	ARTHUR PEAKE ...	7
RONALD BARLOW ...	4	FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... Tenor	

Conducted by ARTHUR PEAKE.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*JUNE GRIFFITHS ... Treble	2	JOHN THOMPSON ...	5
JOHN E. S. MORETON ...	2	L. MICHAEL CALLOW ...	6
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ...	3	HUBERT ASHLEY ...	7
FRANK E. PERVIN ...	4	LEONARD TREVOR ... Tenor	

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

* First peal of Major. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss June Griffiths.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*GORDON F. CLARKE ... Treble	2	WILLIAM A. ROUSE ...	5
FRED ORRIS ...	2	WALTER A. SOUTHGATE ...	6
JAMES BUTLER ...	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ...	7
EDWARD E. DAVEY ...	4	RONALD G. BUGG ... Tenor	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob. E. E. Davey has now circled this tower for the third time. Birthday peal for F. Orris.

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5292 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

SAM SCATTERGOOD ... Treble	2	WILFRED L. ROBINSON ...	5
WALTER ALLWOOD ...	2	ARTHUR B. COOPER ...	6
CYRIL WRIGHT ...	3	GORDON C. BRIGGS ...	7
HERBERT E. TAYLOR ...	4	JOSEPH SAXTON ... Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

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

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

MRS. N. O. L. MANCHIP Treble	2	*DONALD E. TOWERS ...	5
ISAAC J. ATTWATER ...	2	†JOHN T. ROBERTS ...	6
THOMAS E. DAVIES ...	3	*JACK R. TOWERS ...	7
PHILIP J. COWARD ...	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... Tenor	

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.

* First peal. † First peal on eight. For the wedding of S. Scott (a member of this tower) and Joan Evelyn Neville, who were married the same day.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

STANLEY N. BRISTOW ... Treble	2	CLAUDE W. J. TARR ...	5
MRS. E. S. POWELL ...	2	JOHN T. LOCKE ...	6
REGINALD BEALE ...	3	JACK W. DREW ...	7
FREDERICK WELCH ...	4	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... Tenor	

Composed by REV. E. S. POWELL. Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.

First peal of Major as conductor.

ROYSTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

*HAROLD F. BROWN ... Treble	2	†GEOFFREY DODDS ...	5
†GILLIAN A. SMITH ...	2	JOHN FREEMAN ...	6
MARIE R. CROSS ...	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	7
†ANTHONY W. T. CLEAVER ...	4	†BRIAN D. THRELFALL ... Tenor	

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method. The first peal in the method for the Association.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CRANBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... Treble	2	*S. GEOFFREY WATERS ...	5
WILFRED W. RING ...	2	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ...	6
RALPH BIRD ...	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ...	7
PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ...	4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor	

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP.

* 25th peal. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association. Birthday compliment to P. B. Read and S. G. Waters.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., June 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

J. NORMAN HADLEY ... Treble	2	JOHN LUCK ...	5
ERNEST STITCH ...	2	ALBERT G. RICHARDS ...	6
HOWARD HOWELL ...	3	MAURICE G. TURNER ...	7
ARTHUR G. NEWMAN ...	4	ALAN ELESMORE ... Tenor	

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

SIX BELL PEALS

BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

*E. ANN ROSE ... Treble	2	†JUNE M. HENSHAW ...	4
CHARLES W. LAWTON ...	2	†RONALD BARLOW ...	5
MRS. C. W. LAWTON ...	3	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... Tenor	

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Oxford.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

CYRIL COUSINS ... Treble	2	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ...	4
MRS. J. THOMAS ...	2	WALLACE W. COUSINS ...	5
JOHN THOMAS ...	3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., May 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb.

MRS. G. E. WATSON ... Treble	2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON ...	4
BRIAN S. COPE ...	2	JOHN E. SKERRITT ...	5
BRIAN AUSTIN ...	3	ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... Tenor	

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

A compliment to Queen Mary on her 83rd birthday.

ROYSTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr.
LEONARD W. CARBUTT ... Treble DOUGLAS M. HALL ... 4
MARJORIE PERKINS ... 2 STANLEY DANCE ... 5
*FRANK MITCHELL ... 3 EDWIN ATKINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD W. CARBUTT.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung for the Whitsun Festival.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.
*JOHN JONES ... Treble †JOHN OLIVER ... 4
†JAMES CORBETT ... 2 JOHN N. LINDON ... 5
†MOLLY FLYNN ... 3 †JAMES COLLINS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN N. LINDON.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells. To celebrate the Vicar's 20 years' service at the above church.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.
*DENNIS GLEED ... Treble GEORGE N. ORMON ... 4
GEORGE A. ANDREWS ... 2 ARTHUR G. BUTTON ... 5
ROY DUESBURY ... 3 ALAN R. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF WOODCOCK'S VICTORY TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.
RONALD BARLOW ... Treble ARTHUR PEAKE ... 4
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 2 NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... 5
MARGARET FLACKETT ... 3 *FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

* 75th peal and 50th peal for the Association. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

MARTIN-BY-TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Single Court and two each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.
OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... Treble FRED INGALL ... 4
*RONALD APPLEWHITE ... 2 LOUIS WILLDERS ... 5
AMOS INGALL ... 3 MOSES BILLINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

* First peal 'inside.'

PRESTON PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.
*EDMUND C. ATYEO ... Treble *SIDNEY WHITE ... 4
HERBERT W. PEARCE ... 2 RONALD WHITE ... 5
WALTER H. POOLE ... 3 WILLIAM E. TURNER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal of Minor.

CHEADLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., May 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,520 of Grandsire and 2,520 of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.
*GRAHAM MARSH ... Treble GEOFFREY C. BEECH ... 4
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 2 ERIC NIXON ... 5
*WILLIAM CARNWELL ... 3 RONALD BARLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.

* First peal (aged 15). † First peal of Doubles.

HALSE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.
HARRY COMMINS ... Treble FRANK BLANCHFLOWER ... 4
STANLEY N. BRISTOW ... 2 FRANK J. MORRIS ... 5
CLAUDE TARR ... 3 WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

50th peal as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells.

LEIGH-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.
VICTOR W. GRIMWADE ... Treble RODERICK W. CROUCHER ... 4
BERNARD SADLER ... 2 FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5
WILLIAM PERRY ... 3 DONALD COOMBS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

A welcome to the new Rector of Leigh, Rev. John Leslie Head.

CROMHALL, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 120's and eight 240's each of Pitman's and Morris' arrangement. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.
ROY HOLPIN (15) ... Treble HORACE V. ROBINSON ... 4
MARY DREW ... 2 LESLIE BARRY ... 5
CHARLES ROUSE ... 3 *RONALD BEALE (16) ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal. A compliment to the Rev. A. D. H. Allen on completing 21 years as Vicar.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1950, 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 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.
ROBERT T. SIMPSON ... Treble THOMAS COOKE ... 4
*DORIS M. KILLINGLEY ... 2 W. NORMAN PARK ... 5
RICHARD BUSBY ... 3 ROLAND PARK ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' In celebration of the Patronal Festival and as a welcome home to the conductor after a sojourn of three years in South America.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.
SYDNEY CARNALL ... Treble *CHARLES COOK ... 4
WILLIAM BRETT ... 2 JOHN NEWBERT ... 5
JOSEPHINE SALT ... 3 HAROLD DENMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

* First peal of Minor. Quickest peal on the bells

MARKFIELD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720's in twelve methods as follows: (1) Spliced Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford T.B., (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5) College Single, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Spliced Single Oxford and Single Court. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*DENNIS BURNETT ... Treble SAMUEL A. MARTIN ... 4
†JACK BENISTON ... 2 C. WILLIAM HALL ... 5
STANLEY R. GARDNER ... 3 ROLAND BENISTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal. † First peal in 12 methods. First peal on bells since augmentation to six.

WIDFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN SUCKLING Treble	BRUCE MCKIE 4
*ERIC EDMONDSON 2	SIDNEY F. CARTER 5
DONALD C. PRICE 3	†PHILIP A. F. CHALK ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., May 4, 1950, in 1 Hour and 31 Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,200 Stedman, 1,200 St. Simon's, 1,440 Grandsire and 1,200 Plain Bob.

Tenor size 12 in F.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 1-2 | FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 3-4

*MARGARET RIGBY 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

* 25th peal. First peal in four methods 'in hand' by all.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 14, 1950, in 1 Hour and 30 Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 12 in F.

*RONALD BARLOW 1-2 | FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 3-4

FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., May 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 12 in F.

*ERIC NIXON 1-2 | †FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 5-6

FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 3-4 | †RONALD BARLOW ... 7-8

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by FREDK. W. GROCOTT.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples 'in hand.'

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., May 24, 1950, in 2 Hours,

AT 13, PEVERIL ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor size 14 in D.

BARRY COPE 1-2 | GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 3-4

WILFRED L. ROBINSON ... 5-6

Conducted by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.

First peal as conductor.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., May 26, 1950, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

AT VITORIA VILLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent and three of Plain Bob.

OLAVE E. BROYD 1-2 | ERNEST W. PYE ... 3-4

ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5-6

Conducted by OLAVE E. BROYD.

In honour of the birth of a grandson to Mr. J. Barker, a local ringier.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

On Thurs., June 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

IN THE CONSISTORY COURT OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF SPICED PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Being 1,024 each of Reverse, Double and Plain Bob, 768 each of Wellington and Gainsborough, and 512 Little Bob; 383 changes of method.

Tenor size 13 in E.

*G. A. SMITH (Newnham) 1-2 | GEOFFREY DODDS (Emm.) 5-6

ANNE B. STOCKDALE (Girt.) 3-4 | BRIAN D. THRELFALL (Trin.) 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

* First peal of Spiced Major. First peal in six methods by all the band, for the Guild and as conductor.

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DEDICATION OF BELLS, CAVERSFIELD, OXFORDSHIRE

THE little Church of St. Laurence, Caversfield, is set in one of the most delightful spots in rural Oxfordshire; surrounded by the trees, lakes and lawns of Caversfield House. The church stands on an historic site, for within a square formed by an ancient rampart lie buried a Roman general, or chieftain, and most of his followers, who were slain here in the third century. Bloomfield, the historian, believed it to be the last resting place of Carasius, who seized the government of Britain at this time, and who was defeated by his chief of staff, Allectus.

When our Saxon forefathers colonised this part of Oxfordshire a few centuries later they utilised the ancient site, and, on becoming Christians, built there a small church within the ancient ramparts. In the tenth or early part of the eleventh century a tower of stone was added to what was probably a wooden church, and the lower portion of this tower remains to-day—one of the few examples of Saxon architecture in Oxfordshire. Two of the original windows have withstood the ravages of time for almost one thousand years.

The Normans left their mark on the church by reconstructing the tiny nave, and some of their work, including a fine doorway, remains. But it was in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries that the greatest benefactions were made, chiefly by Roger Gargate, the Lord of the Manor, and his son Hugh. Roger rebuilt the nave and chancel, and the richness of detail in the stone masonry of this work, particularly that of the nave arcades, is equal to some of the finest work found in our cathedrals.

Early in the thirteenth century Hugh Gargate and his wife Sibilla continued the good work, and among their bequests were the bells,

one of which has survived until to-day, and is now the oldest *dateable* inscribed bell in England. A translation of its inscription reads: 'In honour of God and St. Laurence. Hugh Gargate and Sibilla his wife had these bells erected.' Hugh was living in 1216; he is mentioned in the 'Close Rolls' for that year; but in 1219 his wife is described in a deed as 'Sybil de Caversfeld, widow of Hugh de Gargat.'

One of the bells, given by Hugh and Sibilla, was recast by the Ruffords, of Toddington, about the year 1300; a rubbing of its inscription is now preserved in the library of the Society of Antiquaries, in London. Rufford's bell lasted down to 1876, when it cracked and was recast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., who two years previously had added a tenor to form a ring of three. Soon afterwards the surviving Gargate bell became cracked; it had been quarter-turned in 1874, but too late to save it. The bell should have been turned at least two centuries earlier.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, attracted by the interest attached to the old bell, commenced to ring at Caversfield in the year 1921; he was then 16 years of age and there were no other ringers. So he acquired the art of ringing a pair of bells, one in each hand, including raising and falling them 'in peal.' There were then, of course, only two sound bells in the tower. Later Messrs. J. and L. Evans and C. H. Kinch learnt to ring here, and the Vicar and churchwardens were persuaded to have the cracked thirteenth century bell taken down and preserved in the church and a new treble erected in its place. This was done in 1927 and the little band were soon ringing Stedman Sixes for service on the three bells—they rang 720 changes of Stedman Sixes in honour of the

Stedman Tercentenary—and it needs great skill and perfect bell control to strike Stedman perfectly on three bells.

From 1927 onwards the Caversfield bells were regularly rung for Sunday services—three services a month—and were chiefly used as a training ground for the teaching of raising and falling and the basic principles of Stedman to ringers from neighbouring towers. Now a generous donor has presented the church with two additional bells, which were dedicated by the Rt. Rev. Dr. G. B. Allen, Lord Bishop of Dorchester, on May 16th.

The tiny church was filled to capacity for the ceremony, and all available space taken up by chairs to make additional accommodation. The service was conducted by the Rev. T. A. Roberts, priest-in-charge, and the Launton Church choir occupied the chancel. The clergy and choir, having robed in Caversfield House, walked in procession through the beautiful grounds to the church, and after the responses and prayers and the hymn, 'The Sacred Bells of England,' the Bishop, clergy, churchwardens and ringers, together with Miss M. Phillips, the donor of the bells, proceeded to the ringing chamber, which is situated on the ground floor at the west end of the church; and standing by Hugh Gargate's bell, Miss Phillips presented the ropes of the two new bells to the Bishop, requesting him to dedicate them to the praise and glory of God, and in memory of her mother and brother. After the dedicatory prayers the two new bells were rung up by Mr. F. Sharpe, vice-president of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and Mr. C. H. Kinch, the secretary of the Bicester Deanery Branch.

After the bells had been committed to the custody of the priest-in-charge, an excellent course of Stedman Doubles was rung by F.

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F. SHARPE, FECT.

One-third scale details of the inscriptions on the early thirteenth-century bell at Caversfield. The first two lines constitute the upper inscription which was formed on the clay model of the bell prior to casting in the orthodox manner. The three lower lines read from right to left, starting at the bottom, and this inscription, which occupies a band just above the sound bow, was formed by scratching the letters into the cope after removal of the model. All letters are formed backwards as a result of not having been reversed in the cope.

CAVERSFIELD BELLS—cont.

Sharpe 1, C. H. Kinch 2, F. J. Smith 3, H. Gregory 4, and Richard White, the bellhanger, tenor. The procession returned to the chancel during the singing of the hymn, 'Set them nobly in the steeple.'

The Bishop of Dorchester took for the theme of his sermon the continuity of life and worship, represented by three kinds of witness—silent, spoken and inarticulate. The silent witness was the church building, of which Caversfield possessed one of the gems of the county; for a thousand years the church here had stood sentinel to our God, it was a precious possession. The spoken witness was the priest and people. Without a break God had been worshipped and adored there for all those centuries. The inarticulate witnesses were the bells; they were effective; they reached where the human voice could never get. The Caversfield bells had sent out their message for more than 700 years; now they had been enriched by a very generous gift of two more bells.

Following the hymn, 'For all the saints,' and the Blessing, the first touch was rung, as the procession returned to Caversfield House, by the following officers of the Oxford Diocesan Guild: The Rev. C. Elliot Wigg (Master), Mr. W. Hibbert (general secretary), Miss M. R. Cross (librarian), Mr. E. Pearson (secretary, Banbury Branch), and Mr. C. H. Kinch (secretary, Bicester Branch).

The bells were then available for visiting ringers, some fifty or so of whom had managed to secure a seat in the tiny church, while others, less fortunate, had remained in the churchyard, and many saw Hugh Gargate's bell for the first time. The new bells were much admired for their sweetness of tone and proved very easy to handle. They were cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and hung by Messrs. Richard White and Son. The tenor is 29½ inches diameter, in D flat, and weighs 4 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. F. S.

ST. GEORGE COLEGATE, NORWICH

The hallowing of St. George Colegate bells a fortnight previously was followed on May 20th with a service less unusual but no less triumphant, when, having been hung in the tower, they were reopened by the Archdeacon of Norwich. The service was only made possible on this date by the very rapid and efficient work of the bellhangers who had been working up to 9 or 10 o'clock on several evenings previously.

Ascensiontide with its message leading men's thoughts upward was a most appropriate time for the service, which commenced with a grand Ascension hymn. Then a bidding prayer committing to God the bells and their work, and praying for craftsmen, ringers and hearers.

The president of the Norwich Association read the lesson, which was followed by the anthem, 'O praise God in His holiness.' Then the solemn procession to the ringing chamber, where Mr. A. A. Hughes handed a rope to the Archdeacon, who handed it to the Vicar and said the words of dedication.

Then 60 Grandsire Doubles were rung by the Association Ringing Master, the four Branch Ringing Masters and the Vicar. The procession returned to the chancel whilst a ringers' hymn by the Rev. W. G. Bridge, chairman of the West Norfolk Branch, was sung. After prayers for the bells, ringers, craftsmen, the sick and the departed, the choir sang the carol, 'Ding dong! merrily on high.' The Archdeacon's sermon was followed by the hymn, 'Raised aloft within the steeple.'

After the Blessing, an extent of Grandsire Doubles was rung by the four branch secretaries, also G. W. Fletcher, as branch chairman of the East Norfolk, and W. C. Duffield, as a Central Council representative, and thereafter the bells were kept going until well into the evening, with a variety of methods. All

were delighted with the 'go' of the bells, with the tone which represents a perfect splice between mediæval and modern bells, and the absence of deafening clatter in the neighbourhood. A good tea and the showing of a cine film of handbell ringing in the churchyard rounded things off.

The Lord Lieutenant for Norfolk, who is keenly interested in ringing, sent a most gracious message regretting his inability to attend, and saying, 'I am sorry as there is nothing that pleases me more than to hear of bells being rehung and reopened for use.'

A. G. G. T.

ST. NICHOLAS', ARUNDEL

On Wednesday, May 31st, the bells of the Parish Church of St. Nicholas, Arundel, Sussex, were rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Lewes.

The service was attended by Her Grace the Duchess of Norfolk, the Deputy Mayor (Mr. A. G. Whittaker) and Corporation.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who undertook the work of rehanging the bells, were represented by Mr. Michael Howard (managing director) and Mr. Newsome.

During the service the newly-formed local band, assisted by Mr. S. E. Armstrong, secretary of the Sussex County Association, and Mr. Leonard Stilwell, rang the dedication rounds.

After the service Mr. R. P. Wood, Master of the Western Division, conducted the ringing in a variety of methods.

On the following Saturday the tower was open to visitors during the afternoon and evening, when ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge.

Tea was provided in the Church Hall by the voluntary help of ladies of the congregation, when about 36 ringers were welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. H. A. King, and Mrs. King.

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A crack has been discovered in Painswick Church a few feet from the top of the spire. A gift day is being held next Saturday to raise the £250 necessary to put the repair in hand this month. The Vicar (the Rev. R. G. Jackson), of the Vicarage, Painswick, Glos., appeals to all who have had the privilege of ringing in this famous church to send their contributions to him marked 'Church Spire Fund.'

The consummation of a great achievement will be the rededication of Ash, Surrey, bells on June 28th. Ash and Farnham district ringers are past masters at money raising.

Humphrey Perkins School, Barrow-on-Soar, Leics., has a campanological society that scored its first quarter on May 20th. The members are now looking forward to their first peal.

Miss Susan Dilnot, of Whitstable, aged 10 months, was made an honorary member of the Kent County Association at the meeting at Hernhill on June 3rd. Is she the youngest honorary member of any association?

'We are still fighting hard for our last £500,' writes Mr. George Gilbert, of Burnham fame. Another bell Sunday with a parade of fire engines and decorated vehicles is being arranged for June 25th.

A correspondent points out that the three available towers at Eastbourne are not all Warners. The eight at St. Mary's are Mears, cast in 1818 with the metal of the old six and augmented into eight. The fifth and seventh were recast again in 1923 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Owing to two bells crossing over in the last part unnoticed, a peal attempt of Plain Bob Major at Bampton, Wilts (tenor 25 cwt.), was lost. The band, however, was rather pleased,' writes Mr. Peter Anger, of Shrivenham, 'with having rung 3 hours 15 minutes of beautiful striking on such good toned bells.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

During the Central Council meeting at Eastbourne the bells of All Saints' Church were broadcast. A short touch of Stedman Triples was followed by three leads of Kent Treble Bob. The ringers were F. E. Haynes 1, F. W. Perrens 2, H. J. Poole 3, J. Freeman 4, J. F. Smallwood 5, F. I. Hairs 6, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, J. T. Dyke 8.

Clapham Park, London, after six years of disappointments, has now a band of keen youngsters whose first quarter peal is recorded this week. They are also all full church members.

During a peal of Minor in seven methods at Great Addington, Northants, on May 26th, an electricity breakdown in the area occurred. The band continued ringing mainly by ear until the current was restored in the fifth 720.

The information of the peal of Doubles rung at Norton on May 20th being the first on the bells for 26 years is not correct. Mr. P. Amos informs us that the last peal was rung on Dec. 30th, 1926, in which he took part.

Mr. F. G. Huckstepp, of Ashford, Kent, has now conducted a different Surprise Major method from each inside bell, viz., 2 Bristol, 3 Rutland, 4 Ashted, 5 New Cambridge, 6 Cranbourne, 7 Pudsey, 8 Cambridge. He has also completed the circle with Holt's Original from the treble onwards.

Mr. Frank Sinkins, who rang in the opening rounds when Slough bells were augmented into eight in 1886, rang on a similar occasion when the ten were dedicated. At the age of 85 he is still very fit and rings regularly every Sunday and practice night. Garden lovers will know the famous Mrs. Sinkins pink. This flower was named after his mother and was raised by his father when he was Master of Slough Workhouse.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL AT EASTBOURNE—cont.

The Decisions: An Interim Report Mr. Kippin and the Challenge to Freedom Mr. Roberts and Inartistic Performances Methods Committee and Doubles Problems Methods Committee and 'Patch-Up' Restorations

DECISIONS

The following is the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Decisions:—

RECOMMENDED DECISIONS.

The following Decisions and Recommendations of the Council have been issued from time to time, for the guidance of the Exercise, and with a view to bringing about uniformity of practice.

PRACTICAL RINGING.

CONDITIONS REQUIRED FOR PEALS.

On all numbers of bells a true peal shall in all cases start and end with rounds.

The use of visible aids to memory in conducting or ringing peals is not permissible.

With the object of emphasising the foregoing rules, and at the same time of giving a complete exposition of its views on the subject of peals in general, the Council in 1902 issued the following code, applying both to ordinary peals and also to peals rung to surpass previous achievements:—

(1) That any shift or error in ringing be immediately corrected.

(2) 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.

(3) That no other person than those ringing in the peal shall take any part in the calling or in rectifying an error.

(4) That if more than one person shall ring any bell, the fact be stated in publishing and booking the peal.

(5) That every bell must, during the peal, sound at every change.

That in the case of a peal rung to surpass a previous peal, compliance with these further conditions is necessary:—

(i) That not less than seven days' notice shall be given in the columns of 'The Ringing World,' stating the tower, day and hour at which the attempt is to be made, and the number of changes proposed to be rung.

(ii) That similar notice shall be sent to the secretary of the guild or association under whose title the peal (which it is proposed to surpass) was rung.

(iii) That the conductor of the proposed peal shall take steps to ensure, before the attempt, that the composition is true, and submit the figures to at least two competent persons for proof.

The figures, which shall be strictly adhered to, shall be lodged with the secretary of the guild or association under whose title the peal is to be rung, and in the event of accomplishment this officer shall immediately forward the figures to 'The Ringing World' for publication.

(iv) That if possible a competent representative of each of the bands shall be present during the whole of the performance.

(v) That each bell or bells shall be rung throughout the peal by one and the same person.

(vi) That any objection which may be taken to a peal be raised at the earliest date, and in no case after the lapse of three months after publication, unless in respect of the truth of the composition. (v) and (vi) to be applicable to all peals.)

(vii) In the case of handbell peals, arrangements must be made so that the ringing can be heard by interested parties.

PEALS OF DOUBLES.

Peals of Doubles shall consist of 5,040 or more changes, with or without one covering bell, rung in:—

(a) True and complete six-scores without in-

terval between any two six-scores, and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.

(b) Round blocks consisting of two or more six-scores, provided that each of the six-scores which comprise the round block shall be itself a true and complete round block.

(c) Twelve six-scores known as Morris' and Pitman's.

(d) Combinations of (a), (b) and (c) or any two of them.

PEALS OF MINOR.

Peals of Minor shall consist of at least seven true and complete 720's rung without a covering bell, the bells striking round once at the end of each 720 and immediately going into the next. A peal may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 720's fulfilling the same conditions, or by one touch of less than 720.

The Bankes-James arrangement for Cambridge Minor, and the Law-James arrangement for London Minor are permitted whilst being outside the normal scope of the definition above, and should only be used when sufficient true 720's are not available to make up a peal unless 5-6 are reversed. The conditions governing these arrangements are that each change should be rung seven times only in each 5,040, and pro rata for longer peals.

PEALS OF TRIPLES.

Peals of Triples shall comprise not less than 5,040 true changes rung with one covering bell and without interval.

PEALS OF CATERS AND CINQUES.

Peals of Caters and Cinques shall comprise not less than 5,000 true changes rung without interval and with one covering bell.

PEALS OF MAJOR, ROYAL AND MAXIMUS

Peals of Major, Royal or Maximus shall comprise not less than 5,000 true changes rung without interval and without a covering bell.

HANDBELL PEALS.

Handbell peals rung 'single handed' shall not be recognised.

CALLS.

On all numbers of bells more than seven, no special calls may be introduced, the regular bob or single of the method being sufficient on all occasions and for all purposes whatsoever.

It is not permissible for any pair or pairs of bells to be still, or for any other special arrangement to be made, on going off into changes, or in returning to rounds.

THE DISCUSSION.

The Secretary said the Standing Committee recommended that members be asked to consider the decisions as recommended, and send their criticisms to the committee as soon as possible, so that the final conclusion can be presented at the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. C. H. Kippin expressed the hope that nothing would be done to challenge the freedom of the Press when members talked about freak performances. Who was going to decide what was a freak performance? It was only a few weeks ago that the Editor was standing up for the amount of latitude allowed him in 'The Ringing World' and now they were suggesting that these freak performances would not be published. He did not know how the Editor was going to justify his article. There was another point: the sub-committee had mentioned London Surprise Royal; they seemed to have forgotten Superlative Surprise Royal. Whether it was prejudice against one he did not know.

The President: If you read the report you

will see that no decision has been made in regard to London Surprise Royal.

Mr. Kippin: I am sorry I missed that point. The original peal was called London Surprise Royal and that was ruled out by the Council. Later on another band at Brighton rang it and called it a version of London Surprise Royal. That was 24 years ago.

The President: This report refers to the fact that there is a decision on London Surprise Royal and it is quite clear if you read it.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood: I would like to move that you formally adopt our interim report on the Decisions. I am sorry if somebody's toes have been trodden on over these freak performances. We know very well there are freak performances and we should like to see an end of them and that is why the Council decided to overhaul its Decisions and not be overridden by people who desire undue publicity. I hope you will send along your recommendations: they will be sympathetically considered.

Mr. P. J. Johnson seconded.

Mr. C. K. Lewis wanted the last paragraph of decision 6 to be deleted. 'I have little sympathy with freak performances,' he said, 'but I think sometimes out of freak performances you get advancement. Spliced Surprise met with strong opposition when it was first mooted, but it is accepted by the Exercise to-day.'

Mr. T. R. Butler agreed with Mr. Lewis, and asked who was qualified to determine what was and was not a freak performance. Another point was that ringing Minor with a cover was a freak, and Triples without a cover was also a freak. The reasons given were that they were unmusical. As to the musical properties, he said a few years ago he made a test with a schoolgirl of eight and a chief constable, and they both regarded Minor with a cover as more musical.

Mr. P. J. Johnson reminded the Council that there were existing Decisions on the two points raised by Mr. Butler. The aim of the new Decisions was to codify the present position.

Mr. Kenneth Lewis: There seems to be a side-track to attack the freedom of the Press. I quite agree that 'The Ringing World' is our official organ, but let it have some freedom. I don't think you are going to get any reputable journalist to put in what is dictated to him.

The President: If you send in your suggestions as recommended the committee will get on with its work.

Mr. P. J. Johnson: Mr. Smallwood has already circularised the associations through 'The Ringing World,' and he has had only one reply. Why bring this red herring to the meeting?

Mr. Kippin: This is the place.

Mr. Johnson: Not necessarily. Are you treating this committee with courtesy? We sent out asking for suggestions and we get two replies.

Mr. Butler: May I assure you that no discourtesy is intended.

Mr. C. W. Roberts explained that as a co-opted member of the committee they had mainly taken up the Decisions of the previous Council and had adhered to them in spirit. Everyone knew that a peal of Triples without a cover was an inartistic thing, and Minor with a cover was exactly the same. There were certain things in their art which were not necessary to put into rules; they were simply not done.

In regard to the question on the alternative form of bob, Mr. Roberts said there were certain things done to-day that would have been severely criticised by the Council in years gone by. The sole aims of the Decisions were to prevent inartistic performances which were arranged for the sole purpose of getting round the Decisions of the Council, which were worded rather loosely. To attempt this was a retrograde step.

The report was then adopted.

METHODS COMMITTEE.

The report of the Methods Committee was as follows:—

The Methods Committee has considered various items during the year. The Surprise Methods book was received from Mr. E. C. S. Turner, the only surviving member of the last committee, and, although a work of very great merit as is to be expected since it came primarily from the pen of the late Mr. J. A. Trollope, the present committee recommends that its publication be left for the present owing to the cost of printing and the lessened need for it through Mr. Corrigan's book. Some of the committee, however, consider it desirable that there should be ultimately an 'official' publication on Surprise Methods by the Council.

The Plain Major book has been completely revised and its MSS. is almost ready for the press. The old edition has been out of print for many years and we hope this new one will meet with the approval of the Exercise as a whole.

We have gone a long way towards completing our report on the extension of methods, but this very difficult subject, which the Council asked us to investigate, needs final decision on a few important points.

Finally we have made some preliminary observations towards producing a book of Doubles Methods. Before we can go further we should like the Council's approval of the following departures from its decision to apply to Doubles Methods only:—

(a) The working bells need *not* be in the same coursing order at each lead head and end in the plain course.

(b) No bell shall strike more than *four* consecutive blows in any one place, usually in 5th place when the treble leads in a 2nds place method, or at the lead in the reverse of such a method, or, if found to be necessary, at other times also.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, in moving the adoption of the report, said, 'The manuscript of Surprise Methods Book was considered by the Standing Committee last night, and the committee was instructed to go into the matter more fully, and perhaps publish Mr. Trollope's work, particularly in relation to the history of Surprise ringing, which was of value to the Exercise. The manuscript was of very great merit. The committee had presented an interim report on the Extension question. When the final report comes before them they hoped it would be met with approval. They were trying to avoid any great controversial matters, quite cleverly perhaps, but the decision would rest with the Council.' Mr. F. W. Rogers seconded and the report was adopted.

PEAL ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

The report of this committee stated that during 1949, 2,524 peals were rung on tower bells and 382 on handbells, making a total of 2,906. The Leicester Diocesan Guild headed the list with 267, with Kent County next having a total of 168. The Winchester and Portsmouth Guild accounted for practically a quarter of the handbell peals with 95, mainly due to the efforts of the Bournemouth band.

Not included in the list were the following peals:—

A peal of Doubles for the Irish Association which was recorded twice, only counted once; a peal of Doubles rung for the Yorkshire Association, which was not counted owing to the treble leading continuously.

The committee had included in its total the following two peals, but wanted information as to how they should be recorded:

A peal of Minor rung at Frant on August 9th, 1949, for the Sussex Association, which recorded a 720 each of eight methods, but only gave 5,040 changes. 'Was the last 720 (Reverse and Plain Bob) spliced?' A peal of Cambridge Major at St. Michael's, Southampton, on June 3rd, 1949, which had 6th place bobs. 'Should this be a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in two methods, as the bob is normally the Primrose Surprise Bob?'

Mr. P. J. Johnson said that in regard to the peal of Doubles at Bridlington, it had not been included in the report of the Yorkshire Association.

Mr. C. H. Kippin asked whether a 6th place bob in a peal would be recognised as Cambridge Surprise Major.

Mr. H. G. Cashmore said the unit was the same, and only one peal. He suggested it should be recognised as Cambridge Surprise.

Mr. C. W. Roberts said he had also given the matter consideration, and he had come to the conclusion that it was a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead also announced that the Methods Committee was quite unanimous on this point.

The Council agreed to regard this as a peal of Cambridge Surprise, and the report was adopted.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES.

The Chairman presented a verbal report and stated that during the year the members of the committee received 61 requests for advice (of these 32 came from Mr. Sharpe) covering questions of general overhaul, ringing, hanging of bells, and damage to towers. There were nine cases of modification of sound. The need for overhaul in some cases was due to the lack of attention by the steeplekeepers. During the year Mr. F. Sharpe wrote a short note on the care of bells, which had been circulated to the diocesan authorities with a request that it should be published in the Diocesan Magazine. In some cases this had been done. They had received a letter from the Society for the Protection of Ancient Churches, and pointed out that Mr. Hughes and himself were going to talk to the Society's next meeting, and would be very glad if other members of the Council were present.

Mr. F. Sharpe, in seconding, said that he had nothing to add. It was a great pleasure to go and visit these churches, and also to endeavour to persuade the diocesan committees to do the jobs properly instead of 'patch up' work. In the past year they had been able to advise thorough restoration in place of 'patch up.' They had been able to save one or two old mediæval bells and get them replaced by new ones. In one tower he visited the key had been lost 32 years ago and they had to break open the tower door to get in. The tower was in a frightful condition. Many members of the Council had no idea of the frightful conditions under which some bells were rung.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow said that at the York conference he referred to a Norwich firm's publicity in regard to electronic bells. The firm have now prepared a lovely brochure setting out the electric bells they had in all parts of this country, and also in Glasgow and New Zealand. The brochure pointed out the great advantage of the bells being played by one performer. They could also arrange in towers where there were ringers for each man to ring his own bell (laughter). There was no mention in the brochure as to cost. He knew that an electric organ costs from £400 to £3,000, and in the brochure it stated that if D.C. was required another £50 was necessary.

Mr. A. A. Hughes pointed out that the firm exhibited at the British Industries Fair at Wembley.

LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING COMMITTEE.

A comprehensive report on this subject was submitted by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, in which he stated that bells and bellringing had

figured very prominently in the Press during the past 12 months, and it appeared quite evident that the journalists of to-day take far more trouble to ensure accuracy in this connection than was formerly the case.

On the question of broadcasting the report stated:—

Our report on broadcasting is marked by two outstanding features. One is that television is now giving added publicity to the art of ringing. The other is that a defect, to which our report has repeatedly called attention, has this year been remedied. Easter Day, 1950, was worthily celebrated with a broadcast of bells from all parts of the British Isles, ending by a felicitous inspiration with the bells of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, which thus corresponded to the bells of Bethlehem at Christmas.

The televised broadcast from St. Paul's Cathedral was in truth a memorable event. Mr. Herbert Langdon presented the ringers to Richard Dimbleby on the Cathedral steps, the ringers in the belfry and the bells revolving above were clearly seen and heard, with Mr. Smallwood and Mr. Dimbleby 'starring' together in the descriptive comment. Another notable example of television was that of the dedication of Burnham bells in January, when bellfounder, Bishop, ringers and bells were all seen performing their respective parts. Publicity of this kind may well prove of great value both in encouraging general interest and in attracting recruits to the belfry.

Both tower and handbells have found a place in many of the radio programmes. An outstanding instance was the broadcast headed 'From Tower and Steeple,' which was given in the West Home Service on August 4th and subsequently repeated. A broadcast of ringing from Hunton in January was in every way admirable. In a broadcast from Aldbourne, the Wiltshire home of the Wells foundry of a bygone age, ringers with handbells took a part. Many of the broadcast services have been preceded by ringing. In this connection a marked tendency still persists to curtail even the brief 1½ minutes allowed for the bells. Two conspicuous instances occurred at St. Martin's, Birmingham, when a 'ration' of some 30 seconds allowed only six or eight changes of Stedman Caters to be heard before coming into rounds, and at Oxford, where after about a dozen well-struck changes, the fine bells of the University Church were shouted down by a lusty voice. This is a point that calls for careful watching and tactful admonition. In other respects the B.B.C. have given good cause for satisfaction.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards, in moving the adoption of the report, said they had criticised the B.B.C. in one or two previous reports for not broadcasting bells on the great festivals of the Church, but this year they had done so. The influence of television into the broadcasting activities, he felt, would lead to greater interest on the part of the public in ringing. Mr. F. Smallwood seconded and the report was adopted.

PEAL BOARDS.

A verbal report was presented by Mr. Walter Ayre, who said he hoped to have the records which were in Mr. Wilson's possession in a week or two. He would go through them, publish a final reminder in 'The Ringing World' and then the work of the committee could be closed.

BIOGRAPHY COMMITTEE.

The report was presented by Mr. A. C. Hazelden, who stated that they now had a list of 100 past members of the Council, whose records had been completed to the Council's requirements as laid down in 1935 when the committee was established. The committee had considered the preservation of these records in a worthy and accessible form, and suggested an album containing, on loose leaves, the leading particulars of the member's career, with a photograph, and, secondly, a filing system which would preserve the personal letters and

papers. The report asked members of the Council to fill in the Biography Questionnaire form. Mr. Hazelden moved the adoption of the report. Mr. W. H. Viggers, in seconding, said the album they had in view would cost £15. It would be in leather and suitably bound, and he would like someone to present it to the Council.

'THE RINGING WORLD.'

The profit and loss account of 'The Ringing World' showed a net profit during the year of £29 14s. 7d. The income was as follows: Rolls House Publishing Company, £1,208 15s. 11d.; postal subscribers, £1,107 15s. 2d.; advertisements, £186 6s.; notices, £358 6s. 4d.; 'History of College Youths,' £14 15s.; making a total of £1,275 18s. 5d.

The balance sheet showed a balance carried forward of £1,372 18s. In moving the adoption of the report, Mr. G. W. Fletcher said his forecast last year that they would just about make ends meet had been justified. It was too early to foresee what the result would be of the increased selling price that came into force on January 1st. At the present time they were printing 5,010 copies per week. The accounts had been audited by a chartered accountant.

The income tax position was under consideration, and he hoped that by the same time next year he would be in a position to say how much tax, if any, they had to pay.

Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded.

Mr. C. H. Kippin asked how many years back did the income tax question go.

Mr. Fletcher replied that it was from the date of the purchase of 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. Kippin: If the Council had to make an unpleasant decision, it could be a financial responsibility.

(To be continued.)

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Shropshire Association held a joint meeting with the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Association at Market Drayton on May 27th, which was a great success.

A wedding delayed matters somewhat, but once started this modern ring of Taylor's was heard to the best advantage in standard methods, Cambridge, Superlative and London, which were rung before tea.

A party of 40 enjoyed 'a knife and fork' tea, and received a warm welcome from the Vicar, who said that his own band was one of which he could be proud, they had ushered in the millennium celebrations of the church on Ascension morning at 6.45, and he understood that some peals for the occasion were in the offing.

Visitors from far and wide appeared after tea, and the Ringing Master for the Shropshire Association, Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst, surprised us all by asking for Bristol and Yorkshire, which went well.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD JOINT MEETING WITH SOUTHWELL GUILD.

The joint meeting of these two Guilds attracted over 50 ringers to the beautiful ring of eight at Bottesford. The service was conducted by the Rev. F. Tetley, of Croxton Kerrial, in the absence of the Rector.

Following tea, Mr. F. J. Williams, chairman of the Melton District, gave a welcome to the visitors from Notts, Lincoln and Newark. Mr. Pailing, chairman of the Notts Guild, replied, and mentioned how much they had enjoyed the meeting amid such glorious surroundings.

Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, St. Clement's Bob, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Cambridge Major.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church on May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss M. Skinner 1, C. J. Gardner (cond.) 2, Miss B. E. Roberts 3, Miss M. Richards 4, C. A. Barron 5, T. Townsend 6, R. G. Townsend 7, H. Bishop 8, E. J. Berry 9, W. W. T. Daniell 10.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT NORTHWICH.

The annual report of the Chester Diocesan Guild, presented at its annual festival at Northwich on Saturday, June 3rd, recorded continued progress in all branches, but reminded its members that there are still towers at which there is no Sunday service ringing and suggested that in 1950 a determined effort be made to re-establish service ringing in all towers. Coupled with this aim is one to bring into union with the Guild all the towers in which the Guild has at present no member.

One hundred and forty-three peals were rung in a variety of methods, and it is pleasing to record the progress being made by bands in different parts of the county and to note that the band which rang the silent peal of London Surprise Major was drawn from no fewer than four branches. But it is not only in the higher flights of method ringing that progress is being made, for an examination of the peal statistics reveals that ten members rang their first peal and that there were seven new conductors.

Finance is still a problem, but the Bell Restoration and Augmentation Fund has already proved its worth by relieving the General Fund of calls upon it for grants in respect of restorations. The annual dinner was revived in October and proved so popular that it is to be continued this year on October 14th in Chester.

Mr. J. W. Clarke was re-elected Master and the Rev. J. Kingdon hon. secretary and treasurer. As Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lawton had intimated their desire to relinquish the offices of report secretary and peal recorder, their decision was received with regret and Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Lewis elected to fill the vacancies. Mr. S. Jones was re-elected hon. auditor, and Messrs. J. Worth and D. Smith elected Central Council representatives for the triennial period commencing 1951.

The meeting was preceded by a service in church conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. W. Maitland Wood, at which the chairman and clerk to the Northwich Urban District Council were present. In his address the Vicar pointed out that Northwich was in the middle of the county and was a very old town. The tower and church were the centre of a siege in Oliver Cromwell's time, as witness the bullet marks on the walls. One of the outside supports of the tower is now inside the church because the north wall was removed outwards several feet to accommodate the magnificent ceiling which, it is said, came from Norton Priory at the dissolution of the monasteries by Henry VIII.

Of course, continued the Vicar, there were people in Northwich who did not like bells, and he had received a complaint that the bells disturbed the Sunday morning rest of a certain

person. That was the purpose of bells; to awaken people to a sense of their responsibilities. The idea he had tried to express in the service, the lesson and hymns was 'Tell it out to the world.' What a challenge the bells were to people! Whether they listened should not concern the ringers; that should be left to God. But . . . those who issued challenges must be prepared to take them up and it is no use ringing out the challenge if they did not believe in it. The form of service arranged by the Vicar, which began with a course of Plain Bob Major and concluded with a course of Grandsire Triples, was very favourably commented on by those present, as was also the excellent singing of the choirboys.

Tea in the Church Institute followed the service and afterwards the chairman of the Northwich Urban District Council on behalf of the citizens of Northwich welcomed the Guild to the town and its environs remarking that he had been greatly interested in all he had seen and heard that afternoon and that certain of his misconceptions regarding ringing had been very effectively cleared up. The meeting, through the Master, thanked him for his warm welcome and interest, the Vicar for the preparation of the service and his excellent address, the curate, the organist and choirboys, the local ringers and their helpers for all their efforts to ensure the comfort of the visitors and the success of the meeting.

The next annual festival of the Guild is to be held at St. George's, Church, Stockport, on May 19th, 1951, when it is hoped the preacher will be the Rev. Wilfrid Garlick, Vicar of St. George's, 'the parson who calls,' and we look forward to being able to record still further progress by the Chester Guild.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting was held at Escrick on May 20th. Members were present from Selby Abbey, Carlton, Snaith, Goole, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Hemmingbrough, York and Thorne. The eight bells were rung during the afternoon to standard methods, also rounds for learners.

A shortened form of service was conducted by the Vicar. Cups of tea were kindly provided by the local company in the schoolroom and the business meeting followed, Mr. H. S. Morley (Selby Abbey) occupying the chair. The secretary gave final details regarding arrangements for the annual outing to be held on Whit Monday. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and to the local company for arrangements, it being unfortunate that the wife of Mr. Robbins was ill. Ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

5,184 TRINITY COURT BOB MAJOR

By NOLAN GOLDEN.

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Eleven times repeated, substituting bob for the single O in the first course in all but the 7th part. The singles O in the 5th and 6th courses may be substituted by bobs in all parts: these were introduced to produce 5678s and 6578s following the fifth course-end. This composition is suitable for any 'J' group method. Contains at course-ends the 5th and 6th the extent in 6ths with the second and third never dodging in 7-8 with the tenor.

Rung at Hethersett, April 11th, 1950.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Boreham (first quarter) 1, H. Herbert 2, W. Scott 3, T. Bird (cond.) 4, C. Clarke 5, L. Johnson 6, A. Haynes 7, F. Bower 8.

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OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

MR. WILLIAM H. BARBER.

The death of Mr. Wm. Henry Barber at Tamworth General Hospital on May 30th has robbed the ringing Exercise of one of its best known personalities. He was 73 years of age.

Born at Clent, Worcestershire, in 1876, he was afforded his introduction to ringing as a boy, and soon became very skilled. He travelled extensively in early manhood, and for a time was resident in Edinburgh, Dublin and Bangor. Settling in Newcastle-upon-Tyne in 1905, there he remained until a year ago, when he moved to Sutton Coldfield to spend his retirement.

Throughout his career his performances as a conductor stamped him as being in the top flight, and he has won for himself a niche in ringing memories by his conducting of the most difficult compositions in his favourite method, Stedman. John Carter's odd-bob one-part, which he was the first to call both on tower

an assurance that J. W. Washbrook really did ring two tower bells to a peal, and the feat was repeated for their benefit.

In stature he was of slight build, but he had a fine style of ringing, and his performances on heavy and ill-going bells were masterpieces of accomplishment. Equally at ease as a conductor on tower bells and handbells, he had great ability as a teacher both of change ringing and tune playing, and there are many who will mourn the passing of the man who was their introduction to the world of pleasure to be found in ringing.

Most of all will he be missed from the social gathering which is so much a part of ringing. William Barber was an amusing companion with a seemingly inexhaustible fund of ringing anecdote, and we to whom he had endeared himself are the richer for having had his generous friendship.

His funeral was at Sutton Coldfield on June 3rd.

W. J. D.

MR. GEORGE CONDICK.

The death of Mr. George Condick, aged 89 years, occurred on May 27th. He was one of the founder members of St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester, besides being a member of several associations.

He rang about 200 peals, one of which he was very proud of, Double Norwich Caters. His list of peals includes Stedman and Grand-sire from Doubles to Cinques, Minor to Maximus in the plain method, also Double Norwich Major, Cambridge and London. He was always to be found on the heavy end and was a very safe ringer.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Mary-de-Crypt with the bells muffled by S. Romans 1, T. Newman (cond.) 2, W. Richings 3, H. Austin 4, G. Case 5, W. Cox 6, L. Barry 7, C. Lerner 8.

L. B.

MR. W. H. WALDRON.

It is with regret we record the death of Mr. W. H. Waldron, of Peterborough, which occurred very suddenly on June 5th. He had been in failing health for the last few months, but was ringing as usual the previous Sunday and the news of his death was a shock to his many ringing friends.

Mr. Waldron was born at Uffington, Lincs, where he learned to ring. On removing to Peterborough he joined St. Mary's band and became a proficient Minor ringer. He was a member of the band which rang the peal in 32 Surprise methods for the Lincoln Guild and had taken part in several peals of Major, Triples and Minor in all numbers of methods.

When the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was formed he was elected secretary of the Peterborough Branch and was in office at the time of his death. Last year he was presented with a barometer by the members of the branch in recognition of his services for the good of ringing. He was enthusiastic in all he did and was regular and punctual both on practice nights and Sundays. A fitting farewell to him is: 'He served his generation.'

The funeral took place at St. John's and was attended by several ringers from neighbouring villages. The bells were rung half-muffled after the service and again in the evening, when other ringers, who were unable to attend the funeral, were there to pay their last tribute.

MR. FRANK PALMER.

The ringers of Ashby Folville, Leicestershire, have lost their captain by the death of Frank Palmer. For many years he was a member of the Goscote Society of Change Ringers.

The funeral was at Ashby Folville on May 27th. In the evening the bells were rung half-muffled to 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7.6.8 covering, by W. L. Goodacre 1, C. E. Cooper 2, M. Riley 3, H. Wedge 4, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 5, H. Walker 6, A. Baker 7, D. Palethorpe 8.

Letters to the Editor

THE HANDSTROKE LEAD

Dear Sir,—May I add to my remarks on page 268 of 'The Ringing World' so as to make clearer what I mean?

If twelve bells were being rung properly in rounds and with the correct length of pause at the handstroke, and the front six were set up, the remaining six bells would be adjusted to the gap and the 7th bell would fall into the place previously occupied by the 2nd, and the handstroke gap would be equal to the space between two bells, plus *precisely the same constant as when twelve bells were ringing*. Further, the bells would rise to exactly the same heights at hand and back.

Many visitors ring at Queen Camel, and much criticism in the village is directed against the apparent lack of a bold open lead. Actually, the open lead is there all right, but the constant is so small in comparison with the necessarily wide spacing that it is not nearly so obvious as it would be if the bells were one quarter their weight. I believe that it would be impossible for the back end men to get the backstrokes of their up dodges in the proper places if so wide a lead as twice the ordinary spacing were used.

On eight bells, the handstroke lead approaches the double space. On ten and twelve it should be a little more, and on six and five it is usually totally necessary to make it less. At least, that is my opinion.—Truly yours,

J. T. DYKE.

Chilcompton, Bath.

THANKS TO SHAPWICK

Dear Sir,—As May 29th was the first anniversary of the dedication of our bells, I would like to take this opportunity of showing our appreciation to the ringers of our neighbouring church (Shapwick) for their most generous help.

When our bells were dedicated we had only six ringers, who had not rung for more than ten years and could only ring call changes. We now have 14 ringers, including seven who had never handled a bell nine months ago. Of these 14, ten (which includes one lady) can ring Grandsire Doubles. Since last November we have rung one peal and four quarter peals. Had it not been for the co-operation of our ringer friends from Shapwick we would still be ringing call changes. As captain of our ringers I would like to say on their behalf, 'Thank you, Shapwick.'—Yours sincerely,

W. H. CAVILL.

Ashcott, Bridgwater.

OUTINGS

ST. MARY'S, ELY.

After ringing Thaxted bells to Plain Bob, Cambridge and Superlative, St. Mary's, Ely, ringers on their outing on Whit Monday watched the Morris dancers, a Bank Holiday custom at Thaxted.

Ringing at Felstead preceded lunch with the Essex Association at Chelmsford, and some of the visitors helped with Stedman Caters at the Cathedral afterwards. Writtle and Great Waltham and Dunmow (for ringing and tea) were also visited. The best struck touch of the day was Stedman Triples at Dunmow. Cambridge friends are thanked for helping to make up numbers.

MARKET HARBOROUGH DISTRICT.

This year's outing was in the Matlock District on June 3rd. The route chosen started with a visit to the Loughborough Bell Foundry and a ring on the foundry bells, and then via Darley Dale and Matlock. Home was reached at 11 p.m., everyone being satisfied with good bells, lovely weather and good company.



THE LATE MR. W. H. BARBER

bells and handbells, and H. Law James' seven-part, were both in his peal book, and he accomplished the singularly difficult feat of ringing the fifth bell whilst blindfold and conducting the former composition at Gateshead in 1908.

He rang in the first peal on handbells in Ireland, the 8,888 Stedman Caters on handbells at Aston in 1898, and the 11,111 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham in 1901.

He was first to conduct peals of Canterbury Pleasure Royal, Forward Maximus, Little Bob Maximus, Kent Treble Bob Granta Maximus, Spliced Caters (Stedman and Erin), Real Double Superlative Surprise Major, Erin Caters, Erin Triples and all short-course Stedman Cinques.

Bill Barber took part in the Coronation peal in 1936 at St. Paul's Cathedral, and in all he had rung over 600 peals, a great number of which he conducted. He conducted a handbell peal of Grandsire Caters in a coal mine, and all arrangements had been made for a similar performance in a dirigible airship when an accident rendered the aircraft unavailable for flying service. He was fond of remarking that it was a good thing the balloon blew up when it did, and not during the ringing, which might have thrown the bells into confusion.

A member of the Central Council since 1924, he was not prominent in debate, but held forthright views, which he was capable of expressing with great deliberation. His 'Ringing World' comment during the Bankes James' Cambridge Minor dispute, '.... scrap the lot,' will be remembered by many.

He was a member of the party which travelled to Arklow at the instance of Harvey Reeves, Editor of 'The Bell News,' to obtain

Guild of Devonshire Ringers

ANNUAL MEETING AT OTTERY ST. MARY
The 75th annual general meeting of the Guild was held in glorious weather at Ottery St. Mary on Whit Monday. Ringing on the newly cast ring of eight began at 11 a.m. and continued during the day. Good use was also made of the rings at Sidbury, Sidmouth, Honiton and Axminster by bands from various parts of the diocese.

The glorious old church, with its monuments to members of the Coleridge family, made an impressive setting for the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. B. C. Jackson, assisted by the Guild president, Prebendary E. V. Cox. The Rev. W. H. Smale, a vice-president of the Guild, gave a most helpful and interesting address, and Mr. David Conway, a young member of the Silverton band, played the organ in a very able manner.

Luncheon was followed by the business meeting, at which the president was supported by the hon. general secretary (Mr. F. C. Smale), Mr. T. Laver and Mr. A. W. Searle. The annual report showed that despite the raising of the subscription, membership had increased from 589 to 603, excluding non-resident members, that 29 peals had been rung during the year, and that receipts on general account had exceeded expenditure by over £4.

The President, in reviewing the past year, said that the increase in numbers was very gratifying, but pointed out that this meant that a great deal of hard work would devolve on members in training the newly-joined associate bands. He emphasised the importance of regular Sunday service ringing and that the ideal to be aimed at above all else was that of good striking. He announced that the General Committee had, with very great regret, accepted the resignation of the general secretary, who for ten years had untiringly and devotedly given of his best for the Guild. Mr. Smale was later accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his services and elected a vice-president of the Guild, the hope being expressed that he would soon fully recover from his recent indisposition.

Elections for officers resulted as follows: President, Preb. E. V. Cox; hon. general secretary, Mr. E. J. Taylor; hon. general treasurer, Mr. A. L. Bennett; hon. auditor, Mr. J. C. Oke; Central Council representatives, Messrs. A. L. Bennett, F. W. Biffin, T. G. Myers and J. E. Lilley.

The meeting confirmed the recommendation of the General Committee that the next annual meeting should take place at Newton Abbot on Easter Monday.

WARSOP, NOTTS.

On Whit Monday, the Warsop ringers, accompanied by their wives and friends from Bolsover, Warsop and Gamston, held a very enjoyable tour of churches in North Lincolnshire. The towers visited were Saxilby (6), Stow (6), Willingham (6), Lea (6), Gainsborough (8), Epworth (8) and Haxey (6). An excellent tea was served at the Red Lion Hotel, Epworth.

Methods rung during the day were Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court, Kent, Oxford, L.S. Pleasure, Sandal, Kingston, Oswald, Barham, Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise Minor, Stedman Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent, Oxford, St. Clement's, Gainsborough Little Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise and Superlative Surprise Major. The fine toned heavy six at Haxey proved to be a handful, but after one or two failures were rung to some well-struck touches.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.

On May 10th, the Biddenden bellringers and their friends enjoyed a day's outing. Towers visited were Salehurst, Heathfield, Mayfield and Burwash. Ringing ranged from rounds to touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. Thanks are due to the local ringers who kindly arranged for the use of the bells and to those who welcomed us at the towers. H. D. D.

ALFORD, Lincs.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Scoffin 1, Miss H. E. Broomhead 2, K. Ketteringham (cond.) 3, S. H. Sutton 4, E. D. Chandler 5, W. Hall 6. For the diamond wedding of Mr. W. Chevins, verger at Alford Church for 33 years, and Mrs. Chevins.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On May 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Thompson (first quarter) 1, A. Williams 2, Miss B. Frost 3, R. Godfrey 4, D. Beveridge 5, A. Hall (cond.) 6.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Hayden 1, B. G. Burton 2, F. Springham 3, F. Bird 4, W. Wheeler 5, W. H. Aley 6, S. Clarke (cond.) 7, W. Bird 8. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 4 and 8.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Braine 1, A. Tyers 2, G. Lucas 3, D. Lubbock 4, T. Tyers (first as cond.) 5, L. Piper 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3 and 4.

COLESHILL, WARWICKS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): B. R. Cummings (first quarter) 1, D. L. Hooper 2, L. L. Willis 3, K. T. Taylor 4, J. W. Hovey (cond.) 5.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' on May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. T. Weeks 1, S. Grant (cond.) 2, J. Potter 3, G. Bevan 4, F. Hale 5, W. Mortimer 6. In honour of the Wiltshire Regiment receiving the freedom of the borough.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. A. Staveley (first as cond.) 1, Mrs. N. Wall 2, E. Dalingwater 3, L. G. Webb 4, H. Wagstaffe 5, J. McCluskey 6, W. E. Critchley 7, P. J. Dawe 8.

HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.—On May 20th, 1,500 Doubles (480 each of Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob, 120's being rung alternately, and 60 Grandsire): F. E. Darby (cond.) 1, G. D. Burroughs 2, A. J. Oliver 3, J. Hill 4, P. N. Bond 5. Longest length in more than one method by 2 and 4.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—At the Church St. Mary Magdalene, 1,264 Little Bob Major: W. A. Theobald 1, A. J. N. Boyack 2, Miss J. Freer 3, R. F. H. Harman 4, A. F. Lancaster 5, A. E. Hoare 6, H. Kirby 7, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 8. First in the method for 2, 3, 5, 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Proctor (first quarter) 1, J. Carrott (cond.) 2, S. Meadows 3, A. Worboys 4, C. E. Wright 5, S. Penfold 6, F. V. Gant 7, W. J. Carter 8. With the compliments of the band to F. J. Freestone, tower-keeper, on the occasion of his 78th birthday.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Biggs 1, I. Biggs 2, A. E. Cox 3, J. Kape 4, W. Lee 5, P. Newton 6, D. Boreham (cond.) 7, V. Evans 8.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—On May 21st, 1,257 Stedman Caters: E. T. Beauchamp 1, T. H. Taftender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, Miss P. Kitchen 4, H. J. Ranzetta 5, H. G. Andrews 6, Dr. D. G. H. Hollis 7, A. B. Wiffen 8, J. Bullock 9, W. Bailey 10.

LLANBRADACH, GLAM.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cassel (cond.) 1, Miss M. James 2, H. Selwood 3, Miss S. Thomas 4, B. James 5, G. Morse 6, J. Coppage 7, T. Thomas 8. First in method for 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8.

LONDONDERRY, N. IRELAND.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Columb on May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss Joan McKinley 1, Miss J. Hughes 2, J. J. Fielding 3, Fred E. Dukes (first of Bob Doubles) 4, J. Campbell 5. For the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Campbell.

MFLKSHAM, WILTS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. G. Gibbons 1, S. R. Cockell 2, Miss R. Gibbons 3, A. Angel 4, H. Prout 5, W. C. West (cond.) 6, C. F. Andrews 7, A. W. J. Hunt 8. A birthday compliment to H. Prout.

QUARTER PEALS

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.

—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (2 extents each of Grandsire and Kennington and 60 of Grandsire): J. Yeates 1, M. Shearn 2, E. Shearn 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, B. Shearn 5, M. Horseman (first quarter) 6. Half-muffled as a last tribute to Mrs. W. Russell-Davey, wife of the Rector.

NORTHLEACH, GLOS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Hope (cond.) 1, C. Westmacott 2, W. Clayton 3, J. C. Acocck 4, E. H. Jefferies 5, A. W. Barrett 6, W. A. Godwin 7, C. Pitts 8. First of Stedman Triples for 4, 5 and 8.

OLDSWINFORD, STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Vilma Boxley (first quarter) 1, B. Skidmore (cond.) 2, R. Moors 3, J. Southall 4, R. Chance 5, A. C. Boxley 6, R. Lees 7, A. Roden 8.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Chambers 1, T. Johnson 2, B. S. Payne (first as cond.) 3, F. K. Thompson 4, R. Soars 5, Mary Payne (first quarter) 6.

SHOREHAM, KENT.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles and Bob Doubles: G. Miles (first quarter) 1, S. Whiteway 2, R. Pankhurst 3, S. King 4, A. Wenban (cond.) 5, G. Acott 6. In memoriam Lord Midmay of Flete.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincs.—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. R. Mitchell 1, Mrs. D. Wray 2, H. P. Collin 3, D. Wray (first quarter) 4, J. W. Haw 5, J. H. Mussen 6.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral Church on May 21st, 1,056 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: H. Belcher 1, J. E. Chilcott 2, Joyce A. England 3, Mrs. R. F. Deal 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, T. G. Fox 6, D. Parsons 7, A. B. Peck 8, P. A. F. Chalk 9, J. Phillips 10, R. F. Deal 11, A. W. J. Appleton (cond.) 12. Longest length of Cambridge Maximus for 6 and 9.

STOKE-BY-CLARE, SUFFOLK.—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: O. Mitson 1, R. Radley 2, C. Brown 3, A. Peacock 4, A. Orbell 5, A. A. Fitch (cond.) 6.

STROUD, GLOS.—On May 14th, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: Miss Doris Shepherd (first on 10) 1, G. Latham 2, T. Pritchard 3, B. Latham 4, Miss Betty Smith (first on 10) 5, R. Thain 6, T. Price 7, T. Witts (cond.) 8, W. Dean 9, R. Sharpe 10. A birthday compliment to Mr. Rupert Sharpe.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church on May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hulme (first quarter) 1, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 2, R. Davidge (first 'inside') 3, Miss M. J. Skinner 4, Miss B. E. L. Roberts 5, W. W. T. Daniell 6.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On May 24th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles, with 7-5-8 covering: R. Hutchins 1, R. W. Rex 2, R. C. Christopher 3, H. Maisey 4, V. P. H. Preston 5, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 6, R. W. Muttram 7, R. Dennis 8. First quarter rung on the ground floor and first by 1, 4, 5, 7 and 8.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. K. C. Wilkings 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss J. H. Friswell 3, Miss I. B. Cording (first 'inside') 4, J. A. Hales 5, G. A. Parsons (cond.) 6, D. Neal 7, C. F. Neal 8.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.—On May 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. Ellis 1, W. Kerrison 2, J. Gibson 3, R. Darch 4, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 5, R. Payne 6. A compliment to the Rev. J. Hardingham, who is retiring after 24 years as Vicar.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On May 21st, 1,440 Minor (720 St. Clement's and 720 Plain Bob): Anne Holmes 1, A. S. Richards 2, Barbara Mitchell 3, L. W. G. Skinner 4, W. A. Hughes 5, R. Bird (cond.) 6. First extent of St. Clement's for all extent 2 and 6.

WICKHAMBREAU, KENT.—On May 20th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Plain Bob): Miss J. N. Roberts 1, D. J. Wilsden 2, J. Walter 3, P. Newing 4, S. Walter 5, P. J. Small (cond.) 6. All are past or present pupils of Simon Langton Grammar Schools, Canterbury.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

ST. MATTHEW'S, WALSALL.

On May 20th, the Walsall ringers held their annual outing, Shropshire being the venue. The main contingent, augmented by friends from Willenhall and West Bromwich, left Walsall by motor-coach at 1.45 p.m. for Wolverhampton, where the remainder of the party came aboard.

After leaving Wolverhampton, the road to Bridgenorth was taken and then on via Craven Arms to Church Stretton, the first stop. Here we were met by Mr. Hughes, and after raising the bells in peal, the good eight were soon in touches of Stedman. Kent, Grandsire and Bob Major. Ringing over, a move was made to the Carding Mill Valley Hotel for an excellent tea.

Boarding the coach, the climb to the top of Wenlock Edge was enjoyed and a short halt there for all to enjoy the view and then on to Much Wenlock, where the locals had the bells readiness, Stedman, Grandsire, Kent and Bob Major were again rung on the good going eight, also a touch of Erin Triples (the first on the bells). All too soon farewell was said to Mr. Fox and the locals, and on past Buildwas Abbey to Coalbrookdale, the home of that Shropshire worthy, the late William Saunders.

Here the ten bells of Holy Trinity Church were set going to Stedman Caters, Kent and Bob Royal, and Erin Caters (again the first on the bells). Incidentally here the Vicar conducted the ladies of the party round the church whilst ringing was in progress.

After farewells had been said the coach, with a somewhat tired but happy party, returned via Shifnal and Wolverhampton, reaching Walsall at 10.45 p.m. J. S. E.

LADIES' GUILD (CENTRAL DISTRICT).

A few members of the Ladies' Guild, from places as far apart as St. Albans and Frindsbury, with a sprinkling of the 'sterner sex,' with hopeless ambitions! spent a really grand day on May 20th.

Leaving London Bridge by coach, we started on a tour of the most beautiful and picturesque part of Kent, the first call being at Wrotham, where the lovely ring of eight was soon going to the tune, of G, S, D.N. and C.

In spite of a little rain, they set off again for Aylesford—a very beautiful old church and another ring of eight. Various methods were rung and with a look round the pretty village. The 'inner man' was beginning to call, so we made our way to Maidstone and Herbert's Cafe, where lunch was waiting.

A lovely drive through some of the 'Weald' brought us to Leeds, where the famous James Barham used to ring. On this ring of ten the ladies were quite at home ringing Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Treble Ten, with, of course, the gentlemen on the heavy end!

Our next call was at Marden, another lovely eight, and as our time was getting short, we had to have to quick run to Tonbridge, where a very substantial tea was waiting.

With two more towers to visit, Chiddingstone and Sevenoaks, both good eights, the thanks and appreciation of the party were expressed by Miss Doris Colgate to Miss Lidbetter for organising such a full, happy and successful day.

WHISTON, YORKS.

Together with a few friends from Sheffield, Whiston ringers visited Bridlington on their annual outing on May 27th. Ringing at Beverley Minster, Bridlington Priory and Thorne Parish Church was much enjoyed, and methods ranged from Cambridge Minor to Bob Royal.

At Beverley, both ringers and non-ringers found much to interest them, not least of all a conversation in the local bar, overheard by two of the ringing party, on the merits of bells. Happily, most of the speakers seemed greatly in favour and enthusiastic in their appreciation of the sound of church bells. N. C.

WARWICK AND LEAMINGTON SPA DISTRICT.

Making a 7.30 a.m. start on Whit Monday from Leamington Spa, the Warwick and Leamington district ringers, joined by ringing friends from Stratford-on-Avon, Long Itchington and Ladbroke, travelled by bus via Kenilworth, Lichfield and Burton-on-Trent to Derby.

Here they were met by Mr. H. Taylor at the Cathedral, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung. From Derby on to Duffield, where they were checked as the local steeplekeeper failed to turn up to let the party into the tower. After waiting for nearly an hour after the appointed time they proceeded to Matlock, where a good lunch was served. The local organiser (Miss J. Dunn) 'phoned Duffield immediately and made arrangements for a call in the evening.

After lunch there followed the climb over the 'Bank' and down 'Slack' to Ashover, where this lovely eight was soon going to Bob Major. Messrs. Tom Dent and Eddie Hopkinson, two of the local ringers, met the party. From Ashover to Darley Dale, where some good Grandsire and Bob Major was rung, and a welcome from Messrs. G. Paulson, H. Taylor, H. Gregory and M. Hotchin. Norman was very content and keen to show the visitors the items of interest around the church—not forgetting the 2,000 years old yew tree.

At Matlock tea was served with ringing afterwards at the Parish Church. This visit was cut short owing to the arrangements with Duffield. Unfortunately, Duffield was reached a few minutes late owing to traffic jams, and again access to the church was not possible as there was nobody to meet the party. This was a great disappointment to the tourists, as arrangements were made as far back as Christmas and there was a check up only a week before the visit. R. J. E.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.

The weather at the beginning of May 20th did not look very promising for the second annual outing of the Betchworth ringers. However, the party of 19, including the Rev. Sanders (Buckland) and the Rev. K. G. Hoare, Vicar of Betchworth, left the church at 8.30 a.m., and by the time we had arrived at Warfield, Berks, at 10 a.m., the weather looked promising enough to remain pleasant for the rest of the day. The local captain, Mr. L. D. Millard, had everything ready and we enjoyed touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob on an excellent eight (tenor 13½ cwt.).

We continued through Reading to Streatley (6, tenor 11 cwt.), and the writer was very pleased to see Capt. A. R. Poyntz, who met us at the church. We rang Grandsire, Plain Bob and Cambridge on these lively bells, which are now seldom rung. An excellent lunch was served at the Bull Hotel, and after a ride over the rolling Berkshire downs, we reached Blewbury (8, tenor 19½ cwt.). Messrs. C. Corderoy, C. Gregory and F. James met us and joined us in touches on the fine old eight.

A short ride brought us to Aston Tirrold (6, tenor 12½ cwt.), and the Vicar, the Rev. C. F. Cross, and our Vicar, the Rev. K. G. Hoare, recognised each other as fellow Wykehamists, although they had not met since school days. Another short run and we arrived at Cholsey (8, tenor 10½ cwt.) to meet Mr. L. G. Garlick. The bells hang in a fine, sturdy central tower.

After a good tea at the Lamb Inn, Wallingford, we enjoyed a very pretty ride over the Chilterns and beside the Thames to Marlow (8, 15 cwt.), the writer's 1,250th tower. Messrs. R. W. Atkins, L. J. Young and Miss E. Gibson met us and rang the usual three methods with us. The well-kept belfry is a credit to the local company. Our last tower was Clewer (6, tenor 14½ cwt.), and we rang Grandsire and Oxford Treble Bob on a good ring of bells. A. P. C.

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting at Aston-on-Trent owing to condition of ropes cancelled. Other tower being arranged. Details next week.—J. F. Wilkinson. 7189

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual meeting, Hook Norton (8), Saturday, June 17th, 3.—J. Keyte, Charlbury, Oxon. 7101

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Haddenham (6), Saturday, June 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 7132

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting, Chadlesley Corbett, Saturday, June 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. —Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 7121

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Piddlehinton, June 17th. Usual arrangements. No name no tea. Buses from Museum, Dorchester, 2.30 and 3.30. Return 7 and 10.20 p.m.—Hayne, Abbotsbury. 7129

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Meeting at Denholme, Bradford, Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7126

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at Northaw on Saturday, June 17th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Cheshunt bells available in evening. No. 242 bus passes both churches.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 7143

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual joint meeting with Barnsley, Doncaster and Sheffield District Societies at Barnsley, Saturday, June 17th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Hagenback's Cafe, 3s. per head. Business meeting in Royal Hotel 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Smith, 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley, by 17th.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 7161

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—Oatlands Park, Saturday, June 17th. Bells 3, followed by service. Names for tea to Miss J. Smith, 5, Pantiles Road, Oatlands Park, Weybridge. All ringers welcome. 7164

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Hatfield Broad Oak (8), Saturday, June 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 7151

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Hemingford Abbots, Saturday, June 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 7185

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting, June 17th. St. Mary's, Holloway, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. at Borough. Business meeting 6 p.m. in vestry. Ringing at St. George-in-the-Borough 6.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. E. Lidbetter. 7187

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Carlton, near Snaith, June 17th. Bells (6) from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7182

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 24th. Bells, Cathedral (10) 2.30 to 3.15 and 6.15 to 7: St. Mary's (8), St. Michael's (6) from 3.30 p.m. Cathedral service 3.30. Tea in St. Mary's Parish Room 4.30, followed by meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, 20th, to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. 7110

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Ringing meeting at Walton-on-Thames on Saturday, June 24th. St. Mary's bells 3 p.m. Service and dedication of plaque 4.30. Tea and meeting, Church Hall, 5 p.m. Notice for tea to Hon. Dis. Sec., R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 7138

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Folkestone, June 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by June 21st to T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 7142

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Deanery.—Meeting, Stoke-under-Ham, June 24th. Names for tea by June 20th to Mrs. Powell, East Stoke Lodge, Stoke-under-Ham. 7149

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The summer festival will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 7153

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Leadenham (6) on June 24th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Make own arrangements for tea.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 7159

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Elsham, June 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by June 20th to Rev. D. M. Tindall, Elsham Vicarage, Brigg. 7137

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, June 24th, at Somerton (6). Service 3. Tea 5.30. Duke's Head. Names or numbers for tea to E. W. Brown, Margrets Cottages, Herringfleet, Lowestoft.—J. Harwood, Sec., 189, Palgrave Road, Great Yarmouth. 7136

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—Ringing anniversary, Saturday, June 24th, 2 p.m. Tea shop opposite church. All ringers welcome.—S. H. Symonds. 7203

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice, Weare (6), Saturday, June 24th, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec., Sandford, Bristol. 7201

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Market Bosworth, June 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea at Central Cafe 5. Names by June 20th to Mr. Hollis, The Park, Market Bosworth, Nuneaton. 7191

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Patronal festival, Epping, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) available 5 to 6.30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. for those notifying Mr. V. Hare, Granville Road, Epping. Everybody welcome. 7167

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting, June 24th, Olveston (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by June 19th.—Noel Denson. 7174

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Rostherne, June 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mrs. N. Sanders, Old Chapel House, Reddy Lane, Millington, near Altrincham.—C. K. Lewis. 7181

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry District.—Meeting at Berkswell, Saturday, June 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 20th certain to Frank E. Pervin, 68, Newfield Road, Coventry. 7183

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton District.—At the request of the local ringers a meeting will be held at Arley, near Nuneaton, on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided. 7190

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Old Chesterton, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7175

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting on Saturday, June 24th, at St. Ippolyt's. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 7193

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting, Frodsham, June 24th. Advise Mr. J. E. Bibby if requiring tea before 22nd.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec. 7196

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Moulton (8), June 24th. Tea if ordered by June 20th. *This is definite.* —Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 7197

GUILDFORD, MIDDLESEX AND OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILDS.—Calling all members. Joint meeting, Saturday, June 24th, St. Peter's, Staines, 3; Egham 3. Tea at Egham. Wraybury 6.30. Names for tea by June 19th to F. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey. 7192

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623).—The 327th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (12) available from 10 a.m. Service 6 p.m. Lunch (3s.) at 1 p.m., tea (1s. 6d.) 5 p.m. for those notifying me by 22nd.—Leonard E. Pitstow, 23, Highfields. 7172

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—June meeting will be at Idle on Saturday, June 24th. Members take own food. Cups of tea provided. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the schools following tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12. 7199

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Waldron (8), Saturday, June 24th. Tower open 2.30.—P. H. Rollison, 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 7177

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Lancaster, All Saints', Saturday, June 24th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 21st to C. T. Lamb, Dis. Sec. 7205

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kingston, June 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Scott Arms 5.15. Ringing at Swanage in the evening. Names for tea to I. Davis, Branch Sec., 169, Wimborne Road, Poole, by June 20th. 7178

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion, Backwell, June 25th, 8 a.m. Bells 7 a.m. Breakfast for those who notify, by June 22nd, Mr. H. Knight, Woolmers, Cleve, near Bristol. 7186

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The Lord Bishop of Guildford will rededicate Ash bells during evensong on Wednesday, June 28th, at 7.30 p.m. The ring of six has been completely recast and rebung in a steel frame. Ringing for all after service. The first meeting after recasting on Saturday, July 1st, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 28th, please.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 7169

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-West Division.—Quarterly meeting at Fobbing, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Frequent bus service from Grays or Southend to Corringham corner, thence 7 minutes' walk. Names for tea to A. Ocken-don, Bay Cottage, Fobbing, Stanford-le-Hope. 7168

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly, Eastry (5), Saturday, July 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 2s. per head. Names for tea, with cash enclosed, to me not later than Wednesday, June 28th. Northbourne (6) available after tea.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 7179

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Edenbridge (8), July 1st, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea not later than June 29th to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge. 7166

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, July 1st. Ringing at Cathedral and St. Giles' afternoon and evening. Service at St. Giles' 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding. Lines, not later than Monday, June 26th.—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Heddingham Road, Halstead, Essex. 7180

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Half-annual meeting at Bingham, Saturday, July 1st. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names by June 29th latest to Mr. Wm. Wilson, White Cottage, Nottingham Road, Bingham, Notts. 7184

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Leigh (6), July 1st. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea and business 5, ringing following. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 28th, to Miss R. Foreman, 114, Croydon Road, Reigate. 7188

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting to be held at Hedon on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in Alison Hall at 5 p.m., 3s. 6d. each, for all who notify Mr. C. H. Hunter, 3, King's Close, Hedon, before June 28th. Business meeting afterwards for election of officers, etc.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 7200

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Tanworth-in-Arden, July 1st. Bells (modern 8) available at 3 p.m. Trains from Moor Street to Danzey. Tea for those who notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. 'Phone SPR 1025. 7198

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NOTICES—continued.

BRASTED, KENT.—A garden fete in aid of St. Martin's Church Restoration Fund will be held on Saturday, July 1st, at Moorcocks, 2.30 to 6.30 p.m. Bells (6) will be available for any ringers who care to come. 7195

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival on Saturday, July 15th, at Oxford (n.v.). Service, Cathedral, 11 a.m.; preacher, Rev. C. F. Sherwood (Vicar of Mapledurham). Business meeting, Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Christ Church Dining Hall, 1.30. Tickets 5s. Applications for tickets with remittance to General Secretary by July 8th. Usual towers available. Times of ringing later. Choristers, please get in touch with Mr. F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, near Bicester.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 7130

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The date of the general quarterly meeting at Earl Shilton has been altered from July 15th to July 29th.—Wm. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 7194

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual dinner will be held at the Old Bell, Holborn, on Saturday, October 14th. Tickets 12s. 6d. each. Applications with remittance to A. R. Ling, 136, Meadow View Road, Catford, S.E.6. 7202

QUARTER PEALS

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On May 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Jordan (first quarter) 1, K. Hohl (first on eight) 2, R. D. Divall 3, B. V. Collison 4, W. Dobbie 5, C. A. Bassett 6, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 7, A. Richardson 8.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's on May 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Rumens 1, G. W. Slack 2, Sonia Coles 3, E. E. Holman 4, F. B. Maynard 5, C. T. W. Coles 6, C. Finch (cond.) 7, L. J. Beal (first quarter) 8. An 18th birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

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HOLY TRINITY, HULL

ONE of the largest parish churches is Holy Trinity, Hull, a church rich in history and known to hundreds of ringers who are familiar with its ring of ten with a tenor of 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D. The Editor is indebted to 'F. A.' for his research into the history of the towers and bells.

Holy Trinity, Hull, is built of brick, faced with stone, for which the city was famous in the Middle Ages; the church has some of the oldest medieval brickwork in the country, and this came from Sir William de la Pole's brickyard just within the North Gate. The lower tower was built soon after 1300, but the upper tower is Tudor, as can be seen from a breach in the brickwork, and also by the documentary proof of the wills of Jeffrey Thurescrosse, merchant, dated 1520, who left £40 'to the upholding of the steeple of Trinity Church,' and Dame Joan Thurescrosse, 1523, who left £40, 'to the building of the steeple.' On each side of the lower stage are two windows of three lights each and on the upper stage are similar windows more highly enriched with pedimental canopies terminating in finials (a bunch of foliage at the top) above the battlements. All the windows in the tower are furnished with cross mullions or transoms. The height of the tower is 147½ feet.

The first mention of the bells is in a will dated 1482, which reads: "the Great Bell of the said church to be rung . . . for the souls of notable men of the said town afore passed to God." By 1522 there were some signs of the coming storm of the Reformation, for the windows and doors of the church were barricaded with briars, the pavement was torn up, the tongues were torn from the bells and the services ceased. The church was under an interdict!

The next mention of the bells was in the Minute Books of 1698, when the charge for ringing the Lady Bell at funerals was to be 1s. more than formerly. The other important bell was known as the Great Bell. On May 3rd, 1710, the 4th, 5th and 6th bells were mentioned. In 1720 the steeple was reported to be in a dangerous condition, and on April 18th that year it was agreed that 'in respect of new pinnacles none of the bells shall be rung or put in motion by tolling upon any occasion whatever, but only struck upon.' An order was given to a bell founder in 1727 'to cast into 8 the 6 bells lately hanging in the belfry, and the bell belonging to the Charterhouse and that belonging to the Exchequer to be hung in their

the Charterhouse bell took over the duties of the Lady Bell and the Exchange Bell those of the Great Bell.

A stringent agreement was made with the bellringers—Joseph Carver, John Bakes, Benjamin Halling, Jeremiah Gibson, Robert Hardgrave, John Wells, Henry Peirson, Daniel Capes and John Watkin—by which they undertook to ring the bells on the 'seven ringing days of the year and to keep the said bells in good order for ringing, and to preserve all the ropes and other utensils thereto belonging, as much as in them lies so as none of them be wasted or lost,' and at the death of any of their members to find a proper person to fill the gap. For this they received £10 per annum, with the right 'to mount the steeple at any time and to ring for their own advantage.'

On April 6th, 1747, the Great Bell was 'broke or split' and could not be used. The dues had to be maintained however, so it was ordered that 'when the Lady Bell is used as the Great Bell, the same shall be rung or tolled for the space of one hour, and in each case the same to be paid as for the Great Bell.' Also in 1747, three of the bells had to be recast to ease the steeple, and matters were so bad in June, 1802, that it was a question whether there should not be a new ring of 8 bells. It was decided, however, to recast the 7th bell and to put the hangings of all the bells in order. The inscriptions on the bells at a later date were:—

Treble, 'Earth at the solemn sound awake.' 1727.

2nd, 'Thou air with measured tremor shake.' 1727.

3rd, 'Let distant hills return their lays.' 1727.

Wm. Mason, Vicar. Joseph Bell, Daniel Bredges, Churchwardens.

4th, 'Thomas Lester of London made me.' 1747.

5th, 'Rickard Bell, Robert Ramse, Churchwardens.' 1759.

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6th, 'Rev. John Healey Bromby, Vicar. James Harrison, Founder.'

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JOHN THOMAS 2	HENRY H. FEARN ... 8
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In memoriam William H. Barber.

TEN BELL PEAL

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

DONALD COOMBS ... Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2	*PETER J. EVES ... 7
LEONARD STILWELL ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... 8
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EIGHT BELL PEALS

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On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

H. BABER Treble	†H. FORD 5
*D. PULLIN 2	†R. DUDDEN 6
L. PULLIN 3	†J. WITHEY 7
J. FURZE 4	†C. FORD Tenor

Conducted by J. WITHEY.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., May 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*FREDERICK E. DUKES ... Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 5
*THOMAS E. DAVIES ... 2	ALICK CUTLER ... 6
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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

Thurstans' Four-part..	ROGER L. HAWKESWORTH ... 5
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DENNIS BERESFORD ... 2	GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 7
PETER BERESFORD ... 3	RBT. G. W. BROUGHTON Tenor
JEFFREY B. WEBB ... 4	

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

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*MRS. S. H. JONES ... Treble	JACK BAILEY ... 5
ERNEST MORRIS ... 2	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 7
EDWARD F. GOBEY ... 4	SIDNEY H. JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

* First peal of Stedman. A patronal peal to commemorate the 11th centenary of the martyrdom of St. Wystan.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

SIDNEY T. HOLT ... Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 5
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 2	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 6
JOHN THOMAS ... 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 7
THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 4	*PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* 400th peal.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MRS. J. THOMAS ... Treble	ROBERT G. FREEMAN ... 5
JOHN THOMAS ... 2	RALPH HARRIS ... 6
*MARGARET ROWLAND ... 3	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 7
FREDERICK G. NURDEN ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal in the method. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Johnson.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

SHIRLEY BURTON ... Treble	*HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 5
LEONARD TREVOR ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 3	ALFRED BALLARD ... 7
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to Frank Mellor, of Hinckley.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*GEORGE COUSSINS ... Treble	ARTHUR CROSS ... 5
FREDERICK TINDALL ... 2	ANTONY H. BATES ... 6
†JAMES BROOKS ... 3	WILLIAM WELLING ... 7
CYRIL HESKINS ... 4	*IAN MACROBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

* First peal, aged 15. † First peal of Triples. The conductor's 500th peal.

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On Thurs., June 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

JOHN ANDERSON	Treble	ROLAND PARK	5
THOMAS W. CROWE	2	EDMUND P. CROWDY	6
WILLIAM E. ROBINSON	3	W. NORMAN PARKY	7
ERNEST WALLACE	4	DENIS A. BAYLES	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

In memoriam William H. Barber.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*COLIN E. WRIGHT	Treble	*THOMAS G. FOX	5
*FREDERICK SOUTER	2	FRANK V. GANT	6
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	3	FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
*JOHN E. GROVES	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung for the official birthday of H.M. George VI.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A.

CHARLES W. COOK	Treble	JOHN F. GOODALL	5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS	2	G. HENRY DUNNINGTON	6
*JOHN G. GIPSON	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
GEORGE E. CRISP	4	†BRIAN D. THRELFALL	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by BRIAN D. THRELFALL.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal of Cambridge Major.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*FRANK BARNARD	Treble	*J. DEREK SMITH	5
*KEN. W. MACKINTOSH	2	CHARLES H. PAGE	6
RICHARD T. HOLDING	3	EDW. V. RODENHURST	7
HAROLD G. SMITH	4	ALBERT CRAWLEY	Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by ALBERT CRAWLEY.

* First peal of Bob Major.

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ERIC DODDS	Treble	JOHN F. GOODALL	5
GILLIAN A. SMITH	2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	6
ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER	3	GEOFFREY DODDS	7
*ANNA B. STOCKDALE	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	Tenor

Composed by A. W. T. CLEAVER. Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

* First peal of Surprise Major and 25th peal. First peal in the method by all and for the Association. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

DAYBROOK, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 36 lb. in G.

Pitstow's Transposition		SIDNEY BRIGGS	5
FREDK. A. SALTER	Treble	FREDK. G. HOOPER	6
MRS. J. NIBLETT	2	WALTER NICHOLS	7
CLEMENT GLENN	3	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	Tenor
J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	4		

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Hinckley District.)

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

GEORGE O. WRIGHT	Treble	ALAN H. HOUGH	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	2	T. KELHAM DEACON	6
CHARLES R. BELTON	3	T. HENRY WRIGHT	7
FRANK BAILLESS	4	GEORGE P. GARNER	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

A birthday peal for the wife of the conductor.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

DENIS N. LAYTON	Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
*CHARLES W. MUNDAY	2	G. WILLIAM MORRIS	6
*JOHN HILL	3	ALBERT J. ADAMS	7
GEORGE C. GOODMAN	4	FRANK E. DARBY	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

* First peal of Surprise.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING	Treble	GEORGE GOWER	5
CYRIL J. BARBER	2	WILLIAM J. FLATT	6
ERNEST A. HEAD	3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	7
ERNEST C. STAFF	4	W. ARCHIE LOCK	Tenor

Composed by GEO. PARTRICK. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

Rung on the 130th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*FRANK MELLOR	Treble	EDGAR VALLANCE	5
ALFRED BALLARD	2	JOHN E. S. MORETON	6
†JOHN H. BAILLESS	3	CECIL E. CARR	7
LEONARD TREVOR	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal of Bob Major.

THAXTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, OUR LADY AND

ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE SCHLUETER	Treble	H. WALTER SMITH	5
ROBERT C. HEAZEL	2	HARRY TURNER	6
FREDK. W. HOUSDEN	3	PHILIP A. F. CHALK	7
JOSEPH C. JENNINGS	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

First Surprise peal on the bells since their restoration.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF RADLETT SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER	5
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
MAURICE HODGSON	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

THORPE BAY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

VICTOR W. GRIMWADE...Treble	DONALD COOMBS ... 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 6
*CYRIL H. GODFREY ... 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 7
LEONARD STILWELL ... 4	GERALD FROST ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal away from treble.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., June 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

ALAN ELESMORE ...Treble	ERNEST STITCH ... 5
HOWARD HOWELL ... 2	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 6
J. NORMAN HADLEY ... 3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON ... 7
*ARTHUR G. NEWMAN ... 4	†MAURICE G. TURNER ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal of Major. † 75th peal.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 12, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

DAPHNE LLOYD ...Treble	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD ... 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 2	BRIAN HARRIS ... 6
NANCY P. BIRKS ... 3	R. GORDON CORBY ... 7
J. BENJAMIN BUDD ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

A birthday compliment to Mr. B. J. Budd. Also a farewell peal for Miss N. P. Birks, who is leaving for an appointment in London.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., May 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ANTHONY BARLEY ...Treble	FREDERICK G. HOOPER ... 4
HUGH LONGLAND ... 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER ... 5
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS ... 3	CHARLES J. COPP ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

* First peal (aged 14). A farewell peal to the ringer of 2nd, who is leaving the district.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE...Treble	†WILLIAM GRIGGS ... 4
*JACK MALLOWS ... 2	*FRED HOLLY ... 5
†EDWARD SMART ... 3	GEORGE CARE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CARE.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. A birthday compliment to Mr. H. Gayton and Mr. J. J. Partridge.

REDBOURN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Lightfoot, Surfleet, Ipswich, Bourne, York, Cambridge and London. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOE HOBBS ...Treble	WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... 4
TERENCE G. MORTON ... 2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 5
WALTER AYRE ... 3	*EDWIN J. UPTON ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First 720's of the first two methods. For the wedding of Mr. T. J. Burchmore and Miss J. Nightingale (ringers at this church). Also for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Upton.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Double Court, two of Cambridge Surprise, one each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

BERTRAM C. HINES ...Treble	ALBERT E. PRYKE ... 4
HARRY TURNER ... 2	DENIS A. S. SYMONDS ... 5
HENRY T. WILSON ... 3	JOHN SITCH ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

A welcome to Rev. James Frackleton McAlister, M.A., who was inducted and instituted as Vicar of South Weald on May 30th.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent, Kingston, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM DICKINSON ...Treble	GEORGE CHALLANS ... 4
*THOMAS W. FLINT ... 2	DONALD CHADWICK ... 5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE ... 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Northern Branch.)

On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising three 720's of London and two each of York and Cambridge. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. COOPER ...Treble	SAMUEL THOMPSON ... 4
JOHN BASS ... 2	HAROLD V. COOPER ... 5
SIDNEY G. THOMPSON ... 3	FREDK. G. HANDLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD V. COOPER.

Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Cooper, of Wordsley, parents of the treble and 5th ringers. Also as a 70th birthday compliment to John Bass, and to mark his 50th year of membership in the above Association.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF TRINITY SUNDAY TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb

FREDK. J. ROBERTS ...Treble	ERNEST J. KING ... 4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2	*CECIL R. LONGHURST ... 5
ERNEST TREAGUS ... 3	BASIL W. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR R. RAPLEY.

* 50th peal.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., June 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ANDREW AND BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

LEWIS J. LAST ...Treble	GEORGE W. PIPE ... 4
*FREDERICK W. ORRIS ... 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 5
*GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 3	RONALD W. STEWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*J. P. VESSEY, JUN. ...Treble	JAMES W. RAITHEY ... 4
PERCY HOLMES ... 2	FRANK W. VERNON ... 5
ARTHUR E. CHILTON ... 3	PETER N. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER N. WHITE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mrs. K. Holmes, wife of the 2nd ringer.

BARTON STAGEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.
CHARLES BALL Treble | RICHARD SMITH 4
MARY A. TANNER 2 | JOHN A. HILL 5
NESTA D. SMITH 3 | LESLIE A. TREMEER ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE A. TREMEER.

A compliment to Canon G. C. D'Arcy, 25 years Vicar of Barton Stagey. Also a birthday peal to Miss NESTA D. Smith.

HOLBROOK, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD...Treble | †PETER BARNES 4
ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD ... 2 | ROY DUESBURY 5
*RAYMOND TALBOT 3 | GEORGE N. ORMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD.

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

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR 5040 CHANGES:

Being one 720 of St. Clement's and two each of Kent Treble, Oxford Treble and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

ERNEST J. GOWER Treble | *HAROLD PARKINSON 4
DEREK WHITFORD 2 | *CHARLES CLEGG 5
KENNETH HARTLEY 3 | LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS... Tenor

Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS. Umpire: JAMES WILLIAMS.

* First peal in four methods.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

HERBERT G. ANDREWS Treble | FRED A. MALONEY 4
MISS P. KITCHEN... .. 2 | C. ARTHUR POTTS 5
JOHN MANSFIELD 3 | COLIN DRUMMER Tenor

Conducted by C. ARTHUR POTTS.

TRYSULL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 2,160 and four different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 17 lb.

*ALAN ELESMORE Treble | CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4
*ARTHUR G. NEWMAN 2 | HOWARD HOWELL 5
†J. NORMAN HADLEY 3 | †MAURICE G. TURNER ... Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Minor in the method.

WALGRAVE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising ten 120's each of Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire, and one 240 of Grandsire.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble | EDWARD G. BENNETT 3
RONALD RUSSELL 2 | PERCY AMOS 4

AC.2 P. I. CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on the bells for at least 50 years (rehung in a new metal frame 1937), and maybe the first ever on them.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 14, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising three extents of Oxford and four extents of Kent, each differently called. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*ALBERT TURNER Treble | †FRANK ROBEY 4
†GEORGE HANCOCK 2 | *HARRY JOHNSON 5
DEREK DAVIS 3 | *JACK BREWSTER Tenor

Conducted by DEREK DAVIS.

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

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On Thurs., Mar. 23, 1950, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 12 in F.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 1-2 | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4

HUBERT E. ASHLEY ... 5-6

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., May 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At 9, WINDSOR STREET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

EDGAR VALLANCE ... 1-2 | W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON ... 5-6

ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4 | JOHN J. MORRIS ... 7-8

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Wed., May 31, 1950, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,

IN SOMERVILLE COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, five callings.

ALISON M. RAIKES ... 1-2 | DIANA M. PANTING ... 3-4

SUSAN M. BROWN ... 5-6

Conducted by SUSAN M. BROWN.

First peal by all members of the band.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Fri., June 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

IN THE CHANCEL OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 12 in F.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 1-2 | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6

HUBERT E. ASHLEY ... 3-4 | HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES:

Containing 202 calls, all Singles.

Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6

Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | JAMES E. DANIELS ... 7-8

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

DONCASTER.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At 201, HIGH STREET, DUNSVILLE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

*DAVID G. JACKSON ... 1-2 | GIBSON JACKSON ... 5-6

WILLIAM H. JACKSON ... 3-4 | W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 7-8

Composed by JOHN HOWES. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Major. First peal for all 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sun., June 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 9 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.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 5, 1950, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

No. 168.

Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD ... 1-2 | JAMES E. DANIELS ... 5-6

Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 7-8

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Mr. Jas. E. Daniels has now rung each pair to peals of Plain Bob Major. 150th pea! 'in hand' as conductor.

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The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ANCASTER, Lincs.—On June 4th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: W. Towns 1, I. Towns 2, Miss J. Brandon 3, G. Vickers (first quarter) 4, E. Towns (first as cond.) 5. A farewell compliment to the ringer of 2nd, ringer, server and choir member, on his departure for the Forces. First quarter by a local band.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pearce 1, F. G. Barron 2, H. Reynolds 3, J. Harding 4, E. Jurd 5, E. Brown 6, H. Nobes (cond.) 7, F. Edwards 8. For the ordination of the Rev. W. H. Girling, M.A.

ASHCOTT, BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Bird 1, E. Skinner 2, F. Skinner (cond.) 3, W. Cavill 4, I. Hillburn 5, W. Somers 6. For the first anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

AXMINSTER, DEVON.—On May 31st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Morris 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, R. Keeley 3, N. Mallett 4, W. Yates 5, C. W. Powell 6, H. G. Keeley 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge 'inside' for 4. Believed to be the first of Surprise on the bells.

BIOCESTER, OXON.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Joanna Chase 1, C. H. Kinch 2, C. Stockley 3, H. Hatfield 4, W. Baggett 5, E. Pearson 6, E. J. Smith (first as cond.) 7, L. Ward 8.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. C. Cannon 1, Miss M. Munt 2, C. S. Hoar 3, Rev. K. G. Hoar 4, C. Munt 5, A. P. Cannon 6, N. Golden (cond.) 7, T. Arrow 8. First of Triples by 1 and 2.

BRISTOL.—On June 4th, at Christ Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Audrey Timms 1, Mary Bliss 2, Mary Kennelly 3, G. Beynon 4, C. T. Brown 5, L. C. I. Watson 6, C. Barwick 7, E. J. Taylor 8, J. R. Worrall (first as cond. on ten) 9, I. H. Trueman 10. Longest length on ten bells for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. Also longest length on ten for the University of Bristol Society.

BROOKFIELD, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Anne on May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Bevan 1, Margaret Paton 2, J. M. Payton 3, J. T. O'Dell (first 'inside') 4, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 5, J. Dennis (first quarter) 6.

BORDEN, KENT.—On June 3rd, 1,280 Canterbury Pleasure Major: S. Rayfield 1, Eileen S. Wyles 2, F. J. Cheal 3, C. Jarrett 4, W. Palin 5, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 6, B. Edwards 7, E. Naylor 8. First of Canterbury Major for all the band.

BUGBROOKE, NORTHANTS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Turland 1, Mrs. K. Rogers 2, Mrs. W. Collins 3, E. Garratt 4, K. Rogers (cond.) 5. On the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Peterborough.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—At St. John's Church on June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Blount 1, F. Godmark 2, R. West 3, R. Simpson 4, G. Sturt 5, T. Gasson (cond.) 6, A. Feist 7, A. Brown 8.

CASTLE EATON, WILTS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. J. Skinner 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, A. Peake 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, W. W. Daniell 5, A. Adams 6. For the wedding of the Vicar of Castle Eaton.

CHECKENDON, OXON.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Winfield 1, E. Baughan 2, A. Wiggins 3, Miss Lucy Slade 4, G. J. Hearn 5, C. Baughan 6. On the occasion of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. Allen.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Layland (first quarter) 1, H. Smith (first 'inside') 2, R. T. Holding 3, H. F. Holding 4, W. Ker 5, R. D. Langford 6, G. A. Packer (cond.) 7, E. J. Holloway 8.

CRICKLADE, WILTS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. G. Witts (first quarter) 1, C. J. Gardner 2, A. R. Peake 3, R. Shailes 4, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 5. A farewell to the Vicar (Dr. S. W. L. Richards) on his retirement.

QUARTER PEALS

CROWCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Welshe 1, C. W. J. Lock 2, John Henson 3, G. Davis 4, R. E. Colman 5, E. Colman 6.

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Prior 1, Miss E. McLean 2, Miss Joyce Taylor 3, Miss K. Branson 4, C. Ward 5, R. Wilson 6, C. R. Raine (cond.) 7, J. Marshall 8. First quarter for 2, 3 and 6. First quarter on the bells for 12 years.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Old, April Day, Bob and Canterbury Doubles, with 300 of Grandsire): Miss F. Hope 1, Miss D. Boulton 2, Miss J. Morse (cond.) 3, Miss E. Morse 4, W. Godwin 5, P. Pitts 6.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On May 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Alec Richardson 1, F. Barker 2, F. Goodall 3, P. Blake 4, H. Eldred 5, R. Newman 6, B. Willis 7, A. Warren (cond.) 8. To commemorate the birth of a grandson to the ringer of the 6th.

HALSE, SOMERSET.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. W. Harris 1, H. Comins 2, W. T. North 3, G. Walford 4, O. W. J. Tarr (cond.) 5, F. Burton 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On May 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. W. Thurlow 1, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 2, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 3, Valerie Willard 4, H. G. Hart 5, A. Wenban 6, R. E. W. Wenban 7, C. C. Mayne 8. First in the method for 4 and 6.

HATFIELD, YORKS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Jackson 1, D. G. Jackson (cond.) 2, W. H. Jackson 3, A. H. Shaw (first quarter) 4, W. Eric Critchley 5, Albert Shaw (first 'inside') 6.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. F. Todd 1, L. Fidler 2, A. E. Symonds 3, G. Cherry 4, D. C. Mears 5, E. Winters 6, W. Croft 7, F. W. Croft (cond.) 8.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On May 28th, at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. F. Harman 1, W. D. Prockson 2, E. F. Pryor 3, R. F. H. Harman 4, A. F. Lancaster 5, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 6, H. Kirby (first in method) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Newton 1, I. Biggs 2, D. Cox 3, A. Cox 4, P. Newton 5, C. H. Whitton 6, J. Kape (first in method as cond.) 7, A. R. Blaby 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On May 28th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Whiterod 1, J. Papworth 2, P. Elliott (first of Kent) 3, J. Elliott (cond.) 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott 6.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Linington (first quarter) 1, W. Small 2, J. Backshall 3, J. Backshall 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, A. Backshall 6. The ringers of 3, 4 and 6. made three generations of the same family.

LEAFIELD, OXON.—At St. Michael and All Angels on May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Baker 1, J. Wiggins (first 'inside') 2, L. Smith 3, A. Frankin 4, A. Lynes (cond.) 5, N. Locke 6.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Aley 1, E. Bartram 2, F. J. Stimson 3, J. Fenton (cond.) 4, F. Sheppard 5, H. Clayton 6, H. Bailey 7, T. Templeton 8.

MONMOUTH.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. J. Sims 1, J. C. Goulding 2, Miss D. M. Barnett 3, D. J. King 4, A. G. Hazelden 5, J. J. Webb (cond.) 6, L. H. Jones 7, T. Castree 8. First of Triples for 1, 3 and 4.

NETHERAVON, WILTS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Giddings 1, J. Dear 2, S. Grant (cond.) 3, G. Vines 4, G. Buckland 5, J. Keddle 6. For Queen Mary's birthday.

OAKLEY, HANTS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Canon G. H. Jeudwine 1, Miss H. Jeudwine 2, J. B. Hessey (cond.) 3, Mrs. E. McArelli 4, C. Chant 5, H. McArelli 6.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas-the-Martyr's on May 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. M. Brown 1, Miss R. M. K. How 2, J. D. Mozley 3, N. G. McCrum 4, K. M. Grayson 5, R. B. Meadows (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1 and 3.

PRESCOT, LANCs.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. C. Finney 1, J. M. Preston (cond.) 2, R. Preston 3, R. C. Preston 4, Wm. C. Finney 5, N. D. Hawthorne (first quarter) 6, W. Riley 7, E. Thomas 8. First quarter of Triples for 3 and 7.

PRITTELEWELL, ESSEX.—On May 28th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Royal: C. H. Godfrey 1, A. Reeve 2, B. Sadler 3, P. Sadler 4, S. Philbrick 5, J. Belcham 6, F. May 7, F. Souther 8, G. Frost 9, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 10.

RAINFHAM, KENT.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. B. P. Walker 1, F. J. Cheal 2, E. Naylor 3, J. Hale 4, B. Edwards 5, W. J. Walker 6, T. A. Cross (first as cond.) 7, P. Plumridge (first quarter) 8.

RAMSGATE, KENT.—At St. Lawrence's on June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Holmes (first of Triples) 1, S. Gee 2, J. A. Hilton 3, P. Newing 4, T. H. Holmes 5, W. Bottrill 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, E. T. Ellender 8. For the visit of Princess Margaret to open the War Memorial Hospital.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—At St. Edward the Confessor's on May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Langstone 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Mrs. M. M. Osborne 3, H. W. Roome 4, Miss S. Booth 5, Mrs. C. C. Roome 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, J. M. Aspinall 8. 4.6.8 covering. In memory of Lord Wavell.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: B. Holland 1, Shirley Bampton 2, Mrs. J. E. Turley 3, P. Knights 4, J. G. Brothwell 5, D. Holland 6, J. E. Turley 7, P. E. North 8, H. O. Chaddock 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10. First of Bob Royal 1, 2 and 6.

ROYDON, HERTS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Wright 1, S. Frost 2, W. Sams (cond.) 3, J. Terry 4, B. Burton 5, R. Berendt 6. First quarter for 4 and 6.

SEELY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pinfold 1, Miss G. Plimmer (first 'inside') 2, H. W. Haslam (first as cond.) 3, Ed. Large 4, T. Elliott 5, H. T. K. Haslam 6, N. J. Goodman 7, F. H. Walters 8.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On May 21st, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Glasspool 1, Miss E. Arthur 2, Mrs. J. Kippin 3, J. W. Faithfull 4, D. C. Williams 5, M. J. Butler (cond.) 6, Miss J. Cox 7, R. Brown 8. A birthday compliment to Miss Eileen Arthur.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On May 28th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. C. Wenban 1, W. J. Nudds 2, F. Cattell 3, E. J. Leversuch 4, C. Wenban 5, T. Clarke 6, R. Wenban (cond.) 7, J. E. Rootes 8. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 5.

TOTTENHOE, BEDS.—On May 28th, 1,272 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Sinfield 1, A. Broyd 2, D. Knox 3, Brenda Philpott 4, D. Chatfield 5, J. Newman (cond.) 6. First quarter peal of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob by all.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Bright (first quarter) 1, G. A. Packham 2, Stella M. Wickens 3, C. H. Wickens (cond.) 4, P. Romney 5.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's on May 28th, 1,272 Stedman Caters: C. Finch (first of Stedman Caters) 1, E. E. Holman 2, A. J. N. Boyack 3, G. W. Slack 4, H. Rumens 5, J. C. Adams 6, F. C. Maynard 7, J. Goodall 8, J. H. Crampin (first of Stedman Caters as cond.) 9, F. Taylor 10.

WARSPOL, NOTTS.—On May 28th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss M. Webster 1, Miss D. Marshall 2, D. H. Rooke 3, W. Allwood 4, D. Chadwick 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge Surprise 1 and 2.

WESTBOURNE, HANTS.—On May 28th, 1,280 Double Norwich: D. Martin 1, Audrey Bailey 2, P. R. Layton 3, Helen Gardner 4, Frances Edgar 5, V. J. Benning 6, R. F. B. Speed (cond.) 7, R. E. Price 8.

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The peal at Walgrave, Northants, for the tercentenary of John Bunyan, is of special interest. As the Exercise knows, John Bunyan was one of the most 'picturesque' bellringers, having been an Elstow, Beds, ringer. It is said that the greatest factor to his 'conversion' was that while engaged in the siege of Leicester one of his companions was shot by his side, and this greatly changed his mode of living. The bell which Bunyan used to ring was cast by Hugh Watts, who was Mayor of Leicester 1633 and churchwarden of St. Margaret's in 1615. It was, therefore, very appropriate that St. Margaret's, Leicester, should be represented by the present-day vergier, Mr. Ernest Morris, who conducted the peal.

The peal is claimed to be the first peal on the bells for at least 50 years and may be the first ever on them. From the South African War until 1937 they were out of commission. They were then hung in a new metal frame, but are still not easy to ring, and the tenorman, Patrick I. Chapman, is congratulated on what was a real job of work at every stroke.

Mr. George E. Symonds, of Ipswich, has now called peals of Oxford Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

The peal of Plain Bob Major at Stoney Stanton was specially arranged as a 21st birthday greeting to the ringer of the treble, Frank Mellor, who has now rung his first peal away from the tenor.

The 130th anniversary of the first peal on Fressingfield, Suffolk, bells was marked by ringing the same composition on June 10th. The first peal on the bells, which were augmented to eight in 1819, was rung by the Redenhall company and conducted by Edward Whiting, jun., great-grandfather of Ernest Whiting, who called the 130th anniversary peal.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. M. H. White, secretary of St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, band, has completed 50 years as a ringer at this church. In honour of the occasion and his birthday, 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung on June 3rd by R. Hayden 1, B. G. Burton 2, F. Springham 3, F. Bird 4, W. H. Alley 5, W. Wheeler 6, S. Clarke (cond.) 7, W. Bird 8. On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung conducted by P. A. Chalk, in which Mr. White participated.

Errata: In the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Edmonton on May 24th the ringer of the treble was Alick Cutler and the third Mrs. N. O. L. Manchip.

In view of the exhortation to improve service ringing at Willesborough, Ashford, Kent, quarter peals in Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's Bob Minor have been rung between May 18th and June 4th.

The band who participated in the peal of Stedman at St. Wystan's, Repton, on June 3rd, to mark the 11th century of this saint's martyrdom, thank Mrs. S. H. Jones, wife of the Ringing Master, who rang the treble with complete confidence at very short notice. This was her first attempt for a peal of Stedman.

One of the young ringers at Kingston Magna is at present serving with the R.A.F. about 50 miles from his home. He generally comes home by motor-cycle at week-ends and returns in time to report for duty on Monday at 8 a.m. One Sunday, after ringing and reading one of the lessons at evensong, he started on his ride back, but before he had ridden ten miles his motor-cycle went on strike. Not to be beaten, he continued his journey on foot. After walking nearly 35 miles he had the luck to get a lift for the short distance left and was at his post with ten minutes to spare.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL AT EASTBOURNE—cont.

Festival of Britain Standing Committee to Act Methods Committee and Shipway-Steadfast Controversy Chester selected for Next Meeting Civic Reception

FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN.

The following notice of motion was proposed by Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher: 'That this Council, through an appropriate committee and by liaison with the organisers, should determine the nature of the part to be played by the Ringing Exercise in the Festival of Britain.'

Dr. Hatcher said that he supposed all of them were fully alive to the festival being organised for 1951. In various parts of the country they had started discussing 'ways and means' six months ago, and had formed district committees. The festival was the centenary of the Great Exhibition of 1851, but this one would be on a much greater scale.

He felt that all guilds and associations should consider their responsibility in regard to the festival, and do something to mark the occasion. The Council should also consider doing something on a national level. He suggested that all ringers should get into touch with the chairman of their local festival organisation and express their willingness to co-operate.

Among the suggestions he had heard was in regard to St. John's, Waterloo Road, which adjoined the exhibition. This church was destroyed by fire and it was suggested that the bells could be put in a ringing condition, to be rung during the course of the festival year.

They had all read the idea of another ringer, of a campanile on perspex lines so that people could see the bells ringing. If such a tower was erected at the exhibition, it would create great interest and the Exercise would derive much benefit by the advertisement.

Mr. G. H. Spice seconded the motion.

The Hon. Secretary said the view of the Standing Committee was that this was a matter of urgency and anything that had to be done would have to be done at once. They suggested the appointment of Dr. Hatcher and Mr. Spice as a sub-committee to make a report which would be presented to the Standing Committee. The Standing Committee should be given power to act upon the receipt of that report.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow said there was one thing that was particularly urgent in giving publicity to any efforts which were likely to be made, because the various national and regional handbooks in connection with the festival were now in preparation. He was asked for an article of 500 words on Norwich churches to go in the Norwich Festival Handbook, and he would certainly say something about the bells.—The motion was carried.

METHODS COMMITTEE'S DECISIONS.

With the permission of the chairman, Mr. Harold J. Poole amended the notice of motion which appeared under his name in the agenda to read: 'That the unanimous decision of the Methods Committee upon matters with which they were authorised by the Council to deal shall be published at once in "The Ringing World" and submitted to the next meeting of the Council for consideration.'

Mr. Poole said the thing that brought this matter to his mind was the publication of a peal in 'The Ringing World' as Steadfast. He felt that in the past there had been a lack of definite decisions of the Council. Here was a case where the Methods Committee came to a unanimous decision and printed that decision in 'The Ringing World,' and within a fortnight they were challenged that they had no authority to do so, and they were wrong in doing it.

The Methods Committee had been selected especially for their ability and the only thing they could do was to stand by them and uphold their unanimous decisions. It might be

true that they did get some cranks in ringing. Any decisions by the Methods Committee should be published at once as a guidance to the Exercise.

Mr. R. Ballard seconded the motion, which was then carried.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead said in regard to the Shipway-Steadfast controversy, the Methods Committee were asked for a decision, and he regretted that it had not been put into the report of his committee. He asked if the Council would accept that decision now.

Mr. H. J. Poole proposed that such action should be taken, as it would be another twelve months before the next meeting of the Council.

The Rev. Felstead said that they had received a request about Steadfast, and at first they were inclined to ignore the whole business, as things were apt to die a natural death, but when peals began to be published in that method and there was a possibility of someone attempting a peal, they thought some action should be taken. The unanimous view of the committee was published in 'The Ringing World.' In his letter he did try to express the committee's opinion that Steadfast was no different from Shipway's principle 150 years ago.

Mr. C. H. Kippin seconded.

Mr. E. A. Barnett supported the decision and said he did write to 'The Ringing World' on the subject because he thought they should make it quite clear that Steadfast did not differ from Shipway.

THE NEXT MEETING.

The Chairman said that under the old rule the next meeting of the Council should be in London, but the new rule enabled them to go where they liked. London would be a very difficult place next year, as he understood a great deal of the accommodation was already booked, and prices were high. The Standing Committee had an invitation to go to Chester, and suggested it should be accepted.

Mr. R. S. Anderson asked the Council seriously to consider visiting London next year in view of the festival. London was the centre of the country. He moved that the Council go to London. Dr. Hatcher seconded.

Mr. G. Pullinger asked if a place near London could be selected.

Mr. F. Sharpe proposed the recommendation of the Standing Committee that the invitation of the Chester Diocesan Guild should be accepted.

Mr. T. R. Butler seconded, saying that it was 25 years ago since the Council went to Chester.

Mr. J. W. Jones supported the old rule of the Council meeting in London. 'London,' he said, 'is a very "getatable" place and I never experienced any difficulty in getting accommodation.'

The vote of the Council was: Chester 62, London 49.

MEMORIAL TO CANON COLERIDGE.

The President said that the Oxford Diocesan Guild was proposing to build a memorial to Canon Coleridge. It would take the form of a tablet in the cloisters of Christ Church, similar to those erected for the Rev. F. E. Robinson and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. It was also proposed to recast the second bell at Christ Church, add a new treble, alter the rope circle, and do other work which would be necessary.

The Standing Committee considered this proposal and they felt that it should be a national memorial. They recommended that the Coun-

cil contribute the sum of £50 towards the total cost of £450.

Mr. Harry Miles seconded and this was agreed to.

PEAL ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

Mr. H. Miles was appointed to the Peal Analysis Committee in the place of Mr. C. Dean, who had to give up the work owing to illness.

ATTENDANCE ROLL.

The Hon. Secretary presented the Attendance Roll, which showed that 24 societies were fully represented and 11 societies not represented. The total number of representative members was 108, and honorary members 13, giving a total of 121.

VOTE OF THANKS.

The President proposed an omnibus vote of thanks to those who made their visit to Eastbourne so successful. He asked in the first place that the Council should send a letter to Mr. Oliver Sippetts regretting his illness, and wish him the best possible return to health. Continuing, Mr. Lewis said he wished to propose a vote of thanks to the Mayor and Corporation of Eastbourne for the use of hall, for the entertainment which they were presenting and for the privileges granted to the conference during the week-end. He would like to especially thank them for the special bus they ran to take the members to the Holy Communion service in the Parish Church that morning.

They also thanked the Bishop of Lewes for coming to give them a welcome. He expressed the hope that the Bishop of Chichester, who had been overworked, would soon feel better. They also thanked the Vicar of Eastbourne for arranging the Communion service, the Sussex County Association for all they had done, Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. Wallater, Mr. R. G. Blackman and Mr. F. H. Dallaway.

The Hon. Sec. said he would like to add his own thanks to Mr. P. H. Rollison, who had done such an immense amount of work in arranging for the visit to Eastbourne.

Mr. J. W. Clarke, Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild, expressed his pleasure that the Council had accepted the invitation to visit Chester, and assured them of a hearty welcome.

The President also proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher for the careful way they had prepared the reports for the Council meeting.

In conclusion, a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. H. W. Rogers to the president and officers, the Standing Committee and sub-committees for the work they had carried out during the past year.

CIVIC RECEPTION.

The conference was followed by a civic reception at the Winter Gardens, where the members of the Council and their wives were received by the Mayor and Mayoress. A strawberry and cream tea followed. It was enjoyed by a company numbering about 200.

Mr. E. H. Lewis voiced the thanks of the company to the Mayor and Mayoress for their delightful hospitality. He felt that the meeting at Eastbourne had been one of the most outstanding in the history of the Council. I do not think we have ever had better arrangements or received greater hospitality.

In acknowledging the vote of thanks, the Mayor said he hoped their proceedings had been profitable, and they would take away with them pleasant memories of Eastbourne.

A social evening was afterwards held in the Town Hall.

RING OF TEN FOR BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Two Trebles Dedicated at Slough

The territory covered by the Oxford Diocesan Guild comprises the three counties of Berks, Bucks and Oxon. Each county possesses a ring of twelve bells (at Reading, High Wycombe and Oxford), but although Berks and Oxon each have three peals of ten, there was not one in Bucks.

To redress this need the Slough ringers undertook the task of raising the necessary funds, and to try at the same time to collect sufficient to have the octave, cast and installed in 1913, rehung in ball bearings. Owing to the precarious state of the parish finances, and the Rector's aim to establish another church school ultimately, the ringers were told that no appeal was to be made to the parishioners or worshippers in the parish, but that if they could produce the money outside, the Church Council would not stand in their way.

As a first step towards procuring £600, an appeal was made in the local Press inviting the donation of a bell as a war memorial. Lt.-Col. J. N. Horlick and Mr. O. P. Horlick (of the well-known malted milk firm) munificently offered a bell each in memory of a brother and a son lost respectively in the 1918 and 1939 wars. By appeals to local tradesmen and firms, by a series of socials, by the generous assistance of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and ringers' private subscriptions, the balance was collected, and the bells were rehung and augmented in time for Easter, the ten bells being rung as the new trebles were consecrated ceremonially before being hoisted.

THE DEDICATION.

On Saturday, May 20th, in the presence of the donors, the Mayor of Slough (Ald. J. E. Taylor), Mr. R. Wickens (representing Horlicks, Ltd.), Mr. A. D. Barker (general treasurer of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), the Rev. E. C. S. Lowman (Vicar of Bray and branch chairman), Mr. T. J. Fowler (Branch Ringing Master), Mr. W. Hughes (representing Messrs. Mears and Stainbank) and a large concourse of ringers, the Lord Bishop of Buckingham (Rt. Rev. R. M. Hay) dedicated the new bells, the rehung eight and a commemorative plaque beneath the tower.

The Rector (the Rev. Claude Williams) expressed the gratitude of the church and the Borough of Slough to the donors of the new bells, to the founders for producing two such beautiful bells, to Mr. E. J. Sargeant for his skill in producing such a splendid plaque and to the ringers for their efforts. The opening rounds following the dedication were rung by the local band, viz., F. V. Sinkins (85), W. Birmingham (captain), W. E. Judd, A. D. Rivers, Miss P. Clements, Miss A. Ewins, B. T. Lister, E. Hudson, W. Henley and E. H. Preston (steepkeeper). It is interesting to note that when the original bells were augmented to eight in 1886, Mr. Frank Sinkins also took part in the opening rounds, and he is the sole survivor of that occasion.

In his address the Bishop spoke of the appropriateness of the gift of bells as memorials. He said, 'The ultimate and deepest thing any man can do is to give his life in this world for its deeper causes and to enter the world beyond. It is a splendid example to give up the lower for the higher things, and these bells as they ring out will always remind us of this. The bells appeal to man to remember his higher nature.'

Following the service the Bishop visited the belfry and was introduced to those present. He gave a friendly welcome to the visiting ringers, who included Mr. H. Fearn (Birmingham) and Mr. R. Bell (Watford). Ringing continued in a variety of ten-bell methods for an hour and a half. Unstinted praise was given to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for the excellency of their work by all who tried the

bells, and the sweetness of the new trebles was apparent to everyone. They are clearly audible both within and without the tower and are a wonderful 'splice,' greatly enriching the ring. Slough has every reason to be proud of a ring of ten which, for its weight (tenor 17½ cwt. in E), is so favourably commented upon.

HISTORY OF THE BELLS.

The fine Parish Church of Slough, with its 200ft. high spire, was completed in 1913 and supplanted an ugly building erected in 1835 as the new mother church of the parish to replace the ancient Church of St. Lawrence, Upton, erected c. 1100.

When the new parish church was built (in 1835) the four bells from Upton were removed there in 1855 and hung in a frame designed for six bells. They ranged in weight from the treble weighing 3½ cwt. to the tenor, 7½ cwt. Both of these were discovered cracked, but the others, dated 1619 and 1725, were intact. The cracked bells were recast at Whitechapel, and two new bells, one heavier and one lighter, were cast to make a ring of six (tenor 9 cwt.).

CHANGE RINGING INTRODUCED.

Mr. Frank Sinkins relates how unconventionally change ringing was introduced to the tower. In 1880 the bells were rung for a Confirmation service, and while the ringers were waiting to ring afterwards two of the band went to a local pub and refreshed themselves too well, but not too wisely. On re-entering the belfry one pulled off a bell, which rang itself down in the middle of the Bishop's address. The Vicar summoned the ringers demanding an explanation, when the awful truth came out! The two offenders were refused permission to ring again, and Mr. A. C. Fussell suggested the whole band resigned, re-formed and sought instruction in change ringing under Mr. William Baron, of the West Middlesex Association. Thus good came out of evil, and the Slough ringers learned a new art. Shortly after the foundation of the Oxford Guild in 1881 they transferred their allegiance to their own territorial association.

In 1886, the ringers by now being proficient change ringers, it was felt desirable to complete the octave. Mr. F. Charsley kindly gave the new bells in May, but the treble proved unsatisfactory, and Mr. Sinkins recalls the distraction to the neighbourhood by the days of incessant din as the tuner chipped off lumps of metal with a chisel. In August it was recast. Further dissatisfaction was caused by the inharmonious tone of the sixth, the 1619 bell, but through the intervention of Mr. W. H. Fussell it was spared destruction and returned to Upton, where it still does service to-day, and Mr. Charsley donated a further bell. On February 5th, 1887, was rung the first peal in Slough, 5,040 Grandsire Triples, conducted by William Baron for the Cumberlands.

In 1876 plans were prepared for a fine new church. The eastern half was dedicated in 1878, and in 1913 the western portion with its fine tower and spire was completed. A splendid new ring of eight bells was provided with a tenor weighing 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. installed in an iron frame. The Cumberlands also rang the first peal on these bells, Stedman Triples, conducted by George Williams in October, 1913.

Another interesting peal was Mr. W. H. Fussell's 1,000th rung on the eve of his departure for Australia, September, 1934, with the visiting ringers from England.

To date 42 peals have been rung at Slough, 29 on the light eight, and 13 on the present bells. With a hospital erected during the war right beside the church, ringing is naturally restricted, but the local band are now eagerly awaiting the opportunity of scoring the first peal on the ten bells.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

ANNUAL MEETING AT WICKEN.

The twenty-seventh annual meeting was held at Wicken on Whit Monday. Although this village lies right on the borders of Buckinghamshire and no public transport was available, the meeting was an outstanding success. Towers available during the day were Newport Pagnell, Stoney Stratford, Buckingham, Towcester and Wicken before the meeting, and Cosgrove, Hanslope, Olney, Paulerspury and Wicken after the meeting, one small party visiting Beachampton.

The Guild service was at 3.15 p.m., the church being filled with ringers and friends. The Rector of Wicken (the Rev. H. P. Hoskin) conducted the service, the lesson was read by the president of the Guild (the Ven. C. J. Grimes, Archdeacon of Northampton), and the address given by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough, who took his text from Psalm 19, 'Their sound is gone out into all lands, and their words into the ends of the world.' In a moving address the Lord Bishop hoped that the ringing of the Angelus at midday would again return and men would hear it and offer prayer to God wherever they might be. The choir was augmented by visiting ringers.

Tea was served in the schools, being arranged locally by the Rector, ringers and lady helpers, a record number of 196 sitting down. This proved a little bit of a problem, but everyone enjoyed a good spread. It was unfortunate that the Lord Bishop and the president had to leave before the business meeting commenced, but both had a few words to say to the meeting before leaving. A vote of thanks was expressed to them by Mr. G. H. Hancock, seconded by Mr. E. G. Orland. The Rev. E. V. Penn, branch president, also spoke a word of welcome on behalf of the Towcester Branch.

The chair was taken by the Master, Mr. E. E. Whitmore. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. B. J. Saddington (auditor), the Rev. F. L. Mordin, the Rev. T. W. Long, Messrs. A. J. Green, W. Yates, A. Bigley, W. Rose and P. Chapman. The officers were re-elected and the annual report adopted. Grants from the Bell Restoration Fund suggested by the committee were accepted as follows: Raunds £10, Daventry £10, and Brafeld £10.

The secretary reported that he had received a quotation for Guild badges; this was accepted by the meeting and it was hoped these would be available in a few months' time. The war memorial tablet in All Saints' Church, Northampton, had been restored, and the committee in charge of this work were thanked.

A ballot for Central Council representatives resulted in the election of Messrs. G. Jeffs, B. P. Morris, R. Moon and G. S. Valentine. The next annual meeting is to be held at Kettering.

Mr. G. H. Hancock proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting such a great success, which was seconded by Mr. E. G. Orland and carried unanimously. The Master then closed the meeting and ringing was resumed in a large variety of methods.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.

SWINDON BRANCH.

The summer quarterly meeting was held at Bishopstone on June 10th, and visitors attended from Aldbourne, Cirencester and Shrivenham, in addition to branch members. The Association form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Hibbert), and a good tea was provided at the True Heart Inn.

At the business meeting the branch secretary gave a report of the Central Council meeting at Eastbourne, calling special attention to the number of covering bells allowed in peal attempts.

It was proposed that the next meetings be held at Wroughton, Lydiard Millicent and Wanborough. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major.

Mrs. F. I. Hairs' 300 Peals

By ringing a peal of Stedman Triples at Dartford recently, Mrs. F. I. Hairs brought her total up to 300. Mrs. Hairs, the daughter of Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton, who has rung more peals than any other living ringer, has taken part in a number of notable performances. Among them is the record length of Grandsire Caters on handbells (8,099) in July, 1912.

She was also the first lady to ring peals of Stedman Cinques 'in hand,' in November, 1913, and Cambridge Maximus on tower bells, at Waltham Abbey in June, 1924. By ringing 1-2 to Superlative in 1923 she became the first lady to ring a Surprise peal on handbells. Her complete list of peals, in 244 of which her husband, Mr. Frank I. Hairs, has taken part, is as follows:—

TOWER BELLS.

Triples: Grandsire 2, Stedman 14.
Major: Plain Bob 2, Double Norwich 12, Kent Treble Bob 3, Cambridge Surprise 17, Superlative 12, Yorkshire 2, London 3, Bristol 4.
Caters: Grandsire 1, Stedman 17.
Royal: Plain Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 3, Oxford 1, Cambridge Surprise 18, New Cambridge 1, Yorkshire 2, Middlesex 1, Spliced Yorkshire and Cambridge 1.
Cinques: Stedman 2.
Maximus: Cambridge Surprise 3.
Total tower bells 122.

HANDBELLS.

Minor: Plain Bob 1.
Triples: Grandsire 12, Stedman 10.
Major: Plain Bob 59, Double Norwich 5.
Kent Treble Bob 5, Superlative Surprise 1.
Caters: Grandsire 11, Stedman 29.
Royal: Plain Bob 25, Kent Treble Bob 3.
Cinques: Grandsire 2, Stedman 12.
Maximus: Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 1.
Total handbells 178.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual outing was held on Whit Monday, the party consisting of two busloads of ringers and friends. The tour into Wharfedale commenced at 6.45 a.m., the first stop being Wetherby, where the light eight were soon going to various standard methods. Rev. C. O. Ellison (president of the Yorkshire Association) gave the party an enthusiastic welcome.

Leaving Wetherby the buses proceeded through Harrogate across Blubberhouse Moor, where the scenery is magnificent, to Skipton-in-Craven. Cups of tea had been kindly provided by the ladies of the church, following which members proceeded to the tower at Holy Trinity Church, where the splendid ring of eight bells was rung to the enjoyment of all.

From Skipton the next stop was four miles to Gargrave, where the Assistant Bishop of Craven was awaiting our arrival and the eight bells at St. Andrew's Church were rung to standard methods. The party returned through Skipton across the moors to Ilkley. Unfortunately, owing to an apparent misunderstanding, the belfry door was locked and the party had to be content with looking around the inside of the church.

Tea was served at the Royal Hotel and the party moved on to Otley, enjoying the eight bells at All Saints' Church. A unique experience here was that each rope, besides having tufted ends, had two coloured balls fixed between the sally and the rope end, presumably to stop sliding hands down the rope.

The last call was at Guiseley, and again the ring of eight bells was soon going to Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, etc. On the wall of Guiseley belfry is half bell wheel with photographs of the casting of the bells by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The weather was fine but breezy until the last call at Guiseley, when heavy rain was falling, but this failed to damp the enthusiasm. The two buses proceeded homewards and the last of the party arrived home at 11.45 p.m.

L. M. W.

OBITUARY

MR. EDWARD CASSELL.

We at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, will sadly miss our cheery old friend, 'Teddy' Cassell, who passed away at his home at 41, Inglethorpe Street, Fulham, on June 15th, after some months' illness following a stroke. The funeral was on June 21st.

Teddy's punctuality for service ringing and practice nights was a grand example to many much younger folk than himself, and his willingness to 'have another go' or learn something different, with a joke, helped the learners over many sticky patches.

He was born in Gloucestershire and gave his heart to the bells from his early boyhood. He had many peals to his credit and his last quarter was on January 19th for the men of the 'Truculent.'

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Cassell, who nursed her husband night and day all through his illness, and to their sons and daughters.

I. E. D.

MR. W. H. WALDRON.

The following tribute to the late Mr. W. H. Waldron, of Peterborough, whose death was reported in our last issue, has been received from 'G. S. B.':—

Born at Uffington, near Stamford, it was here that he first became initiated into the art of campanology, and in 1910, when he removed to Peterborough, he became a member of the belfry of St. Mary's. This tower through various reasons during the last few years has suffered badly in the depletion of its band, and Mr. Waldron, reluctant to lose all he had gained through the years in knowledge and friendship, accepted the invitation to become a member of St. John's. He had been a member of this tower for four years.

'Billy,' as he was affectionately known to all his friends, was elected to the secretaryship of the local branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild when it was founded in 1924, a position which he still retained; as a token of respect and grateful thanks for his loyalty and unflinching service, he was last year presented with a barometer, suitably inscribed, by the members of the Guild on the completion of 25 years' service.

Some of the most outstanding achievements in his ringing career were, perhaps, the three peals in which he took part, comprising 32 Surprise methods; of these he was rightly proud. They were rung in three different Lincolnshire towers and conducted by Mr. Horace M. Day, one of Mr. Waldron's oldest friends.

The late Mr. Waldron, a widower for 15 years, retired in 1947 from the L.N.E.R., where he had been a turner in the Engineer's Department. He leaves two sons and three daughters, to whom the sympathy of the Exercise is extended.

To his memory 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled at St. John's Church on June 11th by the following: A. French 1, S. Wright 2, W. Rose (cond.) 3, C. Wood 4, F. Warrington 5, L. Hadman 6, G. Bush 7, W. Barker 8.

Midland Counties Guild

VISITS HANBURY AND HOAR CROSS.

No better choice of surroundings could have been made for the Midland Counties Guild for their summer outing than a visit to the Needwood Forest district.

The first stop was at St. Werburgh's Church, Hanbury, where Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Bob Major and Oxford Treble Bob Major were rung before proceeding to the cathedral-like Church of Holy Angels, Hoar Cross.

Built by the beneficence of Lord and Lady Meynell Ingram, this church possesses features such as may be found in few of its size. Beautifully proportioned and rich in carving of wood and stone, its beauty holds one spell-bound.

The magnificent ring of bells, reputed to be

York Minster Society

PRESENTATION TO MR. T. F. EARNSHAW

On Sunday morning, June 11th, before the start of service ringing, on the eve of his 82nd birthday, Mr. Thomas Frederick Earnshaw, the Minster's oldest ringer, was presented with a case of pipes, pouch and tobacco by the Dean (the Very Rev. Eric Milner-White) on behalf of the ringers and the Minster.

The president of the York Minster Society, Mr. Harold Walker, reminded the company that recently Mr. Earnshaw relinquished the presidency after 38 years. During this long term of office he had gained the respect and affection of his fellows. This year Mr. Earnshaw completes 60 years' full membership of the Society and also of the Yorkshire Association. He learned to ring at Easingwold and on moving to York was elected a probationary member of the Society in 1888.

By 1890 he had progressed from ringing the bells of his native village church to be able to take a place in ringing the 12 heavy bells at the Minster and was elected to full membership of the Society. He was the sole survivor of the band which, in 1892, rang the last peal to be rung in the Minster tower. On that historic occasion the efforts of three men were required to keep the tenor going. The ringing of peals had not interested Mr. Earnshaw very much and he had only a modest 20 or so to his credit. To him Sunday service ringing was most important and he had always set a good example by being punctual and regular in attendance.

Mr. G. Horner (50 years' service), Mr. E. Rickets (44 years) and several other members paid tribute to Mr. Earnshaw's personality and excellent work.

The Dean observed that Mr. Earnshaw was ringing the Minster bells when he (the Dean) was a child of four. Of all the arts and crafts in England, said the Dean, the most typical and beautiful was the sounding of a ring of bells. He recalled the emotion caused by the sound of the bells ringing after El Alamein, which broke a silence of three years. He regarded the Minster bells as part of York, as they were held in affection by the people of York. He thanked Mr. Earnshaw for his long years of service to the belfry, the Minster, to York and to God.

In returning thanks, Mr. Earnshaw said he had no idea a presentation was to be made to him that morning and he appreciated the gifts very much. Sixty years was a long time and he had always done his best for the Society and the Minster and thought no man could do more than that. He suggested the authorities should give certificates for long service to all connected with the Minster; such certificates would be treasured long after the recipients had gone. Mr. Earnshaw wished the Dean every success in his efforts to raise £250,000 needed for the presentation of the Minster fabric.

H. W.

one of the heaviest sixes in the country, was certainly an attraction. A short service, which the 53 members and friends attended, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Strong), who gave an inspiring address in which he made reference to his recent visit to the war-wrecked city of Liverpool, where the glorious cathedral stood amidst the ruins, almost untouched, as a triumphant witness of the Christian Gospel. Mr. W. G. Soar (a ringer), of Ticknall, was the organist.

Following tea in the Meynell Ingram Arms, the chairman, Mr. W. H. Curson, announced that the next meeting (a joint meeting with Loughborough District) will be held at Ashby on June 10th.

Mr. W. G. Soar proposed thanks to the Vicars of Hanbury and Hoar Cross for use of the bells, and to the local members for the tea arrangements.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'NINE TAILORS' ERROR

Dear Sir,—I wonder whether any of your readers happen to have the cheap edition of 'The Nine Tailors,' dated March, 1949. There appears to be a misprint just at a critical point. On page 160 in line 6 of the 9th paragraph the tenor in Kent Treble Bob is made in effect to move from 6ths place to 4th before dodging in 5-6 down. Apparently 4th is a misprint for 5th, which escaped the notice of the proof reader. It would be interesting to know whether this error occurred in any previous editions. The actual diagram on the following page is set out quite correctly, lettering and all.—Yours truly,

F. LI. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna.

100 PEALS IN ONE TOWER

Dear Sir,—In Belfry Gossip, 'Ringing World,' May 12th, the first paragraph states: 'By completing his 100th peal in Dartford tower, Mr. John Wheadon has become the first to accomplish this feat.'

May I kindly point out that the late Mr. Arthur Symonds, of Lavenham, scored 100 peals on Lavenham bells. These peals were rung consecutively. The first was on March 4th, 1888, and the 100th on February 23rd, 1929. In the latter were his two sons and a grandson! Mr. Arthur Symonds also 'circled' the tower eight times in peals!—Yours sincerely,

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS.

Lavenham, Suffolk.

MAY WEEK AT CAMBRIDGE

Dear Sir,—Handbell ringing formed one item on the programme of the May Week concert at Pembroke College, Cambridge. A band of the Cambridge University Guild, consisting of two members of Pembroke and two from other colleges, rang, after a word of explanation and introduction, a course of Grandsire Triples, followed by a medley of six popular tunes, rung 'four in hand' on 13 bells. The tunes were linked together suitably to make the medley continuous. Several people afterwards spoke appreciatively of the bells, and showed an interest in how they were rung and whether they were principally used for tunes or change ringing, etc.

During the past few terms the C.U.G.C.R. has been asked to give handbell performances at various functions, including a local parish garden fete, a youth club, the Institute for the Blind and on other occasions.—Yours truly,

C. G. WOODHEAD.

Bedford.

HUBBARD'S 'CAMPANALOGIA'

Dear Sir,—For the benefit of Mr. Albert J. Hughes ('Ringing World,' April 14th) and of Mr. H. Douglas Harris ('Ringing World,' June 9th), I can confirm that the second edition, revised (1864), of Hubbard's 'Campanologia' in my possession does, in fact, contain the lines referred to by Mr. Hughes. They are headed, 'Lines by S. Nobbs, late of the Society of Norwich Scholars.'

Mr. Hughes' memory, spanning 40 years, is very accurate, and, on being reminded, he may recall the following two couplets which he omitted:—

After June 6:

'Those who are gifted with a tuneful voice
In singing glees or such like strains rejoice.'
And following:

'. zeal untired,

'Its compositions intricate are found;
While in its changes harmony abound.'

For the sake of complete accuracy, the last two lines may be corrected to:—

'Then let despisers who the art condemn,
Leave us to follow it—we grant their choice
to them.'

Yours faithfully,

Ilford, Essex.

JOHN F. GROVE.

WILLIAM BANISTER'S BOOK

Dear Sir,—If one may judge from the letters of your correspondents, the remaining copies of this book are both considerable in number and widely distributed. The Guildford Diocesan Guild library has a copy each of the 1874 and of the 1879 editions. The books are very well bound and evidently well used. Before coming to the Guildford library they were in a collection owned by the late H. J. Tucker.

The second (1879) edition was revised and extended by its author, assisted by the late Henry Haley, who added some of his own compositions. The list of College Youths performances are extended to the year 1878, and the book was published by John Warner and Sons, who added a few pages of advertising matter.

Regarding Hubbard's 'Campanologia,' which is mentioned in the letter by H. D. Harris in your issue of June 9th, I have before me a copy of each of the four editions—the first in 1854, the last 1876. The lines to which your correspondent refers to were written by S. Nobbs, a Norwich Scholar, whose name appears in the 1854 book as a subscriber to its publication. The lines are included in each of the first three editions. A. C. HAZELDEN.

Guildford.

Sir,—Mr. B. A. Newcombe asks if any more copies of this work exist. Yes, I have one, given to me by my old friend Mr. Alfred Tomset, of Lindfield. Its title is the 'Art and Science of Change Ringing,' published by John Warner and Sons, London, 1887. The introduction quotes from Benjamin Kennicott (1742) and the Rev. Woolmore Wigram (1872).

His short article on the art of change ringing is concise. His explanations of the methods, beginning with Plain Bob Doubles, St. Simon's Doubles, New Doubles, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Stedman's Slow Course, Plain Bob, are often helpful. Lots of methods not now usually rung, as Union, Place and Double Court Triples, are included; Royal, Cinques and Maximus are also dealt with. He gives many notes on peals, and his chapter on the science of composition proving and conducting is of interest, though quite beyond my understanding.

About 1870 Mr. Banister removed from Woolwich to Devonport and played an important part with the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, Col. Trelawney and Col. Troyte in founding the Guild of Devonshire Ringers in 1874. He rang in a few of the early peals and trained a band of change ringers in Devonport.—Yours, etc.,

FREDK. C. SMALE.

Dear Sir,—With reference to letters about W. Banister's book, I myself picked up a copy in a secondhand bookshop at Gloucester. I gave a shilling for it. I see by my note on the fly-leaf that it was in 1932.

The book is now in our small library at the lower tower.—Yours faithfully, R. ALSOP.

Ebbw Vale.

SHROPSHIRE BELLS AND RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Recently in your columns it was announced that a series of articles on Shropshire bells and ringers would be published monthly in the 'Shropshire Magazine.'

Might I take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. W. A. Farmer, of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on a fine piece of work, which is giving our Exercise that publicity it is in need of, particularly after the recent sordid articles in the daily newspapers commenting on the moral failings of one or two of our number.—Sincerely yours, etc.,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

Broseley, Salop.

Largest Parish Church

Dear Sir,—In the last three 'Ringing Worlds' a small article has appeared concerning the largest parish church. I have a book, 'Famous Churches,' and it contains the following particulars of areas of a few churches: York Minster, 63,800 square feet. St. Paul's Cathedral, London, 59,000; Westminster Abbey, 46,000; Norwich Cathedral, 33,750; Tewkesbury Abbey, 25,100; Great Yarmouth, St. Nicholas', length 236 feet, width 112 feet (3 feet wider than York Minster), 25,023; Coventry, St. Michael's, 24,015; Boston, 20,270; Hull, Holy Trinity, 20,040; and Bristol, St. Mary Redcliffe, 15,500. Leamington, All Saints', is shown in the book, but no area is given. It would be very interesting to know a dozen of the largest ringing rooms of our churches.—Faithfully yours,

F. ATKINSON,

York Minster Ringer.

Dear Sir,—It was with great interest that I have read the various letters which have appeared in 'The Ringing World' recently with reference as to which is the largest parish church in the country.

For many years it was understood that Yarmouth St. Nicholas' was the largest, with Coventry and Boston next in size in that order. Since, however, the Yarmouth Church was destroyed during the late war and is not now in present use and Coventry became a cathedral some years ago, we here in Boston maintain that St. Botolph's now ranks first in size, although there may be much divergence of opinion.

As Mr. Hunt would like some dimensions I am pleased to give the following exact details: Total length 282ft.; width 100ft.; length of nave 155ft.; height of nave ceiling 68ft.; width of tower 40ft.; height of ceiling under tower 137ft.; height to ringing chamber 142ft.; height to bell chamber 162ft.; height of tower 272ft.

There is seating accommodation for 1,800, but on special occasions, such as King George V. memorial service and VE-Day in 1945, it was estimated that between three and four thousand were present. The great space behind the pews and the side aisles, where nearly 2,000 people were packed standing, was really a sight never to be forgotten, and to use the words of that renowned B.R.C. commentator, Mr. S. P. B. Mais, at the dedication of our new ring of ten bells in 1932, 'there is nothing like it anywhere.' It is indeed the pride of this old town.

Lastly, I have it on good authority that our peal is the highest hung for ringing, but would certainly like to hear any other reader's views.—Yours faithfully,

F. DEWEY.

Boston, Linco.

GEOGRAPHICAL CLAIMS

Dear Sir,—Once again we have a claim to 'the first peal in the method in a certain locality' refuted (letter from Mr. J. E. Cawser in your issue of June 9th).

I cannot understand why these claims are made.

There is, admittedly, some credit due to a band for ringing the first peal in the district or on the bells, or the first peal in the method by the band or for the association, etc. But what particular honour or glory is there in these 'geographical' claims?

Such claims as the first in the method in the county or in 'Blueland' or 'Redland' or anywhere else you like appear to me to be irrelevant. Why not claim the first in the method to be rung on a 'Pancake Tuesday' or on the vicar's wedding anniversary?

If a band has once rung a peal of 'Nomenclature Surprise,' is there any special credit when it is rung again in, say, 'Blankshire' or 'Dashshire' and so on?

Perhaps some of your claimants will enlighten me?—Yours faithfully, E. BOUMPHREY.

Glasgow, S.W.2.

University of London Society

Over twenty members and friends spent the Whitun week-end in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Most of the party stayed in a camp near Havant, the lay-out of which was very familiar to those with Service experience, and which was run by a Lieutenant-Commander (retired). The discipline was not so strict as might have been feared, however, and it was soon discovered that hot water was available for those who remustered as 'leaders and guests' (or 'ladies and guests') rather than as 'lads' or 'lasses.'

A small detachment stayed in a houseboat which was actually afloat on one tide, and those who were thus initiated to a greater or less degree into nautical life are looking forward with quiet confidence, or calm despair, to the summer tour, when the vessels will be not only afloat (as a general rule), but also, it is hoped, mobile.

Saturday was spent on the Isle of Wight, the party arriving in a series of waves from successive ferries, and crossing the island from east to west in the teeth of a howling gale (a cyclist's gale, not a seaman's). It was generally agreed that Carisbrooke and Freshwater were well worth the effort. The departure from the island was as disorderly as the arrival because of the various means of transport from Freshwater to Ryde.

Sunday was comparatively free, apart from service ringing, a quarter peal and a peal attempt, but Monday had a programme of six towers, all of which were successfully visited. Most of the party would have been content to remain at Curdridge, the first tower after lunch, for the rest of the afternoon, so much were they admired, but they nevertheless enjoyed ringing at Bishop's Waltham and Soherston.

In such matters as arriving late, getting lost, falling in the sea and washing up it need only be said that everyone lived up to expectations. To those who have been on previous tours this will be sufficient; to particularise further would offend more than it would amuse.

Finally, the Society thanks all the incumbents and ringers of the churches visited for permission to ring, and Miss Rachel Yeld for organising a most pleasant week-end.

A CENTRAL COUNCIL EXCURSION

In connection with the visit of the Central Council to Eastbourne during Whitun, one of the younger enthusiasts collected a party with the object of doing a little tower snatching on Whit Monday afternoon.

Leaving headquarters soon after lunch, the first stop was at Willington, where there is a ring of six in excellent going order, and where Stedman Doubles. Plain Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung in fine style.

From here the journey was continued to Alfriston, where a fun fair was found to be in progress in the grounds approaching the church. The church itself has a very low central tower, and the bells here are rung between the nave and the chancel and in full view of the congregation. The bells were raised and whilst Stedman Doubles was being rung the church very quickly filled with interested sightseers, and it was quite possible that the fun fair was for a time partially deserted.

When we reached our car we were taken to task by the arm of the law for leaving it in the wrong place, but we were let off with a caution and we moved on to Lewes, where we found other colleagues keeping the bells going.

During the tea interval Peter B. sought and obtained permission to ring at Beddingham, but he was informed that one of the ropes was broken. There are four bells in this tower, and the Vicar said he would be pleased if we could ring three despite the fact that a rope was broken. A couple endeavoured to raise the bells, but it was felt that it was safer to leave them entirely alone. B.

TOWER CORNER (12)

'THE ART OF STRIKING' (Continued).

Dear Learners,—We broke off last time, you may remember, in Tom's lesson, with blackboard illustration, on the process of striking as analysed under five heads, just as he had completed his explanation of the first point—'compass audibility.' Our instructor continues:—

'The second point, registration of pull-off point within the established compass of the ring, is the one which all good strikers can instantly appreciate, though many may find it difficult to explain. Look at it this way: Suppose instead of ropes we had push-buttons in front of us to ring the bells and that the sound of our bell is heard instantaneously with the pressing of its button. Then we need make no movement whatever until the bell before us has actually sounded, when the slight movement of our finger-tip would create an instantaneous sound from our own bell. The matter of precise striking is now quite simple. All we do is to wait our turn, i.e., wait for our sound-gap, then press.

'But in ringing as we have it the sound of our bell is not heard until an appreciable interval of time after we have started the reversal of bell-swing. The point for us is, exactly how long afterwards? To answer this question intelligently let us recall one of the points of good style in handling the rope. We have learnt to grip the rope with two hands always in contact, and as soon as the bell comes off the balance and the rope begins to descend, we maintain a steady pull downwards with both hands until they pass below waist level. At this point the right hand (left for opposite-handed ringers) leaves the rope to rejoin the left immediately as the rope rises again (either at back or at hand as the case may be), both hands being again in contact on the rope, before they reach chest height. It is at this precise point that the sound of your bell is heard, i.e., as the clasped rope rises past shoulder level. Of course, there will be found slight variations according as to how the rope is "drawn" from the wheel-sheave over the draw-pulley. But to the practised ringer these variations are evident in the first few pulls on a strange rope, and he adjusts his time of pull-off accordingly, so that his association of bell-sound with grip-position becomes automatic. The beginner pulls off his bell by following closely the pull-off movement of his preceding bell, but the practised ringer can pull off at the precisely correct moment by listening only.

'The length of the time interval, then, between pull-off and actual sounding, varies with the size of the bell and the way it is fitted up with its rope; but as a very rough guide we may say that on the average the pull-off is

about four beat intervals ahead of the sounding, in a ring, say, of eight. The lighter bells, of course, are a little less and the heavier bells a little more, when reckoned from top-dead-centre or actual balance point. As beginners you must be constantly on the alert for the appreciation of this interval until you have it precisely and automatically.

Point number three is ear-check. This means consistently checking, by listening, whether your bell is sounding between the two bells bracketing it exactly midway, i.e., whether the interval between the preceding bell and yours is equal to the interval between yours and its follower, and whether these intervals are equal to the others: because in good striking all these intervals are precisely the same, except for the open hand-stroke lead, as we have already explained. If you are not completely satisfied that your interval is right, then you must instantly correct it. This brings us to:—

'Point number four—Consistent maintenance of 100 per cent. bell control. Without this degree of control you cannot hope to make immediate corrections to your striking. But with it you need never strike two consecutive blows badly, providing you know where you ought to be striking! Remember the points of good style in bell-handling, because these are not only for appearance and ease of action, but also for the securing of this 100 per cent. control.

'The fifth and last point is—Applied control-adjustment, using eye, hand and ear. With your bell absolutely under control, and using your eye as an advance guide, and your ear as a final check on the sounding-point, apply control through the hands in the polished way we have shown, i.e., by means of gentle check or pull through a larger distance of movement, rather than by short, sharp, sudden, jerky tugs which are inevitably associated with the bad-style pull of the unfinished length of stroke. Remember, too, that the correct style of pulling is far less demanding on your energy, especially over longer periods.

'As some sort of proof of this let me remind you all,' says Tom, looking round at us to emphasise his point, 'that some of the best heavy-bell ringers have not been physical giants, but rather those who early mastered the secret of "scientific" action in ringing, which uses energy sparingly at the right moments and in the best way.

'Sorry there has been no practical ringing during this lesson; but next time we shall put into practice what we have been trying to clear during our talk, with the blackboard.'

So, till then, Yours as usual,

CORN. R. STONE.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

BICESTER BRANCH AT PIDDINGTON.

Although the bells had not been touched since 1887 except for minor repairs, the Bicester Deanery Branch found the 'go' of Piddington bells still very good when they held their quarterly meeting there on June 10th.

The fourth and tenor were cast in 1738 and 1729 respectively by Ed. Hemins, of Bicester, and the note of the latter is unique in that its chief harmonic is a minor sixth above the strike note.

Some 22 members and friends were present, including the Rev. A. Gatehouse, who conducted the Guild service, assisted by the Rev. A. W. Mundy, the Rev. Covell, who preached, Mr. F. Sharpe (vice-president), who read the lesson, and Mr. E. Pearson (hon. secretary, Banbury District).

Mr. F. Sharpe presided over the business meeting, and towers selected for the next quarterly and evening meeting were Caversfield and Islip.

Ringing took place at Piddington and Bicester in standard methods.

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RINGERS' OUTINGS

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

Kent was selected by St. Peter's ringers, Sible Hedingham, for their annual outing on June 10th, the party being accompanied by Mr. A. A. Fitch (Sudbury), Mr. T. Bird (Wickham St. Paul) and Mr. F. Bensley (Stoke-by-Clare).

At the first tower, Eltham, the party was met by Mr. F. C. W. Knight, and he piloted the coach on his motor-cycle to the Churches of the Annunciation and St. Nicholas, Chislehurst, St. George's, Beckenham, St. Luke's, Bromley; St. Mary's, Westerham, and St. Nicholas', Sevenoaks. Methods rung were Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise. At Beckenham the party were met by J. Emery, an old friend. The bells in all towers were much enjoyed.

ST. MARY'S, WALTON-ON-THAMES.

A party of 27 ringers and friends decided, as they had 'graduated' at Cambridge last year, to take a few courses at Oxford, so on Whit Monday, after a group photo, we left for Wallingford, and after a pleasant journey arrived at 10.15 a.m. Here the party were met by Mr. Batten and a few local ringers, and touches in various methods rung. The Rector, the Rev. Bowen, visited the tower and welcomed the party.

At Oxford, Mr. Moore, our guide, informed us that the ringing at Magdalen for 'Oak Apple Day' would be at 2 p.m. After lunch our guide soon had the party in the tower, where Mr. V. Bennett gave us a hearty welcome. Following the ringing, at the invitation of the bursar, we were guided to the College Buttery and sampled the college ale, which all agreed was more than three degrees stronger. Ringing was afterwards enjoyed at Christ Church and New College.

After tea and farewell to Mr. Moore, ringing took place at Henley, where we were welcomed by Mr. Nash, and at Windsor, where Mr. Glass had everything in readiness.

HILLINGDON.

The annual outing of St. John's Guild, Hillingdon, took place on June 10th. With perfect weather, beautiful country at its best and six first-class rings of bells at their disposal, the ringers voted it their 'best ever' outing.

The new Vicar of Hillingdon, the Rev. F. C. Tyler, and his wife accompanied the party and were interested spectators in all the towers visited. Their curiosity augurs well!

The party left St. John's Church at 7.30 a.m., and their journeyings took them through five counties, covering nearly 200 miles, and finally bringing them back to Hillingdon shortly before 11 p.m.

The towers visited were Dorchester, Oxon (8), Cirencester (12), Painswick (12), Cheltenham (12), Burford (8) and Tetworth (6). Many methods were rung, including Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Cinques and Cambridge Surprise and Double Norwich Major. A different ringing master was appointed at each tower, and everyone's capabilities and wishes received careful consideration beforehand, enabling the best use of the material available and at stated times.

The secretary-bloke had set a pretty tight time-table, but even he relented when ice-creams appeared after the ringing at Painswick. Here also the local butcher was persuaded to produce a piece of ice for application to the eye of one of the inexperienced, which had received a flick from an unmanageable rope!

At Tetworth, where everyone gathered in the local inn for light refreshments, pleasure was expressed at the presence of the Rev. and Mrs. Tyler, while the usual thanks to the secretary-bloke concluded a pleasant half-hour.

LEEDS PARISH CHURCH.

The Leeds Parish Church ringers held their second annual outing on May 20th, with Southport as the objective. Arrangements had been made to ring at Clitheroe and Whittle-le-Woods on the outward journey, and at Blackburn Cathedral on the way home, but a series of misfortunes delayed the arrival at Clitheroe until, owing to a wedding, there was insufficient time to ring on this modern eight.

The Whittle ringers had gone on their outing that day—into Yorkshire—but the Vicar welcomed the visitors and everyone had an opportunity to try this grand octave, reputed to be one of the best in Lancashire.

On the return journey Blackburn Cathedral was reached on time and here there was an unexpected pleasure, as the Bishop of Blackburn, Dr. Asquith, a former Vicar of Leeds, had come to the tower specially to greet the visitors, a gesture which was greatly appreciated.

An hour's ringing on this glorious new Taylor ten proved quite inadequate, and Mr. Tom Wilson, the local captain, readily allowed an extension of time. Even so it was with the greatest reluctance that the party left Blackburn, in fact one member was heard to express his willingness to stay there all night!

Leeds was reached about 11 p.m., and despite the shortcomings of the weather and the unavoidable hitch to the proceedings early in the day, everyone voted the outing a success, so much so that by the following day plans were being made for a second outing before the end of the summer.

WARWICKSHIRE RINGERS.

Somerset was chosen as the venue for ringers from Leamington, Warwick, Stratford-on-Avon, Bidford-on-Avon, Salford Priors and Evesham on June 3rd.

Starting from Leamington at 5.30 a.m., Bath was reached by 9.15 a.m., where three-quarters of an hour was spent at St. Mary's, Bathwick, a useful ring of eight. Some of the ladies venturing into the town shopping were lost and had to get back by taxi!

Twerton's light eight were tried, but proved difficult for the novices, although Salford Priors probationers managed to ring 120 Doubles without assistance, the first time, no doubt, they have attempted it in Somerset.

The highlights of the day, however, were at Chew Magna and Chewton Mendip, whose eight revealed the mastery of bellfounding. The useful touches of Triples and Major left a glorious musical impression which will not be forgotten.

After a sumptuous dinner the ringers eagerly looked forward to Wells Cathedral's heavy peal of ten, but alas! the weight proved to be master—if not of brawn—of Warwickshire skill.

Thanks are tendered to the locals who kindly met the party and made arrangements.

ST. PAUL'S SALISBURY.

St. Paul's, Salisbury, band, together with other Salisbury ringers and friends, selected Somerset for their annual outing this year.

The first stop was Frome, where ringing was enjoyed on the heavy eight, followed by a delightful drive through Cheddar Gorge to Cheddar, where ringers made good use of the eight before dinner. After dinner the party moved on to Axbridge, where a stop was made to ring on the fine Taylor six. Then on to Clevedon, where ringing took place before tea.

The final tower visited was Nailsea. Methods rung during the day included Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Thanks are due to the various incumbents and local ringers, and also to Mr. E. G. Caple, of Clevedon, for his help with the arrangements. R. E. T.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Patronal festival, Epping, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (8) available 5 to 6.30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. for those notifying Mr. V. Hare, Granville Road, Epping. Everybody welcome. 7167

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Rostherne, June 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mrs. N. Sanders, Old Chapel House, Reddy Lane, Millington, near Altrincham.—C. K. Lewis. 7181

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Old Chesterton, Saturday, June 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7175

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting on Saturday, June 24th, at St. Ippolyt's. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 7193

GUILDFORD, MIDDLESEX AND OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILDS.—Calling all members. Joint meeting, Saturday, June 24th, St. Peter's, Staines, 3; Egham 3. Tea at Egham. Wraybury 6.30. 7192

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District. — Please note that the place of meeting on June 24th is now Fulbeck, not Leadenham. Other arrangements the same.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 7213

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District. — Monthly meeting, Denby, Saturday, June 24th, 3 o'clock. Bring food, cups of tea provided.—J. F. Wilkinson, Hon. Sec. 7226

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623).—The 327th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 24th. Bells (12) available from 10 a.m. Service 6 p.m. Lunch (3s.) 1 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) 5 p.m.—Leonard E. Pitstow, 23, Highfields. 7173

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon Branch. — Meeting tomorrow, Saturday, June 24th, 3 p.m., at Alcester (8). Please make your own arrangements for tea. A really good attendance, please.—D. Stanley, Hon. Branch Sec. 7233

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. — Ringing meeting at Walton-on-Thames on Saturday, June 24th. St. Mary's bells 3 p.m. Service and dedication of plaque 4.30. Tea and meeting, Church Hall, 5 p.m. Notice for tea to Hon. Dis. Sec., R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 7138

BELL SUNDAY, BURNHAM, BUCKS.—Procession leaves Church Street at 1.45, June 25th. Collection en route. Tradersmen's decorated vehicles, friendly societies, children's fancy dress, clubs and associations, fire brigades, all leading local bands. Service, Lent Green, 2.15. Still £500 to raise. Hon. Treasurer Bell Fund, Col. J. M. Wadmore, Woodlands, Linkwood Road, Burnham, Bucks.—George Gilbert, Ringing Master. 7215

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The Lord Bishop of Guildford will rededicate Ash bells during evensong on Wednesday, June 28th, at 7.30 p.m. The ring of six has been completely recast and rehung in a steel frame. Ringing for all after service. The first meeting after recasting on Saturday, July 1st, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 28th, please.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 7169

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-West Division. — Quarterly meeting at Fobbing, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Frequent bus service from Grays or Southend to Corringham corner, thence 7 minutes' walk. Names for tea to A. Ocken-don, Bay Cottage, Fobbing, Stanford-le-Hope. 7168

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District. — Meeting at Edenbridge (8), July 1st, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea not later than June 29th to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge. 7166

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, July 1st. Ringing at Cathedral and St. Giles' afternoon and evening. Service at St. Giles' 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. not later than Monday, June 26th.—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Heddingham Road, Halstead, Essex. 7180

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Half-annual meeting at Bingham, Saturday, July 1st. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names by June 29th latest to Mr. Wm. Wilson, White Cottage, Nottingham Road, Bingham, Notts. 7184

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Leigh (6), July 1st. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea and business 5, ringing following. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 28th, to Miss R. Foreman, 114, Croydon Road, Reigate. 7188

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Tanworth-in-Arden, July 1st. Bells (modern 8) available at 3 p.m. Trains from Moor Street to Danzey. Tea for those who notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 7196

BRASTED, KENT.—A garden fete in aid of St. Martin's Church Restoration Fund will be held on Saturday, July 1st, at Moorcocks, 2.30 to 6.30 p.m. Bells (6) will be available for any ringers who care to come. 7195

BATH AND WELLS (Taunton Branch) and DEVON GUILD (N.E. Branch).—Joint meeting at Wellington, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea early, please.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 7210

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Bakewell (8), Saturday, July 1st, 3 p.m. Tea 2s. 6d. Names before June 30th to Miss D. J. Dunn, Crowstones, Crowstones Road, Darley Dale.—Wm. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby. 7216

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Strawberry tea 6.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7211

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—First meeting at Ash (6) after recasting on Saturday, July 1st, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 7217

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Stone, Saturday, July 1st. Names for tea to Mr. H. Hudson, 43, Church Street, Stone, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 7212

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — Meeting, Saturday, July 1st, St. Cuthbert's, Halsall. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea will be provided at a small charge to those who notify by June 28th Mr. A. Maudsley, Post Office, Halsall.—J. Burns. 7230

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Sonning on Saturday, July 1st, 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 7208

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Whittington and Kirkby Lonsdale, July 1st. Names for tea to Mr. E. Proctor, 7, Greenside, Kirkby Lonsdale, via Carnforth. All ringers on holiday welcome.—J. Woods, Sec. 7228

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, Colne, July 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. 7227

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting, Buckland, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, June 28th.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 7220

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Portsmouth, on Saturday, July 1st. 11 a.m., executive meeting; 2 p.m., general meeting; 5 p.m., tea, St. Mary's Institute, Fratton Road; 4.15 p.m., Service in St. Mary's Church. Bells available: Alverstoke (8), 11 a.m. till 1 p.m.; Cathedral (8) and St. Mary's (8) after tea. Tea only for those who notify me by Wednesday, June 28th.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 197, Chatsworth Avenue, Cosham, Portsmouth. 7224

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Warminster (8) on July 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to F. Slatford, North Bradley. 7219

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Norton on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. Shaw, 9, Maugerhay, Norton, near Sheffield.—J. E. Turley, J. W. Price Hon. Secs. 7222

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting to be held at Hedon on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in Alison Hall at 5 p.m., 3s. 6d. each, for all who notify Mr. C. H. Hunter, 3, King's Close, Hedon, before June 28th. Business meeting afterwards for election of officers, etc.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 7200

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Robin Hood's Bay, July 1st. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. James S. Beddington, 4, Elm Grove, Robin Hood's Bay, before June 29th.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 7234

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, North Nibley (6), July 1st, at 3 p.m. Bring own tea.—Mary Drew. 7232

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Cuckfield (8), Saturday, July 1st, 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify by June 28th G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 7225

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting and dedication of war memorial at Cathedral, Brecon, on July 1st, at 3 p.m. Bells of St. Mary's and St. David's available 2 p.m. 7207

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Yardley Hastings, Saturday, July 8th. Names early for tea to A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 7206

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Langham (6) on Saturday, July 8th. Bells from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Names for tea by the 4th, please. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec., c/o 54, Becke Road, Colchester. 7217

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at East Sutton (6), Saturday, July 8th. Details next week. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 7214

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Annual, Great Tew (8), Saturday, July 8th. Service 4. Tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 7209

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Ledbury District) and WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Western Branch).—Joint meeting, Colwall, Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Names by Tuesday, July 4th, important.—E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, nr. Worcester. 7229

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dorchester, Oxon, on Saturday, July 8th, at 3. Service at 4, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea by July 4th to H. Badger, Branch Sec., 38, North Street, Thame. 7221

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Sturton-le-Steeple (5), Saturday, July 8th. Lincolnshire bus from Retford 1.20 and 3.20. Railway bus 2.44 and 4.44. Try and get to first meeting at this tower. Names for tea by 3rd to Rev. A. L. Thomas, Sturton Vicarage, Retford.—H. Denman. 7218

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Holbrook, July 8th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Stutton bells after tea. Names to Edward Ellenger, Hon. Dis. Sec., 106, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 7223

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Staverton, July 8th. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Hall, Staverton, Rugby, not later than Monday, July 3rd.—F. W. Hancock, Hon. Sec. 7231

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival on Saturday, July 15th, at Oxford (D.V.). Service, Cathedral, 11 a.m.; preacher, Rev. C. F. Sherwood (Vicar of Mapledurham). Business meeting, Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Christ Church Dining Hall, 1.30. Tickets 5s. Applications for tickets with remittance to General Secretary by July 8th. Usual towers available. Times of ringing later. Choristers, please get in touch with Mr. F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, near Bicester.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., Wayford, London Road, Basingstoke, Hants. 7130

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reminder. Annual festival, Oxford, July 15th. Service 11 a.m. Meeting 12 noon. Luncheon 1.30 p.m.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 7131

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The date of the general quarterly meeting at Earl Shilton has been altered from July 15th to July 29th.—Wm. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 7194

FOUR GUILDS FESTIVAL.—The annual joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Southern District), Guildford Guild (Farnham District), Winchester and Portsmouth Guild (Basingstoke District) and Oxford Guild (Sonning Deanery Branch) will be held at Wokingham on Aug. 26th. Bells of seven towers available from 2 p.m. Details later.—B. C. Castle. 7204

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual dinner will be held at the Old Bell, Holborn, on Saturday, October 14th. Tickets 12s. 6d. each. Applications with remittance to A. R. Ling, 136, Meadow View Road, Catford, S.E.6 7202

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LEGISLATING AND ADVISORY

WAS it not the intention of Sir Arthur Heywood and those responsible for bringing into being the Central Council that its constitution should be an *advisory* body and not one to try and police everything to do with bells and bell-ringing? This question was addressed to the Editor in a recent letter. The answer is clear and emphatic.

The inaugural meeting of the Council was held on Easter Tuesday, 1891, at the Inns of Court Hotel, London, and was attended by 74 delegates representing 33 Societies. The President, upon taking the chair, said that before proceeding with the subjects on the agenda, he desired to impress upon the Council the great importance of keeping in view that they had not met to contest points of difference in an aggressive spirit, but to discuss them with the earnest wish to arrive at decisions based upon careful conviction of the various views presented. They had yet to make a position for themselves, and it depended upon the judgment with which their decisions were drawn up whether the Council would come to be regarded as the final authority upon all ringing matters. If properly directed, the opinions of a body comprising so large a proportion of the best ringers in the country could not but exert a most valuable influence for good upon the interests of the Exercise.

The significant point is 'to arrive at decisions based upon careful conviction of the various views presented.' The Central Council was never intended to be a purely advisory body; its purpose was to bring about oneness of view in the Exercise at large. Year succeeding year has seen the Council develop and become recognised as the legislative body on all matters appertaining to change ringing. It is recognised as such by all the affiliated Societies. The Decisions of the Council in regard to practical ringing have gradually emerged, and at Chester next Whitsuntide there will be an attempt to codify these Decisions in the light of modern experience.

It is necessary in all sports and pastimes to have fixed standards and a body to give a ruling on such matters. That is definitely the function of the Central Council on matters relating to change ringing. For example, a peal of Minor with a covering bell is not recognised as a peal. That does not mean to imply that Minor with a tenor covering shall not be rung under any circumstances, but that if rung to at least seven true and complete 720's it does not constitute a peal in the eyes of the Council and is not recorded as such.

While the Central Council is the legislative body it in no sense usurps the individual functions of the affiliated Societies in the conduct of their own affairs. Without exception the affiliated Societies have decided that peals rung for their own association shall be by members of their body, and they quite rightly refuse to recognise any departure from this principle. But that does not imply that a peal has not been rung. Providing the actual performance coincides with the Decisions of the Central Council that peal is recorded by the Council, but not credited to any particular association.

It is only on the principles of change ringing, however, that the Central Council is truly emphatic. The greater part of its other work is co-ordinating in character with the object of bringing about that fraternal oneness with ringers. Much of this is national in character as, for example, the preparation of the roll of honour of those ringers who fell in the first world war and the work now in hand of the roll for the second world war for which the co-operation of the affiliated Societies is being sought. But here again it should be noted that there is no compelling force; if a Guild or Association neglects to send in the names there is no beating-up with a big stick—just the regret that they are not co-operative with an ideal which was subscribed to by the Council as a body.

A committee is now sitting to consider the part ringers should play in the Festival of Britain. Whatever course of action is recommended, in no sense can it be dictatorial that we must do this or that. These proposals are just recommendations enlisting where possible the spirit of co-operation. Another of the many-sided activities of the Council is the Towers and Belfries Committee from whom expert advice is available for towers in difficulties over their bells. The expert opinion is gladly given by the Central Council, but it has no power to enforce the incumbent or Parochial Church Council to carry out its suggestions. Similarly in the matter of derelict bells, the Council has no jurisdiction. The bells are the property of the Parochial Church Council, and the incumbent, as chairman, has the sole right of prescribing when they shall be rung. Pressure can be brought about on the parish by the Archdeacon in his visitation or the Diocesan Advisory Committee. With the many problems of finance confronting the Church today, bells are not high on the priority list. Much, however, can be done by the ringers themselves in their respective localities, and repeatedly it has been our pleasure to publish details of these praiseworthy efforts successfully accomplished. But the Council has no means of repairing the ravages of time and neglect.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 48 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ... Treble	DAVID E. PARSONS ... 7
WILLIAM HIBBERT ... 2	PHILIP A. CHALK ... 8
CYRIL J. HIBBERT ... 3	*HARRY J. MILLATT ... 9
HERBERT LANGDON ... 4	JOHN PHILLIPS ... 10
RAYMOND BURTON ... 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 11
ALFRED B. PECK ... 6	A. W. J. APPLETON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

* First peal of Stedman.

TEN BELL PEALS

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., June 5, 1950, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D flat.

*MRS. S. H. JONES ... Treble	ALAN FOSTER ... 6
NOREEN BRAIN ... 2	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 7
WILLIAM J. LEACH ... 3	SYDNEY H. JONES ... 8
HAROLD HARRISON ... 4	GEORGE L. RODEN ... 9
GORDON HARRISON ... 5	EDWARD J. WHITE ... Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung at the request of the Vicar, the Rev. W. Willis-Price, on the 25th anniversary of his ordination as a priest.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

No. 3 Version.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

A. YORK-BRAMBLE ... Treble	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD ... 6
*E. JOAN SALMONS ... 2	TOM PAGE ... 7
*NELIA M. LEAHY ... 3	*ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 8
JESSIE M. KIPPIN ... 4	*FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 9
JOHN H. HUNT ... 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the Guild, it being rung by a resident band. Rung as a golden wedding anniversary compliment to the parents of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

JOSEPH SAXTON ... Treble	*WILFRED L. ROBINSON ... 6
*DOUGLAS ROOKE ... 2	STANLEY SLANEY ... 7
GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 3	*GEORGE L. CHAMBERS ... 8
SAM SCATTERGOOD ... 4	*FREDERICK FLINT ... 9
CYRIL WRIGHT ... 5	HERBERT T. ROOKE ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

* First peal on ten bells.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*R. GEORGE MORRIS ... Treble	ALLEN MORGAN ... 6
JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 2	*ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES ... 7
BETTY SPICE ... 3	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... 8
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 9
*CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... 5	REGINALD WOODYATT ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

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

DONALD THOMPSON ... Treble	JOHN DAVY ... 6
*J. MICHAEL STEPHENS ... 2	FRANK WARRINGTON ... 7
BRIAN S. COPE ... 3	*CLIFFORD W. IZZARD ... 8
CHRIS. G. WOODHEAD ... 4	KENNETH G. SPAVINS ... 9
GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 5	SYDNEY FOSKETT ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung on the occasion of the return of the 1st Battalion, the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment from 25 years' overseas service.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORTH MYMMS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*PETER J. COLES ... Treble	*DAVID L. CULL ... 5
ERIC EDMONDSON ... 2	ROBERT A. COCKRANE ... 6
*JOHN E. LOFTY ... 3	DONALD C. PRICE ... 7
ALBERT W. COLES ... 4	THOMAS J. LOCK ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN (C.C.C. 117). Cond. by J. T. LOCK.

* First peal.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Tues., June 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 4 cwt 3 qr. 17 lb.

*ANNE M. DICKINSON ... Treble	MICHAEL E. H. BARROW ... 5
*CATHARINE M. TRIST ... 2	N. GERARD MCCRUM ... 6
†W. GWYN THOMAS ... 3	*DAVID GALLOP ... 7
RODNEY B. MEADOWS ... 4	†FRANK P. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major. † First peal of Surprise.

First peal of Surprise for the Society by a resident band.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*DAVID S. HARRIS ... Treble	GORDON H. ARGUILE ... 5
†WILLIAM A. LACEY ... 2	MICHAEL D. STANFORTH ... 6
JILL POOLE ... 3	ALBAN DISNEY ... 7
TERENCE A. THORNER ... 4	PETER J. STANFORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal. † First peal of Cambridge 'inside.' To mark the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Colin H. Rowe, Rector of Anstey.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LEEDS SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

*DAVID G. JACKSON ... Treble	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 5
GIBSON JACKSON ... 2	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 6
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 7
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal of Major on tower bells, aged 12. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.



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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.	
*JOHN W. SEYMOUR ... Treble	JOAN GRAY ... 5
†M. ANGELA CARTER ... 2	ALBERT E. LOCK ... 6
MRS. A. E. LOCK ... 3	PHILIP M. J. GRAY ... 7
†BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... 4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE ... Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal of Treble Bob. ‡ 50th peal.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.	
*ANNE WORTH ... Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
†JUNE HENSHAW ... 2	WILFRED STEVENSON ... 6
JAMES A. MILNER ... 3	PETER LAFLIN ... 7
ALAN A. POTTS ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from treble.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.	
*EDWIN G. MOORE ... Treble	*MALCOLM S. CLOKE ... 5
WM. H. B. WILKINS ... 2	CHARLES COLES ... 6
*KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... 3	*EDGAR J. SMITH ... 7
*M. ANGELA CARTER ... 4	†ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major in the method.

BISHOPSTONE, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.	
ENID LLOYD-ROBERTS ... Treble	WILLIAM A. T. CARTER ... 5
MARGARET E. RICHARDS ... 2	PETER ANGER ... 6
*ANTHONY R. PEAKE ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... 7
WILLIAM W. T. DANIEL ... 4	JOSEPH DURHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal of Triples. The quickest peal on the bells.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in E.	
CALEB SIMCOCK ... Treble	HENRY SQUIRES ... 5
H. LESLIE SQUIRES ... 2	BERNARD H. DALTON ... 6
ARTHUR W. WARD ... 3	JOHN CRAGG ... 7
ARTHUR MACKEARS ... 4	GEORGE W. CREASEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. HOWES (122).

Conducted by GEO. W. CREASEY.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.	
*JACK MUSSELL ... Treble	*COLIN W. REED ... 5
†JEAN M. BROWN ... 2	*JOHN HARTLESS ... 6
FRANK L. HARRIS ... 3	*DAVID R. REED ... 7
*HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS ... 4	*RONALD N. MARLOW ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method as conductor. The conductor's 100th peal and 50th peal as conductor.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF COURT TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. B. Carpenter's Ten-part (C.C.C. No. 9). Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.	
GEORGE F. SPERRING ... Treble	FREDERICK H. BIRKS ... 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 2	BRIAN HARRIS ... 6
HENRY O. BAKER ... 3	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 7
JOHN W. BEST ... 4	R. GORDON CORBY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

First peal in the method by all.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.	
JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Treble	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 5
LORNA BRIGGS ... 2	ROBERT BROWN ... 6
GILLIAN A. SMITH ... 3	CHARLES E. BROWN ... 7
DONOVAN R. WHITE ... 4	OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... Tenor

Composed by M. J. THURMOTT. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the conductor.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt.	
*RONALD J. THOMPSON ... Treble	THOMAS E. TAYLOR ... 5
*LESLIE WOODWARD ... 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT ... 6
†GLADYS K. JARRETT ... 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... 7
*WILLIAM SEAGER ... 4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Rung for the ruby wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Thompson, of Swanscombe, who entertained the band to tea after the peal.

THAME, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb.	
*ROBERT ARNOTT ... Treble	HARRY W. BADGER ... 5
DOREEN COKER ... 2	HARRY C. JONES ... 6
ANTHONY E. COX ... 3	CYRIL H. KINCH ... 7
SYLVIA COKER ... 4	†VICTOR HOLLOWAY ... Tenor

Conducted by DOREEN COKER.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal for 31 years.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 24 cwt.	
CHRIS. J. BADRICK ... Treble	ROBERT W. METCALFE ... 5
WALTER AYRE ... 2	WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... 6
*ALBERT E. SYMONDS ... 3	*FRANK W. CROFT ... 7
†EDGAR W. WINTERS ... 4	†RODNEY A. MILLS ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal. Rung for the Diocesan Festival on St. Alban's Day.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.	
*TONY OWEN ... Treble	VINCENT R. OVENS ... 5
†ALBERT W. BARBER ... 2	*SIDNEY MARSHALL ... 6
ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... 3	WALTER J. FORD ... 7
HERBERT LASKEY ... 4	BERT GOGLE ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by BERT GOGLE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR,

5088 CHANGES;

Being 2,304 of Plain Bob and 2,784 of Little Bob, 191 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

CHARLES H. MOORE ... Treble	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 5
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 6
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 3	GEORGE SAYER ... 7
HENRY TOOKE ... 4	BERT GOGLE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Composition, in twelve equal parts, contains 4-5-6 the course-end extent in 6ths, all combinations of 4-5-6 in 6-7, with the 7th in 5ths, without 2nd or 3rd dodging, with tenor in 7-8.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

FRED ORRIS ... Treble	ROY V. WEBB ... 5
RONALD G. BUGG ... 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... 6
EDWARD E. DAVEY ... 3	GEORGE A. ANDREWS ... 7
EDWARD B. SMITH ... 4	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... Tenor

Composed by H. L. JAMES (47). Conducted by U. W. WILDNEY.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MAXEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Plain Bob and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALBERT E. SCOTT ... Treble	CECIL WADE ... 4
HORACE M. DAY ... 2	HARRY GIBBARD ... 5
WILLIAM OLDMAN ... 3	FRED BRIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

Rung half-muffled for William H. Waldron, hon. secretary for the Peterborough Branch 25 years, and Ernest Wright, a local ringer.

STRATTON AUDLEY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EDBURGA,

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. Colum, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Grandire, St. Blaise, Fortune, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Antelope. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*CHARLES E. STOCKLEY ... Treble	DOUGLAS O. WILKS ... 3
HARRY P. FLOYD ... 2	*EDGAR J. SMITH ... 4
ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor	

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Doubles. The first peal on the bells.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Tues., June 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

M. ELIZABETH BROWN ... Treble	*JOHN G. M. SCOTT ... 4
*PATRICIA M. WAREHAM ... 2	EWART H. EDGE ... 5
*RENATE BUCHTHAL ... 3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS ... Tenor

Conducted by RODNEY B. MEADOWS.

* First tower-bell peal + First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung to commemorate the ordination of Stanley Jackson and Peter Robbins.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*NEIL D. LOMAS ... Treble	*ARTHUR RHODES ... 4
SYDNEY SAGE ... 2	*IAN D. LOMAS ... 5
DOROTHY B. KIDD ... 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by DOROTHY B. KIDD.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by local band. A fifth birthday compliment to Miss Christine Kidd.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, one each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Ipswich and Primrose. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM R. FAYERS ... Treble	CECIL WADE ... 4
*JAMES W. HAW ... 2	WILLIAM OLDMAN ... 5
HORACE M. DAY ... 3	ALBERT E. SCOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

* First peal of Surprise and first peal in seven methods.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Thurs., June 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge and Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

SHIRLEY BAMPTON ... Treble	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 4
GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 2	JOHN E. TURLEY ... 5
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

Rung to mark the wedding of Miss Mavis Mahon, one of the local ringers. Quickest peal on the bells.

ALBURY, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*AUDREY MORRISON ... Treble	*TOM PAGE ... 4
JOHN A. ETHERINGTON ... 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John A. Etherington.

BARMING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALBERT W. KELVIE ... Treble	EDNA M. SILLS ... 4
TOM SAUNDERS ... 2	PETER C. WRIGHT ... 5
LUTHER J. HONESS ... 3	WILLIAM R. MANSER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM R. MANSER.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

BICTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

BESSIE A. CARTER ... Treble	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW ... 4
EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 2	JOHN N. LINDON ... 5
ERNEST J. ROWE ... 3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON ... Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

Rung for the induction of the Vicar, Rev. A. E. Smith, on June 15th, and as a birthday compliment to J. N. Lindon.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

BETTINA A. DUFFY ... Treble	FRANK TAYLOR ... 4
WILLIAM DUFFY ... 2	*ERNEST BRITAIN ... 5
KENNETH W. DUFFY ... 3	JACK BRAY ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* 100th peal.

ECCLESTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, 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 12 cwt.
*LAWRENCE WALMSLEY ... Treble | †ALAN MEADOWS ... 4
†ERIC BALDWIN ... 2 | BRIAN R. TILLER ... 5
†IAN JONES ... 3 | †W. HENRY HUNTER ... Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN R. TILLER.

* First peal of Plain Bob. † First peal of Plain Bob and first of Minor. ‡ First peal.

HAVERING-ATTE-BOWER, ESSEX.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.
*ARCHIBALD H. WHITE ... Treble | JOHN H. PHILLIPS ... 4
DOROTHY H. JACKSON ... 2 | ERIC EDMONDSON ... 5
EDWARD J. PHILLIPS ... 3 | SIDNEY F. CARTER ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER.

* First peal away from the tenor.

LONG STRATTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS SIMMONS ... Treble | JOHN L. BARNES ... 4
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD ... 2 | THOMAS A. A. POTTER ... 5
CHARLES E. G. BANHAM ... 3 | FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO.

SEND, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.

WILLIAM WELLING ... Treble | FRANK T. BLAGROVE ... 4
*WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... 2 | RICHARD E. PRICE ... 5
G. WILLIAM MORRIS ... 3 | TONY PRICE ... Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First seven-method peal. Rung in honour of the Bishop of Guildford's informal visit to Send.

WICKHAMBREUX, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two different extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*EDWARD WOOD ... Treble | JABEZ WALTER ... 4
†MABEL M. BROCKMAN ... 2 | †RICHARD G. FRENCH ... 5
SIDNEY WALTER ... 3 | STANLEY G. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY G. WHITE.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal. ‡ First peal on six bells. Rung on the conductor's 61st birthday.

STRATTON STRAWLESS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

ERNEST G. SHORTING ... Treble | PATRICK I. CHAPMAN ... 4
GEORGE SAYER ... 2 | CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 5
JOHN W. C. BLYTHE ... 3 | NOLAN GOLDEN ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

SHARESHILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., June 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALAN ELESMORE ... Treble | *JOHN N. LINDON ... 4
ARTHUR G. NEWMAN ... 2 | *MAURICE G. TURNER ... 5
J. NORMAN HADLEY ... 3 | HOWARD HOWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* 25th peal together.

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HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED ROYAL, 5016 CHANGES;

In three methods, comprising 2,640 Plain Bob, 1,320 Double Bob and 1,056 Little Bob, with 264 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

JAMES E. DANIELS ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | ROY C. HURST ... 7-8

MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 9-10

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
First peal of Spliced Royal for the Guild.

DONCASTER.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

At 201, HIGH STREET, DUNSVILLE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 7 in C sharp.

DAVID G. JACKSON ... 1-2 | GIBSON JACKSON ... 5-6
WILLIAM H. JACKSON ... 3-4 | W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

No. 12. Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
JAMES E. DANIELS ... 3-4 | MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 7-8

EDWIN BARNETT ... 9-10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
Arranged for Mr. Edwin Barnett, of Crayford, Kent.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

In ST. PETER'S CHURCH RINGING CHAMBER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 1-2 | FREDK. A. SALTER ... 5-6

CLEMENT GLENN ... 3-4 | FRANK BRADLEY ... 7-8

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

*JAMES E. DANIELS ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | *MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 7-8

ALBERT H. WARD ... 9-10

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Royal in the method.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

No. 33. Tenor size 17 in A.

JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... 7-8

COLIN HARRISON ... 9-10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., June 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

No. 10. Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | JAMES E. DANIELS ... 7-8

MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 9-10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Cond. by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

First peal on ten bells as conductor. A compliment to Albert H. Ward on his 77th birthday.

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WHITSUNTIDE TOUR: LEICESTER TO DEVON AND CORNWALL

THE successful tour of Somerset in 1949 encouraged a party from Leicester Cathedral, augmented by fellow-devotees—J. S. Carter, H. Carter, P. Carter, R. Carter and K. Roe, of Wigston Magna; T. M. White; H. W. Perkins, W. J. Robinson, of Guildford; G. S. Morris, Lyme Regis; A. W. Martin, Kibworth Beauchamp; G. Care, Brafield; W. Yates, Wicken; E. Beadmore, Ashby-de-la-Zouch; A. E. Barlow, W. J. Vann, of Rugby; P. Burton, R. Fowkes, of Southwell; W. Stote, Coventry; F. H. Dexter, H. Broughton, P. Staniforth, H. Bowley, C. Knight and L. Greenhow, of Leicester—to attempt a more ambitious programme spread over (or was it squeezed into?) the Whitsuntide week-end.

Following a rencontre with a drayman of a more expensive travelling concern, who caused a little manoeuvring trouble in a narrow street, we were under way at about 4.30 p.m. on Friday, May 26th, via Lutterworth, Rugby, Southam, Banbury, Chipping Norton to Burford, where, it was suggested, The Lamb hostelry would prove interesting and delightful in several ways. Again on the road, our route lay through Cirencester, Malmesbury, Chippenham, Bath—a point at which the company, having increased by ones and twos en route, was almost complete—Radstock, Shepton Mallet and, finally, our first night's caravan-serai, the Crown at Glastonbury. Tired and replete at this stage, one felt, nevertheless, that the threshold of the adventure proper had been reached.

GLASTONBURY LEGENDS.

Obiter dicta had included the Glastonbury legends concerning the possibility of Christ's having visited this island, in the interim period between the ages of twelve and thirty, with Joseph of Arimathea trading to these shores, suggested in the opening lines of William Blake's 'Jerusalem.' Before breakfast, therefore, the following morning, under 'the broad blue lift of the sky,' a party made pilgrimage to the holy thorn in St. John's Churchyard sprung from that planted by Joseph, which is reputed to bloom on Christmas Day. Expansive views in every direction rewarded the toil required to reach the summit of the tower-crowned tor, whilst it was deemed incumbent upon us to see the Well of the Holy Grail on descending.

Breakfast over, the first tower to be visited was at Bridgwater (8, tenor 25 cwt.) to enjoy ringing from ground floor level. Indeed, long draughts characterised many of the towers visited. It was here that the last of the complement joined us and we pushed on to Minehead, the first of the ten-bell towers, with a tenor of 20 cwt. and well-appointed ringing room. Some delay in obtaining the belfry door key caused hurried proceedings in order to reach Lynton for lunch prior to delighting in the notable eight, tenor 24½ cwt., at South Molton.

After tea at Torrington, the temperature fell and it rained as we came to ring upon the splendid eight at Stratton (tenor 21½ cwt.), welcomed by the Rev. Gilbert, who kindly presented postcard views of his church, of which the rood-screen was tastefully flower garlanded for the festival of Whitsuntide—a feature repeated in many of the churches.

TINTAGEL.

We delayed departure to listen to the Guildford chimes at 9 p.m. before leaving for Tintagel, where, at the Wharnccliffe Arms Hotel, hot Cornish pasties made a welcome appearance before hungry travellers, one of whom had discovered, in another room, a local ringer, who summoned a colleague, Mr. Tonkin, by telephone. In warm terms the latter bade us welcome, toasting us and giving information as to the local bells, augmented to six as a war memorial. The assembled company listened attentively and appreciatively to a 'rise and fall' on ten handbells, tunes from the Carter

family, of Wigston Magna, and Grandsire Triples and Caters, in the comfortable lounge. Ringing at seven o'clock was arranged for early service next morning, attended by the elder of our handbell friends despite a lock-out on the part of his protégé, which entailed his having to sleep elsewhere, for no amount of knocking would awaken the tired youngster.

Blustery weather and a shower emphasised how exposed and remote from the village the little cliff-top edifice stands. Squat as to tower height, it is without louvres on the Atlantic side, ringing being from ground-floor level. Members felt that they would have liked to have remained to service, but the time table demanded that we move on after a glance at King Arthur's Castle on the way to breakfast and farewells to mine host and Mr. Tonkin.

Presently it began to brighten; it really was 'England's green and pleasant land' when we drew up at St. Conan's, Egloschayle, to ring for matins on a ring of eight, tenor 12 cwt. There was a Cornish 'fall' by the local ringers to conclude the ringing before they came out to wish us well as we departed to Newquay, where coffee was taken before going on to Redruth and Camborne to lunch at Carbis Bay. The Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts, together with their daughter, joined us at lunch at which it was a pleasure orally and tangibly to thank the Vicar for the valuable help given in making local arrangements. He replied, saying that he would flaunt his Leicester-made hosiery at the Central Council meeting the next day.

CARBIS BAY.

It was a delight to see his newly-built church, to ring on the light Taylor eight (tenor 9½ cwt.) and especially to ring Stedman Triples with the first lady to ring with us in Cornwall. One or two of the party made opportunity to go down to the beach, a short distance away, until it was time to travel on to St. Ives, Penzance—where a brief halt was called to enable snaps of St. Michael's Mount to be taken—Marazion, Helston and, finally, Truro for tea.

Cathedral ringers sought us out to take tea with us prior to service ringing on the ten at Truro (tenor 33 cwt.), where, despite long draught and a little difficulty in hearing, Cambridge Royal was rung. We had a little time to browse around before sampling, after even-song, St. Austell's eight (tenor 18½ cwt.), full of tone and breath, strong rivals of Stratton.

Pasties and sandwiches were produced again at Looe, where, in the lounge of the Tregerthan Hotel, out came the handbells once more to the delight of an old man—his name could have been Pybus—who was specially allowed to get up to listen. Reminiscence kept the party out of bed until a late hour, regaled particularly with the Exeter tale told in the inimitable style of Mr. F. H. Dexter.

WHIT MONDAY.

Enquiry of a boatman concerning weather prospects early on Monday morning during a pre-breakfast stroll along the little quay produced an encouraging prognostication, fulfilled when the dull start developed into brilliant sunshine. Rope adjustment caused a little delay at St. Mary's, Launceston, octave (tenor 16 cwt.), during which time we learned that the 'Bell' hard by was built 1511 to accommodate the builders of the church. And so it was quickly away to St. Eustachius', Tavistock (eight, tenor 24 cwt.). A local visiting company, close on our heels, rejected our offer to leave the bells up on the score that they preferred to raise them 'to get the feel of 'em.' However, they complimented the settling band on a neat job.

To follow lunch at Buckfastleigh, where race meeting traffic was encountered—there were quips anent covering expenses—was a choice between ringing here or visiting Buckfast

Abbey. Most unfortunately we could neither ring nor enter the Abbey because of a special service, and so, having watched a colourful procession, it was on to tea in Exeter and a quick look around the Cathedral before the delights of Tiverton's justly famed eight (tenor 25 cwt.), with their green sallies, evoked unanimous approval. Mr. Arthur Payne had returned from the annual meeting at Ottery St. Mary to greet us.

Several local ringers met us at Wellington, our last call of the day, another good eight, tenor 19 cwt. And so, mindful of the moorland ponies and the sheep, to Glastonbury to an enjoyable supper, to which came the lately wed Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kingcott, of Wrington. This was deemed an opportune occasion to express to the organiser, Mr. Cecil F. Knight, our deepest appreciation of the scope, the happy atmosphere and undoubted success of the tour. We took pleasure in presenting to him a Rolls razor as memento of, and some recompense for, the vast work entailed. One cannot overlook, too, the able seconding and competence as ringing master of Mr. Joseph S. Carter. And so, after more handbell tunes, rise and fall and change ringing for mine host and his lady, to bed.

TUESDAY.

Tuesday dawned dully, but improved to sunshine by the time we visited the Abbey, the largest in the country. Abbot's Kitchen, Arthur's tomb, wattle church site were all matters of interest.

A short stay at Wedmore with its eight (tenor 30 cwt.) and a word with the Vicar, who was not oblivious of the poorest striking of the tour, preceded the masterpiece of founding at Chewton Mendip. This splendid octave (tenor 24 cwt.) hangs in an equally striking tower of noble proportions. The ringing was worthy of the bells, but we could not stay long enough, for Cheddar Gorge, Jacob's Ladder, Burrington Combe with its association with A. M. Toplady's 'Rock of Ages,' were to be seen before the anticipated hospitality for which Wrington is renowned. We were delighted to meet Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Knight, who were so good to Service men ringers, and Mr. and Mrs. Kingcott again. As we stood preparatory to raising the bells, we had the ringers' office to remind us of our function. This was the third ten and majestically do they sound across the fields. The late Major J. H. B. Hesse's model bell is housed in the ringing room, an extremely useful device for instructional purposes.

Now the party began to disperse, and it was a depleted band at tea at Cirencester. Evensong being due to commence, the oldest twelve in the country was left unringed, and we retraced our route through Cotswold loveliness, seen under ideal evening weather conditions, to our penultimate stop at Southam. A halt at Rugby, the final dispersal at Leicester and a delightful undertaking drew to its close.

THE GRAMO-RINGER

Featured in 'The Daily Mirror' of June 22nd was a story of how the bells for the new Mayor's procession at Swansea drowned the playing of the Swansea Police Band in the procession. Questions were asked about it at the Council meeting, and the Rev. Leon Atkin said, 'I gave orders to my bellringer to ring the bells 15 minutes before time, and I was inspired to do so by my personal regard for the new Mayor.'

Mr. J. Arthur Hoare, of Iforestfach, Swansea, writes: This actually refers to the 'synthetic bells' at St. Paul's Congregational Chapel. The St. Margaret's, Westminster, 'bells' must be holding their heads very high after knowing that a 'bellringer' is required to put on a record (their record) and also fit fresh needles.

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We regret that in sub-
editing reports of outings
it is necessary to omit
thanks to incumbents and steeplekeepers of
towers visited. All visiting bands are grateful
for the hospitality afforded them.

Is the peal of Royal in three methods rung
'in hand' at Bournemouth, and reported in
this issue, the first to be so rung? enquires
the conductor.

Mr. Oliver Sippetts joins the list of those
who have rung more than 100 peals in a tower.
At Crawley he has rung 192 peals, of which
he has conducted 130.

Miss Doreen Coker, who conducted the peal
of Grandsire Triples at Thame, is congrat-
ulated by the band for her calmness despite
several unexpected intrusions to the belfry
during the last half-hour of the peal.

Following representation, ringers of St.
James', Turrumurra, New South Wales, have
had a refund of 15s. 4d. duty paid on each
new rope. The Minister of Trade and Customs
has now decided to admit church ropes from
England free of duty.

Bishopstone, Wiltshire, is an unfortunate
tower, with the bells just overhead of the
ringers. 'The noise was terrific,' writes the
conductor of a recent peal there. Afterwards
the local captain, Mr. Joseph Durham, kindly
entertained the band to a tea, which included
strawberries.

It was most unfortunate that Mr. R. F.
Elkington, who is in charge of the belfry at
Anstey, was unable to stand in the peal of
Cambridge Surprise Major at Anstey for the
25th anniversary of the Rector's ordination.
Mr. Elkington met with an accident whilst at
work which prevented his taking part, and
the thanks of the band are due to Terry
Thornber, who filled the gap at short notice.

BELFRY GOSSIP

By the peal of Court
Triples at Port Sunlight
on June 17th, members of
the Chester Branch have during the last 24
years rung peals in each of the eleven pure
Triples methods with two hunts, contained in
the Central Council's Collection, in addition
to peals of Stedman and Erin Triples. Messrs.
J. W. Best, P. Swindley and J. W. Griffiths
have rung peals in each method, Messrs. H. O.
Baker and F. H. Birks 12 each, G. F. Sperring
7, and R. G. Corby, D. H. B. Millward and
B. Harris 6 each. Those bands who prefer
Triples to Major will find these peals a wel-
come change from Grandsire and Stedman.

Through a misunderstanding, Mr. F. G.
Huckstepp was credited recently with having
called Holt's Original from each bell. So far
he has only called the Original from the treble.

Three members of Somerville College,
Oxford, after only eight months' ringing ex-
perience have rung their first peal, one of
Plain Bob Minor in hand.

The late Mr. William H. Barber's peal book,
containing approximately 600 peals, has been
handed to the St. Martin's Guild and will be
a valuable addition to the Guild Library.

In regard to 5,164 Trinity Court Bob Major
by Nolan Golden, published on page 379, a
Bob — was omitted from the first course. Will
conductors interested please correct their
copies? With the composer's apologies.

Mr. A. H. Ward celebrated his 77th birth-
day by ringing a peal of Grandsire Caters 'in
hand' at Bournemouth. The excellent way he
struck his bells, a good performance at his
age in such fast ringing as over 35 changes
per minute, was a matter of compliment from
the conductor.

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THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Seventy-first Annual Meeting Provost on the True Message Membership Increases to 758 Two Broadcasts Bell Restorations—£100 in Two Years Standing Orders only at A.G.M. Association Badge Suggested

THE 71st 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, M.A., assisted by the Deputy Master, the Rev. C. Scott Little, M.A., Vicar of Roydon, the lesson being read by the Master, Dr. P. T. Spencer Phillips, J.P.

During the service the names of members who had passed on during 1949 were read, viz., Rt. Rev. J. T. Inskip, D.D., late Bishop of Barking, a vice-president, J. Buckingham (Goldhanger), B. Copping (Harlow Common), A. Evers and V. Glass (Witham), H. G. Ockenden (Fobbing), C. Petty (Wanstead), F. J. Pitstow (Saffron Walden, hon. secretary of the Association 1921-34), F. G. Thorogood (Great Holland), Miss Annie White (Springfield), F. Ward (Great Totham, hon. member), and the non-resident members, the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge (Crowthorne), E. B. Hartley (Willesden) and G. Williams (Southampton).

The Provost, an old friend of ringers of Barking, Hornchurch and Wanstead, gave an inspiring address, based on St. Luke xxiv. v. 49: 'Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.' In the course of his remarks he said:—

'I have been thinking lately of what a lot of things we clergy and ringers have in common. We are not only church workers, but we are preachers, and we have to proclaim the message of God's salvation. Another thing we share in common is that we are regarded as rather unusual freaks. Ringers are looked upon as rather sub-human sort of people, who shut themselves up in towers making weird noises. But there are times when people are glad of our services such as at weddings and national services of thanksgiving when the parson is necessary and the bells ring in joyful celebration. Then there are times when we are regarded as a horrible nuisance. However, there is something which is much more important.

'Our preaching and our great mission is of very little avail if it is mere noise and has little behind it. The quality of the life behind it is the real value. God did not say to His disciples "Go ye and preach," but to go forth as salt and life. Their preaching would have little effect without the power of the Holy Spirit behind it. I would like to quote the wise remark of a vicar recently to a young clergyman who had just preached his first sermon. At a staff meeting the next day he said nicely and kindly, "You know, young man, you will be a good preacher when you live in your life half of what you preach."

'It is the same with ringers. I want to suggest one or two things that being filled with the Holy Spirit means. Are you known as a ringer, a man who has been saved from sin and as one who is a good man, full of the Holy Spirit? If so, the message you ring out is true. Those who ring their message for marriages, if they are filled with the Holy Spirit, their own homes will be different. There we shall really see love and fellowship, for the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Fellowship. Do people think we are really good mixers, free of class distinction and snobbishness? Do they notice us as really happy people full of the spirit of joy? If we are full of this spirit of joy we shall affect those other people round about us. Let us remember, therefore, that the primary thing is not the noise we make, but the quality and influence of our lives through the Holy Spirit.'

A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £4 6s.

The Master presided at the business meeting held in the Chapter House, supported by the Deputy Master and the officers of the Association. The Master extended a hearty welcome to all visitors, which included Mr. F. E. Collins and party (Surrey), Mr. W. T. Cook (West Ealing), Mr. T. J. Clark (Bushey, Herts), Miss M. Hillier (Bristol), Mr. G. Fearn (Birmingham), Mr. T. Myers (Plymouth), Mr. Stedman Symonds (Lavenham) and Mr. R. Bullen and party (St. Mary's, Ely).

Mention was made of the absence of Mr. G. Faulkner (Barking), waiting to go into hospital (recently operated on in the London Hospital).

A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT.

The annual report, compiled by Mr. F. V. Gant (hon. secretary, S.W. District), with the assistance of the other district secretaries, again showed that interest in the Association had been maintained. Ringing members had increased from 735 to 758, and honorary members from 50 to 83. A high average of attendance had been reached at the district meetings, the 'highlights' being at Dunmow, Burnham-on-Crouch, St. Peter's, Colchester, Thaxted and Waltham Abbey. Sunday ringing at Stebbing, Great Easton, Havering, North Ockenden and South Benfleet was a pleasing feature and a fitting 'reward' for those who had assisted those towers, week by week.

Two towers experienced broadcasting. On Rogation Sunday the bells and service were broadcast from Great Bromley, while the bells of St. Margaret's, Barking, were recorded in connection with the exchange greetings between the Rotary Clubs of Trinidad and Barking.

The towers of Leyton (8), West Ham (10) and Orsett (6) were still out of action through structural defects. Many old hands were holding the 'fort,' assisted by some keen learners of both sexes. The claims of the Services were felt in some towers, but several promising ringers recently released had returned to their respective towers with renewed enthusiasm. Ringing for divine service had been the aim throughout the year, but only by special arrangement could this be done in some towers. Practice meetings of the 'Crusader' type had been held in several towers and had served as a 'try out' for new conductors.

PEAL REPORT.

Sixty-eight peals were rung during the year, as against 59 in 1948; 18 members rang their first peal and 59 their first in the method; 21 shared the conducting, Mr. F. B. Lufkin heading the list with 17 successful attempts. Congratulations to two young conductors, P. Eves (Galleywood) and D. Beard (Barking). Peals of special interest were: Stedman Cinques at Saffron Walden, conducted by H. N. Pitstow; New Cambridge Royal at Prittlewell, conducted by F. B. Lufkin; Spliced Plain and Kent Treble Bob Major at Writtle; Cambridge Surprise Major (J. W. Washbrook's last composition) at Brentwood; and an officers' peal of Superlative Surprise Major at Writtle, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the foundation of the Association—all three peals conducted by H. Turner. A noteworthy change in the district officers took place in the S.E. District. Mr. H. Mansfield (Maldon) resigned the Mastership after rendering 13 years' valuable service and was succeeded by Mr. H. W. Shadrack (Springfield), who for several years served as district secretary.

Mr. G. L. Joyce (Hornchurch) spoke on the body of the report. There were still a number of mistakes and every effort should be made to get a perfect report. The correction of the draft was vital. Every tower or member should inform Mr. F. V. Gant of any mistakes or alterations, as the draft was more important than the proof. He proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Gant for all the good work that he had put into the report. This was carried with acclamation. Mr. Gant said that it was everybody's job to correct mistakes. He hoped all would work for a better report next year.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Mr. H. Turner (Shenfield), auditor, gave a brief outline of the accounts, mentioning the carry over of 'The Ringing World' account, the increase in the subscription and the peal booking fees. He also spoke on the Bell Restoration Fund, stressing the amount paid out last year. He referred to the work of the district secretaries and the general secretary, commenting on the expenses involved and the amount of work they had to do. The gross income from the districts totalled £101 11s. 6d., against £63 5s. 6d. in 1948; £93 15s. was passed into the general account. Peal fees added a further £10 18s. 10d. The balance at the end of the year stood at £190 3s. 9d., which was about £2 up on the previous balance.

The sum of £38 3s. 8d. had been contributed to the Bell Restoration Fund. Grants amounting to £65 had been made to Fyfield, Bobbingworth and South Benfleet, leaving a balance of £224 14s. 7d.

Mr. Turner proposed that the accounts be adopted. Mr. J. Crampion (Wanstead), co-auditor, supported all that Mr. Turner had said and formally seconded the motion.

Mr. J. Chalk (Wanstead) supported the motion. He was pleased to see an increase in the number of honorary members. More incumbents should be enrolled. There were at least 100 active bands, but only 33 supporting incumbents. Every encouragement should be given to churchwardens and church officers to join the Association.

The Bell Restoration Fund had been well supported by those who attended meetings, especially in the S.E. District. There was plenty of life in an Association that could disburse £100 in two years. Thorpe Bay had raised sufficient money to add a 'deadening floor'—a worthy achievement for a new band!

STANDING ORDERS.

For the second year running the chief business centred round 'standing orders.' The secretary said that at the previous annual general meeting the committee had been instructed to reconsider the wording, etc., and considerable thought had been given. He felt that they were a step in the right direction, stating that the Association must continue to go forward and not allow the progress during the past years to be lost. He then proposed that Standing Orders be adopted as printed.

Mr. Joyce said that the meeting should approve them in principle and then take every one separately, as minor amendments might be necessary. His proposition was seconded by Mr. Chalk. Mr. Warboys (Barking) and Mr. Gant spoke against their adoption. The motion was carried. Further discussions followed and minor alterations in wording were proposed by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. L. J. Clark (Chelmsford) and carried.

It was agreed that only at annual general meetings should Standing Orders be compulsory. In the event of urgency the chairman

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could accept a motion for the suspension of any 'S.O.' Future meetings should benefit by the new rule, 'Standing Orders,' which covered agenda, minutes, speakers, chairman's rulings, motions and amendments, closures and voting.

A new rule (quorum of 12 members for an annual or general meeting and seven for a committee meeting), recommended by the committee, was fully discussed and lost on being put to the vote.

The election of officers followed: Master, Dr. P. 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. A. Reeve (Fobbing), Mr. C. H. Tucker (Harlow), Mr. C. Sharplin (South Weald), Mr. C. Morss (Woodford), Mr. A. White (Loughton); Central Council representatives (1951-53), Miss H. G. Snowdon, Messrs. F. V. Gant, F. Lufkin and H. J. Mansfield.

The Master thanked the members for their confidence and trust in him, mentioning that the time would come when they would have to look for someone else to take over the office in the not too distant future.

The Deputy Master spoke of the work that had been undertaken by the committee during the past year and thanked all who had helped, especially Messrs. Joyce and Gant.

The hon. secretary and treasurer thanked the members for their continued trust in him and the help given by so many, particularly Mr. Gant for taking over the editorship of the report and Mr. L. Clark for the lunch arrangements. He then mentioned the question of twelve-bell ringing, saying that he was despondent last year about it, but there had been a surprising revival of interest and he should like to see it go ahead. Those eager to ring 12 bells should attend the monthly Saturday practices at Chelmsford.

The Rev. F. R. Wright (St. Edward's, Romford) was elected as an honorary member.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Mr. H. Turner spoke on a resolution in 'The Ringing World' by the Central Council that Methods Committee decisions automatically became rules of the 'C.C.' He put forward a request that their representatives should oppose it. Mr. Joyce spoke on the subject and mentioned the spliced peal at Chigwell Row and the effect that changing of the method names had on the peal. Mr. Heazel mentioned the letter he had received from Mr. Cockey about the Middlesex representatives and the treatment they received last year. Miss Snowdon supported action to be taken. Mr. Gant upheld the Central Council's recommendations. Mr. J. Chalk proposed and Mr. H. Turner seconded that the Essex representatives speak against the new rule.—Carried.

Mr. C. Barnard (Rayleigh) proposed and Miss G. Seymour (Rayleigh) seconded that an Essex Association badge should be produced. Mr. Joyce supported this innovation. It was decided by vote to refer this matter to the committee for consideration and their decision announced at the next annual general meeting.

The secretary was requested to send the Association's best wishes to the Provost's son, Mr. John Waller, who was to be ordained at St. Paul's Cathedral on Trinity Sunday.

The secretary read two letters, one from Mr. W. Chalk (Colchester), conveying his thanks for being elected a life member, and another from Sketty Green, Swansea, ringers re their bell restoration.

The Master proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Very Rev. C. K. Waller for the use of the bells and the Chapter House, for conducting the service and for his splendid address. Also to the organist, Mr. W. Stanley Vann, for his assistance in the service. The members adjourned to the Cathedral Hall, where lunch was well served, the Provost being the chief guest.

(Continued in next column)

Durham & Newcastle Assn.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

A large company of ringers and friends assembled in North-West Durham on June 10th for the half-yearly meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, when ringing took place at the Parish Churches of Consett, Blackhill, Benfieldside, and the Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary, Blackhill.

It is about two miles from Consett to Benfieldside, Blackhill being approximately midway, and one moves from an industrial area of coke ovens and ironworks at Consett to one of the most beautiful rural scenes in the County of Durham at Benfieldside, that of the Derwent valley overlooking the borders of Durham and Northumberland.

At Benfieldside the company sat down to an excellent tea, which had been prepared by the parishioners. Mr. F. Ainsley thanked the ladies for waiting upon them at tea, and Mr. D. A. Bayles thanked the incumbents of the three churches and the priest-in-charge of St. Mary's R.C. Church for the use of the bells.

The president, Mr. W. N. Park, referred to the loss the Exercise had suffered by the passing on of Mr. W. H. Barber. Mr. Barber, whilst not a native of the North-East of England, lived for many years at Newcastle-on-Tyne, where he was a member of the Cathedral Guild, and just a few months ago went to live at Sutton Coldfield. The members stood in silence to his memory.

After tea a short service was held in Benfieldside Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. H. Fenwick.

The company welcomed Mr. Spears, of Wolverhampton, who was on holiday at Scarborough, and who made a round trip of over 250 miles to visit us. Our thanks are due to Mr. C. T. Lamb, of Benfieldside, for the excellent arrangements he made for the meeting.

ERDINGTON BELLS AGAIN

The gift of the original ring of bells installed in the Roman Catholic Church at Erdington in 1878 has a beautiful history. A young man, poorly endowed with worldly goods, but who loved the beauty of God's house, made a vow to work hard and, if God prospered him, to furnish bells for the church.

After an absence of 16 years, spent in New Zealand, with the work of his hand and the sweat of his brow, and with self-denial, he laid by sufficient to return to Erdington and fulfil his vow. The bells were a ring of eight, cast by Blews, the Birmingham founders. After 70 years' use, the wooden bell frame became dilapidated and the bells compared unfavourably with modern tuning, so that of recent years they had been seldom rung.

This year the church, which is dedicated to SS. Thomas and Edmund, celebrates its centenary, and a determined effort was made to put the bells in order. A thorough scheme was decided upon, resulting in a beautiful octave with a tenor of 15 cwt. in F from the Loughborough foundry.

They were rung for the first time, as a prelude to the centenary celebrations, on June 10th, and a peal was rung upon them on June 17th. The louvres have been completely filled in with sound-proof material, sending the sound into the spire, resulting in a perfectly balanced reception outside the tower and a ring of bells that it is a pleasure to listen to.

A band of ringers from the congregation has been formed, and is receiving tuition in bell management from the hon. secretary of the St. Martin's Guild.

G. E. F.

(Continued from previous column)

During the day the following towers were open for ringing: Chelmsford Cathedral, Broomfield, Danbury, Springfield, Little Waltham, Great Waltham, Great Baddow, Boreham, Galleywood, Widford and Writtle.

The experiment of running a buffet tea from 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. proved a great success.

North Wales Association

ANNUAL MEETING AT LLANDUDNO.

The annual meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Llandudno on June 10th. Although the weather was all that could be desired, the attendance was not large, but fairly representative.

Ringing commenced at 2 p.m. under the guidance of the Ringing Master (Mr. F. R. Evans), and touches in various methods were rung until 3 p.m., when a short service was conducted by the Rector (Canon Rowlands). He gave the members a very cordial welcome and paid tribute to the services which the ringers render unseen.

Forty members sat down to an excellent tea, kindly provided by the local ringers.

At the business meeting Mr. S. Birks was elected to the chair. An apology for absence on behalf of Mr. A. J. Hughes was given by the secretary, who was instructed to write to him expressing the sympathy of the members in his illness and their hopes for a speedy recovery.

The balance sheet, which showed a credit balance of £11 6s. 9d., was adopted. It was pointed out that quite a number of members had not yet paid their subscriptions.

A resolution to increase the subscription to 2s. was carried unanimously.

All the retiring officers were re-elected with one exception. Mr. Denis Millward, Buckley, was elected district secretary for the Wrexham district.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Llangollen, provided the bells were available, and the half-yearly meeting at Bangor on the first Saturday in September. Quarterly meetings to be held at Hope and Halkyn.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Rector and Llandudno ringers for their hospitality, and to the chairman for the able manner in which he had conducted the meeting.

Further ringing was enjoyed after tea, ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise.

FOXEARH, ESSEX

By invitation of the Rector, the Rev. Malcolm Pearce, ringers from Sudbury, Clare, Stoke-by-Clare, Long Melford, Cornard, Wickham St. Paul's and Foxeearth gathered on June 17th for a couple of hours on this light eight, tenor 7 cwt. The glass panelled pendulum case in the centre of the ringing chamber, which makes rope-sight a little difficult, was the only complaint.

The bells were rendered unringable when the great storm three summers ago wrecked the lofty spire, and the tower has now a most unfamiliar look with its embattled top.

Some good ringing was accomplished, the bells having been overhauled by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The last touch of the evening was Kent Treble Bob, which might have been dedicated to those of the past, 'The Treble Bob Kings' of Foxeearth.

A. A. F.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD MACCLESFIELD AND CONGLETON BRANCH.

A very enjoyable quarterly meeting was held at Gawsorth on June 10th. The Rector conducted the service in the afternoon. In the evening he very kindly introduced the local ringers and their visitors to the famous 15th century rectory, where he delivered a most interesting talk on the history of that beautiful and picturesque building.

Tea was provided at the Harrington Arms, and the beautiful surroundings and scenery made the afternoon's ringing more enjoyable.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On May 28th, 1,280 Grandsire Triples: A. Payne 1, L. H. May 2, R. J. Bowden 3, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 4, W. H. Ware 5, E. Richards 6, J. D. Upton 7, A. Kerslake 8.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A FALSE PEAL

Dear Sir,—I wish to draw attention to the fact that the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, which I called at Lincoln Cathedral on June 30th, 1949, is false.

I apologise to the remainder of the band, and particularly to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Mathews, for whom the peal was specially arranged.

The composition by York Green was obtained from a copy of 'The Bell News,' and is as follows:—

5,280 Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

23456 M W H

65432 — — —

36452 — — —

54263 — — 3

62345 — — —

25346 — — 2

23456 — — 2

Yours sincerely,

JOHN A. FREEMAN.

Lincoln.

'NINE TAILORS' ERROR

Dear Sir,—The error mentioned by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards appeared when the book was first published and has apparently remained uncorrected in each subsequent reprint.

There appears to be another slight misprint in the fourth chapter called 'The Second Part,' which gives a description of the bells and their notes. The musical sign for a 'sharp' in the case of the original No. 3 (F sharp) is used each time this bell is mentioned even when described as No. 5 after it had been 'flattened' . . . to produce some sort of approximation to F natural 'to conform to the scale of C when the tenor bell was added. This no doubt was the printer's misreading of the two very similar signs in the author's manuscript.—Yours truly,

H. D. HARRIS.

Woburn.

Dear Sir,—'Nine Tailors' error: The misprint referred to by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards appears in my first edition, so it has probably appeared in all subsequent editions.

'Punch': I expected to see a note in 'The Ringing World' to say our art had been the subject of a recent article in 'Punch' (dated May 31st), when Mr. P.'s reporter visited the Croydon Foundry. It is delightfully illustrated by 'Emmett.'—Yours faithfully,

T. G. HAWKINS. Stoke Poges, Bucks.

ST. DUNSTAN'S

Dear Sir,—In the Central Council Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods (third edition) appears the Doubles method (No. 13) known as St. Dunstan's, the plain course of which runs to two treble leads only, nine bobs being required to produce the extent. If the bob and plain leads are reversed (in name only) an ordinary four-lead method is obtained and the extent is produced by the usual three bobs. In other words, the touch produced by four consecutive bobs may be regarded as the plain course and the plain lead used as the bob, thus:

120

2345

4532

3254

5423

—3425

Twice repeated.

This may have been pointed out before, or, at any rate, be well known to the experts, but if that is so, would it not be better to show the method in this form in the 'Collection' rather than in the two-lead, nine-bob form? This would, apparently, make the method simpler to learn, call and ring.

The method, by the way, is simply Reverse Steadman Slow Course, with a different bob.—Yours truly,

G. A. PECK.

Rugby.

FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN

Dear Sir,—It may interest the Festival of Britain Committee of the Central Council that one of the Festival's plans is to rebuild a badly blitzed neighbourhood in London's East End. The site is in Stepney and Poplar and will be known as Lansbury Estate, and will cover an area of about 124 acres, with an eventual population of 9,500. About 30 acres will be developed for the Festival and new buildings will include dwellings, schools, shops, market place and two churches. The London County Council is the planning and development authority, and, of course, some of the building work has already started.—Yours faithfully,

T. J. LOCK.

FESTIVAL BELLS

Dear Sir,—I enclose two cuttings from 'The Daily Telegraph.' The first is from the issue of May 30th, and concerns the admirable suggestion put forward by Wing-Comdr. York-Bramble for the Festival of Britain, a suggestion which would repay the bellfounders manifold if they would act on it. I have often noticed the fascination which ringing and bells hold for British people and foreigners alike when they chance on a local guild meeting. I feel sure that if the visitors to the Festival could see bells and ringers in actual operation not a few orders would be forthcoming for the foundries—if not for rings, then for carillons, etc., for abroad and home.

What better and more subtle way could there be of advertising the best bells in the world than by displaying to such a vast international audience our unique way of using bells and of celebrating occasions of national importance. The glass-walled tower would be an eye-catcher to the most casual, and the bells would tell their own supreme quality.

The second cutting, from 'The Telegraph' of June 15th, is my own letter of support to the scheme, though unfortunately very much weakened by abbreviation. It has provoked the enclosed postcard from St. Albans, and I confess that I cannot help agreeing with its writer (though not to the extent he suggests!) if he is continually subjected to peals, quarter peals and an excessive number of practices and meetings. There is no doubt that we, as ringers, if we are to foster, and not antagonise public opinion, should be extremely sparing in our use of bells at other than service times when towers in highly populated districts are involved.—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY BURROUGHS.

Hemmenwood Vicarage, East Grinstead.

The following letter from Mr. Burroughs appeared in 'The Daily Telegraph':—

Sir,—I was interested to read that the Central Council of Church Bellringers is discussing whether the three principal bell foundries should erect glass-walled towers at the Festival of Britain, and demonstrations be given by picked bellringers.

The proposal should certainly receive official support. English bell foundries have the reputation of being the best in the world, but less well known is the fact that change ringing and the way we hang our bells is almost exclusively English.

Incidentally, you state that there are 600 ringers in the country, but 60,000 would be a rather more accurate figure.—Yours, etc., G. D. Burroughs, East Grinstead.

The postcard Mr. Burroughs received states: It is the ringer who should be hung not the bell! Hang him behind glass for the Festival! I can understand this interest in change ringing, but not as a householder who cannot escape the interminable din that goes on for hours on end when change ringers come and practise their art on St. Peter's Church bells, St. Albans. It is the prolonged bout of ringing which puts us all against them.—A. B. Kinloch.

100 Peals in a Tower

Dear Sir,—There must be quite a large number of ringers who have accomplished 100 peals in the same steeple, such as Birmingham, Leicester and other places.

The late Rev. William C. Pearson, who augmented his five to eight bells, in 1902, at St. Peter's Church, Henley, Suffolk, rang over 100 peals on them.

The writer has rung 137 peals on St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, ringing the 11th bell to 103 of them, also 22 peals on handbells in the belfry; of the above he has conducted 96.—Yours truly,

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

57, Mornington Avenue, Ipswich.

CLAIM OF HOLY TRINITY, HULL

Dear Sir,—In reference to correspondence on the largest parish church, I have two volumes called 'Cathedrals, Abbeys and Churches of England and Wales,' published by Cassell and Co. in 1891, which contain a chapter on Holy Trinity, Hull and St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, by Dr. J. J. Raven. Here is an extract from his account, 'In point of superficial area, the reputation of Yarmouth to be the foremost in England must yield to Holy Trinity, Hull, as 20,036 square feet, which was the recorded area of the latter church, has been ascertained by professional measurement to be under the mark, the real floor space being more than 25,000 square feet.' He gives the figures for Yarmouth as 23,085 square feet, which he says is a clear 1,000 feet in excess of St. Michael's, Coventry.—Yours faithfully,

F. J. HANNINGTON.

Cardiff.

AMBIGUITY IN WORDING

Dear Sir,—It seems a great pity indeed that after next Whitsun no more peals of Kent Treble Bob will be rung, not to mention other less common methods, such as Reverse Canterbury. At least that is if we are to interpret strictly the new rules of the Council quoted in 'The Ringing World' of 16th inst. Under the heading of 'Calls' we find, 'It is not permissible for any pair or pairs of bells to be still . . . on going off into changes or in returning to rounds.'

I am writing to point this out, lest anyone with a desire to ring the method to a peal should miss the announcement, and so run the risk of losing for ever the opportunity of ringing an officially recognised peal of Kent.

Indeed, going further, we may even hold a competition as to who will ring the past peal of Kent. This, however, will produce difficulties of deciding not only what constitutes the last peal (should we go on the starting time, the mid-point, or when rounds comes up? And pity the poor hand whose peal runs on over the zero hour!), but also when exactly the rule comes into force. Altogether next May should, with the ringers of this country showing a true competitive spirit, produce some unprecedented activity in peal ringing.—Yours faithfully,

P. W. B. SEMMENS.

Barnstaple.

WILLIAM BANISTER'S BOOK

Dear Sir,—I also have a copy of the 1874 edition of above. It was given me by the late W. H. Thompson when living at 4, Sillwood Street, Brighton, some years previous to his death in 1934.

Before it came into Mr. Thompson's possession it evidently had belonged to a ringer by the name of 'Archbutt,' as on the inside of cover there is the following inscription: John Archbutt, 11, Wilton Terrace, Camberwell Grove. 5/8/77. Member of Royal Cumberland Society of Change Ringers, Waterloo Society of Change Ringers, St. Margaret's, Westminster, Society of Change Ringers.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

Brighton.

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

MR. WILLIAM H. BARBER.

The sudden passing of William H. Barber came as a great shock to his many friends in Birmingham, he having been a valued member of the St. Martin's Guild for over half a century.

Upon leaving Newcastle-on-Tyne for Birmingham, he again became a service ringer at St. Martin's Church and took part in the ringing, unfortunately for the last time, on Sunday, May 21st.

The following Sunday he was absent and a postcard was received from his sister with whom he lived saying that he was seriously ill and had been taken to hospital. We immediately wrote asking for details, and the next information we received was on Saturday, June 3rd, stating that he was being buried that morning, he having passed away on the Tuesday previous, May 30th.

This unfortunate delay in notification prevented his many friends in the St. Martin's Guild attending the funeral service. He will be remembered as a very dear friend and a delightful companion, especially among those who had known him and rung with him before he left Birmingham for the North.

The writer first rang in a peal with him at Aston in 1898 and also in other notable peals at St. Martin's and elsewhere. We fully endorse the excellent tribute paid to his memory by our Newcastle-on-Tyne friend, 'W. J. D.', which appeared in 'The Ringing World' of June 16th.

It was the writer's privilege to visit Mr. Barber's sister on the day of the funeral. He was informed that the cause of death was general debility and a very weak heart. There is no doubt that the nature of his employment in repairing the brickwork of large industrial furnaces, especially at week-ends when they had not cooled down, had considerably through the years undermined his constitution. A. W.

MR. WILLIAM PICKWORTH.

A foundation member of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, Mr. William Pickworth, died at the Royal Hospital, Richmond, on June 19th, aged 75 years.

A native of Lincolnshire, he came to London in 1896 and joined the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths the following year. He made good progress in ringing and in later years was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Mr. Pickworth rendered faithful service to the Middlesex County Association and for some years was assistant secretary to Mr. A. T. King. He was also secretary of the Southgate Society from 1920 to 1934, when he retired and went to live at Hastings. He returned to Richmond soon after the end of the war. Owing to ill-health, he had taken little part in ringing during the last two years. His last pull was at a meeting at Ashted on Easter Monday.

The funeral service was at Holy Trinity Church, Richmond, on June 23rd, which was attended by family mourners and Mr. H. Miller, representing the Christ Church, Southgate, Society. Interment was at Richmond Borough Cemetery in the same grave as his wife. S. W.

MR. J. F. SIMPSON.

It is with deep regret we report the death of Mr. Joseph Francis Simpson, who passed away on June 12th at 21, Castle Lane, Warwick, aged 85 years. He was an old and respected member of the Coventry Diocesan Guild and other societies, and a keen churchman, chorister and ringer. Until a few months ago Mr. Simpson was a regular attendant at service and practice ringing, but failing health and eyesight prevented him from taking any further part. Always of a cheerful and kindly nature, he will be sadly missed by all at St. Mary's. W. C.

MR. T. H. VAUGHAN.

The death is announced of Mr. T. H. Vaughan at Ipswich Hospital following an operation. A railway timekeeper, he came to Peterborough over forty years ago and joined St. John's band.

Mr. Vaughan took seriously to ringing and progressed quickly. He rang all the standard methods up to Superlative. Although not a great peal ringer, he had peals in Minor, Triples and Major methods to his credit. Above all, he was the ideal striker, one with whom it was always a pleasure to ring. Regular at practice and Sunday ringing, he has left behind him an example from which all can learn a lesson.

The funeral took place at St. John's and the local ringers were represented by Mr. E. Warner. On Sunday, 1,000 Plain Bob Minor were rung half-muffled, with the tenor covering, as a farewell tribute by A. French 1, S. Wright 2, W. Rose (cond.) 3, C. Woods 4, W. Barker 5, G. Bush 6, L. Hadman tenor.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

An extremely good meeting was held at Alcester on June 24th by the Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon Branch. A good number of ringers attended, some from as far away as Derby and Cheltenham. The beautiful ring of eight bells was rung to many touches of Grandshire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major. At the business meeting Mr. D. Stanley thanked those who attended, and also the Rector for the use of the bells.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK

The revival of the annual outing was a great success, when on Whit Monday the Sudbury company visited Hertfordshire. Cars were used for transport, and with no non-ringers, quick moves were possible and good times for ringing at each call was ensured.

First call was Sawbridgeworth for a pleasant hour, and then to Hoddesdon for 45 minutes. Next a very pleasant stop at Broxbourne to find a grand ring, with Mr. Radley at the ready. Lunch followed with a spell of handbell ringing in the gardens of the Bull, much to the enjoyment of the many patrons.

On to Bengeo for some Stedman in quick tempo, and then an ardent endeavour to find Knebworth's old church: a little delay was rewarded by this delightful ring. Tea at Broadwater and to Benington to read of Squire Proctor's achievements and to enjoy the most successful call of the day. Lastly to Much Hadham, where in spite of 'near elastic' ropes, some good ringing resulted. A.A.F.

Yorkshire Association

WESTERN DIVISION AT DENHOLME.

On June 17th the summer meeting was held at this remote village situated on the edge of the Bronte country and in close proximity to the wide stretch of moors which reaches to the Lancashire border.

Although the weather was on the cool side, it was such to bring out the bold outlines of the neighbouring hills, and from the east end of the church a fine panoramic view of the Thornton valley and the city of Bradford and beyond was obtainable.

About 30 to 40 ringers were present from a good number of towers, and they were pleased to welcome members from Pontefract, who have just been transferred from the Eastern Division. The bells (by Mears), although not easy going, were rung to a variety of methods, many of them being in the Surprise group.

In the unavoidable absence of the Ringing Master (Mr. T. W. Strangeways), Messrs. Barton, Johnson and L. W. G. Morris shared the duties of organising the ringing. Touches were kept short and everyone enjoyed his or her particular method.

Tea was partaken of in the adjoining school, and the Vicar, the Rev. J. R. Hailes, extended a hearty welcome to the visitors.

At the business meeting, which was of a brief nature, Mr. P. J. Johnson (vice-president) occupied the chair. Eight new members were elected and it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Longwood in September.

At the conclusion a collection was taken for the Belfry Repairs Fund. Handbells and tower bells then helped to while away the hours until bus time came to bring to a close a very pleasant meeting.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

During the week starting June 17th, the University of Bristol Society arranged a series of peal attempts, none of which was successful due to various reasons.

The first was Grandshire Triples, which was lost after two hours' ringing due to a change-course. There would have been four 'firsts' of Grandshire Triples and also the conductor's first of Triples as conductor.

On Monday, 19th, at Abbots Leigh, Plain Bob Minor was lost also after two hours' ringing and also due to a change-course. There was one ringer attempting his first peal and two others their first of Minor.

Though the above were due to ringing errors, the attempt at Grandshire Doubles on Wednesday was lost owing to the fact that there was not sufficient time to ring the peal. A very good half-peal of 2,520 changes was rung by the following: K. Pinney 1, G. Beynon 2, L. Hedges 3, L. Watson 4, J. Worrall (cond.) 5, C. Barwick 6. Longest length by 1 and 3.

On Saturday, 17th, the Society's greatest venture to date, Stedman Triples, came to grief under very unfortunate circumstances. After two false starts ringing was proceeding well, but after more than two hours' ringing one of the ladies comprising the band was taken ill. This would have been the first peal of Stedman by all the band except two of the ringers and the first by the conductor as such.

Altogether 13 ringers took part in the four attempts.

At the recent annual general meeting of the Society, the following officers were elected for the session 1950-51: Master, Mr. Ivor H. Trueman; secretary, Mr. Jack R. Worrall; tower secretary, Mr. Colin Barwick; treasurer, Miss Mary I. Kennelly; committee, Mr. Christopher T. Brown.

MORECAMBE, LANCs.—On June 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Schofield (first quarter) 1. Miss D. Schofield 2. Miss B. Schofield 3. F. Schofield 4. G. Braithwaite (cond.) 5. H. Palmer 6. A 21st birthday compliment to F. Schofield.

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A SELECTION OF THE JUNE OUTINGS

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.
A TOUR OF ESSEX.

Ringers from ten towers of the Maidstone district, together with eight wives and one son, composed the happy party which, in perfect weather, ventured across the waters to Essex on June 10th on the second annual tour. Gravesend was reached at 9.55 a.m., but luck was out and we saw the coach in front pack on to the ferry, leaving ours first in the queue for the next boat.

Brentwood was reached 45 minutes behind schedule, and in consequence ringing on the fine octave at the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury was reduced to the bare minimum. By having lunch on the coach instead of in picnic fashion on Writtle's village green we were able to gulp down a refreshing drink at the Cock and Bell and be at All Saints' Church punctually at 1.30 p.m. A full hour on this excellent ring compensated for the dash at Brentwood and we had our first go at the day's special—Yorkshire Surprise—unsuccessfully!

At Chelmsford Cathedral we were all on our mettle and not a little apprehensive—yet felt at ease immediately in the atmosphere of welcome. The light octave was raised in peal and the remaining bells individually, the 34½ cwt. tenor sounding forth a rich and beautiful note. Grandsire Cinques with all bells manned by ourselves opened proceedings, followed by rounds for the not so experienced. Then, fortified by Mr. L. J. Clark and others of the Cathedral band, we rang a touch of Stedman Cinques, which improved steadily and was even approaching a 'beat' as the bells came rolling back into rounds. Three leads of Treble Twelve completed the ringing.

From the ringing chamber to the nave for choral evensong and some superb chanting by the Cathedral choir; outside the hot, dusty and busy street, inside the cool and peace. Tea at Cannon's Restaurant, and to celebrate the recent 70th birthday of the Kent County the cutting of a two-tier iced cake surmounted by a model bell, all the handiwork of Miss Margaret Baker, of the West Malling band. Here we took the opportunity of expressing our appreciation to everyone in Essex who had made our tour so delightful, particularly Mr. R. C. Heazel, general secretary of the Essex Association, and Mr. Clark, of the Cathedral company.

Two miles from Chelmsford is an Essex show-piece, the ring of eight at St. Mary the Virgin's, Great Baddow. These glorious bells wholly deserve their reputation, and we appreciated the honour of ringing them, and also of meeting Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, Master of the Essex Association, and a 'grand old man' of ringing, Mr. George Green. With Dr. Spencer-Phillips ringing with us we achieved our course of Yorkshire, our last opportunity, for the remaining tower was a six-bell, All Saints', Retford.

Another Maidstone District tour was over, but of this one not only have we the memory, but each a souvenir, a printed itinerary produced on the school press by pupils of Mr. Alec Waddington, captain of the Egerton band. Thank you, Essex. E.S.J.H.

BRAINTREE.

St. Michael's Guild, Braintree, selected some interesting towers for their outing on June 17th. The handy ring at Backway, Herts, was the first stop, followed by Hitchin with ringing and lunch. At Knebworth ringing was curtailed owing to a wedding, but full compensation was provided by the fine ten at Luton with the 'go' perfect. The hour's ringing finished with a touch of Stedman Caters, conducted by Mr. Goodenough.

Tea was very welcome before going on to Dunstable, another good ring. Major methods up to London were rung as well as Bob Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters.

ST. PAUL'S, BURTON-ON-TRENT.

On June 17th, the St. Paul's Society, augmented by friends from Repton, Ticknall, Overseal and Lichfield, left Burton by coach at 7.45 a.m. for a tour of Cheshire and Salop.

The first call was at Crewe, where the visitors were welcomed by the Vicar and members of the local band. In the three-quarters of an hour allowed for ringing some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal were successfully brought round.

The next stop was Chester, and after lunch the bells of St. Mary's, Hambridge, were rung to some good Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Double Norwich before moving on to the Cathedral.

Here a special honour was conferred on the visitors, when it became known that we were to ring for festal evensong on the occasion of the Feast of St. Werburgh. Under the circumstances ringing was confined to Grandsire and Stedman Caters.

After a short interval for sight-seeing, etc., the homeward journey started at 6 p.m. for the last call the day at Market Drayton, Salop. This delightful ring of eight was put to splendid use for an hour, during which time there were a number of well-struck touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, and a short touch of Double Norwich. W. J. L.

EDGBASTON.

On June 17th, the ringers of Edgbaston Parish Church, Birmingham, accompanied by wives and friends, left Selly Oak by motor-coach, and in delightful weather proceeded to Malvern Link, where at St. Matthias' Church they were given a warm welcome by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Hartley, who is the clerical secretary to the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

Soon this lovely ring of eight by Taylor (tenor 16 cwt.) was set going, and excellent touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Major were successfully brought round.

From Malvern Hills a lovely view of the vast fertile countryside was visible for miles. At Colwall, Mr. E. Price met the party. On the light eight (tenor 11 cwt.), the back six being by Rudhall, with two trebles added by Mears and Stainbank, touches of Grandsire and Stedman were enjoyed.

An excellent lunch was partaken of at the Valley Hotel, Ross-on-Wye. Arrangements had been made to ring at the Parish Church, and although the secretary was in possession of a letter to that effect, the party waited three-quarters of an hour without anyone to meet them. This was a great disappointment, especially to the writer, who has pleasant memories of the late Mr. Edwin Barnett, who was a native of Ross.

The journey continued through the glorious scenery of the Wye Valley, via Monmouth and Chepstow, to Newnham-on-Severn, where there is a very pleasant toned ring of eight by Mears and Stainbank (tenor 17 cwt.). Owing to the ropes being so badly adjusted, especially that of the treble, which it was impossible to ring, ringing was confined to Grandsire Doubles on the back six.

After passing through Gloucester and Tewkesbury, a nice tea was in readiness at Upton-on-Severn. At the Parish Church the Rector (the Rev. H. S. Bailey) opened the tower and apologised for the absence of his captain, the inestimable Charlie Camm, who with his ringers had gone that day on their outing to Bournemouth. Good touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Double Norwich were rung.

The way home was via Pershore and Redditch, Birmingham being reached about 10 p.m. A word of praise is due to Messrs. W. Mumford and T. Russell for the excellent arrangements. W. C. D.

ST. LEONARD'S STREATHAM.

The fifth annual summer tour of ringers of St. Leonard's Church, Streatham, and Christ Church, Mitcham, together with their wives and friends, took place on June 10th. The party, consisting of 32, left Mitcham by coach and toured through the counties of Surrey, Sussex and Kent in brilliant sunshine.

Ringling was enjoyed at Withyham, Tenterden, Wye and Hollingbourne.

We were met at Tenterden by an old friend, Mr. W. Joiner, who had come from Hastings to spend two hours with us.

The secretary, Mr. S. Howard, is to be congratulated on the excellent arrangements he made to make the day such a success.

ROTHERHAM RINGERS' OUTING.

On June 3rd, the Rotherham company of ringers, together with wives and friends, held their annual outing in glorious summer weather. Leaving Rotherham at 6.30 a.m., the party travelled by motor-coach through some of England's most beautiful countryside on the first stage of their journey to Bourne, Lincs. Here a stop was made for breakfast, after which a visit was made to the grand old Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul. Mr. F. French welcomed the visitors, and the bells, a good ring of six (tenor 16½ cwt.), rung from the ground floor, were soon raised and ringing to Plain and Little Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

A break of two hours was allowed for at Peterborough to visit the Cathedral, and then through beautiful country to the little town of Uppingham in Rutland. The Rev. S. C. Woodward (Vicar) entertained the non-ringers in the beauties of the church while the ringers amused themselves on the light Taylor ring of eight (tenor 14½ cwt.) with Plain and Little Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples.

Allotted time ending all too soon, a move was made to Oakham for tea and ringing at All Saints' Church. Here the sound of the bells brought yet another visitor, Mr. Alan Cattell, of Leicester, who also joined in the ringing on this grand eight, tenor 24 cwt., to the standard methods.

Home was reached at midnight, which added another pleasant memory to the list of successful outings. A. F.

DARLINGTON.

The annual outing of the members of St. Cuthbert's and Holy Trinity belfries, Darlington, again took the form of a motor-coach tour on June 17th.

The party, numbering 33, including families and friends, made an early start and proceeded via York, where a stop was made for light refreshments, to Beverley. This old-world town was thoroughly explored and enjoyed, the Minster proving the centre of attraction. The beauties of this building and its ring of ten are too well known to require description. Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were rung and a visit paid to 'Great John' in the adjoining tower.

After lunch the road was taken to Bridlington, where the non-ringers had the delights of the seaside and the ringers made good use of the beautiful eight at the Priory Church. After tea at Bridlington the road home lay over the Yorkshire Wolds which, at the present time, appear at their best.

A short halt was made at Sledmere to view the church and the two memorials, and then on to Malton, where the newly rehung eight at St. Leonard's was in readiness. Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung here during the brief stay and the homeward journey was via Easingwold and Thirsk. A most enjoyable day came to a close at about 11 p.m. W. N. P.

QUARTER PEALS

BOSTON, LINGS.—On June 11th at St. Botolph's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Thompson 1, Lorna Briggs 2, F. Dewey 3, R. Brown (cond.) 4, D. White 5, S. Jessop 6, W. E. Clarke 7, J. Patch 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, BERKS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Willis (first quarter, aged 11) 1, Audrey B. Castell (first 'inside') 2, J. R. Pease 3, J. Berry (first quarter) 4, F. C. Castell (cond.) 5, A. G. King 6. For the 90th birthday of the Very Rev. Dean Inge.

DEAL, KENT.—On June 6th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joy Milner 1, Janet Wells (first quarter) 2, W. Bottrill (cond.) 3, M. M. Milner 4, A. Rye 5, H. E. Axton 6. To mark the 25th anniversary of ordination of the Rector (the Rev. A. E. O. Anderson).

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.—On June 5th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Ling 1, Mrs. C. D. Owens 2, Miss J. R. Cooke 3, V. Owens 4, G. Dye 5, G. A. Cooke (cond.) 6, R. Lingwood tenor. Half-muffled as a token of respect to Dr. E. F. Morrison, Rector, who was interred the same day.

GRIMSBY, LINGS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Kennington 1, D. J. Cox 2, Miss G. Rusby 3, J. B. Budd 4, A. Swain 5, S. Bromfield 6, A. Pashley (cond.) 7, H. Hadwick 8.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On June 7th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss F. Clayton 1, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 2, P. D. Beedie 3, H. G. Hart 4, H. D. Butler 5, C. C. Mayne 6, R. E. W. Wenban (cond.) 7, T. R. Mayne 8.

HOLMES CHAPEL, CHESHIRE.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. McDowell (first quarter) 1, A. Campbell 2, R. Barratt 3, S. Sage (first in the method) 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, L. Copnall 6.

HUSBANDS BOSWORTH, RUGBY.—On June 8th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob Doubles, 780 Grandsire): F. Arnold (first quarter) 1, W. Hector (cond.) 2, A. Martin 3, L. Allen 4, J. W. Rawson 5.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Baker 1, C. Hill 2, H. Allberry (cond.) 3, W. Hill 4, H. Oliver 5.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On June 4th, 1,344 Granta Treble Bob Royal: N. G. Hollingworth 1, Sheila E. Harris 2, R. Joyce Pett 3, Eileen D. Farrell 4, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 5, S. Croft 6, E. Hynard 7, F. D. Bishop 8, D. J. Charnley 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. First quarter in method for all the band.

LANCASTER.—On June 4th, at St. Peter's Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Rainford 1, J. Woods 2, J. Walsley 3, R. Warden 4, A. Tomlinson 5, S. Jeffery 6, H. Rainford (first as cond.) 7, W. S. Bleasdale 8.

LANGFORD BUDVILLE, SOMERSET.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. W. Harris 1, Miss J. Tattersall 2, F. W. Slocombe (first as cond.) 3, D. T. North 4, G. Walford 5, F. Burton 6.

LINCOLN.—On June 4th at the Cathedral, 1,267 Stedman Caters: C. E. Brown 1, A. T. Lowman 2, S. A. Chambers 3, R. F. Smith 4, A. D. Cook 5, H. Lowman 6, W. Tomlinson (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, G. M. Mayer 8, H. L. Pask 9, K. W. Mayer 10.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. C. W. Powell 1, R. Keeley 2, N. Mallett 3, H. G. Keeley 4, B. Pidgeon 5, W. Yates 6, A. Scott (first of Surprise) 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—On June 4th, at Christ Church, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters: D. Pearson 1, A. A. Potts 2, W. Stevenson 3, June Henshaw 4, Anne Worth 5, G. Farrer 6, J. Worth (cond.) 7, H. Farrer 8, H. Wood 9, W. Gyles 10.

MINCHINGHAMPTON, GLOS.—On June 10th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. Newman 1, D. Chivers 2, E. Jefferies 3, F. Ponting (cond.) 4, P. Ponting 5, R. Sharp 6. First in the method and also farewell to 2nd ringer, who is joining H.M. Forces.

OSSETT, YORKS.—On June 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Bennett 1, T. Hemmingway 2, T. Duffin (cond.) 3, Miss M. Davis 4, W. Lockwood 5, D. Lockwood 6, L. Fisher 7, M. Lockwood 8. First quarter 2, 4, 5 and 6. In honour of the christening of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. L. Fisher.

OXFORD.—On June 5th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalen, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. M. Raikes 1, Miss P. M. Fullerton 2, Miss D. M. Panting 3, Miss R. M. K. How 4, K. M. Grayson 5, R. B. Meadows (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 3.

PAISLEY, SCOTLAND.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hunt 1, H. Sergeant 2, N. Sharpe, jun. 3, A. Scott 4, N. Sharpe 5, C. Bounphrey 6, J. W. R. Quinney (cond.) 7, W. C. G. Wainwright 8. For the King's birthday.

POPPIAR, LONDON.—On June 4th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: Miss O. D. G. Wade 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, W. A. Theobald 3, C. A. Hughes 4, C. W. Ottley 5, H. S. Grisdale 6, C. Finch 7, R. H. Begrie 8, J. Bullock 9, R. Deal 10. First of Stedman Caters 1 and 6.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pinfold 1, Ruth Haslem 2, G. Plimmer 3, W. B. Cartwright 4, H. W. Haslem 5, T. Elliott 6, N. J. Goodman (cond.) 7, H. J. Sumer 8.

SOUTH MARSTON, WILTS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: W. Carter 1, B. Bladon 2, T. Peake (cond.) 3, T. Stone 4, P. Anger 5, L. Woodward 6. First quarter for 4 and 6.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: J. F. Clarke (82) 1, G. V. Deacon 2, H. Kilby 3, A. Patrick 4, S. Cox 5, A. Bodycote 6, W. A. Riddington 7, J. J. Morris (cond.) 8. Rung in memory of J. Leslie Willars.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.—On June 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. Grindell 1, Miss E. H. Raynor (first quarter) 2, W. Kerrison 3, J. Thurlow 4, J. W. C. Blythe (cond.) 5, R. S. Payne 6. A golden wedding compliment to the ringer of 1 and Mrs. Grindell.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Dickens, sen. 1, J. L. Grey 2, H. Dickens, jun. 3, G. W. Anker 4, K. Smith 5, N. Eaton 6, W. G. Anker (cond.) 7, E. Thompson 8. 4, 6 and 8 covering. Half-muffled in memoriam W. H. Barber.

TOPSHAM, DEVON.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Goodman 1, J. Pym 2, R. Perry 3, W. Wills 4, J. L. Glanville (cond.) 5, W. Gibbins 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Coles on the birth of a daughter.

THEALE, BERKS.—On June 4th, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford Terble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob): G. Harmsworth (first quarter) 1, A. Diserens 2, N. J. Diserens 3, R. A. Hunt (first in two methods) 4, R. W. Rex 5, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 6.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On May 28th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Anne Holmes 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, J. Cannell (first quarter 'inside') 3, Hildegard Bird 4, R. Bird 5, A. S. Richards (cond.) 6.

WOLVERTON, BERKS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hiscock (first away from tenor) 1, Evelyn Knight 2, P. Knight 3, Helen Cane 4, D. Cane (cond.) 5, Edna Cane (first quarter) 6.

WOOD GREEN, MIDDLESEX.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. G. Kingston 1, D. H. Kingston 2, R. P. Crump 3, J. E. Crump 4, R. Newman 5, J. F. Goodall (first as cond.) 6.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 600 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): M. J. Dodd 1, J. W. Berry 2, P. E. Dodd 3, L. Pipman 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, T. Oram 6. First April Day by all the band.

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MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—No monthly evening practice will be held during July and August at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. The next practice will be held on Monday, Sept. 4th.—T. J. Lock. 7260

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Edenbridge (8), July 1st, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 7166

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, July 1st. Ringing at Cathedral and St. Giles' afternoon and evening. Service at St. Giles' 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5.—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Heddingham Road, Halstead, Essex. 7180

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Tanworth-in-Arden, July 1st. Bells (modern 8) available at 3 p.m. Trains from Moor Street to Danzey. Tea for those who notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 7198

BATH AND WELLS (Taunton Branch) and DEVON GUILD (N.E. Branch).—Joint meeting at Wellington, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea early, please.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 7210

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Strawberry tea 5.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7211

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting, Buckland, Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 7220

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Portsmouth, on Saturday, July 1st. 11 a.m., executive meeting; 2 p.m., general meeting; 5 p.m., tea, St. Mary's Institute, Fratton Road; 4.15 p.m., Service in St. Mary's Church. Bells available: Alverstoke (8), 11 a.m. till 1 p.m.; Cathedral (8) and St. Mary's (8) after tea.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 197, Chatsworth Avenue, Cosham, Portsmouth. 7224

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Norton on Saturday, July 1st. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. Shaw, 9, Maugerhay, Norton, near Sheffield.—J. E. Turley, J. W. Price Hon. Secs. 7222

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Cuckfield (8), Saturday, July 1st, 3 p.m. 7225

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting and dedication of war memorial at Cathedral, Brecon, on July 1st, at 3 p.m. Bells of St. Mary's and St. David's available 2 p.m. 7207

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, July 1st, at St. Mark's, Oldham. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service and dedication of peal board at 4.30. Cups of tea provided after service. Everybody welcome. 7267

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—By-meeting, Sydling, Thursday, July 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names by July 3rd to Mr. Newman, Sydling, Dorset, please.—Hayne, Sec., Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 7241

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Yardley Hastings, Saturday, July 8th. Names early for tea to A. Bingley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 7206

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Langham (6) on Saturday, July 8th. Bells from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Names for tea by the 4th, please. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec., c/o 54, Becke Road, Colchester. 7217

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Annual, Great Tew (8), Saturday, July 8th. Service 4. Tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 7209

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Ledbury District) and WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Western Branch).—Joint meeting, Colwall, Saturday, July 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Names by Tuesday, July 4th, important.—E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, nr. Worcester. 7229

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dorchester, Oxon, on Saturday, July 8th, at 3. Service at 4, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea by July 4th to H. Badger, Branch Sec., 38, North Street, Thame. 7221

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Sturton-le-Steeple (5), Saturday, July 8th. Lincolnshire bus from Retford 1.20 and 3.20. Railway bus 2.44 and 4.44. Try and get to first meeting at this tower. Names for tea by 3rd to Rev. A. L. Thomas, Sturton Vicarage, Retford.—H. Denman. 7218

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Holbrook, July 8th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Stutton bells after tea. Names to Edward Ellenger, Hon. Dis. Sec., 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 7223

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Churchtown, Saturday, July 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 7268

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Arlingham, July 8th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea by July 4th certain.—Larner, Chedholm, Churchdown Lane, Hucclecote, Gloucester. 7272

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Nunburnholme, Saturday, July 8th. Bells (6) at 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for all who notify before first post Wednesday, July 5th, Mr. F. Wilkinson, Holmlea, Barnby Moor, York. 7270

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Langdale (6 bells), Saturday, July 8th, 2.30 p.m. Names to F. Birkett, Braegarh, Elterwater, near Ambleside.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 7269

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting, July 8th, at Bacup, St. Saviour's. Tower open 3. Meeting in tower at 6. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 7275

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Clive (6), July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. No arrangements for tea. 7276

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Southam, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business. Names of those requiring tea to be sent by Wednesday, July 5th, without fail, to G. Rathbone, 2, The Dwellings, Welsh Road, Southam, Rugby.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 7261

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Quarterly meeting, Washfield, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to C. G. Dymond, Branch Sec., Silvertown. 7258

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Apsley (6), Saturday, July 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead, by July 5th.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7257

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting, Haslemere, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 2.30. Tea 4.30 in the school. Evensong 6 p.m. Names to E. T. Lee, Ockford Road, Godalming. 7255

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice fixed for July 8th is cancelled.—T. N. Lanaghan. 7263

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Meeting, High Littleton (6), July 8th. Service 4.30 p.m., tea following. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Ford, Greyfield, Clutton.—E. J. Chivers, Branch Sec. 7246

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Goosnargh, Saturday, July 8th. Bring own food. Whittingham bus from Preston Ribble Station.—L. Walmsley. 7238

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Brancepeth (8), July 8th, 2.30. Ringers attending please bring own refreshments.—J. T. Titt, 54, Stooperdale Avenue, Darlington. 7249

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Rotherfield (8), July 8th. Tea at Institute 5. Names to S. Russell, St. Martin's Cottage, Rotherfield.—C. A. Bassett. 7262

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, July 8th, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards at St. Margaret's, Barking.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 7271

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Croxton Kerrial, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea on Rectory Lawn 5 o'clock. Names by July 5th to Rev. F. Tetley. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Cook. 7274

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Barrow-on-Soar, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 2.30. Tea 4.30. Names by July 5th to Mr. J. Lowe, 8, Beveridge Street, Barrow-on-Soar.—C. W. Hall. 7273

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, July 8th, at East Dereham (8). Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names or numbers for tea by July 5th to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 7245

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Oxendon, Saturday, July 8th. Names for tea before July 4th to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 7242

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, Childwall, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. All names for tea to Mr. F. Almond, 138, Vale Road, Woolton.—Julia M. Preston, Branch Sec. 7244

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Thruxington, Saturday, July 8th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 4th, to Mr. F. Key, 36, Firfield Avenue, Birstall, Leics. 7254

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—East Sutton (6), July 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Meeting 4.30. Tea at Ulcombe Church Fete 5.20 (20 min. walk). East Sutton bells 7. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 7253

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 8th, Hardwicke (6 bells) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 4th to Mr. S. T. Price, 1, Bridge Cottage, High Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 7251

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Summer meeting, Handbridge St. Mary's, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than July 5th.—Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 7250

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reminder. Annual festival, Oxford, July 15th. Service 11 a.m. Meeting 12 noon. Luncheon 1.30 p.m.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 7131

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Thurcaston (8) July 15th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in King William 5. Names for tea by July 12th to F. Bindly, 30, Mill Road, Thurcaston.—J. R. Smith, Hon. Sec. 7266

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Annual meeting on Saturday, July 15th, at Carmarthen. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Number for tea by July 8th to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carmar. 7236

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Great Baddow (8), Saturday, July 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 7256

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting, Shere, July 15th. Bells 3 till 8. Service 4. Tea at Prince of Wales 5. Numbers for tea by July 13th to H. G. Arthur, Cumbria, Crest Hill, Peaslake. 7259

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Pilton, Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea by Tuesday, July 11th.—William Marsh, Dovecotes, Street. 7265

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WOOL, DORSET.—A grand fete, in aid of Holy Rood Church Tower Restoration Fund, includes handbell ringing (tunes and methods), to be held on Saturday, July 15th, at 2.30. Bells (6) available up to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome. 7252

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Five-bell festival on July 15th. Key-see bells 3. Tea 5. Little Staughton and Colmworth in evening. All ringers welcome.—Michael Stephens. 7235

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lichborough, July 15th. Names for tea by July 10th to W. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, near Buckingham. 7237

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bathford, postponed to July 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Combined ringers and patronal festival service 7.30. Tea notification essential by 12th to Mr. Cannings, Church Street, Bathford, near Bath. 7247

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting at Tenbury, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Number for teas to G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 7240

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual dinner will be held at the Old Bell, Holborn, on Saturday, October 14th. Tickets 12s. 6d. each. Applications with remittance to A. R. Ling, 136, Meadow View Road, Catford, S.E.6. 7202

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THE OUTING

THIS is the time of the year for outings, and our pages reflect impressions of these excursions. To some they are dull reading; to others they fire imagination and recall past visits, while to the host steeplekeeper and ringer there is the joy of watching strangers at the ropes and appraising their standards of efficiency. Easts meets west and north south, bringing into being the oneness of the Exercise.

The Editor was privileged last Saturday to participate in the first outing his tower had arranged since the war. It was not one of those elaborate affairs where ringers rise at the first streak of a summer dawn, but just a modest excursion involving the collecting of dust from seven English counties. But an outing does not start on the day; this one had its birth six months previously, followed by the collecting of sixpences Sunday by Sunday, thus heightening the sense of anticipation. Then came the planning of the route, the arranging of towers and the ringing master's concern that what was rung should be of credit to the tower. There were 'the neophyte campanists' (a Victorian phrase denoting beginners, shown to the Editor in one of the towers) to be considered. A place for their ringing must be found among the higher flight gentry for 'we be all of one blood.'

With the party was a South African lady on her first visit to England. There was history or romance with each succeeding mile: the glamour of Ascot racecourse, the centuries-old majesty of Windsor Castle, the crossing of old Father Thames into Eton, whose playing fields were being prepared for the annual match with Winchester, the modern industrialism at Slough, the mysterious fantasy associated with Denham studios, St. Albans High Street and passing the Roman city of Verulam to Luton, the town made famous for its old craft of plaiting straw which now takes second place to its skill in developing the internal combustion engine.

The first objective of the party was the £3,500 ring of ten by Taylor's in the heavy west tower of St. Mary's Church, Luton. Grandsire Caters, Plain Bob Royal and five courses of Stedman Caters, which brought out the true resonance of the bells, was fitted into the ringing programme. With reluctance the time table had to be kept, but prying eyes were not confined to the belfry; time was found to note the lovely arches of the Wenlock Chapel, and even the sophisticated could not fail to be impressed by the tabernacle by which the font is canopied.

Speculative eyes peered out of the coach at Elstow, the village of John Bungan, and the tinker of Bedford's wrestlings with the lure of ringing were recalled. Lunch was eaten in a cafe overlooking Bedford's busy market place. The bells of St. Paul's, Bedford, were not available, but those of St. Owen's, Bromham, were heard across the spacious parkland approach, to London, Bristol and Superlative Surprise. It is in this park that the bells can be relished in their full glory; not in the noisy ringing chamber or in the church below. The priest's chamber above the porch was noted. Bromham has known fire and tempest. There was a disastrous fire in 1907, following which the bells were recast, and the recent typhoon is still the talk of local ringers.

The rollicking ride of John Gilpen was commented upon as the coach went to the birthplace of the poet Cowper at Olney, said to possess the widest street in England. The climb up the well-worn spiral stairs to the tower surmounted by a spire brought ultimately a rich reward. Olney bells from the ringing chamber are as sweet an eight as the ear could wish for, and the peal ringers of the party longed for the privilege of recording Olney on their list. Various Surprise methods and Stedman Triples were rung. Cowper's house in the market square was found, while some of the party were searching for tea.

Churchwarden Harris was waiting for the visitors at St. Mary's, Woburn. Older than the church or the bells was the ringing literature he had brought with him for the Editor's perusal. The modern features of the church were inspected and the bells rung and enjoyed. Distant views of Woburn Abbey and later the chalk lion of Whipsnade were seen before Dunstable was reached. To greet the visitors, among whom were old friends, Mr. Sharman had forsaken the bowling green. Around the tea table he heard the veteran Alfred extol the organising ability of Mr. F. A. Munday, who had arranged the outing.

An hour's ringing on the Priory bells followed, a ring that in weight resembled the home tower. Inspected was the old bell in the Priory cast at the time of the Black Death, which, in its six centuries of life, has performed many functions ranging from the Angelus to the secular purpose of fire warnings.

The homeward journey was through some of the thickly-populated territory of the Middlesex Association, with traffic surging hither and thither. Such is modern industrial life and amid this whirl of millions the mind reverted to the tranquillity of Bromham.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 24, 1950, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 21 lb.

WILLIAM CARNWELL ... Treble	JOHN WORTH ... 7
*CHARLES S. RYLES ... 2	†NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... 8
†FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 3	*ARTHUR W. HULL ... 9
CHARLES H. PAGE ... 4	*EDWIN SHARRATT ... 10
*ARTHUR PEAKE ... 5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ... 11
*G. ARNOLD MOORE ... 6	*FREDK. W. GROCOTT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Maximus. First peal of Maximus for the Association.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., June 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF LINDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

JOHN SCOTT ... Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 6
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
JOHN PINFOLD ... 3	HENRY H. FEARN ... 8
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 4	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 9
LEONARD TREVOR ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

First peal of Lindsey Royal by all and for the Guild.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 24, 1950, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE TOWN HALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in B.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 6
FRANK BARRACLOUGH ... 2	ERNEST J. GOWER ... 7
F. RALPH WILLIAMS ... 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 8
THOMAS WILSON ... 4	HAROLD WALKER ... 9
HARRY ANDERTON ... 5	RICHARD BENSON ... Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Norman Fielding and Miss Mollie Tomlinson, daughter of the conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM CARNWELL ... Treble	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... 5
MARGARET RIGBY ... 2	ARTHUR PEAKE ... 6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 3	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 7
*J. GEOFFREY BURTON ... 4	†COLIN GOULDING ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PEAKE.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on eight bells. A first birthday compliment to Sheila, daughter of Mr. E. Roberts, leader of the local ringers.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

H. JAMES TURNER ... Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 5
HENRY H. FEARN ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD ... 6
TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 3	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

The first peal on the recast bells.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

*DENNIS KNOX ... Treble	†N. R. HOLLAND ... 5
†FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 2	WILLIAM H. CURSON ... 6
†ARTHUR PEAKE ... 3	†CHARLES H. PAGE ... 7
†J. GEOFFREY BURTON ... 4	†FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... Tenor

Composed by E. H. LEWIS. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.

* First peal. † First peal of Little Bob. ‡ 25th peal together. First peal in the method on the bells. A wedding anniversary peal to the conductor's parents.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HENRY N. VAUGHAN ... Treble	CHARLES A. BASSETT ... 5
ALBERT RELFE ... 2	MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT ... 6
HILDA OAKSHETT ... 3	ALEC E. RICHARDSON ... 7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 4	ERNEST J. LADD ... Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

CLITHEROE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., June 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.	
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	ERNEST J. GOWER ... 5
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 2	HARRY ANDERTON ... 6
JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON ... 3	VICTOR J. C. WOOD ... 7
J. PHILLIP NORMAN ... 4	*EDWARD WILKINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by VICTOR J. C. WOOD.

* First peal. First peal in method as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. Stanley Birtwell, who was inducted to the living on June 14th.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRANK V. GANT ... Treble	*COLIN E. WRIGHT ... 5
*DAVID W. BEARD ... 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 6
RICHARD W. STANNARD ... 3	HARRY TURNER ... 7
HENRY T. WILSON ... 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal in method. A thanksgiving for the septemcentenary of St. Andrew's Church.



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On Thurs., June 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Carler's Twelve-part. Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.	
*RAYMOND TAYLOR ... Treble	ERNEST FLETCHER ... 5
†DOROTHY TEMPLEMAN ... 2	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 6
SAMUEL PINDER ... 3	EDWARD F. GOBEY ... 7
HERBERT LEWIN ... 4	FRANK TARTLTON ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD F. GOBEY.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Farewell peal to Canon Harry Price, R.D., upon retirement, and a birthday compliment to conductor.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Treble	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 5
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 6
THOMAS J. LOCK ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
ALICK CUTLER ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* 150th peal. First peal in the method by all except the conductor and first for the Association.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 24, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

*SHEILA M. HOLE ... Treble	FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 5
GEORGE KENWARD ... 2	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 6
*PATRICIA SMEE ... 3	TREVOR A. CROSS ... 7
BERT N. MAY ... 4	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WM. A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MARY HOWELL ... Treble	KENNETH SNELLING ... 5
GEORGE W. CECIL ... 2	GEORGE JENNINGS ... 6
HORACE E. LILLEY ... 3	WILLIAM SLAUGHTER ... 7
CECIL NICE ... 4	RAYMOND OVERY ... Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

Rung for the 700th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

WALTER LEMON ... Treble	JAMES W. EDEN ... 5
JAMES BENNETT ... 2	JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... 6
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 3	DAVID BEVERIDGE ... 7
EDWIN BARNETT ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.

In honour of the marriage this day, at St. Mary's, Lewisham, of Mr. Richard W. Barley and Miss Edna R. L. Webb.

LONDON.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 24, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, ROCHESTER ROW,

WESTMINSTER, S.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ... Treble	ARTHUR B. WIFFEN ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	*C. MONTAGU MEYER ... 6
PEGGY G. KITCHEN ... 3	JAMES BULLOCK ... 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 4	HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WILFRED TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Triples and first in method. To mark the centenary of the church and bells, which were consecrated exactly 100 years ago on St. John-the-Baptist's Day, June 24th, 1850.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 28 lb. in F.

HARRY BAKER ... Treble	ROBERT COLLINS ... 5
EDNA M. SILLS ... 2	*WILLIAM G. COOK ... 6
*PETER CARTER ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4	THOMAS E. SONE ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 24, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

*LESLIE D. DUGUID ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 5
†NELIA M. LEAHY ... 2	TOM PAGE ... 6
MRS. E. F. SALMONS ... 3	FREDK. W. ROGERS ... 7
†CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Painswick.

RAINFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 24, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Hubbard's Ten-part.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*PETER ASHCROFT ... Treble	WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND ... 5
*HARRY BLACKBURN ... 2	HENRY GRUNDY ... 6
†A. R. POCKLINGTON ... 3	CHARLES BLACKBURN ... 7
*WILFRED RILEY ... 4	†THOMAS SINGLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES BLACKBURN.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. First peal on eight as conductor. First peal of Plain Bob Triples by all the band and believed to be first peal of Bob Triples on the bells.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 24, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*MARY DREW ... Treble	*WILLIAM RICHINGS ... 5
GEORGE CASE ... 2	FREDERICK OAKHILL ... 6
CHARLES ROUSE ... 3	†ALBERT GILLINGS ... 7
ERNEST PALMER ... 4	LESLIE BARRY ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Major. † First peal.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Mon., June 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

ARTHUR FIRTH ... Treble	JOHN E. TURLEY ... 5
GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 2	G. GORDON GRAHAM ... 6
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 7
ARNOLD HILL ... 4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

First peal in the method as conductor.

HAVANT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Transposition.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*MARGARET D. PILCHER Treble	JOHN H. HUNT ... 5
E. JOAN SALMONS ... 2	JOHN W. MEADE ... 6
ERNEST TREAGUS ... 3	FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 7
*MAURICE HELPS ... 4	HAROLD A. NOBES ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.

* First peal in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ALWALTON, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM H. OLDFIELD...Treble	EILEEN MOUNFIELD ... 3
DAVID PETERS ... 2	HERBERT GOAKES ... 4
FRANCIS H. NEWMAN...Tenor	

Conducted by FRANCIS H. NEWMAN.

Rung in honour of Queen Mary's 83rd birthday.

KIDSGROVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Plain Bob and two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb.

ERIC NIXON ...Treble	RONALD BARLOW ... 4
*GEOFFREY C. BEECH ... 2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 5
†JOSEPH HANCOCK ... 3	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... Tenor

Conducted by NEVILLE R. HOLLAND.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.' Rung in honour of Queen Mary's birthday.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON ...Treble	GEORGE PICKERING ... 4
R. C. TIPLER ... 2	WILLIAM A. WOODS ... 5
E. CHARLES TURNER ... 3	JOSEPH TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH TAYLOR.

Rung for the 22nd anniversary of the dedication of the bells and also for the 32nd anniversary of the wedding of the ringer of third.

BURGHFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES E. HARMSWORTH Treble	MARK WISE ... 4
MISS E. CHANDLER ... 2	ROBERT ABERY ... 5
WILLIAM JOHNSON ... 3	SIDNEY ALLEN ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT ABERY.

First peal by all the band. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. G. Burgess.

CROSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDK. WATSON ...Treble	ERNEST MORRIS ... 4
R. C. TIPLER ... 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 5
GEORGE PICKERING ... 3	JOSEPH TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH TAYLOR.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob and one 720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. in E flat.

*SIDNEY J. WOODCOCK...Treble	†GEORGE W. MASSEY ... 4
†BARBARA M. HARRIS ... 2	†THOMAS G. MILLER ... 5
JOHN HILL ... 3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT... Tenor

Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

* First peal. † First peal in five methods. ‡ First peal of Minor on tower bells. A 7th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th (Mr. Miller) and a first birthday compliment to the son of Mr. G. W. Massey.

NORTHENDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different callings.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*HERBERT BARLOW ...Treble	†ALEC CAIRNS ... 4
†JOSEPH MELLOR ... 2	*ALFRED BARRATT ... 5
*FRANK BRICKILL, JUN... 3	RICHARD BENSON ... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD BENSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung as a hundredth birthday compliment to Miss Hannah Smith.

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., June 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 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 9½ cwt.

*G. EDWARD BRUMPTON...Treble	JACK BRAY ... 4
†RONALD CHAFER ... 2	HARRY HALL ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 3	PHILIP BARNES ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

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

STOULTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., June 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

CYRIL TANSELL ... Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4
WM. H. A. COMPTON ... 2	JOHN THOMAS ... 5
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

In memoriam Jim Hill (Worcester Cathedral Guild), interred this day, aged 82.

CLAPHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 5½ cwt.

HARRY SMITH ...Treble	*ROBERT PIRON ... 4
J. MICHAEL STEPHENS ... 2	SYDNEY FOSKETT ... 5
CHRIS. G. WOODHEAD ... 3	CLIFFORD W. IZZARD ... Tenor

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 21, 1950, 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 13 cwt.

*BETTY LAWRENCE ...Treble	ALBERT CARTER ... 4
*WILLIAM TOWNSEND... 2	DONALD PRICE ... 5
ARTHUR PHILLIPS ... 3	SIDNEY F. CARTER ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER.

* First peal. Ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 6 are relatives of the band that rang in the first peal on the bells 53 years ago.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Double Court, Plain Bob, Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 gr. 11 lb.

GEORGE S. COLLISHAW Treble	LEONARD P. WILSON ... 4
JOHN E. ALLEN ... 2	BERNARD H. DALTON ... 5
*ROY S. WILSON ... 3	CYRIL WANDER ... Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

* First peal in seven methods. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Wilson.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

SIDNEY MARSHALL	...Treble	VINCENT R. OVENS	... 4
ALBERT W. BARBER	... 2	BERT GOGLE	... 5
GEORGE LOVE	... 3	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	... Tenor

Conducted by F. CHARLES GOODMAN.

A tenth wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. V. Ovens.

BURITON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN H. HUNT	...Treble	†A. GORDON LEAHY	... 4
*BLANCHE M. BALL	... 2	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	5
BRYAN C. STIRLAND	... 3	MAURICE HELPS	... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Lancaster Branch.)

On Sat., June 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY SCHOFIELD	...Treble	HERBERT PALMER	... 4
†DOROTHY SCHOFIELD	... 2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	5
†FREDERICK SCHOFIELD	... 3	ALAN W. CASSON	... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

CASTLE EATON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Plain Bob and two each of Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

BRIAN BLADON	...Treble	*ARTHUR R. P. PEAKE	... 4
*BERYL J. STRANGE	... 2	PETER ANGER	... 5
*BERNICE M. STRANGE	... 3	*WILLIAM A. T. CARTER	... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. T. CARTER.

* First peal in three methods. First peal of Minor as conductor.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, C.C.C. Nos. 58, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68 and 69.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G.

*JOYCE GIBBONS	...Treble	*DAVID E. PARSONS	... 4
*JOYCE A. ENGLAND	... 2	†JOHN HILL	... 5
LEONARD A. TIDY	... 3	†FRANK E. DARBY	... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

* First peal on six bells. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. First peal on the bells since restoration.

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THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern District.)

On Sat., June 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRONACH, KILBRONEY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Pontefract Delight, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 lb.

*ROY SMYTH	...Treble	†JOHN T. DUNWOODY	... 4
†WILLIAM PRATT	... 2	†FRED E. DUKES	... 5
†JAMES EDGAR	... 3	†HARRY BROWN	... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in six methods. ‡ First peal in six Minor methods. 25th peal as conductor and first peal in six methods. First peal in six Minor methods in Ireland. First peal on the bells since they were installed in 1880. Rung half-muffled in memoriam James Cunningham, J.P., a member of the local band and former president of the Association.

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BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

*On Thurs., June 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
IN THE CHANCEL OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 12 in F.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6
ALAN CATTELL ... 3-4	ALAN HOUGH ... 7-8

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by ALAN HOUGH.

Rung on the conductor's 19th birthday, and his first peal 'in hand.'

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thurs., June 15, 1950, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
IN ST. PETER'S BELFRY,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor size 12 in F.
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW... 1-2 | FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT 3-4

*ROBERT A. FARDON ... 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

*First peal 'in hand.' A birthday compliment to F. W. Grocott, sen.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

*On Fri., June 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
IN ST. MARTIN'S RINGING CHAMBER,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor size 16 in B.

FRANK E. HAYNES ... 1-2	ALBERT WALKER ... 7-8
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 3-4	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 9-10
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 5-6	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., June 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor size 18 in G.

HARRY POYNER ... 1-2	JILL POOLE ... 7-8
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3-4	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 9-10
ALFRED BALLARD ... 5-6	TERENCE A. THORNER ... 11-12

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

JAMES E. DANIELS ... 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	MICHAEL J. E. BEST... 7-8
ALBERT H. WARD ... 9-10	

Composed by W. R. SMITH. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

A 21st birthday compliment to June Daniels, sister of James E. Daniels.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., June 22, 1950, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

AT 13, PEVERIL ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 16 in B.

BARRY COPE ... 1-2	WILFRED L. ROBINSON ... 3-4
GORDON C. BRIGGS... 5-6	

Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT 68, NEWFIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11 in G.

*MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 1-2	*FRANK E. PERVIN ... 5-6
†HUBERT E. ASHLEY ... 3-4	†H. ERNEST SIBLEY ... 7-8
†C. HENRY WEBB ... 9-10	

Composed by C. ROBERTS. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

*First peal of Bob Royal 'in hand.' †First peal of Bob Royal.

First peal of Bob Royal on handbells for the Guild. A 15th birthday

peal for Margaret E. L. Beamish.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT 13, PEVERIL ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.

WILFRED L. ROBINSON ... 1-2	GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 5-6
G. GORDON GRAHAM ... 3-4	BARRY COPE ... 7-8

Composed by JOHN HOWES. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

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The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

A Beginner's First Experience with Strange Bells

I had been ringing about six months when my teacher decided it was time for me to try my hand at ringing at another church. There were three other 'tenderfeet,' two girls and a boy. We met at the arranged time to walk to the church together.

There we were, the four of us, all talking at once, about meaningless things, but this chatter was just a cloak to cover our nervousness. Twice I tried to draw myself out of this talking because I felt myself getting hoarse with the unnatural task of speaking very loudly to make myself heard (and this was difficult since that was the aim of the other three also), but I couldn't. In fairness, I must say that the boy, Terry, wasn't providing so much of the noise at first—he even declined to walk with such noisy females!—but before we were half-way there he was talking as much as the rest of us.

Nearing the church, we saw our trainer, Mr. Tyler, waiting for us. We ran the last few yards to meet him, and jokingly we explained that we'd come to tell him we'd changed our minds about coming! Only then, for the first time, did we openly admit how scared we were. I, for one, felt a little better when I'd said that.

Mr. Tyler then took us into the bell chamber, where some of the church's own ringers were already assembled. Immediately they roped in two of our number to help pull six bells up in peal. None of us really wanted to, but after much argument it was decided that Terry and the eldest girl, Shirley, should try. And they did very well, coming back to June and I telling us how easy it was to pull these bells.

There were ten bells altogether, and when enough other ringers (I hope I'm not being too presumptuous in classing us learners as 'ringers') were there we rang rounds and Queens—'to get them used to the bells,' as one man put it. Waiting to start, I felt I wanted to run away, then I told myself scornfully, 'Don't be an idiot; you know how long you've looked forward to coming here.' When the call came, 'Treble's going!' I felt, 'Now for it,' and gripped the sally firmly.

There! They were gone—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. Why, it was easy! Yes, they were lovely bells, clear and true, better than ours, I disloyally thought.

The call came to ring Queens and, my bell being the second, it was my job to wait for the ninth. I felt rather foolish when I didn't (or couldn't) wait quite long enough, but there was a friendly voice nearby which told me what to do.

All the men were pleasant and friendly. I think that is a characteristic of bellringers. I sincerely hope so, since I am looking forward to Mr. Tyler taking us to visit other belfries, and it puts a learner at ease to be genuinely welcomed.

We all (the learners) took our turn at Stedman Triples with someone to stand by us as we weren't very sure of the method. Mr. Tyler told us afterwards that we didn't disgrace him.

Later we had some call changes and after that we younger ones left, leaving the experienced ones to ring some method far beyond us; to us, Kent Treble Bob was only a name, but one day—who knows—we may be able to class ourselves as 'experienced ones' with the bell rope.

MONICA WALKER.

WEST HILL, WANDSWORTH, LONDON.—On June 4th, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. M. Page 1, H. R. Newton 2, Miss Joyce England 3, M. V. Cillcott 4, A. W. J. Appleton 5, J. E. Chilcott 6, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 7, H. Belcher 8.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

—On June 18th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. E. Cheesman 1, G. Smerdon 2, M. F. Layton 3, P. R. Layton 4, H. J. J. Smerdon 5, N. Hobden 6, D. N. Layton (cond.) 7, A. J. Adams 8. First quarter in method for 2 and 3. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

BARNET, HERTS.—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Crossley 1, J. E. Bonney (cond.) 2, E. W. Marshall 3, R. H. Lewis 4, D. C. Baven 5, G. Herbert 6, C. H. King 7, J. W. Langley 8. Rung in honour of the wedding and coming of age of Miss M. Baker. First quarter 'inside' for 4 and 5.

BICKER, Lincs.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Randall 1, N. B. Fovargue 2, G. R. Dawson 3, J. P. Morris 4, W. B. Dawson 5, C. Wander (cond.) 6, A. H. Bennett 7, R. Howard 8.

BLACKWELL, DERBYS.—On June 18th, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob): P. Eastman 1, B. R. Richards 2, A. Smithson 3, A. Tomlinson 4, F. Bradley (cond.) 5, A. Wheeler 6. Rung for the festival of St. Werburgh.

BRISTOL.—On June 11th, at the Church of St. Ambrose, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Davis 1, R. G. Hooper (cond.) 2, Ann Clarke 3, F. Skidmore 4, N. Denson 5, Miriam Jones 6, V. E. Lucas 7, G. Elliott 8. A 16th birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth, also a welcome to the conductor, just returned from National Service overseas.

BURGHCLERE, HANTS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Dodd 1, F. Goslin 2, M. J. Goss (first quarter) 3, P. E. Dodd 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, S. A. Dann (first quarter) 6.

CARMARTHEN.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. J. Curtis (first quarter) 1, C. C. Jones 2, T. Owen 3, W. L. Williams 4, D. J. Curtis (cond.) 5, T. Mayhook 6. For the visit of the new Bishop of St. David's.

COUND, SHROPSHIRE.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss K. S. Baring-Rees (first quarter) 1, E. Hill 2, A. E. G. Owen 3, R. F. Davies 4, C. E. Edwards (cond.) 5, E. W. Colley 6.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On June 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: I. Campbell (first quarter) 1, D. Blows 2, Miss D. Fleetwood 3, Miss J. Hills (first away from treble) 4, J. Fleetwood 5, J. Armstrong 6, C. E. Wright 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

DOWNE, KENT.—On June 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Holmes 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, J. Cannell 3, R. Bird 4, Hildegard Bird 5, A. S. Richards (cond.) 6.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. Mary on June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Churchill 1, W. T. Cook 2, H. J. Eldred 3, P. E. Clark 4, A. Harding 5, A. M. Stacey (cond.) 6, T. Davies 7, F. Miller 8.

EBBW VALE, MON.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Audrey Stephens (15) 1, Alan Evans (14) 2, Brian Werry (15) 3, R. Alsop 4, T. Stephens 5, R. Stephens 6, J. Alsop (cond.) 7, J. Jaynes 8. First quarter 1 and 3. First in method 2. For Civic Sunday.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At St. Martin's on June 18th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Babara Pottinger 1, E. Coward 2, E. J. Lindley (first Caters as cond.) 3, J. Hoyle 4, J. Hill 5, R. Spittle 6, C. W. Munday 7, R. Bird 8, A. Harman 9, J. E. Beams 10. First of Caters for 1, 6 and 10.

GLOUCESTER.—At St. Mary de Crypt, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Williams (cond.) 1, Miss J. Evans (first of Stedman) 2, T. Newman 3, W. Cox 4, W. Jones 5, G. Case 6, L. Barry 7, C. Lerner 8.

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Audrey I. Fagg (15) 1, F. W. Lawrence 2, Janet Wells 3, G. Rye 4, P. A. Rye (cond.) 5, E. Axon 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

QUARTER PEALS

HARROW WEALD,

MIDDLESEX.—On June 11th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. O. C. Mayne 1, P. D. Beedie 2, H. G. Hart 3, H. D. Butler 4, J. R. Mayne 5, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to the ringer of 4.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Chittenden (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Gorringe 2, Miss F. Wood 3, S. G. Waters 4, A. H. Kemp 5, G. Billenness (cond.) 6, L. T. Pope 7, W. Gorringe 8.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On May 31st, at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. F. Pryor 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, W. P. Blake 3, R. Newman 4, F. A. Barber 5, A. F. Warren 6, R. H. Begrie 7, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 8. For the birth of a grandson to Mr. R. Newman.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' on June 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. S. Peacock 1, J. E. Witney (first 'inside') 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, G. L. Perkins 4, A. Clements 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On June 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Peters (cond.) 1, J. Williams (first 'inside') 2, A. H. Smith 3, A. H. Winch 4, H. V. Young 5, G. Marriner 6, W. Newberry 7, B. Hawkins 8.

LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDS.—On June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. J. Harris (cond.) 1, G. H. Harris 2, P. Gledstone (Sheffield) 3, A. Edwards (Usk) 4, B. Pateman 5, E. Winstanley 6. An 86th birthday compliment to Mr. R. Pateman, also for the enthronement of the Bishop.

LLANELLY, CARM.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Parmenter (first quarter) 1, L. Hurren 2, E. P. Sage (Burry Port) 3, C. H. Hawkins (cond.) 4, D. Ballantine 5, J. C. Hurren 6. A welcome to the Bishop of St. David's.

LONDON.—On June 11th, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. M. Page 1, A. Appleton 2, H. Belcher 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, P. A. Chalk 5, D. Parsons 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, C. M. Meyer 8.

LONDON.—On June 18th, at Southwark Cathedral, 1,231 Grandsire Cinques: A. W. J. Appleton 1, H. Belcher 2, Miss J. England 3, Mrs. R. F. Deal 4, T. G. Fox 5, H. Langdon 6, R. W. Green 7, M. V. Chilcott 8, P. A. Chalk 9, D. E. Parson 10, J. Phillips (cond.) 11, R. F. Deal 12.

LONDONDERY, N. IRELAND.—On June 18th, 1,500 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss E. Carey (first quarter) 1, Miss L. Hughes 2, J. J. Fielding (cond.) 3, W. Young 4, J. Campbell 5, D. Dunseith 6. Longest length for all except 3 and 5. A birthday compliment to Joan McKinlay.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On June 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. S. Hawker 1, E. C. Tett (first in the method away from tenor) 2, G. S. Morris 3, Rev. C. C. Cox (cond.) 4, J. Morris 5, R. Keeley 6, C. W. Powell 7, H. G. Keeley 8. For the feast of St. Barnabas, and as a farewell to E. C. Tett on his leaving the parish.

OXFORD.—On June 11th, at the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Susan M. Brown 1, M. Elizabeth Roe 2, Brigid M. Rose (first quarter) 3, Kathleen Higgins 4, K. M. Grayson (cond.) 5, R. B. Meadows 6.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. John's Church on June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. French 1, S. Wright 2, W. Rose (cond.) 3, C. Woods 4, F. Warrington 5, L. Hadman 6, G. Bush 7, W. Barker 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. H. Waldron.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincs.—On June 18th, 1,440 Single Court Bob Minor: Irene Marrows 1, J. W. Haw 2, D. A. Frith 3, H. P. Collin 4, W. Weston 5, J. H. Musson (cond.) 6. First in the method by all.

UPAVON, WILTS.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Giddings 1, S. Grant (cond.) 2, W. Mortimer 3, G. Vines 4, G. Buckland 5, J. Keddie 6. Rung for Confirmation service.

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On July 15th, the Arch-
bishop of York is dedicat-
ing the six bells of St.
Peter's, Hutton Cranswick, Yorks. As far
back as the early 1930's the Vicar (the Rev.
G. Stoner) wanted the bells renewing. Over
£1,300 has been raised to meet the cost. The
treble, the gift of the Sunday School, is given
as a thankoffering for the preservation of the
parish church from enemy action and in
memory of two scholars who with their parents
lost their lives on March 18th-19th, 1941. On
that night eight landmines were dropped on
the parish, but only three exploded. The fifth
is the farmers' bell.

Mr. Frank E. Darby has rung peals of Cam-
bridge from Minor to Maximus.

Morpeth, Northumberland, is holding a
carnival week in August with the object of
raising £2,000 for renovating Morpeth Clock
Tower and the restoration of the bells.

First quarter on the augmented bells of
Slough was rung on June 28th, the occasion
being a Confirmation by the Bishop of Oxford;
1,259 Grandsire Caters were rung by A. D.
Rivers 1, F. H. Hicks 2, W. F. Butler 3, W. E.
Judd 4, G. Gilbert 5, F. V. Sinkins 6, Miss F.
Murrett 7, E. L. A. Hudson 8, W. Birmingham
(cond.) 9, E. H. Preston 10. First of Caters
1, 3, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Henry Taysom, the fourteen-year-old son of
Mr. G. W. Taysom, has rung his first peal on
the new bells at Paul, near Penzance. He
rang faultlessly, and his father must be proud
that his son has his interest in ringing. Mr.
Geoffrey Taysom went to Cornwall nearly 20
years ago, and now rings at Madron and
Gulval; he learnt his ringing in Herefordshire
and was at one time a member of the Hereford
Cathedral band, and his experience has been
of much help to Cornish ringing.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Richard W. Barley,
grandson of Harry War-
nett, sen., was married at
Lewisham on June 24th. Mr. Warnett, now
in his 88th year, was for many years leader
of the ringers at Lewisham. It was not pos-
sible for the bells to be rung for the wedding
as they are at present dismantled prior to re-
hanging. A commemorative peal was, how-
ever, rung at Crayford, conducted by another
senior member of Lewisham band, Mr. James
Bennett, who is in the select company of those
who have rung over a thousand peals and a
peal on each of the 366 dates of the year.

With the peal at Macclesfield on June 24th,
Messrs. A. W. Hall and A. Peake have rung
peals of Kent Treble Bob from Minor to
Maximus.

We regret to hear that the Rev. R. F. R.
Routh, Vicar of St. Ambrose's, Bournemouth,
is seriously ill. He was recently appointed a
Canon of Winchester.

The 80th birthday of Mr. O. W. Porter,
secretary of the Shiplake-on-Thames band, was
commemorated by 1,260 Grandsire Triples on
June 25th by M. J. Menin (first quarter) 1,
E. H. Smith 2, J. W. Cork 3, W. Wicks 4, A.
Street 5, P. Aldridge 6, N. E. Tanner (cond.)
7, A. Shepherd 8.

Consequent upon the damage to the spire of
St. John the Divine's, Leicester, by the gale
on February 11th, it has been condemned as
unsafe and is now in the process of demolition.
The tower will be roofed in to afford protec-
tion to the bells, the work being estimated to
cost £1,100. An appeal to ringers is made by
the priest-in-charge, the Rev. Gordon Strutt,
to assist in raising the funds. Incidentally,
the last peal was rung on the bells during the
afternoon before the night of the gale, being
conducted by Mr. Terry Thornber.

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S.P.A.B. HEAR ABOUT BELLS AND TOWERS

Lectures by Mr. E. H. Lewis and Mr. A. A. Hughes Old Bells and Tuning Difficulties Tower Oscillation and Treatment Some Notable Examples

TWO of the leading personalities in the Exercise, Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, and Mr. A. A. Hughes, hon. treasurer, had the privilege of addressing the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, at their headquarters in Great Ormond Street, London, on June 5th.

The lecture was illustrated with lantern slides, showing mediæval bells and the casting of modern bells.

Mr. A. A. Hughes said the first bells were cast in Eastern countries ages before those in Europe. The first bell was cast in Europe in the seventh century, and the first bell brought into these islands by Christian missionaries was made of hammered iron sheets cut on a truncated wedge shape, and then riveted up.

A specimen of these early bells was preserved at Dumbarton, which was at least 1,100 years old. The larger cast bells, with which they were more familiar, came in with the Saxon period, and according to Bede, at the death of the Abbess Hilda, the great bell was tolled and heard 13 miles away.

Most of them had probably heard of the bells at Croyland Abbey. They were put up in the latter part of the tenth century and were supposed to be seven, but no one could prove it, as they were destroyed by fire in 1060.

Mr. Hughes mentioned the 13th century bells at Caversfield and also another at Cloughton, Lancs, which was dated 1296. These were very much like a sugar loaf in shape with enormous canons and perfectly flat edge.

IMPORTANCE OF SHAPE.

After explaining the method of casting a bell, Mr. Hughes said the metal used to-day was copper and tin, roughly sixteen parts copper to five parts tin. Contrary to general belief, the metal was not the most important part of the craft. It was the casting of the right shape of the bell. He did not want them to think because in these later times when the theoretical side had been studied to great length, and the founder had been able to produce a bell with all its harmonics dead in tune, that all the old bells were worthless and should be scrapped. There were many of these old bells which, although theoretically wrong in harmonics, were very pleasant to hear. An example was the peal at St. Lawrence Jewry, cast in 1678. There was not one bell theoretically correct, yet they were a glorious ring of eight.

On the subject of bell frames, Mr. Hughes said in the olden days timber, mostly oak or chestnut, was used. To-day frames were in iron and steel, and for the first time reinforced concrete was to be used on the heavy ring of twelve at Liverpool Cathedral. There was a good deal of difference of opinion as to whether timber or metal should be used in making bell frames. He had been asked, 'Surely you can tell the difference when the bells are hung in a metal or wooden frame?' 'I would not like my life to depend on the answer,' was Mr. Hughes' comment.

The difficulty about timber was to get it sufficiently seasoned. Oak could only be purchased to-day in a pretty green state, and oak needed for a bell frame should be cut into planks for eight years before being fitted for usage.

Much of the trouble with timber frames was due to the beams built into the masonry, with the result that the moisture from the masonry set up decay. It was essential that a bronze shoe should be bolted on the ends of the timber being placed against a wall. The great advantage of the metal frame was that

they were perfectly rigid, and also a frame would last for centuries provided it was painted regularly.

CANONS SHOULD BE PRESERVED.

Another thing was the canons of the bells. In the olden times, the only way to attach the bell was by means of canons. He thought, generally speaking, that ancient canons on bells should be preserved.

A further point on which discussion took place was the retuning of old bells. They were not designed to give the harmonics of bells of to-day. An old bell could only be retuned at the sacrifice of the general tone and quality of the bell. Each bell should be carefully analysed and treated on its merits, and nothing should be done to interfere with the character and pleasure of its tone.

Mr. E. H. Lewis said his interest in mechanics—the reaction between bells and towers—really started from their Society some 36 years ago, following a letter in 'The Cambridge Daily News' which led him to investigate the various forces when bells were rung.

Roughly speaking, they got a vertical force when the bell was at the lowest point four times the weight of the bell. The maximum horizontal force had been known for many years—he believed it was in 1850 or thereabouts—but he did not think anybody had worried about how the force gradually developed.

The maximum horizontal force was when the bell was at 120 degrees. It struck him that it was more important to know what time this force occurred. The maximum force occurred at quarter second intervals. It was of the utmost importance that the frame should be as rigid as possible, and attached to the tower in such a way that it was part of the tower. He was asked to help Mr. John Taylor, of Loughborough, to calculate the forces of the bells on a tower. We had, at that time, a French instrument known as a 'trepidometer', which recorded vibrations, and they took it round to several towers.

'DAMAGE TO THE RINGER.'

The movement of the tower was serious in two ways. In the first place it was a great disadvantage to ringers, because if they were trying to get accurate ringing they must have complete control of the bell when they came on the balance, and if the tower lurched, the bell either went backward or forward. This was very bad for the ringer as it pulled him to pieces. It was not a question of damage to the tower, but of damage to the ringer, but it might also cause damage to the tower.

A reasonably well-built tower acted as an elastic body. If there were settlement cracks, or cracks started for some other reason, and the tower started to move, force lines were created and the cracks started to creep. Only recently he had an example of this in Cheshire, where in the eastern and western walls there were vertical splits so that one could put a hand into the cracks. He imagined these cracks started as the tower was built on a bed of clay on sandstone, but he felt quite sure that the cracks had been increased because two of the bells were swinging the weak way of the tower.

There were various ways of reducing the movement of the tower. In the first place the bells should be hung to swing against the stiffest way of the tower, and by studying a section of the tower, this could quite easily be determined. The movement could also be reduced by arranging the ropes on the right side of the walls.

LOWERING BELLS.

Another thing was the lowering of the bells down the tower, because the movement of the tower at the point where the bells hung varied as the cube from the height from the ground. Mr. Lewis cited Christ Church, Macclesfield, a tower without any buttresses, which had a rather heavy ring, 80ft. from the ground. When he was called in, it was almost impossible to ring the bells. The bells were lowered 30ft., and it was now a good tower and a number of successful peals had been rung there. Another thing in the case of a heavy ring was to reduce the horizontal force by applying 'tucking up' the headstocks. By 'tucking up' a 16 cwt. bell six inches, the horizontal force could be reduced considerably.

Mr. Lewis continued that he wanted to say a word or two about two other towers. At South Weald was a delightful early brick tower which had support in the east and west walls. To cure the oscillation a concrete girder was put in half-way round the walls with two cross girders. On that was put the bell frame and the bells were made to swing east to west.

St. Benet's, Cambridge, was another tower. In 1332 the bellringers of England subscribed about £450 to have these bells rehung in memory of Fabian Stedman, who was supposed to be born in Cambridge. The tower was not in good order; and a concrete girder was put round the floor of the intermediate chamber.

Boston 'Stump' was repaired with funds from Boston, U.S.A. There it was impossible to drop the bells because Sir Gilbert had put on a vault. The ringers had to stand round this vault; there was no ventilation and the light was by candles. Only one peal had been rung there in 21 years. The old eight were Belgian bells and they were recast into a ring of ten. Instead of dropping the bells he suggested they should be raised. As a result they were raised 8ft., which allowed for a sound insulating floor. There was a difficulty, however, as by raising they came into the thin part of the tower. To remedy this he suggested concrete pillars to carry a concrete platform. This was satisfactorily done.

Mr. J. E. MacGregor, who presided, thanked the speakers.

AN 800th ANNIVERSARY AT DUNDEE

To mark the 800th anniversary of the foundation of the Diocese of Brechin and the Episcopal Church, celebrations were held at Dundee on June 24th. St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, is the nearest change ringing centre, and a band mostly from this Cathedral made the 90-mile journey to ring a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, the Cathedral of the Brechin Diocese.

The band also rang fairly long touches of Stedman and three courses of Kent Treble Bob at the Old Steeple, which belongs to the Corporation.

The church adjoining the tower is divided, and is used simultaneously by three different congregations. The bells of both towers are on ball bearings, but the going order is not perfect. All the bells seem to be very deeply set, so much so that one or two are rather difficult to pull off.

At the Old Steeple the ringers are paid by the Corporation to ring call changes, and this tends to draw away ringers from St. Paul's, whose ringers incidentally would like to take up change ringing. At present Dundee is the most northerly place in the country where bells are rung, the bells at Inverness being chimed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A QUESTION OF FEES

Dear Sir,—Just recently a young lady belonging to a village a few miles from here and a regular worshipper at the church was about to be married, and expressed a wish to have the bells rung for the occasion, but, alas, there were no local ringers.

The young lady, knowing my daughter, made enquiries as to whether I could take a band over, providing the Vicar was agreeable to the procedure. The Vicar was quite in favour, especially as the day coincided with the patronal festival, and he thought it would be grand for the village bells to ring out for the dual purpose. In consequence I took over a band and at the request of the bride-to-be arranged to accept a fee such as we should get for ringing for a wedding at our own church, i.e., 7s. 6d. each.

Having completed our task to the satisfaction of all concerned and received profuse thanks from the Vicar for ringing a quarter peal for his patronal festival evensong, I very politely asked him as to whom I should contact regarding our wedding fees. His reply was that I must see the bride or her people about that as he had nothing to do with the payment of the ringers.

I then informed him that I had been given to understand that the fee had already been paid to him by the bride, whereupon he advised me that *all* he had received was £3 3s., that was 10s. 6d. per bell 'for the use of the bells,' and any payment to the ringers was another matter altogether, and those concerned must make their own arrangements about that.

Does any incumbent or ringer know any other church where such circumstances prevail regarding ringing fees? It's a new one on me after 45 years a ringer.—Yours faithfully,
V. A. JARRETT.

Chatham.

HUBBARD'S 'CAMPANALOGIA'

Dear Sir,—There were five editions of this work—1845, 1854, 1864, 1868 and 1876. The 1864 was called 'revised' and was apparently ignored, as the 1876 one was called 'fourth.' I have a copy of the 1845. It runs to 114 pages and the lines by S. Nobbs do not appear.

This Stephen Nobbs was a ringer and a printer at Loddon, 10 miles from Norwich, and the title page of the 1876 edition bears his name, together with 'Fletcher and Son, Norwich,' as the publishers. I have often wondered if Messrs. John Warner and Sons had anything to do with 'backing' this 1876 edition. The four pages of advertisements at the end are all absorbed by them as in Banister's work, and mentioned by Mr. Hazelden. They also advertised, about that time, other ringing literature, some of which, I remember, was by S. B. Goslin, one of their staff.

An informative article on these Hubbard books, written by the late J. A. Trollope, appeared in your issue of January 8th, 1926.

CHARLES E. BORRETT.

Sheringham, Norfolk.

Dear Sir,—Referring to Mr. John F. Grove's letter in 'Ringing World' of June 23rd, I too have a copy of the above printed in 1864, in perfect condition, by J. Fletcher, Market Place, Norwich. I purchased it at an antique shop here, in Newport in August, 1942.—Yours truly,
J. W. JONES.

Newport, Mon.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On June 20th, at St. Andrew's, 1,256 Little Bob Major: S. Meadows 1, Miss D. Fleetwood 2, J. Carrott 3, D. W. Beard 4, C. E. Wright 5, A. Salisbury 6, R. Chapman 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 3, 4 and 7. Rung for the anniversary service in connection with the septemcentenary celebrations.

CHIMING APPARATUS

Dear Sir,—The Ellacombe chiming apparatus, while being a very useful thing in towers which are too weak to stand the strain of swinging bells, can be a highly dangerous piece of mechanism when attached to a ring. In a number of places where the ringing chamber is some way up the tower, we find the chiming apparatus fixed in the church below, enabling the verger or perhaps the incumbent himself to chime a few minutes before any special week-day service without having to mount the steps to the ringing chamber. In such cases it is an easy matter for any person to pull one of the chiming cords while the bells are being run and do untold damage.

It may be the ringers are attempting a peal or for some other reason have locked the tower door; someone, possibly the Vicar, wishes to get in touch with the ringers and, finding the door locked, he pulls one of the chiming cords, thinking to attract the attention of the ringers above, knowing not of the damage that might ensue. However, this has the desired effect, though not quite in the way he had anticipated.

In such cases a spring hook and ring should be fitted to each of the chiming cords where they pass through the ringing chamber, and the cords should be detached before the bells are rung. This would not take many seconds and would ensure safety.

At my own parish church, where there is an old Rudhall six and a call-change band, a large piece of metal was knocked out of the lip of the second bell a few years ago by someone pulling the chiming rope in the church below while the bells were being rung. Chiming hammers are always a source of danger in any tower.

At my own tower in an adjoining parish, where we have a good ring of eight (a new job), we had one of the hammers knocked off only a couple of weeks ago, and this happened in a very simple way.

On the Sunday evening I thought I would have an evening off. It so happened that seven ringers turned up, they raised the eight bells and then rang seven, leaving the 2nd out. They lowered the bells and left the tower, forgetting about the 2nd, and this bell was left up all the week.

On the following Sunday morning the verger came to chime, he put the apparatus in gear and then proceeded to fasten the bell ropes in their clips. While doing this he pulled the 2nd off and the bell swung round, knocking the hammer flying. Luckily the bell was undamaged, though it strained some of the ringing fittings, but I will not trouble you with details.

It only goes to show that too much care cannot be taken where chiming hammers are concerned.—Yours faithfully,

E. V. RODENHURST.

Whitchurch, Shropshire.

SOME APPLETON RECORDS

Dear Sir,—Your paragraph in Belfry Gossip, 'Ringing World,' May 12th, and Mr. S. H. Symonds' letter, 'Ringing World,' June 23rd, regarding the ringing of 100 peals in Dartford and Lavenham towers by Mr. John Wheadon and Mr. A. Symonds, respectively, prompts me to point out that Mr. Richard White and Mr. Fred White have rung the 9th and tenor in 111 peals together at Appleton. Mr. Richard White has rung over 200 peals at Appleton, and although I have no records, I believe other Appleton ringers, both past and present, have exceeded the 100 and 200 mark in this tower.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM R. WHITE.

Didcot, Berks.

Largest Parish Church

Dear Sir,—Through the columns of 'The Ringing World' I would like to thank all those who have so kindly responded to my request for information regarding England's largest parish church.

While I am grateful to Mr. F. A. Cluett, of Gravesend, for the information he has given me, it is to be noted that in his letter, under sub-heading (g), he has failed to appreciate the difference between a parish church as such and abbeys and priories.

It is well known that prior to the last war Coventry Parish Church (before it was given cathedral status) and St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, were rival claimants to being England's largest parish church, but both of these churches were heavily bombed, and neither is now in use.

So which is the largest parish church still standing and in full use at the present time?

While I am open to correction on this point, from the material I have on hand it seems that St. Botolph's Church, Boston, Lincolnshire, is the largest parish church in full use in England, with St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, a close second.

Unless some concrete evidence to the contrary is forthcoming, I think I am safe in saying that the honour of being the largest parish church must be allocated as above.—Yours sincerely,

R. S. HUNT.

New Lodge, Mapledurham, Oxon.

HUNDRED PEALS IN A TOWER

Dear Sir,—It was never intended to suggest that Mr. John Wheadon was the first to ring 100 peals in one tower, but that he was the first to do so at Dartford. I am sorry if the wording of the note did not make this clear.

In point of fact, the conductor of Mr. Wheadon's peal has passed the century in two towers and is within two peals of reaching it at a third.—E. A. BARNETT.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Fifty members and friends attended the monthly meeting at North Cave on June 10th. The musical ring of six bells (tenor 12 cwt.) was raised at 2.30 p.m. and kept going until 4.30 p.m. in standard methods.

The Vicar, the Rev. C. M. Oswell, conducted the service in All Saints' Church and gave a hearty welcome to the Society and a talk on his previous experiences with ringers in his other parishes.

A real country tea was provided in the Temperance Hall, which was a credit to the local ringers and their lady helpers.

The meeting was the first that the local ringers had arranged, being a newly-formed band, and with their Vicar only recently inducted to the parish, they received a very hearty vote of thanks for the efficient manner it had all been carried out.

After the business meeting the ringers returned to the tower and enjoyed some good ringing until 8.30 p.m.

MR. W. WELLING'S 500th PEAL

Congratulations are due to Mr. W. Welling, of St. Peter's, Old Windsor, who, on June 7th, rang and conducted his 500th peal in his home tower with all but one of his Sunday service band.

The following is a brief outline of the methods rung: Minor, 1 to 11 methods, 63 peals (2); Triples, 4 methods, 135 (67); Major, Plain, 4 methods, 94 (28); Surprise Major, 26 methods, 165 (16); Treble Bob, 2 methods, 21 (6); Caters, 2 methods, 8; Royal, 2 methods, 3; Stedman Cinques, 4; Kent Maximus, 1; Spliced Methods 6. Total 500 (119 conducted).

This includes one of Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Superlative, Cambridge and Yorkshire non-conducted. Also first peal of 14 of the lesser known methods and three first 'splices.'

These peals were rung for eight associations in 89 different towers in eight counties. A.H.C.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the above Society was held at Lichfield on June 24th. Ringing took place at the Cathedral and at the churches of St. Mary and St. Michael. Many members attended evensong in the Cathedral, when special ringers' prayers were included in the service.

Eighty-six members and friends sat down to a meat tea in St. Mary's Schools. At the business meeting which followed, the Archdeacon of Stafford occupied the chair. The accounts were presented by the Rev. C. H. Barker and showed a balance in hand of £42 11s. 7d., this being an increase of 2d. on the previous year.

Mr. Arthur Pearson, lay secretary, gave a report on the year's ringing activities. This disclosed that 57 peals had been rung, compared with 65 the previous year. Fifty-five new members, including nine life members, were elected during the year.

The election of officers then took place. Mr. Eric Speake was re-elected Ringing Master, the Rev. C. H. Barker clerical secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. Brotherton auditor, and Messrs. H. Knight and C. Wallater Central Council representatives.

Mr. Arthur Pearson, lay secretary, did not seek re-election, and Mr. Fred Bennett, of Wombourn, was elected to fill the vacancy.

It was agreed that meetings for the next 12 months should be arranged, if convenient, as follows: August, Hoar Cross and Newchurch; October, Coseley; January, Brierley Hill; March, Willenhall; May, Rolleston-on-Dove; June, annual, Lichfield.

Heartly votes of thanks to the chairman for so ably conducting the meeting, to the Society's officers for their efforts during the past year, and to the Vicar of St. Mary's for use of the schools for tea, brought the proceedings to a close.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

JOINT MEETING AT IPPLEPEN.

The Mid-Devon and South-West Branches of the Devon Guild of Ringers held a joint meeting at Ipplepen on June 24th, when members and friends attended from Exeter, Axminster, Newton Abbot, Ashburton, Buckfastleigh, Dartington, Totnes, Paignton, Dartmouth, Plymouth and Kingsbridge.

The bells, which have recently been rehung, were kept going throughout the afternoon, the ringing including touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major.

There was an interval for tea later in the afternoon, visitors having to make their own arrangements in this direction owing to carnival activities which were taking place in the village during the afternoon.

Ringing was afterwards resumed until about eight o'clock, and thanks are due to the Vicar for kindly granting the use of his bells.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The June meeting was held on June 24th at Idle Parish Church. The afternoon attendance was disappointing, but the eight bells were kept going from 3.15 p.m. until tea was served in the Institute. The business meeting followed with Mr. T. Hill (president) in the chair. Members were present from Armley, Bradford Cathedral, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church and Tadcaster. Later arrivals were from Calverley, Pudsey and Woodlesford.

The main business details were completed and the vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, local company and ladies was proposed by Mr. F. Hutchinson and seconded by Mr. W. Dixon. Mr. F. Wilkinson replied to the vote of thanks.

The next meeting is due to be held at Drighlington on July 29th.

TOWER CORNER (13)

'THE ART OF STRIKING.'

Dear Learners,—In Lesson VII., just concluded, we met, as you know, for a talk by our instructor, Tom Truettouch, illustrated by the use of handbells and a blackboard in the ringing chamber: his subject being the theory of striking.

In Lesson VIII. we are now to have our first experience of ringing on an 'open' or sounding bell in company with practised ringers.

Not all instructors can depend on experienced ringers to devote time to coaching a beginner, but where this is possible the beginner is indeed lucky; for he will then progress not only more rapidly, but also more certainly. Our scheme of instruction, then, presupposes special co-operation, for the next lesson or two, of more experienced ringers. Tom will necessarily be giving them some particular instructions to provide certain training conditions for the learners, which the latter need not heed at this stage. Such instructions, however, will be given, printed inside square brackets [like this], so that more experienced ringers who are reading these articles may follow the scheme as a whole.

'This evening's practice,' says Tom, 'is another landmark in your progress. The bells are no longer "silenced": they are "open" and will sound in the normal way. And your ringing of them, after the thorough coaching you've had in bell control, will be in advance of those pupils who are allowed to ring rounds before they have absolute control or any style. It had better be so, any way,' says Tom, rather ominously, because some experienced ringers are giving time to come along and help you, and we cannot waste their time by indifferent ringing, even as learners.

'For the first exercise, however, each learner, in turn, will have a few pulls on No. 3, to note especially what we have called the "sounding-point" in the ringing action. Remember what we said of this in our last lesson. Mary Make-bob, my assistant, will stand by as each learner takes the rope, and will listen for the word "ring" which the learner will call at the point he thinks the sound of the bell will occur. When he is right five times out of six Marv will pass him and take the next learner. Then, when the three ringers I am expecting have arrived, each learner, in turn, will make up a band of six with them and Mary and myself, for a special "rounds" exercise.'

So Ex. 24 proceeds. As we pull the bell off we note carefully at what particular point of the rope-action the strike-sound is actually heard. We find, as Tom told us last time, that it is just after our two hands have come together on the rope as the bell comes up to the balance point, at either back or hand. Mary reminds us to note the time interval, for the particular bell, between the pull-off and the strike-point, then we try our skill at 'calling the sound.' When all learners have been passed by Mary, Tom continues:—

'In the next exercise each learner, in turn, will ring the 3rd in rounds on three, with Mary ringing the treble and myself on the second. The interval between treble and second sets the compass for the ring, so note it particularly and then make your bell sound at exactly that interval, after mine. You will now recall that what we practised, on a silent three, in Ex. 22 (see instalment 10) is of prime importance; and you will note that accordingly Mary, on the treble, will be holding up a little more at handstroke, causing a longer interval than the set one. Note that this "gap" is just wide enough to allow another bell-beat to sound in it at the same interval as all the others. This, as we explained in Lesson VII. (see instalment 11) will be, in this case of three bells, one-seventh of the double round.' (2n plus 1 beats.)

So follows Ex. 25. We realise now the particular value of Exs. 21, 22 and 24, and we

listen carefully as we try to apply all that Tom has told us in the previous lesson about the Theory of Striking. (See instalments 11, 12.)

Next, in Ex. 26, we learn two things:—

(a) How to 'lead off the cover-bell,' and

(b) Actually to *make*, for the whole compass, the open hand-stroke lead.

For this the learner takes the treble to three, while Mary and Tom take the 2nd and 3rd respectively. Tom first explains that the 'cover-bell' is, in effect, the last bell down, in the ring. He then points out that in leading, i.e., ringing after the cover-bell, the strokes are dissimilar. That is, one's back-stroke follows the cover-bell's handstroke, and one's handstroke follows the cover-bell's backstroke. Point (b), therefore, calls for an increased interval *after* the cover-bell's backstroke and *before* one pulls off at hand again.

So Ex. 26 proceeds with each learner in turn on the treble, until Tom is satisfied that each can actually make the correct 'open hand-stroke lead'; so essential, as he has previously pointed out, for 'scientific' change ringing.

During this exercise the three expected ringers have arrived, and as Tom explains to them the next exercise we mentally resolve not to 'put up a bad show' nor to let Tom down. We hear Tom explaining that the five of them will ring rounds at the correct compass with a rigidly-set beat, so as purposely to show up any irregularity on the part of the sixth bell—No. 3, the learner's; Mary and he taking the treble and 2nd respectively.

Each learner, in turn, takes No. 3, and Ex. 27—'Listen and Improve'—proceeds as rounds on six. The learner must 'fit in' precisely, otherwise the irregularity is immediately obvious! After three whole pulls if the learner's striking is not all it should be, Tom calls stand and wants to know why! He reminds the delinquent that he has not been allowed to start this exercise of special rounds before having worked steadily through 26 previous exercises, all designed to lead up to perfect bell-control and to the knowledge and skill of what is required to exhibit it. So that failure now, to strike well, is due to the learner's lack of concentration with suitable correction. This rigid standard, demanded at a comparatively early stage, coupled with the marked contrast of the perfect striking of the experienced other ringers, puts the learner on his mettle. The habit of 'Listen and no laxity' is early acquired. Any shortcoming means that Tom puts the learner back for a spell of practice on the Pole and Pig-tail. It's a wonderful corrective!

This brings us to the close of Section II. of the course. Next time, before beginning Section III.,—'Tone Telling and Rope-sight'—I will, as previously, give the summary, for easy reference, of the section just completed. — Yours ever,

CORN. R. STONE.

P.S.—Corrections: In issue No. 2,044, dated June 9th, 1950, the number of the instalment on page 365 should be (11) not (10). And the sub-title of that instalment, as also of instalment (12) on page 397 of No. 2,046, should read 'The Theory of Striking.'—C.R.S.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual shield contest was held at Wentworth on June 24th. The ringing was in the following order:—

	Faults	Penalties	Total
Friezland	70	0	70
Sandal	150	5	155
Cawthorne	66	0	66
Silkstone	117	0	117
Shelley 'A'	77	5	82
Shelley 'B'	122	0	122

Mr. H. Chant was the judge and Mr. R. West the marker. The test piece was 720 changes. Cawthorne were the winners and held the shield for 12 months.

OBITUARY AND MEMOIRS

THE REV. FRANK BONNER.

Readers of 'The Ringing World' in the years immediately before the outbreak of war will remember the meteoric rise of the Rev. Frank Bonner and will regret to learn of his passing at the early age of 40. Mr. Bonner was educated at St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, and Ripon Hall, Oxford, and was ordained deacon in 1935 by the then Bishop of Chester (Dr. Fisher), and became priest the following year. He was curate at St. Mary's Church, Stockport, from 1935 to 1939, and it was here that he learned to ring. Soon he had mastered the rudiments of the art and was introduced to the band at Norbury, where he became very popular and made rapid progress.

In 1937 he became vice-chairman of the Stockport, Bowdon and Mottram Branch of the Chester Guild, and on March 6th that year he rang his first peal, Kent Treble Bob Major at Norbury. By the end of the year he had rung 14 further peals, including peals of London and Bristol Surprise Major. In the following year he rang 20 peals, including Stedman Caters, on the bells of his own church, and the first peals of Rochester Surprise Major for the Chester Guild. In 1939 he became curate at Disley and was in charge of a mission church at Furness Vale, and on account of his increased responsibilities and the outbreak of war his peal total for 1939 was nine. In 1940 he rang two peals, his last peal being one in 11 Treble Bob Minor methods at Disley on April 6th, 1940.

He volunteered to serve as a Chaplain to the Forces in 1940, but was rejected on health grounds. This was the first sign that he was not well and later in the war years he had to rest from all duties for a considerable period and never really recovered. To his distress he was forbidden to ring, and though he attended one or two meetings, he managed, with great difficulty he confessed, to obey this instruction. The only occasion, I recollect, of his breaking it was just before he left Disley, when he paid a visit to a practice at Norbury and rang faultless courses of London and Bristol Surprise. In 1946 he was instituted as Vicar of Norley, a church with one bell, and speedily became very popular. His interest in ringing never flagged and only a few months ago he was going into the question as to whether his tower would carry a ring of bells.

His success as a parson and a ringer was due to his unassuming manner, his devotion to duty and his unflinching sense of humour. In the three parishes where he served he was greatly loved and respected, and he died, as he would have wished, in harness. On Friday morning, June 16th, he visited the Church School and had been speaking to the local postwoman only a few minutes before he collapsed and died in the Vicarage garden. He had been busily engaged along with his parishioners in preparations for a church fete.

He was laid to rest in his own churchyard on June 20th, when the church was packed, and the service was conducted by the Dean of Chester, Bishop Tubbs, assisted by the Rural Dean, Canon L. S. Brasnett. Many of his fellow-clergy were present, but to the undying regret of his ringing friends none of them received the news of his passing until after his burial. He was a bachelor and is survived by his mother and a brother.

His list of peals is: Stedman Caters 1; Stedman Triples 1; Grandsire Caters 1; Rochester Surprise Major 2; Bristol Surprise Major 11; London Surprise Major 8; Superlative Surprise Major 1; Cambridge Surprise Major 2; Kent Treble Bob Major 2; Oxford Treble Bob Major 1; Plain Bob Major 2; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 2.

Cambridge Surprise Minor 1; Plain Bob Minor 1; three Minor methods 1; Treble Bob Minor—nine methods 2; 11 methods 1; 17 methods 2; 19 methods 1; 23 methods 1; 25 methods 1; 39 methods 1; total 46.

Forty-three peals were rung for the Chester Guild and three for the Lancashire Association.
C. K. L.

MR. C. D. HEGINBOTHAM.

The passing of Mr. Heginbotham, which occurred at his house, Waldon Lodge, Devizes, on June 18th, at the age of 76 years, removes from our midst a very well-known ringer, whose knowledge about bells and ringers spread over a large area.

He was the son of the late Dr. and Mrs. Edmund Heginbotham, of Bruton, and came to Devizes in December, 1892, to join a solicitors' firm of Messrs. Jackson and Jackson, and remained with them for 44 years, when he retired.

He had an outstanding interest in natural history, and made two collections of the land and fresh water shells of Wiltshire, and was an authority on birds, butterflies and moths, serving for many years on the Wiltshire Archaeological Committee.

Bellringing was another interest of his: he joined the tower of St. John's, Devizes, over 50 years ago, and was at one time secretary of the Devizes Branch, and was its chairman from 1921 to 1933, but owing to a very severe illness he had to retire from the chair. He was also a member of the church choir, and during his work amongst ringers he became a licensed lay reader. His wife predeceased him in 1944, and a son and a daughter are bereaved.

The funeral was at St. Peter's Church, being attended by a large and representative congregation. Cremation followed at Bristol. On the night of the funeral a quarter peal was rung half-muffled at St. John's, and the following Sunday one was also rung at Bishop's Cannings, in whose churchyard the ashes were scattered.

AN APPRECIATION.

As one who can claim the friendship of the late Mr. C. D. Heginbotham for 52 years, I should like through 'The Ringing World' to pay a last tribute to his memory. His passing is not only a severe blow to his church, but also to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. He loved the bells and helping the young beginners in the art of campanology, and there must be a great number of ringers who mourn his loss to-day.

But ringing was not the only one of his accomplishments. He was a lover of birds, butterflies and moths, and his expert advice upon these was sought after for many miles around. Furthermore, he was a chorister for many years and he took a great interest in the Devizes Choral Society. His life's work will live on for many years, and lastly, and by no means least, he was dearly beloved by all those with whom he came in contact.

Lilliput, Dorset.

F. S. WILSON.

MELTON MOWBRAY DISTRICT

According to the heading in the local newspaper, the Melton District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, for their outing on June 17th, 'rang bells all over the place in Rutland towers.'

After calling at Waltham and Wymondham, the party, numbering 32, arrived at Market Overton for an hour's ringing on the lovely five bells. At Cottesmore the Rector showed the party round the church and joined in the ringing on the six bells. Tea followed, at which Mr. Matthews voiced the thanks of the company to Mr. F. J. Williams and Mr. J. H. Cook (chairman and secretary) for arranging the outing.

The recently augmented six at Greatham were much enjoyed. At Exton there was a delay of 20 minutes owing to the belfry key being missing. More ringing took place at Oakham and Lougham.

The Late Mr. Wm. H. Barber

APPRECIATIONS.

May I offer my humble tribute to a dear friend and great ringer, W. H. Barber?

On moving to Sunderland in 1929 my peal total stood at 15, and in spite of a holiday spurt of five, this number had taken nearly seven years to collect. At this stage I was half afraid to take a rope in ten and just scared to catch hold in twelve until a chance meeting at Newcastle brought me under the wing of Bill. It was a lucky encounter for me; he was soon to call my first Bob Major; Caters, Royal and Cinques followed, and if he did not actually take part I always felt he put me in others, mostly conducted by the late Tom Gofton and Joe Parker. By a printer's error in a peal that year there were two Davies, one needed a son to his surname, and when our second son was born later, he came along with Joe to see the infant and remarked we had supplied the missing link!

Owing to business any peal attempts I made had to be in the evenings and early part of the week. This necessitated me asking permission of my principals in London to leave early, and when I eventually obtained a permanent pass I jokingly told Bill they must have thought I was in good hands—how true! Often when we met for a peal we had all come straight from our daily toil. Bill must have been weary after his strenuous task, but I always felt when I saw his kindly face the master had arrived. Success or failure, we retired for a happy social hour, Bill's stories adding to the warmth of his company.

The last peal together, which Bill conducted, was after the funeral of our mutual friend, Joseph W. Parker, another lovable gentleman, and it is my sincere regret the circumstances now known prevented me from paying my last respects to Bill.

D. V.

Hale.

I was acquainted with the late W. H. Barber for over 50 years, and whenever he was met, even after periods of years, he was always the same genial friend, with a smile and a joke on all occasions. He was never stand-offish and would greet the beginner and young ringer with the same friendliness that he would greet the expert.

Although a great ringer and conductor, he was never presumptuous about it. His loss will be felt by a great many of his old associates as well as by his family. But the memory of his personality will remain with us as a gentleman and a master of his art.

Bangor.

A. J. H.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

DORCHESTER BRANCH.

Eleven towers of the Dorchester Branch were represented at the meeting at Piddlehinton on June 17th, when the branch paid its first visit to the restored and augmented ring at St. Mary's. Ringers came from Abbotsbury, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Fordington, East Lulworth, Milton Abbey, Piddlehinton, Preston, Sydling, Upwey, Wool and Wyke Regis.

The bells were rung to various methods during the afternoon and evening and were commended for their 'go' and melody. The bell-founders (Messrs. John Taylor and Co.) have added another very fine ring to the village bells of the Dorchester Branch, and in a short time the local band has made good headway.

The Rector, the Ven. J. C. Chute (Archdeacon of Sherborne), conducted the Guild service, and the lesson was read by the branch chairman, Canon A. W. Markby (St. Peter's, Dorchester). Tea was served at the New Inn, followed by the business meeting, when it was decided to hold a by-meeting at Sydling on July 6th and the next quarterly meeting on July 29th at Maiden Newton. In the evening some ringers went on to Milton Abbey.

RINGERS' OUTINGS IN NUMEROUS COUNTIES

A WEEK-END SUPPLANTS ANNUAL OUTING.

Instead of the customary annual outing, Lincoln Cathedral company had a week-end this year in Gloucestershire. A party of 24, including wives and sweethearts, made the journey, leaving Lincoln by coach at 7 a.m. on June 17th.

After a brief stop at Coventry and a visit to the ruined Cathedral, Cheltenham was reached at 12.55 and lunch followed at Hotel Manchester. Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas joined the party and the journey proceeded to Painswick. Here a great disappointment awaited the party, as during the morning a ban had been placed on the ringing of these famous bells owing to a crack in the spire. Solihull ringers arrived shortly afterwards to share in the disappointment. A course of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' in the belfry was, however, a memory of the visit.

Tea at Painswick was expedited to enable Stroud to be visited earlier. Ringing here included a half-course of Yorkshire Royal, Stedman Caters and Stedman Triples.

Dinner at Cheltenham was followed by a visit to Leckhampton, where touches of London, spliced in four methods, and Stedman Triples were rung. The feat of Mr. Thomas in ringing 1-2 to Stedman Triples was a source of delight and surprise, as the ropes are fairly wide apart.

Service ringing on Sunday morning was at Cheltenham, where the band kindly allowed the visitors the use of the bells. A half course of Yorkshire was followed by Stedman and Erin Cinques. A chat with the local ringers and a brief look round Cheltenham brought lunch time.

After tea at Coventry the party rang for evening service at Stoke, where Mr. F. Pervin awaited the party. The ringing programme included Bristol, spliced in four methods, and Stedman Triples. Lincoln was reached at 9.30 p.m. The valuable assistance of Mr. C. Rouse, Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas and Mr. F. Pervin is acknowledged with gratitude.

PORTHKERRY, GLAM.

The Porthkerry, Glamorgan, ringers held an outing on June 24th, when towers between Cardiff and Newport were visited. An hour's ringing was enjoyed on the pleasant six at Rumsey (tenor 9½ cwt.) before a move was made to St. Mellons, another good six (11½ cwt.). At both these towers local ringers welcomed the visitors.

After ringing here the party made for Marshfield, where they were glad to welcome as guest for tea the Vicar, himself a ringer. This interesting church with its magnificent roof was inspected, the eight bells raised in peal and over an hour's ringing enjoyed.

Methods rung were Grand sire and Plain Bob Doubles and Plain Bob Minor, a measure of the progress made in the six weeks since Porthkerry's four bells were augmented to six.

L. J. M.

DAVENTRY BRANCH.

On June 17th, 33 members and friends of the Daventry Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild held their annual outing and visited the towers of Irthlingborough, Burton Latimer and Corby, Northants, and Langham and Oakham in Rutland.

A start was made at 8 a.m., and the day being fine, a very enjoyable time was spent. Lunch was taken at Irthlingborough and tea at Oakham, where for an hour and a half this lovely ring of eight was kept going. The home journey commenced at 7.45 p.m. and a halt was made for light refreshments, when the party were entertained with selections on handbells, interspersed with singing and change ringing.

F. W. D.

ST. AMBROSE'S MYSTERY TOUR.

For the St. Ambrose's Ringing Guild's annual outing this year, a 'mystery tour' in the Bath and Wells territory was arranged by Mr. F. Skidmore, St. Ambrose's tower secretary and Bristol Rural Branch Ringing Master. As a result, a coachful of St. Ambrose's ringers and friends left for the unknown destinations at 8 a.m. on June 10th.

The first stop proved to be Ditchat—a guess correctly hazarded by some of the party—and for about an hour all enjoyed ringing on the eight bells. After 11's at 10.30, we started off for the second of the five towers—this turned out to be Wellington, where after a most enjoyable dinner the very musical eight bells were rung in standard methods. We felt it rather fitting that we should have visited this church, as a fete was being held that day in aid of the Bells Fund—thus giving the parishioners a reminder of their own fete and its object by our ringing.

The next call was Milverton, where the eight bells of St. Michael and All Angels' were put to good use. Fourth on our tour was Dulverton with its parish church containing eight bells. After ringing all retired to the Hollam Guest House for a sumptuous tea. It was during this tea that Mr. Harding (Bristol Rural Branch chairman) and Mr. A. C. Baker (St. Ambrose's captain) expressed thanks to Mr. F. Skidmore for his excellent arrangements, which all thoroughly appreciated. Miss and Mr. Churchill were also heartily thanked for the kindness extended to us in arranging the tea at Hollam House, set as it is in such beautiful surroundings.

At 6.30 p.m. we left for the fifth tower—materialising into Mark Parish Church—where we had a short ring on the eight to rounds, Grandsire and Stedman, afterwards retiring nearby for light refreshments before boarding the coach 'Bristol bound,' a somewhat tired but very happy party.

A. C. B.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

Early rising was the order of the day for the outing of the Helmingham and district ringers on June 24th, when a start was made for Kent at 5.45 a.m. The Thames was crossed at Tilbury soon after 9 a.m., and then to Rainham and Sittingbourne, where Mr. S. Dobbie had arranged an excellent lunch.

A drive through the hop fields and cherry orchards brought the party to Wye. Here ringing was curtailed owing to two weddings. At Ashford another splendid meal had been arranged by Mr. C. W. Everett. The last ringing of the day was at Maidstone except the handbell interlude on the ferry to the delight of a large audience. Methods rung were Plain Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, London and Bristol, Stedman Triples and Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal.

ROCHDALE, LANCs.

Leaving Rochdale at 7.45 a.m., the ringers of All Saints', Rochdale, had a most enjoyable outing on June 17th. A halt was made at Gisburn for refreshments and then on to the lovely village of Low Bentham, whose six with a 19 cwt. tenor are well worth a visit. The hour's ringing included Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

After lunch at Lancaster, the party were shown round the Cathedral by Mr. Rainford, a local ringer. Ringing followed, in which local ringers joined the party. A sumptuous tea at Bispham and then an adjournment to All Hallows' Church, where an hour's ringing was enjoyed. The party then made their way to Blackpool to spend the evening at their own leisure.

TAUNTON.

Gloucestershire was the objective of the Taunton ringers for their annual outing on June 17th. A start was made at 7.40 a.m., the route being via Wells and Bath to Marshfield, which was reached at 9.45 a.m. The local ringers had everything ready for the visitors, and good use was made of this delightful eight for one hour.

Over the Cotswolds, with magnificent views, to Stroud, where some well-struck Stedman Caters and other methods were rung on the bells. Lunch was taken at Painswick, followed by a disappointment, as this famous twelve are out of commission owing to steeplejacks working on the spire. The sad news was conveyed by the steeplekeeper. Fortunately Mr. Barry, of Gloucester, a member of the Cathedral band, was in Painswick and he arranged for the party to ring at Gloucester Cathedral for an hour. This was followed by ringing on the light eight of St. Mary de Crypt.

Tea was served at the Shire Hall Restaurant and the journey resumed to Berkeley, another ring of ten which is not quite as good as Stroud's, but the bells were kept going to Caters and Triples. The last tower of the day was Almondsbury, a beautiful eight, and ringing concluded with a good course of Cambridge Surprise Major. Taunton was reached just after 11 p.m.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

When the coach had caught up one of our more energetic brethren, who showed obvious signs of preferring to walk, the St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, ringing tour commenced on Saturday morning, June 17th.

A promising start was made at Wrotham, where rounds and methods up to Cambridge were rung. St. Peter's, Croydon, was the next tower where ringing ensued, not without incident. As the first 'ten' of the day, the standard of ringing was very disappointing. Even the alleged experts could not distinguish themselves in any sense, and the member of the party celebrating his 21st birthday tried to hang himself. However, general recuperation took place with the excellent lunch which followed. By the time Kingston was reached the apparent attack of ten-bell nerves seemed largely to have passed, and after a slight hitch while entry to the tower was gained, a great improvement was achieved with a touch of Stedman Caters.

Reigate was the third ten-bell tower, and a touch of Kent Treble Bob Royal here added to the variety. A refreshing tea was heartily consumed at Godstone, and ringing continued.

Westerham was the last call, where the needs of everyone present were catered for, and the musical and general quality of the bells much appreciated. The timely arrival of more visitors allowed ringing to end with a very satisfying course of Superlative. With some enjoyable handbell tune ringing on the green, the party was gathered for the return journey, which was only once broken for acrobatic activities!

HAMPRESTON, DORSET.

On June 17th, the Hampreston, Dorset, band, under Mr. W. Shute, with local friends and ringing friends from Lytchett Matravers and Sturminster Newton, held their annual outing in South Devon.

Ringing was enjoyed at the towers of Woborough, Torre, Kingskerswell and Abbotskerswell. An excellent tea was provided by friends in the Church House at the last-named place, where the party was joined by the Rector of Abbotskerswell and his wife and the local ringers.

In the evening the party were entertained in the vicarage gardens, where a game of croquet was soon in progress. Thanks are extended to all those who helped to make this a very enjoyable outing.

Chester Diocesan Guild

STOCKPORT, BOWDEN AND MOTTRAM BRANCH.

On June 24th, a meeting was held at the beautiful church of Rostherne and some fifty members and friends were present, including the Master of the Guild, Mr. J. W. Clarke, and Mrs. Clarke. The ring of six heavy bells (tenor 223 cwt.) were in use from early in the afternoon, and late arrivals were greeted by their sound across the mere, famous to naturalists for its rare birds, etc.

At 4.30 the usual service in church was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Hughes), who gave a warm welcome to his church and contributed an interesting address. After the service tea was served in the Egerton Hall, where an excellent meal was enjoyed.

At the business meeting the chairman, Mr. Elkins, announced the passing to higher service of the Rev. Frank Bonner, for many years an active supporter of the branch's activities. He spoke of his sterling qualities, both as a ringer and as a parson, and the meeting stood for a moment in silent tribute of respect and affection for a departed comrade.

The election of non-resident members prior to peal attempts were confirmed as follows: John Pinfold and George E. Fearn (Birmingham) and Miss E. Joyce Pett (Isleworth). Miss Jean Simpson (Hyde), Peter Evans (Wilmslow) and A. Leary (Stockport, St. Mary's) were elected members of the Guild.

The chairman warmly welcomed the Master, who, in his reply, said he would have visited the branch before this but for the difficulties which petrol rationing had put in his way. He congratulated the Vicar on the excellence and aptness of his sermon and agreed with him that the success of the Guild was due to the warm fellowship which it offered to all ringers. He was glad to see youth well represented, but he could also see that age was to the fore, there being old stalwarts of the Guild with 40 and 50 years or more service to their credit present.

It was decided to hold an additional meeting at New Mills on July 29th if permission could be obtained. The chairman reminded members of the annual dinner of the Guild, to be held in Chester on October 14th, and asked for a good representation from the branch.

The meeting concluded with a cordial vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting, and a return was made to the tower, where the needs of all were met, methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor.

MR. H. A. MAY'S 200 PEALS

Mr. H. A. May, of Guildford, has an interesting list in his 200 peals, of which he has conducted 15.

Doubles.—Grandsire, 1 hand; three methods 1 (1); five methods 1 (1).

Minor.—Plain Bob 2 (1); three methods 1 (1); seven methods 5 (1); eight methods 1; ten methods 1; Cambridge Surprise 1.

Triples.—Grandsire, 19 tower (1), 2 hand; Stedman, 50 tower (3), 1 hand.

Major.—Plain Bob, 11 tower (3), 6 hand; Kent Treble Bob 7; Oxford Treble Bob 1; Double Norwich Court Bob 29 (1).

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 7 (1); Superlative 6; London 3; Bristol 4; Yorkshire 5 (1); Belgrave 2; Boveney 1; Ashted 2; Dublin 1; Painswick 2; Pudsey 1; Norfolk 2; Ipswich 1; Lincolnshire 2; Guildford 1; New Cambridge 1; Rutland 1; Aldenham 1; Spiced, four methods 2; Spliced, six methods, 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 1; Stedman 5.

Royal.—Plain Bob 1; Kent Treble Bob 1; Cambridge Surprise 2.

Cinques.—Stedman 4.

Total: tower 190, hand 10, conducted 15.

All Saints', Chilvers Coton

The ringers of All Saints', Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire, set out on June 17th for a tour of the Cotswolds, accompanied by relatives and honorary members, with two ringing friends from Bulkington. Banbury via Warwick was the first call and an hour's ringing on the fine ten of St. Mary's (tenor 17 cwt.) was enjoyed, while the non-ringing members of the party searched for Banbury cakes.

A run of about nine miles took us to Great Tew, a most charming village of houses built of Cotswold stone and thatched, nestling among trees on a hillside. The ring of eight bells (tenor 22 cwt.) gave us an hour's good ringing and then all aboard for Cirencester via Burford. Lunch and then a short journey along the Fosse to Northleach, where we enjoyed ringing with a few members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Guild, who had assembled there for a meeting.

Tea at Cheltenham and then through Winchcombe to Evesham, where the non-ringers were left to their own devices while the ringers went about a mile out of the town to sample a lovely light eight (tenor 12 cwt.) at Great Hampton. All, experienced and novice alike, voted these bells the easiest of the day, and it was with regret that we had to leave to travel to Salford Priors in our own diocese. Ringing for an hour while the bus returned to Evesham for the remainder of the party and then a light supper at the local hostelry appropriately named The Bell. Home was reached about midnight, all agreeing that we had had a very enjoyable day.

ROMSEY ABBEY

ANNUAL OUTING.

The Romsey Abbey ringers held their annual outing on June 17th, when, together with friends, they enjoyed a coach tour through Dorset.

Leaving Romsey at 8.30 a.m., the first stop was Blandford, where for an hour the ringers made good use of the bells, which were fully muffled in memory of a local clergyman. The party then proceeded to Dorchester, where a halt was made for lunch. The next stage of the journey brought the visitors to Bridport, where St. Mary's ring of eight provided a further session of good ringing. Then on to Lyme Regis for a splendid tea and to enjoy for a short while the seaside amenities.

The return journey was made via Broadwindsor, Beaminster, Charmminster, Wimborne and Ringwood. The last tower to be visited was Charmminster with its ring of six, which kept the visitors fully occupied for nearly an hour. The ringing at all towers was greatly enjoyed. H. J. P.

QUARTER PEALS

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.—On June 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Prockson 1, Mrs. N. A. Tomlinson 2, W. J. Bowden 3, S. G. Peck 4, S. Wade 5, H. Miller 6, N. A. Tomlinson (cond.) 7, J. G. Nash 8. Rung for the dedication of a memorial to the late John Miller, who was captain of the local ringers for over 50 years.

STROUD, GLOS.—On June 11th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: Doris Sheppard 1, G. Latham 2, B. Latham 3, T. Pritchard 4, Betty Smith 5, T. Price 6, R. Thain 7, T. Witts (cond.) 8, W. Dean 9, R. Sharpe 10. A birthday compliment to Miss B. Smith.

SWINDON.—At Christ Church on June 18th, 1,290 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Gardner 1, Miss H. J. Holloway 2, R. Davidge 3, Miss B. E. L. Roberts (cond.) 4, Miss M. E. Richards 5, E. J. Berry 6, R. Townsend 7, E. Vincent 8. First quarter peal of Triples 'inside' for 2 and 3.

TICKHILL, YORKS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Jackson (cond.) 1, J. Cannings 2, W. Watkinson 3, A. Milner (first quarter), 4, A. Mulley 5, M. Proctor 6.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Wanted to purchase, 'Ringing Worlds' for 1944, Nos. 1713, 1714, 1717, 1721, 1735, 1738, 1741; Robinson's 'Among the Bells.'—John A. Hilton, 2, Albert Cottages, Clarendon Road, Broadstairs, Kent. 7290

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—Will friends and visitors kindly note temporary change of practice evening, for one week only, from Wednesday to Thursday, July 13th, 1950. 7293

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MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—Meeting at Langham (6) on Saturday, July 8th. Bells from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by short business meeting. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec., c/o 54, Becke Road, Colchester. 7217

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Clive (6), July 8th. Bells 3 p.m. No arrangements for tea. 7276

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Annual, Great Tew (8), Saturday, July 8th. Service 4 Tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 7209

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Quarterly meeting, Washfield, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to C. G. Dymond, Branch Sec., Silvertown. 7258

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Apsley (6), Saturday, July 8th, 3 p.m.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7257

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting, Haslemere, Saturday, July 8th. Bells 2.30. Tea 4.30 in the school. Evensong 6 p.m. Names to E. T. Lee, Ockford Road, Godalming. 7255

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Meeting, High Littleton (6), July 8th. Service 4.30 p.m., tea following. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Ford, Greyfield, Clutton.—E. J. Chivers, Branch Sec. 7246

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Rotherfield (8), July 8th Tea at Institute 5. Names to S. Russell, St. Martin's Cottage, Rotherfield.—C. A. Bassett. 7262

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Saturday, July 8th, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, 3 p.m. Ringing afterwards at St. Margaret's, Barking.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 7271

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—East Sutton (6), July 8th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Meeting 4.30. Tea at Ucombe Church Fete 5.20 (20 min. walk). East Sutton bells 7. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Kent. 7253

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, St. Peter's, Brighton (10), Wednesday, July 12th, 3 to 7 p.m. Bells of St. Nicholas' (10) available after 7 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Hart, 26, Clyde Road, Brighton, not later than Monday, July 10th.—B. W. White. 7292

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Great Baddow (8), Saturday, July 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Names for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 7256

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting, Shere, July 15th. Bells 3 till 8. Service 4. Tea at Prince of Wales 5. Numbers for tea by July 13th to H. G. Arthur, Cumbria, Crest Hill, Peaslake. 7259

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Pilton, Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting. Notify for tea by Tuesday, July 11th.—William Marsh, Dovecotes, Street. 7265

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lichborough, July 15th. Names for tea by July 10th to W. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, near Buckingham. 7237

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Hawkhurst, July 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—H. Gorrington, Hon. Sec. 7291

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—By-meeting, Burghclere, July 15th. Tea only for those who notify.—J. A. Hill, Anne Valley, Andover. 7306

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Five-bell festival on July 15th. Key-note bells 3. Tea 5. Little Staughton and Colmworth in evening. All ringers welcome.—Michael Stephens. 7235

WOOL, DORSET.—A grand fete, in aid of Holy Rood Church Tower Restoration Fund, includes handbell ringing (tunes and methods), to be held on Saturday, July 15th, at 2.30. Bells (6) available up to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome. 7252

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at South Kirkby, July 15th, 2.30 p.m. Teas provided only for those who notify me not later than July 12th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 7302

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Portishead, July 15th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 7285

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Monthly meeting, Youlgrave (8), July 15th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea obtainable.—Miss D. J. Dunn, District Sec., Darley Dale. 7286

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Sunbury-on-Thames, Saturday, July 15th, 2.30. Short business meeting 4.30. Own arrangements for tea. Feltham bells during evening.—F. Finch. 7287

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Bishopwearmouth, Saturday, July 15th, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. R. Bell, 47, Toward Road, Sunderland, not later than 13th. Method, Kent, among others.—W. F. Sheraton, Hon. Sec. 7283

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Peter's, Swinton, Saturday, July 15th, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea. Salford buses 19 or 21 from Deansgate.—R. Benson, Hon. Sec. 7282

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Bidston (6), Saturday, July 15th, 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea provided free for those notifying me by 11th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 7305

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, July 15th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 7298

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Winhill, Saturday, July 15th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Thursday, July 13th, to F. G. Fretwell, 16, Bladon Street, Winhill, Burton-on-Trent. 7304

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Swavesey (6), Saturday, July 15th. Bells 2.30. No service. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 7299

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Raunds.—The recast 6th bell will be dedicated on Saturday, July 15th. Service 3.30 p.m. Ringing later until 9 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday to E. E. Whitmore, 7, Bridge Street, Raunds, Wellingborough. 7295

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, July 15th, Great Barrington. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Taynton bells (6) after. Card for tea by July 11th.—W. H. Hayward, 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester, Glos. 7308

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reminder. Annual festival, Oxford, July 15th. Service 11 a.m. Meeting 12 noon. Luncheon 1.30 p.m.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 7131

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Freckenham, July 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve, Hockwold. 7284

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Westerham, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 3. Tea 5 and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by July 19th to Mr. J. Weller, More Cottage, Trots Lane, Westerham.—K. Matthews. 7303

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Illston, July 15th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea only.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 7294

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Thorley, Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to G. Newman, 156, London Road, Bishop's Stortford, by 12th. 7296

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Stebbing (6), Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea to R. F. Boylett, Stebbing Vicarage, Chelmsford. 7300

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—Rededication service, 3 o'clock, on Saturday, July 22nd, by the Archdeacon of Northampton. Tea afterwards.—Apply by Tuesday previous to A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 7277

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Toddington (6), July 22nd. Names for tea by 17th.—Charles Rouse, 52, St. George's Drive, Cheltenham. 7290

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Claverley, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Tickets for tea from Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton, not later than July 19th. Very definite—no ticket, no tea.—H. G. Thomas, Hon. Sec. 7281

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern and North-Western Districts.—A combined ringing meeting of the above districts will be held at Godstone (8) on July 22nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., ringing following. Names for tea by Thursday, July 20th, to Miss R. M. Foreman, 114, Croydon Road, Reigate. 7279

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at North and South Collingham, Saturday, July 22nd, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by July 16th Mrs. L. L. East, Low Street, North Collingham, Newark. 7289

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—A joint meeting with the Ladies' Guild (Lincoln District) will be held at Burton-Stather on July 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 18th, to P. Barnes, Britannic, Tee Lane, Burton-Stather, Scunthorpe. 7288

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 22nd, Hatfield (10), 3.30 p.m.—T. J. Southam. 7307

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual dinner will be held at the Old Bell, Holborn, on Saturday, October 14th. Tickets 12s. 6d. each. Applications with remittance to A. R. Ling, 136, Meadow View Road, Catford, S.E.6. 7202

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BELLS OF TWO SCOTTISH COUNTIES

LAST week, in our report of the lecture to the S.P.A.B. by M. A. A. Hughes, reference was made to the Dumbarton bell, probably the oldest in the British Isles. Allusion to this bell, known as the Skellat bell, is made by Mr. Ranald W. M. Clouston in 'The Church Bells of Renfrewshire and Dumbartonshire,' which is reprinted in Vol. 82 of the 'Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.' This bell, states Mr. Clouston, in all probability, belonged to some early Celtic saint. The very early bells of this type were made of riveted iron plates, which, when bent, were dipped in molten bronze to give a corrosion-resisting surface and also to improve the tone. In the Glasgow Exhibition of 1911 there were eight such bells exhibited, including the Skellat bell of Dumbarton, all dating from A.D. 600 to A.D. 1000. The history of the Skellat bell is far from clear. It has been in the possession of Dumbarton Burgh since the early part of the 17th century, and was latterly used as the dead bell.

In a preface, Mr. Clouston writes that during a two years' residence in Renfrewshire he discovered that, unlike England, where most of the exploratory work had been done, Scotland presented a large field for investigation. When Christianity first came to these shores the only bells used were those that could be carried by hand by the missionaries, such as the Skellat bell. After a number of years stone churches or chapels were built, having either an open bellcote or a tower. The bells were then a fixture in the church and were not of any great size, each church usually having a single bell. In Scotland right up to the Reformation only the richest churches had more than one bell, and in these cases bells were seldom tuned one with the other.

Instead of following the English method of ringing, Scotland was influenced by the Continental system. In the latter large numbers of bells, 23 or more, are hung stationary or 'dead,' and are hit by hammers manipulated by wires from a keyboard. The English system of change ringing came to Scotland in modern times. There are rings of bells at St. Cuthbert's and St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh; St. James's, Leith; and in Alloa, Dundee, Glasgow, Paisley, Inveraray and Inverness. An early ring of bells, as in the steeple of St. Andrew's, Edinburgh, was cast by the Whitechapel Foundry, London, in 1788.

In Renfrewshire there is one mediæval bell, four seventeenth century and five eighteenth century bells. Of special interest are the two Paisley silver bells. These are made of pure silver, and are in the form of a cone with the base closed by a perforated hemisphere. Inside each is a ball, which, when disturbed, causes the bell to tinkle. They were made as the prize for the Paisley Races which were instituted in 1620. The larger bell bears the old Burgh Arms with the initials O. P. and the other is dated 1620, with a coat of arms and initials H. C., which probably stand for Hew Crawford of Cloberhill, who won them first. These bells are kept in the Municipal Buildings of Paisley, one being one inch in diameter and the other 2½ inches diameter.

The only ring of bells in Renfrewshire with which our readers are familiar is that of St. James's, Paisley. The complete church, with a lofty tower with spire rising to a height of 180 feet, was the gift of Sir Peter Coats, and the ring of eight from the Loughborough Foundry dates from 1882. In 1909 the four lighter bells were recast and the remaining bells were retuned on the Simpson principle. While change ringing had been practised here for some time up to 1947, only four peals had been rung on the bells. The first was Grandsire Triples in 3 hours and 28 minutes on March 11th, 1922, the band being mostly Englishmen. The tenor weighs 22 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb., and is 50½ inches in diameter.

At the Roman Catholic Church of St. Patrick there is a carillon of 23 bells with a tenor of 16 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb., and an Angelus bell of 19½ cwt., which on the waist has the Papal Arms and the Bishop's Arms. It is rung as an Angelus bell at 7 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m., being operated by a chiming hammer controlled by the clock. This carillon was cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd. The same foundry supplied the chime of 10 at Paisley Town Hall. The design of the tower necessitates that two bells be hung in each of the four wall openings on each side of the tower, with the tenor and treble inside. The positioning of the bells, half out in the open, gives rise to an unequal distribution of the sound of each bell. Bells on the opposite side of the tower from the listener are hardly heard at all.

A word or two might be given to the chime of nine bells at St. George's Church, Greenock, the scene of a disastrous fire in 1948, when the church was completely burnt out. The tower still stands, but all the floors and chiming machinery have been destroyed. The bells still

hang from their steel girders, but the two tenors are cracked and other bells may also be affected. The first chiming apparatus was installed in 1889 for the original chime of six, and the machine was set to play a plain course of Grandsire Doubles with the tenor covering. The additional bells were added in 1912 and the others recast in 1913, the whole of the work being carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

Considerable research went into the production of this volume, and from the antiquarian's viewpoint Mr. Clouston has made a valuable contribution. The author has about 12 copies, price 3s. post free, for those keenly interested in the antiquarian side of bells. The 'Proceedings of the Society of Antiquarians of Scotland' should be quite easily obtainable in large public libraries. Similar surveys have been finished in MS. of Ayrshire, Stirlingshire and Flintshire, and the first named should be published in the near future.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 3, 1950, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

*JILL POOLE ... ..	...Treble	ERNEST W. RAWSON ...	7
ELIZABETH FAULKNAI ...	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	8
MICHAEL D. STANFORTH ...	3	TERENCE A. THORNER ...	9
LAURENCE GREENHOW ...	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ...	10
HAROLD J. POOLE ...	5	JOHN R. SMITH ...	11
SHIRLEY BURTON ...	6	PETER J. STANFORTH ...	Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

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Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERDTreble	TERRY HAMPTON ...	7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ...	2	JOHN PINFOLD ...	8
FRANK E. PERVIN ...	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ...	9
ALBERT WALKER ...	4	HENRY H. FEARN ...	10
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FRANK W. PERRENS ...	6	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	Tenor

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TEN BELL PEALS

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

MARGARET L. TUTT ...	...Treble	FREDK. C. WHITE ...	6
*WALTER F. JUDGE ...	2	HENRY C. WHITE ...	7
†FRANK WHITE ...	3	FRANCIS A. WHITE ...	8
EDWIN G. MOORE ...	4	RICHARD WHITE ...	9
†FRANK P. WRIGHT ...	5	FRED WHITE ...	Tenor

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On Sat., July 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL, 5080 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr.

EDWARD JENKINS ...	...Treble	*WILLIAM BARTON ...	6
C. KENNETH LEWIS ...	2	*ERIC J. GILBERT ...	7
*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	3	JOHN WORTH ...	8
JOHN E. BIBBY ...	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ...	9
WALTER ALLMAN ...	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS ...	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Rochester Royal. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Rochester Royal on the bells. Rung as a farewell to Allan A. Potts, the brilliant young Macclesfield ringer, who has set sail for Malaya.

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Tenor 13½ cwt.

ARTHUR H. BEAMISHTreble	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ...	6
JOHN E. S. MORETON ...	2	JAMES F. CLARKE ...	7
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DOROTHY E. BEAMISH ...	4	*HUBERT E. ASHLEY ...	9
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH ...	5	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ...	Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER (No. 8).

Conducted by L. TREVOR.

* First peal of Royal on tower bells. First peal of Royal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR ...	...Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE ...	6
TERENCE A. THORNER ...	2	SHIRLEY BURTON ...	7
MICHAEL D. STANFORTH ...	3	J. FREDK. MILNER ...	8
JOHN R. SMITH ...	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ...	9
ERNEST W. RAWSON ...	5	PETER J. STANFORTH ...	Tenor

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ARTHUR RODEN ...	4	JEREMIAH BLOORE ...	Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD G. BOWYER.

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HERBERT LEWINTreble	W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ...	5
SAMUEL PINDER ...	2	JOHN BRAMLEY ...	6
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WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	4	EDWARD F. GOBEY ...	Tenor

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Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

C. EDWARD JEFFERIES... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR L. MARDLIN ... 5
C. HENRY HARDING ... 2	FRANK WARRINGTON ... 6
HAROLD S. PEACOCK ... 3	BRYAN G. WARWICK ... 7
*GWEN I. RUSBY ... 4	BRYAN F. SIMS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal of Major. A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. J. Poole.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., June 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

FRED BROWNLOW ... <i>Treble</i>	ALAN CARPENTER ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	JOHN ASHCROFT ... 6
MURIEL REAY ... 3	ALBERT GREENHALGH ... 7
ROGER LEIGH ... 4	JAMES L. WRIGHT ... <i>Tenor</i>

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

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERRYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Thurs., June 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

G. GORDON GRAHAM ... <i>Treble</i>	CYRIL WRIGHT ... 5
SAM SCATTERGOOD ... 2	GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 6
*WILFRED A. ROBINSON ... 3	JOSEPH SAXTON ... 7
FREDERICK A. ADAMS ... 4	ARTHUR B. COOPER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by G. C. BRIGGS.
* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung on St. Peter's Day for the 850th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

PETER J. STANFORTH ... <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 5
*HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	*ALFRED BALLARD ... 6
MICHAEL D. STANFORTH ... 3	J. FREDK. MILNER ... 7
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 4	HERKICK B. BOWLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* 200th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild. A compliment to Josiah Morris on his 83rd birthday.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

STANLEY H. WALLIS ... <i>Treble</i>	*OWEN P. SMITH ... 5
THOMAS SENIOR ... 2	CYRIL J. SMITH ... 6
*ALAN S. SMITH ... 3	*HAROLD W. SMITH ... 7
†RONALD G. SMITH ... 4	BRYAN F. SIMS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.
* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Stanley B. Farbridge, who is leaving the parish.

CHARD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 1, 1950, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 23 cwt.
ROGER KEELEY ... <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 5
*J. LEONARD GLYDE ... 2	†HARRY J. GAYLARD ... 6
CUTHBERT W. POWELL ... 3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 7
HENRY G. KEELEY ... 4	JOSEPH T. BARRETT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal of Stedman 'inside.' † First peal of Stedman Triples.
An 83rd birthday compliment to Josiah Morris, of Leicester.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 1, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

*DAPHNE LLOYD ... <i>Treble</i>	*FREDERICK H. BIRKS ... 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 2	*BRIAN HARRIS ... 6
HENRY O. BAKER ... 3	*R. GORDON CORBY ... 7
*DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by R. G. CORBY.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

On Sat., July 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

MISS D. LUKE ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM J. ELLIS ... 5
WILFRID G. WILSON ... 2	JAMES BENNETT ... 6
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 7
WILLIAM T. COOK ... 4	FREDERICK A. FINCH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. G. WILSON.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., July 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation.	Tenor 11 cwt.
WM. GEOFFREY HAIR ... <i>Treble</i>	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ... 2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 6
SAMUEL PINDER ... 3	JOHN BRAMLEY ... 7
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ... 4	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

Rung for the Patronal Festival. A birthday compliment to Josiah Morris. Rung on his 83rd birthday.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., July 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's. Tenor 10 cwt.

JACK BAILEY ... <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED MOULD ... 5
JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 6
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 3	W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ... 7
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 4	JOHN BRAMLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung to mark the wedding of Victor, son of Rev. F. V. Wallis, curate-in-charge of Overseal.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Grove's Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).

WALTER H. DOBBIE ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN MEDHURST ... 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 2	LUTHER J. HONESS ... 6
SIDNEY A. WHITE ... 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 4	ALEC E. RICHARDSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ARTHUR F. LEWRY.

Rung to commemorate the visit to Tonbridge on the same day of H.R.H. the Duchess of Kent.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Variation.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
MRS. J. THOMAS ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN THOMAS ... 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 2	FRANK SADLER ... 6
ROBERT G. FREEMAN ... 3	PATRICK HARRIS ... 7
FREDERICK G. NURDEN ... 4	RALPH HARRIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, OLDSWINFORD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Grove's Transposition of Parker's.

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 28 lb.

*VILMA BOXLEY Treble	ALFRED C. BOXLEY 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	GEOFFREY WESTWOOD 6
RALPH MOORS 3	THOMAS HEMMING 7
JOSEPH SOUTHALL 4	ROBERT LEES Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS HEMMING.

* First peal. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Skelding, of Oldswinford, for their golden wedding.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBEE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation of Brook's.

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

CHARLES COLES Treble	*REGINALD WOODLATT 5
WILLIAM C. PORTER 2	J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD 6
EDWIN G. MOORE 3	BERNARD S. NICHOLS 7
WILLIAM JUDGE 4	WM. H. B. WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD S. NICHOLS.

* 200th peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, 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 15½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON Treble	ARTHUR HALLAM 4
FRANK BAILESS 2	PETER HALLAM 5
GEORGE PICKERING 3	JOSEPH TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH TAYLOR.

A compliment to the ringers of the third on the birth of a daughter.

PAUL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., June 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*HENRY TAYSON Treble	STEWART J. ROBINSON 4
A. HUBERT EPLETT 2	GEOFFREY W. TAYSON 5
REV. A. S. ROBERTS 3	MRS. A. S. ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung on St. John-the-Baptist's Day.

ROYSTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., June 24, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*RONALD WILLAN Treble	STANLEY DANCE 4
FRANK MITCHELL 2	EDWIN ATKINSON 5
DOUGLAS M. HALL 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL SMITH.

* First peal. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., June 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6000 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob, two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, and 240 of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

HERMON J. OLIVER Treble	WILLIAM S. MAY 4
GERALD FROST 2	FRANK C. MAY 5
WILLIAM PERRY 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Philip Ashby Sadler and Kathleen Grace Funnell, married on Saturday, June 17th, at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, Essex, where they are both regular ringers.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., June 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty 120's of Plain Bob, four callings, ten 120's of Grandsire, ten callings, and six 240's of Grandsire, six callings.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

DENIS A. FRITH Treble	*FRANK R. MITCHELL 4
*HENRY P. COLLIN 2	JAMES H. MUSSON 5
WALTER WESTON 3	*ALBERT FRITH Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in two methods. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Miss A. Hare, a lifelong churchworker and benefactor of the bellringers.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., June 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent of St. Clement's Bob, one extent of Double Oxford Bob three extents of Single Oxford Bob and two of Plain Bob, rung alternately.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*VIVIAN T. O. BOASE Treble	ERIC J. GILBERT 4
JULIA M. PRESTON 2	ALEX J. WEBSTER 5
FRANK VARTY 3	HUGH F. ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by ERIC J. GILBERT.

* First peal.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., June 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

BRYAN G. WARWICK Treble	*GWEN I. RUSBY 4
ARTHUR L. MARDLIN 2	FRANK WARRINGTON 5
JOHN SPICER 3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK Tenor

Conducted by BRYAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Minor.

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eleven 120's of Stedman, ten 120's of Grandsire, nine 120's of April Day and twelve 120's of Plain Bob Doubles, calling all the different 120's.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN E. BROUGH Treble	EDWARD J. BOFFEY 4
HAROLD G. SMITH 2	*FREDK. S. SUTTON 5
HERBERT SUTTON 3	M. ROY BOYER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* 25th peal. First peal in four Doubles methods by all the hand.

COUNDRY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*KATHLEEN BARING-REES Treble	ALFRED E. G. OWEN 4
EDWARD HILL 2	CHARLES E. EDWARDS 5
RICHARD F. DAVIES 3	EDWARD W. COLLEY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. EDWARDS.

* First peal. Rung for the 934th anniversary of the church.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six extents of Stedman, 16 of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire.

Tenor 2½ cwt.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble	COLIN A. KIRK 4
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 2	DENIS BURNETT 5
MAVIS A. WHITEHEAD 3	*MONICA J. WHITEHEAD Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal (aged seven).

STANDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 17 cwt.

*JOHN M. KEMP	... Treble	*SIDNEY SMITH	... 4
*ANTHONY R. AGER	... 2	JOHN WELCH	... 5
NATHAN PATMORE	... 3	SIDNEY F. CARTER	... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER.

* First peal in three methods.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 20 six scores of Plain Bob and 22 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

*RUPERT H. MINNEY	... Treble	SIDNEY J. ELLIOTT	... 3
RONALD RUSSELL	... 2	PERCY AMOS	... 4
SYDNEY G. OSBORNE		... Tenor	

Conducted by SYDNEY G. OSBORNE.

* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the Patronal Festival. The conductor's 25th peal.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary de Wyche,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of London, York, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

R, GEORGE MORRIS	... Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE	... 4
CLAUDIA A. HARDING	... 2	CYRIL TANSELL	... 5
ALLEN MORGAN	... 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN E. BROUGH	... Treble	EDWARD J. BOFFEY	4
*JOSEPH BOYER	... 2	FREDK. S. SUTTON	5
HAROLD G. SMITH	... 3	HERBERT SUTTON	... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* First peal in Minor. Ringer of tenor has now completed circle at Acton.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., June 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At 11, EXTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

In three methods, comprising 2,496 Plain Bob, 1,248 Little Bob and 1,344 Double Bob, with 300 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

*JAMES E. DANIELS	... 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3-4	*MICHAEL J. E. BEST	... 7-8

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Spliced Major in three methods.

LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 3, 1950, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,

In DERRY CATHEDRAL SCHOOLS,

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
*JOHN CAMPBELL		... 5-6	

Conducted by JOHN CAMPBELL.

* First peal as conductor.

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ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Hunt (cond.) 1, H. Reynolds 2, Miss B. M. Ball (first quarter) 3, J. Pearce (first 'inside') 4, G. E. Verrill 5, F. G. Barron 6, H. A. Nobes 7, E. A. Jurd 8.

ASHCOTT, BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Cavill 1, Miss Sylvia Dean (first quarter) 2, F. Skinner (cond.) 3, I. Hillburn 4, E. Skinner 5, F. Cave 6.

BARKBY, LEICESTER.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Plain Bob, April Day, and Canterbury, and 540 Grandsire): Miss M. Taylor 1, R. Flowers 2, G. A. James (cond.) 3, T. Earby 4, C. Walton 5. First quarter for 1, 2 and 5. A compliment to Mr. E. Payne, of Syston. Believed to be the first quarter peal ever rung by an all-Barkby team on the bells.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTER.—On June 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Cheney 1, G. Pickering 2, J. A. Flint 3, P. Hallam 4, J. Taylor 5, C. E. Carr (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Rev. C. A. Turner, Rector, and Miss F. M. Hunt, voluntary organist for 62 years.

BRAMLEY, SURREY.—On July 1st 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Ager (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Tressier (first 'inside') 2, F. J. Russell 3, Rev. E. S. C. Lowman (first 'inside') 4, T. J. Fowler (cond.) 5, W. Clark 6. All except the conductor are members of St. Michael's, Bray, Berks.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—At the Cathedral on June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Lightning 1, Miss A. Bousfield (first of Triples) 2, J. Gibbs 3, A. Forsyth 4, J. Ling 5, W. Sidwell 6, J. Butterfield (cond.) 7, J. Grieve (first quarter) 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Porter.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On June 25th 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Lawrence 1, A. Worth 2, R. Barratt 3, E. Pimlott 4, A. Street (cond.) 5, J. P. Jackson 6. A birthday compliment to J. Lawrence.

CRADLEY, STAFFS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. J. Shuck (cond.) 1, Miss F. Raybould 2, A. Grove 3, A. G. Hall 4, A. Wyre 5, H. White 6, H. Wyre 7, F. Hodgetts (first quarter) 8. For the Patronal Festival.

DERBY.—On June 25th at St. Peter's Church, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob): H. Fletcher 1, W. Bond 2, J. Bailey (cond.) 3, W. Steen 4, B. Barker 5, W. Lancaster 6.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On June 21st at St. John's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. Romain 1, A. Roberts 2, W. Swift 3, J. Romain 4, G. Winter 5, J. Culley 6, S. Grant (cond.) 7, H. Sturgess 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, 13 years chairman of the Devizes Branch.

DUNDEE, ANGUS.—At St. Paul's Cathedral on June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joyce Taylor 1, E. A. Marsh 2, E. MacLean 3, K. Branson (cond.) 4, R. S. Wilson 5, C. Ward 6, C. R. Raine 7, W. H. Pickett 8. For the 800th anniversary of the foundation of the diocese of Brechin.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: David Hill (aged 11) 1, Richard Crags (aged 10) 2, Anthony Sanger (aged 11) 3, Robin March (aged 12) 4, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 5, Julian Nicholls (aged 14) 6. First quarter peal by all except conductor.

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral on July 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Cateters: H. F. Sargent 1, W. H. Pickett (cond.) 2, Miss K. M. H. Branson 3, J. Hutchinson 4, R. St. C. Wilson 5, R. M. Preston 6, E. Bounphrev 7, T. C. Winderam 8, C. R. Raine 9, Q. R. Haynes 10.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On June 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. R. Ager 1, J. M. Kemp 2, Dorothy H. Jackson 3, D. J. Hiscock 4, R. A. Cochrane 5, E. Edmondson 6, S. Huckle 7, D. C. Price (cond.) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

HIGH, WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Baldwin (16) 1, Joyce Edington 2, F. Hayes 3, W. H. Plumridge 4, Doreen Coker (cond.) 5, A. L. James 6, E. Markham 7, C. G. Wilkinson (17) 8; 7.6.8 covering. First quarter by 1 and 8. Rung on the minor eight.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On June 25th, 1,260 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Sheila E. Harris 1, Eileen D. Farrell 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, D. J. Charnley 4, S. Croft 5, E. Hynard 6, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 7, H. W. Rogers 8. First in method 1, 2 and 6.

KINGSCLERE, HANTS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. B. Brooks 1, P. E. Dodd 2, A. Hiestad (first of Doubles) 3, M. J. Dodd 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, C. W. Seymour (first quarter) 6. First quarter on the bells with local ringers taking part.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On June 20th, 1,320 Stedman Doubles: W. E. Redrup (cond.) 1, G. R. Goodship 2, F. Onions 3, J. Townsend 4, S. Orchard 5, H. C. Baldwin 6. First quarter of Doubles for all except 4. To commemorate Rev. W. H. Davis's 50 years in Holy Orders.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields on June 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss I. B. Cording 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss J. H. Friswell 3, W. Prockson 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal 6, T. J. Lock (cond.) 7, E. C. S. Turner 8. First in the method for 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. Rung for the golden jubilee of the Borough of Holborn.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On June 18th, 1,296 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. Morris 1, Rev. C. C. Cox 2, R. Keeley 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, G. H. Whitmore 5, H. G. Keeley 6, C. W. Powell 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8. A compliment to Roger Keeley and his twin sister, Rachel, on their 15th birthday.

NASEBY, NORTHANTS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): W. T. Adams 1, P. Stevens 2, R. Spring 3, L. G. Townsend 4, E. G. Orland (cond.) 5. For the marriage of Miss Jane Findlay, of Naseby Hall, to the Earl of Westmorland.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Bob Doubles and 660 Grandsire Doubles): F. Wright 1, A. Livings 2, C. Sams (cond.) 3, B. Burton 4, G. Blake 5. In memoriam Rev. J. R. Sutherland (Vicar).

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On June 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. McCutcheon 1, H. Newnham 2, Miss E. K. Knight 3, F. N. Lane 4, A. D. Tremere 5, G. Allen 6, E. N. Lane 7, L. A. Tremere (cond.) 8. First quarter for all excepting 7 and 8. On the occasion of the Patronal Festival.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. K. Attrell 1, J. Meade 2, L. Bailey 3, A. Drake 4, F. K. Taylor (cond.) 5, S. Moody 6, Wm. Upton 7, Wm. Scott 8. In honour of the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Toogood.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.—On June 20th, 1,440 Minor (360 St. Clement's and 1,080 Plain Bob): J. Couzens (first of Minor) 1, M. Tyrell 2, F. Beales 3, R. Alcock 4, P. Beales (first 'inside') 5, T. Owen (cond.) 6. First in more than one method by all.

NORTHENDEN, LANCs.—On June 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Barlow 1, F. Gates 2, F. Brickill, jun., 4, J. Mellor 4, A. Barratt 5, R. Benson (cond.) 6. A welcome to the Rev. B. Sockett, B.D.

NORTON-SUB-HAMDON, WILTS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Minchington 1, Mrs. E. S. Powell 2, T. W. Osborne 3, A. Gillman 4, F. W. Drew (cond.) 5, T. Sweet 6. In memoriam Sir George Davis, former M.P. for the Yeovil constituency.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Sibbick 1, E. F. Warner 2, G. Oliver 3, R. J. Andrews 4, R. Collins (cond.) 5.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Delderfield 1, J. Cleaver 2, T. Clark 3, Freda Attwood 4, J. Rootes 5, W. Attwood 6. Conducted by F. W. Brinklow from the belfry. First quarter 1 and 4. Birthday compliment to Mary Delderfield.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Stilwell (cond.) 1, E. Knapp 2, E. R. Ropley 3, S. A. Paice 4, L. D. W. Atfield 5, A. V. Corden 6, A. E. Laker 7, C. Denyer 8.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Aubrey Harrison 1, A. Lambkin 2, Mrs. J. Finn 3, H. Morwood (first of Triples) 4, G. Thompson 5, F. Lacey 6, F. Lord (cond.) 7, S. Finn 8. First quarter 1 and 8.

SHEPshed, LEICS.—On June 25th, 1,246 Plain Bob Major: R. Beresford 1, G. Butler 2, A. Fidler (first 'inside') 3, L. Edwards 4, D. Walton 5, E. Walley 6, A. Wilson 7, G. R. Edwards (cond.) 8.

SIDDINGTON, CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss F. M. Hope 1, Miss D. H. Boulton 2, J. Hope (cond.) 3, E. Jefferies 4, V. Williams 5, W. H. Hayward 6. A compliment to the conductor on his 74th birthday, and also for the birthdays of his daughter and granddaughter.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On June 25th, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Knox (first of Surprise) 1, A. Peake (first of Surprise as conductor) 2, Miss M. Rigby 3, A. D. Steele 4, F. E. Wilshaw 5, C. H. Page 6, N. R. Holland 7, F. W. Grocott 8. For the ordination of the Rev. G. W. Henshaw.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Hoare 1, G. A. Hughes 2, T. J. Clarke 3, C. Wenban 4, R. E. W. Wenban 5, J. E. Rootes 6, W. Wenban (cond.) 7, F. Lambert 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church on June 25th, 1,275 Stedman Cateters: J. Hawkins 1, Miss M. E. Richards 2, Miss B. E. Ll. Roberts 3, W. W. Daniell 4, H. Bishop (cond.) 5, R. Townsend 6, C. J. Gardner 7, E. J. Berry 8, T. Townsend 9, W. Bullock 10.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob: C. Dobb (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Haynes 2, D. H. Rooke 3, T. W. Flint 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.—On July 2nd, 1,320 College: Miss D. Marshall 1, Miss M. Webster 2, D. H. Rooke 3, D. Chadwick 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by all. Also 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob: Miss J. Smith (first quarter) 1, R. T. Flint 2, D. H. Rooke 3, D. Chadwick 4, H. T. Rooke 5, F. Flint (cond.) 6. First quarter in method by all.

WEST HADDON, NORTHANTS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. G. Townsend 1, P. Stephens (first quarter) 2, W. T. Adams (first 'inside') 3, R. Spring (first quarter) 4, E. G. Orland (cond.) 5.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On June 18th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Cannell 1, W. Hollamby 2, Barbara Mitchell 3, L. W. G. Skinner 4, R. Bird 5, A. S. Richards (cond.) 6. First quarter of Treble Bob by 1, 3 and 4.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On June 25th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss M. Newton 1, E. S. Ruck 2, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 3, W. P. Garner 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, T. R. Mogg 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss I. Dearing 1, J. Tomsett 2, A. Miller 3, J. Chapman 4, T. Miller 5, R. Charge 6, E. Blake (cond.) 7, R. Sanders 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Edward ('Teddy') Cassell, member of the local band, aged 76.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: F. Garland 1, A. McTiffen 2, S. C. Thain 3, E. Rishey 4, R. J. Thain (cond.) 5, A. Howell 6.

Aldershot Ringer's Marriage

Mr. John Michael Denyer, youngest son of Mr. W. Denyer and the late Mrs. Denyer, of 120, Ash Road, Aldershot, a well-known ringer, was married recently at Tongham (Surrey) Parish Church to Miss Kathleen Mary Cantillon, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Cantillon, of 3, Neston Villas, Tongham. The Vicar (the Rev. C. L. Bell) officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of white net over white taffeta, and her short net veil was held in place by sprays of lilies of the valley.

There were five bridesmaids—the Misses Ann Cantillon (sister of the bride), Nancie Bragg (niece of the bridegroom), Carolyn Edwards (cousin of the bride), Josephine Whitford (niece of the bridegroom) and Helen Biles (cousin of the bride). Mr. Thomas Denyer was best man to his brother.

Relatives of the bridegroom rang handbells as the bridal couple left the church. A reception was held at the Village Hall, Tongham, and as Mr. and Mrs. Denyer left for their honeymoon at Shanklin, Isle of Wight, handbells were 'fired' by ringing friends.

BELL PARADE AT BURNHAM

Over £130 was raised for the Burnham (Bucks) Bell Fund by the parade of decorated vehicles and tableau cars on June 25th. Nearly 50 decorated vehicles were in the procession, which was headed by the Maidenhead Town Band playing rousing music. Conspicuous was the Burnham bellringers' tableau, in the middle of which was the 'man behind the parish church bells'—Mr. George Gilbert, Ringing Master.

The parade, which was organised by Mr. Ron Allder, chairman of the Parish Council, halted at Lent Green for a service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. James Wildman), and an address by Dr. Summers.

All Saints', High Wycombe

£23,000 AND ALL IS WELL.

The above ancient church, known to ringers generally for its ring of 12, the only one of that number in Buckinghamshire, and the largest church in the Diocese of Oxford, has just emerged from a long, anxious and dangerous period.

In 1934, after an exhaustive survey, the architect reported that the whole of the vast roof, with the exception of the chancel, was in an advanced stage of decay owing to death-watch beetle. Action was at once taken. By 1939, when war broke out, a new roof to the north aisle was completed at a cost of £6,000.

In 1947, after a lapse of eight years, an appeal was made for £20,000. A generous response made it possible to carry on the good work. By Whitsun of this year the south aisle and the great nave had been completely re-roofed, and so for the first time for a period of 16 years all trace of building operations had disappeared.

The cost of this vast undertaking, £23,000, had been met, but the fund remains open, as much subsidiary work has to be done, which includes an amount of £360 for cleaning the organ. On June 29th a service of dedication and thanksgiving was held, when a vast congregation was present. Prior to the service a quarter peal of Stedman Caters was rung by F. Hayes, A. E. Cox, Doreen Coker, E. Markham, A. Newton, W. H. Plumridge, W. Avery, C. A. Smith, G. R. Goodship, A. L. James.

During his address the Bishop of Oxford (Dr. K. E. Kirk) commended the way such a vast sum had been raised, and although more was required, he felt it was well within their power. On the musical side, the organist had arranged for trumpets and drums to collaborate with the organ, which was most effective.

Kent County Association

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

The meeting at Eastry on July 1st was memorable, inasmuch as it was believed to be the first meeting of ringers in the village and for many a new tower.

A large tower contains a ring of five with tenor weighing one ton. The church itself is fascinating, possessing many excellent floor brasses and a brass altar frontal.

The afternoon's ringing was followed by a service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. J. Cartman). At the organ was Cpl. J. M. Tyler, of Whittlesey, Cambs, who has played for one or two district services. This, however, was his last service previous to the conclusion of his military service.

The business meeting followed a splendid tea at the local hostelry. For the first time since he was elected chairman, Mr. J. A. Russell was absent owing to an accident sustained on his garden, he having fallen and pushed a stake into his stomach. After sympathy had been expressed, the Vicar remarked that he thought it was the wrong kind of 'steak' to put in that place.

Ten new members were elected, and Ringwould outvoted Boughton as the place of the next meeting. Further ringing was held in the tower.

Northbourne had also been placed at the disposal of the members, but on arrival there no keys could be found. Some went further on to Great Mongeham, where the six bells there were made available. Those who stayed at Northbourne were rewarded for their patience, the missing keys turning up in time for them to get their ring in.

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SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

Quarterly (5s. 6d.) and half-yearly (10s. 6d.) subscriptions are now due. Remittances should be sent to-day to Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.

In the issue of June 23rd a peal of Grandsire Doubles was recorded as having been rung at Thames Ditton on June 10th for the Middlesex Association. We regret that we were hoaxed and offer an apology to the ringers concerned. The Editor takes a serious view of the conduct of those who deliberately disseminate false information. In future will all conductors submitting peals give their full name and address? We have made this request before, but it is still in a large measure ignored.

Mr. Walter F. Judge, we feel sure, will receive many congratulations on his 500th peal.

Mr. G. Gordon Graham has 'completed the circle' of Eckington tower, Derbyshire.

Leicester Cathedral ringers have now added Rutland Surprise to the list of methods in which they have rung peals on 8, 10 and 12 bells in a week.

Frensham (Surrey) ringers have placed an order for their bells to be repaired with Messrs. John Taylor and Co. The Bell Fund now stands at £340, another £150 being required.

With the calling of a peal at Holywell, Hunts, Mr. Bryan G. Warwick has now conducted peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

A party of handbell ringers from Aldbourne, Wilts, rang traditional call changes and tunes at a garden fete at Thatcham, Berks. They were well received by a very appreciative audience.

Congratulations to Harry Poyner on ringing 1-2 to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. He is one of the three Leicester Cathedral choirboys receiving tuition with the Cathedral band. Mr. Joseph S. Carter, of Leicester, who on attending the Claybrooke church garden fete to ring handbells, beat all the locals in the long alley skittles and won the pig.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Miss Monica J. Whitehead has at the age of seven rung her first peal on tower bells, ringing a tenor of 24 cwt. on the Bell Foundry Campanile. It is doubtful if anyone of such tender years has scored a peal. This was due to the help given her at All Saints', Leicester, Thurstaston, Countesthorpe and South Wigston, where she was allowed ringing practice.

Mr. John Thomas, of Hinton-on-the-Green, has now rung a peal on every date of the year.

Will the writer who enclosed 9s. 2d. with the report of an outing please forward his name and full postal address? A letter from the Editor to him has been returned to sender.

For the week of the historical pageant at Farnham Castle, the bells of the Parish Church were rung for 10 minutes during each performance to coincide with one of the episodes.

Great Harwood (Bucks) bells are to be dedicated on July 16th at 3 o'clock by the Bishop of Buckingham. The bells have been rehung in a new steel frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Yatton, Somerset, bells were rung for the last time on June 18th prior to dismantling for restoration by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Participating in 1,260 Grandsire Triples were G. Miller 1, L. W. Pullin 2, G. Westlake 3, R. Brice 4, E. A. Price 5, H. Marshall 6, H. A. Price (cond.), 7, J. Baker 8.

'Old Bob Roberts,' as he is popularly known, one time Master of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, took part in his 80th birthday peal at Chilvers Coton, and rang his bell in excellent style. It is 30 years exactly since he rang his last peal of Royal, when he rang Plain Bob for his 50th birthday. The Coton peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. A. H. Beamish, the present Master of the Guild. Congratulations to both!

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Annual Meeting at Portsmouth Presentation of Mr. George Williams' Handbells Improved Finances with Increased Subscriptions Record Year for Peals Memorial to Late Master

THE annual general meeting was held at Portsmouth on Saturday, July 1st, and was attended by nearly 80 ringers from all districts of the Guild and many visitors from Sussex, Surrey and Dorset. The gathering was welcomed by the Vicar of Portsea (Canon W. J. Smith), who expressed his great pleasure at being invited to join them and assured them that he was grateful to his own ringers and the Guild in general for the work they did on behalf of the Church. The meeting, over which the Master (Mr. G. Pullinger) presided, received the welcome with acclamation. Supporting the Master were the hon. general secretary, hon. treasurer and Mr. V. P. A. G. Scardifield (nephew of the late Master, Mr. George Williams).

Mr. Pullinger, on behalf of the meeting, expressed their delight in welcoming Mr. Scardifield, who in his early life had such intimate connections with the late Master. In reply, he thanked the meeting for their kind welcome and recalled many incidents in the life of Mr. Williams, when such personalities as John Carter, Henry Dains and John Goldsmith were regular visitors to his home. He had brought with him a set of 16 handbells, twelve of which were presented to Mrs. Williams by Harvey Reeves, editor of 'The Bell News,' the other four being purchased by Mr. Williams in order to make a light eight. It gave him the greatest pleasure to present them to the Guild, they had been a great treasure to him and, not being a ringer himself, he thought they should find a resting place with the Guild, although he handed them over with a feeling of regret.

The Master, after accepting them on behalf of the Guild, thanked Mr. Scardifield for this magnificent gift and expressed the wish that they would find a suitable centre to place them, together with the books of the late Master, which had already been received by the Guild. He hoped that after a custodian had been appointed bands would take the opportunity to seek the loan of these bells so that they could be fully used.

In opening the business of the meeting, the Master reviewed the events of the past year, which had given much cause for satisfaction.

POINTS FROM THE REPORTS.

The joint report of the hon. secretary and hon. treasurer stated that it gave them great pleasure to report that in nearly every district the respective secretaries had reported a great increase in ringing activities and a greater interest taken by members in the affairs of their districts. 'We cannot stress too deeply the part that members can play in order to keep the districts in a flourishing condition, which ultimately determines the strength of the whole Guild and thereby eases the great work put in by the district secretaries.'

Bell restorations were reported in many areas of the Guild. Hawley bells had been augmented to eight, and restoration work was reported from Froxfield (6), Tangle (5), Arretton, I. of W. (5), and Twyford (8).

The financial position had much improved compared with the previous year, due to the increased subscription of ringing members. Compared with a deficit on the year 1948 of £29 17s. 2d., there was a credit balance of £6 18s. 9d. for 1949. Receipts at £158 also showed an increase of £38 compared with the previous year. Membership was slightly less with 70 honorary members compared with 73; 652 full members as against 717. Some decrease, due to the increased subscription, was anticipated, but generally speaking members

had given their unstinted support, which was greatly appreciated.

The death was deeply deplored of such prominent and faithful members as Wilfred Andrews, Eli Waters, Charles Forfitt, William Melville and others who had passed away since the last report. 'Our deepest sympathies and grateful thanks for all the work they did for the Guild is extended to all their relatives.'

The treasurer observed that financially the Guild was turning the corner, due in no small measure to the members responding by paying the increased subscription agreed upon.

PEAL REPORT.

In the absence of the peal recorder (Mr. A. V. Davis), the secretary presented the report, expressing regret that owing to the much heavier cost involved by printing the peals in full in the annual report, they had to be included in tabulated form. It was emphasised that this was purely a temporary expedient and that it was hoped to present a more comprehensive annual report as soon as finances permitted.

The peal recorder's report stated that in total number of peals recorded 1949 was undoubtedly a record year for the Guild; 146 peals were rung, comprising 53 tower-bell peals and 95 on handbells.

In tower-bell performances there was a little more variety; there were three of Surprise Royal and 15 of Surprise Major, including one of Spliced, the others being in seven different methods—Yorkshire, Painswick and Lincolnshire appearing in addition to the usual four. The six-bell ringers came more into the picture, recording 12 peals in a variety of methods as against four only in the previous year.

Mr. C. H. Kippin headed the list of 17 conductors with a total of 13. In the handbell section, which has Bournemouth as its headquarters, a total of 95 peals was recorded, rung by 33 ringers, 17 of whom were visitors to the district. Both Mr. Matkin and Mrs. Marshall say rang a total of over 100 peals during the year, Mrs. Marshall say being the first lady ever to accomplish a century within 12 months.

During 1949 there were 20 first peals, three first peals 'in hand,' 126 first peals in the method and two first peals as conductor.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Master, Mr. G. Pullinger; hon. general secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Linter; auditor, Mr. A. York Bramble; recorder of peals, Mr. A. V. Davis; representatives on Central Council, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and Messrs. C. H. Kippin, G. Pullinger and F. W. Rogers.

A comprehensive report on the Central Council proceedings at Eastbourne was given by Mr. C. H. Kippin, with comments on most of the controversial issues. In recognition of his past services for many years the retiring auditor (Mr. G. Smith) was elected an honorary life member, as was also Mr. V. P. A. G. Scardifield, the latter expressing his appreciation of their goodwill.

The sub-committee appointed by the last annual meeting to examine the question of reforming the districts of the Guild had met, and in their report found that 'they were unanimously of the opinion that no useful purpose would be served by interfering with the present constitution of the districts. If, however, minor adjustments in the transfer of towers are deemed desirable, these can be met by the application of Rule 10.' The meeting accepted the findings of the sub-committee with thanks.

Notice of alteration to rule was given after it was discussed that the allowance given to

representatives attending meetings of the Central Council was inadequate and should be increased to that at present allowed.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. G. WILLIAMS.

In accordance with the wishes of the last annual meeting, the Executive Committee had reviewed several suggested schemes, and it recommended that the proposed memorial to the late Master should take the form of a table book-case, which would house the ringing books left by him to the Guild and provide for future additions. The Master observed that now that they had a munificent gift in the form of handbells, when the details of the memorial were worked out it might be possible to include them as well. The proposal was received by the meeting with great pleasure and it was decided to circularise all the towers in the Guild and to make a national appeal through the medium of 'The Ringing World' to enable a wider circle of friends of the late Master who wish to be associated with the memorial to contribute.

In view of the decision to proceed with this memorial, the meeting agreed to shelve the question of the proposed Guild war memorial for a further twelve months. It was decided to hold next year's annual meeting at Winchester or, failing permission from the Dean, to visit Basingstoke.

Enquiries were made concerning a reprint of the Guild certificate, and it was decided to explore the possibility of a re-issue if costs were not prohibitive.

Mr. Bailey (Godshill, I.O.W.) raised the point of a school for the training of instructors to be held possibly over the Easter week-ends. Mr. York Bramble said it had district advantages, and was a good idea, but it would probably mean ringers paying their own expenses. The executive would agree, however, to examine this proposal.

It was agreed to vote two guineas towards the cost of rehanging the bells at Froxfield.

Mr. York Bramble kindly consented to become librarian of the Guild, which office entitled him to be an ex-officio member of the committee.

After the meeting choral Guild service was held in St. Mary's Church, followed by tea. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on the back ten of the 16 handbells, followed by ringing at the Cathedral and St. Mary's, which was in a variety of methods up to Spliced Surprise. Alverstoke bells were available earlier in the day.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

EASTERN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Hedon on July 1st, and was attended by about 30 ringers. The fine ring of eight were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. E. Dann, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung in church on handbells.

Mr. A. H. Fox the vice-president, presided over the business meeting, and asked the meeting to stand a few moments in memory of Mr. Fred Cryer, of Selby, who had been a member of the Yorkshire Association since 1888.

All the retiring officers were re-elected. Two new members were elected, and the secretary was asked to write Mr. Walters, of Pontefract, wishing him a speedy recovery from his illness.

The place of the next meeting was left in the hands of the secretary. A collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised 17s. 6d.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MINOR WITH A COVER BELL UNORTHODOX PEALS AND THEIR PUBLICATION.

Dear Sir,—Your editorial remarks concerning peals of Minor with a cover will not eliminate the confusion regarding the subject which exists in the minds of very many ringers, including, I suspect, several members of the Council itself.

Prior to the Central Council meeting in 1947 peals of Minor with a cover and Triples without a cover were recognised; indeed, provision for their recognition appears to have been rather clumsily made in the old, former Decisions. At that meeting, however, without even discussing the matter, the Council rejected a peal of Minor rung with a cover at Sefton, Liverpool, the previous year.

As Mr. Kippin then pointed out, there is little doubt that the peal would have been accepted had it not been grouped with a nine-bell peal, also rung the previous year. In any case, the decision was hardly fair because the Sefton band could not possibly know in advance that the Council was to change its mind 'overnight' about the matter.

At Chester next Whit Tuesday there will be an attempt to codify the Council's Decisions, and, as will be seen, this particular issue is not one of whether seven-bell peals shall be introduced, but whether they shall now be rejected for all time. It has also been suggested that particulars of unorthodox peals should not be published in 'The Ringing World,' a suggestion which I regret has already been put into effect without the ratification of the Council.

Those of us who support the continued recognition of seven-bell peals do so principally because, from our experience, we believe they are invariably born of some local necessity and also, however unusual such ringing may sound to many ringers, it is *not* unmusical. It is, we contend, idle and nonsensical to blatter about 'the freak peal collector who desires undue publicity, etc.,' and also for Mr. C. W. Roberts and others to aver that seven-bell peals are less artistic or musical than five-bell peals, or, for that matter, many other types of peals and methods.

As I explained at Eastbourne (although I am somewhat wrongly reported in your issue of June 16th), tests I have made, over a period of years, with various members of the community, ranging from an eight-year-old school-girl to a borough chief constable, have evoked the fact that the public, generally, does not like five-bell ringing and, whilst it does not dislike Minor on six, it definitely prefers Minor with a cover.

I think everyone agrees that the Decisions of the Council, when properly codified, must be loyally adhered to, but the burning question is precisely how stringent it is necessary for these Decisions to be. Is there any good reason why our hobby, linked with the Church as it is, should be allowed to develop into a cold, rigorous 'business' like dog racing or Association football.

For instance, can there be any possible justification for retaining the old Decision which debars an aged, infirm conductor from the pleasure of calling a peal just because he is unable to ring in it? It is not regarded as a 'stunt' when the conductor of a choir, orchestra or band is a non-participant.

Three months ago I communicated the foregoing observations to the sub-committee appointed to review the Decisions, and I feel it would be a distinct advantage to the Exercise if, at a reasonably early date, members of this committee publish their considered opinions and comments upon the points raised.

It may well be that the complete answer to the whole problem is that peals of Minor with a cover, Triples without a cover and with a non-ringing conductor should be published, classified and recorded as 'Unorthodox Peals,'

and that other peals with more than one cover, etc., should merely be published in 'The Ringing World' as 'Unorthodox Performances.'

What must not be lost sight of, however, and what I trust will be uppermost in every mind at the Chester meeting next Whit Tuesday is the fact that the Decisions are framed, not primarily for members of brilliant peal ringing bands, the Council or any committee, but also for the benefit of the most humble, remote and infrequent peal ringers throughout the length and breadth of the Exercise.—Yours sincerely,

T. R. BUTLER.

Liverpool.

CENTRAL COUNCIL DECISIONS

Dear Sir,—Now that the Exercise has had an opportunity of studying the suggestions put forward by the sub-committee, and is in a better position to express its views than hitherto, we should be very glad to receive viewpoints, which if sent to me will receive sympathetic consideration by my sub-committee.

We do not wish to thrash out any knotty points in the columns of 'The Ringing World'—the Council would seem to be the more appropriate place to do that—but I must reply to the point raised by your Barnstaple correspondent regarding ambiguity in wording. I should point out to him that the wording of the paragraph on 'calls' is really as it appeared in Section 1 of the Council's Collection of Peals, and was obviously intended to cut out any special arrangement on going off into changes—7ths place in Grandsire Caters, to throw the bells into the tittums right away.

If your correspondent will kindly send along his suggestions on the wording he would like, we will give them due attention.

Meantime, to allay any fears on his part and the possible effect of his words on our Yorkshire friends, let me say at once that we have no evil designs on Kent Treble Bob or any other method.

We should be grateful if those interested would let us have their viewpoints quickly so that they may be collated and we may be in a position to submit a report at the next Council meeting which can be generally agreed upon without too much time of the Council being taken up.—Yours faithfully,

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

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AMBIGUITY IN WORDING

Dear Sir,—I think Mr. Peter Semmins has read the proposed rule wrong in regard to Kent Treble Bob, which is one of the most popular methods on even bells. As far as I see it no peal or method above seven bells requires any other than the ordinary start from rounds. He must be aware that in Triples, such as Holt's, there are two calls, viz., Holt's Bob Single and Holt's Plain Lead Single, which are permissible to this class of peal.

Our younger generation of ringers do not know that in years gone by peals of Caters and Cinques, especially Grandsire, had two or more bells lying still at the start.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

Gillingham.

BELL-RINGER

Dear Sir,—I was interested in the question a week or two ago in 'The Ringing World' as to which was correct, Bell Ringer or Bellringer, and thought I had a parallel in our name Odd Fellow, but it is not quite the same.

Bell is a noun, as also is Ringer and Bell ringer; but Odd is an adjective and Fellow a noun; but I think we had better leave the question to our schoolmasters (n). Here it is again; we always say Grand Master.

W. F. STENSON.

Crewe, Cheshire.

A Fictitious Peal

Sir,—In reference to report of peal of Grand-sire Doubles rung at Thames Ditton on June 10th and published June 23rd, I have made many enquiries and find no peal was rung, and, further still, two of the supposed ringers were ringing in another county entirely.

This, I humbly submit, sir, is very bad taste on the part of the person or persons concerned, for not only has the time and patience of various guild officers been taken up, but also, worse still, the valuable space in 'The Ringing World.'

One can only come to the conclusion that if reports of this nature are published, the time of members on Central Council will be used to determine whether umpires are necessary for tower-bell peals.

Perhaps the person who took the trouble to send in such a fictitious report would also take the time and trouble to send an apology for causing same to be published, and for using the editorial staff of 'The Ringing World' for such a purpose.—Yours truly,

F. E. HAWTHORNE.

Thames Ditton.

HUNDRED PEALS IN A TOWER

Dear Sir,—This subject has cropped up several times during the past 25-30 years in 'The Ringing World' and there must be scores of ringers who have accomplished it.

I wonder, however, how many have rung over 200 on one ring of bells. My father at the time of his death in 1932 had rung 224 at Crayford. Since then Mr. H. E. Audsley and myself are both over the 200 mark. My own total to date is 235, which is probably a record for one person in one tower.

Five other ringers have also rung well over 100 peals here, and several prominent ringers, including F. J. Cullum, G. V. Murphy and James Bennett, are well in the 80's.

Probably the first person to ring 100 peals in a tower was the late George Conyard, of Crayford, who, when he died in 1908, had rung over 100 at St. John's, Erith.—Yours faithfully,

E. BARNETT.

Dear Sir,—Re the 100 peals in one tower, I should think that the late Mr. Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield, would hold the record with something like 270 peals at his home tower with the crooked spire.—Yours truly,

Leicester. E. R. WHITEHEAD.

ODD FELLOWS' CONFERENCE

Dear Sir,—I should be remiss and indeed ungrateful if I did not, through 'The Ringing World,' who gave prominence to the facilities offered by the Norwich Guild for a bit of ringing on the occasion of our 'Manchester Unity' Odd Fellows' Conference at Great Yarmouth last month, returns thanks, especially to Mr. Nolan Golden and Mr. Harwood, for the arrangements they so kindly made.

Ringling was enjoyed at Gorleston Sunday evening and Tuesday evening; also at St. Giles' and St. Peter Mancroft on Tuesday evening; whilst I was fortunate to get in a ring at Stratton Strawless also Tuesday evening. Talk about 'Tower Grabbing'! The last-named church was being re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Norwich.

As the Central Council will be meeting in our cathedral city, Chester, next year, we are hoping to return the kindness. On behalf of all Odd Fellows, we thank all concerned.—Yours sincerely,

W. F. STENSON.

Crewe, Cheshire.

HUBBARD'S 'CAMPANALOGIA'

Dear Sir,—I should like to thank the several correspondents for their very interesting notes on the various editions of the Henry Hubbard's book, which to me were very interesting reading.—Yours truly,

Bangor.

ALBERT J. HUGHES.

St. Peter's, St. Albans

Dear Sir,—In reference to the criticism of the amount of ringing at St. Peter's Church, St. Albans, I wish to state that it amounts to little more than regular Sunday service ringing (half an hour before morning and evening services). Practice takes place on Mondays, 8 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. During the past twelve months the bells have been rung for two weddings, available for an hour to two bands on outings, open during the afternoon only for the district meeting. No peal attempts have been allowed as the frame is to be anchored to the tower. During the past year 12 quarter peals have been rung, mainly on Sunday evenings for festivals.

The louvres are fitted with properly constructed sliding doors, and only two of these are opened on Sundays. Only three peals per year at the most have been rung during the last fifty years. Special attention is given to the orderly raising and lowering of the bells. Complaints about ringing rarely reach us, but the Vicar would not hesitate to ask us not to ring if he heard of any instances when it would cause annoyance.

With reference to large ringing chambers, ours measures 23ft. square, height to ceiling 18ft., and although for a parish church it can probably be exceeded, it is difficult to find one more approaching the ideal belfry, as there is ample room inside and outside of the rope circle.—Yours faithfully,

H. V. FROST, Ringing Master.

St. Albans.

WILLIAM COWPER, POET

Sir,—Your front page article, entitled 'The Outing,' erroneously describes Olney as the birthplace of Cowper the poet. May I, with the greatest respect, point out that the poet William Cowper was born in the old rectory house at Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, on Nov. 15th, 1731 (old style). The entry of his baptism, in his father's handwriting, appears in the parish register of Berkhamsted St. Peter as follows:—

1731 Decer. Ye 13, William, ye son of John Cowper, D.D., rector of this parish, and Anne his wife, was baptised.

Yours faithfully,

S. R. MEAGER.

Berkhamsted.

TWENTY-ONE YEARS AFTER

Dear Sir,—It has been pointed out to me that a peal of Stedman Caters rung at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on April 18th, 1929, is false, and I wish to withdraw the peal, as I know the conductor would have done had he been alive. It is a 5,005 by J. E. Groves. It is in the Gloucester and Bristol report of that year and given with the composition as No. 1,565.

The peal starts with a slow six, and with calls at 1.2.6S.8.9.15 brings up 214366879. It is following this course end that the falseness occurs, where the 5th six of the 2nd course repeats with the 6th six of the 38th course following the course end 413265978. The handstroke of one repeats with the backstroke of the other.—Yours truly,

Bristol.

CAMPANOLOGY

Come lasses and lads
Away to the Tower,
Music you will make
Pour forth for an hour,
Across the green fields
Nearby to the Church,
Oh ringers of worth
Leave none in the lurch,
On this Friday eve
Good tidings you spread,
You work with real zest
Perched high overhead.

R. E. J.

Leicester.

ASH HAS FINEST SIX IN GUILDFORD DIOCESE

DEDICATION SERVICE.

The six bells of St. Peter's, Ash, Surrey, recast and with a new frame at a total cost of £970, were rededicated by the Bishop of Guildford on June 28th, the eve of St. Peter's Day.

The ceremony of dedication followed festal evensong. After the Bishop had pronounced the Blessing, he was escorted by the churchwardens, Mr. C. D. Manfield and Gen. Sir Robert Haining, to a space under the tower, where in accordance with time-honoured requirement, the Rector as 'a responsible person' handed a bell rope to the Bishop.

Holding this in his hand, the Bishop said the words of dedication. He then returned the bell rope to the captain of the ringers (Mr. E. Sherwood), and the ceremonial was completed by ringing 12 rounds on the new bells.

The Bishop said the final prayers, which included one for the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

SURROUNDED BY HEATHEN.

The Bishop based his address on Christ's question to St. Peter, 'Lovest thou Me more than these?' The six bells, said the Bishop, would sound these six words in their ears that night. Let them search their consciences as they sounded each bell with its own word, speaking our Lord's message, 'Here at your dedication festival let us each one offer ourselves again to Him, and because our love is so weak ask Him to increase it. And He will increase it if we put it out to use.'

'We must recognise a simple fact that we are surrounded by heathen men, women and children who don't know the elements of the Christian faith and know nothing of the saving power or the love of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master. They are not going to hear the good news of the Gospel save through you, and if we are dumb the glorious news of salvation will never reach their hearts.'

A large number of ringers attended the service. The tone and 'go' of the bells, the contract having been placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co., was favourably commented upon. The founders were represented by Mr. J. P. Fidler and Mr. R. H. Dove. Ringers were present from Aldershot, Croydon, Wellington (Somerset), Bagshot, Grayshott, Seale, Farnham, Farnborough, Frensham, Bentley, Horsell, Guildford and Hawley.

NEW RING GAVE PLEASURE.

On the following Saturday the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held an open meeting at Ash. Nearly 70 ringers attended and a wide range of Doubles and Minor methods were rung. The smooth running of the bearings, the beautiful tone and the easy handling of the bells were a great pleasure, and to any who remembered the

original six it was difficult to realise they were in the same belfry.

The Rector (the Rev. H. M. Insley), in the course of a short address at the service, spoke of the similarity of the new bells at Ash to the vision of Jacob when he was fleeing from the anger of his brother Esau. When Jacob awoke from his vision he said, 'Surely God is in this place'; he (the Rector) and the ringers of St. Peter's had also felt that God had been with them in the great task they had achieved—the raising of the large sum of money for restoring their bells.

For 2½ years they had worked as a team and had got to know each other better. Each had done his share, and when things seemed to be difficult, or they had been wondering what further could be done to raise the money, it seemed that God answered their prayers and the money and help came in again. It was always the same. If each one prayed hard and worked hard, God always answered their prayers, and now that their bells were ringing again, he hoped the people of Ash would respond to their message and find that truly God is in this place.

Tea was served by local lady ringers in the Church Room, and Mr. P. Eldridge extended a welcome to Major H. J. Cann, of Kilve (Somerset), to Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Manfield, to ringers from Sandhurst, and to Mr. J. Corbett (Bagshot), whose health was not always good.

A FIRST-CLASS JOB.

Major Cann spoke of the excellent job the bellfounders had made of the new bells, and complimented the Rector, Church Council and ringers on the hard work they had put in and their decision to have only a first-class job carried out. Too many church officials were satisfied with a 'patch-up' job, which was always a waste of money, he said.

The District Ringing Master (Mr. C. W. Denyer) endorsed what Major Cann had said, remarking that it was a real pleasure to ring the bells now.

The Rector, in reply, spoke of the difficulties that had been encountered and overcome, and Mr. C. D. Manfield also spoke. It was hoped that one or two recruits would be found to help keep the bells ringing, for with holidays and business duties ringers were not always able to be present at both morning and evening services on Sundays.

At the business meeting apologies for absence were read from the district secretary and Mrs. Joyce, who were on vacation, and from the Guild Master, Mr. A. Harman. Two ringing members were elected: Mr. Brian Batt, of Aldershot, and Miss Sylvia Sherwood, of Ash.

Votes of thanks were extended to the Rector, organist, tea hostesses and local ringers, and a special vote of thanks accorded the local ringer who generously defrayed the cost of the tea.

A retiring collection for Frensham Bells Restoration Fund realised 50s. It was authoritatively stated that St. Peter's Church, Ash, now possesses the finest ring of six of their weight in the Guildford Diocese, and the local ringers are looking forward to ringing a peal in the near future.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—On June 25th at St. George's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Chesson 1, R. W. Constant 2, E. Beer (cond.) 3, R. E. Constant 4, J. Constant 5, W. L. Rayner 6, R. A. Constant 7, R. C. Constant 8. A farewell compliment to J. Constant.

HALLING, KENT.—On June 24th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): V. A. Jarrett (cond.) 1, H. Springate 2, Miss G. K. Jarrett 3, J. Hale 4, R. Skinner (first in two methods) 5, C. S. Jarrett 6. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. R. Tarrant to Miss J. Baker and in honour of the Patronal Festival.

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THE BELLS OF RUTLAND

BY PERCY AMOS.

RUTLAND, like the Surprise method bearing its name, is little heard of. There is no shortage of bells, but a definite lack of interest among its ringers, which probably accounts more than anything else for the infrequent mention of the county in the annals of ringing.

It may surprise many ringers to know that out of 49 churches in this small county 23 have five or more bells though, like other counties, not all are in ringing order.

The question is often asked, What can be done to awake Rutland ringing out of its indifference to meetings and other activity within its own ranks? There is no indifference to outsiders visiting the majority of its towers: in fact, a cordial welcome usually awaits all who apply for permission to ring. There has been a tendency among visitors to think chiefly of the two steeples with eight bells—Oakham and Uppingham, and neglect the six and five-bell towers.

It is very nice to ring eight, ten and twelve bells (I have rung peals on all except twelve myself), but I am mindful of the words of the late Rev. R. Howes, of Cold Higham (and later of Beenham), who in 1931 commented on this sort of thing 'as reminding him of the fable of the stork dining with the wolf, where neither animal could get on with each other's crockery. Ringers from eight-bell towers are dissatisfied if a meeting is at a five-bell tower, and ringers from the latter feel rather out of it if they visit a tower where they are expected to ring Stedman Triples or stand down. Until ringers are prepared to ring on any number of bells, and with any ringers, there will never be real progress.' These are words wisely uttered, and they might be taken to heart by those thinking of taking outings in England's smallest county.

NO LACK OF SCENERY.

There is no lack of scenery, for Rutland is practically all rural. Even its county town of Oakham only has a population between 3,500 and 4,000, and Uppingham is even less. If we approach the county from the south, Rockingham Castle, associated with King John, just on the edge of Northants, is worth pausing to see. It is open to the public at odd times on application. Down the notorious steep hill a glorious view of Caldecote and Great Easton, just inside Leicestershire, with Brighthurst and Neville Holt, faces one. A very musical ring of five hangs at Great Easton, but Caldecote bells are shockingly out of order, though a musical light five, all by Tobias Norris, of Stamford, 1696. A view of Seaton, Gretton, and the famous viaduct, a mile of arches, only two of which are in Seaton parish, can be had by looking to the right. Harringworth, alongside the viaduct, claims the other arches, though they are named Seaton viaduct.

A rather historic church is Harringworth, with six bells, on which the writer has rung three peals. Trains run along the viaduct parallel with the top of the spire. Gretton has a light five. Both these churches are just inside Northants. The five bells at Seaton are disgracefully neglected although rehung in a steel frame in 1914. When I rang a peal there in 1932, there was over two feet of rubbish from birds under the bells. Lyddington, a little further north, has an old monastery, and the five light bells here sadly need rehanging. Uppingham's eight bells, by Edward Arnold, are in good ringing order, as are Preston's (five) and Wing's (five). To the right of Uppingham, Glaston (pronounced 'Glaston') has six light bells, augmented from three in 1931 and from five in 1937, in a very strange looking steeple, exceptionally 'squat.' To the left of Uppingham is a musi-

cal six at Belton. Four bells at Brooke nearby have not had the attention of a bellhanger since 1811.

PRIDE OF RUTLAND.

The eight at Oakham are the pride of Rutland (in fact, some consider them the best in the diocese, comprising Northants and Rutland). The tenor, although only 49in. in diameter across the lip, is 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. A stately tower with six bells will be found at Whissendine, but just before we reach there a fine six (tenor 14 cwt., restored by Messrs. Taylors in 1900) will be heard from the steeple at Langham. I once rang a half-muffled peal here, which sounded very impressive. A similar six (five prior to 1934) will be found at Cottesmore—a steeple which will always stand out in memory, for here in 1934 we rang a peal of Doubles. It began to thunder and lightning and rain heavily as we pulled the bells up. Without ceasing, it continued for three hours and two minutes until the moment we rang the bells down. I never remember a coincidence like it!

To the right of this picturesque village, famous for its hunt, is Greetham, whose tall, slender steeple has just has a new treble added to make six. Prior to 1923 it possessed four. To the north of this is Market Overton, where to ring the five bells you stand on steps in three stages. The man on the third has to look up to those on the treble and tenor, with second and fourth in between. They were rehung in 1936.

The unique steeple (tower with octagon and spire above) at Exton is in a beautiful park. It has six good bells. Empingham, close by, also has a good six—very high pitched for their weight—tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. Upper Hambleton bells were until last year thought to be unringable, but a very interesting outing brought us to this tower, where we rang the five bells, and the writer is game enough for a peal on them. North Luffenham's five are about to be rehung after nearly 50 years of waiting, and it is time the Ryhall five were treated likewise.

Ketton has six (no ropes). I query the story of removal through state of the spire. Some, we know only too well, are always looking for 'red herrings' rather than get down to the job.

STAMFORD'S BELLS.

The border-line town of Stamford (noted for its churches and 50 pubs) has two useful rings of six at All Saints' and St. Martin's. St. Michael's has also six, which are unringable. They are the oldest part of the church (all dated 1762). The church, built in 1836, is more like a Nonconformist chapel inside—very much like Holy Trinity, Bedford, St. Andrew's, Northampton, and St. Andrew-the-Great, Cambridge. Two churches—St. John's and St. George's—each have four bells. Eight hang in the stately steeple at St. Mary's, totally unringable owing to a decayed frame and other fittings. Locally, this tenor is reputed to be 27 cwt., but I very much doubt if it is one pound above 19 cwt. Barrowden possesses a musical five, rehung in 1916.

There are a number of historic bells in several towers with under five bells, among them being Ayston (4), Edith Weston (3), Lyndon (4), Braunston (4), Morcott (4), Ridlington (4) and Teigh, pronounced 'Tea' (3). There is also an interesting bell by Richard Benetlye, 1597, among the five at Seaton.

Five other bells, all by Henry Penn. of Peterborough, 1718, hang at Great Casterton in a dangerous state. Tixover has one reputed to be by John Saunders, of Reading, cast some time between 1539 and 1559. G.

(Continued in next column)

Songs and Ballads of the West

A Collection made from the Mouths of the People, by the Rev. S. Baring Gould and Rev. H. Fleetwood Sheppard.

No. 82 THE BELL RINGING

1.

One day in October,
Neither drunken nor sober,
O'er Broadbury Down I was wending my way.
When I heard of some ringing,
Some dancing and singing,
I ought to remember that Jubilee Day.

REFRAIN.

'Twas in Ashwater Town,
The bells they did soun'
They rang for a belt and a hat laced with gold.
But the men of north Lew
Rang so steady and true,
That never were better in Devon, I hold.

2.

'Twas Misunderstood,
For the men of Broadwood,
Gave a Blow on the tenor should never have
Been.

But the men of North Lew,
Rang so faultlessly true,
At St. Stephen's or Launceston,
A difficult matter to beat them I ween.

'Twas in Ashwater Town, etc.

3.

They of Broadwood being naughty
Then said to our party,
We'll ring you a challenge again in a round,
We'll give you the chance,
At St. Stephen's or Launceston,
The prize to the winner's a note of five pound.

'Twas in Callington Town,
The bells next did soun',
They rang, etc.

4.

When the match it came on,
At good Callington,
The bells they rang out o'er the valleys below.
Then old and young people,
The hale and the feeble,
They came out to hear the sweet bell music
flow.

'Twas at Callington Town,
The bells then did soun',
They rang, etc.

5.

Those of Broadwood once more,
Were obliged to give o'er,
They were beaten completely and done in a
round.

For the men of North Lew
Pull so steady and true,
That no better then they in the West can be
found.

'Twas at Ashwater Town,
Then at Callington Town,
They rang, etc.

[The above is taken from a book 100 years
old.—Editor.]

(Continued from previous column)

Hedderley, of Nottingham, 1793, is a little known founder responsible for one at Thistle-ton.

Ashwell, with six bells, is best described as on the verge of needing the bellhanger. The tenor (9 cwt.) goes more like a bell of 30 cwt., and they are not the best of tone either. Some years ago the remains of a temporary furnace and a quantity of bell metal were unearthed at Empingham near the churchyard. Just over the North Rutland border in Leicestershire is another six, at Wyomondham, which is of easy access from Whissendine, and other towers in the north.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

OVERSEAL.

An enjoyable time was spent among the Derbyshire hills by the Overseal St. Matthew's ringers on the occasion of their annual outing. Friends from Netherseal, Ashby and Ticknall augmented the party.

Hope was reached at 9.30 a.m., and here the Rev. J. G. Pope (Vicar), formerly Vicar of Ticknall, welcomed the party. The performance of the ringers greatly thrilled the London visitors who assembled in the church, and at the conclusion they displayed great interest in this old English art.

Upon arrival in Castleton the party divided—some exploring the famous Winnats Pass, while the remainder descended the Speedwell Mine. This disused lead mine, with its subterranean canal 750 yards in length, is traversed by small boats to the Speedwell Cavern, which is 540ft. below the surface of the mountain.

After lunch at Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese Hotel, the journey was resumed via Snake Pass to Glossop, where the Rev. J. O. M. Dawson-Bowling (formerly curate at Overseal) had arranged for the bells of All Saints', Old Glossop, to be at the disposal of the visitors. Here touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Oxford Bob Triples and Bob Major were rung on this lovely toned eight.

Following tea arranged by the Rev. Dawson-Bowling, thanks were expressed to him and his helpers for the splendid meal and warm welcome by Mr. J. W. Cotton. The new eight at Fairfield, Buxton, was the last tower visited. Overseal was reached at 10.15 p.m.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL.

Non-ringing ladies were in the minds of Canterbury Cathedral ringers on the occasion of their annual outing on June 24th, and it was decided to spend some time at the seaside.

There was a brief stop at Tenterden and an hour's ringing at Rolvenden before Hastings was reached. After a ring at All Saints' the party went down to the sea front, and a quick swim in the baths was enjoyed by younger members of the party.

Lunch over, another hour or so was spent on the beach, where the handbells came out and a small crowd collected. About threepence in coppers came the ringers' way, just enough to have one go on the 'threepence on the wheel' swindle. Into the coach and through that 'other continent', the Romney Marsh, to Dymchurch for tea.

At Cheriton we were met by Mr. Slingsby. The last stop of the day was Elham, where the Vicar (the Rev. R. H. I. Williams) gave the ladies a short talk on the history of the church. Something for the inner man followed at the local, and as we were leaving the Ash ringers arrived. A run through 'the Happy Valley' brought the party back to Canterbury. R. J. L.

CROYDON PARISH CHURCH.

On July 1st, the above company, with wives and friends, had a very enjoyable outing in perfect weather, ringing in three counties.

Leaving Croydon at 7.30 a.m., the first call was at Twyford, Berks, where after a refreshing cup of coffee this handy ring of eight was soon going to methods to suit all tastes. Then a good run via Newbury through Savernake Forest to Marlborough, Wilts, where the good ring of six at St. Mary's were rung. Lunch at the Castle and Ball and the ring of eight at St. Peter's were tried, and it was the opinion of all that the attention of the bellfounders here would be beneficial.

Then across the downs to Andover, Hants, where ringing and a good tea was enjoyed. The last ring of the day was at Hawley. Here we were met by the Vicar, the Rev. Kenneth C. Davis, and some of the local ringers. Croydon was reached about 10.30 p.m. D. C.

BOLSOVER.

On June 24th, the Bolsover ringers, together with wives and friends, and ringers from Creswell, Heath, Sheffield, Staveley and Warsop, visited Chester for their annual outing.

A break of one hour was made at Christ Church, Macclesfield, when some members of the party had their first experience of ringing on ten bells. A broken stay tended to mar the proceedings, but touches of Kent and Little Bob Royal, Cambridge, Double Norwich and Plain Bob Major were brought round. The party were grateful to Miss Henshaw and Mr. John Worth for the arrangements made and expressed regret for the breaking of the stay.

Lunch was taken at the Swan Hotel, Chester, and by a happy coincidence the dining room was full of ringers, as a party from Hinckley (Leicester), led by Mr. A. Ballard, had also chosen Chester for their outing.

During the afternoon ringing was arranged at St. Mary's—Without-the-Walls and St. Mary's-Within-the-Walls, and for much of the time the towers were occupied alternately by the Bolsover and Hinckley bands. The latter ring were more comparable to the 'home' bells and some good ringing was enjoyed by those who ventured up the rather peculiar entrance to the ringing chamber. Walter Allwood did not feel capable of scaling the ladders and was very disappointed at not being able to have a pull at this tower.

Tea was also taken in Chester, and the non-ringing members of the party were glad to take advantage of the 'double-decker' shops because of heavy rain which fell during the afternoon.

On the return journey a call was made at Northwich (Witton), and this ring made everyone feel at home. The bells at this church and Bolsover are almost identical, and touches of St. Clement's, Cambridge, Superlative, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major were enjoyed by all. Mr. A. Johnson, who said he had been ringing at Northwich for 60 years, was impressed by the striking of some of the young members of the band.

The coach finally reached Bolsover shortly before 11 p.m. and all seemed well satisfied with an enjoyable day's ringing. Most of the party form the regular practice band which meets every Tuesday at Bolsover, and the writer was impressed by the friendly and co-operative atmosphere which prevailed throughout the arrangement of the outing. A. B. C.

GORING-BY-SEA.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Goring-by-Sea, held their annual outing on July 1st, accompanied by the ringers of St. Botolph's, Heene, and St. Andrew's, West Tarring. The party left Goring-by-Sea by coach at 8 o'clock and proceeded by way of Brighton, Lewes and Hastings.

The first ring of bells to be visited was at Brede, where Grandsire and Bob Minor was rung. An excellent lunch was in readiness at Tenterden. After justice was done to this important item on the day's programme, the bells of the Parish Church were raised and touches of Grandsire Triples were brought round.

Tunbridge Wells (St. Peter's) was next in the list of towers, and after an excellent tea at the Florida Restaurant, the party went to the tower for more ringing. Hartfield was the final tower for the day.

The return journey home was by way of Chailey, Ditchling and Portlade, and Goring was reached at about 11.15. The thanks of the ringers was expressed to Mr. S. F. Hafenden (who organised the outing) and also to the captains and incumbents of the visited towers. S. F. H.

A Ringer's Holiday in Herefordshire

On June 10th, a party of eight Hertfordshire ringers, seven with bicycles and one with a motor-cycle, gathered in Hereford to spend a week visiting towers in the surrounding district. The party made their headquarters at the Raven Hotel, where bed and breakfast accommodation had been arranged.

Ringing, which ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Yorkshire Surprise Major and Grandsire Caters, commenced the following morning on the fine eight at All Saints, and, after an afternoon spent on the River Wye, on the heavy-going ten at the Cathedral in the evening.

On Monday the party cycled to ring at Lugwardine (8) in the morning, and on to Fownhope (6) and Holme-Lacy (8) in the afternoon. Tuesday saw the band at Stoke-Edith and the detached campanile at Bosbury—two six-bell towers to the East of Hereford. The peal attempt of Bob Major at Colwall in the afternoon unfortunately came to grief when the second rope broke. After necessary repairs a quarter peal was rung instead.

The following day the party travelled south to Much Dewchurch (6), where the Vicar assisted in ringing, and then on to the light octave at Bridstow. After ringing on the excellent eight at Ross, which was very much enjoyed by all, the evening was spent exploring and admiring the beautiful scenery at nearby Symonds Yat.

Thursday's proceedings were opened with ringing at Withington (6), and afterwards on the backwards six at Sutton St. Nicholas, where the Vicar very kindly entertained the party to lemonade and biscuits on the Vicarage lawn. Burghill (8) was visited in the afternoon.

On Friday morning, having called at Holmer (6) en route, the party arrived at Wellington, where, despite many rumours to the contrary, they found the six bells easy going, though very noisy. A visit to the fine ten at Leominster during the afternoon brought the week's ringing activities to a close.

The thanks of the band are due to Mr. W. F. Moreton for arranging such an excellent week's ringing, to the local incumbents and Mr. Leslie Evans for their assistance, and to Mr. Geoffrey W. Seaman for conducting the tour so successfully.

ST. MARGARET'S, IPSWICH

Seven towers were visited during the annual outing of St. Margaret's, Ipswich, on June 24th, a start being made at 7 a.m.

The first call was in Cambridgeshire at Long Stanton (8), where Stedman Triples were rung, and then on to Over (8) for Cambridge and Double Norwich. Lunch at St. Ives was followed by a visit to the Parish Church, where Kent Treble Bob and other methods were rung.

The bells of St. Mary's, Huntingdon (8), were rung to Stedman, Double Norwich, Plain Bob and Yorkshire Surprise. Next came the magnificent eight, with tenor weighing 30 cwt., at St. Neots, where the programme included Stedman and Grandsire.

After tea at St. Neots came Bourne, another good ring of eight, and finally Ickleton (8), where the easy going ring was enjoyed to Cambridge and Stedman. Ipswich was reached in the early hours of Sunday.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON. — On Sunday, July 2nd, at St. James', 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, A. W. Coles (cond.) 2, F. A. Barker 3, R. Charge 4, W. Prockson 5, R. E. Begrie 6, J. Euston 7, J. B. Bennett 8. Birthday compliment to ringer of the 2nd.

For Five-bell Ringers

Dear Sir,—Enthusiastic five-bell bands may like to try the two following 120's.

From a Grandsire start call as the treble is coming in to thirds place on its way down to lead:—

Canterbury (Bob)	Shipway's Place (Bob)
Grandsire (Bob)	Grandsire (Bob)
Canterbury (Bob)	Shipway's Place (Bob)
Grandsire	Grandsire

Chase
Grandsire (Bob)
Chase
Grandsire

Canterbury	Canterbury
Plain Bob	Dream (Extreme)
London (Extreme)	Canterbury
Grandsire (Single)	Grandsire (Single)
	London (Extreme)
	Plain Bob
	Canterbury
	Grandsire (Single)

Yours truly,

J. DAVEY.

Northampton.

Figures for the first 120 are:—

12345	14352	15324
21354	41325	51342
23145	43152	53124
32415	34512	35214
34251	35421	32541
43521	53241	23451
45312	52314	24315
54132	25134	42135
51423	21534	41253
15423	12543	14235
14523	15243	12435
Canterbury Bob	Shipway's Place Bob	Chase
41523	51234	21453
45132	52134	24135
54312	25314	42315
53421	23541	43251
35241	32451	34521
32514	34215	35412
23154	43125	53142
21345	41352	51324
12354	14325	15342
13245	13452	13524
Grandsire Bob	Grandsire Bob	Grandsire Bob
31254	31425	31542
32145	34152	35124
23415	43512	53214
24351	45321	52341
42531	54231	25431
45213	52413	24513
54123	25143	42153
51432	21543	41235
15432	12534	14253
14532	15234	12453
Canterbury Bob	Shipway's Place Bob	Chase
41532	51243	21435
45123	52143	24153
54213	25413	42513
52431	24531	45231
25341	42351	54321
23514	43215	53412
32154	34125	35142
31245	31452	31524
13425	13542	13254
14352	15324	12345
Grandsire Plain	Grandsire Plain	Grandsire Plain

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—At All Saints' on June 25th, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: Mrs. O. L. Rogers 1, R. Joyce Pett 2, Eileen D. Farrell 3, Sheila E. Harris 4, E. Hynard 5, N. G. Hollingsworth 6, S. Croft 7, F. D. Bishop 8, D. J. Charnley 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. First quarter in method for ringers of 3, 5 and 9.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On June 25th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: John Cannell 1, Hildegard Bird 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, Wilfred Hollamby 4, Arthur S. Richards 5, Ralph Bird (cond.) 6. First quarter in method for 1, 2 and 3.

OBITUARY

MR. J. F. MALLABY.

The death of Mr. John Francis Mallaby, which occurred on July 4th at Kirk Sandal, Doncaster, at the advanced age of 87 years, removes a well-known ringer of a past generation.

Mr. Mallaby was born at Masham, North Yorkshire, where his father was engaged in the business of hellfounder and bellhanger, and he learned to ring at Masham Church as a boy. As a young man he learned the business with his father and brother.

In 1887 he came to Barnby-on-Dun, Yorks, to instal a new ring of six bells, cast by Warners, and here he married and settled down in business as a bellhanger on his own account.

He taught a band to ring at Barnby-on-Dun, and the perfect striking of the old Yorkshire style of close lead six-bell ringing was a byword of the district. Many are the restorations of bells which he carried out in all parts of the country, and no doubt some of the older ringers will remember his work. A first-class striker and conductor, it was a real pleasure to be privileged to ring with him.

As far as is known he did not keep any record of his peals, but the writer has heard him speak of ringing peals with the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, J. W. Washbrook, William Pye and others of a past generation.

Mrs. Mallaby, his wife, died on July 4th of last year, exactly a year previously, shortly after they had celebrated their diamond wedding.

The funeral took place at Barnby-on-Dun Parish Church on Friday, July 7th, and the Yorkshire Association was represented by Mr. J. Thorley, of Thorne. In the evening, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Cambridge and Oxford), with the bells half-muffled, was rung by: J. Lindsay 1, P. Lamb 2, J. Thorley 3, R. F. Lunn 4, F. Lamb 5, E. J. Padgett (cond.) 6. J. T.

MR. W. PICKWORTH.

Apropos the obituary notice of Mr. W. Pickworth. I have been asked to let you know that his last pull was at Isleworth only two or three weeks before his death, and this was the last time I saw him. He was one of my oldest ringing friends and I greatly regret that I was not aware in time to attend the funeral.

H. J. E.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The joint meeting with the Derbyshire and East Notts Association at Norton on July 1st was most successful—the pleasant surroundings, beautiful weather, fine-toned bells and sumptuous tea all making their respective contributions.

The tastes and abilities of all were catered for by the Ringing Master (Mr. N. Chaddock), ringing ranging from rounds to Cambridge and Superlative.

Four very young ladies and four not so attractive young men rang the last touch before tea. About thirty ringers and friends sat down to tea, after which a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was greatly appreciated.

At the Sheffield and District business meeting a vote of thanks to the Rector (who presided) and the local company was proposed by the president (Mr. H. O. Chaddock).

Mr. J. E. Turley (the secretary) read the last meeting's minutes in his inimitable style, and reminded members that the next meeting would be at Rotherham Parish Church (10) on August Bank Holiday Monday. Three new members were elected.

Mr. W. J. Eldred, secretary of the West Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association, is, we regret to state, in hospital at King's Lynn. We are pleased to hear that he is making progress.

St. Thomas of Canterbury, Brentwood

The Thomas' Society held their annual outing on Monday, July 3rd, when fellow ringers, wives and friends, 52 in all, journeyed into Suffolk.

Arriving at Hadleigh at 9 a.m., the ringers in the first coach soon had the bells going to Stedman Triples. With the arrival of the second coach the band was in full strength. The Dean of Hadleigh welcomed the ringers and conducted those, who could spare the time to leave the bell ropes, round a very historical and interesting church, and the Guildhall. All were reluctant to leave when the time arrived.

A tour through country lanes brought the party to Henley, where the peal boards showed signs of great activity in years past. This delightful little peal seemed to know the method and London Surprise went off without a hitch. All the members young and old tried their skill and many expressed the desire to try a peal.

Thence on to Stowmarket, where after several good touches the Master said, 'Lunch.' This proved to be a real Suffolk meal, everything of the best. After the inner man had been satisfied, the Master was congratulated on his grand arrangements, one and all agreeing that it was the finest outing lunch for many years.

Debenham being the next stop, the bells, a grand ring, were soon up and into changes. The heavy lunch spoilt the Bristol or it may have been lack of practice. The peal boards recorded many fine achievements, and a mention of long peals in the past brought thoughts of a coming long peal. These bells are a real joy to ring.

At the next tower we were met by the general secretary of the Suffolk Guild, Mr. Cecil Pipe, to welcome the visitors to Grundisburgh. This lovely little ring of ten were soon away to Stedman, and after settling down to a good beat we were surprised and delighted at the music. The founders are to be congratulated on the splendid splice and the 'go' of the bells.

Then off to Ipswich, tea being the first call, and after a splendid repast on to St. Mary-le-Tower. We were met by Mr. G. Symonds, and with his aid and a lady member of the St. Mary's Society, a good touch of Stedman Cinques was brought round. After all had tried the bells the ringing concluded with a fine course of London on the back eight.

Our thanks are due to the incumbents and to all the local ringers for their help, and last but not least, to the man who organised a grand day's outing. R. C. H.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION SOUTH-WEST DIVISION.

A very enjoyable and pleasant meeting was held at Fobbing on July 1st, when 31 members and friends attended, it being about ten years since the Association last met there.

The service was taken by the Vicar, who, in a very interesting address, referred to ringers as signposts. He said what great pleasure it gave him to realise that now they were not only signposts, but 'fellow-travellers' as well—he hoped it always would be so.

Rather off the map, attendance was smaller than usual, but ringing was thoroughly enjoyed on this 'merry eight, a well-struck course of London being the highlight.

The Division is indebted to Mr. Ockendon, Miss Chinnery and their helpers for the excellent arrangements.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY, YORKS.—On June 25th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Spliced London Scholars' Pleasure, Burton, Sandal, 720 Spliced Neadson, Oxford, Kingstone): K. Wood 1, A. Rusby 2, F. Cowling 3, R. Brogan 4, Herman Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. Wedding compliment to Mr. Simon Fraser and Miss Jean Gulland.

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MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Cancellation. The meeting which was to have been held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, July 15th, will not take place.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 7331

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Great Baddow (8), Saturday, July 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Rose Cottage, Boreham. 7256

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting, Shere, July 15th. Bells 3 till 8. Service 4. Tea at Prince of Wales 5.—H. G. Arthur, Cumbria, Crest Hill, Peaslake. 7259

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Hawkhurst, July 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—H. Gorringer, Hon. Sec. 7291

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Sunbury-on-Thames, Saturday, July 15th, 2.30. Short business meeting 4.30. Own arrangements for tea. Feltham bells during evening.—F. Finch. 7287

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Swavey (6), Saturday, July 15th. Bells 2.30. No service. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 7299

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Freckenham, July 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—D. M. Reeve, Hockwold. 7284

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Thorley, Saturday, July 15th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. 7297

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Micheldever (6), Saturday, July 15th. Usual arrangements.—L. A. Tremear, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7326

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Westerham, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 3. Tea 5 and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by July 19th to Mr. J. Weller, More Cottage, Trotts Lane, Westerham.—K. Matthews. 7303

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Stebbing (6), Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea to R. F. Boylett, Stebbing Vicarage, Chelmsford. 7300

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—Rededication service, 3 o'clock, on Saturday, July 22nd, by the Archdeacon of Northampton. Tea afterwards.—Apply by Tuesday previous to A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthingborough. 7277

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Toddington (6), July 22nd. Names for tea by 17th.—Charles Rouse, 52, St. George's Drive, Cheltenham. 7280

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Claverley, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Tickets for tea from Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourne, near Wolverhampton, not later than July 19th. Very definite—no ticket, no tea.—H. G. Thomas, Hon. Sec. 7281

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern and North-Western Districts.—A combined ringing meeting of the above districts will be held at Godstone (8) on July 22nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., ringing following. Names for tea by Thursday, July 20th, to Miss R. M. Pofeman, 114, Croydon Road, Reigate. 7279

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at North and South Collingham, Saturday, July 22nd, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by July 16th Mrs. L. L. East, Low Street, North Collingham, Newark. 7289

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—A joint meeting with the Ladies' Guild (Lincoln District) will be held at Burton-Stather on July 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 18th, to P. Barnes, Britannic, Tee Lane, Burton-Stather, Scunthorpe. 7288

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 22nd, Hatfield (10), 3.30 p.m.—T. J. Southam. 7307

LADIES' GUILD.—Wiltshire Branch.—Meeting at Melksham, July 22nd. 7311

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Smithills, on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. Tea provided.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 7319

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Desford, July 22nd. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5. Names by Wednesday, July 19th, to Mr. W. Bennett, 4, Manor Road. 7328

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Halton-Holgate, July 29th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Bell Inn 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, July 24th, to W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 7323

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—Meeting, Cucklington, July 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.—H. C. Lintern, Ditchat. 7330

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Meeting, Churchill (6), Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 2.30. Divine Service 3.45, followed by tea and meeting at Vicarage. 7316

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION and CHESTER GUILD (Chester Branch).—Combined meeting, Buckley, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, not later than July 19th.—W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 7333

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Woburn, July 22nd. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5.—Valerie Willard, Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 7314

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Goostrey (6), July 22nd. Tea provided. Names must be received by 18th.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 7318

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Dean Prior, Buckfastleigh, Saturday, July 22nd. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 7317

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Clearwell, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells (4) available 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea not later than July 19th, please. Other tower bells available in evening.—J. C. Goulding, 27, High Street, Lydney, Glos. 7313

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, July 22nd, Lane End, 3 p.m. Names for tea July 17th.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 7322

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly, Deene (5), July 22nd. Names for tea essential by 16th.—G. Watson, 81, Church Street, Burton Latimer. 7325

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Next meeting, Preshute, July 22nd.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough. 7329

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Stowmarket, July 22nd, 2.30. Tea 5. Names to O. C. Barnard, 33, Recreation Road, Stowmarket. 7309

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Benhall, July 22nd, 2.30 p.m. Tea at The Bell; Saxmundham, 5 p.m. Saxmundham bells after tea. Names for tea by 19th.—P. S. Bedford, Crossways, Aldeburgh. 7327

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, July 22nd, Ticehurst (8). Names for tea by 19th to undersigned.—P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec., 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 7312

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Claverley, Saturday, July 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. by ticket, obtainable from Mr. Fred Bennett, Wombourne.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec. 7310

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, Hayes, Saturday, July 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea (2s.) by Monday, July 24th, to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 7320

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General quarterly meeting at Earl Shilton, July 29th. Bells 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names must be sent to Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton, near Leicester, by Wednesday, 26th.—W. A. Wood, General Sec. 7321

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at Barnet on Saturday, July 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church House for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Business to follow. Bells of Monken Hadley also available in evening.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec., 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts. 7315

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Meeting at Moorlinch, July 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 7332

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THE COLERIDGE MEMORIAL

RINGERS outside the Oxford Diocese Guild will be surprised at the attitude taken by the general body of its members to the suggested memorial to Canon G. F. Coleridge. Publicity had been given to the form the memorial should take, and it had met with general acceptance. The unexpected turn of events places the sub-committee in a most unhappy position. They had secured specifications for the work and had discussed the matter with the authorities of Christ Church Cathedral, who gave their approval. The terms of the amendment, that was carried by 56 votes to 48, refers the scheme back to the general committee. In the meantime an appeal is to be launched for funds on a nation-wide basis. It may be that the original proposition will be re-submitted at the next festival, but the fact cannot be disguised that there was distinct hostility towards money being spent on the bells of Christ Church.

The memorial proposed was twofold in character. The first section was noncontroversial and was the placing of a tablet to the memory of the late Canon in the cloister of Christ Church Cathedral alongside those to the Rev. F. E. Robinson and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. A trio of such able clerical ringers would be hard to find in the annals of English ringing. Where the disagreement seemed to be most manifest was in regard to the improvements contemplated to Christ Church bells, and the fact that the Deputy-Master of the Guild was one of the principal spokesmen in the opposition to the special committee's report naturally influenced many votes. The work recommended to Christ Church bells was the recasting of the two trebles, the provision of means to make these two bells audible outside the building, attention to the wheels of four of the bells and an improvement to the rope circle. Now these are not trumpery improvements but can legitimately be regarded as essential. Those who have rung at Christ Church Cathedral know only too well that these suggested improvements would make the bells worthy of the Cathedral, which is the Mother Church of one of the largest dioceses of England. Also it must not be overlooked that, apart from being the home of one of our important ringing Guilds, Oxford is one of the national centres of the Exercise with a tradition behind it that is very precious. There is other work required to be done in connection with the

ringing facilities at the Cathedral, and this, it was stated, the Dean and Chapter were prepared to meet.

The opposition were in no sense united in their attitude as to appropriate alternatives. The suggestion that the money should be collected first and then the form the memorial should take be decided, showed a lack of psychology. A memorial appeal to succeed must be definite in character; people will not readily subscribe without knowledge beforehand as to the purpose to which their donations will be placed. The affection with which Canon Coleridge was held in all parts of the country would have resulted in practically all the major Guilds desiring to be associated with the memorial. If the form of the memorial was known and met with approbation then the gift in aggregate would be substantial; otherwise from some Guilds there would be a token contribution.

Oxford is unquestionably the appropriate centre for any ringing memorial to Canon Coleridge. It was here that he developed his ringing in his undergraduate days. In the maturity of life he became a Canon of Christ Church, and he was, apart from the national position he held in the Exercise, the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The claim of Crowthorne, the village he served with so much faithfulness, was submitted for special consideration. Here there is no tower, just a bell cote, and any suggestion of providing the village with a ring of bells is ludicrous.

The Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild suggested that a more suitable form a memorial would be altar furnishings. We would suggest that a memorial to Canon Coleridge from ringers should in part be associated with bells. Church bells were very real to him; he loved bells and ringers, and his ear was attuned to hearing the finer points of a ring. The imperfections of the two trebles at Christ Church from the listeners' point of view would have disturbed him, and he was a practical ringer of such high standard that the unsatisfactory circle and other defects would have called forth a desire from him to see them remedied. Canon Coleridge had other friends outside the circle of ringers. He was held in very high esteem among his fellow clergy, beloved of his parishioners and in the Province of Berkshire attained high Masonic honours. These friends would more than likely, if approached, desire to perpetuate his memory in the form suggested by Captain Poyntz.

The amendment, it should be clearly understood, does not rule out the possibility of adopting the recommendation of the special committee. The scheme has been referred back to the general committee for a year, and in the meantime the appeal for funds is to be launched. Twelve valuable months will have been wasted. We do not know what the attitude of the Central Council will be towards this decision. The veneration with which Canon Coleridge was held by his fellow members of the Council would undoubtedly influence them to desire to be associated with any memorial, but they would infinitely prefer that their donation be devoted either towards a memorial tablet in the cloisters or a practical gift towards the advancement of ringing.

A SOMERSET AND DORSET TOUR

WEST COKER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN OF TOURS,

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

WM. A. T. CARTER ... Treble	RONALD J. SHARP ... 5
MARK W. MARSHALL ... 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 6
C. HENRY HARDING ... 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 7
WILLIAM WENBAN ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by M. S. LANCEFIELD.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 3, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... Treble	RONALD J. SHARP ... 5
C. HENRY HARDING ... 2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 6
MARK W. MARSHALL ... 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 7
PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by P. D. HUCKSTEPP.

CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

*WILLIAM WENBAN ... Treble	PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 5
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 2	*C. HENRY HARDING ... 6
*RONALD J. SHARP ... 3	*WM. A. T. CARTER ... 7
*MARK W. MARSHALL ... 4	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP.

* First peal in the method.

BRIDPORT, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

RONALD J. SHARP ... Treble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 5
*MARK W. MARSHALL ... 2	GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 6
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 7
PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by M. S. LANCEFIELD.

* 50th peal.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY PARKES ... Treble	MARK W. MARSHALL ... 5
C. HENRY HARDING ... 2	WILLIAM A. T. CARTER ... 6
RONALD J. SHARP ... 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 7
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by T. CULLINGWORTH.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM A. T. CARTER Treble	PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 5
*WILLIAM WENBAN ... 2	*LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 6
*RONALD J. SHARP ... 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 7
*MARK W. MARSHALL ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal in the method.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

C. HENRY HARDING ... Treble	*PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 5
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 6
MARK W. MARSHALL ... 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 7
RONALD J. SHARP ... 4	*HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal in the method.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 8, 1950, in 3 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 46 cwt. 6 lb. in B flat.

FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP Treble	WM. A. T. CARTER ... 5
PETER D. HUCKSTEPP ... 2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 6
MARK W. MARSHALL ... 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 7
MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

TEN BELL PEAL

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

EDWIN G. MOORE ... Treble	WILLIAM JUDGE ... 6
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 2	*EDGAR J. SMITH ... 7
MICHAEL E. H. BARROW ... 3	*EDMUND E. PEARSON ... 8
*JOHN S. WALTON ... 4	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 9
WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 5	*CECIL H. PEARSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. The conductor's 500th tower-bell peal.



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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., July 12, 1950, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt. in D.

*BETTY CROSSMAN	...Treble	†JEFFREY B. WEBB	... 6
*JUNE BRINDLEY	... 2	*FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK	... 7
†DENNIS BERESFORD	... 3	*WALTER J. COPE	... 8
PETER BERESFORD	... 4	GEORGE E. OLIVER	... 9
JOAN BERESFORD	... 5	*MARK N. CULLING	... Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First peal of Caters 'inside.' First peal of Caters as conductor. First peal on the bells by a Sunday service band. First peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells since being recast. Rung as a farewell to Betty Crossman, who will shortly be leaving the district.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*MISS F. D. MURKITT	...Treble	FRANK H. HICKS	... 5
CYRIL A. BURGESS	... 2	WILLIAM F. BUTLER	... 6
*MISS J. HEARN	... 3	NORMAN V. HARDING	... 7
MISS M. R. JAYCOCK	... 4	GEORGE GILBERT	... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal in the Kent Variation. 250th peal as conductor. Specially arranged for N. V. Harding during his holiday in the district.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

JEAN C. BROWN	...Treble	*FRED DUNKERLEY	... 5
*STEPHEN LL. PARRY	... 2	HAROLD WALKER	... 6
REV. R. D. ST. J. SMITH	... 3	WALTER W. MILLER	... 7
DAVID VINCENT	... 4	LESLIE G. BRETT	... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* 100th peal together.

WALTON-LE-DALE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

WALTEN ALLMAN	...Treble	RALPH G. EDWARDS	... 5
FRED DUNKERLEY	... 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS	... 6
EDWARD JENKINS	... 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY	... 4	JOHN WORTH	... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 8, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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

*GEORGE R. DAWSON	...Treble	FREDERICK W. STOKES	... 5
*WILLIAM B. DAWSON	... 2	JOHN A. FREEMAN	... 6
*AUBREY D. MILLS	... 3	JOHN G. AMES	... 7
STANLEY E. BENNETT	... 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Surprise Major. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. George R. Dawson.

ROCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 8, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE DEANERY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ERNEST BRIGHT	...Treble	*PETER EVES	... 5
GEORGE TRENDELL	... 2	RONALD SUEKLING	... 6
ALBERT CATTWELL	... 3	THOMAS BIRD	... 7
FRANK CLAYDON	... 4	WALTER ARNOLD	... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTON.

Conducted by RONALD SUEKLING.

* First peal in the method. 80th peal as conductor.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 8, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

PATRICIA SMEE	...Treble	HARRY SPRINGATE	... 5
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB	... 2	TREVOR A. CROSS	... 6
EDWARD A. G. ALLAN	... 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	... 7
GLADYS K. JARRETT	... 4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM SHIPWAY. Conducted by WM. A. J. KNIGHT.

75th peal by the conductor. Arranged for the ringing of the 2nd, hon. secretary of Western District of the Durham and Newcastle Association.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., July 8, 1950, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

FREDERICK HOLDEN	...Treble	*JACK LUCK	... 5
J. DENNIS HOLDEN	... 2	†DENNIS WHATMORE	... 6
TREVOR REYNOLDS	... 3	C. WALLATER	... 7
SAM BIRCH	... 4	RODERICK J. LEES	... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by C. WALLATER.

* First peal of Plain Bob. † First peal on eight bells. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hickman, of Coseley.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

*WALTER J. LEMON	...Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	... 5
EDWIN H. LEWIS	... 2	*ALFRED G. WILLIAMS	... 6
*FREDERICK W. BUDGEN	... 3	*JOHN O. WELLER	... 7
EDWIN BARNETT	... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY	... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 8, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

ALBERT E. SCOTT	...Treble	CHARLES C. RAWDING	... 5
BERNARD H. DALTON	... 2	CLEMENT W. A. BOTTOMLEY	... 6
WILLIAM A. HOLMES	... 3	HORACE BENNETT	... 7
*LEONARD P. WILSON	... 4	C. HAROLD WHITTON	... Tenor

Composed by G. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by C. H. WHITTON.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor.

HATFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 8, 1950, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E.

JAMES THORLEY	...Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER	... 5
WILLIAM H. JACKSON	... 2	GIBSON JACKSON	... 6
F. BERNARD DITCHER	... 3	ERNEST A. THORPE	... 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE	... 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	... Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

Conducted by J. EDW. CAWSE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KENTIGERN, CROSTHWAITHE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

WALTER ALLMAN	...Treble	RALPH G. EDWARDS	... 5
FRED DUNKERLEY	... 2	JOHN WORTH	... 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS	... 3	EDWARD JENKINS	... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY	... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 8, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

*WILFRED L. ROBINSON...Treble	WALTER ALLWOOD ... 5
*GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 2	*CYRIL WRIGHT ... 6
*SAM SCATTERGOOD ... 3	*STANLEY SLANEY ... 7
FREDERICK A. ADAMS ... 4	*JOSEPH SAXTON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.
*First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. C. Wright and Joseph Saxton, and as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Heafeld.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in F.
ALBERT FLEET ...Treble	ARTHUR NEWTON ... 5
*VIOLET N. CASTLE ... 2	*WILLIAM I. PARKER ... 6
*JOAN A. RANCE ... 3	ROLAND BIGGS ... 7
PERCY NEWTON ... 4	WALTER LEE ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

*First peal of Stedman.

WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 8, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, POOLSTOCK,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

*GEORGE MILLS ...Treble	JOHN ASHCROFT ... 5
†MARGARET E. RIDYARD... 2	*NORMAN HEAPS ... 6
PETER COXALL ... 3	*ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... 7
RONALD KENRICK ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

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

WINDERMERE, WESTMORELAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN, BOWNESS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...Treble	JOHN WORTH ... 5
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 3	WALTER ALLMAN ... 7
EDWARD JENKINS ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.
A wedding compliment to Mr. Richard Blakey and Miss Marjory Evans

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., July 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DORNEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

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

HENRY H. FEARN ...Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 5
ARTHUR D. COOK ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD ... 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 3	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER ... 7
TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

First peal in the method. Method No. 100 in Corrigan's Collection.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., July 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Six-part (C.C.C. No. 13).	Tenor 19 cwt.
E. REGINALD RETTER ...Treble	ERNEST E. RETTER ... 5
WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN ... 2	JACK SALWAY ... 6
MRS. G. E. RETTER ... 3	GEORGE E. RETTER ... 7
DERRICK CALLARD ... 4	ARTHUR J. C. HOLWAY ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. RETTER.

First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Guild.
Rung for the ninth centenary of the Diocese of Exeter and Their Majesties' visit to the city.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., June 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES E. BROWN ...Treble	OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... 4
BETTY BROWN ... 2	FREDK. W. STOKES ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by BETTY BROWN.
First peal of Minor as conductor.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.	Tenor 17 cwt. in E.
FRANCIS T. HOAD ...Treble	GEORGE OLLIVER ... 4
*CYRIL MUNT ... 2	†JOHN HILL ... 5
†REV. KENNETH G. HOAKE ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

*First peal. †First peal on tower bells. ‡First peal of Bob Minor.
A 71st birthday compliment to Mr. T. Arrow, captain of Betchworth band.

CAWTHORNE, BARNSLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Royston Delight, London Scholars, College Pleasure, New London, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford.
Tenor 9 cwt.

KENNETH H. WOOD ...Treble	ROY BROGAN ... 4
ALEC RUSBY ... 2	HERMAN RUSBY ... 5
FRED COWLING ... 3	NOEL F. MOXON ... Tenor

Conducted by NOEL F. MOXON.

Rung for the 25th anniversary of a peal in similar methods in which the treble was rung by Mr. Henry Crossland on the eve of his 80th birthday.

KIRBY MUXLOE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 120's of April Day, 17 Bob Doubles and 22 Grandisire Doubles.
Tenor 7 cwt.

COLIN J. HALL ...Treble	FREDERICK WATSON ... 3
GEORGE PICKERING ... 2	PETER HALLAM ... 4

JOSEPH TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH TAYLOR.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Jack Burchnal and Miss Henelene Mary Smith, the verger's daughter.

WHITWELL, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND RHADGUND,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.	Tenor 7 cwt.
FRANK S. TAYLOR ...Treble	WILLIAM UPTON ... 4
CHARLES H. DENNESS ... 2	CHARLES A. DRAKE... 5
LESTER BAILEY ... 3	JOHN W. MEADE ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK S. TAYLOR.

First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. D. Ford.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 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 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

*MRS. W. N. PARK ...Treble	THOMAS COOKE ... 4
R. PARK ... 2	RICHARD BUSBY ... 5
†MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... Tenor

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

*First peal. †First peal in seven Surprise methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., June 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
At Cleatham House Farm,*

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor size 15 in C

GEORGE E. FEIRN 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
JOHN FREEMAN 3-4	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE 7-8

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal of Double Norwich 'in hand.' First peal of Double Norwich 'in hand' as conductor.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tues., July 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
At THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,*

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Middletown's. Tenor size 15 in C.

*HARRY POYNER 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD 5-6
†PETER J. STANFORTH 3-4	HAROLD J. POOLE 7-8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First Surprise peal on handbells. † First Surprise peal on 'inside' pair.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., July 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At THE COUNTY HALL, S.E.1,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

*THOMAS J. LOCK 1-2	†ALFRED G. WILLIAMS 5-6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3-4	*WILFRID G. WILSON 7-8

PHILIP A. CORBY 9-10

Composed by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal on ten 'in hand.' † First peal of Royal 'in hand.' A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. A. Barnett.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., July 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
In ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH RINGING CHAMBER,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Davies' Transposition.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 1-2	ALAN CATTELL 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4	JOSEPH A. FENTON 7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Fri., July 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,*

A PEAL OF SPLICED ROYAL, 5016 CHANGES;

In four methods, comprising 1,056 Little Bob and 1,320 each of Plain Bob, Double Bob and Reverse Bob, with 264 changes of methods.

Tenor size 17 in A.

JAMES E. DANIELS 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	ROY C. HURST 7-8

MICHAEL J. E. BEST 9-10

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

The first peal of Spliced Royal rung in four methods.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wed., July 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
In THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST PETER'S CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

FREDK. G. HOOPER 1-2	JOSEPH A. FENTON 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4	ALBERT H. WARD 7-8

*FRANK BRADLEY 9-10

Composed and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First handbell peal on ten.

DONCASTER.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thurs., July 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At 38, CASTLE HILLS ROAD, SCAWTHORPE,*

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 8 in C.

DAVID G. JACKSON 1-2	GIBSON JACKSON 5-6
WILLIAM H. JACKSON 3-4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 7-8

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

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MIDDLETON CHENEY BELLS

SOME OLD VILLAGE CUSTOMS.

INSPIRED by the article in 'The Ringing World' of March 24th concerning the village of Bilton, Warwickshire, Mr. R. D. Candy, of Acton, W.3, a member of the Middlesex County Association, writes concerning the bells of his native village, Middleton Cheney, in Northamptonshire, situated $3\frac{1}{4}$ miles north-east of Banbury. He lived in this village until he was 29 years of age and has been closely connected with it for another 20 years.

It was at Middleton Cheney when 17 years old that he first learnt to handle a bell—no easy matter when the ropes are 65ft. draught with about 45ft. without guides between the ground level and the clock room floor. They were rehung with ball bearings in 1925.

The six bells are the heaviest ring of six in the county, the tenor being nearly 23 cwt. in D. Details of their weights and dates are as follows:—

Treble	7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.	1671
2	8 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.	1659
3	9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.	1680
4	11 cwt. 1 qr. 0 lb.	1683
5	18 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.	1651
Tenor	22 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.	1640
Total	78 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lb.	

All except the 5th were cast by Henry Bagley and Son, of Chacombe— $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to the north of Middleton. He was the travelling bell-founder who cast the bells of Bilton.

The 5th was cast by James Keene, of Woodstock. The 4th was cracked in 1888 and recast the same year by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:

Treble.—Georgius Holman drs. de Warke-worth Debit, 1671.

Second.—Cantate Domino Canticum Novum. Henry Bagle made mee 1659. R.H.

Third.—William Paris, James Carter, Churchwardens, 1680.

Fourth.—Mathew Neale, Francis Jackman, Churchwardens. William Bagly made mee 1693.

Fifth.—Thomas Warde, William Judge, C.W. Thomas Pen, Nicholas Parris J. K. made mee 1651.

Tenor.—Aaron's Bells be continual among us jah, the Word still preacht and an Hallelu-jah sung, 1640.

In 1924 the bells were taken down and sent to the bell foundry of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., after being unringable since 1916 owing to the framework being unsafe.

After being retuned and refitted they were rehung the following year in a steel frame and rededicated on November 5th, 1925, this being the date of commencing to ring for Christmas and also the festival week of All Saints, to whom the church is dedicated.

The above custom of ringing on that particular date is only one of many, which, sad to relate, have all died out—with the exception of about two—since I left the village.

CHRISTMAS RINGING.

It was customary to ring the bells on the last three Monday mornings before Christmas for an hour from 5 to 6. And for two years I participated in this ringing.

Another custom was to ring from midnight to 1 a.m. on Christmas morning and then for the ringers to adjourn to the captain's house, where the festival was honoured with a glass of home-made wine. As far as I know this traditional ceremony is still observed, as is ringing the Old Year out with the bells half-muffled from 11.30 till 11.55, when the muffles were untied. The captain then wished the band a happy New Year and the bells were rung clear from 12 to 12.30 a.m.

Easter morning was 'rung in' from 6 till 7 for first Communion, and the old Armistice

Day, November 11th, was commemorated by ringing half-muffled for an hour. With the exception of Christmas and New Year, all these customs, in which I have taken part, have died out.

EACH BELL A SPECIAL OBJECT.

A unique feature was that each bell had an individual object for ringing. The treble was used to call the ringers; the second the dinner bell on Sundays; the third the dinner bell on weekdays; the fourth the Pancake bell, rung at 11.30 a.m. on Shrove Tuesday (which I have rung); the fifth a substitute for the tenor when only five bells were rung; and last, but no means least, the tenor for the death bell, the clock bell and fire bell.

In the case of fire a small bell was also rung with the tenor, known as the 'tinker' or minster bell. This bell weighs about $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. and is dated 1810. It hangs in the east window of the bell chamber, being swung with the rope attached to a piece of wood fixed to the crown. It is also rung for five minutes before a service, and this custom still survives.

When the tenor was rung for a death it was rung up and minuted for an hour, preceded by the tellers. It was also tolled for a funeral. Nowadays it is struck by a hammer with a rope attached on the outside.

ONLY TWO PEALS.

No change ringing is done in this tower by local ringers—only call changes. Before the war a peal of 5,040 changes was rung by the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths, and since the war another by a band of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Last year another peal was attempted, but after an hour's ringing the band gave up owing to the long draught and weight.

The tower of Middleton Cheney dates back to the 12th century and before the present six it contained four bells. These were lost during the time of the Spanish Armada and it is a local belief that they were used to make cannons. When the present bells were taken down, the marks could be clearly traced of the position of these four bells.

MR. W. F. JUDGE'S 500 PEALS

Mr. Walter F. Judge, of Oxford, has an outstanding list in his 500 peals, which were rung in 107 towers and for 20 guilds and associations.

Minor (various), rung 10 (conducted 4); Grandshire Doubles 1, Triples 33 (21), Caters 19 (12) (includes 16,271 record), Cinqes 3 (3); St. Clement's Bob Triples 1; Double Court Triples 1.

Stedman Doubles 1 (1), Triples 113 (72), Caters 34 (25), Cinqes 43 (22) (includes 12,663 record); Erin Caters 1 (1); D.N.C.B. Caters 1 (1), Major 43 (36); Longney Bob Major 1; Canterbury Pleasure Major 1; Bob Major 22 (12), Royal 3 (1), Maximus 1; K.T.B. Major 9 (2); K.T.B. Royal 3 (1); O.T.B. Royal 1; Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major 4 (1); Spliced Bob Major and K.T.B. Major 2 (2); Little Bob Major 2 (1).

Cambridge Surprise Major 32 (14), Royal 11 (2), Maximus 11 (3); New Cambridge Surprise Royal 2 (1); Yorkshire Surprise Major 11 (8), Royal 3, Maximus 3 (2); Superlative Surprise Major 8 (2); Bristol Surprise Major 15 (10); London Surprise Major 8 (3); Ashtead Surprise Major 3 (1); Lincolnshire Surprise Major 5 (2); Rutland Surprise Major 4 (3); Painswick Surprise Major 1; Norfolk Surprise Major 1; Wembley Surprise Major 1; Watford Surprise Major 1; Pudsey Surprise Major 1; Lindum Surprise Major 1.

Spliced Surprise Major—four methods 9 (7), five methods 2, six methods 1 (1), eight methods 5 (5), ten methods 2 (2), twelve methods 2 (2), fourteen methods 1 (1), sixteen methods 1 (1), eighteen methods 1 (1), twenty methods 1 (1). Total 500 (conducted 290).

Surrey Association

SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT LEIGH.

On Saturday, July 1st, the Southern District of Surrey Association held a quarterly meeting at Leigh; this was in the nature of an experiment, as the bells had been going badly. They proved almost as awkward as we had feared, in spite of the hard work put in beforehand by Mr. A. P. Cannon, for which we thank him.

However, they improved a little as the meeting progressed, and we were able to ring Grandshire, Bob Minor and Bob Doubles, Stedman and one plain course of Cambridge Minor. About 20 ringers attended the meeting, the majority on cycles, not wishing to be dependent on the two-hourly bus service.

After tea the Rector (the Rev. Flint) invited the members to hold their business meeting in the paddock behind the Rectory. One new member was elected, and the election of previous new members was ratified. All at the meeting were very sorry to hear that Mr. J. W. Knight was in hospital with a broken heel, and it was agreed that the secretary should write to him, expressing the condolence and best wishes of all present. It was decided that the next meeting, in September, should be held at Lingfield, or, failing this, at Bletchingley.

Evensong, at 6.30, was preceded by Grandshire Doubles. Mrs. A. P. Cannon very kindly accompanied during the service on the piano.

Further ringing in the evening finished with the longest touch of the day, 720 of Bob Minor, conducted by A. P. Cannon. It was the first 720 for three of the ringers and was a creditable effort by all.

During the afternoon members were able to see how one man—namely, Mr. T. Price, of Feltham—rings the 2nd and 3rd bells to a touch of Bob Minor, while conducting it; unfortunately, the 3rd bell is the most difficult to control and the touch came to grief.

All present agreed that, in its own way, the meeting had been a success. R. F.

DEDICATION

HAWKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

On Sunday, July 9th, the Lord Bishop of Portsmouth dedicated at evensong the restored and augmented ring of bells, together with two other memorials.

The work of rehanging the original six bells in an iron framework with new fittings and adding two new treble bells has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., whose representative, Mr. Don Bradford, was present at the dedication. The cost of the whole of the work has been borne by Mr. and Mrs. T. Cline Davies, of Hawkley Hurst, in memory of their son, Harold F. T. Davies, R.N.V.R., who fell in the war of 1939-45.

An invitation had been extended by the Vicar (the Rev. J. F. Wright) and Hawkley ringers to various towers in the area, and the following places were represented: Petersfield, Steep, Selborne, Liss, Froxfield and Blackmoor.

Mr. C. E. Bassett, secretary of the Alton and Petersfield District, was responsible for the ringing arrangements. The bells were rung during the afternoon, and tea was provided by the Vicar in the Institute.

The bells were rung at the time of the dedication by the local band in charge of Mr. Charles Pound, after which a quarter peal of Grandshire Triples was rung by the following: C. Pound (Hawkley) 1, Miss C. Roberts (Steep) 2, P. W. Wright 3, A. H. Fricker 4, N. Over 5, C. C. Wright 6, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 7, A. Betsworth (Liss) 8. The ringers of 3, 4, 5 and 6 were from Petersfield.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On June 19th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. J. Bragg 1, T. E. Denyer 2, W. H. Viggers 3, R. Corke 4, J. D. Rock 5, P. Blackman 6, E. Smith 7, C. W. Denyer (cond.) 8. First in method for 2, 4 and 7.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On July 11th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Canterbury Pleasure, 360 Plain Bob, 360 April Day and 300 Grandsire): R. Wilmore (Mountsorrel) 1, G. Lowe (Barrow-on-Soar) 2, W. C. Shute (Ferndown, Dorset) 3, J. W. Lowe (Barrow-on-Soar) 4, E. Morris (cond.) 5.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Mark's Church, on July 9th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob: Mrs. D. Evans 1, W. G. Brown (cond.) 2, M. Helps 3, L. Coles 4, R. Perry 5, C. Knott 6.

CROWCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Welsher 1, C. W. J. Lock 2, John Henson 3, L. T. Richards 4, R. E. Colman (cond.) 5, E. Colman 6. Rung for the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. John Henson.

OROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist on July 2nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Davies 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, E. Razzell 3, C. E. Taylor (first of Caters) 4, D. Cooper 5, F. Sanguin 6, W. Oatway 7, G. H. Humphries 8, F. E. Collins (cond.) 9, F. E. Mitchell 10.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On July 9th, 720 Bourne Surprise and 720 Norwich Surprise: W. F. Todd 1, G. Cherry 2, A. E. Symonds 3, E. W. Winters 4, W. J. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6.

HERNE HILL, KENT.—On July 8th, 1,280 Spliced Kent and Oxford (no bobs): P. R. Jimmett 1, F. Cheal 2, E. S. Wyles 3, G. A. Naylor 4, E. Naylor 5, W. S. Palin 6, T. Holmes 7, W. Batterall (cond.) 8. First in the method by all the band.

QUARTER PEALS

LANCASTER.—At St. Peter's Cathedral on July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: John Pye 1, J. Woods 2, R. Rainford 3, Jas. Metcalfe 4, W. S. Bleasdale 5, S. Jeffery 6, H. Rainford (cond.) 7, F. Hornby 8. First quarter for 1 and 8.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. R. Poulson 1, S. Smith 2, F. F. Mortlock 3, W. Faiers 4, F. Boreham 5, M. T. Symonds 6, H. Millatt (cond.) 7, L. C. Offord 8.

LYDNEY, GLOS.—On July 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Kear (first quarter) 1, N. Rees 2, J. C. Goulding 3, O. Thomas 4, J. W. Davis (cond.) 5, H. Christie 6. Farewell peal to Canon L. P. Jones on his retirement as Vicar of Lydney-with-Aylburton after 22½ years' ministry; also to Mrs. L. P. Jones.

MARKFIELD, LEICESTER.—On July 2nd at St. Michael's, 1,240 April Day, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: J. Wardle (first quarter) 1, S. Gardner 2, V. Geary 3, J. W. Bowley 4, C. W. Hall (cond.) 5, H. Wardle (first quarter) 6. Rung for dedication of victory bell plaque.

MOBBERLEY, CHESHIRE.—On July 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. G. Evans (first quarter) 1, A. Rhodes 2, N. D. Lomas (first 'inside') 3, S. Sage 4, J. D. Lomas 5, D. Mottershead (first as cond.) 6. First quarter on the bells since rehanging. A birthday compliment to Mrs. S. Sage and to N. D. Lomas (15).

NORTON, HERTS.—On July 2nd at St. Nicholas', 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. A. Collins (first in method, aged 13) 1, E. G. Buck 2, R. V. Webb 3, W. D. Pooley 4, I. Werrett 5, H. E. Werrett 6, J. S. Dear (cond.) 7, V. Trigg (first quarter) 8.

OLNEY, BUCKS.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul on July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Stapleton 1, F. Boswell 2, A. Freeman 3, F. Mynard (first in the method) 4, M. Cook 5, V. Adams 6, B. Fisher (cond.) 7, E. Perkins 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, who has reached the age of 80 years and has completed 70 years of ringing.

PORTSMOUTH.—On July 12th at the Church of St. Mary, Portsea, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. D. Harris 1, Miss C. Burbidge 2, Miss B. M. Ball 3, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 4, A. T. Greenwood 5, F. W. Burnett 6, F. W. Rogers 7, S. J. Harding 8.

SHIRLEY, WARWS.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. T. Bartlett 1, E. T. Lloyd 2, G. C. Hemming 3, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 4, T. Abbotts 5, G. J. Hemming 6, A. Morris 7, Miss M. Griffiths (first quarter on eight) 8.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On July 2nd, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Pratt 1, A. Harris 2, G. Cherry 3, L. Runnacles 4, M. Chalkley 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6.

THURLEY, Lincs.—On July 6th, 1,260 Minor (720 Spliced Cambridge and Ipswich and 540 Double Court): W. Clark 1, J. Sempster 2, H. M. Day (cond.) 3, C. Wade 4, W. Oldman 5, F. Brightman 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Cummings and William Bennett, son of one of the local ringers.

WALMER, KENT.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Mantle 1, F. A. Rye (cond.) 2, Miss J. Wells (first of Triples) 3, A. C. Rye 4, F. Stanton 5, T. Wickens 6, E. Furminger 7, H. E. Axon 8.

WANDSWORTH.—On July 2nd at Holy Trinity Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. M. Page 1, H. R. Newton 2, Joyce England 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, P. A. Chalk 5, A. Appleton 6, D. E. Parsons 7, J. Phillips (cond.) 8.

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Congratulations to the
Lichfield Cathedral band!
When the new ten at the
Cathedral, the gift of the Freemasons of Staf-
fordshire, was dedicated, the local band was
only able to ring Grandsire Doubles. On July
12th the Sunday service band rang a peal of
Grandsire Caters, and a very good peal, too,
reports the conductor. Four of the band are
16 years of age. The peal was a farewell to
Miss Betty Crossman, who is shortly leaving
for Harlow, Essex.

The peal of Plain Bob Minor at Kingswood,
Surrey, is believed to be the first on the bells
since 1932.

The bells of Acle (Norfolk) Church will be
on the air in the Midland Service at 9.30 a.m.
on July 30th for the opening of the B.B.O.
East Anglian Week.

Mr. C. Wallater, who conducted the peal at
Coseley, Staffs, reported in this issue, to cele-
brate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W.
Hickman, also conducted the same peal in the
same tower on August 4th, 1913, to celebrate
the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Price,
parents of Mrs. Hickman.

From Hong Kong, Instructor Comdr. R. G.
Cross writes: Last evening my wife and I for
amusement rang spliced Plain, Reverse and
Double Bob Minimus. I imagine this is the
first time 'spliced' has been rung in the Far
East. The truth of the composition is left to
the imagination of those who know.

Ringers on the Kent and Sussex border will
be sorry to hear of the sudden illness of Mr.
Geoffrey D. Burroughs, of Hammerwood, who
is now in East Grinstead Hospital and will be
unable to ring for some time. Mr. Burroughs
has revived method ringing at his father's
church and has become a popular member of
the East Grinstead Guild and Sussex County
Association.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A successful tour of
Somerset and Dorset was
enjoyed by a party of Ash-
ford (Kent) ringers during the first week of
July. The highlight of the tour was the suc-
cessful peal of Yorkshire on the bells of
Sherborne Abbey, accomplished in 3 hours
52 minutes. The story of the tour will be pub-
lished next week.

A new record of Spliced Major "in hand"
has been established by Mr. George E. Feirn,
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bray and Mr. Philip Barnes
comprising a peal of 31 methods. Details will
be published next week.

Work on the two new trebles and the re-
hanging of the present six bells at St. Mary's,
Maulden, Beds, has commenced. The contract
has been entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stain-
bank. The bell fund now stands at £570, about
another £10 being required.

The peal at St. Ebbe's, Oxford, recorded last
week, was the 200th peal for Mr. Reginald
Woodyatt, the well-known Worcestershire
ringer. We regret that through a typographi-
cal error his name appeared as 'Woodlatt'.

Mr. R. H. Dove writes that he was present
at the dedication of Ash (Surrey) bells as a
visiting ringer and not representing Messrs.
John Taylor and Co. We regret that we were
misinformed.

Mr. Ronald Lord, of Barwell, has been
'called up' for military service and is sta-
tioned at Devizes, Wilts, in the Royal Army
Pay Corps. He would be pleased to contact
local ringers.

Owing to the shortage of active ringers in
the Hinckley District of the Leicester Diocesan
Guild, Barwell ringers have been doing 'a
spot' of missionary work to help keep the bells
ringing on Sundays. Four towers have been
visited and on one Sunday four services were
rung for—at three towers, including their own
morning and evening services.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL

Epic Poem Provides a Text Memories of Canon Coleridge's 'We shall not look on his like again' Examples of Stoke Goldington and Great Horwood Memorial to late Master Committee's Report referred back for a Year

FOLLOWING on traditional lines, the Oxford Diocesan Guild held their annual festival at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on Saturday, which was attended by a large company of ringers.

Proceedings started with the service in the Cathedral, conducted by the Master (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg). The ringers provided their own choir and their own organist, Mr. Bernard S. Nicholls, who trained the choirboys for the service. The lesson was read by the Deputy Master (Capt. A. R. Poyntz). Mr. F. Sharpe acted as crossbearer and organised the service, which closed with the Benediction, pronounced by Bishop Buxton.

The Rev. C. P. Sherwood, of Mapledurham, gave the address and based his remarks on Jean Ingelow's poem, 'The High Tide on the Lincolnshire Coast,' quoting the first verse:—

The old mayor climbed the belfry tower,
The ringers ran by two, by three;
'Pull, if you never pulled before;

Good ringers, pull your best,' quoth he.
'Play uppe, play uppe, O Boston bells!
Play all your changes, all your swells.
Play uppe, "The Brides of Enderby."

'I don't know,' he said, 'how many of you know this poem, which stands in memory to the performance of the duty and privilege of a band of ringers over 400 years ago. The story is well known of how when a dangerous Spring tide threatened the sea wall, the ringers went to the tower and there in the bell chamber rang the changes to a tune that meant warning and danger.

'We are all sensible of the great privilege we share together as ringers. Once a year we assemble in joy and duty in this ancient Cathedral as a band of people held together in one fellowship in the knowledge of the service we give to the Church of God, to the village in which we live and to the parish and community where we ring.

'I can well imagine how those ringers of Boston tower on that afternoon and all through the night were deeply sensible of their duty and privilege. The story tells how through the long and dark night they rang their bells to guide men with little boats to rescue families from housetops and hillocks. I think that story is one of the most thrilling of the service that ringers can give to mankind. . . .

'I would suggest that the circle of bells in a tower suggests to us three things. First is the bond of unity. We stand together and in order to ring our bells we must be complete. If we have six bells in our tower we don't like to have five ringers, and if there are eight bells we want eight ringers. In the tower the bells are hung in an almost complete circle so there should be completeness of unity and fellowship in the ringers.

The second thing is the sense of duty. If one ringer is away then his bell might be silent. The third thing is that the circle of bells symbolises a real sense of joy that comes not only by the sound of the bells, but the sense or feeling that that sound is in no way mechanised. It has been caused by deliberate movement, by the muscle and body of men and women directed by his or her mind. It is a sense of achievement if you like, but I think you will all agree that whenever we can band together to achieve something there is a sense of joy. Just as the ringers of Lincolnshire did a great thing that night to save the lives of hundreds of people from being overrun by the sea, so can we do much the same to save the lives of people of our generation by letting

them know that the church bell sounds calling them to the worship and love of God in our town and country parishes.'

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The Master (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) presided at the annual meeting, supported by the Deputy Master (Capt. A. R. Poyntz), the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker), the general secretary (Mr. W. Hibbert) and the hon. librarian (Miss M. R. Cross).

Arising from the minutes, Mr. J. T. Fowler proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Alan Pink for the excellent articles in the Diocesan Magazine under the heading of Campanology Corner.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, in seconding, said it brought ringing in words to the eyes of the right people.

Apologies were received from the Bishop of Dorchester, Canon G. Duxon, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Watts, Messrs. T. N. Lanaghan, C. J. Hibbert, G. Gilbert and E. G. Foster.

The Master's report stated that the thought that was uppermost in his mind was the great loss sustained by the Guild in the death of Canon G. F. Coleridge. For three years after his retirement from the living of Crowthorne the Canon did, in spite of increasing physical handicaps, continue in a very wonderful way to guide and inspire the counsels of the Guild.

'Now at last the time has come for us to say goodbye to that genial giant of a man—a giant both in stature and in moral and spiritual character. I can think of no words more appropriate than those of Shakespeare, spoken by Hamlet to his father: "He was a man, take him for all in all, we shall not look on his like again." Let us all strive to take courage and inspiration from his life amongst us, and try in our lesser ways to imitate his great qualities, his kindness and patience, his perfect standard of justice and integrity, his true unbiased judgment, and his pure love for his fellow-men.'

The Master recorded that he had been happy to attend meetings, principally annual meetings, of ten of the branches of the Guild. Schemes of restoration and augmentation had been going forward steadily during the past year and they congratulated the ringers of Burnham, Slough, Hook Norton, Burford, Wokingham, Great Horwood, Cowley and elsewhere on the enthusiastic part which they had played in raising funds for their respective towers.

PEALS DOWN.

The secretary's report for 1949 also referred to the passing of Canon Coleridge. Turning to Guild affairs, Mr. Hibbert wrote that the year 1949 had been quite successful, yet there was still apathy in some branches. Mr. Gilling, of the Vale of White Horse, and Mr. Haines, of the Bradfield Branch, did not get the support their untiring efforts deserved.

Peal numbers were down somewhat (perhaps owing to Burnham bells being out of action for some months), but 50 true and well-struck peals were more to the credit of the Guild and to individuals than 200 for the sake of saying, 'This is all.'

The treasurer's report stated that the general funds of the Guild amounted to £552 2s. 6d., of which £491 16s. 5d. was in the Restoration Fund. Grants were paid to Blewbury, Cuddeon, Hook Norton and St. Paul's, Wokingham. Contributions to the R. T. Hibbert Memorial Fund were sufficient to provide a brass tablet to be placed in East Ilsley Church. Mr. A. E. Lock was to be congratulated on an

excellent piece of work, and all subscribers to the fund were thanked for the generous support.

The reports were adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected: Master, the Rev. C. E. Wigg; Deputy Master, Capt. A. R. Poyntz; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; general secretary, Mr. W. Hibbert; hon. librarian, Miss M. R. Cross. To the General Committee were elected Messrs. G. Cauldwell, J. W. Wilkins, H. Sear, J. T. Fowler, R. White, W. F. Judge, G. Holifield, C. J. Hibbert and B. S. Nicholls and Miss D. Fletcher. Mr. W. Dixon, a former committee member, was now a representative of the Chipping Norton Branch, and it was left to this branch to nominate another member.

The recommendation of the General Committee that the 1951 festival be held at Oxford was carried on the proposition of Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. A. E. Lock.

Supporting a recommendation that a grant of £25 be paid to Stoke Goldington, the Rev. J. L. Woods said two years ago they found that their ring of five needed attention and the tenor recasting. The original bell frame of 1625 had been patched up several times. A new frame for six bells had been ordered, the contract having been placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank at a cost of £800. Although Stoke Goldington was just an ordinary village it raised the £800 to do the job. They, nevertheless, hankered after a sixth bell, which would mean other £80. The North Bucks Branch had given them £10 and the village had been 'sucked dry' in raising the £800 and they had not the cheek to ask for more.

The meeting approved of the grant.

There was also a recommendation before the meeting for a grant of £10 towards the restoration of Fulmer bells. Mr. A. D. Barker said he had heard nothing and no application had been made to him. No money would be paid until the job was done to their satisfaction.

The position of Great Horwood bells was raised. Under the rules of the Guild a grant had to be claimed within three years, and three years ago a grant of £20 was passed for the restoration of these bells.

Mr. G. Edmans said the dedication of these bells was fixed for the following day. They still needed the £20 and he made application for the grant.

This was agreed to.

The Master congratulated the ringers of Great Horwood on getting their wish. They had worked very hard to get the money together. It had been a real ringers' effort and they hoped before long to test the new bells.

The meeting agreed to a grant of £10 10s. for some suitable present to Mr. O. Francis, the hon. auditor, in recognition of his services during the past 15 years.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE.

The General Committee recommended that names of members killed in the 1939-45 war be added in the 1914-18 Book of Remembrance. The General Secretary said he was thankful to state that there were only 16 names to be added. On the proposition of Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Trollope, this was approved.

SECRETARY'S SALARY.

Mr. John Fowler raised the question of the secretary's salary, which, he said, had been considered by the General Committee. He said the secretary was receiving the same salary as

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his late father, namely, £20, and that would not go far now. Travelling expenses were now very much heavier.

The Master: If you consider travelling expenses for attending 15 branches it seems to me that you are not going to get much change out of £20.

The Secretary said he had not charged travelling expenses and the £20 did not cover them.

The matter was left to the Guild Committee.

MEMORIAL TO CANON COLERIDGE.

The Master said that at the committee meeting there was a general feeling that there should be some tangible memorial to Canon Coleridge in addition to a tablet in the Cloisters. A small committee was elected in conjunction with Mr. Judge and Mr. Sharpe to inquire into the matter. That committee had met the authorities of Christ Church and the suggestion was that there should be some improvement to the arrangement of the bells at Christ Church and possibly the addition of one bell and also the improvement of the tone of the two trebles. The committee was left with a free hand to go into the matter and present something to the meeting. As the result of the meeting with the authorities of Christ Church they had received the following specification from Messrs. Mears and Stainbank:—

To take down the two treble bells of the ring of 12, recast them in perfect tune and harmony with the existing ring; refix and rehang the two bells with the present fittings, which are in good condition, and leave the bells in perfect ringing order for the sum of £130 10s.

To supply and fix sound sprouts to the two treble bells passing through the floors of the ringing chamber; also supply and fix a sound sprout from the bell chamber passing through the wall to the outside of the tower; build a wooden partition between the tenor and treble bells to the height of the tenor wheel; reduce the diameter of the 11th wheel; alter the position of the 8th, 9th and 10th wheels, also the rope bosses in the ringing chamber so that the ropes fall in a better circle, for the sum of £60 10s.

The Master added that it was thought that this would be a fitting memorial to one who was a Canon of Christ Church and loved the Diocese of Oxford.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe said there was a proposal to put in a 13th bell, but owing to technical difficulties the committee thought it better to leave it out. There were other things to be done in the Cathedral tower, and at a meeting with the Cathedral authorities the treasurer undertook to meet the cost of repairs to the bell frames, which were not too good. The two trebles were recast and put in 50 years ago. The other item was to put a memorial in the cloister similar to that to the Rev. F. E. Robinson and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn.

The Master added that whatever else was done there should be a tablet in the cloisters.

Mr. A. D. Cullum suggested that the committee was putting 'the cart before the horse.' 'Don't you think,' he said, 'the proper thing is to advertise in "The Ringing World" and invite members of other associations to contribute to a memorial? When the fund is established then we can decide what we should do. It seems to me that these proposals should be washed out. Who in 20 years' time would know that Canon Coleridge had anything to do with ringing at Christ Church? He was too big a man for something so paltry.'

Mr. A. D. Barker, speaking in support of the scheme, said the memorial was talked about at the Central Council meeting and a grant of £50 was made from the Central Council funds. His own branch had voted £10 towards the memorial. The only thing was that the memorial seemed rather small; they could, however, add to it.

The Rev. St. G. Edwards said Mr. Cullum's idea was that the memorial was not big enough.

Mr. Sharpe said something about the tone of the treble bells and they could not be heard outside. As he was going up the High Street he heard the 12 bells quite plainly. They all sounded quite in order except that they were clashing at the back end.

The Rev. R. Sherwood moved that the committee's recommendation be adopted, and the Rev. Noel Hope seconded.

The Deputy Master said the scheme appeared to be entirely domestic to Oxford, and as such he did not think it would appeal to the ordinary ringers of the diocese. When they talked about improving the tone they were talking about a domestic work, and the improvement of the wheels and the circle was a matter of domestic upholstery. He doubted whether many of the ringers knew in which tower the bells were; he could tell them that for years he thought they were under the spire. He moved as an amendment that the matter be referred back for a year so that the committee could take some time in preparing a fitting memorial. He would suggest that the memorial take the form of some altar furniture or a silver cross or silver candlesticks, or they might invest the money and from the income award a set of handbells to the tower which had made most progress with its beginners. Whatever memorial was decided upon it should be more than a domestic memorial in Christ Church, Oxford.

Mr. Cullum seconded the amendment.

The General Secretary warned the meeting of the danger of referring the matter back and cited the circumstances of the J. W. Parker memorial.

Mr. A. D. Barker said the authorities had decided to meet the domestic part of the memorial.

Mr. Fowler thought a better way of dealing with the matter would be for it to be considered by the committee consisting of the officers of the Guild and the 12 committee members.

A member suggested that something should be done for Crowthorne. It had not a ring of bells and the bell in the church was not a good one. He thought they should do something for the Cathedral because they were always very welcome.

The amendment that the scheme be referred back for a year and funds be collected for a memorial was carried by 56 votes to 48.

The following were re-elected members of the Central Council: Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. F. D. Boreham and Mr. A. E. Locke.

The General Secretary reported that 157 new members had been elected during the year. Their election was confirmed.

The meeting discussed the question of holding a half-yearly meeting of the Guild, a matter raised by the Rev. St. G. Edwards. The general opinion was against an extra meeting.

Lunch was served in Christ Church Hall, the Master presiding. At the conclusion of the meal the Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter and the authorities at Christ Church for permitting the Guild to worship in the mother church of the diocese. He thanked the preacher and the organist, Mr. Bernard Nicholls, who had also trained the choirboys for the service. The Master expressed the Guild's appreciation of the services of the general secretary in arranging the festival.

The toast of 'The Oxford Diocesan Guild' was proposed by Mr. Crum, of London. Mr. A. D. Barker replied and proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' which was acknowledged by Mr. T. W. White.

A very interesting exhibition, including old bells, was on view in the hall, arranged by Mr. Frederick Sharpe. A set of handbells belonging to Mr. Sharpe, which contained bells dating from 1696, were rung and their beautiful tone admired.

Ringling took place afterwards in a number of towers.

Dedication

TICEHURST, SUSSEX.

A service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the church and hallowing of the restored ring of bells was held in Ticehurst Parish Church on July 2nd.

The packed congregation, which included parishioners from surrounding villages who had generously supported the Restoration Fund, turned to face the belfry while the churchwardens, choir and clergy proceeded to the entrance of the belfry. There the Lord Bishop of Lewes (the Right Rev. Geoffrey Hodgson Warde) hallowed the bells. A touch of plain rounds was then rung.

In his sermon the Bishop congratulated the people of Ticehurst (a village of less than 3,000 inhabitants) on achieving their object (£2,000) in the short space of 18 months. The Bishop exhorted all members of the Church to be courageous in their conflict against the evils which confront Christians daily, and to make their lives as sound as the bells which would call them to worship.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnson were represented by Mr. J. Pares, and he presented the Vicar (the Rev. O. A. S. Edwards) with a beautifully inscribed memento showing the weights of the six bells and their inscriptions.

The special lessons for the service were read by Lord Courthouse.

Details and inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.—Diameter 30½in. Weight 5 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. D sharp.

I am she that leads the van

Then follow me now if you can.

Second.—Diameter 32½in. Weight 6 cwt. 8 lb. C sharp.

Then I speak next I can you tell

So give me rope and ring me well.

Third.—Diameter 35in. Weight 7 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. B.

Now I am third as I suppose

Mark well now time and forth close.

Fourth.—Diameter 37in. Weight 8 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. A sharp.

As I am fourth I will explain

If you'd keep time I'll credit gain.

Fifth.—Diameter 40½in. Weight 11 cwt. 9 lb. G sharp.

Now I am fifth I do suppose

Then ring me well and tenor doze.

Tenor.—Diameter 45½in. Weight 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. F sharp.

This is to show to ages yet to come

That by subscription we were cast and hung & Edward Lulham is his name

That was the actor of the same.

David Durrell DD Vicar. John Baker and David Hyland Ch. Wardens John Noakes Gent Thomas May Gent Subscribers. Thomas Janaway made us all 1771.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

SOUTH OXON BRANCH AT DORCHESTER.

A quarterly meeting of the South Oxon Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at the historic Abbey of Dorchester, Oxon, on July 8th.

Over thirty members and visitors were present on this lovely summer afternoon, and several cyclists made an all-round trip of some 50 miles to be present!

Fourteen new members were elected from one tower in the branch. The Vicar of Benson was elected vice-chairman of the branch, and he gave the address at the Abbey service.

The branch secretary proposed and Mr. Wells seconded, 'that a resolution be brought before the General Committee of the Guild at its next meeting, that whenever a peal is attempted at Dorchester, a contribution should be made towards the upkeep of the ropes,' as the ropes at Dorchester were found, prior to the meeting, to be in a precarious condition, and that sooner or later the whole question of charges for peals would have to be thoroughly investigated.

A JOYOUS CORNISH SPRING

FESTIVALS AND DEDICATIONS.

APRIL and May gave opportunity for activity to members of the Truro Diocesan Guild. Perranarworthal, St. Enoder, Tuckingmill and St. Mellion, Paul and Stithians was the order respectively for four spring festivals and two dedications. Arrangements for the festivals were made by the branch secretaries, Mr. R. G. Clemens (Truro Branch), Canon F. F. Gilbert (Mid-Cornwall), the Rev. A. S. Roberts (Penzance) and Mr. H. J. Clarke (South-East). The attendances varied up to about eighty, and these included at all or some Miss E. Symons (president), Mr. W. H. Southard (Master), the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella (secretary), with other ever-presents.

The Mid-Cornwall Branch, which was created some years ago when several towers in that area were retrieved from the jaws of prize-ringing, still tries to maintain a standard of perfection in rounds and call-changes, and so at that festival the afternoon was given up to practice, the usual spiritual exercise, and a bumper West Country tea.

In the evening ringing for proficiency certificates took place. Judges (common to prize-ringing) have been dispensed with, and examiners have entered the field. On this occasion two method ringers were asked to act, and this was a compliment to Messrs. W. H. Southard and C. E. Lanxon, who did so, for in some parts of Cornwall method ringers are known as 'Intellectual Ringers.' Having secreted themselves, they duly noted the faults to the satisfaction of the assembled company. Certificates were later awarded.

PAUL'S NEW RING.

Despite the lingering of so much that is elementary to the more advanced in the ringing world, Cornwall has a contribution to make, and an example to give—many strong towers, and a local enthusiasm to see they possess a ring in good order. Paul is an example. The Vicar, the Rev. W. V. Wagner, is to be congratulated. At Cury he put in a ring of six; at Gunwalloe a chime of six; at Paul he has given Cornwall perhaps its best six. His name is inscribed on a bell in three Cornish towers.

There were three bells at Paul, dated 1727 and cast by Rudhall. The tenor weighed 12 cwt. and would have been unworthy of the new ring, so has been recast and getting on for 3 cwt. of metal added. Three new bells have been added, with new frame and fittings. The tower is one of the finest in West Cornwall, there is space enough and to spare; instead of louvres there is perforated slate, which makes the sound of the bells in the vicinity of the tower subdued and mellow.

The dedication was on May 20th by the Archdeacon of Cornwall. The church was full, and the first sound of the bells added solemn dignity to the occasion as the procession returned from west to east. In his magazine notes the Vicar has written: 'When in the course of the service the experts rang a short peal, a tear of joy came to the eyes of many on hearing the bells for the first time.' The ringers were G. W. Taysom 1. Miss E. Symons 2. W. Wood 3. A. Carveth 4. Mrs. A. S. Roberts 5. W. H. Southard 6. This band rang 360 Grand sire Doubles at the close of the service.

Visitors from some twelve towers then joined in, and the latter part of the evening was spent helping to get the new local band, some fifteen strong, used to their new charge. Through the kindness of Mr. W. Wood, assisted by the Rev. A. S. Roberts and Mr. G. W. Taysom, they had learnt to handle a bell at Gulval during Lent, and by good fortune Mr. French, of Canterbury Cathedral, was on holiday in Paul, so looked after matters on the first Sunday. Diocese and Province have set Paul upon the campanological ladder. Paul is some three miles from Penzance; the hill approaching the place is notorious, and on May

Day the bells arrived just as a week of carnival and gaiety on their behalf had begun. The May Queen was crowned on the green that evening, and the lorry with its load stuck on Paul Hill; a tractor had to be found to assist. There was bowling for a pig, and the bellhanger beat all comers; he won the pig, but dared not take it to Loughborough, so it is fattening in Paul. The Rev. W. V. Wagner is to be congratulated upon raising some £1,200 and for making his people so bell minded.

STITHIANS' BELLS.

Stithians' bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Truro on May 27th. Again it is a story of a crowded church, more ringers than one could easily count, a generous tea, and as tuneful a ring of bells as one could wish for. Again, the tower is solid and big and possessed four bells; a new fourth and fifth have been added and once again everything else is new. The tenor weighs 9 cwt. A four-faced striking clock has also been installed. The money for the whole of this work was left by a Cornish exile in New Zealand some 20 years ago, but nothing was done until two years ago, when the Rev. H. White came as a new Vicar.

Inspired by Mr. R. G. Clemens, who farms in the parish, he discovered the money was still available and so got the work done. The opening rounds were of special interest, for it was known that a local band which had never before had its own bells was to ring. Mr. R. G. Clemens, his two daughters, Kathleen and Mary (aged 12), Mr. H. C. Spencer (late of Birmingham), Mrs. Phillips and Mr. G. Snell, all now living in the parish, gave us the first impressions of the ring with some good rounds.

TWO FURTHER DEDICATIONS.

In both these cases the confidence placed in Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., who have carried out the work, has been fully justified. Two further dedications should take place in the autumn, for St. Columb Major's eight and St. Petrock Minor's five have gone to Loughborough. Of the former, several are to be recast, and a treble is to be added to the latter. Both will have new frames and fittings, and will make a total of 16 restorations or additions to the bells of Cornwall since the war ended, with a total expenditure of some £11,000. It seems that a generous place is given to bells in parochial needs; at any rate, the county considers them important.

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WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.

An attendance of 53 was present at the Wellingborough Branch meeting at Yardley Hastings. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. T. Thompson) and Mr. W. Denton was organist. The collection for the Guild's Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 1s. 7d. Tea at the Village Hall was arranged by Mrs. B. Burge with the help of local ringers' wives.

At the business meeting, presided over by the Rector, Mr. R. Noon (Guild general secretary) proposed six new members from Earls Barton, Messrs. P. Townley, B. Townley, G. Neale, J. Neale, P. Symonds and B. Abbott. First peal certificates were presented to Messrs. F. Holley and J. Malloes (Wollaston) and R. Minney (Yardley Hastings).

Ringling also took place in the evening on the heavy five at Castle Ashby. The year 1938 was the last occasion branch members visited this tower.

The meeting was attended by ringers from Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Higham Ferrers, Wilby, Mears Ashby, Ecton, Earls Barton, Bozeat, Easton, Mauditt, Wollaston, Olney, Northampton, Brafield, Piddington, Turvey, Burton Latimer and Yardley Hastings.

St. Martin's Guild

SUMMER MEETING AT TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN.

The summer meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held in the lovely village of Tanworth-in-Arden on July 1st and was attended by about sixty ringers. The church, dedicated to St. Mary Magdalene, was built in the Decorated style of architecture about the year 1340, although there was a chapel on the site in the early part of the 12th century.

The date of the meeting was precisely a year after the dedication of the new octave, which are a very pleasant ring. A short service was held, the address by the Vicar (the Rev. D. W. Lee) being most interesting, in which the visitors learnt much of the history of Tanworth Church.

At the business meeting the Master referred to the loss the Guild had sustained by the death of William H. Barber and George W. Steere. Messrs. T. H. Reeves and E. C. Shepherd supported the remarks of the Master concerning the late 'Bill' Barber, Mr. Reeves pointing out the difficulties of peal ringing in the early days compared with the ease with which peals are arranged and rung at present. The members stood for a moment in silence as a token of respect to their memory.

The following new members were elected: Mr. L. Yates, of Erdington, Mr. C. Rawlins and Mr. C. Brettell, of Tanworth, and the tower elections of Mr. P. A. Corby, of London, Miss Molly Flynn and Mr. J. Oliver, of King's Norton, were ratified.

It was decided to hold the next meeting (October 7th) at Erdington, subject to the Vicar's permission, the secretary to endeavour to arrange for the new eight at the Roman Catholic Church to be available, in addition to those of the Parish Church.

Amongst the visitors were Mr. Geoffrey Dodds and Miss Anna Stockdale, whilst an old member, Mr. Hector Bird, was welcomed.

The opportunity was taken of examining the peal book of 'Bill' Barber, which will be kept with the valuable peal books of the Guild.

The Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his very interesting address and for the use of the bells. Mr. John H. Jones was thanked for the trouble he had taken to ensure the success of the meeting, and was congratulated upon the able manner in which he read the lesson at the service.

Further ringing took place until a late hour, a recording of the bells was taken, but it is feared that one side of the record may be marred by the advent of a noisy motor-cycle.

Some preferred to bask in the sunshine on the village green, whilst others visited the village hostelry, where one speaks not out of one's turn, out of respect to the landlord, Mr. Jack Hood (the ex-boxing champion)!

'BELLS OF ALL NATIONS'

After a delay of five years at the publishers from unforeseen circumstances, the new book by Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S., F.R.G.S., M.R.S.L., entitled 'Bells of All Nations,' is now being set up in print and will be published within the next few months.

It will be a comprehensive volume covering every type of bell from the little tinkler on the sheep to the mighty bourdons of Russia and China. A full history of bells from earliest times is given, with schedules of great bells of the world, carillons and other types of the campanistic art. Practically every country in the world is mentioned and some 1,000 or more places named. All the varying modes of hanging and ringing are shown, and the book will be well illustrated.

A short foreword is given by the Lord Bishop of Liverpool. The author's other works on bells and ringing—now out of print—include 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' 'Legends of the Bells,' 'Chronology of British Bellfounders,' etc.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'OUR CHANGING EXERCISE'

Dear Sir, — That hackneyed cliché — 'I couldn't care less' — seems to have been on the lips of folk of a type in almost every walk of life — more's the pity! In the Exercise, even, there are those who would use it in a deprecatory sense in regard to matters of theory, or the 'reason why.' Nevertheless, while there will always be just 'button pushers' (and why not?), yet there are, thank goodness, those who want to know what is happening 'inside' when the button is pushed; 'button investigators,' who wish to see reason in all things.

Fortunately for the future of this essentially British art of ours its character may be said to be changing for the better, in that its 'button investigators' are now a growing company, likely to become the majority. Future generations of ringers, not content to ring merely a something called a 'method,' will no doubt, as many of our younger ringers are doing, hunger and thirst after the righteousness of method structure. In fact, they couldn't care more!

Recently we have witnessed the Shipway-Steadfast controversy, one issue of which has just been decided by the Central Council. It seems to have done some good. But it seems, also, to have left some of our button-investigators (if they will forgive the use of the term) not quite clear as to the outcome.

Perhaps the following observations may help:—

1. The one issue dealt with, and just decided in Central Council meeting, is that Shipway's Principle and Steadfast are the same method. Since the C.C. is the governing body of the Exercise, all loyal ringers will accept this decision, unless and until it be varied by a further Council decision. (But see 4 below.)

2. Nevertheless, the challenge issued on page 236 in 'The Ringing World' dated April 14th, 1950, calling for an attempt to disprove the similarity of the 'sets' in Stedman and in Steadfast, has never been taken up. These sets are, of course, identical in form.

3. No originality, other than that due to Fabian Stedman, has ever been claimed for Steadfast. This is simply because Steadfast is demonstrably the theoretic form of Stedman on even numbers, a fact which might well have been included in the challenge. (The similarity of name was deliberately chosen, in fact, to distinguish the Stedman principle on even numbers.)

4. It follows that since Shipway's 'Principle' is declared to be identical with Steadfast, and since Steadfast is simply Stedman's principle on even numbers, the decision, as in (1) above, serves to detract from any originality of Shipway's. In other words, if Shipway had lived now and had produced his 'Principle' to-day, there is little doubt that the C.C. would have declared it to have been Stedman on even numbers; since Steadfast has shown itself to be such.

5. A significant letter from a younger ringer of note (page 300 of 'Ringing World', dated May 12th, 1950) emphasised the due limitations of the functions of a C.C. committee. The following week, on page 513, as item 9 of C.C. Agenda, appeared a motion entirely at variance with this limitation of function, aiming at the overthrow of our democratic way of government of ringing. The absolutely vital point to note here is that this motion, as eventually permitted to come before the Council, had been so amended as to be harmless in that way. Indeed, the status quo is little altered, in that, of course, committee recommendations need confirmation by Council before becoming law. —Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Netley Abbey.

HANDBELL RINGERS AT HONG KONG

Sir,—My wife, who, like myself, was a keen handbell ringer, has joined me in Hong Kong. We feel there must be some handbell ringers among the forces based on Hong Kong, particularly the Army National Service men.

The forces in the Hong Kong area are very scattered and are difficult to contact. If, therefore, any ringer at home knows of anyone interested in handbell ringing and at present based on Hong Kong, we would like to be put in touch.

I can be contacted either by 'phone in H.M. Dockyard, Hong Kong (30361 Ext. 88, asking for Comdr. Cross or leaving message), or my wife at Harbour View Hotel, Chatham Road, Kowloon, near new N.A.A.F.I. canteen.—Yours faithfully,

R. G. CROSS, Instr. Comdr., R.N.

A BIRTHDAY TOUCH WANTED

Dear Sir,—Two ringers at our tower recently attained the age of 72. As their birthdays came close together, an 'age' touch was rung on practice night, which one of the two 'provided.'

Knowing nothing of composition or mathematics, he shamefacedly admits, he got his 72 by some little mutilation of Grandsire, inserting two rows before rounds at the end of the plain course of Triples, permitting the bells in dodging positions to do their dodge, compelling the 3rds place bell to make 2nds before making 3rds, the hunt bell meanwhile making 3rds and 2nds, and the treble leading four blows.

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As he feels this may be considered very shocking, he wants someone to tell him:—

(1) How should he have got his 72 in a more orthodox way?

(2) How to get a 73 in Grandsire or some other simple method for next year?

Yours faithfully,

A GROPER.

Monmouthshire.

CENTRAL COUNCIL DECISIONS

Dear Sir,—With regard to the letter from Mr. J. Frank Smallwood calling for readers' views on the Central Council Decisions, I feel it is only fair to warn would-be correspondents that their views should be strictly in accord with those of this sub-committee, otherwise they will be ignored! That, at least, is my experience.—Yours faithfully,

C. W. WOOLLEY.

Bushey Heath.

LAY READERS' PEAL

Dear Sir,—Re my appeal for lay readers interested in a peal attempt on Saturday, October 14th, I only received two replies. I will keep the list open to the end of August.

Come along, lay reader-ringers, where are you?—Yours sincerely,

H. A. PRICE.

Eagle House, Yatton, Bristol.

AMBIGUITY OF WORDING

Dear Sir,—In Belfry Gossip on July 14th, 1950, is a note that Mr. B. G. Warwick has conducted peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus. No doubt this refers to peals only on even number of bells.

The undersigned has called Plain Bob Triples and Caters requiring only Cinques to complete all numbers from six to twelve; by calling a peal at Ashbocking he has conducted peals of Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus.—Yours truly,

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

57, Mornington Avenue, Ipswich.

A QUESTION OF FEES

Dear Sir,—Mr. Jarrett's letter reminds me of an interesting experience in my last parish. The father of a bride wished the bells to be rung at his daughter's wedding. He asked how much? As I had no precedent I consulted the ringers as to what they required for the job. They said they would leave it to his generosity, and so I told the parent it rested with him to give as he thought fit. His generosity did not come up to the expectations of the ringers to their great discontent and they would trust no man's generosity again. I told them they asked for it and got it and that their best plan was to meet the Vicar and churchwardens and thrash the question out. They did so. The ringers considered that if a man lost time and wages in ringing a bell that at least should be made up.

They settled what fee they ought to receive for the time put in and the Vicar and churchwardens acquiesced.

The decision was added to the belfry rules so that we all in future should know where we stood.

I have never heard of an incumbent receiving fees for the use of the bells in addition to what is due to the ringers, nor fees for the use of the organ in addition to the usual organist's fee.

Both organ and bells belong to the parishioners, who usually 'find' them and are under the guardianship of their representatives, the churchwardens, in whom is the 'property' and who legally can claim for damage done.

Although organ and bells do not belong to the incumbent, the 'use' of them belongs to him, and by Canon 88 ringing cannot be done without his consent. So he could forbid ringing of bells for a wedding (not being an ordinary service). It is quite possible for him to say to the bride, 'If you don't pay me three guineas for myself the bells will not be rung.' Thus the flow of money would neither go to the incumbent nor ringers.

As there seems to be no belfry rules or regulations, the ringers can only rely on the generosity of the bride or in future get payment in advance.—Yours faithfully,

J. M. TURNER.

Washfield Rectory, Tiverton.

'SONGS AND BALLADS OF THE WEST'

Dear Sir,—Mention of Callington and Launceston in No. 82 of the above in this week's 'Ringing World' seems most appropriate, for at the Royal Cornwall Show held at the former place on the two previous days there was a set of twelve bell ropes which had been made at the latter place. The ropes were displayed by the makers, Messrs. Maunder and Sons, Launceston, at the entrance to their stand, and the sallies added a delightful touch of colour, but, further, a large notice explained they were for St. Martin's Church, Birmingham. I was told by one in attendance that the firm had been particularly pleased to receive this order, and I had a feeling that these ropes would soon be the means of yet another Surprise Maximus method being rung.—Yours faithfully,

A. S. ROBERTS.

Carbis Bay.

BELL-RINGER

Dear Sir,—The answer to Mr. Stenson's problem is, briefly, as follows:—

In the word bell-ringer, the noun bell is qualifying the noun ringer, and is, therefore, being used as an adjective. This is quite a common occurrence in the language — farm-labourer, wireless-set, etc., being parallel examples. In the terms Odd Fellow and Grand Master, the first-named words are adjectives used as such. Bell-ringer would seem, at any rate to this schoolmaster, to be the correct rendering.—Yours faithfully,

NORMAN PEARSON.

Vicarage Cottage, Warminster.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

BATH ABBEY.

The annual outing of Bath Abbey ringers, accompanied by friends and relations, on July 1st, was regarded as 'the best ever,' the objective being Ross-on-Wye.

Travelling by coach, the first stop was at Stroud, where all enjoyed a ring. Quite the best tower of the day was Painswick, many of the company ringing here for the first time.

A sumptuous lunch was partaken of at the Central Cafe, Ross-on-Wye. A move was then made to Monmouth and finally to Chepstow for the last ring of the day. On the homeward journey the coach stopped at Nailsworth, as there was a general thirst.

The weather was perfect, everything ran smoothly and mostly to time. Thanks and appreciation from all the company are offered to Mr. Prescott, tower master at Bath Abbey, for all the trouble he took. The next outing is eagerly anticipated. D. E.

BARWELL LEICESTERSHIRE.

When the programme for Barwell's fourth annual outing had been finally arranged it was received with mixed feelings by the ringers. The younger members were enthusiastic over the selection of towers, but the more seasoned ringers doubted their ability to make full use of the bells kindly placed at their disposal, especially considering that one member had been 'called up' only two days previously and two others were unable to make the journey. However, a last minute decision by Ted Sowman, of Hinckley, and Hector Knights (always worth his seat for an outing) reinforced the party, which had, unlike previous years, been restricted as far as possible to ringers.

A most comfortable new coach complete with radio (which annoyed only the handbell ringers) put everyone in good spirits right from the start at 7.30 a.m., and after the Hinckley battalion had been collected, everyone settled down to study their printed programmes, which had, as in previous years, been handed to them to cut out any possibility of misunderstanding regarding times.

The first part of the journey was through the heart of industrial South Staffordshire—Walsall, Wolverhampton and Willenhall—so it was a refreshing change to cross the Salop border into the wooded country above Bridgnorth, and enjoy a bird's eye view of this typical Shropshire town before passing through its narrow streets and over the River Severn. This was not to be compared with the following stretch of country beyond Much Wenlock, where on the summit of the famous 'Wenlock Edge' the coach was halted so that everyone could marvel at the patchwork of rolling fields far below.

Church Stretton was reached promptly at 10.30, and the vergers soon opened the belfry portals. This ring of eight reminded the ringers of Earl Shilton bells, and from the beginning the youngest members had no difficulty in putting the bells in their right places. Rounds, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Double Norwich were rung in fine style.

The rendezvous for lunch was in the charming Carving Mill Valley, the meal being truly a ringers' feast. The remaining half-hour was spent in either climbing the steep ascent above the cafe or strolling by the running stream.

A quick run into Shrewsbury ended outside St. Chad's, where Messrs. Farmer, Lindon, Barron and one or two other ringers awaited the party. The highlight here, apart from the first-class ring, was to see Mr. Joe Needham ringing on 12 bells for the first time in his ringing career, which started about 60 years ago. Rounds on the 12 included all the recruits from the Barwell nursery. Touches of Bob Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters ended a further hour's ringing.

More thickly-wooded country was left behind

on arrival at Coalbrookdale, and it was a pleasant surprise to find, in addition to Mr. Bailey, of the local band, Mr. Len Hewitt, who for many years lived at Stoney Stanton, near Barwell. This was another well-kept belfry, full of interest and a grand ring of ten. Ringing included Cater methods, Double Norwich and Bob Major. Mr. Hewitt and Mr. Bailey joined the party for tea at the Valley Hotel.

The homeward journey was through Shifnal, along Watling Street, past the three spires of Lichfield to Burton-on-Trent, the last port of call. Mr. Barnabas Key and two of his contemporaries welcomed the visitors, who were torn between two major attractions of the town—the fine ring of ten at St. Paul's on one hand, and the product of this citadel on the other.

However, very good use of the bells was made for an hour from rounds to Double Norwich and Stedman Caters. Only those present can describe the argument between the tenor and Harry, and matters ended about even after a few anxious moments for both. A course of Grandsire Caters 'in hand' concluded the ringing here.

Mr. Key afterwards conducted a party round the interior of the church, which was full of interest.

Considering the aforesaid attractions of Burton, it was a surprise to everyone, particularly the driver, to find every seat full only 15 minutes after the appointed time of departure, and it was the boating enthusiasts who were late!

After a good run through Ashby-de-la-Zouch, a pause was made for a spot of handbell ringing, and as darkness gathered around a tired and happy party, Barwell was reached only 15 minutes after the scheduled time of 10.30 p.m.

The ambitious programme arranged by the Barwell secretary was within the capabilities of the band, and was voted as the best so far. Excellent weather and courtesy from all tower captains visited made the outing a memorable one both for the 15 ringers and a similar number of friends. T. C. B.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

The SS. Peter and Paul Society held their annual outing on July 15th. The ringers, accompanied by their wives and friends, travelled into Essex. A pleasant run through Epping Forest brought the party to Loughton, where several courses were rung. Thence on to Walthamstow and more ringing. At Woodford the order was 'lunch,' after which a move was made for the church, where several more courses were rung.

The next call was Leytonstone, where the first eight arrivals had the honour of 'pealing' a bridal pair as they left the church. The second and third team then took the ropes to various courses. Tea was served at Barking, followed by the final ringing for the day. Lavenham was reached just after 11 p.m. by a happy and satisfied party.

The thanks of the ringers were expressed to Mr. S. H. Symonds (captain) and Miss O. B. Lambert (secretary) for the splendid organisation of 'the best ever,' also to all those who met them at the various churches and the incumbents thereof. S. H. S.

FALSE COMPOSITION

Dear Sir.—I regret that the composition of Treble Bob Major, published in your issue of December 12th, 1947, is false. Through careless transposition a false lead is introduced into each part at the 'wrong' in the third course.

I trust that you, sir, and those who have taken part in a peal rung to this composition will accept my apologies.—Yours faithfully,

NOLAN GOLDEN.

Norwich.

ST. LAWRENCE'S, IPSWICH.

Together with friends from St. Clement's and relatives, six towers were visited by the ringers of St. Lawrence's, Ipswich, during their outing on July 1st.

Bredfield (6) was the first stop, and then on to Easton (6). At both these towers Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob were rung.

Whilst the ringing was in process at Framlingham (8) several of the non-ringers of the party climbed the belfry to watch the bells. This was followed by tea at a local restaurant. Next the bells at Badingham (5) were rung to Plain Bob, Grandsire and St. Simon's, following which came the heavy ring of six at Dennington, where some Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob was enjoyed.

Monk Soham (5) was the last call and ringing here consisted of Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Home was reached at about 11.30 p.m.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.

Travelling nearly 200 miles in four counties and ringing in five towers, the annual outing of Wellington, Somerset, ringers on July 8th was voted a complete success.

A party, which included wives and friends to the number of 30, left Wellington at 8 a.m. The first tower visited was SS. Peter and Paul's at Wincanton. SS. Mary and Melorus' at Amesbury was next visited, followed by a run to Salisbury, where lunch was taken, followed by an hour's ringing on the bells of St. Paul's.

Leaving Salisbury at 2.30 p.m., the journey was resumed to Bournemouth, where St. John's tower was visited. In the evening touches were rung at St. Peter's, Dorchester. A halt was made at Maiden Newton for refreshments, and Wellington reached at midnight. F.W.J.S.

5040 SPLICED MAJOR IN 17 METHODS

ARRANGED BY G. E. FEIRN.

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52436	—	—	—	St. Cr. Cr. DO. St.
43526	—	—	—	St. Cr. Cr. DO. DO.
54326	—	—	—	St. Cr. Cr. DO. DO.
35426	—	—	—	DN. Cr. St. St.
42356	—	—	—	DO. Cr. Cr. St. DO.
63254	—	—	—	DO. Cr. Cr. St. DO.
26354	—	—	—	St. Cr. Cr. DO. DO.
32654	—	—	—	DN. Cr. St. St.
46253	—	—	—	DO. H. Cr. St. St.
25463	—	—	—	St. H. Cr. St. St.
42563	—	—	—	St. Pe. Cr. St. St.
35264	—	—	—	St. Pe. Cr. St. St.
23564	—	—	—	DN. Cr. St. DO.

Twice repeated with S for — at end gives:—

32456	W	M	H	
64325	—	—	—	W. RB. DB. G. L. PB.
36425	—	—	—	W. Ri. N. G. L. PB.
42365	—	—	—	W. RB. DB. G. L. PB.
34265	—	—	—	W. Ri. N. G. L. PB.
23465	—	—	—	CL. B. K. L.
46235	—	—	—	W. RB. DB. G. L. PB.
24635	—	—	—	W. Ri. N. G. L. PB.
63245	—	—	—	W. RB. DB. G. L. PB.
26345	—	—	—	W. Ri. N. G. L. PB.
32645	—	—	—	CL. B. K. L.

Twice repeated with S for — at end gives:—

23456		
DO.	Double Oxford;	H. Hereward;
St. Clement's;	Ri. Richmond Bob;	DB. Double Bob;
G. Gainsborough Little Bob;	L. Little Bob;	B. Bastow Little Court;
PB. Plain Bob;	Pe. Pershore;	DN. Double Norwich;
Cr. Crayford College;	N. New London Court;	RB. Reverse Bob;
W. Wellington Little Court;	CL. Crayford Little Court;	K. Kent Little Court.

Bastow Little Court	Kent Little Court
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A Week-end in the Lake District

THREE OUT OF FOUR PEAL ATTEMPTS SUCCEED.

Nine ringers from various parts of Lancashire and Cheshire spent a happy and successful ringing week-end in the Lake District. Four peal attempts were made, three of which were successfully concluded. The party met at Walton-le-Dale, near Preston, on Friday evening and commenced by scoring a good peal of Bristol on a very pleasant new ring of eight recently installed by the Whitechapel Foundry. The party then left for Bowness-on-Windermere, and the journey northwards was completed in very fast time. An excellent cold supper had been laid on beforehand and this was really enjoyed, more especially by those who had gone without tea.

A quick run up in two fast cars found the visitors at Keswick on Saturday and they were met by the verger of Crosthwaite Church, who is also a ringer at this church. A good peal of London was brought round on this old ring of eight, which can be heard much more distinctly nowadays. After lunch the party said, 'Cheerio,' to Mr. Simpson, who left for Rosthwaite to continue his hazardous climbing expeditions, whilst the remainder, all crammed into one large car, drove back to Bowness at a much slower speed so as to enjoy the beautiful scenery that had been missed on the way up. The trip round Thirlmere was greatly appreciated by all.

DIFFICULTIES AT WINDERMERE.

Although only a light ring, the eight at Windermere Parish Church proved the most difficult job of the week-end, as smaller bells are rather indistinct owing to rope rattle, etc., and to those inside ringing, the peal did not sound too good, although there was only one real trip, and that was through the conductor losing himself for nearly a lead. However, another peal of Bristol was scored in spite of some difficulties, but fortunately most of the band knew the composition 'backwards.'

On Sunday morning the party left for Oswaldtwistle, calling en route at Kendal for service ringing. Here they were made very welcome, and with the assistance of two local ringers a touch of Grandsire Caters was very much enjoyed. Spliced Surprise at Oswaldtwistle unfortunately came to grief after two hours' ringing owing to a miss-call, but some good ringing had been attained before this mishap. The visitors were then joined by three of the local company, and some Stedman and Double Norwich were rung for evening service.

After a really good evening meal the happy but rather tired party broke up and made for home, but not before thanking Mr. Fred Dunkerley, who had so kindly made all the arrangements, for a grand week-end. After such a pleasant time the party will have several recollections—one rather vivid—that of an M.G. sports car left literally standing although doing well over 60 m.p.h. at the time. Grandsire Cinques 'in hand' mercifully came to an end when the publican switched the lights out at 10.30 p.m.

The party's joint thanks go to towerkeepers, and incumbents too, who made their visits so pleasant and easy and thus contributed so much to the success of the week-end's ringing, and many thanks are certainly due to those wives who stayed at home. R. G. L.

The peals rung during this week-end are recorded in our peal columns.

BEARDLESS!

Mr. Jack Worrall's beard has disappeared and its absence has inspired the following from 'E.N.'—

Nocturnal Prank? a popular suggestion! Fair Maidens Will? by some it is feared! Whate'er the Truth of this hair raising question,
Gone is the glory of Jack Worrall's beard.

St. John the Divine, Leicester



A recent picture of the tower of St. John the Divine, Leicester, showing progress in the demolition of the spire.

As has been briefly referred to in 'The Ringing World,' a gale caused such damage to the structure of the spire of the church on the night of February 11st last that part of the stonework fell from the apex, causing damage to property in South Albion Street.

The spire of the church had been a liability ever since its erection, which was completed in 1854, and every 25 years or so it had had to receive attention. The time has come now when the only solution to the problem is its removal, it having been condemned as unsafe by the city surveyor. An appeal has been launched by the priest-in-charge (the Rev. Gordon Strutt), the Vicarage, Ashwell Street, Leicester, for £1,100 to meet the cost of removal of the spire and the roofing in of the tower to afford continued protection to the bells.

In a letter to the Editor, Mr. S. Harrison writes: I know many ringers throughout the country who are familiar with our beautiful ring of ten (truly one of Taylor's masterpieces) will sympathise with us at the outset of a gigantic task of raising the necessary funds to cover the cost of the work and who would no doubt be pleased to associate themselves with the appeal. Throughout the country the bells are known for their splendid tone and go.

Both the Lord Bishop of Leicester and the Provost of Leicester (Very Rev. H. A. Jones) have written strongly commending the appeal.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD DORCHESTER BRANCH.

A by-meeting was held at Sydling on Thursday, July 6th. The bells were rung from 3 p.m. until the Guild service at 4 p.m., which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. E. Hall, and the lesson was read by the Rev. A. F. Godley.

Twenty sat down to tea, which was served in the Village Hall. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. R. H. Duke (assistant hon. secretary) and seconded by Mr. H. Steed. Ringers went on to ring at Frampton during the evening.

Towers represented were Dorchester (St. Peter's), Fordington, Frampton, Sydling, Wool and Yetminster. After tea members were joined by others from Piddlehinton, Preston and Upwey.

OBITUARY

MR. B. COLES.

A long connection with the Oxford Diocesan Guild has been severed by the passing of Mr. B. Coles, of Middleton Stoney, on July 7th, at the age of 75 years.

He joined the Guild in 1907 and as recently as Sunday, June 18th, he chimed the treble and second at All Saints', Middleton Stoney, when the band was short. Mr. and Mrs. B. Coles celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last year. He was also a keen member of the choir for many years.

For a number of years Mr. Coles represented the Bicester Deanery Branch on the Guild General Committee. His dearest wish was recently fulfilled through his own efforts in having a band of ringers capable of ringing at his own church.

The funeral service on July 11th was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. E. Sawyer), who is himself a ringer. Five local ringers, J. Elmer, Miss Pat Golder, Miss Elizabeth Golder, J. Terriman and A. Golder, with the branch secretary (Mr. C. Kinch), rang call changes after the service. In the evening 720 Plain Bob Minor (half-muffled) was rung by Miss Joanne Chase 1, E. Stockley 2, E. J. Smith 3, H. Hatfield 4, C. H. Kinch 5, F. Sharpe (cond.) 6.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION EAST NORFOLK BRANCH.

Some 35 members attended the meeting of the East Norfolk Branch at Somerleyton on June 24th. The service was conducted by the president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard), and tea was served at the Duke's Head Hotel.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher (branch chairman) presided at a short business meeting, when it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Norton Subcourse on Saturday, September 9th.

The president proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Somerleyton, who, unfortunately, was unable to be present, for the use of the bells and church for service. The chairman thanked Mr. E. W. Brown, of the local company, for arranging tea, etc. Ringing was resumed after tea till about 9 p.m. Methods to suit all were rung.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN. SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT BRANCEPETH.

A meeting of the Southern District was held at Brancepeth, Durham, on July 8th, in beautiful summer weather. The fine octave (tenor 15 cwt.) was at the disposal of the members for the afternoon and evening, and good use was made of the bells, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Kent, Double Norwich and Cambridge being rung.

Although the attendance was not large, 10 towers were represented, namely, Darlington (Holy Trinity and St. Cuthbert's), West Hartlepool, Chester-le-Street, Whitley Bay, Richmond, Sunderland, Durham Cathedral, the local band, and Michael P. Moreton from Hereford. Wives and families swelled the number at tea, which was in the Village Hall and was on an 'own refreshments, cups of tea provided,' basis, with co-operation of local ladies.

The church is a beautiful building in idyllic surroundings. The church and churchyard are set within Brancepeth Castle grounds, the Castle itself being the headquarters of the county regiment, the Durham Light Infantry, and makes an ideal spot for a summer meeting. W. N. P.

The two ladies who participated in the quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's, Portsea, on July 12th, were the only ladies present in the church in a congregation of nearly 2,000 men. The service was the C.E.M.S. festival. Most of the outside crowd, writes our correspondent, looked as if they would have sacrificed anything to be one of the ringers!

NOTICES

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MEETINGS

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Westerham, Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 3. Tea 5 and meeting afterwards.—K. Matthews. 7303

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Stebbing (6), Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Names for tea to R. F. Boylett, Stebbing Vicarage, Chelmsford. 7300

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting. Brefforton (8), on Saturday, July 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. and business meeting.—W. Newman, Branch Sec. 7353

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Halton-Holgate, July 29th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Bell Inn 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, July 24th, to W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 7323

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, July 22nd, Lane End, 3 p.m.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 7322

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Stowmarket, July 22nd, 2.30. Tea 5. Names to O. C. Barnard, 33, Recreation Road, Stowmarket. 7309

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Benhall, July 22nd, 2.30 p.m. Tea at The Bell, Saxmundham, 5 p.m. Saxmundham bells after tea.—P. S. Bedford, Crossways, Aldeburgh. 7327

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Claverley, Saturday, July 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. by ticket, obtainable from Mr. Fred Bennett, Wombourne.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec. 7310

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Sherburn-in-Elmet, July 22nd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7359

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the meeting at Ticehurst arranged for July 22nd will now take place on July 29th.—P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec. 7358

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, Hayes, Saturday, July 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea (2s.) by Monday, July 24th, to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 7320

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General quarterly meeting at Earl Shilton, July 29th. Bells 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names must be sent to Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton, near Leicester, by Wednesday, 26th.—W. A. Wood, General Sec. 7321

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at Barnet on Saturday, July 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church House for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Business to follow. Bells of Monken Hadley also available in evening.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec., 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts. 7315

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—Meeting on Saturday, July 29th, at Glossop Old Church at 3 p.m. Whitfield Church 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. All welcome. 7335

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Buckland St. Mary, Saturday, July 29th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify early for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton. 7338

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Great Budworth, July 29th. Bells 2.30. Tea only for those sending names before July 24th to Cecil Holden, Belmont Smithy, Great Budworth. 7339

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Mottram, July 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea advise Mr. Greenwood, Market Street, Mottram, by July 25th. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis. 7349

DEVON GUILD.—N.W. Branch.—Meeting at Bideford on Saturday, July 29th, 3.30 p.m. Tea 2s. Visitors are welcomed.—J. W. Sangwin, W. Venton, N. Tamerton, Holsworthy. 7334

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, July 29th, Selston (6). Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service and dedication of peal board 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, July 26th, to A. L. Rawson, 14, Lindley Street, Selston, Notts. No names no tea. 7337

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, July 29th, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45. Names for tea by Wednesday, July 26th, to Mr. F. Cherryman, Causeway Bridge Farm, Pirbright.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 7170

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, Westerleigh and Wapley, July 29th. Bells, Westerleigh (6) 3 to 4.30 p.m., Wapley (5) 6 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. and meeting at Westerleigh. Names for tea by July 24th, please.—N. Denson. 7336

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Campshall (8) July 29th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea only.—W. E. Critchley. 7340

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Smithills, on Saturday, July 29th, instead of 22nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Business immediately after. Free tea. Names to J. F. Wood, 51, Melrose Avenue, Bolton.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 7352

FLY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Yaxley, Saturday, July 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 7346

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, Saturday, July 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by 24th latest to R. A. Goffen, 8, Hermiston, Monk-seaton. 7351

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Drighlington on Saturday, July 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea for drinking provided, members take own food. Business meeting to follow tea. A good attendance is desired.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12. 7350

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Deeping St. James, July 29th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, Bridge Hotel, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Please notify me for tea by Monday previous.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 7344

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Garboldisham, Saturday, July 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea in Village Hall 4.30 for those who notify Eric Bennett, 3, Airey Houses, Blo' Norton, Diss, by Tuesday, 25th. Blo' Norton bells evening.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 7345

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Walgrave, July 29th. Names for tea to Mr. Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 7348

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting, Rotherwick (6), Saturday, July 29th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, by July 25th.—J. Chesterman, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7342

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Middleham (8), Saturday, July 29th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by June 27th to Mr. H. Parrish, Kirklea, Middleham, Leyburn.—Edward Hudson, Dis. Sec. 7357

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, Smarden, Aug. 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Aug. 3rd to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 7343

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Sundridge on Aug. 5th at 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by Aug. 3rd to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge. 7356

SURREY ASSOCIATION and GUILDFORD GUILD.—Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, Monday, Aug. 7th. Bells from 3. Service 4.15. Tea (2s.) at the Institute for those notifying before Aug. 3rd G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 7347

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WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On July 2nd, 1,320 Doubles (720 Plain Bob and 600 Grand-sire): M. Fuller (first quarter) I. L. W. G. Skinner 2, Barbara Mitchell 3, J. Cannell 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, Anne Holmes 6.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On July 8th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: O. Pole 1, R. Short 2, E. Norman 3, G. Clarke 4, F. Sweet (cond.) 5, H. Chilcott 6. In honour of the wedding of Mr. Kenneth Palmer and Miss Evelyn Brewer.

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PHEW!

LIFE is full of surprises. The Editor had one when he received the report of the annual meeting of St. David's Guild, which was held at Carmarthen on July 15th. Here a suggestion was made to the Bishop that he would encourage clergy to take a greater interest in ringing. The Archdeacon of Carmarthen, the Ven. J. Richards Pugh, replied that many clergy were put off by the fact that so many ringers never attended service and many rang whilst drunk, so that he was half afraid to take anyone to such a belfry. This kind of observation, coming from a responsible and high official of the Church of Wales, leaves one gasping. It is true that the Archdeacon's long service to the Church has been spent in Wales and, as Rector of Merthyr Tydfil from 1921-41, he was in contact with the grimness of industrial life, particularly during the long years of depression, but we feel that his observation cannot be permitted to pass unchallenged, and it constitutes a slander on the general body of ringers.

There is one thing the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers has been contesting from its earliest days, and that is the impression very widely held that those who ring bells are a dissolute body of men and that an essential qualification for being a good ringer is to drink to excess. Throughout the length and breadth of the country the various Guilds and Associations have been continuous in their endeavours to remove such impressions from the minds of the public and to insist that conduct in the ringing chamber shall be most orderly and dignified, as fitting in God's House. It is, indeed, sad to reflect that the hard work of 50 years, both among Guild members and in educating the public, has not reached South Wales.

We do not attempt to deny that in the middle of last century and after there was cause for very much concern as to the conduct of ringers in many towers. The objects of the Lancashire Association, which was established in 1876, give a definite pointer in this direction. They state: 'The chief object of this Association is the promotion of belfry reform. As it is obvious that a great deal of good may be accomplished thereby, this Society has been established. It directs its attention, among other points, to the following:—

'The furtherance of good and peaceable behaviour in the Belfries of our Churches, it being remembered that the Belfry is an integral part of the Church, and therefore consecrated to the service of God; while the bells and ringers are intended to be exercised equally with the

organ and choir, for His glory and worship, and not for recreation and self-pleasing only.

'The encouragement of care, and attention being given to the cleanliness and comfort of the Belfry and the proper condition of the bells, as in both these respects the grossest neglect is too often apparent to the degradation of the ringer and his work.

'The obtaining of full recognition of the ringer's office as essentially a branch of the Church work, that he and his service, which demand much time, labour and mental skill, may be placed upon a true and acknowledged basis.'

Now, the above objects were drafted 75 years ago when conditions were not satisfactory. We have examined the objects of a number of associations, and there is not one that does not emphasise that ringers are church workers. The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association start their objects with these words: 'To recognise the true position of ringers as church workers.' The Essex Association summarise their outlook as follows: 'Objects of the Association shall be to secure the recognition of ringers as church workers, to encourage ringing for Divine Service, to promote the art of change ringing and to supply, when required, practical information concerning bells and fittings.'

The Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Association bring into their objects the relationship of clergy and ringers. Two of their objects read:—

'The recognition of the true position of ringers as church workers and the encouragement of the preservation of church bells in an efficient condition.

'To promote in co-operation with the incumbents of the churches a proper appreciation and observance of the belfry as part of God's House.'

The besetting sin of this age is not drunkenness. Recently the writer was reading the report of the National Society for Preventing Cruelty to Children, and there it was stated that drunkenness, which was once the main cause of child neglect, is not responsible for the Society's work, the majority of cases arising from broken homes. An examination of police reports presented at Brewster Sessions indicate that we are a sober nation. There are in the South of England a number of Petty Sessional Divisions with a population of 75,000 that do not average more than six cases of drunkenness a year.

Sobriety in the belfry has been firmly inculcated into the Exercise, and we would go so far as to assert that

ringers as a body are just as sober as choirmen and other church workers. No ringing master would tolerate the presence in a belfry of anyone who showed the slightest sign of being under the influence of drink, and we feel certain that there is a recognition throughout the whole of the Guilds and Associations that the belfry is a part of God's House.

We can only hope that the Archdeacon of Carmarthen was either jesting or that his observations had been misheard. If they were uttered in earnest then we feel that the Exercise as a body has been gravely slandered. Of all the sins of ringers of this age drunkenness is not one. We are all conscious of our shortcomings, but our experience has been that ringers are as sober and God-fearing people as any cross section of the community.

TEN BELL PEALS

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

LEONARD TREVOR Treble	JAMES DRAYCOTT 6
JOHN E. S. MORETON 2	*E. CHARLES TURNER 7
JAMES F. CLARKE 3	†HUBERT E. ASHLEY 8
FRANK E. PERVIN 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON 9
ALFRED BALLARD 5	JOHN E. LLOYD Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Stedman.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... Treble	REUBEN CHARGE 6
ALBERT W. COLES 2	HARRY MILLER 7
JAMES BENNETT 3	FRANK E. DARBY 8
JOHN F. GOODALL 4	SIDNEY WADE 9
JOHN G. NASH 5	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by SIDNEY WADE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to David Wright, who reached his 90th birthday the previous day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part

Tenor 14 cwt.

*NANCY E. MARKLEW ... Treble	EDWARD A. SOWMAN 5
FRANK K. MEASURES 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD 6
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Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

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KINGS LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

BRIAN M. BARKER ... Treble	LESLIE S. BAINES 5
WALTER AYRE 2	TERENCE G. MORTON 6
*DAPHNE W. BARKER 3	DEREK E. LATCHFORD 7
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 4	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal. Specially arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of Dr. J. F. Fisher (Kings Langley) and Miss Rosemary Sterling-Hill, of Northwood, which took place on July 8th.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

In four methods, being 2,688 London, 1,056 Bristol and 672 each of Superlative and Cambridge, with 129 changes of method.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

OSWALD CLAYBROOKE ... Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
JOHN WORTH 2	WALTER ALLMAN 6
HENRY O. BAKER 3	*FRED DUNKERLEY 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal of Spiced Surprise.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Comprising 640 London, 320 each of Eastcote, Bristol, Rutland, New Gloucester, Wordsworth, Wembley, Lindum, Pudsey, Yorkshire, Cambridge, Superlative, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, and 160 each of Watford and Uxbridge, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE ... Treble	*NOEL J. DISERENS 5
MARGARET L. TUTT 2	*RICHARD F. B. SPEED 6
MARIE R. CROSS 3	*FREDK. A. H. WILKINS 7
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT 4	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

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

* First peal of Spiced Surprise Major in 16 methods.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 14, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

CYRIL R. BURRELL ... Treble	CLEMENT W. A. BOTTOMLY 5
AUBREY D. MILLS 2	WILLIAM A. HOLMES 6
CHARLES C. RAWDING 3	HORACE BENNETT 7
*REV. A. A. MUXLOW 4	C. HAROLD WHITTON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. D. R. Whitton and Miss Jean Plummer.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

The 'Barrabool' peal.

Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

RAYMOND LYDSTER ... Treble	JACK BAILEY 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 2	*GEORGE GARDNER 6
JOHN BRAMLEY 3	ALFRED MOULD 7
JOHN W. TAYLOR 4	WILLIAM A. STOTE Tenor

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Tenor 14½ cwt.

MURIEL REAY	Treble	JOHN PINFOLD	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	ARTHUR C. PEARSON	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... ..	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
TERRY R. HAMPTON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	Tenor

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A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*FREDERICK SHERATON ...Treble	*ERNEST WALLACE	5
†JOHN ANDERSON	RICHARD A. GOFTON	6
MARGARET FIDELL	ROLAND PARK	7
W. NORMAN PARK	DENIS A. BAYLES	Tenor

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First peal in the method as conductor. The 50th peal on the bells.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*PERCY SWINDLEY ...Treble	J. BENJAMIN BUDD	5
†DAPHNE LLOYD	BRIAN HARRIS	6
*HENRY O. BAKER	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	R. GORDON CORBY... ..	Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by J. W. GRIFFITHS.
* 50th peal together. † First peal of Major 'inside.'

FRITTENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY BAKER	Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	5
DORIS E. COLGATE	2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	6
ROBERT COLLINS	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
JOHN O. WELLER	4	THOMAS E. SONE	Tenor

Composed by A. G. DRIVER. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
Birthday peal for Mrs. H. Baker and the conductor.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
AND MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

JOSEPH WM. COTTON ...Treble	H. GEORGE HART	5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	ALBERT W. COLES	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... ..	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN... ..	7
JOHN R. MAYNE	ERNEST MORRIS	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

HILLSBOROUGH, NORTHERN IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern District.)

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MALACHI,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN SAVAGE	Treble	HARRY BROWN	5
JOHN T. DUNWOODY	2	NAT SAVAGE	6
JAMES RUSH	3	FRED E. DUKES	7
WILLIAM PRATT	4	LESLIE WEIR	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. DUNWOODY.

Rung in honour of the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth to Hillsborough.

MUCH HADHAM, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

*A. W. J. APPLETON ...Treble	ALFRED J. HOUSE	5
*DAVID E. PARSONS	SIDNEY F. CARTER	6
FREDK. G. SPRINGHAM... ..	PHILIP A. F. CHALK	7
*MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT... ..	†WILLIAM BIRD	Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP A. F. CHALK.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal. First peal on the bells since augmentation by Mears and Stainbank.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

PETER LAFLIN	Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
*ANN WORTH	2	JAMES A. MILNER	6
JUNE HENSHAW	3	WILFRED STEVENSON	7
JOHN WORTH	4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by C. KEN. LEWIS.
* First peal in the method.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK BLONDELL	Treble	ROY WILKINSON	5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... ..	2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN... ..	6
THOMAS COLLINS	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	4	W. NORMAN GENNA	Tenor

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

An 80th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble. A farewell to the Rt. Rev. E. M. Gresford Jones, Bishop Suffragan of Willesden, on his appointment as Bishop of St. Albans.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The Liverpool Branch.)

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

SYDNEY FLINT	Treble	THOS. S. HORRIDGE	5
JULIA PRESTON	2	FRED ALMOND	6
THOS. W. HAMMOND	3	THOS. W. HESKETH	7
WM. COURT	4	WM. H. DEACON	Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by WM. H. DEACON.
Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Reg Price.

WOOD GREEN, WEDNESBURY.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

ALAN ELESMORE	Treble	†JOHN R. COTTERILL	5
*EVELYN M. FLETCHER... ..	2	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	6
ERNEST STITCH	3	JOHN N. LINDON	7
J. NORMAN HADLEY	4	MAURICE G. TURNER	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.
* First peal in the method on a 'working' bell. † First peal in the method and of Major.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF REVERSE DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

F. BERNARD DITCHER ...Treble	MILTON C. FOWLER	5
GIBSON JACKSON	ARTHUR FIRTH	6
WILLIAM H. JACKSON	J. FREDERICK MILNER	7
J. EDWARD CAWSE	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. EDW. CAWSE.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., July 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

JACK E. J. THURLOW ... Treble	*ERNEST F. NEWSON ... 5
JOY RAWDING ... 2	JOHN W. C. BLYTHE ... 6
WALTER KERRISON ... 3	RICHARD S. PAYNE ... 7
ALFRED H. WATSON ... 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by W. SHIPWAY. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal of Major in the method.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

*R. GEORGE MORRIS ... Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 5
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 2	ALLEN MORGAN ... 6
†CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... 3	CYRIL TANSELL ... 7
*WM. H. A. COMPTON ... 4	REGINALD WOODYATT ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by G. E. LARGE.

* First peal of Double Norwich. † First peal in the method 'inside' and 25th peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

EAST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Oxford, College Single, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE F. CANTRILL ... Treble	LUTHER J. HONESS ... 4
*JOHN H. R. BETTS ... 2	†WILLIAM R. MANSER ... 5
PETER C. WRIGHT ... 3	FRANK P. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WRIGHT.

* First peal in more than one Minor method. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' First peal in seven methods as conductor. Rung in honour of the engagement of Valerie Wallis and Peter Carter, both members of the Kent County Association.

HOLBROOK, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wed., July 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

PETER BARNES ... Treble	GEORGE W. MOSS ... 4
ALFRED E. HONEYWOOD ... 2	NOEL FOAKES ... 5
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ... 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

A 70th birthday compliment to G. W. Moss and rung on the 52nd anniversary of his first peal of Minor.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF SINGLE COURT MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*DONALD H. METTAM ... Treble	HENRY P. COLLIN ... 4
DENIS A. FRITH ... 2	WALTER WESTON ... 5
JAMES W. HAW ... 3	JAMES H. MUSSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal. First peal in the method by all. A birthday compliment to Lucy E. Musson, wife of the conductor.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Fri., July 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... Treble	*JOHN E. T. WISEMAN ... 4
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 2	*GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 5
*FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ... 3	URBAN W. WILDING ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. Birthday compliment to George Moss, Manningtree, and the conductor.

OMBERSLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of London, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 20 cwt.

CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... Treble	ALLEN MORGAN ... 4
R. GEORGE MORRIS ... 2	CYRIL TANSELL ... 5
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

First peal in seven Treble Bob methods by all except the 5th ringer.

BRADSHAW, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two six-scores each of Grandsire, Bob Doubles and Stedman, followed by six six-scores of each in turn and repeated. Tenor 8 cwt. 12 lb.

ALBERT HANCOCK ... Treble	W. GEORGE TURNER ... 3
GORDON TURNER ... 2	ALBERT W. BOND ... 4
JOHN PEARSON ... Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.

First peal of Doubles for all.

CASTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ELLIS R. SHINGFIELD ... Treble	FRANK PEARSON ... 4
JOHN S. BARNES ... 2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD ... 5
CHARLES E. G. BANHAM ... 3	FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO.

* First peal. Rung as a welcome to Rev. H. E. King on his return from Australia, and a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of London, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 12 cwt 14 lb.

ALLEN MORGAN ... Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4
R. GEORGE MORRIS ... 2	*REGINALD WOODYATT ... 5
CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... 3	CYRIL TANSELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, College and Sandal Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble and Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*DORIS MARSHALL ... Treble	GEORGE CHALLANS ... 4
*†MARY WEBSTER ... 2	HERBERT T. ROOKE ... 5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE ... 3	FREDERICK FLINT ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal in five methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Mary Webster.

UPCHURCH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ELLIS D. SILLS ... Treble	*HARRY SPRINGATE ... 4
GLADYS K. JARRETT ... 2	†WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... 5
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB ... 3	†CHARLES E. J. NORRIS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal together.

WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Childwall, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*RONALD CHAFER Treble	*GEORGE E. MANSEY ... 4
JACK BRAY 2	*HARRY HALL 5
*JOHN I. SMITH 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in five methods.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON ... Treble	*PETER HALLAM 4
E. CHARLES TURNER ... 2	REGINALD C. TIPLER ... 5
GEORGE PICKERING ... 3	JOSEPH TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH TAYLOR.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5016 CHANCES;

Being 31 methods: Chesterfield, Maidstone, Ashbourne, Spalding, Richmond, New London, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Wellington Little Court, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court, Bastow Little Court, Kent Little Court, Little Oxford Bob, Victoria Little Court, Colville, Romsey, Cheltenham, Leamington, Pulford, Avalon, Painswick, Kidlington, Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's and Crayford College; 359 changes of method. Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN 3-4	PHILIP BARNES 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

The greatest number of Major methods yet rung in a peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 13, 1950, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In three methods, being 4 extents Reverse Canterbury, 12 Plain Bob and 26 Grandsire. Tenor size 14 in D

*ANTHONY R. PEAKE (16) 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 3-4
*BRIAN BLADON (16) ... 5-6	

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal on handbells (both ringers are from Swindon). A 19th birthday compliment to Beryl J. Strange, also of Swindon.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED ROYAL, 5016 CHANGES;

In three methods, comprising 2,640 Plain Bob, 1,320 Double Bob and 1,056 Little Bob, with 264 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

JAMES E. DANIELS 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4	*MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 7-8
†KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 9-10	

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Spliced Royal away from the 'tenors.' † First peal of Spliced Royal.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S CHURCH RINGING CHAMBER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 1-2	ALBERT H. WARD 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4	FRANK BRADLEY 7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

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REDEDICATION OF RING OF TEN AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, FULHAM

AN OLD RUDHALL TEN.

On Sunday, July 9th, at evensong — a glorious summer evening with the sun streaming through the west windows of the church — the Bishop of Kensington rededicated the well-known ring of ten, cast by Rudhall, of Gloucester, in the eighteenth century for Fulham Church, being one of the nine rings of ten by this founder. It is fine both in tone and weight and also in the beauty of the bells themselves, which are decorated with the Rudhall running ornaments.

The bells have been tuned and rehung on ball bearings in the old frame, which has been strengthened by numerous vertical bolts and heavy angle brackets by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The ringers expressed themselves highly delighted with the splendid 'go' and the great improvement in the tone and timing of the bells, and all agreed that Gillett and Johnston had made an excellent job of it.

At the conclusion of the Office, which was sung in the presence of a very large congregation, the churchwardens, choir and clergy conducted the Bishop to the tower while the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' was sung. The churchwardens then received the bell ropes from the Master of the Bells, Mr. Hugh M. Page, and presented them to the Bishop for dedication, who thus renewed the service to the Church which this fine ring has already given for more than two centuries.

A most unusual and happy feature of this ceremony was the fact that it had been arranged for the trap door between the church and the ringing room to be open, thus symbolising the close connection between ringers and service. From a practical point of view, it also had the advantage that it enabled the team to pull off into rounds at precisely the right moment, while the procession returned to the east end. After the dedication and prayers, the hymn, 'Ye watchers and ye holy ones,' was sung.

The Bishop in his sermon spoke of bells having always been used to call attention to something of importance, instancing the town crier, the fire engine and the telephone, and spoke of the message sent out by the bells in times of joy and in times of sorrow and as a reminder of the triumphant hope of life beyond the grave. The Bishop quoted Psalm 19, 'There is neither speech nor language; but their voices are heard among them,' emphasising the important part ringers play in the work of the Church in sending out through their bells the Christian message.

Before the Blessing, the hymn, 'Thy Hand, O Lord, has guided,' was sung while the choir, churchwardens and clergy preceding the Bishop, who was vested in cope and mitre, moved in procession round the church.

After the service, a chosen band of ringers, drawn partly from the local Fulham band and also from St. Paul's Cathedral, rang a perfectly struck three courses of Stedman, conducted by Mr. H. Langdon, conductor of the St. Paul's band, who has been a ringer at St. Paul's for fifty years. A number of ringers were present.

HUGH M. PAGE.

NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS WANTED

Dear Sir,—In letters recently published in your columns reference has been made to articles on bells in 'The Daily Telegraph' and 'Punch' as well as to 'sordid articles in the daily newspapers commenting on the moral failings of one or two of our number'! I shall be much obliged to any of your readers observing anything in the Press of exceptional interest to ringers if they will cut it out and send it to me—that is, unless they wish to keep it themselves. Any such matter will be of value to the Literature and Press Committee.

—Yours truly,

F. LI. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.



FULHAM PARISH CHURCH.—From an old print more than 100 years old. The bells were originally cast or recast by Rudhall in the middle of the last century. The inscriptions were typical of those on Rudhall's bells, such as, 'Peace and good neighbourhood,' 'John Ruddell cast us all,' 'Prosperity to the Church of England,' 'Prosperity to the parish,' and on the tenor 'I to the church the living call, and to the grave I summon all.'

Mr. J. T. Smith, in his book, 'Book for a Rainy Day,' gives this quotation: 'The Thames is famous for bells,' observed a Thames waterman, in 1820, to a gentleman whom he was carrying from the Temple to Hungerford Stairs. 'You like bells, then?' was the answer. 'Oh, yes, sir! I was a famous ringer in my youth at St. Mary Overies. They are beautiful bells; but of all the bells give me those of Fulham, they are so soft, so sweet. St. Margaret's are fine bells, so are St. Martin's; but, after all, Fulham for me, I say, sir. But lor', sir, I forgot where you said I was to take you to.'

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The quarterly meeting was held on July 8th in beautiful weather at Southam. The Rector (the Rev. R. T. Murray, former president of the Guild) returned from a fete in a neighbouring village to conduct the service. The organist was Miss A. Timms, a ringing member from Allesley.

Tea at the Craven Arms followed and then the business meeting was held, presided over by Mr. F. E. Pervin. Apologies were read from the president (the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby), Mrs. L. J. Hinde (hon. member), Miss J. Griffiths, Messrs. J. H. W. White, L. J. Hinde, A. J. Hinde, F. W. Perrens, J. E. S. Moreton, R. J. Edden, L. Trevor and L. Callow.

Arising out of the minutes, Mr. and Mrs. Vann (St. Andrew's, Rugby) reported having gone to Bilton with a view to assisting the local band (following a 'Ringing World' letter from the captain there complaining of lack of instructors). They were completely ignored and would, therefore, not proffer their services as instructors there again. Mr. F. E. Pervin had not been able to arrange the June meeting of the Coventry District there owing to lack of time, but would endeavour to fix one there shortly.

Monk's Kirby was selected as the meeting place for October.

Ratification of election prior to peals was made in the cases of G. E. Large (Claines), J. D. Johnson (Sedgeberrow) and N. J. Goodman (King's Norton).

Ringing to suit all with emphasis on instruction for learners of the local band continued until 8 p.m., when three car loads went on to visit Ladbroke, in the heart of 'leafy Warwickshire,' for a ring on the five bells there under the guidance of Mr. R. J. Edden. These bells proved much more difficult to manage than the eight at Southam, but members were glad of the opportunity to ring there. A tour of the beautifully appointed church and a sing song round the organ completed the sojourn to Ladbroke, and the journey home through lovely lanes brought to an end a grand trip.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On July 2nd, 1,296 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, P. D. Beedie 2, Miss F. Clayton 3, Miss E. K. Fulton 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. D. Butler 6, C. C. Mayne 7, J. R. Mayne (first in method as cond.) 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to the son of H. D. Butler, who was married at Kenton the previous day.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On July 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. E. Verrill 1, Miss B. M. Ball 2, H. Reynolds 3, E. Brown 4, E. A. Jurd 5, F. G. Barron (first of Major 'inside') 6, H. A. Nobes 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for 1 and 2. An 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. Verrill, mother of treble ringer.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On July 16th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. C. Ayres 1, W. Edwards 2, L. Haddon 3, C. J. Chalwin 4, J. Townsend 5, W. E. Redrup (cond.) 6. Rung by the local band to celebrate the marriage of Mr. T. A. W. Haddon (nephew of the 3rd ringer) to Miss M. Hickson, with the ringers' best wishes for their future happiness in India.

BURFORD, OXON.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Lomas (first quarter) 1, M. C. F. Collett 2, H. Parker 3, J. G. Collett 4, B. S. Nichols 5, W. J. Dixon 6, T. W. Timms (cond.) 7, E. C. Aldridge 8. A birthday compliment to ringer of the 5th.

OHILHAM, KENT.—On July 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. E. Weller 1, Eileen Wyles 2, P. J. H. Small 3, W. Palin 4, A. Butler 5, W. Bottrill (cond.) 6, T. H. Holmes 7, T. Ellender 8. First of Stedman Triples by 5 and 7.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Walters 1, R. Faithfull 2, B. M. Boyle 3, B. M. Faithfull 4, G. F. Oakshortt 5, A. H. Hayward 6, A. Harman (cond.) 7, C. Rook 8. Rung at the thanksgiving service for the ninth centenary of the Diocese of Exeter.

DODDERHILL, WORCS.—On July 16th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. W. Sayers 1, R. G. Morris 2, Miss J. A. Southerst 3, Miss C. A. Harding 4, G. E. Large (cond.) 5, A. Morgan 6, R. Woodvatt 7, T. W. Lewis 8. First quarter in method by 1, 2, 4 and 6.

QUARTER PEALS

EAST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.—On June 25th, 1,260 Doubles (480 of Plain Bob and 780 of Grandsire): F. H. Hicks (cond.) 1, Daphne Smith 2, Iris M. Jarvis 3, R. L. Hughes 4, E. G. D. Tonkin 5, B. Booth, sen. 6. First quarter in two methods by 2 and 3. First quarter on the bells in which local ringers have taken part.

EXETER.—At the Church of St. Thomas on July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. E. Munday (first quarter) 1, J. Hosgood 2, F. Wreford 3, F. Wills 4, C. P. Yates 5, E. A. Truman 6, E. W. Biffin (cond.) 7, R. J. Willey 8.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On July 9th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: P. D. Beedie 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, F. Goodfellow 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart 5, R. E. W. Wenban 6, J. R. Mayne 7, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 8. First in method for 2 and 5. A wedding anniversary compliment to R. E. W. Wenban.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Mitchell 1, C. Clark 2, R. B. Roberts 3, H. W. J. Butt 4, T. G. Bartlett 5, G. Skinner 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, H. Mitchell (first quarter) 8. Rung for the nona-centenary celebrations of the Diocese of Exeter and the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen and Princess Margaret.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Weller (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Gumbrill 2, C. Hone (first as cond.) 3, W. Garner 4, B. Farhall 5.

KILBURN, LONDON.—On July 9th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. M. Atkins (cond.) 1, Audrey Barker 2, C. E. Lankester 3, A. Bone 4, Renata Buchthal 5, D. C. Birkinshaw 6, R. Meadows 7, N. G. McCrum 8. First quarter in the method for 2, 5, 6 and 7.

MUCH HADHAM, HERTS.—On July 9th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles, 7.6.8 covering: C. P. Chalk 1, H. Bigmore 2, F. G. Springham 3, P. A. F. Chalk (cond.) 4, W. H. Rogers 5, J. Warner 6, W. Bird 7, A. Walsh 8. First quarter 2, 5, 6, 8. First quarter on the bells. Rung by an all local company.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At All Saints' Church on July 16th, 1,440 Bob Minor: W. Holland 1, A. C. Watson 2, C. A. Brown 3, J. S. Woodhouse 4, P. E. Sampson 5, D. Holland (cond.) 6. First quarter for 2 and 3.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincs.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Daphne Weston (first quarter, age 14) 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, W. Weston 3, D. A. Frith 4, J. H. Musson (cond.) 5, H. P. Collin 6.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.—On July 4th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Kerrison 1, Miss E. H. C. Raynor (first of Treble Bob) 2, R. S. Payne 3, Francis Kirk 4, C. Ainger (first quarter) 5, J. W. C. Blythe (first of Treble Bob as cond.) 6. Rung as a 21st birthday complement to Mr. R. J. Woods and to Mr. J. W. C. Blythe.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.—On July 14th, 1,234 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Infield (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Harding 2, Mrs. Houghton 3, R. Houghton 4, C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 5, B. Sims 6.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7.6.8 covering (after meeting short for Triples): Dorothy A. Walden (13) 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, F. O. Day 3, F. Haysom 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, F. A. Welsh 6, I. Read (14) 7, R. J. Walden 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. F. B. Randall and Miss F. S. Porter, an office colleague of the conductor.

WEST HADDON, NORTHANTS.—On July 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Summers (first quarter) 1, P. Stephens 2, W. T. Adams 3, S. Manning 4, E. G. Orland (cond.) 5.

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be sent to-day to Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, The
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An unusual accident happened at Dunsfold Parish Church, Surrey, on Saturday, in ringing after an unsuccessful peal attempt. The guide ring of the tenor rope became detached, slid down the rope and struck the ringer, Mr. Ernest Warner, of Woking, formerly of Cranleigh, on the head. He received a nasty cut, and after receiving attention from the village nurse was taken to the Woking Hospital by car.

We have received an inquiry as to which tower has had the greatest number of peals rung in it during the last 50 years.

The peal at Caston, Norfolk, on July 15th, was a bachelors' peal. Ringers of 1, 2 and 3 are from the home tower, and 4, 5 and 6 members of the Bunwell company.

A correspondent writes: Another peal ascribed to two associations (Lancashire and A.S.C.Y.). There was a similar instance a few months ago. This is contrary to a Central Council ruling surely! If not, it ought to be. In any case, the conductor is a member of the Council and should know.

We regret that in sub-editing the report of the peal at Windermere last week we missed a slip by our esteemed contributor that one ringer was credited with ringing two bells. Mr. E. Jenkins, of Bradford, writes: I have been accused of many things in my time, viz., of climbing up the rope like a monkey, trying to get through the sally hole or jumping off the box to peer in some handsome young ringer's face, but I must disclaim the performance attributed to me in this week's 'Ringing World' at Windermere of ringing the 4th and tenor (shades of Jim Washbrook). The 4th on that occasion was rung by that firmament explorer, Mr. Fred Dunkerley.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Leicester Diocesan Leaflet contains a notice from the Archdeacons stating: Mr. Ernest Morris, who is well known in Leicestershire in connection with the Diocesan Bell Ringers, is ready to visit churches if invited by the incumbents, to make a record of all church registers and other documents, thus bringing up to date the work of the late Mr. Hortop. Mr. Morris is well qualified for such a task. A Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and of the Royal Geographical Society, he has recently been made a member of the Royal Society of Literature and we understand that his name has gone forward for election to a Fellowship in the Society of Antiquarians. He is also an active member of the Central Committee for the National Register of Archives—Leicestershire and Rutland.

Work has started on Maulden, Beds, bells. The present ring of six is to be rehung and two new trebles added.

An indication of the regard of the community for church bells was found in the village of Melbury Osmond, Wilts. Here it was proposed to restore the church bells as a memorial to those who fell in the two world wars. A referendum was held among all those over the age of 18. The results was 188 in favour and 30 against.

Mr. D. T. Matkin writes: The footnote to the peal of Spliced Royal, rung on handbells at Bournemouth on July 7th, should have the words 'in hand' added thereto. The first peal in four Spliced Royal methods, London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, was rung on tower bells in 1936, conducted by Charles H. Kippin, who, I trust, will accept my apology for an incorrect claim.

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LETTERS

THE NEW BISHOP MEETS HIS RINGERS.

HEAVERY showers did not deter the ringers of the counties of Pembroke, Carmarthen and Cardigan from attending the annual general meeting of the Guild at Carmarthen (St. Peter's) on July 15th.

Special interest lay in the fact that Dr. W. T. Havard, enthroned Bishop of St. David's in June, had consented to be president of the Guild following his predecessor, Dr. Prosser, and would give the address at the special form of service and preside at the meeting.

Some 54 ringers and friends, including a good muster of ringers from Llanbadarn Fawr, now famous locally for its two bands, attended the service, conducted by Archdeacon J. Richards Pugh and the Rev. Jones, with the ringing organist, Mr. T. D. Williams, of Llanstephan. Lady Dynevor and the Rev. Tudor Hughes, Llanbadarn Fawr, supported their bands.

The Bishop, in a sermon composed of well-chosen quotations and easy language, reminded the ringers of the words of St. Paul, 'ye then as workers together with Him,' and explained that being fellow workers with God they had an important part to play in the Christian life. The rules of the Guild seemed admirable and he was impressed by the idea that members should be recognised as church worshippers.

He spoke of the age of bellringing and quoted Freud, who said that when they heard church bells they could hear something which they could have heard in the same place 800 years ago. He told of the way in which the Mediaeval ages had cherished art and architecture and thought that although the originals had been copied and modified since, nothing in our modern world could surpass their beauty.

Church bells and in particular a ring of church bells were beautiful things and, like most beautiful things which they inherited, they took them for granted. Ringers proved that they cherished the lovely bells when they exercised upon them in their act of service and worship.

The Bishop went on to warn his listeners that it was not enough to be a Christian so that they might serve their fellow-men the better or to make the world better for having lived in it, nor be a Christian as a means to an end. Religion was adoration. They should be in the state described in the hymn, 'Lost in wonder, love and praise.' If they professed Christianity without worship the next generation might repudiate the whole basis of Christian life. As the late Archbishop Temple said, 'It is sometimes thought that conduct is supremely important and that worship helps it. This is entirely wrong. The truth is that worship is supremely important and conduct tests it.'

Dr. Havard closed with a blessing upon the Guild's work and that of the ringers in whatsoever parish they were so that they might be the means of bringing Christ's people to worship at His feet.

After the service tea was provided by St. Peter's Church in appetising variety and the meeting followed.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

Dr. Havard thanked the Guild for honouring him by making him president and welcomed the ringers to Carmarthen.

The report of the hon. secretary stated that the Guild was now five years old. Quarterly meetings had been held in various parts of the diocese. The membership now stood at 144, out of which 88 were ringers. A peal of Doubles and Plain Bob Minor had been rung and seven quarter peals. Two peals had been rung on handbells at Lampeter College. He urged members to 'put their backs into ringing and let us have a better standard of ringing in the diocese.'

The hon. treasurer's report showed a balance in hand of £15 and £16 in the Bell Restoration Fund.

The officers were re-elected as follows: Master of the Guild, Mr. H. Jenkins (Tenby); hon. secretary, Mr. C. H. Hawkins (Llanelli); hon. treasurer, Mr. W. P. E. Sage (Burry Port); hon. auditor, Mr. B. Rees (Burry Port). Messrs. D. H. Betts (Haverfordwest) and T. Griffiths (Tenby) were proposed for Ringing Master; the former was elected by show of hands.

The committee was re-elected as follows: Mr. D. Betts (Haverfordwest), Miss Trehearne (Llanstephan), Messrs. R. Scudamore (Llanidilo), T. Griffiths (Tenby), W. J. Harries (Llanbadarn Fawr), T. Owen (Carmarthen), G. Francis (Llanelli), and V. Martin (St. David's). Llanstephan was chosen as the church for the 1951 bellringing competition.

A discussion took place on the question of paying for teas at meetings. Mrs. J. Thomas, of Burry Port, proposed that all members should pay 1s., but it was eventually decided that members should pay the actual cost of the tea and that the secretary should advertise this cost before the meeting.

The secretary was asked to obtain the cost of producing certificates of membership from a sketch he exhibited to the meeting.

A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised £2 6s.

Pembroke Church was selected for the place of the next quarterly meeting (September 9th).

Mr. A. Hoare, of Swansea, was elected delegate member to the Central Council.

NO RINGING CLERGY.

A request was put to the president by Mr. D. H. Betts, of Haverfordwest, that as the Bishop went about the diocese he would do his best to encourage the clergy to take up ringing. He thought it a pity that there were no ringing clergy in the diocese and deplored the ignorance of the public in bellringing in general. He suggested that the clergy would be the means of encouraging persons of a good intellectual standard to take up ringing so that there should be a higher standard of ringing than now. Mr. W. J. Harries, of Llanbadarn Fawr, supported.

The Archdeacon of Carmarthen (the Ven. J. R. Pugh) took the opportunity of stating that many clergy were put off by the fact that so many ringers never attended service and many rang whilst drunk, so that he was half afraid to take anyone to such a belfry.

Mr. Betts rose to state that there were good and bad in all walks of life and that the presence of clergy in the belfry would keep the atmosphere right and he repeated that the ringing society wanted a higher level of intelligence and more enthusiasm.

Mr. T. Griffiths said that during his 40 years at Tenby the belfry had always been regarded and used with as much reverence as the altar.

After the meeting the ringers returned to St. Peter's and practised standard methods on the eight bells.

BRAY RINGING MASTER BEREAVED

Mrs. Frances Alice Russell, of 49, Ray Mill Road West, Maidenhead, wife of Mr. F. J. Russell, Ringing Master at St. Michael's, Bray, for 26 years, died on Wednesday of last week, aged 52. She had a long illness.

Born at Denchworth, near Wantage, Mrs. Russell came to live at Bray in 1915 and learned to ring in 1919. She and her husband moved to nearby Maidenhead 12 years ago.

The funeral was at Bray on Monday, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. S. C. Lowman), who is chairman of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. There was half-muffled ringing during the evening.

SPANNERS IN THE WORKS

Dear Sir,—The implication contained in Mr. C. W. Woolley's letter is so serious that we crave the indulgence of your columns to reply at once. He warns would-be writers to the Decisions Sub-Committee that unless their views coincide with that committee, they will be ignored, as that is his experience. Mr. Woolley did write to us last year, and suggested that the existing decisions of the Council regarding record lengths should all be scrapped, as they were obsolete and unnecessary.

We could well understand his taking this view, as some time previously he had taken part in an alleged record performance of Double Norwich on handbells without the conditions laid down by the Council having been observed. We would point out to him, and others, that one of the primary reasons for bringing the Central Council into being was to formulate standards and conditions under which peals were to be rung.

Mr. Woolley apparently is of opinion that no such rules are necessary, and it would appear on re-reading his letter to us that he would prefer a state of things where everyone can be free to do and ring whatever they please, and when rules and standards are not convenient they should be abolished—that is a kind of reasoning which is sadly all too familiar these days.

It is generally understood that the Council has no power to enforce its decisions, but to secure recognition, performances should conform to the rules and standards laid down.

We, as a committee, are not making any decisions—the Council will do that—our job being to report on existing decisions and make suggestions for modification. In order to test the feeling of the Exercise we have made several requests for viewpoints, and we quote Mr. Woolley's so that a general idea may be formed as to its value.

As a responsible officer of the Council he should know better than hamper the work of this committee, already difficult enough, and we trust that those interested will not be influenced by his 'warning' and will write to us when, as previously stated, viewpoints will be collated and considered sympathetically.

Whilst we are writing on the subject of the Decisions may we briefly reply to Mr. Butler, who champions peals rung without a cover? He will find there is no need for the committee to publish its recommendations on these performances—they have already done so. If Mr. Butler will use such words as 'idle and nonsensical to bleat, etc.' he must not be surprised if we are stung to retort that perhaps most people would prefer bleating to braying.—Yours faithfully,

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

122, Lee Road, London, S.E.3.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS' PEALS

Dear Sir,—I am informed that Arthur Knights rang 207 peals on Chesterfield bells and his son, Benjamin A., 125.

This was stated in 'The Ringing World' when peal ringing there was suspended about 20 years ago when the spire became unsafe.

Mr. Whitehead, in giving 270 as the number, had the right figures, but the wrong way round.

E. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

OLDSWINFORD TENOR

Dear Sir,—The weight of the tenor at Oldswinford, Stourbridge, Worcs, is 11½ cwt. in F sharp, and not 18 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. as given in your peal report ('Ringing World,' dated July 14th, 1950).—Yours truly,

THOMAS HEMMING (Conductor of Peal).
Brierley Hill, Staffs.

THE BANISTER FAMILY

Dear Sir,—On May 12th, 'The Ringing World' published a letter from Mr. A. R. Botting, of Ashfield, N.S.W.

Commenting on my letter of April 1st, he says that William Banister had recorded all the College Youths' peals from 1724 to 1873. Among others, Mr. Botting particularly mentions the four noted peals rung at Woolwich, namely, the Superlative and London Surprise peals of 1849, the Grandsire peal of 1852 and the Stedman peal of 1861.

Records of these peals are in the belfries—there are two, the upper one being the present ringing chamber—of St. Mary's Church, Woolwich, and are well preserved, legible and clear.

Mr. Botting presumes that the Grandsire peal is famous because it was rung in 2 hours 53 minutes.

This peal is known as 'The Banister Peal,' and the peal board is headed, 'St. Mary's Society,' Woolwich, with a sub-heading, 'A Family Peal,' in larger type. A footnote reads as follows:—

'This is the only peal on record, which was rung by a father and his six sons, who rang the changes, and were stationed in their places according to seniority.'

It was conducted by Henry Banister (father), who rang the 7th, and his son, William, rang the 4th. Edward West, who was Henry's son-in-law, rang the tenor and completed the band.

I leave your readers to satisfy themselves why this peal is regarded as being famous.

A COLLEGE YOUTH PEAL.

Mr. Botting also says that as the Stedman peal of 1861 is not recorded by Banister, it was not a College Youths' peal. The peal boards reads:—

St. Mary's, Woolwich. On Wednesday, February 1st, 1861, the following members of 'The Woolwich Branch Society of College Youths' rang on these bells a complete peal of Triples of Stedman's Principle of 5,040 changes in 2 hours 52 minutes: William Banister treble, Jas. Banister 2, F. H. Banister 3, Thos. Banister 4, Hy. Banister 5, Jno. Banister 6, Geo. Banister 7, Hy. Bright tenor. Conducted by William Banister.

I cannot determine what connection (if any) Hy. Bright had with the family, but the following footnote reads:—

'This is the greatest performance ever achieved by one family.'

I would point out that the peal board for this peal, and also that which records the Surprise peals of 1849, show that they were rung by members of 'The Woolwich Branch Society of College Youths,' so I submit that the Stedman peal was indeed a College Youths peal.

Seeing that this peal was a family affair and that he conducted it himself, it is surprising that William Banister did not include it in his records, mentioned by Mr. Botting.

A tribute to William Banister on the occasion of his 88th birthday was printed in 'The Ringing World' of March 1st, 1912, in which the writer says: 'Unfortunately, he (Banister) has no complete list of his peal.' And again in a further tribute at the death of William Banister at the age of 92, which appeared in 'The Ringing World' of February 16th, 1917, the writer says: 'It has always seemed a pity to us that he kept no record of his peals.'

Of Banister's ringing activities and of his public life these two tributes, together with another one which was printed in 'The Ringing World' of March 7th, 1913, give a detailed account, far too long for me to repeat, but it appears that when Mr. Banister arrived in Devon he was sought out by Col. Trelawney and Col. Troyte.

Col. Troyte wrote a book called 'Change Ringing' for the use of beginners (I have a copy of this book), and in the conclusion he acknowledges the help given to him by Messrs. Banister, Haley, Musket and Wood, which enabled him to publish it.

This book was supplemented later by another publication by Mr. Banister, who carried on to eight bells the work which Col. Troyte had written for the instruction of ringers on five and six bells. This, no doubt, is the 'Treatise on Ringing,' which has been the subject of several letters in 'The Ringing World,' recently and which prompted Mr. Botting to write from Australia.

FAMILY HISTORY.

Of the Banister family I have been able to gather some information which I hope will interest some of your readers.

Mr. Henry Banister, at the age of seven, commenced his service under the Crown, serving during the reigns of George III., George IV., William IV. and Queen Victoria. In 1797 he entered Woolwich Arsenal as a cartridge boy and remained in this employment until 1799 when he obtained a situation in Woolwich Dockyard as a caulker's apprentice, serving eight years until 1810.

He then joined the Royal Navy as a caulker and left for the East Indies in H.M.S. 'Chichester.' She was wrecked in a hurricane and Banister was saved 'only by a miracle.' He was then drafted to the flagship, H.M.S. 'Illustrious,' and was present at the capture of Java in 1811, for which he was given a medal.

He returned to Woolwich in 1813 and re-entered the Royal Dockyard as a caulker. In 1841 he was promoted to Inspector of Caulkers, a post he held until his retirement on pension at the age of 70.

It was no doubt during this period that he was so active in ringing circles, together with his six sons. He, his sons and 'a few others,' comprised the Woolwich Band of Ringers, and their activities brought fame to the town, not only by their ringing in the tower, but also their performances with hand-bells, said to be of their own manufacture, at concerts, etc., whereby they raised a considerable sum of money for charity.

Notwithstanding the overthrow of church rates, and the abandonment of gratuities, the Banisters continued to meet in the belfry at the church, morning and evening, and 'chime in' the congregation. I have heard stories, locally, that on occasions they would climb the tower and sit among the bells and ring hymns and tunes on them with hammers.

Henry Banister was a ringer at Woolwich for well over 50 years and boasted that he could still ring a peal after his retirement from the dockyard. No doubt the Exercise would have read more about him and his five other boys had they not been so overshadowed by William.

With the departure of William to Devon in 1865, it seems that the family peal ringing came to an end, although the name does appear on other peal boards in the tower of later years.

AN ALDERMAN AND J.P.

Down in Devon William made his presence known, not only as a ringer, but as a public servant as well. He sat as a member on the Corporation, also as an alderman and J.P. His aldermanic seat was left vacant for five years while he was in South Wales, but he did not return to Devon to occupy it again. He retired in 1912 and returned to London to reside with his daughter and son-in-law at Fulham.

His wife predeceased him by some 40 odd years, and towards the end of his life he must have felt somewhat lonely, for he was in his 70's when he proposed to his sister-in-law, who was the widow of his brother James, when she was in her 80's. He was refused, but the old lady allowed him to share her and her husband's grave in Woolwich Cemetery. He died on January 31st, 1917, at the age of 92.

At the funeral in Woolwich Cemetery, College Youths rang a course of Stedman Triples over the grave: T. H. Taffender 1-2, C. F. Winney 3-4, W. A. Alps 5-6, H. R. Passmore 7-8. On

the following Saturday the College Youths rang a funeral peal at the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Champside. The whole pull and stand was rung to represent the deceased's age. The band contained some well-known ringers, some of whom are still with us and are ringing to-day.

The last link with the family was broken when the widow of James Banister passed away in Woolwich at the great age of 97 in 1929.

I would like to give this extract from a letter written by one of William's three granddaughters quite recently. After stating that she remembers him quite well, she writes:—

'You will probably imagine from the eulogies written about him that William Banister was a charming and genial old gentleman. The truth is that, like a good many other noted men, he was not at all easy to live with. He kept his charm for out of doors, and was a morose autocrat in the bosom of his family. He had his good points, of course, and was very generous, and we think that in his funny way he was attached to us.'

In conclusion, I wish to thank Mrs. D. Leslie, now of Blackheath, the great-granddaughter of James Banister, who so kindly gave me access to letters and other details of the family history.—Yours truly, ALFRED GROVE.

Abbey Wood, S.E.
[Note.—The Editor of 'Ringing Towers' might find the above letter of interest to Australian readers.—Editor.]

MINOR WITH A COVER BELL

Dear Sir,—On reading the letter from the pen of Mr. Butler on the above subject I was much struck by one or two points contained therein.

Concerning the Sefton peal of Minor rung with a cover bell, I also am of the opinion that this peal would have been duly credited had not the question of a peal of Major with a cover bell not been implicated.

Previous to this Sefton case peals of Minor with a cover had always been accepted, and then suddenly without any warning, and certainly without any rule or decision of the Council, this peal was disqualified.

I notice also in this particular case that the Lancashire Association are not in agreement with the Council, as they recognised the peal in their annual report.

To disqualify all peals of Minor with a cover bell as is suggested would, I think, be a mistake and likely to create a feeling that the Council is out of touch with that great body of ringers who through various reasons do not get much opportunity of advancement.

A peal of Bob Minor with a cover to these people is a very good performance and much better in many cases from the point of view of 'striking' than if they rang it without.

I cannot see that any harm whatever will be done to the cause of ringing by recognising these peals, whilst if we disallow them as is suggested great disappointment will be felt by a large number of ringers whose chances for peal ringing in the higher methods is so remote.

It also seems to me to be a mistake in refusing to publish these (so-called) unorthodox peals before the decision to do so has been ratified by the Council.—Yours, etc.,

'40 YEARS AMONGST LEARNERS.'
Lancashire.

17 SPLICED MAJOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—In the composition published last week in 17 Spliced Major methods. Richmond Bob and New London Court should be interchanged throughout. For each course that was printed, Wellington, Richmond, New London, Gainsborough, Little, Plain, it should read Wellington, New London, Richmond, Gainsborough, Little, Plain. Also the — at H should be omitted in the first course.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE E. FEIRN.
Kirton Lindsey, Gainsborough.

THE BELLS OF NEW GUINEA

By the Rev. N. E. G. CRUTWELL, former Curate of Basingstoke.

I do not know whether the psychologists classify a complaint Campanophobia. But if they do so, we New Guinea missionaries ought to be among the sufferers from that complaint, for if anyone's life is more punctuated by the cacophony of cheap and improvised 'bells,' I should like to know who it is.

We are awakened at a quarter to six by a rapid clanging from the big bell in the red-flowered Poinciana tree. Dawn is just breaking as the boys emerge from their dormitory, rubbing their eyes, before kneeling down for their morning hymn and prayer. Soon more clangs announce time for Holy Communion, and those who have put their names down the night before go up to church, while the others get their sariffs and cut the ever-growing grass. At 6.30 the Angelus rings—a pleasant mellow sound if the sawn-off iron girder is hit in the right way, but a horrible 'clink' if it is not. Some people may be surprised that we observe the Angelus, but is it not a whole-some custom to pause for a couple of minutes three times a day to recollect the presence of God? Within the church at the 'Holy, holy, holy,' and again at the Consecration, the Sanctus bell rings a soft 'boom' produced by a brass shell case acquired in the war.

We are hardly out of church again when the big bell clangs to tell the children that it is time to knock off work and go for a swim. Then comes a rapid 'tinkle' from the mission house, announcing that our breakfast is ready, followed shortly afterwards by a deep 'bonk-bonk!' from an old kerosene drum, which indicates that the boys' breakfast of cooked bananas is awaiting them.

So it goes on all day—'Clang! Boom! Bong! Clink! Ting-aling! Bonk!' Time for dispensary. Time for matins. Time for school. Time for break. More school. Lunch. Playtime. Afternoon school. Even-song. Dinner. Evening prayers. and, finally nine clangs at 9 o'clock, after which all boys must be in bed. Then—at last—silence.

However, without all these 'bells' we could never keep our routine going, for New Guinea people have no clocks and very little sense of time. And without routine we could never fit in all our activities. Let no one imagine that a missionary's life is an easy or a restful one. He is on the go all the time. We get a good deal of fun out of improvising bells. Menapi is lucky enough to possess one, though its tone does not exactly ravish the ear. The great 'bell' of Dogura Cathedral, which can be heard for many miles, is the plate of a large boiler, which, when struck in the right place, is as sonorous as and highly reminiscent of the great gong that precedes so many of our film productions.

If you feel 'I want to ring bells,' come to Papua. I guarantee that we can keep you busy. We cannot promise you Campanology, but plenty of Tinnabulation.

Wall Plaque in Surrey Church

A picture of the plaque on the wall of the west end porch of Walton-on-Thames Parish Church, which was dedicated at the meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association at Walton on June 24th.

A company of 31 ringers and friends made good use of the bells till service time. The Vicar (Rev. G. Crichton Melville) performed the dedication ceremony.

A nice tea was provided by four of the ringers' wives, the company being joined by the Rev. Crichton Melville, Mrs. Melville, Mr. Rees (people's warden), Mrs. Rees and Mr. Price (organist).

At the meeting two ringing members and five compounding members were elected. The date of the next meeting for September 24th was altered to September 9th to allow for holidays. A vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist and the ladies for the tea was enthusiastically given. Ringing continued till 8.30 p.m.

R. L.

Midlands Meet Middlesex

A successful and very happy day was spent by members of the Midland Counties Guild on their visit to Middlesex. Some months ago Mr. George Hart and friends visited the Midlands and successful peals were rung and this 'return visit' arranged. The secretary, with Messrs. Trotman and Whitehead, set out by road in good time on their 100 mile journey, arriving at Harrow Weald to find 'Ernest' already there. The Mayne family and members of the local band were there to give the welcome, and Ernest was particularly delighted to meet once again 'the man who wanted land' (see 'Ringing World,' October, 1924), who heaped 'Coles' on him by reminding him of the time he rang the tenor at Whitechapel to a peal.

Harrow Weald bells soon settled down to a brisk pace and nothing happened save now and then the 7th gave a beatific smile to the tenor as some well-known part end came up. The peal coincided with the 21st anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mayne, and all concerned will wish them continued happiness.

An excellent lunch, then off to Pinner— noted for producing James George!—where we met several friends. Here, 'Go, Double Norwich,' simply didn't, so Trotman trotted out the 'old faithful' and this went along at a fine pace, the 7th just putting it where it ought to be according to the time allowed by the tenor, and being ably backed up by the 6th. The youngster on the treble (80 not out) rang like the veteran he is and a grand peal resulted which must be one of the quickest on these bells.

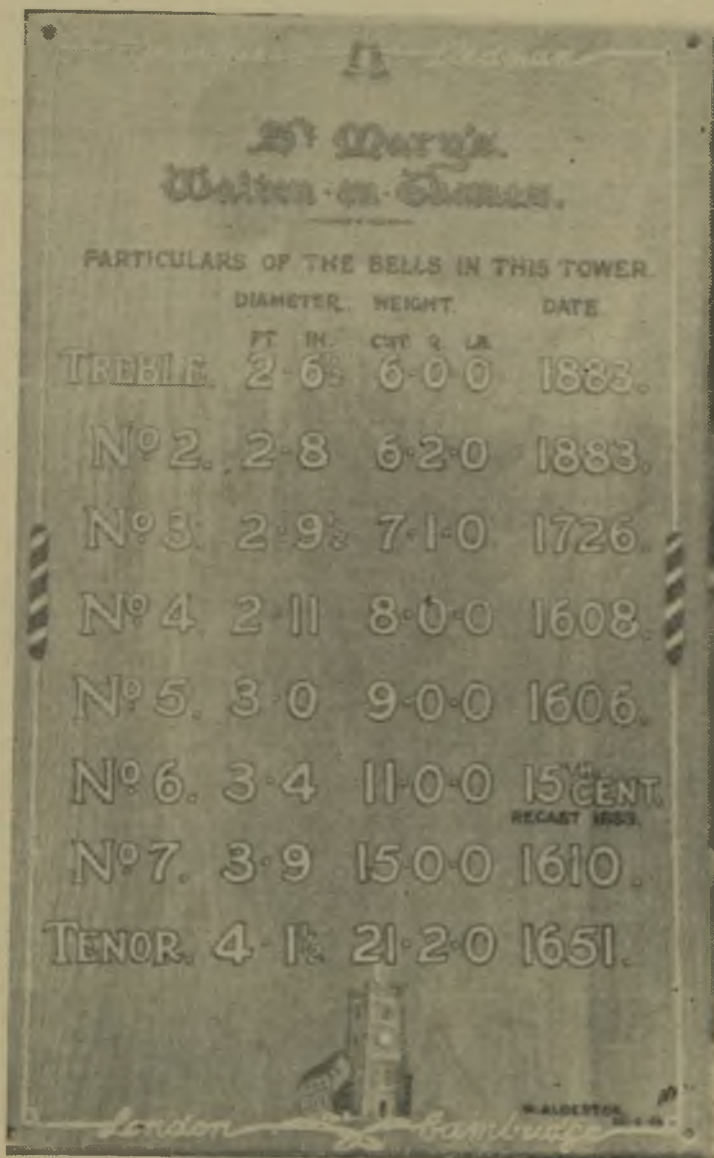
Considerable difficulties had to be overcome to get Pinner bells fixed up. First the clock people had erected a scaffold through some of the bell wheels and not without a lot of diplomatic argument was this dismantled. Then at the last moment more scaffolding was erected in the ringing room to enable death-watch beetle preventive treatment to the ceiling to be carried out. Again much fact was needed to get this so moved to enable the ropes to be manipulated.

Tea awaited us at the Old Oak Cafe in a delightful and quaint 'maggie' building—a real bit of old Pinner—and several friends joined in. After Ernest had voiced the thanks and appreciation of the Midlanders, to which Mr. Genna replied, the secretary trio set off on their long journey home, and so ended a grand day's proceedings.

FALSE PEAL CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the false peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung at Lincoln Cathedral on June 30th, 1949. I find on proving the composition given in 'The Ringing World' of June 30th, 1950, that the wrong and 10th leads of the ninth course are respectively false against the 1st and 5th leads of the third course, and the wrong lead of the seventh course is false against the 2nd lead of the first course.—Yours truly,

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
Bradford.



A SOMERSET AND DORSET TOUR

EIGHT PEALS SCORED FROM 14 ATTEMPTS.

A WISH to turn in the tenor at Sherborne Abbey to a peal of Surprise Major started the idea of a tour in that area this summer, so on Saturday, July 1st, eleven ringers, six from Ashford (Kent), three from Bedfordshire and one each from Swindon and Stanmore converged on Yeovil, which was to be the week's headquarters.

West Coker was the first town to be visited, and here a good peal of Superlative was rung. Those not in this peal went to Chard, where one stood in a peal of Stedman Triples rung in honour of Josiah Morris' 83rd birthday, conducted by his son George, Josiah being one of those listening outside.

Sunday morning found us at Yeovil Parish Church, where we were welcomed by Mr. Tom Selter, whose help and advice made the job of organising the tour much easier. This grand ten was soon going to well-struck Caters, Cambridge Royal and Bristol on the back eight. A run through Glastonbury brought us to Wells, where we were due to ring at the Cathedral at 2 p.m. for evensong. Caters, Plain and Treble Bob Royal went quite well, considering the majority had never encountered bells of this weight before. Almost everyone attended the service afterwards. For evening ringing we joined the local band at Shepton Mallet, where a very good course of London was rung.

AMONG THE HEAVY SIXES.

Heavy rain greeted us on Monday morning. At our first tower, Kingsdon, we encountered the first of a series of fine heavy sixes, which had been booked for the week. Here the Kent men found that the Rector had previously been a curate back at Birchington. At Drayton an attempt for Yorkshire failed about half-way through. Having an hour to spare after lunch we visited Fivehead, and after delay in getting permission to ring, two very short touches on this six, which are rung from the ground floor without guides, was all there was time for. A very good peal of Yorkshire on the lovely eight at Curry Rivel made up for the loss earlier in the day. In the evening two octagonal towers were visited. Barrington (6) and South Petherton (8), with its nice, airy, well-kept ringing room.

An attempt to raise the six at Queen Camel in peal on Tuesday morning was not very successful, but some good Cambridge and London Minor and Stedman Doubles were enjoyed. The 'lower' was done quite respectably. At Castle Cary a peal of Painswick was rung, and the best lunch of the week was found there at the Britannia. Short calls were made later at Bruton and Evercreech, a fine new Taylor ten. Ditchat was the next port of call, and after some refreshment this lovely ring was soon going nicely to Ashted, but this ended in a fatal trip about half-way through. Mr. Lintern, the local captain, very kindly offered us the bells for an attempt later in the week, but, unfortunately, this could not be fitted in.

There being only one peal attempt booked for Wednesday (afternoon), the morning was spent on light sixes. Hardington Mandeville was the first, a village off the beaten track having a very well-kept little church and a keen local band. Whilst we were ringing here Mr. Rendell, the local captain, kindly phoned for permission to ring at the next village, Haselbury Plucknett, where we were met by a very jovial vicar. Here we found a recently augmented six by Mears, tenor 63 cwt., a very nice job indeed. On to South Perrott, where there is a very old clock, one wheel of which has twice as many teeth as the others, which still keeps very good time. A peal attempt was made at Beaminster with New Cambridge. Some good ringing on bells, which all seem odd-struck, was maintained until about the half-way mark, when the seventh left the front too soon and the peal was gone! A short ring

at Netherbury, then on to Lyme Regis, where some of the local ringers joined us for Yorkshire, London and Bristol.

WITH LYME REGIS RINGERS.

More rain came on Thursday morning, and after a short ring at Broadwindsor, we made our way through very narrow lanes across country to Whitchurch Canoniconum, where the church contains the tomb of its own patron saint. Canon Davidson and the captain of the local ringers welcomed us. The tower contains a ring of eight, tenor 17½ cwt. in D, which sounds more like 25 cwt. Ashted was again attempted, but proved one of our unlucky methods, for, after nearly three hours, the conductor had to call 'Stand' through missing a 'Middle.' After lunch at Bridport the party were joined by George Morris, Cuthbert Powell, Harry and Roger Keeley, from Lyme Regis, and Joe Barrett, from Beaminster, making two eights.

One party tried New Cambridge (another unlucky method) at Bradpole, which was lost after an hour's good ringing, while the others scored a good peal of Bristol on the very nice eight at Bridport. Further ringing was enjoyed at the only tower in Devon we visited—Axminster—where the bells have recently been rehung and are much above the average in tone and go.

The first call on Friday morning was at Stoke-under-Ham, where we had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Powell. Everyone agreed that here was an ideal six in every respect, and the striking did them full justice. On to Martock, where a good peal of Yorkshire was rung, followed by a good lunch, thanks to Mr. Farrant. Leaving Marlock half an hour behind schedule, we next tried North Cadbury, where Mr. W. A. Osborn awaited us. This six was much admired for tone as well as go.

Still behind schedule when we reached Wincanton, the choir-master there kindly delayed the start of his choir practice until the peal of New Cambridge was over. However, during the first hour someone started to play the organ, making ringing difficult. Mr. Chilcott, the local captain, came to the rescue after a while and once more the new Gillett and Johnston eight could be heard properly. An early night was decided upon in view of the heavy programme arranged for the following day.

YORKSHIRE SURPRISE AT SHERBORNE.

The last day of the tour (Saturday) was reserved for peal attempts only, and at East Coker, Lincolnshire was scored easily before lunch in 2 hours 46 minutes. A return was made to Yeovil for lunch and collection of suitcases, and here the party split, three going to Dorchester to join five from Lyme Regis for New Cambridge, which again proved elusive. The rest went to Sherborne for Yorkshire, the main object of the tour. One ringer, so impressed by the note of the tenor when the clock struck two, on seeing the tenor-man later, said, 'You're in for a job. The clock struck two and Big Ben wasn't in it!' Anyway, a start was made soon before three, and after a couple of courses the bells settled down to a steady beat and a good peal was brought round in 3 hours 52 minutes, everyone rather tired but very happy. On adjourning to the local for some refreshment we had the pleasure of hearing the bells outside, as a rehearsal was in progress for a broadcast due to take place the next morning.

Three of the party, Harry Parkes, Bill Wenban and Tom Cullingworth, decided to travel home next day: the remainder, in two cars driven by Henry Harding and Fred Hucklestep, set out for Bedford and Ashford respectively, a distance of nearly 180 miles, Ashford being reached about 3 a.m. The three coming back on the Sunday, still in search of new towers, joined the local band at Stockbridge for morning ringing.

(Continued in next column)

Letters (continued)

RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR

Dear Sir,—There are still some associations affiliated to the Central Council from which no list of members for the Ringers' Roll of Honour has been received. It would be of the greatest assistance if these outstanding returns could be sent in at once.

If any association has been fortunate enough to have sustained no loss of members by enemy action, it would be a great help if a nil return were sent in.

The final date for the despatch of these returns is September 30th, 1950.

I should like to take this opportunity of extending a cordial invitation to the associations which are not affiliated to the Central Council to co-operate in the compilation of the Ringers' Roll of Honour by sending to me the names of any of their members who lost their lives by enemy action. This would make the roll more complete. This information should be sent to me on the proper forms, copies of which I will gladly send to any secretaries who let me know how many they need.—Yours sincerely,

H. MILES.

Tolverne, Headland Road, Carbis Bay,
St. Ives, Cornwall.

THE COLERIDGE MEMORIAL

Dear Sir,—In reply to your leading article, the matter of the Coleridge Memorial is to be discussed at a special committee meeting, after which steps will be taken to obtain the approval of the general Guild for whatever scheme is suggested.

We entirely agree with you that it would be most unfortunate if the matter had to be shelved entirely until next July, and your readers may rest assured that this will not be allowed to happen.—Yours very truly,

Wavendon Rectory. ELLIOT WIGG.

SHOULD RECORDINGS BE PROHIBITED

Dear Sir,—Three times every Sunday I have to put up with the monstrosity of amplified gramophone records grating from my church. We have no tower, hence three of the speakers are bolted blatantly to a chimney stack, and a fourth decorates the ridge of the west end. I noticed one day with horror that the amplifier is only using one-tenth of its possible output. Every service I hear the same trip in striking, the same scratch as the needle reaches the end of a record. Twelve bells often hiss forth in a county that hasn't even got a ring of ten.

A considerable sum of public money was spent in purchasing this fiendish system, yet there exist plans for a tower and ring of bells to complete the church, and this money might well have been devoted to a better purpose.

What can be done? I believe ringers must make a definite stand, and refuse to make recordings unless they are sure they will not be misused. What pride can there be in having one's bells rung from another's chimney stack? There exists a firm which supplies recordings for our amplifier. If the ringers who made the recordings for the firm were paid for it, they should be deeply ashamed of themselves. The Central Council must advise ringers not to make recordings under any circumstances unless they are sure they will not be sold.

'HORRIFIED.'

(Continued from previous column)

During the eight days of the tour 34 towers were visited, and 14 peals attempted, of which only eight were successful. A good standard of striking was maintained throughout the week, and the many fine rings encountered will long be remembered, as will the warm welcome received from clergy and local ringers wherever we went. The willing advice and help of Messrs. J. T. Dyke, T. J. Setter and H. G. Keeley ensured that everything went off as planned.

T. C.

CRAWLEY RINGERS TOUR DEVON & CORNWALL

TRAVELLED 1,011 MILES AND RANG
15,090 CHANGES.

ANOTHER very happy tour arranged by the Crawley, Sussex, ringers was brought to a successful conclusion when the coach that conveyed us over a distance of 1,011 miles came to its final halt of the tour outside Crawley railway station.

An early start was made from Crawley on Sunday, July 2nd, and the journey to the West Country was made via Petersfield, Wimborne, Dorchester, Bridport and Ottery St. Mary. Here we were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Roderick from Porthcawl. The bells of Ottery St. Mary were rung for evening service, and despite long draught and new ropes some excellent ringing was achieved, and this appeared to set the standard for the remainder of the week. Thence to the Golden Lion, Ashburton, our headquarters for the week.

Monday morning and afternoon found us at Plympton (St. Maurice's and St. Mary's) and Plymouth (St. Andrew's and Emmanuel). At Plympton (St. Maurice's), where the church contains a memorial to Sir Joshua Reynolds, some of our ringers visited the old pre-Norman castle nearby. Mr. H. Miles, of Carbis Bay, joined in the ringing at Plympton St. Mary's and at St. Andrew's, Plymouth. At St. Andrew's we were met by Mr. T. Myers and the touches rung included some excellent Stedman Caters. The last tower of the day was Buckland Monachorum, the Vicar and local ringers giving the visitors a warm welcome.

On Tuesday morning the first tower visited was Alphington. Here is a stone pulpit presented in 1881 by the Rev. Henry Thomas Ellacombe, 'one of the greatest authorities in the kingdom upon campanology,' in memory of his father, who had been Rector there. Next, to Silverton, where the ringing included a course of Bristol.

After an excellent lunch—which was usual throughout the week—we journeyed to Winkleigh. Here we were met by a number of local round ringers, and our standard of striking and the concluding fall in peal received most favourable comment from them. This was considered praise indeed, for the high standard of striking of Devon round ringers is known to all.

At North Tawton we were met by the incumbent, and our interest was aroused by a peal tablet recording a peal of 2,861 call changes in four hours. After tea at the Ring of Bells we went on to the delightful town of Chagford, where some our ringers made the acquaintance of the parish clerk, Mr. F. E. Cox.

IN CORNWALL.

On Wednesday morning we set out for Cornwall. A delay of about half an hour in crossing the Torpoint Ferry enabled us to take a trip by motor launch around Devonport Dock, where considerable interest was shown in the naval vessels, including H.M.S. 'Amethyst,' 'Anson,' 'Howe' and some U.S. ships. We reached St. Germans and were again delighted to meet Mr. H. Miles, who showed us the magnificent Norman doorway of the church. Our route then took us to Liskeard for lunch and to ring. The church is one of the largest in Cornwall, and after climbing the steep hill to the church we were met by the Rector. The methods rung included Cornwall Surprise Major. After ringing at Altarnon the return to Devon was made via Saltash Ferry. A delay here of some 20 minutes enabled us to stretch our legs and view the famous Saltash Bridge, constructed to the design of I. Brunel in 1859.

On Thursday, after ringing at Wolborough, we journeyed to Torquay, and after lunch, by way of a pleasant variation, we enjoyed a sea trip by motor launch across Torbay, around Berry Head and up the River Dart to Dit-

tisham. Then by coach to Totnes, and here, on the magnificent eight—said to be the best for their weight in Devon—some good ringing and an excellent fall again drew favourable comment from the local ringers.

On Friday a journey across the moors via Dartmeet took us to St. Stephen's, Launceston. Werrington and Holsworthy were visited after lunch. At Holsworthy the recast octave by Gillett and Johnston were found to be very good, both tone and 'go' being excellent. Unfortunately, the ringing of the electro-pneumatic carillon, which rings every three hours, did not coincide with our visit. At Moreton Hampstead we were met by Mr. F. Myers, who had journeyed from Plymouth to ring with us. We journeyed back to Ashburton over the moors.

NORTH SOMERSET COAST.

Saturday saw us undertaking the longest journey with probably the most beautiful scenery of the week on our way to the north coast of Somerset. Ringing took place at Dulverton, referred to in 'Lorna Doone,' and Dunster, a quaint old town with its famous 12th century castle. At Dunster the church was filled with masses of beautiful flowers, and non-ringers in the party had the opportunity of visiting the Cloister gardens. At Minehead the very good ten were soon set going and the ringing here included Cambridge Royal.

Each evening, on returning to headquarters, various social activities were pursued after the evening meal. Handbell ringing figured largely, of course, but mention must be made of swimming in the hotel swimming pool and dancing in the ballroom and the strange game of skittles called 'Devil among the Tailors,' at which the Master of the Sussex County Association showed such uncanny skill.

In all 23 towers were visited and 15,090 changes were rung in 16 methods. These included various plain methods, the four standard Surprise methods, Cornwall, Norfolk and Yorkshire Surprise, as well as Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal.

At breakfast on Sunday morning before our departure from Ashburton a presentation was made to Miss F. Wyman and Mr. Oliver Sippetts in recognition of the work involved in the organisation of the tour.

We were all very pleased to see such a marked improvement in the health of Mr. Sippetts, this improvement being noticed almost daily.

The journey home was made through Crewkerne, Shaftesbury, Salisbury, Winchester, Petersfield to Crawley. T. G. F.

Bedfordshire Association

A FIVE-BELL FESTIVAL.

To most people the word festival conjures up a picture of a glorious sunny day with crowds of people merrymaking. On the occasion of the Bedford District's Five-Bell Festival—held on St. Swithun's Day—those present certainly did enjoy themselves, but the persistent rain deterred all but the 'keen-plus' ringers.

Ringling started at Keysoe, which possesses a magnificently toned ring, the tenor weighing 17 cwt. in the key of E. These bells have an unfortunate reputation of being hard to ring owing to a 35ft. draught of rope with no guides; however, nobody seemed to find any difficulty in catching the right sally, so it is hoped that this reputation has been killed.

Tea was next on the programme, and 23 members and visiting ringers from Hatfield, Great Staughton and Burton Latimer went to the Vicarage, where they were entertained to tea by the Rev. S. G. Western, an old Chichester Cathedral ringer. At the business meeting following it was decided to hold the next meeting at Bromham on August 5th; also four probationary members were elected—the Misses B. Stapleton, J. Hull (Keysoe), J. Pell and Z. Ruff (Wilden).

Cars, motor-cycles and pushbikes were then put into operation to convey the company to Little Staughton, with its useful anti-clockwise ring. A set of handbells was discovered here, and after a few minor adjustments, both tower and handbells were ringing. Up in the ringing chamber proceedings suddenly came to an end when the treble rope broke, and so the majority travelled to the last tower of the day, leaving the handyman to make a good splice—to the evident relief of the Vicar.

Colmworth bells proved to be no trouble to either tyros or experts and some good ringing was enjoyed there. Throughout the meeting plenty of assistance was given to the new members, and, in addition to the 'standard' methods, others rung include St. Nicholas' and Ravensingham Slow Course.

AMATEUR BELLHANGING!

Dear Sir,—During a recent visit to Neuadd Fawr Youth Hostel (five miles north of Llandovery, Carmarthenshire), I was given a most unusual task. When staying at youth hostels, hostellers are generally given some task every day, such as washing up, sweeping, etc. The job two of us were given was that of rehanging a bell! Neuadd Fawr (literally 'big hall') is a large country mansion, and over the large garage is a turret clock set in the roof, still functioning and 120 years old. There were formerly two clock bells, but one was removed last year for safety, and is now in the entrance hall. It is cast with canons and has a wooden headstock. It probably weighs about 1½ cwt.

When we arrived at the hostel it was supported by two rough wooden tripods about 2ft. high. These collapsed during our stay, and on July 19th it was our job to repair them. Rather than do this we decided to rehang the bell altogether, so we made a new tripod, much larger and about 6ft. high, and suspended the bell by thick copper wire under the wooden headstock and tied on to two of the tripod legs. It looks a little more respectable now, but I doubt whether the leading bellfounders would pass the job!

The old and beautiful church at Gilycwm, a mile distant, has one bell hung for ringing, but with no stay. It is swung by means of a long chain attached at the summit of the wheel by a staple! We also explored Llandinog Church, in Llandovery, and I was pleased to find the ring of six in excellent condition, in a steel frame with pits for two extra bells. Oh for five more ringers!

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Dedication

HUTTON CRANSWICK, YORKS.

The little Church of St. Peter, Hutton Cranswick, was packed on the afternoon of July 15th, when a ceremony was observed that notched a place in the history of the village. Three old bells, which had hung in the church for more than 300 years, had been recast and were rehung recently with three new bells, the parishioners subscribing over £1,500 towards the cost.

The hallowing and dedication of the bells was performed by the Archbishop of York, Dr. Cyril Garbett, in a simple service. Proudest man at the ceremony was the Vicar of Hutton Cranswick, the Rev. G. Storer, who had worked since the early 1930's to raise funds for the renovation of the bells.

ART PRESERVED.

In his address, the Archbishop referred to 'the great day in your parish.' He congratulated the Vicar and all the parish on the way they had brought to fulfilment a scheme which needed so much money.

Bells, he said, were a striking feature of the English countryside. 'We in our Church of England are thankful that we have preserved the art of ringing bells,' he added.

It was 3.30 by the church clock when, after the dedication ceremony, the bells, weighing a total of 3 tons 4 cwt., rang out their new greetings over the sun-drenched fields and lanes.

*PICKED RINGERS.

They were rung by eight men from Beverley and District Association. These ringers, who were specially picked for the service, were: Mr. G. F. Williams, president, Holy Trinity, Hull; Mr. C. Barker, hon. secretary, Beverley Minster; Mr. L. Rodmell, Ringing Master, Patrington; Mr. L. Daggat, Ringing Master, Beverley Minster; Mr. H. Rodmell, St. James', Sutton; Mr. P. Speck, All Saints', Hessle; Mr. G. Dowling, Beverley Minster; Mr. A. E. Sellers, Beverley Minster.

Among the many present were five Rural Deans, the Rev. R. Newsam, North Holderness; Canon Hope Scott, Hull; Canon Smallwood, Beverley; Canon Richardson, Pocklington; the Rev. G. Storer, Harthill. The organist was Mr. A. H. Fox, Kirkella Parish Church.

THE BELLS.

Particulars of the new bells and inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.—1949, weight 6½ cwt., note C sharp. To the memory of Jesse Barker, Parish Church Clerk, who died May 1st, 1924, and his wife, Frances, who died January 1st, 1946. This bell is given by their daughters, Kate, Dora and Elsie.

'We praise Thee, O God.'

Second.—1949, weight 7½ cwt. Note B. The Farmers' Bell. 'O come, let us worship.'

Third.—1949, weight 8½ cwt., note A. 'The cost of this bell and fittings was raised by the Sunday School as a thankoffering for the preservation of the Parish Church from enemy action, and also in memory of Joan and Mary Severs, two scholars, who with their parents lost their lives, March, 18th-19th, 1941.'

'We will remember them.'

Fourth.—1678, recast 1949, weight 10½ cwt., note G sharp. Ancient inscription: Venite Exultemus Domino.

Fifth.—1678, recast 1949, weight 12½ cwt., note F sharp. Ancient inscription: In Excelsis Gloria Deo.

Tenor.—1635, recast 1949, diameter 3ft. 11in., weight 18½ cwt, note E. Ancient inscription: Deo Gloria, Pax Hominibus. Modern inscription: These bells were restored by public subscription in memory of the men from this parish who fell in the Second Great War, 1935-45, and also as a thankoffering for victory and peace.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN'S, READING.

On June 24th, the St. Mary's ringers, with their wives and fellow-ringers from St. Laurence's, Cholsey, Hurst and Twyford, made a tour into Surrey for their annual outing. Leaving Reading at 7.30 a.m., and going via Bagshot and Guildford, the first stop was at Shalford, where this very nice ring of eight was set going in methods up to Cambridge.

A run through some fine Surrey scenery then brought us to Leatherhead, where some members of the party were glad to meet and ring with old friends. The first touch of Stedman Caters here came to grief owing to a broken rope on the second, which was quickly spliced and put on again. Meanwhile touches of Triples and Major kept the ringers occupied. All needs had been catered for by the time we left for Ashted, after which a return was made to Leatherhead for lunch.

An hour on the fine ring of eight at Banstead followed, where we all felt very much 'at home,' these bells and those at St. Mary's, Reading, being very similar. At Beddington, our next stop, the ringing was disappointing after the first touch of Stedman Caters.

From here we seemed to go several times around the proverbial 'mulberry bush,' eventually arriving at Kennard's, in Croydon, half an hour late for tea, but justice was done to the sumptuous meal awaiting us.

Ringling at St. John's, Croydon, for an hour and a half was fully appreciated, the tone and 'go' of these bells being all one could desire. Grand sire and Stedman up to Cinques, Double Norwich and Cambridge satisfied the needs of all.

After some refreshments a start was made on the return journey, Reading being reached at 11.30 p.m. The thanks of the party are expressed to all tower captains and steeple-keepers, who played no small part in the smooth running of the programme, and to Mr. P. Dyke and Mr. and Mrs. Diserens for all they did to make it a very enjoyable day.

R. S. H.

GREAT TEY.

The ringers of St. Barnabas', Great Tey, left home at 7.40 a.m. for their annual outing on July 15th. The first halt was at Halesworth, followed by the good ten at Beccles.

After lunch at Norwich ringing took place at St. Giles' and St. Miles'. After tea Stoneham Aspal's nice ten were set going. Home was reached at 11.30 p.m., and all agreed it had been a very enjoyable day.

Arrangements were made by Mr. J. W. Dyer, and Mr. Bailey, of Beccles, accompanied the party. During the day Grand sire Triples, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob were rung.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.

West Suffolk was visited by the Wormingford and district company on the occasion of their annual outing on July 15th.

Cavendish was the first stop, when members of the local company joined the visitors in ringing. Kedington Church proved to be very interesting. 'The Westminster Abbey of Suffolk,' it is called, owing to its fine series of monuments. After allowing all to have a pull on these bells, a move was made to Haverhill for tea. Some good touches were brought round on the bells of St. Mary's, including Treble Bob at Stoke-by-Clare. The incumbent and local ringers greeted the party.

Methods rung ranged from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise. The company wishes to thank all those who made this tour a success, especially Mr. F. Bensley for making the arrangements.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

An enjoyable day among the hills and dales of Derbyshire was spent by Gamston ringers and their wives and friends on July 15th. A start was made at 8 a.m. and the first tower visited was the fine eight at Dransfield, where ringing continued for an hour.

The route was over the beautiful Main Tor to Hope, with a pause at Hathersaye to inspect Little John's grave. After a pleasant hour's ringing at Hope, the party left for the easy-going six at Chapel-en-le-Frith, where the bells were raised in readiness for the visitors. After ringing at Fairfield, the party left for Buxton for tea.

At Great Longstone, another six, the ringers were in competition with the brass band from the nearby fete. Darley Dale, the last tower of the day, was reached at 7.15. Here the peal boards proved that other exponents of the art had made good use of this fine octave. Gamston was reached at 11 p.m. An enjoyable time was spent by all, although the weather did dampen everything but the enthusiasm of the ringers.

Methods rung included Plain Bob, Little Bob, Grand sire, Oxford Bob Triples, Oxford, Kent and Sandal Treble Bob, Cambridge, St. Clement's and Single Oxford. E. P.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.

A coach tour in the Cotswolds by the Coleshill Ringers' Guild, with relatives and friends, took place on July 15th.

The first stop en route was at Salford Priory, where touches were rung on the fine modern ring. After calling at Norton to sample fruit and bells, the party proceeded via Evesham to lunch at Cheltenham.

Afternoon drives through beautiful countryside enabled visits to be made to Northleach and Stow-on-the-Wold for ringing and looking round these old places with their interesting mediaeval churches. At Northleach, American tourists were delighted on being invited to see bellringing and inspect the bells.

Tea was served at Bourton-on-the-Water and the well-known model village attracted several of the party in spite of the heavy rain. The last call of the day was at Mickleton, where local ringers rang with the visitors.

Co-operation of the church authorities concerned, and efficient organisation by the Guild secretary, ensured a successful outing.

OBITUARY

MR. J. J. ALLEN.

Mr. J. J. Allen passed away at Bushey on Tuesday, July 11th, aged 71, after a long illness.

He stopped ringing some years ago, but he will be remembered by the older ringers, as he had been a member of the Hertford County Association since 1895. He rang his first peal in 1896.

CONDUCTED PEAL AFTER TWO PRACTICES

Dear Sir,—May I offer my congratulations to Alan Hough, of the Barwell band, upon ringing and conducting his first peal 'in hand' on his 19th birthday?

This accomplishment is particularly praiseworthy for two reasons. First, because Alan's experience of handbell ringing has been very short and limited to, I believe, only two really good practices. Secondly, owing to his business, his ringing experience has been confined to his own tower, which reflects much credit upon himself and Mr. Whitehead, who has been unselfish in his efforts at Barwell.—Yours sincerely,

TOM C. BELTON.

Barwell, Leics.

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MARRIAGE

FREEMAN—ADDISON.—On Thursday, July 20th, 1950, at St. James', Louth, John, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln, to Alice Mary, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Addison, of 47, Legbourne Road, Louth. 7380

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. Arthur JONES, formerly of Greenford, Middlesex (St. Stephen's, West Ealing), has now removed to No. 93, Midhurst Road, King's Norton, Birmingham 30. 7379

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MEETINGS

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Halton-Holgate, July 29th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Bell Inn 5 p.m.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 7323

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at Barnet on Saturday, July 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Business to follow. Bells of Monken Hadley also available in evening.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec., 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts. 7315

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Mottram, July 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis. 7349

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, July 29th, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 7170

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Yaxley, Saturday, July 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 7346

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Deeping St. James, July 29th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea, Bridge Hotel, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—B. H. Dalton, Hon. Sec. 7344

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Garboldisham, Saturday, July 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Blo' Norton bells evening.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 7345

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting, Rotherwick (6), Saturday, July 29th. Bells 2.30.—J. Chesterman, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7342

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—By-meeting, Smarden, Aug. 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Aug. 3rd to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 7343

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Sundridge on Aug. 5th at 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by Aug. 3rd to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge. 7356

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, St. Mary's, Holloway Road, N.7, on Saturday, Aug. 5th, 4 p.m., not Bell Foundry.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 7382

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—All ringers welcomed at Bromham (8) on Aug. 5th. Bells 3. Tea at Vicarage 5.—Michael Stephens, Durler Avenue, Kempston. 7367

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge and Hunts Districts.—A joint meeting at Bourn, Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7362

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Newton-in-the-Isle, Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (own food).—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7371

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Aug. 5th, St. James' (10), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Matthews' Cafe, Marlborough Street, 5.15 p.m. Advice before Aug. 2nd Mr. Hancock, 124, Coronation Road, Bristol.—A. Bennett. 7360

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Elstree (6), Aug. 5th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 6.—S. Hoare, 56, Asme Road, Watford. 7355

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Rishton, Aug. 5th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 7361

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 5th, Parbold. Bells (8) 2.30. Business meeting, election of officers. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge to those who notify Mr. H. Leyland, 16, Station Road, Parbold, by Aug. 2nd.—J. Burns. 7381

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Weston Underwood, Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells (6) at 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson. 7375

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Meeting at Rotherham Parish Church on Bank Holiday Monday. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Aug. 2nd, to Mr. T. C. Ryder, 19, Middle Lane South, Rotherham.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 7364

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Arborfield (6) on Saturday, Aug. 5th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 7370

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Upavon on Aug. 5th at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 7372

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Fletching (8), Saturday, Aug. 5th, at 3 p.m. No tea available.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 7366

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Catherington (6), Aug. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business, in The Farmer, 5. Names by Aug. 2nd to S. J. Harding, Cambria, Glamorgan Road, Catherington, Portsmouth.—John H. Hunt. 7376

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton and Winchester Districts.—Combined meeting, August Bank Holiday. Ringing at Romsey 11 to 1, Hursley 2.30 to 5, Twyford 6 to 8. Names for tea by Aug. 2nd to M. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 7365

SURREY ASSOCIATION and GUILDFORD GUILD.—Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, Monday, Aug. 7th. Bells from 3. Service 4.15. Tea (2s.) at the Institute for those notifying before Aug. 3rd G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 7347

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Hartlip (6) on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, Aug. 9th.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne, Kent. 7383

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (S. and W. District) and ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Joint meeting at Acton on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea in Rectory garden. Further ringing until 8.30. Names for tea by Aug. 9th to F. Finch, 14, Lancaster Gardens, W.13.—H. Matthews and F. Finch, Hon. Secs. 7386

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Lower Heyford, Saturday, Aug. 12th. Names for tea to Mr. W. Collins, c/o H. V. Smith, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northants, by Saturday, Aug. 5th.—F. W. Hancock. 7369

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield and Peak Districts.—Joint meeting, Ashover (8), Aug. 12th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea obtainable.—A. B. Cooper and D. J. Dunn. 7377

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Braughing, Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15.—A. S. Carter, Sec. 7368

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Harthill (8), Saturday, Aug. 12th. Names for tea to Mr. T. Laking, 46, Main Street, Harthill, Kiverton Park, Sheffield, by 7th.—H. Denman. 7374

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Whaplode, on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Oliver, 2, Council House, High Road, Whaplode, Spalding, before Aug. 12th. 7373

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting at Hoar Cross, Aug. 26th. Provided sufficient support is forthcoming, a coach will run from Wolverhampton. Applications, together with deposit of 2s. 6d., not later than Wednesday, Aug. 2nd, to Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn. 7378

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Preliminary notice.—Summer meeting, Reading, Saturday, Sept. 9th. St. Laurence's (12) 3 to 4.30 p.m. Tea, St. Laurence's Hall, 5 p.m. Ringing at St. Mary's 6.30 to 7.30. Names for tea by Monday, Sept. 4th, to Mr. R. Burton, 940, Oxford Road, Reading.—A. B. Peck. 7384

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL

On July 15th, Portsmouth Cathedral ringers, with relatives and friends from neighbouring towers, held an outing in Dorset. As it was St. Swithun's Day, everyone should have been prepared for inclement weather, but several came without raincoats, with the result that they were rather wet by the end of the day.

Leaving Portsmouth at 7.30 a.m., and proceeding via Southampton and the New Forest, the first stop was at Wimborne for refreshments, after which came the first ringing of the day, on the eight bells of St. Peter's, Dorchester (tenor 21 cwt.). Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major comprised the ringing here. Lunch followed, which everyone agreed was first class.

The little village of Wool, with its thatched roofs, was the next stop, and the six bells or Holy Rood (tenor 11 cwt.) were soon set going to Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob and Cambridge.

The journey continued via Wareham to the Isle of Purbeck, passing Corfe Castle. Kingston, with its magnificent church, built in 1860 entirely by local labour and materials (and without a single nail in the whole structure) was the main target of the day. Mr. M. Butler and Miss J. Cox, both of Southampton, who were holidaying on the island here, joined the party. The eight bells of St. James' (tenor 28 cwt.) were made full use of and methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major were rung.

After tea at Swanage a visit was paid to St. Mary's Church, where Mr. G. Frank Haysom met the party. The eight bells (tenor 22 cwt.) were rung to standard methods and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

Thanks are due to the organiser, Mr. F. W. Burnett, for a good day, the only disappointment being the weather, which no one could help.

J. H. H.

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MARKET DRAYTON

WE are indebted to Mr. W. A. Farmer, the hon. treasurer of the Shropshire Association, for an informative article that appeared in 'The Shropshire Magazine' concerning the bells and ringers of Market Drayton. The church at Market Drayton is this year celebrating its millennium—1,000 years of Christian worship in the same place, although not in the same building. The present church was built in 1150 and the tower in 1325. In honour of the event its ringers are practising London Surprise Major.

St. Mary's, Market Drayton, is recorded as holding five bells in 1553, the heaviest 20 cwt., and also two Sanctus bells. These were recast in 1634 by Thos. Clyberry, of Wellington, Salop, and remained until 1700, when they were sent to Gloucester and cast into six by the famous bellfounder, Abraham Rudhall.

There appears to be no record of what ringing was possible in those distant days, and it seems unlikely that modern change ringing was known. Nevertheless, the bells were valued, because of the numerous records of payments to the ringers, such as the sum of 11s. 4d. per annum for ringing one bell every evening from Lady Day until Michaelmas for 15 minutes. This was paid from market receipts.

Probably owing to some defect, the tenor bell was recast in 1846, and then in 1887, Queen Victoria's Jubilee, two more bells were added. Change ringing started in earnest, Grandsire Triples being practised by the local ringers. The enthusiasm of these ringers is shown by the fact that they paid for one bell of a new ring by Taylors, of Loughborough, which was installed in a frame in 1931.

Since the eight bells were opened in 1887 there are copious records to show that St. Mary's ringers soon became proficient in change ringing, as a beautifully illuminated peal book was started at once. It was presented by Mr. Ernest Weatherby and Mr. Thomas Peake, and contains many water colours of merit by the latter, depicting Shropshire churches. The first peal on the bells was Grandsire Triples, rung in 3 hrs. and 13 mins. in 1893 by Stoke-on-Trent and Wolstanton ringers. The company was: Samuel Holden 1, William Pitchford 2, Thomas

Miller (conductor) 3, Frederick Grocott 4, Joseph Goodhead 5, Charles Ollier 6, William Miller 7, Arthur Bowles tenor. By 1895 Mr. Ernest Weatherby, captain of the Market Drayton band, to whose enthusiasm the band owed much of its progress, was able to ring his first peal, also Grandsire Triples. Participating in that peal was Mr. John Gibson, who is still living at Whitchurch, and who walked from Whitchurch to ring in the peal.

Both Mr. Ernest Weatherby and his younger brother, William, were noted athletes in their youth. William was also a ringer and rang in a peal of Bob Major in his own tower, with his brother, in 1906. In 1907 there were six local ringers in a peal, the tenor being rung then, as for Sunday services for many years, by Mr. George Hall. He was described as standing six feet two in his socks and powerfully built, but gentle as a lamb and full of fun. He was one of the last to follow the once common trade of cooper, and was one of the best shots in the local Volunteers.

The Weatherbys were watchmakers, and lived in the shadow of the tower. Ernest became a most proficient ringer, and before going to Canada in 1910 he rang 13 full length peals at Market Drayton. He later travelled to Guildford, where he became identified with the ringing at Holy Trinity Church and undertook research into the history of its bells and clock which is faithfully preserved. In 1936 he made the journey from Los Angeles for the opening of Christ Church Cathedral bells in Victoria, British Columbia, and did so again in 1945 to ring in a peal as a tribute to Mr. Winston in 1945. He was then 74 years of age. Until his death, in 1943, William Weatherby was a worthy captain and rang peals in methods of varying complexity, and in many towers, including the 12-bell tower of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury.

During the 1930s the Market Drayton band turned to Major ringing, and Mr. W. Deane, of Stoke-on-Trent, and the late Mr. T. Hurd attended weekly practices for several years. Kent and Oxford Treble were followed by Double Norwich, then Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, Mr. W. Weatherby taking part in the first of Cambridge in 1938, together with Mr. A. Hickman and Mr. T. Price. Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst, now living at Prees, conducted, and took part in many of the peals. Mention should also be made of the services of Mr. A. Pritchard, of Hadley, who was also concerned in practising these complicated methods, and his name is to be found as a conductor of many of them. It is interesting to re

cord that in the peal of Superlative and Surprise Major rung on April 10th this year six Market Drayton ringers participated. Mr. F. Price is captain of the present band, which includes three ladies—the Misses P. Hickman, Miss M. Betts and Miss P. Tyler. Other members are Messrs. W. Tyler, A. Hickman, S. Hughes, B. Madeley, T. Price, W. Lycett and R. Hazeldine, with Mr. R. Tyler, now on service with the Royal Navy.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.

*GILLIAN A. SMITH ... Treble	*EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 7
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Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. A. FREEMAN.

* First peal on twelve bells. Rung for the marriage of Miss Anne F. Harland, daughter of the Lord Bishop of Lincoln, to the Rev. Geoffrey Tomlinson, which took place at the Cathedral on July 11th. Also for the marriage of John Freeman to Miss Mary Addison, which took place at Louth on July 16th.

TEN BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES ... Treble	RALPH COLES ... 6
*JEAN M. BROOMFIELD ... 2	*WILLIAM F. BUTLER ... 7
DOREEN COKER ... 3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 8
SYLVIA COKER ... 4	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... 9
ANTHONY E. COX ... 5	FRANK H. HICKS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. To celebrate the 56th anniversary of Mr. Ralph Coles' appointment as parish clerk of All Saints' and a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. R. Goodship, wife of the ringer of the 9th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Consisting of 960 London, 640 Wembley, 480 each of Cambridge and Bristol, and 320 each of Watford, Rutland, Ealing, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Radlett and Ashted, with 139 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.

* 10th peal for this Association.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... Treble	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW ... 5
WILLIAM WENBAN ... 2	RALPH E. W. WENBAN ... 6
ALICK CUTLER ... 3	*JOHN E. ROOTES ... 7
THOMAS J. CLARK ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JILL POOLE ... Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 5
TERENCE A. THORNER ... 2	*MICHAEL D. STANFORTH ... 6
ELIZABETH FAULKNALL ... 3	JOHN R. SMITH ... 7
*WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 4	PETER J. STANFORTH ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Yorkshire Major.

BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 15, 1950, 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 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

WILLIAM STOWELL ... Treble	C. JIM FORD ... 5
LEONARD F. ELLIS ... 2	FREDERICK C. DAY ... 6
*JOSEPHINE LEAR ... 3	ROGER O. FRY ... 7
JOHN W. OWEN ... 4	THOMAS S. HARRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the 76th birthday of the ringer of the 6th, who has also completed 50 years' ringing at St. John's, Keynsham.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*CECIL H. F. KNIGHT ... Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 5
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 2	ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 3	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 7
JILL POOLE ... 4	ALFRED BALLARD ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal of Major.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

JEAN C. BROWN ... Treble	ALAN J. BROWN ... 5
SELWYN H. DEARDEN ... 2	DAVID VINCENT ... 6
STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... 3	PHILIP H. TOCOK ... 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 4	FRED DUNKERLEY ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

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

WALESBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 21, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... Treble	*GEORGE W. MOODY ... 5
*MARGARET A. SWANN ... 2	*GEORGE DOBBS ... 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 4	JACK BRAY ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN FREEMAN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise. First peal of Yorkshire Surprise on the bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. John Freeman and Miss A. Mary Addison.

ARKSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRADFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM H. JACKSON ... Treble	GIBSON JACKSON ... 5
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 2	J. FREDK. MILNER ... 6
J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... 3	*ARTHUR FIRTH ... 7
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. E. CAWSEY.

* 150th peal. The first peal ever rung in this method.

BAMPTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 26 cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 5
*JACQUELINE S. EVANS ... 2	EDGAR J. SMITH ... 6
WILLIAM JUDGE ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
EDWIN G. MOORE ... 4	JOHN E. SPICE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal in the method.

CHEADLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	SIDNEY H. JONES ... 5
JOHN BRAMLEY ... 2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 6
WILLIAM H. CURSON ... 3	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 7
WALTER G. SOAR ... 4	ARTHUR W. HALL ... Tenor

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

First peal of Triples on the bells.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... Treble	ERNEST E. GRIMES ... 5
*CLAUDE WOODARD ... 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
*ERNEST BLOMFIELD ... 3	†LESLIE G. BRETT ... 7
*SIDNEY ARBON ... 4	ALBERT E. WHITING ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First peal of Yorkshire. † 350th peal.

FARNWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Day's Six-part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GORDON RUSHTON ... Treble	JOSEPH THORNLEY ... 5
JOSEPH BOYER ... 2	WILLIAM SMALLEY ... 6
*NORMAN TOMPKINS ... 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 7
THOMAS BRATBY ... 4	HENRY PRESCOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Watson, of Walkden, who celebrated his 94th birthday on July 23rd.

HODNET, SALOP.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

ALAN ELESMORE ... Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
FREDERICK LEECH ... 2	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW ... 6
WILLIAM A. FARMER ... 3	HOWARD HOWELL ... 7
J. NORMAN HADLEY ... 4	MAURICE G. TURNER ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

In memoriam Alfred Edwin Fullick, of Shrewsbury, a member of the Association for many years, who died the previous Sunday, aged 80.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Variation, No. 3. Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

ALBERT H. WARD ... Treble	FREDK. G. HOOPER ... 5
FREDK. A. SALTER ... 2	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 6
SIDNEY BRIGGS ... 3	WALTER NICHOLS ... 7
*CLEMENT GLENN ... 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* 500th peal and 100th peal of Stedman Triples as conductor.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Shipway's. Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... Treble	WALTER JARVIS ... 5
EILEEN MOUNFIELD ... 2	WILLIAM SMITH ... 6
JOSE TURNER ... 3	FRANCIS H. NEWMAN ... 7
DAVID PETERS ... 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STANMORE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 5
WILLIAM WENBAN ... 2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 6
MAURICE HODGSON ... 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 7
FREDK W. BRINKLOW ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

The first peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the centenary of this church.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Tues., July 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SOUTHGATE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILFRED ROBINSON ... Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 5
ARTHUR FIRTH ... 2	JOHN E. TURLEY ... 6
ARNOLD HILL ... 3	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 7
GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 4	G. GORDON GRAHAM ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

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

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On Tues., July 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE CRYPT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt.
PETER BAKERTreble GEORGE KILMINSTER ... 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 2 LESLIE BARRY ... 6
THOMAS NEWMAN ... 3 THOMAS BOREHAM ... 7
EDWIN T. NEWBURY ... 4 HARRY NEWMANTenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.
WALTER F. JUDGETreble WILLIAM JUDGE ... 5
ALAN R. PINK ... 2 EDGAR J. SMITH ... 6
BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... 3 FRANCIS A. WHITE ... 7
EDWIN G. MOORE ... 4 RICHARD WHITETenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's (Johnson's Variation). Tenor 10½ cwt.
CECIL R. LONGHURST ...Treble LEONARD STILWELL ... 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2 BASIL W. WHITE ... 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3 FREDK. E. COLLINS ... 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... 4 RAYMOND OVERYTenor

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., July 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. Washbrook's No. 1. Tenor 25½ cwt.
JOHN H. HUNTTreble *PETER N. BOND ... 5
LESLIE D. DUGUID ... 2 ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 6
E. JOAN SALMONS ... 3 FREDERICK W. BURNETT 7
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... 4 FREDERICK W. ROGERS Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. 50th consecutive peal on the bells for Mr. F. W. Burnett, 25 of them being as conductor. Quickest peal on the bells. Mr. J. H. Hunt has now 'completed the circle.'

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

PENCOMBE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents of Cambridge Surprise and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.
THOMAS COOPERTreble JOHN CLEMENTS ... 4
MONICA DAVIS ... 2 MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 5
LESLIE EVANS ... 3 WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 16 cwt.
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ...Treble WILFRID F. MORETON ... 4
F. ERIC ROBERTS ... 2 AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... 5
FREDK. R. HARRIS ... 3 LESLIE EVANSTenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

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

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of St. Clement's and six 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

*JACK COUZENSTreble JACK S. WILLIAMSON ... 4
MICHAEL TYRRELL ... 2 VINCENT R. OVENS ... 5
†ROY OWEN ... 3 TONY OWENTenor

Conducted by VINCENT R. OVENS.

* First peal. † First peal away from a covering bell.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.
*SYLVIA M. WHITE ...Treble LEONARD STILWELL ... 4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2 CECIL R. LONGHURST ... 5
†ERNEST TREAGUS ... 3 †BASIL W. WHITETenor

Conducted by BASIL W. WHITE.

* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal in seven methods.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, College Single, Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.
LEWIS NEWMANTreble FRANK P. WRIGHT ... 4
*EDNA M. SILLS ... 2 PETER C. WRIGHT ... 5
LUTHER J. HONESS ... 3 WILLIAM R. MANSER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM R. MANSER.

* 50th peal and first in seven Minor methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. L. J. Honess.

WILBY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN LOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.
*MRS. C. W. PARTRIDGE Treble WILLIAM G. CALLIS ... 4
MAUREEN MABBUTT ... 2 GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 5
CHARLES W. PARTRIDGE 3 PATRICK-I. CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since augmentation. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Partridge.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.
STANLEY BRISTOW ...Treble S. SMITH ... 4
*GORDON WALFORD ... 2 EDGAR QUICKE ... 5
CLAUDE TARR ... 3 †HARRY PURCHASE ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PURCHASE.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor. † Fiftieth peal.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, one 720 of Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.
*ALFRED WILKINSON ...Treble MISS D. C. OSBORN ... 4
DAVID GODFREY ... 2 REGINALD W. WORRELL 5
ERIC HORNBY ... 3 HARRY W. HOWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal of Minor. 25th peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the son of the 5th ringer.

EASTWELL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL Treble	*WILLIAM P. GARNER	4
*CYRIL A. WRATTEN ... 2	WILFRED W. RING	5
PERCY PAGE ... 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

*First peal in two methods. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frederick John Huckstepp, father of Frederick G. and Peter D. Huckstepp, of Ashford, who died June 25th, 1950.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Ipswich, Wells, London, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALLEN MORGAN ... Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE	4
REGINALD WOODYATT ... 2	CYRIL TANSELL	5
CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods by all except the 5th ringer and his first 'inside.'

IGHTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 each of Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 2 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WILLIAM R. MANSER ... Treble	FRANK P. WRIGHT	4
TOM SAUNDERS ... 2	†PETER C. WRIGHT	5
*LUTHER J. HONESS ... 3	†EDNA M. SILLS	Tenor

Conducted by EDNA M. SILLS.

* 25th peal together. † 25th peal together. First peal of Minor as conductor.

ST. SAMPSON, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAMPSON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

STEWART J. ROBINSON ... Treble	MRS. A. S. ROBERTS	3
A. HUBERT EPLETT ... 2	*ALEX. J. WEBSTER	4

REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Grandsire. The first peal ever rung in a five-bell tower in Cornwall.

SOUTH MARSTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

ANTHONY R. PEAKE ... Treble	*THOMAS F. STONE	4
PETER ANGER ... 2	WILLIAM A. T. CARTER	5
BRIAN BLADON ... 3	JOSEPH DURHAM	Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN BLADON.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the Patronal Festival.

MADRON, PENZANCE.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MADDERN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

G. TAYSON ... Treble	†MRS. A. WHITE	4
*H. TAYSON ... 2	†HARRY TULLY	5
ARNOLD WHITE ... 3	TOM WOOLDRIDGE	Tenor

Conducted by G. TAYSON.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First peal on the bells by a resident band.

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On Mon., July 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven extents: (1) Plain Bob, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Fulbeck, Canterbury Pleasure, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Killarney, Horsmonden, College, Wavertree, Windermere, Frodsham, Lytham and London Bob; (2) Sandal, Capel, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, College Exercise, Norbury, Oxford, Pontefract, Wath, Donottar, Carisbrooke Treble Bob; (3) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden, Humber, Taxal, Marple, Braintree, Morning Star, Clarence and Elston Treble Bob; (4) Beverley, Surfleet, Durham and York Surprise; (5) Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford and Hereward; (6) London and Wells Surprise; (7) Chester and Munden Surprise.

Tenor 10 cwt.

STANLEY R. GARDNER ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ... 4
SAMUEL A. MARTIN ... 2	JAMES W. BOWLEY ... 5
C. WILLIAM HALL ... 3	ROLAND BENISTON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

First peal in 59 Minor methods by all the band and for the Guild.

WALPOLE ST. PETER, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., May 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

STANLEY G. ELSEY ... <i>Treble</i>	WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 4
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 5
JOHN E. FOX ... 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's.

Tenor size 17 in A.

*JOHN BRAMLEY ... 1-2	ALAN CATTELL ... 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 7-8

Conducted by JOSEPH A. FENTON.

* First peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., July 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

HARRY POYNER ... 1-2	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 7-8
ALFRED BALLARD ... 3-4	*TERENCE A. THORNBUR 9-10
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5-6	DEREK G. GOODMAN ... 11-12

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by P. J. STANFORTH.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques away from the tenors. First peal of Stedman Cinques as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

No. 40.

Tenor size 17 in A.

MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 1-2	MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 5-6
JAMES E. DANIELS ... 3-4	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 7-8
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER... 9-10	

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Composition now rung for the first time.

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LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ACTON, LONDON.—On July 16th, 1,280 Little Bob Major: Miss D. Luke (first in method) 1, Miss F. Edgar 2, L. H. Bowler 3, W. J. Ellis 4, F. A. Finch 5, G. Dodds 6, A. Cutler 7, E. C. S. Turner (cond.) 8.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On July 23rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Bonnett 1, B. Scott 2, H. E. Werrett 3, I. Werrett 4, R. V. Webb 5, W. D. Pooley 6, E. G. Buck 7, J. S. Dear (first of Treble Bob Major as cond.) 8. First quarter of Treble Bob Major for 1, 2 and 4.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Dodds 1, Sheila Woodhouse 2, Eileen Copley 3, F. W. Bush 4, L. Brown 5, R. F. Hart 6, S. J. Hart (cond.) 7, R. Kemp (first quarter) 8.

BENTLEY, YORKS.—On July 23rd, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): R. J. Sanderson 1, Mrs. E. Wylie 2, D. Wheat 3, Mrs. A. Smythe 4, Miss D. Smythe (cond.) 5.

BROOKFIELD, LONDON.—On July 23rd, at the Church of St. Anne, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. F. Carter 1, T. Bevan 2, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 3, J. T. O'Dell 4, J. M. Payton 5, J. Dennis 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Bevan and a birthday compliment to Mr. J. S. Hawkins.

BURFORD, OXON.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. J. Westmacott 1, M. C. F. Collett (cond.) 2, H. Parker 3, J. G. Collett 4, B. S. Nichols 5, J. W. Dixon 6, T. W. Timms 7, W. J. Dixon 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.—On July 16th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: D. Smith 1, J. Durrant 2, D. Divall 3, A. F. Lewry (cond.) 4, A. Richardson 5, E. Eade 6, M. Stevens 8. First quarter in method for 1, 2, 5 and 6.

CHIEVELEY, BERKS.—On July 12th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: P. E. Dodd 1, T. Curtis 2, Miss B. Tuffley (first quarter 'inside') 3, G. J. Townsend 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, S. F. Tuffley 6.

CLEWER, BUCKS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Clements 1, Miss F. Murkitt 2, Miss R. Tabraham (cond.) 3, W. F. Butler 4, F. Blagrove 5, R. Posnett 6. First in method by 1 and 5. A birthday compliment to Miss R. Tabraham.

CORSTON, NEAR BATH, SOMERSET.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. L. Hannam (first quarter, aged 12 years) 1, Miss B. Young 2, S. King 3, E. Fry 4, H. Parfrey (cond.) 5, Miss E. M. Hannam 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. L. R. G. Taylor, wife of a local ringer.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.—On July 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Perry 1, R. Beale 2, D. Best 3, F. Welch 4, H. Gaylard 5, R. Welch 6, J. Drew 7, J. T. Locke (cond.) 8. Rung for the first anniversary of the death of Mr. Bert Drayton, of Shepton Beauchamp, Somerset.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist on July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Long 1, F. W. Richardson (cond.) 2, S. Ball 3, J. Warner, jun. 4, F. J. Hurrell 5, P. G. Parrott 6, J. E. Warner, sen. 7, J. Dafters 8. For the 95th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On July 25th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Segar 1, O. Street 2, C. Cook 3, J. Bartram 4, H. Denman 5, W. Coates 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, H. Willows 8. First quarter in the method by all the band. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the evening of the funeral of Mr. A. Towler, a member of the above band.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On July 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Barker 1, Miss E. Bracey 2, G. Moore 3, D. Hall 4, R. Hickling 5, G. Elvin 6, R. Loft 7, C. Moore (cond.) 8. A farewell to R. Hickling on joining H.M. Forces.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On July 23rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, H. Long 2, H. Worboys 3, S. Penfold 4, C. Brown 5, C. E. Wright 6, T. East 7, S. J. Carter (Bengeo) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

KINGHAM, OXON.—On July 18th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. J. Westmacott (first of Major) 1, J. Keyte 2, M. C. F. Collett 3, F. W. Soden 4, I. D. Harris 5, C. T. Richards 6, W. J. Dixon 7, T. W. Timms (first of Major as cond.) 8.

KINGSBURY, MIDDLESEX.—On July 16th, at the Church of St. Andrew, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: W. E. Eveleigh 1, D. R. Stoddard 2, Miss M. E. Roe 3, Miss R. Buchthal 4, Miss R. M. K. How 5, E. E. Pratchett 6, D. R. Corning 7, K. M. Grayson (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for 1, 2 and 7.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.—On July 21st, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Bob and 540 Plain Bob): D. Baldock (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. Bassett 2, J. Bassett 3, A. Relfe (cond.) 4, C. A. Bassett 5, H. J. Hammand 6. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Mr. C. Noakes, for 25 years people's warden.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On July 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. Cook 1, T. Templeton 2, F. J. Stimson 3, F. L. Hubbard 4, F. Sheppard 5, H. Clayton 6, H. Aley (first in method as cond.) 7, J. Gilson 8. First quarter in the method for 1 and 2. A birthday compliment to Mr. Walter James, Melton's oldest bellringer, for his 92nd birthday.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael on July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Walford 1, S. Bristow 2, D. North 3, W. Slocombe 4, C. Greedy 5, G. Sparkes 6, C. Tarr (cond.) 7, H. Hawkins 8.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.—On July 16th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Stedman, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, C. E. Wright 2, A. R. Chapman 3, S. Penfold 4, C. Brown 5, W. J. Carter 6.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ruth Jeanes (13) 1, Dorothy A. Walden (13) 2, Betty Allen 3, Ivan Read (14) 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, R. J. Walden 6. First quarter for 1 and 3. First 'inside' for 2 and 4. First on the bells by a local band. Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Walden, both members of the local band.

POPLAR, LONDON.—At All Saints' Church on July 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. H. Lott 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss P. Kitchen 3, A. J. N. Boyack 4, J. Bonnett 5, C. A. Hughes 6, H. G. Andrews 7, J. Bullock 8.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Robson 1, D. Beach 2, Miss M. Burnett 3, W. Lancaster 4, H. Spencer 5, E. V. Burnett 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, G. Beach 8. Rung for the centenary of the restoration of the church.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. A. Harrison 1, Mrs. J. Finn 2, H. Morwood 3, F. Lord 4, G. Thompson 5, F. Lacey 6, G. W. Ashdown (cond.) 7, S. Finn 8.

TWYFORD, BERKS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Farthing 1, L. Hall 2, Mrs. H. Smith 3, S. Day 4, W. Hunt 5, H. Smith (cond.) 6. First quarter of Plain Bob Minor for all except conductor. Rung to celebrate the weddings of Mr. T. Pomeroy and Miss B. Kilby and Mr. R. L. Gandy and Miss J. Ayres, and the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hunt.

WATFORD, NORTHANTS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. M. Winter (first quarter) 1, C. Green 2, E. G. Orland (cond.) 3, L. G. Townsend 4, R. Spring 5, F. Bush 6. Rung to celebrate the patronal festival.

WIVENHOE, ESSEX.—On July 22nd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Sadler 1, E. J. Butler 2, R. Duesbury 3, G. N. Orman 4, F. Oliver 5, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 3, 4 and 5. For the wedding of Eric Sparling, son of the local tower captain.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Beesley 1, P. E. Dodd 2, T. W. Oram (first on working bell) 3, H. Maisey 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, D. A. Johnson (first on covering bell) 6. In memory of Miss E. Thomas, church worker for many years.

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24536	—	—	—	Sp	As				
52436	—	—	—	Sp	As				
43526	—	—	—	W	N	Ri	G	LB	PB
54326	—	—	—	CL	BL	KL	LB		
35426	—	—	—	W	RB	DB	G	LB	PB
42356	—	—	—	W	RB	DB	G	LB	PB
63254	—	—	—	W	RB	DB	G	LB	PB
26354	—	—	—	M	Cd				
32654	—	—	—	CL	BL	KL	LX		
46253	—	—	—	W	N	Ri	G	LB	PB
25463	—	—	—	W	RB	DB	G	LB	PB
42563	—	—	—	M	Cd				
35264	—	—	—	W	N	Ri	G	LB	PB
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65234	—	—	—	Pa	H	Ki	Pu	DO	
26534	—	—	—	St	H	Cr	Pu	DO	
52634	—	—	—	DN	Ki	Pu	DO		
63524	—	—	—	Pa	Ro	Ki	Co	DO	
56324	—	—	—	V	Ki	Pu	St		
35624	—	—	—	Pa	Av	Cr	Pu	DO	
62354	—	—	—	St	Ro	Ki	Co	St	
32654	—	—	—	DN	Ki	Pu	DO		
25364	—	—	—	St	Le	Ki	Ch	DO	
32564	—	—	—	St	Le	Ki	Ch	DO	
Twice repeated with S for — at end gives:									
23456									

Rung on handbells at Burton-on-Stather, Lincs, on July 7th, 1950.

Cd, Chesterfield; M, Maidstone; As, Ashbourne; Sp, Spalding; Ri, Richmond; N, New London; DB, Double Bob; RB, Reverse Bob; PB, Plain Bob; G, Gainsborough Little Bob; W, Wellington Little Court; LB, Little Bob; CL, Crayford Little Court; BL, Bastow Little Court; KL, Kent Little Court; LX, Little Oxford Bob; V, Victoria Little Court; Co, Colville; Ro, Romsey; Ch, Cheltenham; Le, Leamington; Av, Avalon; Pu, Pulford; Pa, Painswick; Ki, Kidlington; DO, Double Oxford; Pe, Pershore; H, Hereward; DN, Double Norwich; St, St. Clement's; Cr, Crayford College.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION MEETING AT SUDBURY.

Not for many years had the Middlesex visited Sudbury-on-Thames, one of the loveliest spots in the county, with its equally lovely ring of eight. On July 15th many of the 35 members present enjoyed their first touch at this tower, where it is very encouraging to note that a local band, under the leadership of Mr. G. Robson, inspired by Mr. Tony Price and the Feltham band, are now ringing regularly for service.

Ring, mostly in the standard methods, under the supervision of the District Master, Mr. Tony Price, was enjoyed by everybody, beginners having their full share.

A short business meeting was held in the ringing chamber, three new members being elected, Mr. H. Brooks (Isleworth), Mrs. A. R. Turley (St. John's, Hillingdon) and Mr. E. Pizzey (Sunbury).

Shepperton, the only ringable ring of five in Middlesex, was the next tower to be visited, a very warm welcome being accorded the Association by Mr. A. H. Reeve, the local captain, and an hour's ringing was thoroughly enjoyed, followed by a visit to Feltham, where some really well-struck Surprise Major was brought round.

Everybody agreed it was a most enjoyable meeting, with thanks due to all those who helped to make it so successful.

F. A. F.

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be sent to-day to Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, The
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To perpetuate the mem-
ory of Mr. F. C. Lambert,
bellringer and verger at
St. Mary's Church, Halesworth, Suffolk, for
almost 60 years, the Parochial Church Council
and his friends propose to place a plaque in
the belfry and a piece of furniture in the
church he so dearly loved. Ringing friends
of the late Mr. F. C. Lambert who would like
to be associated with this memorial are asked
to send their contributions to Mr. C. B.
Vanstone, Rector's warden, Ancient House,
Halesworth, Suffolk.

There will be no ringing at St. Michael's,
Cornhill, during August.

Mr. Harold S. Peacock, by ringing the tenor
to the last peal at Holywell, Hunts, has com-
pleted the circle in that tower.

Melbury Osmond, where the bells are to be
augmented to eight, is in Dorset and not
Wiltshire as was erroneously stated last week.
We thank correspondents who have called our
attention to the error.

Mr. Bert Sutton, of 12, Highfield, Scar-
borough, writes asking those who ordered
records of St. Mary's, Scarborough, bells to
send the balance of cost to him. The order
has been placed and the records will be
despatched some time during August.

In Television Magazine last Friday, Mr.
Richard Dimbleby took as one of his themes,
'Oranges and Lemons, the bells of St.
Clement's.' The famous London churches in-
troduced in these verses were screened and
there was a visit to the Whitechapel Foundry
and a discussion with Mr. Albert Hughes and
his two sons on the tuning of bells. It was
of first-class interest to all ringers and was
most instructive to the general public on the
art of bell-founding.

BELFRY GOSSIP

With his 500th peal on
July 22nd, Mr. Clem
Glenn, of Cotgrave, Not-
tingham, pulled off a double, it being his 100th
peal of Stedman Triples as conductor. The
event was possible by the collaboration of
ringers from Nottingham, Derby, Leicester,
Melton Mowbray and Rotherham. Mr. Glenn's
record is: Tower bells 313 (conducted 219);
handbells 187 (166); Stedman Triples, tower
bells 110 (86), handbells 17 (14).

The Festival of Britain Committee are get-
ting busy. We hope to publish an interim re-
port next week.

Spalding Parish Church ringers are to be
congratulated on the splendid brochure they
produced on the occasion of their outing. The
frontispiece is a pen-and-ink drawing of their
parish church.

The 'Ringers' Guide' had a good mention
in 'The Times Literary Supplement' of July
14th. It is likely that it will soon be found
on the shelves of many public libraries.

By taking part in a peal of Cambridge Sur-
prise Major at Gilmorton on July 21st, Mrs.
H. J. Poole makes a very welcome return to
the peal columns after her indisposition. She
rang her last peal at Limerick, Eire, last
September.

For the second year in succession, eight boys
of Chichester High School rang the Cathedral
bells for their end-of-term service, which is
held annually at the Cathedral. The idea was
formed last year by Mr. Brian D. Price, who
was a master at the school, and it is hoped
that the practice will be kept up each year.
Up to the present, only rounds and call changes
have been rung, as the boys live in scattered
districts in West Sussex, but they are very
enthusiastic about this special job, and it is
hoped that next year they may put up an
even better performance.

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ST. DAVID'S GUILD AND 'DRUNKENNESS IN THE BELFRY'

Emphatic Denial of Statement Attributed to the Archdeacon of Carmarthen Guild Secretary's Deep Concern 'False Witness Against our Best Friends' ... Sobriety of Welsh Ringers

'Very Wrong Misrepresentation'

Dear Sir,—As secretary of the St. David's Guild, I was shocked to read the front page news of 'The Ringing World' for last week.

I am afraid that our journalist, Mr. D. H. Betts, has given you a very wrong misinterpretation of what the Archdeacon of Carmarthen (the Ven. J. R. Pugh) said when he was asked if he would encourage the youth and clergy to take up the art.

The Archdeacon's reply was as follows: How could we expect the clergy to take an interest in the art when the ringers were ringing for the service and leaving by the west door and not stopping to the service themselves. He then made a quotation, and this is what he said: It was just like him preaching on temperance to-night and getting drunk to-morrow night.

I do not blame you, Mr. Editor, for publishing this report, but I think Mr. D. H. Betts should have been more careful and given you a correct report. It makes me shudder to think of what will happen when the Archdeacon will come to hear about this false statement and publicity, and I think a very grave injustice has been done to him.

I, who founded the St. David's Guild and have worked five years to bring it to the organisation it is to-day, feel that statements of this kind only hamper our progress and make things very difficult for me when I have to approach these gentlemen for further meetings at their towers. If there is any difference between the Archdeacon and his ringers, surely that is a matter for themselves and can be put right with a heart to heart talk, which is easily arranged.

I don't know what the future of our Guild will be after all this controversy. I know the standard of our ringing is poor, but at least I have got the bells of Llanstephan ringing again after 20 years' silence, and the bells of Pembroke are ringing again, and as far as I know all our bells ring for Sunday service either morning or evening or both, and I think it is a pity that after five years of appealing and hard work statements of this kind should be the means of disbanding the Guild. If this will be so all I can say is I have done my best for the Guild and our Exercise in the St. David's diocese.

Well, Mr. Editor, I should like you to give this statement your front page news in next week's 'Ringing World,' as I am rather perturbed about what the Archdeacon will do when he hears about the statement, and which may make things easier for me should the Guild survive. Thanking you.—Yours sincerely,

C. H. HAWKINS, Hon. Sec.
St. David's Diocesan Guild.

AN APOLOGY.

We deeply regret that the report that appeared in 'The Ringing World' of July 28th, 1950, regarding the statement attributed to the Archdeacon of Carmarthen (the Ven. J. R. Pugh) at the annual meeting of the St. David's Guild is found to be inaccurate and that our correspondent unwittingly and gravely misinterpreted the Archdeacon's speech.

Letters published on this page from those who were present at the meeting all indicate that the expression 'that many clergy were put off by the fact that so many ringers never attended service and many rang whilst drunk, so that he was half afraid to take anyone to such a belfry,' was an inaccurate summary of the Archdeacon's observations, and that the Ven. J. Richards Pugh never in any sense suggested that ringers rang whilst drunk.

We deeply regret the publication and tender our apologies to the Ven. J. Richards Pugh for the publication of a report which was entirely without foundation.

ARCHDEACON MISHEARD

Dear Sir,—I feel sure that your correspondent at the annual meeting of the St. David's Guild misheard the Archdeacon of Carmarthen's remarks.

My understanding of what he said was that 'He could remember when clergy were put off by the fact that ringers never attended services and sometimes rang when drunk.' He went on to add that at present the ringers at a certain church 'after ringing the people to church all left in a body by the west door, and he was half afraid to introduce his young people to this belfry in case they were influenced in the same way.'

I was impressed by the Archdeacon's sincerity and forthrightness.—Yours faithfully,

TREVOR M. RODERICK.

Porthcawl, Glam.

N.B.—The Guild secretary's report omits two points of Bob Major, both by unattached members: at Llanstephan on July 30th, and St. David's Cathedral on August 1st, 1949, conducted by Mr. Tony Price, of Feltham.—F.M.R.

NEVER SEEN INSOBRIETY IN SOUTH WALES CHURCH

Dear Sir.—You commenced your leading article last week with the words, 'Life is full of surprises.' When one reads of a church dignitary letting down his fellow-countrymen in the way Archdeacon Pugh did at the annual meeting at Carmarthen, one must add, 'Life is full of bitter disappointments.'

To state that 'ringers never attended service and many rang whilst drunk' is not only a grave injustice, but is questionable.

I have been a ringer in Wales for 40 years, and my father, still active, for over 60 years (in the 1880's and 90's in Bath). We hasten to assure our brethren on the other side of the Severn that we have never seen insobriety in any belfry in South Wales. With us, church bellringing is a grand leveller. One meets colliers, office workers, steelworkers, businessmen and industrial workers of many callings, and whilst in church (part of which is the belfry) there exists that atmosphere of reverence amongst us, the same as is found in England.—Yours faithfully,

Whitechurch, Cardiff. FRED BAILEY.

St. Peter's, Carmarthen, Protest

Dear Sir,—I have been instructed by the ringers of St. Peter's, Carmarthen, to draw your attention to the above-named subject, and to say that we consider your leading article a gross libel on the Vicar of our church. The Ven. J. Richards Pugh, Archdeacon of Carmarthen, did not speak about bellringers being beer drinkers or that many rang when drunk, and Mr. D. H. Betts or Mr. T. Griffiths did not speak on this subject.

I have challenged Mr. D. H. Betts on his own doorstep, namely, through the medium of 'The West Wales Guardian,' a paper printed in his own town, and his reply was non-committal and, to my mind, very childish, and would not get anybody anywhere. What the Archdeacon did say was that, as bellringers, when they rang bells, they called people to service, and he wanted to know how many ringers did attend.

The local Press sent a reporter to the meeting, and as the Archdeacon did not say what is in your report, it did not appear in their report of the meeting in their last issue.

The Archdeacon is a vice-president of the St. David's Guild. He has always given the use of the bells of his church and has given the Guild all the help that he could. How is the Guild going to flourish if we bear false witness against our best friends? You, Mr. Editor, have been given false news, and we hope that you will in next issue give the same prominence to this denial as to the offending news item.

EDWARD J. THOMAS, Sec.,

For and on behalf of the ringers
of St. Peter's.

'DISTORTED AND PURE FICTION'

Dear Sir,—The report which you have published of the annual meeting of the St. David's Diocesan Guild contains much that is untrue.

The Ven. J. Richards Pugh did not make the statement attributed to him regarding ringers 'ringing whilst drunk.'

He said that many ringers did not attend service after ringing the bells to call people to worship; he felt hesitant about introducing young people to bellringing for fear they too might follow the example of others.

He continued: 'What would the people of Carmarthen think of me if I preached a sermon on temperance and was then seen under the influence of drink?'

The report, from the sentence 'that so many ringers never attended service' down to the word 'altar,' is pure fiction, in so far as I can recollect.

This distorted report has appeared in one of the Pembrokeshire papers; it was sent in to 'The Carmarthen Journal' office; the Editor deleted the offensive part, knowing quite well that it was untrue.

You may rest assured sir, that the conduct of ringers in South Wales is equal to any other part of the country, both in and out of the belfry.—Yours faithfully,

WILFRED L. WILLIAMS,
Vice-Captain of St. Peter's, Carmarthen.

TRANSPORTATION OF GREAT PAUL

By ERNEST MORRIS, F.R.Hist.S., F.R.G.S.

GREAT PAUL, the big bell of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, is still the heaviest bell in this country. It was cast in 1881, and in December of that year, when the bell was first seen and heard in the foundry at Loughborough, decision had not been made, either as to the conveyance of it to London, or indeed as to the actual place it was to occupy when it arrived at the Cathedral. One of the reasons of the itinerant castings of ancient days was doubtless the difficulty of transporting heavy bells over the roads of that time, which before the birth of Macadam were not comparable with our modern highways. The same reason was undoubtedly the cause of castings being actually made in churchyards, which practice occurred until very recent times. Even now the increased dimensions of modern great bells make their transport a subject of very anxious consideration; not indeed a matter of insuperable difficulty, for much heavier weights than 17 tons are handled every day by engineers.

By railroad there would have been some difficulties in the transmission of this great bell. The wideness of its mouth was sufficient to cause an overhanging laterally from the truck loaded with it of 2 feet 2 inches, thus there might be a possibility of other overhanging goods upon another train inflicting some damage in passing. The primary reason which militated against acceptance of the assistance of the locomotive engine was that the bell would have to be drawn from the foundry to the railway station at Loughborough; there it would have to be reloaded on to the railway trucks, and after conveyance by rail would—on arrival in London—have to be again lifted to a trolley or other carriage to be drawn by horse or traction engine to its final destination. It was, therefore, thought best to place it at once upon a suitable trolley, and so carry out the transport by road, as the liftings would be limited to putting on and taking off its carriage.

Everything having been prearranged, Great Paul left the Loughborough foundry for its journey to the Metropolis on May 11th, 1882. The contractors had supplied two traction engines, each provided with steel-wire rope and drum, such as are used in steam ploughing. One of these engines was attached to the special trolley prepared for the bell; the other drew a train consisting of a sleeping van, a cultivator upon which was placed ropes, jacks, iron plates and other gear which might be required in emergencies or difficulties on the road. The bell trolley was an ordinary boiler truck capable of carrying 20 tons, which had been strengthened and adapted for this work. Its length was 11 feet; width 6½ feet; and breadth of its tyres 10½ inches, on wheels 2½ feet diameter. The latter were of solid iron lightened by six holes, with axles 4½ inches diameter of Yorkshire iron and case hardened.

In order to provide against the upsetting of the trolley if its wheels should sink in the ground unevenly, an inverted T-shaped timber strut was attached to each side of the trolley frame; each strut being hinged by a neat contrivance in such a way that it would swing clear of stones and other obstructions on the

roadway, but would act as a vertical support to the trolley when needed. India-rubber buffers were applied to the drawpins by which the trolley was connected to the traction engine, to counteract the effects of sudden jerks whilst starting or travelling. The trolley weighed 6 tons, so that the load was roughly 23 tons.

As might be expected, a considerable crowd watched the departure of the bell on its long journey from Loughborough to London, and along the whole route thousands of people witnessed its progress. Travelling through Leicester (where its first set-back occurred through the trolley sinking into the ground, happily not seriously) via Kibworth, Market Harborough, Northampton, Fenny Stratford (where another 'sinking in' occurred), Dunstable, St. Albans, and so on to its final destination. Joyous peals rang out from every village church on the way, and the various town and city belfries contributed to the merry din. Thus did Great Paul travel up to London, witnessed by myriads of folks who thronged the wayside to see the bell; to discuss its proportions; its note and composition; and wherever possible to touch it. Its actual weight is 16 tons 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. Height 8 feet 10 inches. Diameter 9 feet 6½ inches.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL TO FALLEN RINGERS.

The annual meeting of the Guild was held at Brecon on July 1st. The weather was excellent and the attendance accordingly good.

The service in the Cathedral was of particular significance because it was also the occasion of the dedication of the memorial to the three members of the Guild who made the supreme sacrifice in the 1939-45 war. The dedication service was conducted, in the presence of the relatives of the fallen, by the Dean of Brecon (the Very Rev. W. E. Jones). The Dean also gave a very inspiring address.

The memorial takes the form of a servers' desk in the sanctuary. The names—J. Bloxham, A. Rose and A. Williams—are carved in the wood. All members of the Guild are grateful to the Dean and Chapter for allowing them to have such a memorial.

At the business meeting which followed, the Dean presided in the absence, through illness, of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. The general secretary read the statement of accounts as the treasurer had left the district.

The officers elected were: Ringing Master, Mr. Gwyn Lewis; treasurer, the Very Rev. the Dean; general secretary, Mr. D. G. Williams; representative on the Central Council, Mr. Gwyn Lewis; hon. auditor, Mr. Rowlands.

Tea was kindly provided by the Dean, and he was warmly thanked by the Ringing Master on behalf of all present.

It was with concern that the members heard of the illness of the Bishop, and it was the expressed wish of all members that his lordship would soon be restored to complete health and again resume his work as the leader in all the diocesan matters.

After tea the members visited the towers of St. Mary's and St. David's, and the bells were rung until a late hour.

Record Length Attempt

Dear Sir,—On Monday, August 7th, starting at 10.30 a.m., at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, I have a band going to attempt 12,740 Bob Royal. Should this be successful it will be the longest length of Bob Royal rung.

The composition is enclosed.

Yours faithfully,

FRANK B. LUFKIN.

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—	—	—	—	53624
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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH

Lane End, eleven names for tea, two dropped out on Friday, and a prospect of rain (it did!). However, some of the regulars made a start with Grand sire Doubles, this being eventually followed by a spate of methods and all present appeared to be catered for. At least 17 towers were represented besides some visitors from the North, and the tea party overflowed into another room.

The Old Sun rose to the occasion, or rather the landlady did, and when the huge teapot appeared, even the thirsty one was hopeful.

The Vicar looked in with a few cheery remarks, and also welcomed us at the church afterwards with some interesting details about it.

After a short discussion on meeting for the rest of the year, ringing was resumed until all had had enough.

A CHIME OF THREE

The Parish Church of St. Peter, Westhampnett, near Chichester, has recently had its chime of three bells returned from the Croydon Foundry. One of the bells, which was made in 1632, has been recast so that it agrees in tone with the other two, which date from 1581. These bells were dedicated at a special service on Sunday, July 23rd, conducted by the Venerable Lancelot Mason, Archdeacon of Chichester.

Sitting at the clavier, thumping out quick and slow sixes, there was, not a graduate from Malines, but none other than our old friend Peter Bond, who, keeping up the traditions of the 'National Union of Tower Snatchers,' had visited the tower on the previous Friday, and, with the Vicar's permission, tried his hand on this tiny chime.

The Vicar was so delighted on hearing Peter's first rendering of slow and quick sixes, that he asked for a copy of the music and engaged him for this occasion.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Proposed Coleridge Memorial

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to read the reports concerning the apparent lack of harmony within the Oxford Guild over the form of memorial to the late Canon Coleridge, as this would, I am sure, be most distasteful to him.

To shelve the matter for a year will have the obvious result of reducing, considerably, the subscription list.

I agree that a memorial tablet should be placed in the Cloisters of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, alongside those to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson and the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, two of the Canon's dearest ringing friends, and I hope that the Oxford Guild will do this without delay or that the Central Council will take the matter in hand, allocate some of the money voted and see that the work is carried out.

Why should Christ Church be chosen for any further memorial?

The late Canon was not a graduate of Christ Church College, and according to his ringing records, which I have, he rang only three peals there, these being as far back as 1880, 1882 and 1889. Berkshire, Devon, Cornwall and Somerset were his favourite ringing haunts.

The late Canon frequently told me that 'only the best is suitable for the House of God,' and to spend some £200 on only two bells (which appears to be really a domestic matter for the Cathedral authorities) is a poor sort of memorial and would be known to few outside the Oxford City boundary. It would be forgotten within six months.

If anything is to be done at Christ Church other than the memorial tablet, I would suggest that reports be obtained from the leading bellfounders for a job which would put all the bells (if necessary) in first-class condition and be a lasting memorial.

Your leading article in 'The Ringing World' dated July 21st states 'that the claim of Crowthorne is ludicrous.' The report of the Oxford Guild meeting never mentions a claim from Crowthorne, but 'a member suggested,' which is quite a different story, and it is quite likely that the member who spoke up for the parish which the Canon served so faithfully does not live in Crowthorne.

If sufficient money became available, it would be quite possible to provide Crowthorne with a tower and bells, should the parish so desire. Perhaps you, Mr. Editor, would attend the dedication and withdraw your 'ludicrous' statement!

In my own mind I am certain that the Canon would much prefer something which could and would be of some use to any ringers in the Oxford Guild who might fall upon bad times and need assistance.

The Canon enjoyed the company of all ringers, especially those who came from the humblest of homes, and frequently it was his pleasure, although a poor man himself, to give a ringer 'just that little extra' which would enable him to enjoy an outing or a possible attendance at a meeting far from home.

Would a fitting memorial, therefore, be the Oxford Diocesan Guild Benevolent Fund (Coleridge Memorial)? Money could be collected now and added to indefinitely.

It could be administered by a small committee within the Guild and disbursed when necessary to any deserving case amongst ringers in the Guild. This would be a form of memorial which would not be forgotten and it would be something of use.

You may ask what this is to do with me. Besides being one of the Canon's nearest relatives, I am a member of the Oxford Guild, and had I not been on duty at Bisley I would

have attended the meeting to state my views instead of taking up space in 'The Ringing World.'

I hope that the Oxford Guild will, in due course, state whether the fund will be open to anyone outside ringing circles, as some of his relatives might like to contribute towards something which would be in keeping with the late Canon's wishes.—Yours truly,

H. J. CANN, Major.
Corner Close, Kilve, Bridgwater, Somerset.

PEALS FOR TWO ASSOCIATIONS

Dear Sir,—In reply to an item in the 'Belfry Gossip' of this week's issue (July 28th) re a peal being ascribed to two associations, will your correspondent please identify himself and explain *why* this shouldn't be so. I have called a peal and ascribed it to two associations, and as long as the band belongs to the associations concerned, I shall continue to call peals for who and when I like, irrespective of who says otherwise.—Yours faithfully,

JACK CLEGG.
Fallowfield, Manchester 14.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE'S GUIDANCE

Dear Sir,—Respecting your paragraph in Belfry Gossip ('Ringing World,' page 472), for purposes of the Analysis the peal is credited to the *first-named* society, guild or association and the second one ignored.

W. AYRE,
For Peals Analysis Committee.

JACK WORRALL'S BEARD

Dear Sir,—It was with deep regret that I learned of the disappearance of Jack Worrall's beard. Being a member of the University of Bristol Society of Change Ringers, I know only too well that its passing will be received with loud lamentations (female!) on Jack's return to the fold in October.

At the beginning of last session, the membership (female once again!) of our Society increased by leaps and bounds, for what reason I do not know except that it coincided with the appearance of Jack, fresh from his sojourn in 'le gai Paris,' and proudly displaying his luxuriant facial growth!

Alas, what of the future? I can foresee a rapid decline in the membership of the fair sex, a most deplorable state of affairs which cannot, nay will not, be tolerated on our part. Therefore, Jack, grow that beard again—the Society's future is at stake!—Yours faithfully,

'SANS BARBE AUSSI.'

200 PEALS OR MORE IN ONE TOWER

Dear Sir,—Going through the Guild reports, I find that the late Mr. G. Williams rang 216 peals at North Stoneham.

I have taken part in 157 peals in the same tower.—Yours truly,
W. T. TUCKER.
Eastleigh, Hants.

DIRECTORY WANTED

Dear Sir,—Now that we have 'Church Bells of Britain,' which, in my opinion, is a very useful and interesting book, would it be possible to have a Directory of Church Bell Ringers, similar to the one published by the Bristol United Ringing Guilds in 1935?

The two books together would be invaluable to ringers on holiday and those who make a hobby of visiting other towers.—Yours faithfully,
ERNEST R. WARNER.
Woking.

A Question of Fees

Dear Sir,—Mr. Jarrett's letter makes very interesting reading, but in forming an opinion about the subject matter it is important to remember that we have heard only one side of the case. I do not question for one instant that Mr. Jarrett has stated the case fairly and factually as he sees it, but it very rarely happens that there is not at least something to be said on both sides. One cannot avoid forming an opinion, but one would like to know the incumbent's version as well.

I have discussed this matter with some clerical friends and with brother ringers, and it would seem that the experience is unique. I have examined also the scale of the charges authorised by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, a copy of which should be in every church. This scale, as probably most people know, is designed to cover every reasonably foreseeable circumstance under which a charge for the Church's services could be made; and also to ensure that charges are uniform throughout the country. Bells are only mentioned once, under the heading of 'Burials,' where a charge of five shillings is authorised, payable to the sexton, for 'tolling the bell at the time of death.'

I wonder if the Rev. J. M. Turner would maintain that it is quite possible for an incumbent to say to the relatives of the deceased, 'If you don't pay me three guineas for myself the bell will not be tolled.' I suggest that any incumbent who insisted, to put it bluntly, on a rake off for himself before allowing the bells to be rung at a wedding or tolled at the time of death is unworthy of his calling. If the three guineas was to be put to a fund for the maintenance of the bells, that, naturally, would be another matter.

Perhaps, all things considered, comment on Mr. Jarrett's experience is undesirable, although one is entitled to one's own opinion. If he wished to be aggressive in this matter there are several things he could do, but no doubt aggression is the last thing he has in mind.

There is, however, a very useful lesson to be learned from both his letter and that of Mr. Turner; namely, that if one undertakes to provide a band to ring for a wedding, then state the fee required definitely and firmly, and see to it that you have it before the ringing commences. In other words, trust nobody.—Yours faithfully,
T. V. LISTER.

Apperley, Glos.

A MATTER FOR THE K.C.A.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter that appeared in 'The Ringing World' of July 7th from Mr. V. A. Jarrett, of Chatham, I entirely agree that ringers should insist on a suitable fee for the ringing of church bells for a wedding ceremony, as the utmost care is needed so that the bells are not used for abuse.

I am aware that just as some people dislike the sound of bagpipes, there are also some who dislike the sound of bells, and the practical joker would be in his element if he could get the bells ringing free for a wedding of someone he knew who disliked the sound. A fee rules out this kind of abuse. Usually it is distributed among those who carry out the contract.

It is the first occasion I have heard of a Vicar taking possession of a fee of £3 3s. for the ringing of wedding bells, and such action does not recommend itself, but rather tends to destroy the ideal of the ringing of church bells.

I hope Mr. Jarrett has not overlooked the fact that he has been a member for many years of the Kent County Association, whose aim is not only for the ringing of the church bells, but also the welfare of the ringers, and I think as this case concerns ringers in general, it should be placed before the committee of the Kent Association for investigation.

CHARLES TURNER, Captain,
St. Mary's Ringers, Dover.

'BELL PRAVDA'

POINTS FOR DECISIONS COMMITTEE.

Sir,—Is 'The Ringing World' any longer to be claimed a democratic newspaper, or has it in the future to be looked upon as a sort of totalitarian gazette like 'Pravda' and a few more—publishing one line of thought only, which it wishes its readers to know?

I can quite well understand the question asked on this point at Eastbourne by Mr. Kippin and others. Certainly of late the outlook justifies it.

Everybody knows only too well that 'a state of oneness' has been the cry all along of the totalitarians—and it looks as if the same political flavour is creeping into ringing. But heaven save us, and ringing generally, from such disregard of others' views. We have just had a war to preserve the right of free speech and a free press.

When I sent for publication my letter which prompted your 'leader' of June 30th, I expected it would be something of a miracle if it found its way into print—proof surely of what's stated above.

Perhaps by the next Central Council meeting someone will come forward and suggest a change of title from 'The Ringing World' to 'Bell Pravda' or something like it!

Do we want 'oneness' in ringing any more than we want one political party in the government? Rigid rules or controls and the 'guillotine' can prove just as harmful in ringing as in any other form of life; contempt is bound to follow the Central Council's attitude to try and stop ringers pleasing themselves what they ring in the name of true changes, whether it be on seven bells or six, twelve bells or five.

But here I notice you take good care to side-step the issue and not let all the facts be published, which is typical of totalitarian minds. You instance the case of recognition of peals of Minor with a tenor covering, whereas on odd bell methods the same does not apply.

On all even bell methods, from six upwards, the Central Council has been consistent; but on odd bell methods it is *not*. While it says it won't recognise a peal of Triples without a covering bell (missing, say, the 2nd of the eight out, which I contend sounds very musical and see nothing wrong with if a band turns up one short), it says it *will* recognise a peal of Doubles on either five or six—and even on a *minor* five, as at Weston Favell, where I rang a peal recently, with no natural tenor or finishing note, sounding the first five notes of six instead of the last five.

Will some bold person come forward and call that 'a freak peal' and say that the treble ringer never earned his first peal certificate presented to him at a meeting later for the performance? If so, it means that all past peals at Weston Favell are to be declared null and void, and that in its turn will lead to general disinterest and eventual closure of many like towers—I can name 13 minor fives within a 40 miles radius of here.

To be *consistent* it means that the Central Council have either to recognise peals on seven bells or not on five, and sooner or later this point must give rise to contempt in one direction or the other. But, of course, I don't suppose, Mr. Editor, you will want readers to see that side to it.

I have referred to minor fives! There is an even more serious side to the issue, and that is—will someone try to be more thorough in time to come and press to its logical conclusion that if no peals on seven, no peals on five shall be recognised either? Some are voluntarily taking that attitude already. If that is ever to be made a hard and fast rule, it spells the end to any real interest in the thousands of five-bell towers up and down the country, and there's not much as it is! Five-bell towers need nourishment not punishment and snubs from the mighty eight, ten and twelve bell men, most of whom are represented

on the Central Council with little or no interest in five-bell towers. Either it means that or they have got to climb down on this rigid rule about no one shall ring a peal on seven without a covering bell.

In many ways it is like the Bankes James' Cambridge Minor controversy some years ago. Having recognised the 240's of Doubles, to be consistent they were bound to recognise Mr. James' arrangement of Cambridge Minor; and I contend the same applies to peals on five and peals on seven bells.

Personally, I intend to use my own discretion upon another point that is constantly under discussion—the recognition of April Day, Antelope, Orpheus, Chase and a number of similar methods, despite what the 'big guns' say that they shouldn't be rung; there is no repetition of changes in 120 of any of these methods, and that's all that matters to me. If the Central Council refused to publish them rung to peals, there's always the local Press, parish magazines, peal boards and other alternative means—the Central Council haven't 'nationalised' us yet.

P. AMOS.

30, Inkerman Terrace, Northampton.

MISS J. POOLE'S 200 PEALS

Rung for 14 guilds and associations in 38 towers, conducting 6.

TOWER BELLS.

Minor.—Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob spliced 1; Cambridge 2.

Triples.—Stedman 9; Grandsire 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 2; Cambridge 17 (conducted 1); Yorkshire 4; Superlative 5 (1); London 8; Bristol 11; New Cambridge 1; York 1; Rochester 1; Dublin 1; Lincolnshire 1; Leicestershire 1; four standard methods spliced 1; Double Norwich 2.

Caters.—Stedman 11.

Royal.—Plain Bob 1; Cambridge 9; Yorkshire 4; York 1; Pudsey 1; Rochester 2; Belgrave 1; Albanian 1; Leicestershire 1; Aldenham 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 5 (1); Grandsire 1.

Maximus.—Cambridge 9 (2); Yorkshire 9 (1); Superlative 3; Bristol 1; New Cambridge 3; York 1; Pudsey 1; Rochester 1; Lincolnshire 1; Belgrave 1; Albanian 1; Wigston 1; Leicestershire 1; Aldenham 1; Rutland 1; Bedford 1.

HANDBELLS.

Minor.—Cambridge 1.

Triples.—Stedman 5; Grandsire 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 2; Kent Treble Bob 2; Cambridge 2.

Caters.—Stedman 9; Grandsire 2.

Royal.—Plain Bob 4; Kent Treble Bob 3; Cambridge 2.

Cinques.—Stedman 16; Grandsire 1.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 3; Kent Treble Bob 2; Cambridge 1.

Tower bells 144, handbells 56, total 200.

Jill Poole is the only lady to have rung Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus on both tower and handbells.

WEDDING BELLS AT BITTON

On July 22nd, a party of ringers from the Bristol Rural Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association were present at Bitton to ring for the wedding of Mr. Raymond Harding and Miss Sheila Hicks.

Mr. Harding is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Harding, of Downend, Bristol, his father being the popular chairman of the Bristol Rural Branch. The bells were rung in proper wedding style.

A quarter peal of Stedman Triples, which was attempted after the wedding, unfortunately came to grief owing to a change course.

The ringers wish the bride and bridegroom the very best of luck and happiness in their future.

F. S.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers

MID-DEVON BRANCH AT DEAN PRIOR.

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at Dean Prior, near Buckfastleigh, on July 22nd, when despite adverse weather conditions, a very enjoyable time was spent by those who came from Dorchester, Honiton Clyst, Newton Abbot, Ashburton, Buckfastleigh, Dartington and Totnes. The president (the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox) also attended.

Some very good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung on the handy ring of six bells during the afternoon, this being later followed by a service, which was conducted by the Rev. C. B. Underwood, Vicar of Dean Prior.

After tea at Buckfastleigh, the usual business meeting followed, with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair. Fifteen non-resident members were also elected.

Subject to the necessary permission being obtained, the branch agreed to the following meetings being arranged: Special meetings at Highweek and Teignmouth on Saturday, Aug. 19th, and Saturday, Sept. 9th, respectively, and a quarterly meeting at Wolborough, Newton Abbot, on Saturday, October 28th.

The president touched on the question of the bells at Kingsteignton Parish Church, which came up for discussion some months ago. On the motion of the chairman, it was decided to write to the B.B.C. regarding the advertising of bells being rung prior to broadcast services.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the business, and ringing took place at Buckfastleigh Parish Church in the evening. A. L. B.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Shropshire Association held their July meeting at Clive on July 8th, when brilliant sunshine greeted visitors to this beauty spot.

The modern church stands on the side of a hill famous for its walks, views, picnics and other rural delights. As the temperature rose some ringers thought the bells sounded better from outside than in the tower, and as the bells are a Taylor six with 25 cwt. tenor, this is certainly a point of view.

However, there was no lack of ringing, and most of it Minor, in methods up to Cambridge. Attendance totalled at least 30, the only criticism being that either two or four trebles would improve the ring.

CRANFORD'S NEW RECTOR WELCOMED

Ringers were very much in evidence at Cranford Church, Middlesex, on July 7th, when the Right Rev. Bishop of Kensington officiated at the induction of the Rev. Christopher Byron to the living. The local band was supported by members and officers of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

At a reception in the Rectory after the service, the visiting ringers were introduced to the Rector, and were very happy to know that the warm welcome always associated with Cranford, to visiting ringers and the Association, would continue.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung before evening service on July 16th, and is recorded as a welcome to the Rector, and an expression of the ringers' goodwill. All the ringers were members of the Cranford band with the exception of the vice-president of the Middlesex Association, who was invited to be associated with this expression of welcome and to conduct.

This was of excellent order, and the young band at Cranford are to be congratulated on their good striking. The ringers were W. H. Coles (conductor) 1, D. Hayward 2, Barbara Thrush 3, Joan Samson 4, P. Wodger 5, D. Fowler 6.

OBITUARY

MR. A. J. BEESLEY.

All Saints', Faringdon, lost their veteran ringer by the death of Mr. Arthur John Beesley on July 18th, at the grand age of 81.

He had been the most regular service ringer at Faringdon for well over thirty years, and previous to that at Longworth, where he learnt to ring. Although then in failing health he last rang a course of Grandsire Triples on his 80th birthday.

The funeral took place at Stanford-in-the-Vale on July 22nd. Ringers from Faringdon rang the bells half-muffled before the service, and, at 'Old John's' request, with the bells open immediately after the service. The secretary of the V.W.H. Branch, Mr. R. F. J. Gilling, played the organ.

As a final tribute a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled at Faringdon on July 26th by the following: E. Walker 1, H. E. Taylor 2, F. Wheeler 3, F. C. Hughes 4, C. I. J. Pearce (conductor) 5, F. Whipp 6, M. J. Pryor 7, J. Belcher 8.

MR. H. CONNELL.

The death occurred on Saturday, July 15th, following a seizure earlier in the week, of Mr. H. Connell, at the age of 84. He was a native of Sleaford, and joined the Police Force when a young man and spent most of his time in Cambridgeshire. After his retirement as a police sergeant he went to live at Heckington, Lincs, and stayed there for over 20 years.

Mr. Connell was a very keen bowler. Bell-ringing was another interest of his, and for his regular attendance in the belfry for Sunday service ringing and on the weekly practice night he will be greatly missed in Heckington. He had a most cheery and helpful disposition.

The funeral took place on July 18th at Aslackby, a number of relatives and friends attending. The bells at Heckington Church were rung muffled during the evening at the old Parish Church of St. Andrew; the ringers being E. Cole, F. Mason, Mrs. D. Wray, W. Weston, W. Jackson, W. Asher, A. Dixon and H. Steel.

MR. ALFRED FULLICK.

The death occurred on July 16th of Mr. Alfred Fullick at Shrewsbury. He was 80 years of age and continued his great interest in ringing until his death, although for the past eight years he had been unable to make the journey to ring, except on one or two special occasions.

'Alf' learnt to ring at St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury, in the first few years of the century, and became a regular member of the excellent band under the late Mr. George Byolin, whose first requirement was good striking. He rang in the first peal of Stedman in the town and at Market Drayton, and had rung a modest total of 39 peals in standard methods up to Maximus.

His chief interest was Sunday service ringing, and when St. Alkmund's bells could no longer be rung he joined St. Chad's company and soon became a most proficient heavy bell ringer, being found on the eleventh for many years, and ringing it to peals of Major, Royal and Maximus.

Following the funeral service at St. Chad's on July 19th, a half-muffled touch of Stedman Triples was rung by St. Chad's band, and during the evening an augmented company paid tribute to an old friend, whose punctuality, regular attendance and good striking will always be remembered.

'MORE HASTE, LESS SPEED'

By A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

WRITERS expect, even invite, criticism.

But lest this article provoke an unconsidered wisecrack of the 'wooden-spoon-stirring-up-trouble' variety, we may say at once that the genuine motive, in such articles as these, springs from a sincere desire to assist in avoiding trouble likely to arise. The publication in the journal dated July 14th, 1950, of the figures of a peal of Wembley Royal and of performances of Rutland Royal and Maximus has prompted this action.

Keeness to accomplish first peals in new methods is a healthy sign in the Exercise, and is to be encouraged, of course. But eager aspirants should proceed with caution, lest they be disappointed to find they have learnt and rung something quite different from the method they thought they were tackling.

The reason for this timely warning should be clear. After years of almost entirely futile argument, throughout the ringing fraternity, about 'extension,' the Methods Committee of to-day is getting down to the fundamental questions of method structure; and, sooner or later, their recommendations will be examined by the Central Council and will, in large measure no doubt, become 'law.'

Serious study of ringing theory from a mathematical standpoint has been confined to very few. One of the first was W. H. Thompson, who gave us our 'Q-sets.' Later, in 1946, we had from Dr. Rankin, of Cambridge, his paper on 'A Campanological Problem in Group Theory'; and, more recently (1949), we have W. Lederman's 'Introduction to the Theory of Finite Groups.' Yet, of all these, it is true to say their work lies rather in the field of method-employment or composition, than in that of structural design of methods or method analysis.

The particular aspect of structural design which concerns us now in method extension, a subject made topical by the publication of the excellent Corrigan Collection of Royal and Maximus methods. But an almost incredible feature of the present-day position is that, until quite recently, there has been no scientific statement of principles of this aspect; and arguments about extension have been conducted, in the main, by those better qualified to discuss composition. Studies over the past quarter of a century, however, have led to conclusions which provide a 'yardstick' by which the ordinary ringer can test extensions for himself. In other words, we now have the means of assessing the validity of extension in any given case, the process being standardised. But the form of growth (extension) in each method is individual; *though even these forms can be grouped.*

These means have been introduced under the general name of 'Grid Analysis,' which covers a subject by no means exhausted. Some of its principles have already been made known and are being used by ringers of note. It is hoped that its essential details may be published more fully in the near future.

In the meantime what is all this leading up to?

On page 448 of No. 2,049 of our journal are the figures of a peal rung at East Retford on May 13th last, under the title of 'Wembley Surprise Royal.' But is it the Royal of the method? If it were so then it would be beyond controversy that the 'London Royal, U.A. version,' published in February, 1949, was true London Royal; for this is no better (and no worse) than the Wembley Royal. Actually these methods are both what we call 'proximates,' i.e., the nearest obtainable to the true form. And it follows that nothing better in the method, in either case, can be produced. Here are the facts:—

Methods may be correctly analysed mathematically, in their basic forms, by a process that may be likened to that employed in examining geometrical figures for the properties of similarity. The process enables the investigator to produce at will the extension of any ringing method. The result is called *Theoretic*.

If the theoretic extension exhibits the requirements of the practical ringer, including the full range of the plain course, with basic coursing order (or 'Bob Major lead ends'), then it is said to be in the *Ideal* class of extension. The standard example of this class in Surprise methods is Cambridge.

But if, on the other hand, the theoretic form does not show these practical requirements, the method extender may set out to obtain them by introducing modifications into the design of the extension until he secures those features. The question of whether or not this is 'irregular' we may leave open for the moment.

The classic example of this modification process is found in 'London.' Here the Major is the ideal extension of the Minor. The extension to Royal was produced by Law James in 1908. It was in true mathematical form, and he called it, indeed, 'Theoretic.' But it was no more. It was not 'Ideal.' It produced a plain course two leads short of the requisite nine, since two of the bells, 5 and 6, are 'at home' every lead end. So what has happened?

Since then various 'modifiers,' in no less than 15 published versions, have attempted to convert this theoretic form into one showing the practical requirements. The modifications they introduced into the full lead vary in number from no less than 18 downwards; the least being as many as six! The object, in every case of course, was to get down to a form of extension differing from the theoretic by as few modifications as possible, and yet having the practical requirements.

Finally, in London Royal U.A., this was achieved with only two in the half lead, giving the proximate to the true London Royal.

The case of the 'Wembley' method is similar.

Its theoretic Royal produces a first lead-head row of 1634285079, giving, as in London's theoretic, 7 leads instead of 9 to its plain course; due, in this case, to 3 and 4 being 'home' at each lead. Since this is not in accordance with ringers' practical requirements, Wembley, like London, is not in the ideal class, i.e., it has no true Royal.

But to overcome the shortcoming, the extender of Wembley did as we did in London Royal, he introduced a modification into the half lead, i.e., at the treble's 9-10 section. Here, instead of a full lead in the 2nd and 3rd rows of the section, a bell makes thirds while those in 1-2 dodge. So this Wembley Royal version, given as No. 576 in the Corrigan Collection, is, like London Royal U.A., given as No. 565, proximate only.

And unless the Methods Committee recommend the recognition of such proximate, or even more remote, versions, those who ring them will ultimately have to find other names for them.

On the other hand, Wembley Maximus, given as No. 858 in the Corrigan Collection, is an extension in the ideal class, being true to mathematical form and therefore theoretic, and having also all practical requirements. So good luck to its peal attempters!

Now let us turn to the other methods mentioned, the Rutland extensions. Here we find a Surprise indeed!

(To be concluded)

RINGERS' OUTINGS

ABINGDON, BERKSHIRE.

Abingdon, like so many other towns and villages, faced the post-war days with a band of only two or three ringers. It was, therefore, an occasion that had been much anticipated when the new band, supplemented by ringers from local towers, set out on their first outing on July 22nd.

A slightly late start caused a few anxious moments to those who were to be picked up en route for the first tower—Deddington. The coach and a heavy shower arrived here simultaneously, but if macintoshes were damp enthusiasm was not, and the bells were quickly into Stedman Triples. Adderbury was reached with time in hand, and the fine eight were soon off to the pace of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob Major. Ringing was still in progress at 3 o'clock when a tune was due to be played on the bells, but the technical knowledge of a local ringer saved the situation, and the party left at 3.30 p.m. to the strains of a delayed but very melodious 'Home Sweet Home.'

At Banbury, the only ten-bell ring of the afternoon, Stedman Caters was attempted and successfully brought round. It was here that the sole mishap of the tour occurred—the loss of one of the party was discovered at tea. Two of the company, at the risk of missing their Banbury cakes, went in search, and it was the full complement that left for Great Tew. Here we were met by a ringer who had been such since the time of Queen Victoria, and who joined in a ring.

At the next stop, Combe, while the appetite of the Minor enthusiasts was being satisfied with Surprise Minor to Bob Doubles on a very pleasant six, an intrigued driver and others in the coach were enjoying listening to 'John Peel' and 'The Bluebells' expertly rung on handbells. The choice of Witney, with an eight that was a joy to ring, as the last call, ended the day, and the party left with a feeling of satisfaction that the Cambridge and Double Norwich had been well done.

The co-operation given by all connected with this, our first tour, made the arrangements completely smooth-running, and we would like to extend our thanks to those ringers who braved the St. Swithun storms and turned up so punctually to make us welcome at their towers. M. A. C.

GRAPPENHALL BRANCH.

The Grappenhall Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild held their annual outing on July 15th, when ringers, wives and friends had a coach tour of Cheshire and Shropshire.

Runcorn was represented by 31 passengers, each of whom enjoyed the wonderful countryside and the churches with their ancient surroundings, many dating back hundreds of years. The churches visited were St. Oswald's, Malpas, The Blessed Virgin, Ellesmere, St. Oswald's, Oswestry, St. Mary's, Welshpool, St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, and St. Bartholomew's, Moreton-Corbet.

Many of the visitors had never seen bells rung or in motion. Opportunity was taken by them at Ellesmere to climb the many steps to the tower roof, and while passing the bell chamber to see the bells revolving.

Lunch was served at Oswestry and tea at Shrewsbury. The last call was the country parish of Moreton-Corbet, which even the coach drivers had not heard of. Here the Vicar waited to receive the party—and how nice those bells sounded in the countryside.

On our way a young lady dismounts from her horse as the coaches approach. The drivers halt and she thanks them for their courtesy. These country lanes were just wide enough for a coach.

Arriving at Frodsham the party broke up. Runcorn was reached at 11 p.m., the inclement weather making no difference to the success of the trip. Arrangements were in the hands of

Mr. Cecil Raddon, of Stockton Heath; his organisation was worthy of the many thanks he received from the visitors and colleagues of the Grappenhall ringers.

LYME REGIS.

For the first post-war outing of the St. Michael's, Lyme Regis, Guild, a visit was paid to towers in the Isle of Purbeck and Poole area.

Starting from Lyme at 8.30 a.m., other ringing friends were picked up at Bridport, Dorchester and Wareham. Corfe Castle, of historic interest, was reached a bit in front of schedule allowing time for 'elevenses' before tackling the back-handed six in the old tower. Once the tricks of the wheels and frame had been mastered some expenditure of energy produced fair striking in Doubles and Minor, but bell-hangers could well be invited here. After a stiff ascent from which a lovely panorama of Dorset revealed itself, Kingston, with its magnificent modern church and bells, provided a splendid contrast and some excellent touches of Triples and Major were rung.

A halt was made for picnic lunch on the high ground above Worth Matravers while the weather was still clear, and then on to Swanage where Mr. F. Haysom had everything in readiness at the tower. Here a good course of London Surprise Major was rung and time slipped away all too quickly on these enjoyable bells. Steady rain began and unfortunately persisted through the remainder of the tour, but the road to Studland Ferry provided some interest, and at the ferry itself, where a wait was inevitable, the handbells were brought into play for a course of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, the latter being rung—after a fashion—during the crossing.

That delay upset the time table a little, but Mr. H. Mitchell was patiently awaiting the party at St. John's, Bournemouth, and after some good touches came on in the coach to Poole. There Mr. A. R. Macdonald had kindly arranged for an ample and very welcome meat tea, he and Mr. I. Davis piloting the ringers afterwards to the tower for some Caters and Royal. Wareham was reached again about 6.45 p.m., where Dr. Cunningham joined in a touch. Notwithstanding conditions here, some very satisfactory striking resulted, especially in Cambridge Major.

The coach then headed homewards for the final tower of the day, a pretty little light six at Lytchett Matravers, requiring no effort even from those who were by this time happily weary, and with a final halt at Bere Regis for much needed refreshments Lyme Regis was safely reached about 11 p.m. The methods rung during the day included the four standard, Double Norwich Major, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major.

The party greatly appreciated the kindly welcome awaiting them at every tower, as well as the various incumbents' permission to use their bells.

Ringer's Notebook & Diary, 1951

The 1951 Ringer's Notebook and Diary will shortly be going to press. Will Association Secretaries please forward as quickly as possible:—

- Dates of Annual Meetings, Dinners, etc., for inclusion in the Diary section
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BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT.

The annual outing of the Biggleswade District of the Bedfordshire Association was held on July 22nd in the Woodbridge district of Suffolk.

Leaving Maulden at 6.30 a.m. and picking up ringers and friends on the route to Eaton Socon, the party arrived at Stowmarket well on time, and the bells were soon going to rounds, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Double Norwich.

Debenham was the next tower, but on leaving Stowmarket the engine of the coach backfired and set light to the carburettor and some of the party thought they had had it! Debenham was reached ten minutes late, but this grand ring was soon going to Stedman and the standard Major methods, finishing with a course of Cambridge Major and an almost perfect ring down.

After lunch at the Bridge House the party went on to Framdsen and were met by Messrs. L. C. Brett and L. Wightman. Here Cambridge, rounds, Stedman and a course of Bristol with local help was rung on this pleasing eight. Helmingham was the next tower and the bells were made good use of, the usual methods being rung.

After tea at Woodbridge, Ufford was visited and this good eight were rung to Superlative, finishing up with a course of Yorkshire. Saying good-bye to Mr. F. L. Fisher, the party then went to Grundisburgh, as Woodbridge bells were not available owing to repairs to the tower.

No difficulty was experienced in handling this light ring of ten, and Bob Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters were rung in good style, some ringing their first changes on ten. A course of Bristol on the back eight and a course of Cambridge Minor on the front six brought the day's ringing to an end. The party congratulated Mr. C. W. Pipe on his efforts in obtaining a light ring of ten, which all admired for its easy handling and tone. Home was reached at 1.30 a.m. L. H. B.

ST. ANDREW'S, HORNBURCH.

The customary course of Grandsire Triples on handbells at the lych gate at 7.15 a.m. (albeit rather hurried owing to the late arrival of one of the band) set the Hornchurch ringers off to an excellent outing on July 15th.

A pleasant ride, with the usual 'pick-ups' (no offence to the female fraternity), saw the company in Saffron Walden well on time. Caters was reasonably well struck, but beyond this the standard methods were rung on the back eight. Coffee was served at the Abbey Hotel, and, with the local constable watching, some good handbell ringing was enjoyed in the Market Place. However, with the traffic piling up and not wishing to tax the tolerance of the constable, a move was made to Clare. This majestic eight were soon going and the highlight was a well-struck touch of Double Norwich. Thence to Long Melford and lunch. Sad to relate, a very pleasant lunch resulted in some poor striking, and justice was not done to these merry eight bells.

Foxearth was next and this novel eight were thoroughly enjoyed by the more experienced, who still talk of the contortions required to see through and round the clock case. Hadleigh, tea, and some of the best ringing of the day, with Double Norwich the highlight again. What a grand eight!

Lastly to Witham, with an almost perfect course of Cambridge and some well-struck Little Bob, and so in golfing parlance to the '19th'—Margaretting. Here an excellent hour was spent with the handbells—tune ringing by the folks from Dagenham, and to the surprise many, Grandsire Cinques.

Ten o'clock and time for the 'homing course,' and so with the younger members singing the usual community songs and old 'Dick' volunteering a solo, Hornchurch was reached once again on time, with a general vote, 'A jolly good day.' F. V. G.

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MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Sundridge on Aug. 5th at 3. Service 5. Tea 5.30. 7356

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, St. Mary's, Holloway Road, N.7, on Saturday, Aug. 5th, 4 p.m., not Bell Foundry.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 7382

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge and Hunts Districts.—A joint meeting at Bourn, Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7362

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Newton-in-the-Isle, Saturday, Aug. 5th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (own food).—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7371

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Elstree (6), Aug. 5th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 6.—S. Hoare, 56, Aame Road, Watford. 7355

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Fletching (8), Saturday, Aug. 5th, at 3 p.m. No tea available.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 7366

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Meeting at Rotherham Parish Church on Bank Holiday Monday. Bells (10) 3 p.m.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 7364

SURREY ASSOCIATION and GUILDFORD GUILD.—Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, Monday, Aug. 7th. Bells from 3. Service 4.15. 7347

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Hartlip (6) on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, Aug. 9th.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne, Kent. 7383

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (S. and W. District) and ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Joint meeting at Acton on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea in Rectory garden. Further ringing until 8.30. Names for tea by Aug. 9th to F. Finch, 14, Lancaster Gardens, W.13.—H. Matthews and F. Finch, Hon. Secs. 7386

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield and Peak Districts.—Joint meeting, Ashover (8), Aug. 12th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea obtainable.—A. B. Cooper and D. J. Dunn. 7377

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Braughing, Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15.—A. S. Carter, Sec. 7368

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Harthill (8), Saturday, Aug. 12th. Names for tea to Mr. T. Laking, 46, Main Street, Harthill, Kiverton Park, Sheffield, by 7th.—H. Denman. 7374

BARNLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Aug. 12th, at Wath-on-Dearne, 2.30 p.m. Bring own food.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 7405

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Meeting at Kelston, Aug. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—L. Woodburn, Manor Lodge, Weston, Bath. 7398

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting at Bridlington, Aug. 12th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Institute for all who notify by Aug. 9th (first post) Mr. J. A. Parker, Higher Waterworks, Mill Lane, Bridlington. 7393

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Saturday, Aug. 12th, Newburn St. Michael. Please bring own food. Tea provided.—C. T. Lamb, Dis. Sec. 7389

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Fairwarp (8), Aug. 12th. Tea at the Foresters Arms. Names to me by Aug. 10th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 7403

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Lydiard Millicent (6), Aug. 12th. Bring food, cups of tea provided.—W. B. Kynaston. 7392

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Marden, Aug. 12th. Names for tea by Aug. 8th.—J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 7400

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at Sefton (8) on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells 3. Tea (2s. 6d.) for those notifying, by Tuesday, 8th, Mr. W. H. Deacon, 10, Cooks Road, Crosby, Liverpool 23.—J. M. Preston, Branch Sec. 7396

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at St. James', Leyland, Saturday, Aug. 12th. Light refreshments provided.—L. Walmsley. 7341

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Annual meeting at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Ringing at 3. Business meeting at 6.30, including election of secretary.—V. Wilson Sykes, Hon. Sec. 7404

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting, Rauceby, Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells (5) available 2.30. Bring own food, cups of tea provided.—A. Wray, Hon. Sec. 7394

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Abbotsbury, Aug. 12th. Usual arrangements. Names by Aug. 8th, please.—J. H. Hayne, West Street, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 7401

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—A service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the bells will be held on Saturday, Aug. 12th, at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Right. Rev. Fabian Jackson (Rector of Batcombe with Upton Noble and Assistant Bishop of Bath and Wells). Names for tea, 4.15 p.m., essential to R. Beale, Corner House, Shepton Beauchamp, Somerset, not later than Thursday, Aug. 10th. 7387

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Fressingfield, Aug. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Fox and Goose 5. Notify L. E. Etheridge, Fressingfield, Diss, Norfolk. 7395

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gulbrough Branch.—Meeting at Welford, Aug. 12th. Names for tea to Rev. Elcock, The Vicarage, Welford, Rugby, before Aug. 8th, please. Note, no name no tea. 7409

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Summer meeting, Checkendon, Aug. 12th. Bells 3. Service 4. Committee meeting 3.30. Names for tea by Aug. 10th.—Thos. N. Lanaghan, 31, Blenheim Road, Reading. 7407

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Stotfold on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 7408

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—A ringers' day will be held on Sunday, Aug. 13th. Tower open 2.30. Tea readily obtained. Evensong 6 p.m. Ringers on holiday welcomed. 7399

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, Aug. 19th, Chelmsford Cathedral. Bells (12) 3.30 to 4.30 and after tea, 6 to 8 p.m. Handbells in the Rectory garden if desired. 7385

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Whaplode, on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Oliver, 2, Council House, High Road, Whaplode, Spalding, before Aug. 12th. 7373

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Goudhurst, Aug. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Names, tea, by 16th, please, to Miss H. Gorrings, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 7390

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Aberdare, Aug. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service at 4. Tea (small charge) and business meeting to follow.—F. J. Hannington. 7391

GREAT BRINGTON, NORTHAMPTON.—A fete on behalf of the Bell Fund will be held in Great Brington on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 16th. Sideshows and attractions. Ringing from 2 p.m. onwards and all ringers welcome. Numbers for tea, please, by Sept. 11th to the Rector. 7410

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary.—The annual dinner will be held in the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Tickets shortly available and obtainable from branch secs. or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 7397

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EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND. — At the Church of St. Mary on July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Forbes 1, Geo. W. Tembey 2, G. Tembey 3, J. Hutchinson 4, A. Eilbeck 5, J. H. Rothery 6, S. Richardson (cond.) 7, W. Douglas 8. First quarter in the method for 1 and 3. Rung with the bells fully muffled to the memory of Mr. Benn Douglas, for many years a ringer at this church.

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ENCOURAGEMENT OF YOUTH

IT must be obvious to regular readers that in almost every part of this island home of ours boys and girls are introduced to our belfries and taught to ring. In many cases their young, receptive brains enable them to make rapid strides in the art. What would have been very outstanding performances by adult ringers years ago have been brought to the level of commonplace achievements by some of our youthful prodigies. So frequent, indeed, that they pass with little or no notice.

The Exercise depends to-morrow upon the boys and girls of to-day, and it is in the interests of ringing generally that every encouragement should be given to them.

It may be very advisable, however, that the young ringers of to-day should know of and appreciate some of the difficulties with which their tutors had to contend and overcome in the battle to become a bellringer at all. Many visits had to be made to the belfry before one was invited to take part, and then only when some absentees in the local band resulted in the position of more ropes than ringers. Instead of a warm welcome in the belfry, there was often a sour look from the elders, and even if one of the band might have been inclined to the encouragement of the newcomer, that in many cases would be at the expense of a split in the band. The old 'paid' belfry staff frowned on interlopers, and even fathers' own sons had to be introduced very gently and progress very steadily to avoid adverse criticism, sarcastic comment and sometimes hostility. It may, indeed, be so in some belfries to-day, but such instances, it is thought, are very rare.

The continuity of a church service band depends upon youth being admitted to the belfry. No band will stand still for long, and the safest guard against lack of interest is progress. It may well be that the most rapid progress will be made by the youthful element in the band, and unless young ringers are taught proper belfry manners trouble will undoubtedly arise.

No other pastime or sport presents youth with such freedom as does campanology, and it is most important that the youth of this country should realise just what

freedom is granted to them. It is more important still that they should appreciate the opportunities given to them and respect those by and through whom the opportunities have come. The quality of a thing is often judged by the price it costs to obtain it. Let that not be so with ringing, for nothing could be cheaper.

One of the most detestable developments in young ringers is swelled-headedness or trying to appear to be clever. Circumstances often arise with strangers in the belfry when a youngster will make no allowance for the unknown ringer and very little allowance for those ringers much older and certainly much more experienced. How frequently one sees at a ringing meeting that some young upstart, without being invited, will take command and call 'Go,' completely ignoring others in the band. Maybe a learner or two are trying their first touch, and very early, often at the first trip, the bells get in a heap, with the young bob-caller helpless to assist.

The difference between bob-calling and conducting is not generally fully appreciated. The art of conducting can be learned and practised just as well, if not better, when someone else is calling the bobs. The ability to conduct will quickly be recognised and admired by everyone if it is carried out in an unboastful way.

Belfry manners are more necessary than the ability to ring advanced methods. Let it not be forgotten that no matter how clever one may become—even to the extent of becoming a genius—one is entirely dependent upon others not so brilliant, without whom the genius is reduced to a very helpless individual.

Young ringers should always remember that ability to ring properly will never go unnoticed and does not call for self-advertisement. Learn to respect the older ringers, irrespective of ringing qualifications, and never underestimate the ability of the stranger.

To the older ringers we would say, 'Give the youngsters every opportunity and correct, in the early stages, any lack of belfry manners.'

To the youngsters, 'Learn to appreciate the opportunities given to you; let your ringing ability speak for itself and give no cause for your belfry manners to be questioned.'

TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

*ALBERT WALKER Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 7
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 8
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 3	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 9
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 4	JOHN PINFOLD ... 10
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
H. JAMES TURNER ... 6	HENRY H. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
* 700th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

MURIEL REAY Treble	*IAN W. G. FULFORD ... 6
ALBERT WALKER ... 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING... 3	JOHN SCOTT ... 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 5	FRANK E. HAYNES ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by F. E. HAYNES.

* First peal in the method and on ten bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of John Freeman, of Lincoln, to Alice Mary Addison, of Louth, July 20th, 1950.

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

REGINALD HOLMES ... Treble	FRANCES A. WHITE ... 6
RICHARD WHITE ... 2	HENRY C. WHITE ... 7
ANTHONY G. HOLIFIELD... 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD ... 8
FRANK WHITE ... 4	FREDERICK C. WHITE ... 9
FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 5	EDWIN DREWITT ... Tenor

Composed by the late G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD.

Rung on the occasion of the conductor's 60th birthday, which occurred on July 27th.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. LEACH ... Treble	ALAN FOSTER ... 6
ERNEST STITCH ... 2	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 7
NORMAN J. HADLEY ... 3	HOWARD HOWELL ... 8
NOREEN BRAIN ... 4	GEORGE L. RODEN ... 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5	MAURICE G. TURNER ... Tenor

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

Rung to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the Vicar's induction.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 8, 1950, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*EWART H. EDGE ... Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE ... 5
†RONALD BARLOW ... 2	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 6
NEVILLE R. HOLLAND... 3	CHARLES H. PAGE... 7
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 4	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.

* First peal of Surprise and first peal on eight bells. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., July 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BEDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 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 by T. LOCKWOOD. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

First peal in the method by the Association and by all the band.

LAMBETH, LONDON, S.E.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in E.

WILLIAM D. GRAINGER Treble	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 6
*PEGGY G. KITCHEN ... 3	CHARLES W. OTTLEY ... 7
CHARLES A. HUGHES ... 4	HERBERT G. ANDREWS... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method. Rung to mark the 72nd birthday of the ringer of 2nd, and also for those of the wife and son of the conductor.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., July 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

EDWIN BARNETT ... Treble	JAMES BENNETT ... 5
JOHN O. WELLER ... 2	DENNIS G. BROWN ... 6
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS... 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM... 7
WILLIAM G. COOK... 4	*PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* 50th peal on the bells. In memoriam Thomas Barnett.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., July 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation. (Front eight.) Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

H. JAMES TURNER ... Treble	JOHN PINFOLD ... 5
MURIEL REAY ... 2	HENRY H. FEARN ... 6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 3	CHARLES T. RICHARDS ... 7
TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE ... Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 5
PAUL L. TAYLOR ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
HAROLD MARCON ... 3	COLIN HARRISON ... 7
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

A compliment to Frederick H. Dexter, on the birth of his first grandchild.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

ERIC H. KNAPP ... Treble	GEORGE W. CECIL ... 5
RAYMOND OVERY ... 2	ALBERT E. LAKER ... 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... 3	ALBERT HARMAN ... 7
LEONARD STILWELL ... 4	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... Tenor

Conducted by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the R.C. Cathedral of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Variation.		Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.	
GEORGE A. PACKER ... Treble	JOHN N. LINDON ... 5		
*IVOR R. NICHOLS ... 2	*JOHN E. BROUGH ... 6		
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 3	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 7		
*EDWARD J. BOFFEY ... 4	JOHN E. HOLLOWAY ... Tenor		

Conducted by RICHARD D. LANGFORD.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

CHISWICK, LONDON, W.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.	
EDWARD J. BROWN ... Treble	AIDAN S. J. N. BOYACK ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	†CYRIL FINCH ... 6
PEGGY G. KITCHEN ... 3	†HERBERT COLCOMBE ... 7
*PETER J. HUTCHINGS ... 4	HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Composed by THOMAS DAY. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

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

CHURCH LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.	
*GEOFFREY C. BEECH ... Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE ... 5
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 2	†FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 6
†MARGARET RIGBY ... 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 7
*RONALD BARLOW ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. D. Ainsley-Jones, who was inducted July 10th, 1950.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.	
RONALD KENRICK ... Treble	PETER COXALL ... 5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD ... 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 6
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... 7
JOHN ASHCROFT ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

First peal in the method by all the band. First peal in the method on the bells. To celebrate the birthday of Mr. William Santus, donor of the treble bell.

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield District Society.)

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Davies' Transposition.		Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.	
CLEMENT GLENN ... Treble	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 5		
*JACK G. BROTHWELL ... 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 6		
*†G. GORDON GRAHAM ... 3	†JOHN E. TURLEY ... 7		
*JOHN W. SYKES ... 4	HENRY HURST ... Tenor		

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Middleton's.		Tenor 14½ cwt.	
THOMAS WHEAT ... Treble	EDWARD F. GOBEY ... 5		
SAMUEL PONDER ... 2	JACK BAILEY ... 6		
EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 3	JOHN BRAMLEY ... 7		
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	JOHN J. MORRIS ... Tenor		

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung to mark the 14th birthday of Hazel Beryl Wheat, daughter of the treble ringer.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.	
RONALD H. BULLEN ... Treble	JOHN G. GIPSON ... 5
JOHN B. ROWSELL ... 2	ROBERT H. BROOKER ... 6
MARION GRAIN ... 3	MAURICE J. THURMOTT ... 7
GEORGE E. CRISP ... 4	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER.

Rung as a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. R. L. Hale.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT ... Treble	RONALD E. NORRIS ... 5		
JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... 2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 6		
GLADYS K. JARRETT ... 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... 7		
*EDWARD C. BISHOP ... 4	HARRY SPRINGATE ... Tenor		

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Triples. Rung for the induction of the new Rector.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.	
STANLEY E. BENNETT ... Treble	JACK BRAY ... 5
*MAURICE BENNETT ... 2	†CYRIL WANDER ... 6
†FRANK TAYLOR ... 3	†JOHN G. AMES ... 7
†AUBREY D. MILLS ... 4	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' † First peal of Surprise Major. ‡ First peal of Yorkshire.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter ad Vincula,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.	
WALTER ALLMAN ... Treble	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 5
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 2	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 6
PETER LAFLIN ... 3	JOHN WORTH ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.



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On Mon., July 31, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

*ALEX R. WOODLEY ... Treble	DOUGLAS JORDAN ... 5
JAMES GORDON ... 2	JAMES P. BLOND ... 6
GEORGE BISHOP ... 3	ROBERT B. BLOND ... 7
HENRY L. BISHOP ... 4	WILLIAM CORDEROY ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES GORDON.

* First peal. An 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Cobb, grandmother of 5th ringer.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

CHARLES E. FISHER ... Treble	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 5
FRED ORRIS ... 2	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ... 6
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 7
RONALD W. STEWARD ... 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

EDINBURGH.
THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.

On Tues., Aug. 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLYBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Six-part.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

W. H. PICKETT ... Treble	*ROGNVALD ST.C. WILSON ... 5
MISS M. S. TAYLOR ... 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 6
MISS A. I. WHITSON ... 3	*C. R. RAINE ... 7
*IAN JONES ... 4	JOHN MARSHALL ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DILHORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*GEOFFREY C. BEECH ... Treble	†EWART H. EDGE ... 4
*J. GEOFFREY BURTON ... 2	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 5
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal of Surprise on the bells. Birthday peal for tenor ringer.

RAYNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, one extent of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*GWENDOLINE SALMON ... Treble	JOHN WARNER ... 4
GEORGE SAUNDERS ... 2	WALTER LITTLE ... 5
SHIRLEY BARINGER ... 3	RONALD SUCKLING ... Tenor

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal.

NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., July 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 480 Reverse Canterbury, 360 April Day, 1,080 Plain Bob, 1,200 Stedman and 1,920 Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt.

*HAROLD E. HARRISON Treble	NOREEN BRAIN ... 3
GORDON HARRISON ... 2	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 4
GEORGE I. RODEN ... Tenor	

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal in five methods for all except the conductor. First peal on the bells, which are 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 of a ring of six.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MARJORIE BRAITHWAITE Treble	JAMES METCALFE ... 4
HERBERT S. PALMER ... 2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE ... 5
ROBERT B. SKELTON ... 3	ALAN W. CASSON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Sir Herbert Barker, who was interred at Preston-Patrick on Thursday, July 27th.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

BRIAN J. HOWARD ... Treble	WILLIAM S. MAY ... 4
VICTOR W. GRIMWADE ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5
FRANK C. MAY ... 3	PETER J. KING ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

DUFFRYN, NEAR NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 32 six-scores and five 240's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. A. Bidgood. First peal on the bells.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford, three of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr.

FRED PAYNE ... Treble	HORACE BENNETT ... 4
*CHARLES C. RAWDING ... 2	C. HAROLD WHITTON ... 5
W. ALLAN RICHARDSON ... 3	WILLIAM ROSE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

* First peal in three methods. First peal in three methods as conductor.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*WALTER MANSLEY ... Treble	ERIC BALDWIN ... 4
MRS. W. MANSLEY ... 2	LAWRENCE WALMSLEY ... 5
E. ROGER MARTIN ... 3	THOMAS BARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.

* First peal. Rung immediately after the wedding of Mr. William Finch (verger) and Miss Margaret Miller (daughter of the chief ringer).

MARLBOROUGH, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 17 cwt.
*E. GEORGE BARNES ... Treble | T. ARTHUR PALMER ... 4
GEORGE A. NEWMAN ... 2 | *FREDERICK G. COOK ... 5
FREDERICK J. READ ... 3 | *ROBERT COURT ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. READ.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. J. E. Buckley and Miss J. Cox.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Kent Treble Bob and six 720's of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.
MARJORIE LEGG ... Treble | HARRY J. GAYLARD ... 4
REGINALD BEALE ... 2 | GEORGE PRESCOTT ... 5
F. CECIL MOGFORD ... 3 | JACK W. DREW ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK W. DREW.

First peal in two methods of Minor by all the band except the ringer of the fifth.

WICKWAR, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720 s. Tenor 12 cwt.
*BETTY ROBINSON ... Treble | HORACE ROBINSON ... 4
MARY DREW ... 2 | CHARLES WATTS ... 5
CHARLES ROUSE ... 3 | LESLIE BARRY ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal.

CRIGH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.
DENNIS SCOTT ... Treble | WILLIAM A. PARSONS ... 4
WILLIAM SMITH ... 2 | FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 5
HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 3 | GEORGE H. PAULSON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. PAULSON.

Rung on the 34th anniversary of the conductor's wedding day.

HANDBELL PEALS

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 6, 1950, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor size 12 in F.
RONALD BARLOW ... 1-2 | FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 3-4
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

First peal of Minor in three methods 'in hand' by all.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 21 in D.
BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 1-2 | HARRY POYNER ... 5-6
DEREK G. GOODMAN ... 3-4 | TERENCE A. THORNER ... 7-8
Composed by J. CARTER (No. 98). Conducted by B. G. WARWICK.

Rung on St. Mary's Day as a compliment to Miss Mary Gray, daughter of George C. Gray, organist at Leicester Cathedral, who was on this day married to Mr. Stephen W. Harland, of York.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., July 23, 1950, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,
At 60, SHERRINGHAM ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

C.C.C. No. 14. Tenor size 17 in A.

MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
JAMES E. DANIELS ... 3-4 | ROY C. HURST ... 7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

A wedding compliment to June Daniels (sister of James E. Daniels) and Gordon Reeves, who were married at St. John's, Surrey Road, Bournemouth, on July 22nd.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Wed., July 26, 1950, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and five of Plain Bob.

*N. DAVID LANE ... 1-2 | EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3-4
VINCENT W. RIGG ... 5-6

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

* First peal of Minor.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., July 27, 1950, in 1 Hour and 44½ Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor size 12 in F.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 1-2 | W. P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 5-6

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

A birthday peal for Ernest Morris.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., July 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM,

A PEAL OF HEReward BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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 peal in the method by all and for the Guild.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., July 28, 1950, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
IN ST. PETER'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 2,160's and one 720 (C.C.C. 150, 152 and 153).

Tenor size 12 in F.

*ERIC NIXON ... 1-2 | FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 3-4
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 5-6

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5000 CHANCES;

In two methods, comprising 2,904 Little Bob and 2,096 Plain Bob, with 215 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

*MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4 | ROY C. HURST ... 7-8

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Spliced Major away from the tenors. Composition rung for the first time.

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LOUGHBOROUGH



The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

CRESWELL, DERBY-SHIRE.—On July 22nd, 1,256 Little Bob Major: D. Chadwick 1, B. Cooper 2, D. Rooke 3, H. Denman 4, F. Adams 5, H. Jackson 6, F. J. Jackson 7, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 8.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On July 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. Fleetwood 1, A. C. Chaplin 2, Miss D. Fleetwood 3, S. J. Carter (cond.) 4, C. E. Wright 5, A. R. Chapman 6, C. E. Brown 7, F. V. Gant 8. A birthday compliment for Peter Brown.

EWELL, SURREY.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. W. Munday 1, J. Hill (first as cond.) 2, Barbara Harris 3, R. Tomlin (first of Triples) 4, G. Smerdon 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, J. E. Beams 7, A. F. Rippington 8.

FITZHEAD, SOMERSET.—On July 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Commins 1, G. Walford 2, Miss J. Tattersall 3, D. T. North 4, F. Branchflower 5, C. W. J. Tarr (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 3 and 4.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—On July 30th at the Church of All Saints, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Griffiths (first quarter) 1, J. W. Griffiths 2, G. F. Sperring 3, J. Payne 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, S. Wood (first quarter) 6.

HORTON, BUCKS.—On July 19th, 1,440 Minor (720 Double Court, 720 combined St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Mrs. A. Price (first quarter) 1, P. Lawrence 2, S. J. Woodcock 3, W. Sparrow 4, F. T. Blagrove 5, T. Price (cond.) 6.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—On July 30th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: C. Finch 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss P. Kitchen 3, H. G. Andrews 4, C. W. Ottley 5, H. J. Ranzetta 6, Dr. G. H. Hollis 7, C. M. Meyer 8, J. Bullock 9, A. B. Wiffen 10.

KILBURN, LONDON.—On July 30th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Bob Doubles): Constance Brooks (first quarter) 1, E. M. Atkins 1, Elsie Lankester 3, C. E. Lankester 4, D. C. Birkinshaw (cond.) 5, J. Wilkins 6.

LONDON.—At Southwark Cathedral on July 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, A. W. J. Appleton (cond.) 2, M. V. Chilcott 3, D. Parsons 4, P. A. F. Chalk 5, J. Crampin 6, A. B. Peck 7, J. Phillips 8.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. S. Seeger 1, Miss R. Buchthal 2, D. Corning 3, R. K. C. Wilkings 4, E. Pratchett 5, G. A. Parsons (cond.) 6, A. Hughes 7, C. F. Neal 8.

MARGATE, KENT.—At the Church of St. John on July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Master John Nugent 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds 3, A. J. Smith 4, L. Twyman 5, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 6, L. Everest 7, A. J. Dadds 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Twyman on the occasion of their 17th wedding anniversary.

MARLESFORD, SUFFOLK.—On July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Berry 1, H. Vince 2, G. R. Finch (cond.) 3, A. S. Pipe 4, H. Shadrake 5.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Fraser (13 years) 1, Miss Sony Evans (14 years) 2, Miss V. Hunwicke 3, C. Ward 4, H. S. Arbin (cond.) 5, W. Langley 6. First quarter by 1 and 2.

PORTSMOUTH.—At the Cathedral on July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Oakshott (first quarter) 1, A. Lawrey 2, J. D. Harris 3, E. Jurd 4, G. Verrill 5, H. Nobes 6, F. W. Burnett (cond.) 7, F. Edwards 8.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.—On July 15th, 1,308 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 588 Plain Bob Minor): E. Jackson 1, B. Hallworth (first quarter in method) 2, D. Mottershead 3, W. Shaw 4, S. Sage 5, S. Hough, jun. (first as cond.) 6. Rung for Confirmation.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On July 27th, 4,224 Treble Bob Major (Ikoston Variation): B. Howard 1, W. S. May 2, V. Grimwade 3, B. Sadler 4, F. C. May 5, D. Coombes 6, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 7, G. Frost 8. Longest touch by all the band.

QUARTER PEALS

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

—At the Church of St. Peter on July 30th, 1,260

Stedman Triples: A. Dale 1, Miss O. M. Martin 2, H. V. Frost 3, H. G. Mason 4, R. W. Darvill 5, F. J. Spicer 6, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 7, F. J. Bailey 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On July 27th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss Sheila Mitchell (first quarter) 1, J. N. Haile 2, J. A. Haile 3, R. Percival 4, R. A. Johnston 5, F. Jackson 6, H. Wilson 7, S. Richardson (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major by 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. T. MacKay, wife of the tower captain.

SHAPWICK, SOMERSET.—On July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Bird 1, W. Cavill 2, I. Hillburn 3, F. Sandy 4, E. Skinner (first as cond.) 5, N. Burrow (first quarter) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hayes.

SHIPDHAM, NORFOLK.—On July 12th, 1,260 Minor (360 of Kent, Oxford, and Plain, and 180 Double Oxford): J. A. Cox (first quarter) 1, F. C. Johnson 2, A. W. Barber 3, S. Marshall 4, B. Gogle 5, G. P. Adams (cond.) 6.

STAUNTON, NEAR COLEFORD, MON.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. J. Webb (cond.) 1, O. Thomas 2, L. H. Jones 3, Walter Reynolds 4, S. Goodwin 5, E. Moulson 6. Rung with the bells muffled in memory of Thomas Barnett, a past ringer and churchwarden of this church, who was to-day buried in the churchyard, aged 99 years.

WALKDEN, LANCs.—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Walton 1, Annie Potter (cond.) 2, B. Welsby 3, J. Boyer 4, R. Scott 5, R. Collier 6, A. Burton 7, W. Scott 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Miss Veronica Lawton, daughter of Rev. H. Lawton, Vicar of St. Paul's, Walkden, killed in a road accident on July 20th, aged 23 years.

WALTON - ON - THAMES, SURREY.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Alderton 1, J. Hessey 2, Mrs. F. Collins 3, P. Alderton (first quarter) 4, L. Houghton 5, G. Curtis 6, F. Collins (cond.) 7, G. Barnett 8.

WHISTON, YORKS.—On July 16th, 1,200 Plain and Little Bob Minor, with tenor covering: Peter Longley (aged 12) 1, Cynthia Edmondson (15) 2, D. Elaine Wright (16) 3, Shirley Bampton (15) 4, T. Cutts 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6, S. Wright (15) tenor. Rung for the patronal festival.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.—On July 24th, 1,224 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise and 504 Kent Treble Bob): Shirley Bampton 1, Mrs. N. Chaddock 2, D. Elaine Wright 3, G. S. Lee 4, T. Cutts 5, Norman Chaddock (cond.) 6. First 720 of Cambridge Surprise by 2 and 5.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. S. Ruck 1, Miss P. Lowes 2, Miss M. Newton 3, R. Newton 4, R. J. Carlton (cond.) 5, M. S. Lancefield 6.—On July 23rd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. S. Ruck 1, W. J. Lancefield 2, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 3, W. P. Garner 4, T. Mogg 5, L. Smith 6.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On July 26th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent, 360 Oxford and 180 Plain Bob): P. Evans 1, L. Copnall 2, D. Kidd (cond.) 3, A. Rhodes 4, S. Sage 5, D. Mottershead 6. On occasion of dedication of Wilmslow Garden of Remembrance.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On July 15th, at St. Nicholas' Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Butler 1, W. S. Butler 2, P. Elliott 3, D. Portway 4, W. H. P. Mellin 5, A. R. Elliott 6, S. Bones 7, E. Bright (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for 3 and 6.

WITHCUMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Clifton 1, F. Burnett 2, J. Skinner 3, D. H. Kingston 4, W. G. Kingston 5, A. E. Richardson 6, J. L. Glanvill (cond.) 7, J. Deem 8. First quarter 4 and 5. For the ninth centenary celebrations of the diocese of Exeter.

Middlesex Association

MEETING AT BARNET.

The North and East District meeting, held at Barnet on July 29th, was very well attended and attracted visitors from most of the Home Counties.

At the business meeting, the Rev. W. B. Farrar (Rector) presided, it being his first experience as such at a ringers' gathering. Those present were asked to pay silent homage to the late Mr. W. Pickworth, a foundation member of the Association and an officer for many years, including that of vice-president. The provisional elections of seven members were duly ratified, and eleven ringers were elected as members, ten of whom are attached to the local tower.

Other routine matters were dealt with and then followed a lively discussion on the leader matter of the current issue of 'The Ringing World,' concerning remarks of the Archdeacon of Carmarthen that so many ringers never attended service and many rang whilst drunk. It was decided that the opinion of this meeting be made known through the columns of 'The Ringing World' to the extent that the words of the Archdeacon as originally reported were considered unjust, untrue and defamatory to the character of ringers. His words, if taken too generally would damn a lot of innocent ringers, and even the law-abiding citizens who habitually visit public houses for their well-being would not submit to an accusation that their acquaintances were often drunk. One section of the meeting desired the matter to be taken up vigorously by the Central Council.

The general secretary of the Association, Mr. E. C. S. Turner, sought the support of the meeting to a proposed new venture. Subject to sufficient support, arrangements will be made for a series of meetings, in the form of lectures, dealing with conducting and composition, to commence at the end of September.

The ringing, which took place at Barnet and Monken Hadley towers, was varied to suit all tastes, and the striking generally showed a definite improvement on the standard of the past few years. Thanks were accorded to the respective incumbents and towerkeepers and lady helpers in providing tea for another successful meeting.

T. J. L.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SOUTH NORFOLK BRANCH.

Glorious weather attracted 52 ringers and friends to the summer meeting of the South Norfolk Branch, held at Garboldisham on July 29th. The six bells of the Parish Church, also the six at the adjoining parish of Blo Norton, were rung to a large variety of methods.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, and at the meeting which followed Mr. W. L. Duffield was in the chair, supported by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Mr. Nolan Golden, Mr. Ernest Whiting (Branch Ringing Master), Mr. A. G. Harrison (branch secretary), Messrs. E. G. Bennett, C. E. G. Banham, W. A. Lock, W. G. Saunders and F. W. Phillippo (committee). Three new members were elected—B. Beales, C. Beales and A. E. Cook, all of New Buckenham.

Bergh Apton and Brooke were selected for the meeting on October 28th.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Collison 1, K. Hohl 2, G. Whitehead 3, T. Saunders 4, J. Medhurst 5, L. Honess 6, A. Richardson (cond.) 7, A. Woodley 8. First quarter of Grandsire Triples 2 and 3.

WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS, SUFFOLK.—On July 21st: Mrs. F. Jones (first quarter) 1, C. Fordham 2, E. Bishop (first 'inside') 3, H. Hunt 4, L. Sharpe 5, A. Cook (cond.) 6.

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In connection with the
broadcast from Eastbourne
on the day of the Cen-
tral Council, the following postcard, addressed
to the Conductor of the Bell Ringers, All
Saints' Church, Eastbourne, has been received
from John E. Ryan, 7, Linden Way, Water-
town, Mass., U.S.A.: 'Dear Conductor, I was
listening to the above programme and en-
joyed the ringing of bells here. Voices heard
were Mr. Frank Hairs and Mr. Rollison.
Touches heard were Stedman Triples and Kent
Treble Bob Major. Programme was enjoyed.
Reception was very good.'

Before making a claim, the band who rang
the peal of Rutland Surprise Major at
Douglas-in-Parbold, on July 29th, enquire
whether this is the first in the method for the
Association.

The bells of St. Thomas', South Wigston,
Leics, are to be rededicated on Sunday morn-
ing, September 10th, after having been placed
on ball bearings by the founders, Messrs. John
Taylor and Co. A peal tablet recording the
half-muffled peals rung to the respected
memory of Charles Marshall and J. Leslie
Willars, is to be dedicated at this service.
The normal Tuesday evening practices will re-
commence on September 12th at 7.30 p.m.

His many friends in the Exercise will con-
gratulate Mr. Albert Walker on ringing his
700th peal, which took place at Aston on July
29th. It has taken Mr. Walker 54 years to
obtain this total, whereas, he adds, the young-
sters of to-day are out to ring 700 peals in
seven years at the average of 100 peals a year.
There is, however, quality in his list, which
includes no fewer than 442 twelve-bell peals
rung in 41 different towers, including St.
Paul's Cathedral. Mr. Walker has rung peals
in 20 Cathedral towers.

BELFRY GOSSIP

In our quarter peal
columns there is recorded
this week 4,224 Treble Bob
Major (Ilkeston variation), rung at Rayleigh,
Essex. The conductor, Mr. F. B. Lufkin,
writes that this was rung in mistake for a
peal of 5,088 changes. He made the mistake
in copying out the peal and, strange to relate,
left out a course and put in another which
brought up the same course-end a course later.

Our editorial on 'Encouragement of Youth'
is by a well-known member of the Central
Council, who has had a very wide experience
in training young ringers.

The recent peal rung at Marlborough was
the first to be rung by branch members ex-
clusively. Mr. J. E. Buckley, in whose honour
the peal was rung, is deputy chairman of the
Marlborough Branch.

We welcome in our peal columns a peal at
St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh. It happened that
Mr. Peter Crook, sen., was in Edinburgh and
on the previous Sunday he asked what chance
there was of peal ringing. A band was col-
lected by the following evening, which in-
cluded Mr. Ian Jones, of the Bolton area.
Otherwise the rest of the company were local.
The last peal on the bells was rung in 1936
by a visiting band, and before that there was
a peal rung by local ringers in 1933.

The bells of St. Matthew's, Duffryn, Glam,
where a peal was rung on July 28th, are a
tuneful ring of six, hung in 1876, five years
after the church was built. No change ring-
ing was ever practised by the local band, and
call changes have been rung until about six
months ago, this despite efforts by neighbour-
ing bands to introduce change ringing. The
ice has now been broken, and the local band
are keen to learn change ringing, and one of
them, Mr. W. J. Locke, participated in the
peal.

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The Bells of Oberammergau

BY REV. A. G. G. THURLOW.

THE Bavarian village of Oberammergau is leaving an ineffaceable impression on visitors this year, not only by reason of its most moving Passion Play, being performed for the first season since the tercentenary performance of 1934, not only through its lovely mountain setting, but also by reason of its bells.

The Parish Church, a striking rather than beautiful Baroque structure, gives a constant impression of being alive. Services of many kinds are frequent. The great service at 6 a.m. before the start of the play leaves a wonderful impression, as do many others here. A remarkable part in the impression of life given by the church is played by the frequent and varied use made of its bells.

We made friends with the sacristan—who wears the long hair and beard traditional amongst male inhabitants of the village during the year of the play—and through his kindness saw the bells and learnt something about them. The tower, like many in the district, is narrow inside for its height, crowned with an 'onion steeple,' and the bells, seven in number, hang on different levels in a metal cage, the members of which seemed rather thin for bells of such a size swinging through a semi-circle.

The bells were cast in 1448 and 1449, by Kudos Nowsky, of Erding, and the arrangement for swinging them 'frame high' is called the Herforder Lautemaschinen 'Voco' by the Herforder Electricitats Werke, Bokelmann and Kohlo, Herford.

The notes are, so we were told, C, B, G, F, D, C and B, though unless my recollection is at fault, they sounded more like a ring of eight with the 2nd missing. The weight of the Bourdon, we were told, is 4,200 kg., and we guessed its diameter as about 4ft. 6in. We had not time to take all the inscriptions, but the 5th appeared to be dedicated to St. Michael, the 6th to our Lord, and the Bourdon to SS. Peter and Paul.

The use made of the bells is most complicated. On Sundays it is as follows: for the Angelus at 5 a.m., 12 noon and 9 p.m., the 3rd is rung, at 11 the 4th; for Mass at 7 the 3rd, at 9 the 4th, 5th and 6th; the same at 10; and the 3rd at 7.30 p.m. for Devotions. On week-days the Angelus is rung on the 4th at 5 and 11 a.m., also 5 p.m. in winter and 9 p.m. in summer; 4 and 5 are rung at 6.30 and 7.15 for Mass, and the 3rd for Devotions at 7.30 p.m. On festivals, the Angelus at 5 a.m. is on the treble, then on all the bells; Angelus at 12 on the treble, then at 5 in winter and 9 in summer. On days when the play is performed, in addition to the other week-day uses, for the 6.30 a.m. Sung Mass are rung first the treble, then all the bells.

In addition to this there are sundry special services, such as Confirmations, etc. The sacristan has to remember just when to press the buttons operating all the bells, in the midst of constant urgent duties, such as getting ready for dozens of visiting priests to say Mass daily, moving statues, altar frontals, flowers, etc., keeping lots of long-haired Biblical-looking servers in order, etc. His is indeed a full-time job. Mercifully, the electric buttons are in the sacristy, not in the tower the other end of the church.

The Editor would welcome anecdotes of unusual experiences connected with ringing, bells and towers. Most people in life have one experience which is out of the ordinary and of general interest to their fellow-men.

Festival of Britain Committee

AN INTERIM REPORT.

Dear Sir,—The Festival of Britain Committee of the Central Council is at present studying how ringers may take their full share in the events of 1951. From this a report will be made, with recommendations, to the Standing Committee, who have been empowered by the Council to take appropriate action.

The work of our committee falls into two broad divisions, corresponding to the official Festival organisation on the one hand, and to the countrywide local celebrations on the other.

Regarding the first, liaison has been established with the Festival authorities, and two facts of some importance have been ascertained through this channel. They are, that there is absolutely no possibility of erecting a synthetic tower on the south bank exhibition site, but that the Church of St. John, Waterloo Road, adjoining the site, is being rebuilt as the Festival Church, and that, just as the Royal School of Church Music is arranging for visiting choirs to sing at services in the Festival Church, so should we arrange for visiting bands to ring the bells.

It is the second division of our work, however, which is likely to offer most to the individual Guild or tower, not only by the suggestions we offer, but also in our capacity as a clearing house for ideas.

This brings me to the main purpose of this letter, to say how much the committee welcomes ideas about the Festival, and how much they hope that anyone with ideas will write to its convener. In this connection, it should be pointed out that all references to the Festival of Britain in 'The Ringing World' have been noted, and all will be given careful thought in preparing our report to the Standing Committee of the Council.—Yours sincerely,

E. S. JOHN HATCHER,

Convener, Festival of Britain Committee.

A CORNISH FAREWELL

The local band at Madron, Cornwall, is to be congratulated on ringing a peal on their own bells. This was a determined and heroic effort, and was rung at the third attempt in less than three weeks. The desire was to ring a peal before the bells are dismantled, which is shortly to be done by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. One of the new trebles to be added is to be the Truro Guild memorial to the late revered president and Master, the late Dr. John Symons. Any who have memories of Cornwall and the 'Doctor' may send a donation, if they desire, to the Rev. A. S. Roberts, Carbis Bay, who will send a grateful acknowledgment.

CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS PEAL

(See page 475.)

Dear Sir,—With further reference to the false peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, I find that I omitted to include in the summary of falseness that the 11th lead of the seventh course is false against the 5th lead of the first course. I shall be pleased if you will kindly point out the omission and oblige.—Yours truly,

L. W. G. MORRIS.

Bradford.

Apology

Dear Sir,—I wish to state that I made a mistake in reporting the annual general meeting of the St. David's Guild of Bellringers in that I wrote that the Ven. J. Richards Pugh, Vicar of Carmarthen and Archdeacon of St. David's, said that 'many ringers rang whilst drunk.'

I am satisfied now from evidence from various places that the Archdeacon made no such statement, and the report was the result of my faulty memory. As I am not mentally equipped to prepare such reports I shall cease to try in future.

I apologise to all who have been upset by my mistake, but assure everyone that my intention was not to spread malice or upset the work of the Guild but merely to report the meeting. I see no reason why the work of the Guild should not continue as though nothing had happened.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID H. BETTS.

Haverfordwest, Pembro.

PEALS ON FIVE AND SEVEN BELLS

Sir,—I should like to say that it seems logical to recognise a peal of Doubles rung without a covering bell if such a peal is rung in a tower that has only a ring of five. It represents the most that a five-bell band can do in a five-bell tower and allows them to ring a peal in their own tower.

But such a peal rung in a tower with more than five bells should not be recognised, since the other bell is there to cover, and it is no fault of the Central Council if the band meet one short, although it would be very bad luck. I myself would rather stand out than take part in ringing with one of the ring missed out.

It seems to me that the best basis is that which has been accepted by ringers in the past and up to these days, and that basis is:—

(a) Odd-bell peals with a covering bell.

(b) Even-bell peals without a covering bell.

These days any sort of leadership is resented, and if the two simple conditions (a) and (b) are not insisted upon, the standard will be lowered greatly and any kind of freak performance will pass, and although its ringing may be good and its changes true, the best tradition of the Exercise is spoilt.

J. C. BIRD.

Waltham Abbey.

JACK WORRALL'S BEARD

Dear Sir,—Having read the comments concerning Jack Worrall's beard, I feel that I must say, forsooth, that it is my bounden duty, as a member (female) of Bristol University Society of Change Ringers, to add my point of view. Although I have been a member for one year, I shall experience truly a great interest, perhaps, who knows, a delightful surprise, to see the real Jack Worrall.

It comes to my mind, however, that there must have been a motive for his madness. Unfortunately, the show-piece of our society has disappeared. Who now will uphold our glory? To those who have failed, 'try and try again'; to Jack, 'congratulations.' — Yours faithfully,
'A BAS LES BARBES.'

THE BELLS OF ST. CLEMENT'S

Story of Record Peal of Doubles

'The Australian Women's Weekly' made a double-page feature story, with nine illustrations, of the peal of Doubles of 8,040 changes rung at St. Clement's, Yass, on April 29th. Below we give extracts of the story written by Betty Wilkinson, staff reporter, on the performance.

MANY residents of the small township of Yass, N.S.W., felt disappointed because they heard no bells pealing during the recent attempt, in St. Clement's Church there, to break a world record for tower bellringing.

They had expected to listen for several hours to the pealing, but the Sidney bellringers had insisted that the sound should be muffled by boarding up the tower openings, and the bells could not be heard more than a few blocks away.

One reason for muffling the sound was the fear that the continuous ringing would worry patients in the District Hospital.

The bellringing added a picturesque touch to a month of centenary celebrations at St. Clement's Church.

The celebrations concluded the day after the bellringing with a rededication service, when the beautiful old church was decorated with tawny chrysanthemums and bright autumn sunlight poured through the windows.

Bishop G. H. Cranswick, of Kallista, Victoria, preached at the service, and at its conclusion pronounced the solemn and simple words rededicating the people of St. Clement's.

Since the Rev. H. P. Reynolds became Rector of St. Clement's at the end of 1948 he has reawakened interest in bellringing in Yass, and has an enthusiastic team trained by instructors from Sydney.

LEARNT ON COWBELLS

Although there was once a set of 29 handbells belonging to St. Clement's, these have disappeared, and when the new team started to learn it had to use cowbells.

Before the big bellringing event, Bruce Dunbar, of Sydney, spent a week in Yass oiling the bells, and making sure all preparations were complete. Even so, before the ringing started there were many preliminaries.

When one member arrived at the church tower carrying an outside in thick bristle doormats, so that his feet wouldn't get tired, his bellmates jibed, 'Why don't you get a mattress?'

Two of the ringers wore slippers to rest their feet, and most of the men wore shorts, as hours of bellringing can become very hot work.

The beginning of the bellringing was an impressive moment.

As the door of the church tower closed on the five ringers from Sydney, shutting out all sounds from the outside world, the first note of the bells rang forth. They continued for four hours and 34 minutes.

For all that time the five men stood pulling at their ropes and a sixth, the referee, kept an official record of their ringing.

The bellringers had set themselves a severe mental and physical test as they could not stop ringing at all, and must ring in their correct sequences, checked by the referee.

They were not allowed to take any liquid for 24 hours before the ringing began. This was to avoid perspiration and chafed hands.

CHOCOLATE FOR THE RINGERS

The referee kept chocolate handy, ready to thrust a piece into the ringers' mouths when he thought they were flagging.

By ringing 8,040 changes on the five bells they created an Australian record for ringing Doubles, the term used for five bells ringing changes.

The changes are the number of combinations it is possible to make with a given number of bells.

The greatest number of changes possible on five bells is 120, called an extent, which takes approximately four minutes. The goal aimed for 100 extents, or 12,000 changes.

The five members of the N.S.W. Bellringers' Association who rang at St. Clement's would have had to ring more than 10,080 changes to beat the known world record, created unofficially at Gillingham, Suffolk, England, in 1822.

RESULT TO ENGLAND

The Sydney team does not know what the official world record is for Doubles ringing, and it will send the result of the St. Clement's ringing to England claiming the official world record, and see if anyone disputes the claim.

Those of us near the church who were listening to the sweet pealing of the bells were jubilant when the ringers reached and passed the previous Australian record of 5,520 changes. This record was made at St. Jude's, Randwick, an Anzac Day, 1947, and there were two women in the team.

Even as an outsider I found it nerve-racking listening for the bells to stop.

It only needed one member of team to falter for the attempt to end, and after four hours and thirty-four minutes one of them felt he was going to collapse, so stopped 'rather than have my inside pulled out,' as he described it.

The ringers, all of them with many years of training, were Bill Rowe, of St. Jude's, Randwick, who was conductor; Ron Rowe and John Duncan, both of St. Jude's; Harry Short, St. Mary's Cathedral; and Robert Ferris, All Saints', Parramatta.

The referee was Edmund ('Chook') Fowell, St. Mary's Cathedral, who has the necessary qualifications to be recognised officially. When a record is made it must bear the signature of a qualified referee before it is official.

The referee must concentrate just as hard as the ringers do. He holds sheets of paper on which are type the changes, and must tick off each fresh lead-end.

Just before the towers door were closed a telegram arrived from the ringers at St. Peter's, Adelaide, wishing luck to Bill Rowe, who had taught them to ring St. Peter's bells when they were installed in 1947.

Mr. Reynolds, who had asked the bellringers to attempt the world record on St. Clement's mellow old bells, was the most disappointed of all when the bells stopped.

He had just said how precise and good the ringing was when the bells faltered and the silence we had all been dreading seemed to fill the air more than the previous sound.

Since the April day a hundred years ago, when the first service was held in the church, the history of St. Clement's has been the history of faith and service by generation after generation of worshippers and the Rectors and their wives.

'THE GRAND OLD MAN OF YASS'

An interested spectator as the bellringers made their final preparations was a venerable Yass identity, 78-year-old Mr. Arthur Smith.

He is the Grand Old Man of Yass bellringers. His father had been a ringer in England, and as his sons became old enough he taught them first the art of ringing handbells and then tower bells.

'We used to play at local concerts, just like any other variety turn,' he said. 'With six ringers we could ring any tune, as we had six bells each, taking up whichever one was wanted. We used to ring all the popular tunes of the day.'

As long as there was a bellringing team in Yass, Mr. Smith continued to train new members.

Bath and Wells Association

CARY DEANERY BRANCH.

At the quarterly meeting of the Cary Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, held at Cucklington on July 22nd, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (Rector of Kington Magna) conducted the service, and the Rev. J. A. Batcup (Vicar of Cucklington and Stoke Trister) was at the organ.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards based his address on Thessalonians i. 8: 'For from you sounded out the word of the Lord.' He drew a parallel between the Christian life and methods of sounding bells. There was, he said, the method of chiming bells by swinging them, the use of chiming apparatus, which he liked least of all, and ringing them. Only the last method brought out the best tone of the bell. So it was with religious life. So many Christians did not live their full religious life and were comparable to the chiming apparatus.

He referred to national revolutions which were atheistic in their inception. Great Christian countries had given in to such ideologies, but he was certain that such changes could never have taken place had the peoples been living their full religious life and had exerted their full power against the evil. In these days of individual and national offences against the laws of God and man, only the restoration of a full religion could combat this wrongdoing. Half-hearted religion was useless.

Forty-four members sat down to tea, and the branch chairman (Canon Wakeman, of South Cadbury and Sutton Montis) presided at the business meeting. Two new members were elected. Votes of thanks were accorded to Rev. Batcup for the use of the bells, to Rev. Edwards for conducting the service, and to Mrs. Batcup and her helpers for providing and serving tea.

During the afternoon and evening various touches from Rounds to Cambridge were rung on the bells. Stoke Trister bells were also available after tea. The last meeting held at Cucklington was in 1938.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society held its annual meeting at Nunburnholme on July 8th. Over 50 members attended with wives and friends and with two visitors from Leicester Cathedral.

The Rector (the Rev. E. W. French) conducted the service in the Norman church of St. James, the ringers completely filling the church.

Tea was taken in the schoolroom, which was full to overflowing, the overflow being accommodated on the green outside. Being picnic weather, there were no complaints.

Mr. G. F. Williams presided at the business meeting, where the annual report and accounts were approved. The Rev. French and Mr. F. Wilkinson were thanked for the use of the bells, a splendid country tea and arrangements.

Mr. H. F. Poole, president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, gave the good wishes of his Society to the Beverley District, remarking that he only intended to stay for a short ring, but had stayed through the afternoon to service and tea.

Good use was made of the bells in the evening. They are a very musical ring and easy to handle, and were rung in standard methods until 8.30 p.m.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Central Council Peal Decisions

AS ADVISORY BODY ADVOCATED.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Smallwood, I can assure him that my purpose was not to hamper the work of this sub-committee, but merely to try and ensure that those who troubled to write should have their views duly and impartially considered. I may be wrong, but I do think that when a committee asks for people's views, letters received should be acknowledged and passed round for consideration by all its members.

Mr. Smallwood will persist in thinking that my suggestions arise purely from self-interest. He refers to 'an alleged record performance of Double Norwich . . .'; but as this peal was accepted by the Council as a record in 1948, it should be quite clear to any reasoning person that this can have nothing whatever to do with it. To my mind, the conditions laid down at present as 'desirable' to be observed are obsolete and quite unnecessary. To remove them will merely make it easier for future bands to surpass this record, if they so wish.

Further, I have never taken part in any of these so-called 'freak' performances, or any which contravene the Council's decisions, so I have no personal axe to grind whatever. I must therefore ask Mr. Smallwood to try and clear his mind of prejudice and grant to my original letter that sympathetic consideration he promises to others.

I agree with Mr. Smallwood that the Council has no powers to enforce its decisions, and I therefore consider that it should not attempt to make laws which may require enforcement, but confine its activities to that of being a purely advisory body. I believe that people should be free to ring what they like. Why not? I have great faith in the good sense of the Exercise as a whole, and feel that ringers will arrive at what is best by a process of trial and selection, if they are left free to do so. I do not think that the removal of all restrictions would result in a spate of 'freak' performances, as I firmly believe that the majority of ringers are only interested in ringing what is worth while.—Yours faithfully,

C. W. WOOLLEY.

Bushey Heath.

LEAD TO FRESH ANOMALIES

Dear Sir,—From Mr. Smallwood's two recent letters in your columns, it would appear that the sub-committee appointed to review Central Council decisions has adopted the unusual procedure of making up its mind first and requesting viewpoints, etc., afterwards.

It is, therefore, easy to comprehend my opinions in any way opposed to the committee's observations, such as Mr. Woolley's and my own, have not even produced a bare acknowledgment.

A close study of the alleged impartial recommendations of the committee reveals that they are as full of 'snags' and loopholes as any previous decisions and, if carried, they will, in my estimation, lead to fresh anomalies cropping up year after year; indeed, it is extremely difficult to understand on what evidence or investigations these findings are based.

I much regret to learn from Mr. Smallwood that members of this impenetrable sub-committee have been 'stung' and rendered unduly anxious by my innocent use of the word 'bleat'—actually I am more concerned with their reactions to the important suggestions

contained in the penultimate paragraph of my letter—but I am led to wonder if they have ever heard the following verse:—

You may bark, bray or bleat to make yourself heard,

Like animals roaming the land;
But, whatever you do, don't be as the bird
Which buries its head in the sand!

With, perhaps, the addition of the words 'or clouds,' may I heartily commend the last two lines to Mr. Smallwood and his merry colleagues of the sub-committee.—Yours faithfully,

T. R. BUTLER.

27, Lynwood Gardens,
Orrell Park, Liverpool, 9.

AN EXAMPLE FROM EDINBURGH

Dear Sir,—It has been my lot to travel north, south, east and west of our ringing isle and never miss an opportunity to ring at places where I visit, and I have not yet met one case where drink or a drunken ringer has been in the belfry. I occasionally find cases of smoking, but a discreet reference often puts this practice out of use.

'The encouragement of care and attention' no doubt has been acted upon, and ringers generally realise their position and duties to the Church. In many places the 'leader' offers up a prayer before the commencing of ringing, and in some the clergy visit the belfry for that purpose. I was very much impressed when I recently visited St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh. The room was very clean and tidy, the handbells polished, an attendance and visitors' book, but, above all, a clergyman was there, and he gave a short but very impressive service which made one feel, when he was ringing, the reverence of his duties.

Perhaps if the Archdeacon of Carmarthen visited the belfry or arranged for a clergyman to attend he would have a different opinion.

PETER CROOK.

Belton, Lincs.

A SERMON OF THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON

Dear Sir,—The Archdeacon of Carmarthen, the Ven. J. Richards Pugh, had obviously not read 'Among the Bells,' by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, M.A.

In his book, which I do not hesitate to suggest should be read by all clergymen with any interest in ringing, appears the following passage, on page 226, chapter 10:—

My tale of peals in 1895 was a very moderate one. . . . On July 1st I attended at Annual Festival of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and preached from Luke x. 8-9 (the lost piece of silver), pointing out that 'the woman in the parable represented the Church of Christ; the lost piece of silver might stand for a neglected portion of church restoration, the condition of belfries, bells and ringers. These were formerly in almost a lost state; the ringers were known as some of the worst characters in the parish, and the art of ringing had become degraded. Now all was changed. Throughout the country these guilds and associations had gradually ameliorated this state of affairs; the Church, with her Divine Head ever present with her, and in her, had lit the candle; had sought diligently after that which was lost, and had found it; and now ringers were being recognised as church-workers, as church officers.

ALEC E. RICHARDSON.

39, Vale Road,
Southborough, Tunbridge Wells.

Clergy and Ringers

Dear Sir,—I have visited many towers in thirteen counties and I emphatically state that I have never once seen a ringer in any way under the influence of drink.

If the clergy as a body took more interest in the ringers and ringing they would have no cause to complain of non-attendance at services, and I am glad to say there are many instances where this does exist, and in all such cases the ringers are delighted to have the clergy with them.

I have personally received very great help and friendship from ringers, and am proud to reckon many of them as real friends.

If the Archdeacon would mix freely with the ringers he would find many men with a standard of intellect that would give him something to think about.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR MADELEY.

Minehead, Somerset.

SEARCHING DEVON FOR BELL CHIMES

Dear Sir,—When I was collaborating with the Rev. W. Pitchford in 1936 on his B.B.C. talks on Church Bell Chimes, illustrating the air and the harmony on the handbells, two of the Devon towers selected were Ottery St. Mary and Holsworthy. On my first visit into Devon to see Washfield, I asked my 'chauffeur' to make a bee-line to Ottery and Holsworthy. I wanted to hear the real thing, the church bells.

We came first to Ottery about noon and, lo and behold, the bells were ringing. There was a wedding on (August 4th, 1937, I believe). We sat on a tombstone to listen to the peal and see the bride. (To my surprise the next tombstone had my wife's name, Tryphena, on it.) At length the bride appeared, and the bells rang out most joyfully. Splendid striking on those bells. 'Good band that,' I remarked to my companions. The bells ceased, and I said, 'I am going to see the ringers.' They were ringing from the floor.

I greeted them and said I had travelled 200 miles to hear the chimes. They all seemed very happy, and said, 'Sorry, but we have got the job of ringing wedding bells all day.' (No wonder they looked so happy.) I told them I was disappointed. They looked at one another, the circle drew closer, whispering and nodding of heads took place. If I had had a net I could have flung it over those eight heads and caught the lot. At last the foreman spoke up. 'We will fall the bells, put the chimes on; you shall hear them before the clock strikes. Then we will raise them again. 'Downwards, here goes the treble,' and a splendid falling in peal took place. The nimblest ringer slipped up to the bell chamber and put on the chimes and O.K.'d from above. At last I heard the tune I had so often rung on the handbells. The nimble ringer came down and took his rope. 'All ready. Here goes the treble; treble's gone,' and a splendid raising in peal took place until 'Stand' was called.

I thanked them. I handed them something, asking them to drink my health as a brother ringer in Devonshire cider, warning them not to raise their elbow too high that day. 'We parted in much love,' as John Wesley said when in Devon. I told the driver to make a beeline for Holsworthy, but more about Holsworthy another time. But here, once again, was an instance of the kindness, helpfulness and English humour of this great brotherhood.

J. M. TURNER.

Washfield Rectory, Tiverton.

Peals Rung for more than one Association

Dear Sir,—On two or three occasions recently peals have been published as rung for two Associations (as recently as July 15th at Harrow Weald). This surely is contrary to Central Council decisions. I am not aware that the resolution passed by the Council in 1893 has ever been rescinded. With a view to the regulation of the records of peals in peal books, the Council passed the following resolution: 'It is desirable, when a band of ringers belonging to more than one Association meet to ring a peal, that they should decide beforehand to which Association such peal shall be credited, and that for the future no peal shall be pushed under the name of more than one Association.'

It was the practice, I believe, when the Peals Analyses Committee awarded 'points for peals,' that the points were credited to the first-named Association only. This would ensure that there was no duplication in the Council's analyses. It did not prevent both Associations from publishing the same peal in their respective reports and claiming it in the total rung for the respective Society, if they so wished.

To prevent this possibility in future, would it not be better for the Editor to withhold publication until the Council's resolution was respected!

F. W. ROGERS.

Cosham, Portsmouth.

TWO SOCIETY PEALS

Dear Sir,—I notice in Belfry Gossip a correspondent refers to a peal credited to the Lancashire Association and to the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The procedure in our Association is that if all the performers are members of the Association in a peal recorded to another Society, the conductor can, by sending particulars to the ringing secretary, ask for the peal to be published in our report, which is what was done on the occasion referred to.—Yours faithfully.

F. DUNKERLEY,

Hon. Secretary,

The Lancashire Association.

CALL CHANGE CAPTAIN'S APPRECIATION

Dear Sir,—I would like to offer, on behalf of Pilton ringers, our congratulations to the band of ringers who came to Pilton on July 27th. They came from the Salisbury Guild. I do not know the first thing about method ringing, but I know a little about call change ringing, and I also know when the bells are being rung. That band last Thursday gave us the best striking I have heard on our bells by method ringing, and it was a real pleasure to listen to them.

I am sorry we didn't have the pleasure of listening to them ring 5,040 on our bells but, owing to the fact that our church is surrounded by almshouses and old people, our Rector could not permit the bells to be rung for so long at a stretch. The ringers' names are: Mr. F. Harris (organiser), H. Abrahams, Miss E. Brown and Miss J. Brown (Salisbury), J. Mussell, P. Marlow and D. Reed (Winchester), P. Anger (Oxford), P. Cannon (Surrey), and W. Theobald (Middlesex).—Yours truly,

G. HARDING,
Captain, Pilton ringers.

'IN TOWERS AND PLACES WHERE THEY RING'

TRURO CATHEDRAL.

In the 'Truro Diocesan News Leaflet,' the Rev. A. S. Roberts, of Carbis Bay, is writing a series of articles on bells and ringing. The first of these, dealing with Truro Cathedral, is of special interest during the holiday period, when many ringers find their way to Cornwall.

In his Memoir of Bishop Frere, C. S. Phillips writes of Lis Escop: 'Its garden was a beautiful place, though Frere himself had none of the gardening enthusiasm of his predecessor, Bishop C. W. Stubbs, and of his successor, Bishop Hunkin, who have done so much to make it what it is. From one corner of the terrace there is an exquisite view of the Cathedral, and on Sundays and practice nights the sonorous tones of its magnificent old bells could be heard rising from below.'

If this is true of the garden, it is not quite true of the bells—magnificent, yes, but old, no. It will be only forty years on June 21st next that the ringing peal of ten bells in the north-west tower of the Cathedral was dedicated, together with the western towers and spires. The bells were then quite new. The coming of these bells was a surprise. They had not been prepared for, even though the western towers had been planned. It had been thought by Mr. J. L. Pearson, R.A., that the tower at the south-east angle of the south transept might have sufficed, in fact in this tower there are six bells, the largest dated 1770 and weighing 17 cwt., is hung for ringing and is the hour bell for the clock; the smallest bell, dated 1771, is now never used. The four quarter hour chime bells were recast in 1902 when they were all rehung in an iron frame, but with the exception of the tenor they are hung 'dead.'

When in 1907 Mrs. Hawkins made her gift to the Dean and Chapter for the building of the western towers the vision of a ringing peal came to bell enthusiasts—Messrs. J. C. Daubuz, A. P. Nix, Dr. J. Symons amongst them, and this vision materialised. The plan was for ten bells in the north-west tower and a bourdon bell (about 5½ tons) in the south-west tower. (Full details of donors, weights, inscriptions and cost can be found in the Chapter Room.)

The former were soon provided, but the latter is still a gift for the future. Mr. F. L. Pearson had to alter his father's designs by carrying up the stonework of the north-west tower for the foundation girders of the bell frame, and enlarging the bell-hole from some 4ft. diameter to 5ft. 6in. so the bells could be got in. To provide properly for the bourdon bell in the south-west tower the bell-hole should

have been enlarged some 7ft. diameter, but this was not done, although the Nunc Dimittis is reserved as the inscription for the bell. By some means it will now have to be got up outside.

There are 159 rings of ten bells in England, and Truro comes twelfth in order of weight with a tenor of 33 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in D flat. The bells are from the famous foundry of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and are 'magnificent' because they have been cast since modern methods of tuning have been used. Each bell is in tune with itself and each other bell in the ring. The bells are hung in two tiers, this being necessary because of the slenderness of the tower, with numbers 5, 6, 9 and 10 on the bottom in the 'H' type of casting, and numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8 above in the 'A' type of casting. The supporting girders are of steel. The bearings are plain, having been provided just before ball bearings were introduced, and have stood up to 40 years' wear well.

There is no more loyal body of Cathedral workers than the Company of Ringers. It is true to say that this has always been so. The present Master is Mr. W. H. Southard, who is the only remaining member of the band who saw the bells come into being, and he learned to ring soon after. He is also Master of the Diocesan Guild. A Past Master was the late Mr. W. S. Sitwell. The Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, secretary of the Diocesan Guild, was also Master for a while. It is because of the enthusiasm of such leaders that the Cathedral bells have never been silent for want of ringers. Method ringing, which is the highest form of ringing, has always been practised.

Fifteen peals, of over 5,000 changes each, in six different methods, have been rung in times varying from 3 hours 19 minutes to 3 hours 46 minutes, and in most of these some local ringers have taken part. The most productive period in this respect was from 1927 to 1936 when in ten years ten of these peals were rung.

The happy relationship which still exists between the Chapter and the ringers is typically expressed in a letter from the late Canon B. C. Corfe, who saw the bells dedicated, and who drew up the company's rules. It was written on Whit Sunday, 1929. One of these peals had been rung to mark his 25th year at the Cathedral.

'My dear Secretary,—I want two small communications from myself to be in your hands before to-morrow. The first is to beg you to express to the company, and especially to those who were ringing on that occasion, my most sincere and grateful appreciation for the honour paid to me in the belfry, when our bells commemorated my 25th year as Canon and Precentor of the Cathedral. I flung my windows open, and listened all through, with both joy and sorrow—with sorrow, to think that the break-up of my home happiness means for me my departure from Truro, and my many friends and well-wishers here; and with joy for the kindness of heart which set you ringing for me.'

'I shall never forget this, and shall think of it again and again when I have gone. The other is that I wish you all a very happy outing to-morrow, with decent weather. My only regret will be that I cannot accompany you, for the reason that I must be at the Training College on Whitsun Monday, especially as it will be for the last time. Our glorious bells, and those who ring them, will always be amongst the happy memories of my Truro days. Yours always sincerely, Edward C. Corfe.'

This has begun and ended with an appreciation of our Cathedral bells; long may this continue and likewise the service which is so lovingly rendered in the belfry.

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Control of Ringing Meetings

Dear Sir,—I am glad to notice that at last a cleric has drawn the attention of the Exercise to Canon 88. This certainly makes empty reading of those 'rules' which we often find in Guild and Association reports, such as: 'the secretary, or Master, shall be empowered, with the consent of the treasurer, to make up a band for the opening of any new ring,' or, 'they shall satisfy themselves by personal inspection or otherwise as to the state of the belfries and bands in their branch.'

It also makes null and void the position of a branch Ringing Master at a meeting to override the one elected by the incumbent and P.C.C. as the local captain where it is not desired.

Far too many ringers these days think of the Guilds and Associations as the controlling authorities of all church bells, as a sort of trade union, and that the parochial powers that be should just have to sit up and take notice. The above canon law just goes to show these people that they have no such powers, and only makes such 'rules' look ridiculous.

I admire any belfry captain or incumbent who refuses to allow such trespass upon his parochial rights and preserves. Surely we have enough Communist technique in industry without it creeping into ringing. Some are attempting to use the Guilds and Associations for what they were never intended to be.

P. AMOS.

Northampton.

[NOTE.—When permission has been granted by the incumbent to a Guild or Association to hold a meeting in a tower, the responsibility for the ringing and conduct of proceedings automatically passes to the District Ringing Master. Canon 88 cannot be interpreted to apply to such occasions. At a dedication service the responsibility for the order of the service, including the ringing, rests with the incumbent.—Ed.]

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTANTS DEDICATION.

Reported in dire need of rehanging eighteen months ago, the fine ring of eight at Higham Ferrers has been overhauled by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, at a cost of £430.

On Saturday, July 22nd, they were rededicated by the Archdeacon of Oakham (Ven. E. N. Millard), in the presence of a large congregation of parishioners, ringers from all parts and other friends.

The Vicar of Higham Ferrers (Rev. H. S. Hoar) conducted a short preliminary service, and then a procession of crucifer, servers, thurifer, clergy and churchwardens went to the belfry. Here the ropes were handed to the Archdeacon by the wardens, and the work was solemnly dedicated. The Archdeacon handed the ropes back to the Vicar, who distributed them to the ringers. The Vicar intoned 'Glory be to God on high,' and the choir sang out 'And in earth peace, goodwill towards men,' whereupon a short touch was rung. It was a very impressive moment.

A short and inspiring address was given by the Archdeacon before the collection, which amounted to nearly £6, so that only £60 had to be added to what had already been subscribed.

Tea was served in the Parish Rooms afterwards, and all the evening (except during evensong) the bells rang out merrily at the hands of many visiting ringers, who greatly appreciated the easy 'go.'

'MORE HASTE, LESS SPEED'

(Concluded from the previous issue.)

By A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

IN the previous instalment we referred to the Royal and Maximus forms of a method, Wembley, as shown in the Corrigan Collection.

The value of the collections of methods made by Mr. Corrigan to the Exercise of today is incalculable, and probably such as only history may be able properly to assess. Nevertheless, the collector himself would be the first to admit, no doubt, that in view of the pending work and results of the Methods Committee, and of the probability that they may recommend recognition of only the 'pure' or ideal forms of extension, the Collection of Royal and Maximus methods as now published can be in no sense a ringer's 'bible' of methods on ten and twelve bells. The reason is clear.

We have already shown that:—

- (1) Means now exist of deriving mathematically the extension of any method.
- (2) Such extension is called the Theoretic form.
- (3) If it complies with ringers' conventional requirements, including full-length plain course and basic coursing order, it is said to be in the Ideal (or pure) class of extensions.
- (4) If it does not so comply, then modifications in the method design may bring in those requirements; but such 'mods' are, in fact, steps of departure from the method. Such extensions are therefore in the Modified class.
- (5) A modified extension with the minimum possible of such steps is known as the Proximate form. Other modified forms, more remote (i.e., with greater number of mods), are not worth consideration as extensions.

Now, clearly, unless an extension is in the ideal class it is not a true extension. We showed in the previous instalment that Wembley Royal is a modified form. But, at least, it is proximate, and its Maximus extension is ideal. (See Nos. 576 and 858 in the Collection.)

But what of Rutland?

The forms given in the Collection, No. 519 Royal, and No. 849 (misprinted '859') Maxi-

mus, are not ideal. They are not even proximate! The Royal has at least nine mods in its lead, one of which is quite unforgivable. It is the removal of the position of place-making of the pivot bell from the lead to thirds. Also a feature peculiar to Rutland has been omitted, namely, when the treble dodges behind, contiguous 5ths and 6ths counted therefrom. Worse still, all this is unnecessary, for the proximate form can be produced with only one mod in the half-lead, i.e., contiguous 5ths and 6ths as the treble leaves its dodging on the front. Again, the Maximus shows six mods in the full lead, whereas none are necessary. The method, in fact, extends ideally to Maximus.

Now all this is not just matter of opinion. It is a matter of absolute fact. It is demonstrably true mathematically. It is there for any to see. What, then, of the rest of the Collection?

Well, at last, the practical ringer is becoming interested in what has for long been clear to the theoretician. Among such ringers is one of the leading conductors of these times, who has always been interested in method structure as an aid to the art of conducting. More recently he has taken up the study of Grid Analysis. Applying it in an examination of the Corrigan Collection of Royal and Maximus methods, he has been able to determine that several of the Royal and Maximus forms there are not 'pure' or ideal extensions. I have had the pleasure of checking this work and I concur with his findings.

But how far those non-ideal versions approach to the best obtainable, and whether in any given case the 'ideal' is, in fact, obtainable, it is not possible to say without further work on these methods.

But the Exercise may be assured of two things:—

- (A) That such work will eventually be accomplished.
- (B) That the results of such work will be found to fall within a category beyond the field of doubt or controversy.

A significant and interesting point is that much of the recent report of the Methods Committee has already appeared, though in different form, among the expressed principles of Grid Analysis.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM JEFFS.

We are sure that the friends of Mr. William Jeffs will learn with regret of his death, which occurred on July 27th, at Rosebery Avenue, Linslade, Bucks, after a seizure.

'Bill' Jeffs, as he was known to his ringing friends, was well known in the Bedfordshire Association and also had many friends in the Herts, Oxford and Bucks Associations. He was a regular ringer at All Saints', Leighton Buzzard, and St. Barnabas', Linslade, and was invariably present at district meetings.

Bellringing he loved, and he was a good striker on 6-10 bells, but not a keen peal ringer, having rung only three peals since he started ringing 47 years ago.

He was laid to rest in 'Old Linslade' Churchyard on July 31st. Ringers at Bromham, Luton, Dunstable, Woburn, Leighton Buzzard and Linslade attended.

A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave with his own handbells by the following: Miss V. Willard 1-2, F. J. Plummer 3-4, D. Harris 5-6, A. E. Sharman 7-8.

In the evening following the funeral two half-muffled quarter peals of Grandsire Triples were rung by the following band at Linslade: F. Vickers 1, F. J. Plummer 2, W. Insley 3, D. Harris 4, V. Willard 5, V. W. Conquest 6, J. E. Arnold (cond.) 7, R. Piron 8.

MR. JOSEPH LADLEY.

Mr. Joe Ladley passed away at Hertford, after a short illness, on Sunday, July 23rd, aged 81. He was a ringer for 54 years, and for the last 30 years was a member of the Hertford College Youths and also the Ancient Society of College Youths.

He was quite a 'character' and widely known for his kindly and jovial disposition and willingness to help the young ringer. He rang about 60 peals.

The funeral took place on July 27th, and the bells of St. Andrew's Church were rung half-muffled in the evening by A. Ager 1, A. S. Carter 2, J. Kemp 3, R. Dore 4, V. Neale 5, C. Springham 6, G. J. H. Ditton 7, P. W. Saunders 8.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

New ground was broken on July 15th, for the pond had its first outing; the first, that is within living recollection. The objective was Eastbourne and the route included as many rings as could possibly be fitted in. With friends from nearby towns, relatives and others, a fully loaded coach set off from Kingston at 8.45 a.m. Four irrepressibles soon started the handbells, but, whether it was the swaying of the coach or human frailty, it seemed impossible to get a touch round in spite of generous advice from all parts of the coach.

The first stop was at Reigate, where all had a pull on the ten, but, probably owing to the early hour, only rounds, Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung. At East Grinstead and Uckfield, the next towers, the band became more venturesome and Double Norwich was rung in addition. The weather was rather unkind up to now, but when Eastbourne was reached exactly on schedule and just in time for an excellent lunch the sun shone brightly. This seemed to inspire the band, for after lunch Cambridge was rung at Christ Church, and leaving this in progress some of the party went along to try the bells at All Saints'.

Strange to relate, all the party returned to the coach at the departure time, 4 p.m., and we left almost on time. The next stop was Brightling and this seemed particularly elusive in spite of the efforts of the driver and one of the party armed with several maps. However, after navigating several hills with alarming gradients we did eventually pass Brightling at a good rate per hour. When the driver was prevailed on to stop, the enthusiasts hiked back to raise the bells. The older (and wiser) members waited for the coach to reverse back. After a very enjoyable ring the party moved on to Burwash and a very good tea. So fortified, the party set about the Burwash bells with very satisfactory results.

The last tower, Fairwarp, was reached at 8 p.m. The trip was now behind schedule, but everyone was happy the full programme had been achieved. After various touches some of the members wandered around the surprisingly modern and beautiful church.

A happy ending to the day came on the return journey, when the handbell experts, tired but triumphant, at last succeeded in completing a touch of Bob Major. So home to Kingston, which was reached soon after 11 p.m. The whole party thoroughly enjoyed the day and determined that, although the first, this shall not be the last Kingston outing. The secretary (Mr. H. W. Barrett), who organised the trip, must be congratulated on the excellent arrangements. Thanks from all the company are offered to incumbents for permission to use their bells and to the tower captains or their representatives who came along and opened the towers for our pleasure.

G. C. G.

ST. MARGARET'S RAINHAM, KENT.

On Saturday, July 29th, the Rainham ringers and fellow-ringers from Chatham and Upchurch, along with their wives and friends, left Rainham at 7.30 by two coaches to tour East Kent, stopping at Sittingbourne for more ringing friends.

Hernhill was reached at 8.30, and ringing included Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Triples, besides Canterbury Pleasure Major and Double Norwich. Time was found to visit a 400-year-old house for an early morning cup of tea, for two members had travelled overnight from Crewe.

The next stop was at Quex Park, Birchington, the party being slightly behind schedule. There Kent Treble Bob Maximus, Grandsire Caters and rounds on the twelve were rung. Thence to Dreamland, Margate, for lunch, and after a short rest the party made tracks for St. John's tower, where the ringing in-

cluded Cambridge Major, Double Norwich and Stedman.

The coastal road was followed to St. Lawrence's, Thanet. Here a hitch developed owing to a wedding. After the service a course of Plain Bob Royal greeted the bridal pair, besides touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters. Deal was reached by 5 p.m., when tea was served in St. George's Hall before setting off for Walmer. Use was made of the handbells. Finding St. Mary's tower was another headache. The programme of ringing there was Grandsire, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, besides Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major.

The last tower (from 8-9 p.m.) was Wingham, where unfortunately a touch of Superlative came to grief. A brief halt was made at Sittingbourne in time for the last call for drinks. The ringers would like to thank Mr. G. A. Naylor for carrying out the Ringing Master's duties, also to the incumbents and captains, etc., of the various churches visited during the day, which enabled the party to enjoy such a successful outing, most ringers and friends finding their home about 11 p.m.

F. J. C.

WANSTEAD.

On Saturday, July 29th, a party of ringers from Christ Church, Wanstead, and St. Mary's, Woodford, accompanied by the Rector of Wanstead, the Rev. A. C. Gates, and fellow-parishioners, visited some interesting churches in Essex.

The first halt was made at All Saints', Purleigh, a picturesque Decorated church, surmounted by a chequered tower, a landmark in an upland village. It was here that the Rev. Laurence Washington, the great-great-grandfather of the first president of the U.S.A., was Rector for ten years. His son sailed to Virginia in 1657. Touches were rung on the six bells, four of which were cast by Miles Gray.

Then followed a zig-zag run through Latchingdon, Mayland, Steeple and St. Lawrence to Bradwell-on-Sea (Bradwell-juxta-Mare), an interesting village of old cottages, surrounding the 14th century church of St. Thomas, with its Georgian red-brick tower. Touches on a tuneful six followed, much to the delight of the incumbent, the Rev. Canon P. N. Maitland, a former Rector of St. John's, Loughton. He conducted the party to the lonely windswept Saxon chapel, St. Peter-on-the-Wall, one of the oldest Christian places of worship in Great Britain, founded in the seventh century by St. Cedd, on the site of the Roman fortress, Othona. In Tudor times it was used as a lighthouse, and until recent years as a barn. It was rescued by the generosity of the late C. W. Parker, Esq., of Faulkbourne Hall, Witham, who transferred the site to trustees. It was rededicated on July 22nd, 1920, by the first Bishop of Chelmsford, the Right Rev. J. E. Watts-Ditchfield, and since then has been the scene of annual pilgrimages.

The journey continued through Tillingham, Asheldham and Southminster to Burnham-on-Crouch, an interesting watering place and yachting centre. Tea was well served at the Star Hotel, the local shrimps being much appreciated. Reluctantly did the party leave the 'promenade' for the Perpendicular Church of St. Mary, with its well-going ring of six bells, its 16th century porch and late Norman font.

The final stopping place was Downham, a prettily placed church on the hills above the Crouch. Touches on the light six were much enjoyed, finishing up with a course of Cambridge Surprise. In 1947 four of the bells were recast and a treble and tenor added, the

gift of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Keddie, in memory of their three sons lost in the last war.

Darkness fell before the run home was completed. All agreed that the first ringers' outing since the cessation of hostilities was a great success and an excellent try-out for the learners on strange bells, and a 'feather in the cap' for the organiser, Mr. Ben Petty. Thanks are extended to the incumbents and ringers who met the party and for their warm welcomes.

BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT.

Early on the morning of July 22nd a coach went from Maulden through Henlow and Biggleswade, up the Great North Road to Eaton Socon, collecting members and friends of the Biggleswade District ringers before proceeding via Cambridge, Newmarket and Bury St. Edmunds to Stowmarket, where the day's ringing commenced.

While on the journey towards Debenham doubts were raised whether Debenham could be reached as on the outskirts of Stowmarket, with a splutter and bang, the coach came to a standstill. The fire alarm was raised, but luckily it was soon extinguished, and with the engine running once again Debenham was reached for more ringing, followed by lunch.

In the afternoon, Framsdon and Helmingham were to be visited. The turning for Framsdon Church was missed, and so the coach passed on the Helmingham, only to be led back by two of the Framsdon ringers, who had seen the party's plight. Helmingham was visited for ringing in its turn.

A short ride brought the company to Woodbridge for tea. Unfortunately there was no ringing there owing to the unstable condition of the tower. Ringing therefore had to be at the last eight-bell tower, Ufford. There was nothing but praise for the fine ring of ten at Grundisburgh, where the day's ringing was concluded.

As it began to rain darkness fell quickly, and it was with some difficulty that the main road was eventually discovered along the Ipswich by-pass. Home was made for. There were two diversions from the outward journey when the way was missed. The party arrived back early Sunday morning in ample time for service ringing.

This concluded a most enjoyable day, for which thanks are due to our organiser, Mr. Lewis H. Bywaters, and all who co-operated at the towers visited.

J. A.

REDENHALL, DISS AND PULHAM.

The annual outing of the Redenhall, Diss and Pulham ringers took place on July 22nd. The party of thirty-three, including Harry Moss (the comedian), left Diss at 7.15 a.m., and Stansted, Essex, was reached at 9.45, and ringing commenced with a course of Superlative Surprise Major.

After an hour's ringing the next call was Bishops Stortford (Herta), where the fine ring of ten was rung to Stedman Caters. Kent Royal, Bob Royal and Little Bob Royal. An hour's ringing at St. Mary's, Harlow, followed, and lunch was served at the Queen's Head Hotel. The Rector met the party at Hatfield Broad Oak, and recalled the happy years he had formerly spent in Norfolk. Then on to Great Dunmow, and after ringing various methods tea was served at the Tudor Restaurant.

The last call was at Finchingfield, and after bidding farewell to Essex a break was made at Bury St. Edmunds for supper. Diss was reached at 11.30 p.m. The party wishes to thank all who helped to make this tour such a success, and especially Mr. Cyril Barber for the efficient way in which he organised the outing.

A. G. H.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (S. and W. District) and ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Joint meeting at Acton on Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea in Rectory garden. Further ringing until 8.30. Names for tea to F. Finch, 14, Lancaster Gardens, W.13.—H. Matthews and F. Finch, Hon. Secs. 7386

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Fairwarp (8), Aug. 12th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 7403

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Marden, Aug. 12th.—J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 7400

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Abbotsbury, Aug. 12th. Usual arrangements.—J. H. Hayne, West Street, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 7401

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting, Rauceby, Saturday, Aug. 12th. Bells (5) available 2.30. Bring own food, cups of tea provided.—A. Wray, Hon. Sec. 7394

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Fressingfield, Aug. 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Fox and Goose 5. Notify L. E. Etheridge, Fressingfield, Diss, Norfolk. 7395

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The practice arranged for Aug. 12th at Hawley has been cancelled.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 7416

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—A ringers' day will be held on Sunday, Aug. 13th. Tower open 2.30. Tea readily obtained. Evensong 6 p.m. Ringers on holiday welcomed. 7399

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, Aug. 19th, Chelmsford Cathedral. Bells (12) 3.30 to 4.30 and after tea, 6 to 8 p.m. Names for tea by 16th. Handbells in the Rectory garden if desired.—A. B. Peck. 7385

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Goudhurst, Aug. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Names, tea, by 16th, please, to Miss H. Gorrings, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 7390

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Aberdare, Aug. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service at 4. Tea (small charge) and business meeting to follow.—F. J. Hannington. 7391

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Winford, August 19th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 7436

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Wallasey, St. Hilary's (6), Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided free for those notifying me by the 14th.—A. J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 7424

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Chatteris (6), Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 7434

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Meeting at Kington, Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells (6) 3.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Business after. Names for tea by Tuesday, Aug. 15th, to J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Avon, Leominster. 7422

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Burton-in-Kendal, on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. George Braithwaite, 7, Drover's Way, Burton, via Carnforth. 7430

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Thomas', Pendleton, at 3 p.m. on Aug. 19th. Cups of tea. Buses from King Street West or Salford bus station.—R. Benson. 7423

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Countesthorpe (6), Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 16th, to Miss M. Elsey, 9, Peatling Road, Countesthorpe, near Leicester.—J. R. Smith. 7420

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Somerby, Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Institute 5 o'clock. Names to Mr. C. Tyler, Somerby, by Aug. 17th.—J. H. Cook. 7425

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Coleorton, Aug. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in School 4.45. Names to Mr. W. Lord, The Moor, Coleorton, by Aug. 15th.—C. W. Hall. 7418

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting Saddington, August 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Saddington Hall.—L. W. Allen. 7426

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Alfreton, Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Cafes nearby. 7442

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Next meeting Ogbourne St. George, Aug. 19th.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough. 7429

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Waterfoot, Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells from 3. Cups of tea provided. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter. 7440

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Netherseale, Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for those who notify the undersigned by Aug. 17th. Look up Double Norwich.—J. Cotton, Overseal. 7433

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting Brown Edge, Saturday, Aug. 19th. Names for tea to Mr. A. Pointon, 126, North Street, Ball Green, Norton, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Secretary. 7412

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Kirdford, Aug. 19th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 7415

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Broseley, Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells 3. Much Wenlock in evening. 7441

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch Branch.—Quarterly meeting Ringwood, Aug. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30. Fordingbridge evening. Please notify tea to Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 7428

LANCS. ASSN.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at St. George's Church, Millom, on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Names for tea to J. Ullock, 23, Wellington Street, Millom, Cumberland.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 7439

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Gainsborough District).—The next meeting will be at Willingham on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells afternoon and evening. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous. Service 4.15.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 7438

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Marbury (6), Aug. 19th, 2.30. Names must be sent in by 15th.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 7437

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Christ Church, North Shields, Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells (10) 3. Names for tea to J. Palmer, 40, Bamburgh Terrace, North Shields. 7432

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western Division.—Crusader meeting, Aug. 26th. Hornchurch (8), 3.30-4.30; North Ockendon (6), 6-8. No. 370 bus from church to church. Meeting essentially for beginners. Tea arranged at Hornchurch for those notifying me by Aug. 24th.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 7414

FOUR GUILDS' FESTIVAL.—The annual gathering of the Ladies' Guild (Southern District), Guildford Guild (Farnham District), Winchester and Portsmouth Guild (Basingstoke District) and Oxford Guild (Sonning Deanery Branch) will be held at Wokingham on Aug. 26th. Service in All Saints' Church, 4; preacher, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow. Tea in Church Hall, 5. Ringing, 2-3, Binfield, East-hampstead, St. Paul's, Wokingham; 3-4, All Saints', Wokingham; 6-9, Arborfield and Binfield (6), Hurst, Warfield and Wokingham (8). Notify for tea by Aug. 19th to B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 7402

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NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.—Annual meeting, London, Sept. 16th. Lunch 1 p.m. (6s. 6d.), tea 6 p.m. (3s. 6d.) at Euston Tavern, Euston Road, opposite St. Pancras Station. Ringing, St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon; St. James', Clerkenwell, St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Margaret's, Westminster, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 4-5.30 p.m. Tickets from (with remittance) H. G. Jenney, Sec., 23, Larch Street, Leicester. 7427

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Yat-tendon (6), Aug. 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Rev. A. F. G. Farmer, Yat-tendon Rectory, Berks, by Aug 23rd. 7419

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting at Hoar Cross, Aug. 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Names for tea to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley, not later than Aug. 22nd. Newborough bells (5) also available. It is regretted that owing to poor response to my notice of July 28th, no coach will run from Wolverhampton.—Fred Bennett, Hon. Sec. 7431

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—Preliminary Notice. Surprise method practice at Loughton on September 23rd. Bells 3-5.—F. V. Gant. 7413

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary.—The annual dinner will be held in the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Tickets shortly available and obtainable from branch secs. or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 7397

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be at the Bars Hotel, Chester, on Saturday, Oct. 14th, at 6.30.—J. Kingdon. 7421

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RELATIONSHIP

MOST difficult of all relationships is the true understanding between the parson and his ringers. At once some of our readers will say there is perfect harmony in their parish, or perhaps they might be living in a parish where the parson is a keen ringer and shares the enthusiasm for change ringing; nevertheless, we are sufficiently bold to assert that the zest for ringing at every possible occasion is incomprehensible to the average cleric. It is equally incomprehensible to many of them that such enthusiasm for what is legitimately, on certain occasions, service to the Church as revealed Sunday by Sunday is not accompanied by a corresponding or comparable desire to participate in the corporate worship of the congregation assembled. If ringing is in the service of the Church, then ringers are servants of the Church, and as servants of the Church should participate in the privileges and duties of full membership. A strong point of ringers being churchworkers is made in practically all the objects of Guilds and Associations, as we pointed out in our editorial a fortnight ago. Can a claim be substantiated unless the ringers are full and practising members of the Church? That is the rub and the stumbling block of the relationship between the parson and his ringers.

It is futile to disguise the fact that we ring bells primarily for our love of ringing and the fellowship of the belfry, which in many towers is very deep-seated. By a coincidence—we like to think that it is Divine in its origin—the vast majority of our bells are hallowed and blessed to the service of His Church. The sound of the bells are in consequence His call to the people at large. To the non-ringing parson who knows nothing of change ringing the only occasions at which bells should be rung are for Church services and for, say, a weekly practice in exactly the same way as, for example, the choir render their service. Strictly, in the eyes of the Church this is so, but it would be a sad day for the art of change ringing if such a severe limitation was imposed, and we are convinced that it would ultimately mean the death-knell of the Exercise as we know it to-day, and ringing would be limited to the four standard methods or simple Double or Minor compositions.

Change ringing as practised to-day developed through its secular side. Ringers were attracted to the belfry as a sport, and from this developed the art of change ringing. Ringing then was essentially a trial of strength as well as an intellectual enjoyment. To-day, thanks to the skill of the modern bellhanger, the ability to ring peals is brought within the compass of the average healthy man or woman. In consequence the appeal is widened. What we would impress on our non-ringing clerical friends is that the sporting proclivities associated with ringing are a very big magnet. The efficiency of one is the main contributory factor towards perfect Sunday ringing, and without this enthusiasm ringing would be a very desultory affair.

But it is not a case of give all and take nothing. A ring of bells in an eight-bell tower to-day represents at least £3,000 of capital equipment. The privilege and the joy of ringing carries with it a corresponding sense of obligation and duty. Sunday service ringing is a hallowed function; the ringers are acting as God's agents, and it is an occasion for the best of their skill and not one for experimental practising. It is not in an Englishman's nature to be ungrateful, and we have a poor opinion of the ringer who takes all from the Church in the way of personal enjoyment and neglects to express his gratitude to the Church by failing to perform his Sunday ringing regularly. Fortunately for the Exercise the number of those without that sense of thankfulness is dwindling, and the rendering of this happy service is entered upon with enthusiasm.

It has been said by more than one leading Divine—and there is Scriptural injunction—that man's primary purpose on earth is the expression of worship and praise to his Maker; afterwards his love for his fellow-men. There is no mention of love of self. While the ringing of bells for Sunday service can well be an act of adoration and worship if the heart and mind are attuned to what is in hand, we feel that this is not sufficient. It must be followed by joining with others in the service of worship and thanksgiving that follows. Lastly, we should not neglect the second great Commandment of 'loving thy neighbour as thyself.' And who is my neighbour? The fellow-men and women in your Guild or Association. Work with them, not against them. Be charitable in thought and word and deed, and then it may truly be said that we are fellow-workers in Christ's Church on earth.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., July 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER... <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 2	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 8
ANTHONY W. J. APPLETON ... 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 9
DAVID E. PARSONS ... 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 10
*MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT... 5	PHILIP A. CORBY ... 11
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6	TONY PRICE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Maximus.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 3, 1950, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

PAUL L. TAYLOR ... <i>Treble</i>	*NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 7
KATHLEEN TILLEY ... 2	BURLEY MORRIS ... 8
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 9
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 4	J. FREDK. MILNER ... 10
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 5	*TERENCE A. THORNER ... 11
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 6	HAROLD J. POOLE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. A birthday compliment to Mrs. S. O. Cheney.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1950, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt. 4 lb. in D flat.

*VERNON SYKES ... <i>Treble</i>	PETER LAFLIN ... 7
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
EDWARD JENKINS ... 3	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 9
*ARTHUR PEAKE ... 4	WALTER ALLMAN ... 10
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5	JOHN WORTH ... 11
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 6	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

* First peal of Surprise Maximus. Rung to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the record length (15,312 changes) of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on August 5th, 1929.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

GEORGE SAYER ... <i>Treble</i>	†CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 2	*BERT GOGLE ... 8
*CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... 3	*FRANK C. PRICE ... 9
*ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 4	HENRY TOOKE ... 10
†WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM... 5	†FRANK H. HICKS ... 11
†H. WILLIAM BARRETT ... 6	†HAROLD WALKER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Plain Bob Maximus. ‡ First peal of Maximus. Composition contains nine courses in the tittums.

TEN BELL PEALS

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

*MARGARET E. RICHARDS <i>Treble</i>	E. JOHN BERRY ... 6
*MARION J. SKINNER ... 2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... 7
CHARLES J. GARDNER ... 3	THOMAS TOWNSEND ... 8
IVOR H. TRUEMAN ... 4	WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL ... 9
WALTER H. TRUEMAN ... 5	*ELI VINCENT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.
* First peal of Caters. A compliment to the Vicar, Canon J. Gilbert, and Mrs. Gilbert, on their silver wedding.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 7, 1950, in 8 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 12,740 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM S. MAY ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 6
JOHN L. MORRIS ... 2	*†GERALD FROST ... 7
*COLIN E. WRIGHT ... 3	*PETER J. EVES ... 8
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY... 4	*JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 9
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 5	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Bob Royal. † 50th peal. The conductor's 150th peal for the Association. Longest length by all.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

WALTER C. MEDLER ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE SAYER ... 5
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 2	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 6
F. CHAS. GOODMAN ... 3	BERT GOGLE ... 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4	GEORGE BAILEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., July 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 100 lb. in F sharp.

*VINCENT R. OVENS ... <i>Treble</i>	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
*CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... 2	GEORGE SAYER ... 6
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 3	*BERT GOGLE ... 7
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 4	NORMAN V. HARDING ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

PHILIP J. COWARD ... <i>Treble</i>	ALICK CUTLER ... 5
*G. WILFRED SLACK ... 2	*JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 6
JOHN G. NASH ... 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 7
*MRS. N. O. L. MANCHIP ... 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... <i>Tenor</i>

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Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 10½ cwt.
EDWIN J. UPTON ... *Treble* ... †AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 5
*DAPHNE W. BARKER ... 2 ... †GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN ... 6
*ANNE M. STOCKDALE ... 3 ... †WALTER AYRE ... 7
*TERENCE G. MORTON ... 4 ... †BRIAN W. BARKER ... *Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Triples and in the method. † 100th peal together.
† First peal of Triples. The conductor's 600th peal. He has now
circled this tower. Rung half-muffled in memory of Alfred J. Rogers,
a ringer at this church, who was interred on the Monday previous.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's. Tenor 7½ cwt.
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... *Treble* ... GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 5
*OWEN NEEDHAM ... 2 ... WALTER TOMLINSON ... 6
NORAH M. BIBBY ... 3 ... JOHN A. FREEMAN ... 7
*MARGARET A. SWANN ... 4 ... CHARLES E. BROWN ... *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 17 cwt.
FREDK. W. ROGERS ... *Treble* ... JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... 5
NELIA M. LEAHY ... 2 ... TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 6
JESSIE M. KIPPIN ... 3 ... JOHN H. HUNT ... 7
LESLIE D. DUGUID ... 4 ... HENRY T. MACEY ... *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

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BOREHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.
ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... *Treble* ... PERCY GREEN ... 5
ERNEST S. RUNTER ... 2 ... HERBERT DEVENISH ... 6
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 3 ... PETER J. CHILDS ... 7
REGINALD C. THRIFT ... 4 ... ARTHUR H. EDWARDS ... *Tenor*

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THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 11 cwt.
MISS B. A. CARTER ... *Treble* ... *JOHN F. BUTLER ... 5
*MRS. E. D. POOLE ... 2 ... †FREDK. G. BEDDOW ... 6
†E. DENIS POOLE ... 3 ... †CLIFFORD A. BARRON ... 7
JOHN N. LINDON ... 4 ... †ALFRED E. G. OWEN ... *Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Triples. ‡ 25th
peal together. § First peal on eight. First peal of Stedman as con-
ductor.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.
REGINALD L. SILLS ... *Treble* ... JAMES BENNETT ... 5
RALPH BIRD ... 2 ... FRANK I. HAIRS ... 6
*GEOFFREY W. ASHDOWN ... 3 ... HARRY PARKES ... 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 4 ... PHILIP A. CORBY ... *Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal of Surprise.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF CHARITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Six-part (No. 9). Tenor 20 cwt. in F.
ERIC NAYLOR ... *Treble* ... GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... 5
*EILEEN WYLES ... 2 ... *WILFRED S. PALIN ... 6
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 3 ... *VICTOR A. JARRETT ... 7
*CYRIL S. JARRETT ... 4 ... GEORGE WOOD ... *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal in the method. Arranged and rung for the wedding
of Mr. G. Nicholson, B.Sc., to Miss Doreen Pack, daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. F. Pack. Both the bride and bridegroom, as well as the
bride's father, are ringers at the above church.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1950, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.
*GEORGE E. CLODE ... *Treble* ... *PATRICK PAGE ... 5
†AUDREY MORRISON ... 2 ... TOM PAGE ... 6
C. ERNEST SMITH ... 3 ... HAROLD A. MAY ... 7
†JOHN A. ETHERINGTON ... 4 ... WILLIAM T. BEESON ... *Tenor*
Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. ‡ 25th peal.
First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 104 lb. in F.
PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD *Treble* ... NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
GEORGE H. MOORE ... 2 ... CHARLES H. MOORE ... 6
CHAS. E. G. BANHAM ... 3 ... GEORGE SAYER ... 7
*JOHN S. BARNES ... 4 ... HAROLD WALKER ... *Tenor*
Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Major.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.
*D. KAY ADKINS ... *Treble* ... ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 5
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 2 ... GEOFFREY DODDS ... 6
LEONARD STILWELL ... 3 ... RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 7
JOHN F. GOODALL ... 4 ... FRANK E. DARBY ... *Tenor*
Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method by all the
band.

CHERITON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Worcester Variation. Tenor 7 cwt.
JOHN H. BAXTER ... *Treble* ... EILEEN S. WYLES ... 5
PETER NEWING ... 2 ... WILFRED S. PALIN ... 6
PETER J. H. SMALL ... 3 ... THOMAS H. HOLMES ... 7
ALAN S. BUTLER ... 4 ... WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... *Tenor*
Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.
First peal of Spliced Treble Bob by all the band. The peal con-
tains no bobs.

WOBBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.
CLIFFORD IZZARD ... *Treble* ... MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 5
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 2 ... RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 6
ALICK CUTLER ... 3 ... C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 7
*RONALD J. SHARP ... 4 ... HARRY PARKES ... *Tenor*
Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by M. S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Bristol 'inside.' In memoriam William Jeffs.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

POLESWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., July 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

F. GEORGE BAILEY ... Treble	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 4
*WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ... 2	†GORDON H. LANE ... 5
WILLIAM H. CURSON ... 3	ROLAND BENISTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal of Minor in three methods. † First peal of Minor.

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 31, 1950, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Reverse Canterbury and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON ... Treble	PETER HALLAM ... 4
E. CHARLES TURNER ... 2	REGINALD C. TIPLER ... 5
GEORGE PICKERING ... 3	JOSEPH TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH TAYLOR.

BRAMLEY, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

HAROLD A. MAY ... Treble	†WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4
*PAMELA A. WARREN ... 2	†JOHN A. ETHERINGTON ... 5
†AUDREY MORRISON ... 3	TOM PAGE ... Tenor

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Cambridge Minor. First peal of Cambridge Minor on the bells.

ST. PAUL'S, WALDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Bob and two 720's each of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.)

WILLIAM F. TODD ... Treble	GEORGE CHERRY ... 4
ALFRED C. HARRIS ... 2	EDGAR W. WINTERS ... 5
ALBERT E. SYMONDS ... 3	FRANK W. CROFT ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

Rung for the 50th birthday of H.M. the Queen.

BLUNSDON, WILTSHIRE.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

(Wiltshire Branch.)

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

*WENDY PEAKE ... Treble	BERNICE M. STRANGE ... 4
MARGARET E. RICHARDS ... 2	BERYL J. STRANGE ... 5
†MARION J. SKINNER ... 3	ENID L. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by ENID L. ROBERTS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor and in the method. First peal as conductor. First peal of Minor for the Wiltshire Branch. The first time a lady has rung a peal on the bells.

CRICKLADE, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAMPSON,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores each of Plain Bob and St. Simon's and 18 of Grandsire. Tenor 12½ cwt.

W. W. T. DANIEL ... Treble	ANTHONY R. PEAKE ... 3
BRIAN BLADEN ... 2	PETER ANGER ... 4

WALTER H. TRUEMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

First peal as conductor and believed to be the first peal on the bells.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS ... Treble	ALBERT CARTER ... 4
ANTHONY R. AGER ... 2	NATHAN PATMORE ... 5
*JOHN KEMP ... 3	SIDNEY F. CARTER ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER.

* First in three methods 'inside.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Anthony Ager, ringer of the second.

NETTLEHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 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, Single Court, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

MARGARET A. SWANN ... Treble	MOSES BILLINGS ... 4
GEOFFREY R. PARKER ... 2	ROBERT PARKER ... 5
OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... 3	JOHN E. COOK ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

Rung for the Rev. H. Cotton-Smith, who is retiring after 23 years as Vicar of the above church.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

HARRY WYMARK ... Treble	FREDERICK DAY ... 4
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 2	LEONARD PRYKE ... 5
RICHARD CHAMBERS ... 3	DENNIS A. SYMONDS ... Tenor

Conducted by STEDMAN H. SYMONDS.

GREAT BIRCHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores and one 240 (Morris') of Grandsire, 16 six-scores of St. Simons and 12 Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 17 lb.

JOHN COUZINS ... Treble	†VINCENT R. OVENS ... 3
*PETER BEALES ... 2	CHARLES TOVELL ... 4
TONY OWEN ... 3	... Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

* First peal 'inside.' † 25th peal.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES W. HAW ... Treble	DENIS A. FRITH ... 4
EVELYN M. WRIGHT ... 2	†DONALD H. METTAM ... 5
*CYRIL H. CAUNT ... 3	JAMES H. MUSSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

RAMPTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Oxford Bob and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

A. B. CRAWFORD ... Treble	KATHARINE BURCHNALL ... 4
*C. COOK ... 2	HAROLD DENMAN ... 5
GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	FREDERICK JACKSON ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

* First peal in four methods. Rung as a welcome to Rev. G. W. Leslie, who was inducted on July 27th.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 7, 1950, 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.

HARRY COMMINS ...	... Treble	*DAVID NORTH ...	4
STANLEY BRISTOW ...	2	CLAUDE TARR ...	5
*JEAN TATTERSALL ...	3	GORDON WALFORD ...	Tenor

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Conducted by CLAUDE TARR.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor.

HUTTON CRANSWICK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

LEONARD RODMELL ...	... Treble	JOHN W. HOBSON ...	4
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ...	2	FRED OSGERBY ...	5
PHILIP H. SPECK ...	3	CHARLES BARKER ...	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

First peal on the bells.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Hereward Bob, Double Bob, Double and Single Court, Double and Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

LEONARD DERRICK ...	... Treble	VICTOR SAVAGE ...	4
GEORGE CLARE ...	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT ...	5
EDWARD J. CHIVERS ...	3	RONALD G. BECK ...	Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., Aug. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb.

ALAN ELSMORE ...	... Treble	ERNEST STITCH ...	4
GEORGE W. HUGHES ...	2	HOWARD HOWELL ...	5
J. NORMAN HADLEY ...	3	MAURICE G. TURNER ...	Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

The first peal on the bells since being recast and augmented.

HANDBELL PEALS

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S CHURCH RINGING CHAMBER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

ALBERT H. WARD ...	1-2	*FREDK. A. SALTER ...	5-6
CLEMENT GLENN ...	3-4	FREDK. G. HOOPER ...	7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First handbell peal of Triples with an 'inside' pair.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Wed., Aug. 9, 1950, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,

AT 78, NEW ROAD,

A PEAL OF REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

N. DAVID LANE ...	1-2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ...	3-4
VINCENT W. RIGG ...	5-6		

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

First peal of Minor in the method by all.

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NORTHAM, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., July 24, 1950, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JACK MUSSELL Treble	†PETER ANGER 5
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS 2	DAVID R. REED 6
*JEAN M. BROWN 3	FRANK L. HARRIS 7
A. PATRICK CANNON ... 4	RONALD N. MARLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal of Cambridge Major and 25th peal. † First peal of Surprise Major. The first Surprise peal on the bells.

SOUTH MOLTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Tues., July 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in D.

*M. ELIZABETH BROWN... Treble	PETER ANGER 5
JEAN M. BROWN 2	FRANK L. HARRIS 6
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS 3	RONALD N. MARLOW ... 7
DAVID R. REED 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON

* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wed., July 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AD VINCULA,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

JACK MUSSELL Treble	†HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS 5
*M. ELIZABETH BROWN ... 2	DAVID R. REED 6
PETER ANGER 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... 7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD... 4	RONALD N. MARLOW ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

* First peal of Major 'inside.' † First peal in method. First peal of Kent Major as conductor. The first peal of Major on the bells.

CHITTLEHAMPTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Fri., July 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HIERITHA,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 15 lb. in F sharp.

*JACK MUSSELL Treble	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD... 5
*JEAN M. BROWN 2	*DAVID R. REED 6
†FRANK L. HARRIS 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... 7
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS 4	*RONALD N. MARLOW ... Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor. The first peal of Major on the bells.

HIGH BICKINGTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Fri., July 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.

*JACK MUSSELL Treble	†JEAN M. BROWN 5
†WILLIAM A. THEOBALD... 2	†FRANK L. HARRIS 6
*M. ELIZABETH BROWN ... 3	*PETER ANGER 7
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal together. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method for the Guild.

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LOUGHBOROUGH



The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

QUARTER PEALS

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Roger Soars 1, Kevin Thompson 2, Geoffrey Lowe 3, J. W. Lowe 4, Keith Lovett 5, H. Myatt (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 1, 2 and 3.

BULKINGTON, WARKS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Knight 1, L. Trevor (cond.) 2, Miss M. Bailey 3, H. Ashley 4, B. Ellender 5, D. Ellender 6, A. J. Hinde 7, J. T. Symonds (first quarter of Triples) 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. J. Warden, mother of a local ringer.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. J. Westmacott 1, H. C. Parker 2, M. C. F. Collett 3, J. G. Collett 4, E. J. Hill 5, W. J. Dixon 6, T. W. Timms (cond.) 7, A. E. Lomas 8. Rung in honour of the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen and on the birthday of the 2nd ringer.

BURGHOLERE, HANTS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Beasley 1, P. E. Dodd 2, M. J. Goss 3, A. B. Brooks (first 'inside') 4, G. K. Dodd (conductor) 5, G. Evans (first quarter) 6.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On July 30th at St. James', 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, G. A. Parsons 2, R. W. Green 3, G. Charge 4, Dr. W. R. Winterton 5, W. D. Prockson 6, J. Euston 7, A. W. Coles (cond.) 8. A 71st birthday compliment for treble ringer.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On July 23rd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: S. G. Elsey 1, W. Clover 2, T. Spight 3, E. Mastin 4, G. Adams 5, W. Farrow 6, B. Gogle (first quarter in method) 7, H. Tooke (first in method as cond.) 8.

FORNHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. Stannard (cond.) 1, C. Stannard 2, J. Stannard 3, D. Rowlands 4, J. Banks 5, W. Goodship 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. A. Ozanne, who was interred the same day.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On Aug. 6th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: E. W. Thurlow 1, P. D. Beedie (first in method) 2, Miss E. K. Fulton 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart 5, C. C. Mayne 6, J. R. Mayne (first in method as cond.) 7, M. F. R. Hibbert 8. Rung to wish the ringer of the 2nd success during his training course at Cheltenham.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Etwell (age 77, first quarter) 1, D. A. Johnson 2, W. E. A. Andrews (first quarter) 3, P. E. Dodd 4, T. Oram 5, M. J. Dodd 6, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 7, J. F. Smith 8. Rung with 1-2 leading.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Aug. 6th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: W. F. Todd 1, A. C. Harris (first quarter in method) 2, G. Cherry 3, M. Chalkley (first of Major) 4, A. E. Symonds 5, E. W. Winters 6, W. J. Croft 7, F. W. Croft (cond.) 8.

LEICESTER.—On July 23rd, for St. Margaret's Patronal Festival, 1,205 Grandsire Caters: G. Olliffe 1, Ernest Morris (cond.) 2, H. Kilby 3, T. Bent 4, J. Adams 5, C. Walker 6, J. Beamley 7, J. Drewery 8, John J. Morris 9, E. Clements 10.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On July 31st at All Saints' Church, 1,349 Grandsire Caters: J. Conquest 1, F. J. Plummer 2, F. Vickers 3, B. Whitney 4, R. Butcher 5, R. Prior (first quarter) 6, Miss V. Willard 7, V. W. Conquest 8, J. E. Arnold 9, W. Insley 10.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Taylor (age 14) 1, W. Newman 2, C. Rouse (cond.) 3, D. Surman (age 15) 4, R. Dowdeswell (first 'inside') 5, B. Parkin 6, G. Walters 7, F. Pendry 8. First quarter 1, 4 and 6. Rung half-muffled for fallen in the last war. 7.6.8 tenors.

BELLS AND CANNON

By ERNEST MORRIS, F.R.Hist.S.

There would seem to be no connection between these emblems of peace and war, but since the early use of cannon they have been intimately associated as the author of this article shows.

BELLS and cannon—these two subjects seem very contradictory—the first being usually associated with the life and call of the Church, the other often is the herald of death and destruction. Far removed though they may seem, yet often have they been intimately connected.

Bells have frequently been taken as spoils of war, mostly to be broken up and used in making cannon and other munitions. Many instances of this could be quoted, one of the most famous being during the Great European War (1914-18), when the Austrian Government consigned to the melting pot the great bell of St. Stephen's Church, Vienna. This bell had been cast in the year 1710 at the command of Emperor Joseph I., from the metal of 180 cannon captured from the Turks, and weighed nearly 18 tons. Another great bell, cast from French cannon captured during the Franco-German war, and weighing over 25 tons, was placed in Cologne Cathedral in 1874, and called the 'Kaiserglocke.' This was removed during the Great War (1914-18) and melted down for munitions to be used against the French, even as it itself had been originally mainly cast from French cannon. In 1925, however, a new bell was placed in Cologne Cathedral to replace the last-named, and of about the same weight. In the earlier part of the same war, the Russians removed many hundred bells from the war area, and it is well known that both in Belgium and France many churches suffered the loss of their bells.

At Liversedge, Yorkshire, there is a complete ring of eight bells cast from cannon, and the inscription on one of them states:—

'These eight bells were cast in 1814 and 1815, with brass ordnance taken at Genoa.' Another episode of the Great War was when the Germans removed many bells from the churches of South Jutland, and to replace them in 1925 an order was given for 44 bells to be cast from the metal of 60 old brass cannon supplied by the Copenhagen Arsenal. At Roverto, Italy, is a bell known as the 'Death Bell,' and this was cast from metal from the guns of all nations who participated in the war. It is rung nightly in honour of the dead.

Our English mediæval bellfounders, too, did not always merely follow the craft of turning out bells only, for in those days they were not so much in demand as in later times. The founders, therefore, cast pots, lavers, mortars and even guns. Bell-metal is very similar to what was known as gun-metal before the invention of ordnance, first of cast iron, then, as we have it to-day, of steel. In Henry VIII's time the exportation of bells and bell-metal became a criminal offence. An Act was passed which read: 'Noe p'son or p'sons shoulde from henceforthe carrye or convey any brasse, copper, laten, bellmetall, gunemetall, nor shroffe metall into anye part or parts beyonde the sea upon payne of forfeiture of the said metall.' It is possible that the object of this law was to prevent bell-metal being purchased by unfriendly foreign powers, who might convert it into ordnance to be used against us. There was, of course, huge quantities of bell-metal for disposal after the dissolution of the monasteries about this time.

The Bury bellfounders of the 15th century used as their foundry mark, which passed on to successive proprietors, an elaborate shield

bearing a crowned bell, the keys of St. Peter, the crossed arrows, symbolic of St. Edmund (St. Edmundsbury) and a cannon with ball. In addition are the letters 'H.S.'—initials of the first founder there who combined the crafts of gunfounding with that of bellfounding. Similarly, other bellfounders did the same during this period. An instance of this is shown by the activities of Robert Mot, who founded the now famous Whitechapel Bellfoundry as long ago as 1570, in that he cast cannon for Queen Elizabeth's ships of war, at the time of the Spanish Armada. We have an instance of a bellfounder who was unfortunately killed while casting cannon. This was Matthew Bagley, one of a famous family of bellfounders of Northamptonshire who, migrating to London, acquired the Royal foundry of Philip Wightman. The tragic manner in which he lost his life is thus described in the 'Flying Post' of May 12th, 1716:—

'Last Thursday night about nine o'clock a tragical accident happened at the Royal Foundry near Upper Moorfields, where, when the workmen were casting a cannon, the metal that was running into the mould flew up on a sudden with great noise and violence, and came down like drops of fire, not only upon all the workmen, but spectators (of whom there was a great number to see the performance). Several attended from the Tower, particularly Mr. Hall, Clerk of the Ordnance, who was so sorely wounded that he dyed next morning. The Master Founder and his son with above twenty others were also very much hurt. 'Tis generally agreed that the said accident was owing to the dampness of the mould.'

The 'Weekly Journal' of the same day further states that 'Bagley, the master founder, has lost his eyes, and his son and sixteen others are desperately wounded.' Both father and son died of their injuries as the register of St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate, shows:—

'1716. May 22. Matthew Bagley, Founder, killed.
„ 26. Matthew Bagley, Jun., killed.'

As with other foundries and similar works, during the 1914-1918 War, our bellfounders converted their works into munition factories, and in the 1939-1945 conflict they did similar war work and, in addition, turned out thousands of handbells for the A.R.P.

QUARTER PEALS

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. J. Carter 1, C. E. Wright (cond.) 2, S. Meadows 3, S. Penfold 4, A. R. Chapman 5, C. Brown 6.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 6th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. W. Howlett 1, C. W. Thompson 2, S. W. Copling 3, A. E. Head 4, G. Gower 5, C. Barber 6, L. E. Etheridge 7, W. J. Flatt (cond.) 8.

ST. BREOCK, CORNWALL.—On July 28th, 1,200 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss G. M. Roberts (first quarter) 1, J. C. Northey 2, A. H. Eplett 3, S. J. Robinson (first in method) 4, A. J. Webster (first as cond.) 5, J. R. Roberts (first quarter) 6.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Newman 1, B. Bladon 2, A. Peake 3, F. J. Read (first of Triples as cond.) 4, T. A. Palmer 5, P. Anger 6, W. A. T. Carter 7, G. Barnes 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On July 25th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: C. W. Woolley 1, R. G. Bell 2, A. J. House 3, R. F. B. Speed 4, H. G. Timms 5, S. H. Hoare 6, G. W. Seaman 7, H. G. Cashmore (cond.) 8. First quarter of London by 4, 5 and 7.

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The peal of Yorkshire Royal at Huddersfield was rung to celebrate the engagement of Dr. J. C. E. Simpson and Miss Audrey Newman, of Southampton. This has led the 'Old Buzzard' to comment: It was presumed that the doctor would ring the tenor, but apparently John was thought more 'Worth' of it. Perhaps taking the waters at Southampton is not conducive to tenor ringing. It is presumed that Spliced Surprise of another variety is now about to be launched; if so, who is to be the conductor?

Through a clock hammer obstructing a wheel, a peal attempt at Over, Cambs, came to grief after five courses.

The thunderstorm was so severe during the peal at Blankney, Lincs, on August Bank Holiday that it was nearly impossible to hear the bells.

With his peal at Leicester Cathedral on August 3rd, Mr. Norman Chaddock has rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

The peal at St. Mary's, Portsea, on August 5th was the first of Stedman Triples by Miss Nelia M. Leahy and a 23rd birthday compliment to the conductor, Mr. John H. Hunt.

An interesting 21st anniversary was the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Oldham. It commemorated the record length in the method rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on August 5th, 1929.

Mr. W. H. Shuker, who last week celebrated his 80th birthday, is resigning the hon. secretaryship of the Lancashire Association from the next annual meeting. By that time he will have completed 40 years in harness. A special meeting of the Association is to be held in September to alter the rule of the Association so as to permit the election of representatives on the Central Council before the new year.

BELFRY GOSSIP

To-day the Universities Association assemble at Lincoln for their ringing week, the headquarters being the Oxford Hotel. The party numbers 40, being drawn from the following Universities: Oxford 9, Cambridge 9, Bristol 6, Durham 5, London 3, Sheffield 3, Edinburgh, Liverpool, Nottingham, Reading and Wales one each. Eight peal attempts are included in the programme.

The new treble bell for Meldreth, Cambs, Parish Church, already cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, is to be installed by the end of this month.

During the week-end of July 29th Mr. Norman Chaddock completed two '50 peals together.' One was with Mr. John E. Turley and the second with Mr. John J. L. Gilbert.

Mr. Ernest J. Rowe, now of Broseley, Salop, has, during his latest ringing week in Lancashire, achieved his ambition of having rung in a thousand towers.

The recent television visit to the Whitechapel Foundry was seen well at Manchester. At the end, unfortunately, the sound faded, and our correspondent states that he had to guess what was said from the lips moving.

Saturday, August 5th, was a day of rejoicing at Faversham, Kent. Two members of the local company, Mr. G. Nicholson and Miss Doreen Pack, were married. A peal of Oxford Bob Triples was rung, and the ringers afterwards were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. Pack at the wedding reception.

Mr. N. Moxon, sen., of Sutton-on-Trent, celebrated his 90th birthday and 75 years as a ringer by participating on August 9th in 720 Plain Bob Minor with 7-8 covering. The ringers were J. T. Shipley 1, N. Moxon, sen., 2, N. Moxon, jun., 3, Miss K. Burchnell 4, Miss G. Burchnell (cond.) 5, E. A. Midwinter 6, R. Sleep 7, A. Wilson 8.

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RECORD LENGTH OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL

BANK HOLIDAY SUCCESS AT PRITTLEWELL.

A new record length of 12,740 Plain Bob Royal was established at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, Essex, on August 7th. We are sure the Exercise will join with us in congratulating the band on their achievement. The conductor's story of the peal is appended.

As the conductor came home from his tour of duty at work at 10 a.m. on August 7th, some of the members had already arrived for the peal and were talking of the possibilities of success, and by the time he had returned from home at 10.20 all the band had arrived.

Many good wishes were received from all parts of the country, and one letter was read from a Sussex stalwart, who always supplies his peal tablets. In his letter he wrote, 'One tablet for those who ring bells under 15 cwt. and two for those who ring a bell over 15 cwt.' The tablets consisted of small nigroides.

The bells were pulled up, adjustments made to ropes, final good luck from several members of the local company, a few rounds, a stop and, after a few more rounds, the bells were set into changes at 10.40 a.m.

At once the doubts about the mixed band of inexperienced and experienced, youth and age, were dispelled by the excellent way the band got down to ringing. The striking was excellent, and the whole of the nearly 4,000 of tittums was rung without a misblow or a word spoken, excepting the calls, and was some of the most enjoyable ringing. I wondered why I had not rung these tittums in Royal before. The obstacle of bringing the bells from tittums to handstroke with six bobs before was spoken about before the start, but when this came up the band confidently went through without a hitch, and it seemed no time before we were settling down to ring the 24 courses each 6th right and wrong to get home.

The afternoon wore on uneventfully, there being no serious trips at any time. Sometimes the ringing quickened a little, but on the whole the ringing was very steady throughout. During the last hour the ringing quickened when the end was in sight, and it was necessary for some sharp speaking to keep all the company awake to complete the peal. The bells ran round at 7.02, everybody happy in scoring a peal which had been well-rung throughout.

THE RINGERS

Brief details are given below of the successful company:—

Treble.—William S. MAY (age 49) has been ringing since 1917. He learnt at Rettendon, Essex, and his ringing has been mostly confined to six-bell towers. He has about 40 peals to his credit.

Second.—John L. MORRIS (age 14) is a pupil of F. C. W. Knight who will have completed three years of ringing next September. His peals total 36, of which he has conducted three and composed one. John is proficient in all the standard methods.

Third.—Colin E. WRIGHT (age 20), of Hornchurch. His ringing experience is limited to three years and he has 14 peals to his credit. This was his first peal of Bob Royal.

Fourth.—Edgar R. RAPLEY (age 30), of West Grinstead, Sussex, has been ringing for 20 years and has rung 165 peals in a wide variety of methods.

Fifth.—Ernest W. FURBANK (age 63), now of Great Baddow. He has been ringing for 40 years and his peals number between 200 and 300.

Sixth.—Frank B. LUFKIN (age 39), of Prittlewell, during his 21 years of ringing has scored 230 peals, of which he has conducted 140. He learnt his ringing under W. Judd and became captain of Prittlewell ringers in 1935. Since 1947 he has been an Essex Association representative on the Central Council. He rang in the 9,000 Bob Royal at Prittlewell in 1947.

Seventh.—Gerald FROST (age 45) learnt to ring in 1915 at Rettendon. This was his 50th peal.

Eighth.—Peter J. EVES (age 20), of Chelmsford, has been ringing for five years. He has 30 peals to his credit and has conducted a few.

Ninth.—John H. CRAMPION (age 39) learnt to ring at Woodford in 1925. At one time he was secretary of the S.W. Division of the Essex Association. He has rung 160 peals and has conducted a few.

Tenor.—Frank C. W. KNIGHT (age 34) started ringing at Lympne, Kent, in 1922. His enthusiasm was rekindled when he came to Farnham after the war. Of his 116 peals, those outstanding are 12,663 Stedman Cinques at Oxford in August, 1946, and 9,000 Bob Royal at Prittlewell in August, 1947. He is a member of the Central Council, being a representative of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

LETTERS

J. H. SHEPHERD BEQUEST

Dear Sir,—Judging from some requests received for surplus copies of C.C. Library books there seems to be a misunderstanding, possibly due to my not making the position quite clear at Eastbourne.

A bequest of the late Mr. J. H. Shepherd's will cause duplication. But it is not necessarily his books which will be distributed to other libraries. Only such books as can be spared will be given away, and much will depend on their condition and interest. Even duplicates will not be offered if they happen to be of particular interest, for instance, to have been formerly in the possession of some well-known ringer or to be copies signed by the authors.

I hope to send to your paper a list of books available, when I have had the opportunity of examining the recent bequest.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. J. HOOTON,

Hon. Librarian, C.C. of C.B.R.

Tring.

CHANGE RINGING OUTSIDE GREAT BRITAIN

Dear Sir,—I listened to 'Country Magazine' on the B.B.C. recently, and was very annoyed—as I am sure many other listeners outside Britain were—at the statement made by the change ringer being interviewed that 'change ringing is not practised outside England.'

He knew all about record lengths, change ringing, peals, etc., but apparently he has never read 'The Ringing World' peal columns which frequently record peals rung by members of the fraternity in Australia, Ireland and other parts of the world.

I would like him to know that the B.B.C. programmes are listened to by change ringers outside Britain, and they do not like to be insulted as they were on this occasion, as well as once before from West Region.

Those broadcasting on ringing matters should be absolutely sure of the facts before saying anything over the air.—Yours faithfully,

FRED E. DUKES.

Jenkinson, Dundalk, Eire.

Market Drayton Bells

Dear Sir,—When I opened my 'Ringing World' on Friday it brought back memories. I was one with Ernie Weatherby, Tom Peake and Percy Barrow, who started to pull the new bells about. The curfew was going at that time, and the old ringer insisted on it being rung properly—on balance every time. If we let it set or it came down on us, we got told off. When Warners did the job they put a chiming apparatus in with a cupboard for the ropes, the door of which would not shut until the hammers were taken off. They also supplied the tower with eight handbells and a cupboard. When we started we lapped them and cut the lining out of our coats for use as cushions. I always understood the 3rd of the six was undated. I could not find a date on it, and it had more ornament on it than the rest.*

The church was rebuilt between 1880 and 1887. We had to walk from the other end of the district about a mile, which seemed a long way for us.

We were handicapped at first as the nearest change-ringing towers were Crewe 18 miles, the Potteries 16 miles, with a poor train service, and Whitchurch 12 miles, Wem 12 miles, Newport 12 miles, and it was a case of walking except for those with bicycles, which were few.

Ernie Weatherby and Tom Peake are still with us, if far apart. Another ringer went to Australia. He used to write to the Sunday School teacher, but when she died we lost touch with him. When a lad had finished his time, he could not wait for dead men's shoes, so we had to clear off to Crewe or the Potteries.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. SHUKER.

Fallowfield, Manchester.

* According to Mr. W. A. Farmer's article the inscription on the third is:—

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by his sisters.

1931.

BILTON BELLS

Dear Sir,—As captain of the above bells, I and my fellow-ringers strongly object to remarks which have from time to time appeared in 'The Ringing World' relating to the apathy of the Bilton ringers to accept assistance from other ringers, especially St. Andrew's. Rugby. This is not true.

St. Andrew's have been to Bilton on several practice nights—once to ring a quarter peal, the first on the new augmented six, and the other times when their own tower was not available owing to services. The assistance they gave us was infinitesimal. In fact, their chief interest lay in the new ring of six, which, to their disappointment, they were not allowed to ring during the service of dedication in September, 1948.

When Bilton only had five bells, St. Andrew's were not interested, as they considered five bells undignified to ring upon, but now that they are confined to five (the ring of eight at Rugby being out of order), they are inclined to be a little less antagonistic towards Bilton.

In conclusion, I might add that we now have two competent ringers (who do not object to learners) to give us every assistance—one from Dunchurch and the other from the North Staffordshire Association, stationed at the nearby aerodrome.—Yours truly,

W. E. BURNELL.

18. Plexfield Road,
Bilton, Rugby.

'THE LIVERSEDGE PRIZE-RINGING'

Eighteen Consecutive Hours' Ringing 50 Years Ago

By E. A. BARNETT.

WHETHER one approves or disapproves of prize-ringing probably depends on what part of the country one comes from. There is something to be said for the idea of meetings at which bands strive for perfection, but then, young ringers must gain experience somewhere, and open meetings should be the best places to do so.

However, prize-ringing still survives, but it is quite certain that nowhere to-day would a gathering be possible such as that which took place at Liversedge in Yorkshire at Whitsun nearly sixty years ago. If anyone should think the following is a product of the imagination, he may read the full account in 'The Bell News' of May 30th, 1891.

'Our Extra Special Peripatetic Correspondent' began by saying that because he had previously been present at similar gatherings where 'the pièce de resistance was raising the bells, ringing so many minutes of rounds and then falling them,' he had been determined never to waste his time again at 'such puerile displays of "proficiency."' But in this Liversedge case the test piece was a half-peal of Treble Bob Major; and thus, taking into account the reputed excellence of Yorkshiremen's striking in their favourite method, I thought that at least, from a purely ringing point of view, there would be something worth listening to.'

'THEY'RE NOBBUD PRACTISING.'

He therefore arrived at Liversedge on Whit Monday, after 'interminable stoppages, shuntings and other disagreeable features,' and soon heard the bells ringing. When he reached the churchyard, which stands above the Spen Valley, 'the open space in front of the gate was occupied by quite a numerous assembly, all—like the ones I had just previously passed in the footpath—engaged either criticising the ringing or discussing the probabilities of the contest. I stood and listened to the ringing awhile, which was undoubtedly good . . . but my listening was not of long duration, for the touch (only too soon, I thought) was brought round almost ere I had fairly time to collect myself, so to speak. To a tall man of venerable aspect who stood near me, I ventured the enquiry as to how the contest had proceeded so far, when to my surprise I was told, "Oh, t'contest hasn't begun yet; they're nobbud practising." And so it appeared that Monday was devoted to a sort of final practice, the competing bands being allowed about an hour's practice each, in turn, according to the ballot which had taken place earlier that morning.'

No nonsense about this contest, as you will see. An hour's practice for each of the ten bands who were taking part one day, and a half-peal each the next! The correspondent goes on to describe how he eventually put up for the night and fell asleep still hearing, or fancying he heard, the sound of Liversedge bells.

THE BALLOT.

Next morning, after breakfast, he made his way to the church again, and his description of the contest must be given in full:—

'On arriving [I] found that the ballot for places had just been taken. The plan at these contests appears to be something of this sort. The persons who have been appointed judges (or "sanctioners," as they are styled here) having been located in the place set apart for them (both judges and their habita-

tion being kept a most profound secret for some reason or other), at a specified time in the morning—7.30 in this case—the competing bands ballot for order of ringing. Should any not be ready to take their place in that order, they are placed last on the list, and fifty faults put to their credit by way of penalty; then the bands following move up, so to speak. In this case the first three or four bands all appeared to be defaulters (whether purposely or unavoidably, I cannot say), and thus . . . it was past the half-hour after eight o'clock when the first band entered the tower, and the contest proper began.

'This band, I soon found out, were chief favourites [sic], their winning of the first prize was a "moral certainty," I was told; so I listened perhaps with more interest than I should have done to hear what was to be the best ringing of the day. This, however, turned out to be a mistake. The ringing certainly was good upon the whole, but considerably not that perfection one looked for. From the conversation round also, I soon gathered that the favourites were grievously disappointing their friends, as well as raising the hopes of the other contestants, so when they finished the pretty general verdict appeared to be in accordance with the loudly-expressed one of an old weather-beaten man, that "Bustell hasn't done as weel by fifty per cent. wha tha did yesterday; so they're sattled for."

'SWEET STRIKING.'

'Next went up Kirkburton, whose performance appeared to be considered as rather inferior to that of their predecessors; and after them followed Bradford, the sweet striking of, whom alone drew in front of the churchyard the largest assembly I saw at one time all the day. As this half-hour drew towards its close, general opinion seemed once more to have settled itself—this time Dewsbury and Bradford divided the chances of premier position, "barring accidents." Then followed Low Moor, who seemed to have taken either lack of ability or else ill-luck with them into the belfry, for their prefatory three leads were—particularly after what had gone before—positively painful; everybody seemed seized with a sudden desire to liquidate, which no doubt suited the landlords of the vicinity perfectly. The "foundrymen" at length got on the way with their half-peal, but a very rough and troublous way it was, and after struggling gamely on for half an hour, "came to grief."

'A band from Hyde followed with some good striking; after them Calverley, then Almondbury, all of whom acquitted themselves creditably; but as yet the settled opinion appeared to be that Bradford's claim to premier position had not so far been disputed. Then followed Dewsbury, who were regarded as the only possible competitors for first place. This band commenced a little before ten o'clock at night . . . and although the night was chilly, for an hour and a half I listened to such ringing as I think I never heard before for such a length of time. The changes came out like clockwork; in fact, it seemed like one long piece of mechanism from beginning to end. So when they in turn had finished, the first prize was considered to have been undoubtedly won. . . . There were yet, late as it was—past eleven o'clock—two more bands to compete, and I imagined the affair would in consequence be adjourned till the following day. But no; Brighouse took possession of the belfry, and after about an hour's essay, collapsed, and retired with their task unfinished. Mirfield came on the scene, and somewhere about three o'clock brought their half-peal home, thus finishing the programme.

RESULTS DECLARED AT 4 a.m.

'You might well imagine that at this "unearthly hour" everybody had been long gone to their respective homes, and were soundly asleep. But in this you would have been mistaken, for there was quite a numerous assembly in and around the "pub" where the committee had conducted operations. About an hour afterwards, someone appeared at one of the windows and proceeded to read out the judge's decisions, which were as follows: Birstall, 643 faults; Kirkburton, 1,008; Bradford, 750; Hyde, 899; Calverley, 832; Almondbury, 952; Dewsbury, 632; Mirfield, 1,090. Thus Dewsbury came first, Birstall (much to my surprise) second, Bradford third, Hyde fourth, and Calverley fifth, the band from Kirkburton receiving a sovereign as consolation, they having come the longest distance among the unsuccessful competitors.'

So ends what the correspondent calls a 'plain unvarnished tale,' and, indeed, a letter in a later issue pays tribute to his fairness. The following is devoted to the writer's impressions of the contest, and one point he mentions will have occurred to many readers: how could a Vicar sanction the use of his bells for ringing which occupied some eighteen or nineteen consecutive hours, to say nothing of ten hours or so's 'practice' on the previous day. Nor, one imagines, would the average band of to-day be anxious to bring round a half-peal at 3 a.m.!

The prizes, by the way, were twelve, eight, five, three and two guineas respectively—not a bad reward for something which 'has for its object the promotion of the art of change ringing, the church bells being agreeably useful in connection with the church services and the celebration of other public events,' as the notice issued by the local Society said.

5,008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By NOLAN GOLDEN.
W. M. H. 23456

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	52346	
S S	24356	

A=6 singles called at successive leads from 7856342, resulting in a 13-lead course.

There are singles throughout at 5ths and 4ths except in the first course.

Repeat ~~five~~ times, calling a single M in the first course of every repetition and omitting the single H in the fourth course of every repetition except the third.

Contains all the 6-4s and the 5th and 6th their extent in 6ths, using 206 singles.

Rung at Southwold, Suffolk, on October 29th, 1949.

The Editor would welcome anecdotes of unusual experiences connected with ringing, bells and towers. Most people in life have one experience which is out of the ordinary and of general interest to their fellow-men.

A NORTH DEVON TOUR

MR. F. L. HARRIS' PARTY.

ONE of the obvious essentials of a ringing tour is good company, and in this respect the recent tour of North Devon was particularly fortunate. Thus nine ringers, full of anticipation, gathered at Barnstaple on Sunday, July 23rd. There were friendly arguments as to who was to ring certain tenors, what methods were going to be rung and who should shout the bobs, but such trivial questions can invariably be settled over a pint, and such was the case.

Unfortunately, the professional bellhanger of the party could not arrive until the Tuesday, but, undeterred, the rest journeyed to Northam on the Monday, and in that lofty tower, on first-rate bells, rang a good peal of Cambridge.

Perhaps after this we were too contemptuous of Bob Major (or was it the after effects of an expensive lunch?) for this method at Appledore didn't come off. These bells 'went' much better than anticipated, thanks perhaps in some measure to the attention given to them before our arrival by the local ringers. After losing a peal of Bob Major, the same band concluded its activities at Appledore by—rather surprisingly—ringing a course of London!

There was some jubilation when a local inhabitant pointed out a tower across the water in which he said were five bells which had not been rung for 30 years. Anxious to find Mr. Dove's book in error, we swarmed into a boat and were ferried across—ferried at least for part of the way, as for the last twenty yards shoes and socks were discarded, trousers and skirts raised, and ashore we paddled! It was a scene which can hardly bear description in the pages of this journal. Of course, our marine efforts were all in vain, for the mysterious tower contained only three bells. We should have had more faith in Mr. Dove. The last tower of the day was Fremington, where call changes in the Devon style were tried, as well as 'scientific.'

SOUTH MOLTON TENOR

To ring the tenor at South Molton was the ambition of at least two members of the party, and a scramble for the 'box' was expected. However, it was left to the oldest—and incidentally the only married—member to turn her in to Double Norwich in his own inimitable style, and call his stock peal in the method. This occurred on the Tuesday, and in spite of the rain and the appearance of one or two blisters, we left South Molton for Witheridge with undamped enthusiasm.

The bells at Witheridge had been painted very black at regards 'go,' but having rung a touch of Stedman and a course of London on them we boastfully decided that all this fine, heavy eight needed were 'ringers.' As a final tit-bit, Jack Russell forsook his usual position on the treble and turned in the tenor to a touch of Minor on the back six. After a drink, sandwiches, shove ha'penny and bagatelle in the local pub, the day was capped off by a ring on the excellent six at North Molton.

Returning to Barnstaple, we were met by Bill Theobald, who the next day called a peal of Kent at Combe Martin in fine style, his first in the method as conductor. This light eight were a delight to ring, and the beautifully-kept belfry an indication of the enthusiasm of the local band.

On the same day we also rang at St. James', Ilfracombe, and at Barnstaple Parish Church. We found the bells at the latter tower rather difficult to strike, but at least one touch was voted as being first rate, so we felt that we hadn't disgraced ourselves.

With the aid of bicycles and a 'vintage' car, the six at Bishops Tawton were our first objective on the Thursday. Then on to the magnificent church at Tawstock for an attempt at Superlative. But in spite of fine bells and a good band—on paper anyway—it just wouldn't go. One disappointed lady ringer suggested that this was due to too many late nights, and a good resolution was made to go to bed earlier in the future, but as with all such resolves nothing came of it.

PILTON'S FINE BELLS.

But the two visits to Bidford and Pilton on the same day compensated for our disappointment. The first was a perfect example of modern bellfounding, the second—Pilton—a truly glorious eight in the old style, and in the opinion of the writer the best bells of a tour on which many fine rings were encountered. It was at Pilton that the local ringers gave for our benefit a demonstration of call change ringing, and what a first-rate performance it was! We were given a great welcome, and a very happy evening was spent.

At Chittlehampton we were met by the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, who also had a ring with us. No trouble was experienced in rolling off a peal of Yorkshire here, and it was possibly the best peal of the week.

The climb to High Bickington in the afternoon taxed both the car and the cyclists. So, understandably, the peal attempt there was not viewed with much enthusiasm. There was even less when the conductor was seen to be studying both the method and the composition. However, Double Oxford—the first for the Devon Guild—was successfully brought round on the pleasant little eight.

After ringing two peals in a day, most of the party considered bed to be the best bet. But with low cunning, the tower-grabbing enthusiast bribed everyone with sausage rolls, and a late call was made to the six at Atherington.

SUPERLATIVE THE BOGEY.

Superlative was the 'bogy' method of the tour, for at Ilfracombe Parish Church on the Saturday we were within three courses of the end, with the peal practically in the bag, when a banging commenced on the trap door leading up to the belfry. This was disregarded for a time, but after several notes had been pushed through requesting us to stop, 'Stand' was called. This was very disappointing for all, especially for the conductor, who was calling his first peal in the method.

The interruption was, however, our own fault, it being a lesson not to ring touches before a peal attempt.

In the afternoon the eights at Braunton and Georgeham were visited, the final ring of the tour being on the six at Heanton Punchardon, where the instruction from one of the ringers to 'stiffen the bells' was rather lost on us.

Perhaps the two most noteworthy features of the tour were the fine rings of bells in the area and the enthusiastic welcome from the local ringers (and inhabitants) at every tower visited, with perhaps particular mention of the band at Pilton.

The enthusiasm for ringing in the North Devon area is as great as in any change-ringing district. And when one ringer remarked, after one of our touches, 'I didn't think much of "scientific" until I heard you fellows ring,' that was the greatest compliment any change-ringing band could have paid to it. For the call-change ringers of Devon are not prejudiced against change ringing, they just don't like bad striking, and for that I, at least, admire them.

F. L. H.

London Extension

Dear Sir,—You can find plenty of space for York Bramble's arguments; perhaps you will be able to find space for some mathematical proofs by which the Exercise will be able to judge as to who is showing them the truth.

All methods, principles and systems, regular or irregular, have Round Blocks in their make-ups.

The Round Blocks of London Surprise Minor plus 7-8, compared with London Surprise Major Round Blocks, have a mathematical progression of 231, 312 throughout.

The Round Blocks of London Surprise Major plus 9-0, compared with No. 3 Version London Royal Round Blocks, have a mathematical progression of 231, 312 throughout.

The Round Blocks No. 3 Version London Royal plus e t have a mathematical progression of 231, 312 throughout, when compared with No. 3 Version London Maximus.

U.A. London Royal, by York Bramble, has 11 changes only that can be compared with pure London Surprise. GEORGE BAKER.

London Surprise Minor.	London Surprise Major.	London Surprise No. 3.	U.A. London Royal.
123456	12345678	1234567890	1234567890
213546	21354768	2135476980	2135476980
125364	12537486	1253749608	1253749608
215634	21573846	2157394068	2157394068
251643	25178364	2517930486	2517930486
526134	52713846	5271394068	5271394068
521643	52178364	5217930486	5217930486
256134	25713846	2571394068	2571394068
526314	52731486	5273149608	5273149608
562341	57234168	5723416980	5723416980
653214	75321486	7532149608	*7532149608
635241	73524168	7352416980	*7523416980
365421	37254618	3725461890	5732461890
356412	32745681	3274568109	5374268109
534621	23476518	2347651890	*5347621890
543612	24367581	2436758109	*5346728109
453162	42637851	4263578019	3564278019
541326	46273815	4623750891	3652487091
543162	64728351	6432705819	6325840719
451326	67482315	6342078591	6238504791
415362	76842135	3624705891	2683054971
145632	78641253	3264078519	2860345917
416523	89462135	2346087591	8206439571
146253	84761253	2346805719	8024693517
142635	48716523	4263085179	*0842963157
	84175632	4620381597	*8049261375
	84716523	6402835179	0894623157
	48175632	6048231597	0986421375
	41876523	0684213957	*9068412735
	14867253	0864129375	*9086147253
	41682735	8046213957	0968412735
	14628375	8406129375	0698147253
	14263857	4801692735	6091874523
		8410967253	0619785432
		8401692735	0691874523
		4810967253	6019785432
		4180692735	6109874523
		1486029375	1608947253
		4168203957	6180492735
		1462830597	1684029375
		1426385079	1648203957

* Digressions from London Minor and Major.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Aug. 5th at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss A. L. Blyth (first of Treble Bob Major) 1. J. B. Rowsell 2. C. G. Woodhead 3. A. R. Guy 4. Rev. B. F. Sheppard 5. M. R. D. Harford 6. A. S. Watt 7. A. W. T. Cleaver (cond.) 8.

TOWER CORNER (14)

'FOR INSTRUCTORS ALSO.'

Dear Ringers,—At the close of instalment 13 we promised to give the usual summary of the section just concluded of this course of instruction. Before doing so, we may remark that although this feature opened with the title, 'Mainly for Beginners,' so that it might have a direct appeal to those a little nervous, perhaps, at the beginning of things, yet under its current title of 'Tower Corner' it may be seen to be developing for 'improvers' and others. Among these others may be included those who would take up that vital activity of the Art—instructing. Indeed, those instructors of some experience who may feel they would like a 'refresher' of some of the up-to-date methods of teaching ringing, may find these articles of some help, since they are presented in carefully planned sequence, as the result of considerable tuition experience, not without success. Queries and constructive criticism are accordingly welcome.

The whole course, as indicated in article (1) on page 12 of No. 2,022 of the journal, is devised under ten sections. The first section, entitled 'Bell Control,' provides ten exercises under four lessons, and was summarised in article (6) on page 139 of No. 2,030, dated March 3rd, 1950. The fifth lesson of the course is of the nature of a transition between the first and second sections. It is entitled, 'Raising and lowering the bell,' and its summary of five exercises was given in article (9) on page 253 of issue No. 2037. It was not included in either section, so that those instructors preferring to leave this part until later in the tuition could follow the sections uninterrupted. Here, then, is the promised summary of section two, just finished:—

Section 2. PULL VARIATION AND STRIKING.

Lesson VI. Development of Bell Control.

(Note: All these exercises are on 'silenced' bells.)

- Ex. 16. Standing to order at hand-setting.
- Ex. 17. Standing to order at back-setting.
- Ex. 18. Standing to order as called—hand or back.
- Ex. 19. Whole pull and stand from hand pull-off.
- Ex. 20. Whole pull and stand from back pull-off.
- Ex. 21. Ring and set by visual sequence only.
- Ex. 22. The 'Rhythm' exercise. ('Ear-sight'.)

Lesson VII. The Theory of Striking.

A talk, illustrated by the use of handbells and the blackboard.

Lesson VIII. The Art of Striking.

(Note: All following exercises are on open or sounding bells, and here the pupils join with experienced ringers for the first time.)

- Ex. 24. First strokes on an 'open' bell, noting the sounding-point.
- Ex. 25. Ringing 3rd in rounds on three to get the open-hand-stroke rhythm.
- Ex. 26. Ringing treble in rounds on three to get the 'opposite-follow' and to MAKE the open lead.
- Ex. 27. 'Listening and Improving.' Ringing 3rd in rounds on six, with five others as good strikers only.

(This completes Section 2. Full details of the exercises have been given in previous articles.)

Section three, which follows, is entitled 'Tone-telling and Rope-sight.' Its first lesson, No. IX., deals with the general idea of position-changing whilst ringing, and with the first step towards its achievement, namely, selective listening. Let us see how our old friend, Tom Truettorch, deals with this stage of instruction.

Here, in the ringing chamber, Tom has seven handbells hanging near one wall, in a row, an eighth being suspended near the opposite wall. He explains:—

'We have been showing you how to strike your bell correctly in its given position among the others. This position was its natural one in rounds. Continued ringing of unvaried rounds being monotonous, changing of position is introduced under the title of 'Change ringing.' This produces different orders of sounding of the bells. On the conductor's word "Go," these changes are produced according to systems, called methods, by which a bell changes position with one sounding next to it. Such mutual exchange of position between two neighbouring bells is usefully called a "transit." If a bell makes a transit with one sounding after it, that bell is said to be moving "up," and if a bell makes a transit with one sounding before it, that bell is said to be moving "down." Consider bells 3 and 4 in rounds. If a transit is made between these two, resulting in the order "4, 3," then "three" has moved "up" and "four" has moved "down." Such transits may proceed simultaneously between all (or nearly all) the bells, in pairs, and may be repeated continuously from stroke to stroke. These movements are called "hunting up," from leading to lying; and "hunting down" from lying to leading; or part of the way in either case.

'Now the first transit from rounds is easily made because the bell next yours is known well beforehand. Normally, even-position bells more down and odd-position bells move up, to produce the first change-row.' (Here Tom puts on the blackboard the figures 1 to 6 inclusive in a row, and below them writes a few more change-rows produced by simple transits made continuously.) He proceeds:—

'But the transits to produce the second and succeeding change-rows will occur with bells not yet lying next to yours, and therefore not yet known to you. The art of hunting lies in the ability to pick out the particular bell to be followed at the next stroke, whether the transit movement for this be up or down. And this picking-out must obviously be done BEFORE the next stroke begins.

'For hunting up this is fairly simple. You hold up, over the bell that has just followed yours, and you thus strike next after it. But for hunting down it is not quite so easy. Here you check your bell to cut under the one you have just followed, noting at that very instant which other bell this action makes you follow.

'Now notice particularly,' says Tom, 'that I have said "which bell," not "which rope." In thus noting "which bell," you will do two things and in this order:—

1. Listen for which sound.
2. Look for which rope.

And you will use one as a check on the other. Bear in mind, however, that this must be done in a fraction of a second. I will enlarge on this later.

'Let us first deal with the listening part. We have special exercises designed to train your ear to distinguish each bell by its note. In these the pupil takes a tapper and stands by the single bell hanging over there, having his back to the rest of the bells over here, where the instructor stands with another tapper.

'First of all you will tap your bell two or three times, listening carefully and noting its pitch or tune. Then I shall tap these bells here in order of rounds until I come to the place where the removed bell should be. Here I will pause for one beat only, and you, the pupil, without looking round, but listening

only, will tap your single bell, coming in at the right time exactly. If you have correctly noted its pitch you will be able to anticipate its sounding place, but if you miss it, I shall have passed on with the sounding of my other seven bells. If you succeed in coming in at the precise moment, you will complete the exercise by stating the number of your bell, e.g., "Fifth."

So proceeds Ex. 28. 'Which bell-sound is mine?'

'Now,' says Tom, 'having learned to recognise his own bell-sound among the others, the pupil next learns, in Ex. 29, to recognise, from its sound alone, which bell is sounding next to his.'

And there, my friends, we must leave them till next time.—Yours ever,

CORN. R. STONE.

St. Mary's, Lewisham

BELLS REHUNG AND REOPENED.

On a practice night at St. Mary's, Lewisham, in November last, something seemed to be wrong with the 7th. Inspection proved that further ringing of this bell would be unsafe, and from then until June 4th (the day before the bells were dismantled) 'three-cornered music' only was heard for Sunday services, either Triples 'all in' or Minor with a cover. None of the band seemed anxious to infringe the Central Council rule by attempting a peal in either form.

Tenders were invited from the three leading bellfounders, and reports received that the whole ring was, or soon would be, in need of complete restoration. A clean sweep was decided upon, and the work was entrusted to the Whitechapel firm, who have now completed the rehanging of the whole ring on ball bearings.

A 'try out' was made on Thursday evening, August 3rd, when the local band and several ringers from neighbouring towers were present. Mr. A. A. Hughes, head of the Whitechapel Foundry, being in attendance. Mr. J. Dafters, towerkeeper and captain of the local band, invited everyone present to have a pull, and all agreed that a first-class job had been carried out.

On Sunday evening, August 6th, before divine service, the bells were officially reopened, prior to which the local band was invited to the Vicarage, and a very happy party it was that assembled on the lawn for tea, and, by way of dessert, a raid (headed by the Vicar himself) was made on the huge and ancient mulberry tree adjoining the lawn, which is at present well laden with ripe fruit.

The band (again headed by the Vicar) then proceeded to the tower, and among those who ascended the 67 steps leading to the belfry and ringing in the opening touch were, of course, 'the two youngsters,' namely, Mr. Harry Warnett, sen., and Mr. Charles Walker, both of whom have been ringers at St. Mary's since 1890. Mr. Warnett, now well into his 88th year, was leader and towerkeeper from 1895 until about 18 months ago, and Mr. Walker local secretary for a similar period.

After the dedicatory prayers by the Vicar, Mr. Dafters invited his predecessor to stand in and call the opening touch. Despite his 88 years, Mr. Warnett accepted this offer and, in his usual efficient and able manner, called an excellent touch of Grandsire Triples to the satisfaction of all.

Allowing for differences of opinion regarding plain or ball bearings, St. Mary's bells are now in first-class ringing order for the services of Almighty God in the Mother Church of the district.

J. B.

'IN TOWERS AND PLACES WHERE THEY RING'

2. The Control of Sound

By the REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

A MATTER which receives little or no attention is the regulation of the sound of bells both inside and outside a tower. It is difficult to get incumbents, churchwardens, church councils and even local ringers to realise that very often improvements should and could be made, and that such matters are important. Advantages gained for very little cost can be almost unbelievable.

The first necessity is good ringing, and in order to attain this each bell must be heard distinctly in the ringing room. There are several factors which make this an impossibility—the construction of the tower itself, a clock case in the chamber above the ringing room, the number and types of floors between ringers and bells, or the manner in which the bells are hung, and it is only perhaps when a ring of bells has been hung that a particular characteristic or peculiarity becomes noticeable, and then it is that some small correction can be effective.

Every case has to be studied separately, and in most cases where the bells are hung on one level there is little trouble. It is usually when some bells are hung above others that adjustments become necessary. Frequently some of the lighter bells are hung over heavier ones and their sound is drowned by the deeper notes. If, for example, three trebles are hung over the other five bells of a ring of eight their notes can be caught by fixing a wide-mouthed wooden box arrangement above the upturned mouths of these bells and brought into an intermediate chamber, or even into the ringing chamber itself by way of wooden spouts several inches square. A common fault too frequently found is that there is no door from the newel staircase into the bell chamber and the overpowering striking of bells near this opening pours down the stairway with irritating effect. Space forbids examples.

It is certain, however, that the sound of the bells inside a tower needs far less attention than that outside. Louvre openings in towers have two functions, to keep rain from getting in and to let sound out. Invariably, and certainly when a gale blows, rain gets in, and far too much sound gets out and is directed downwards into the immediate vicinity of the tower. In many cases bells are hung on a level with the louvres, consequently the sound is hard and harsh as it pours outwards and downwards, and the bells nearest the louvre openings predominate on that particular side of the tower. This used to be so at our own Cathedral; the volume of sound near the bell tower was overpowering, but a splendid scheme was decided upon and carried through some fifteen years ago when all the louvre openings was blocked on the inside with inch boards lined with a sound deadening substance called Cabot's Quilt. The sound now rises and escapes higher by way of the openings at the base of the spire. The change at the time was so noticeable that 'Argus,' in his notes in the 'West Briton,' pointed

out it had been considered that the atmospheric conditions of the city had changed until the truth was discovered.

This case is an example which might well be followed. Our square Cornish towers are amongst the easiest in which to effect a remedy. In towns the window space can be built up on the inside with concrete blocks to the spring of the arch-heads, or to a convenient height according to tests by doing the work little by little. If permanence is not desired make four to six inch box shutters and fill them with sawdust or pack them with Eel Grass. These can be hinged or made to slide. If something like this is done, many an incumbent's mind can be set at ease when the rush of ringers' outings begins, a festival is to be held, a long peal rung, or extra practices held. If the ringers have initiative they will probably do the work and perhaps find the material. But in any case it does not cost the P.C.C. much money. Not only do such arrangements modify sound, but in bad weather with closed shutters, the wet or damp is kept out, and a metal bell frame is kept dry.

This is of great benefit in Cornwall where so many churches are near the coast and the winter gales tell their tale. Proof can be found in my own unfinished tower at Carbis Bay, where hinged shutters are fitted inside the louvres, and the temporary slate roof has been lined with ordinary half-inch carpet felt made secure by ribs of Celotex. If this tower is ever finished the architect has suggested it may be possible to dispense with louvres entirely. The centre of the roof would then be raised, but would be concealed by the battlements. If any tower roof is to be renewed, this new type should certainly be fitted and competent advice taken, for the opportunity then comes to make any tower a perfect bell tower whereby the sound of the bells close by is soft and pleasant, and is reduced to a minimum, yet the ringing is heard most pleasantly at a far greater distance than before.

[With acknowledgment to the 'Truro Diocesan News Leaflet.']

OBITUARY

MR. TOM PAGE, PENTRE.

By the death of Mr. Tom Page, of Pentre, Rhondda, St. Peter's Church as well as the Llandaff Diocese has lost one of its ablest ringers. Mr. Page was well known over a wide area, and in past years rendered service of an outstanding character, both as a ringer and conductor.

The son of a former Pentre ringer, he was one of three brothers, all of whom have rendered a full measure of service to change ringing, and were members of the original Pentre Society of Change Ringers, founded in 1904.

From the modest foundations then laid, he helped to build up a standard of change ringing which eventually included the standard methods, together with Little Bob, Forward and Duffield Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise. In pre-war years St. Peter's tower was the centre of regular practice for visitors over a wide area, and his efforts on these occasions always aimed at

all-round improvement, striking, learning of methods, and all that was best for ringers.

He served as Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association during 1910, and his quiet disposition, punctuality, loyalty and a readiness to help a beginner commended him to his many friends.

Up to October, 1949, he continued to ring at St. Peter's Church, where he learnt to ring, and also served as a chorister when the church was consecrated in 1890. Altogether he rang 68 peals, conducting 23. These peals mark a steady progress in South Wales, and are notable by including the first peals of Erin and Oxford Bob Triples rung by a local band in Wales, and the first rung by a local band for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, together with the record length of 6,240 of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Llantrisant.

Following the funeral, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following: J. Thomas 1, J. Lovett 2, J. Edwards 3, F. Lashury 4, G. Page 5, E. Thorley 6, J. Evans 7, H. Crabb 8. Conducted by G. Page, son of the deceased.

MR. GEORGE CHARGE.

Many will regret to learn of the passing of Mr. George Charge, who had been in failing health for some months. The end came rather suddenly in the early morning of August 7th, in his 75th year.

'Old George,' as he was affectionately called, was a brother of Reuben and the late Cornelius Charge, the peal composer, and was a native of the Bishop's Stortford district of Essex. He came to London nearly 60 years ago and joined the Metropolitan Police, serving his full time and retiring on pension some years ago.

During his lifetime he was very keen on bell-ringing and was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths for 55 years. The Middlesex County Association was also one of the Associations of which he was for many years a member. He rang many peals, but kept no accurate record. One peal he used to speak about with modest pride was the first peal ever rung by a band of policemen—Grandsire Triples, composed and conducted by his brother Cornelius and rung at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, N., on April 25th, 1912. It is thought that Mr. William Bottrill, now of Deal, is the sole surviving member of that band. Mr. Charge was for over 50 years a member of the St. Mary Magdalene band.

George was also a very keen billiards enthusiast, winning many prizes in both police and other competitions. Mr. Charge leaves a widow, two daughters and several grandchildren to mourn his passing.

The funeral took place on August 11th at Islington Cemetery, Finchley, N., and amongst the friends present were Messrs. A. W. Coles, E. E. Pratchett, R. H. Begrie and Mr. and Mrs. A. Turner.

During the week a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, half-muffled, was rung at St. Mary Magdalene's by the following: J. S. Hawkins 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, F. A. Barker 3, R. Newman 4, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 5, A. W. Coles 6, N. Hollingworth 7, W. D. Prockson 8. Also at St. Mary's, Finchley, a quarter peal of Bob Major rung open by F. A. Barker 1, W. D. Prockson 2, R. Newman 3, E. E. Pratchett 4, D. Corning 5, R. Charge 6, P. D. Oldham 7, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 8.

Not only at St. Mary Magdalene's will he be greatly missed, but by the local residents in the district where he lived, for he was greatly respected by all who knew him and often sought after for his guidance.

R. N.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

CHRIST CHURCH, CREWE.

This time we went in for quality rather than quantity. The party consisted of Sunday service ringers and wives, with the addition of Mr. E. J. (Ted) Walker, Dover, who was stationed at Crewe during the war and was enjoying, we hope, his second re-visit, and Mr. George Porter, Wistaston, our coach driver.

A start was made at 7.30 a.m. for the first stop at Duffield (10), where we were met by Mr. Dawson, who, we heard, had been up at 6 a.m. to ensure the bells were in good going order (and they were). How could anyone help ringing such bells, and with such names as the late Canon Coleridge, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, who lived nearby, looking down from the many peal boards?

Coming from a ten-bell tower, some good Caters were rung and enjoyed. After an hour's ringing we adjourned through the fields across the river Derwent (Darron), to the Bridge Inn for a 'perpendicular,' although we all could be comfortably seated. Mrs. Straw made a splendid hostess and regaled us with tea, coffee, rolls, cakes and biscuits.

Then came the tit-bit of the day, Lincoln Cathedral, which seemed to beckon us from its commanding position, from 10 to 12 miles out. Here we were met by Mr. Freeman, and no wonder he was so justifiably proud of his Cathedral, with its Ringers' Chapel, the only one, I believe, of its kind in any church, and the bells.

Lunch was served by Mrs. Roberts at Eastgate Court, and what lunch! After a tour of the Cathedral, which could occupy a week, let alone an hour, we mounted St. Hugh's tower and enjoyed some more and some less good Cinques.

Leaving Lincoln after 4 p.m., we journeyed on to our last tower of the day, Grantham. Tea first, at the Angel and Royal Hotel, which, again, was like pre-war. We were then ready for 'the heavies,' and after some touches of Grandsire Caters, which was the high spot of the day, attention was turned to Stedman, but alas and unfortunately, this did not do full justice, either to our ringing or the lovely ring, but then, bells do not always go where and how you want them. (Perhaps they are like the ladies!). God-speed—which will be success—to the coming police band at Grantham.

God's blessing on Dr. Irwen in his retirement from dear Duffield, after a faithful ministry. Thanks through 'Bill' Edge to everyone.

One other opinion, not quite so pleasant, but essential, on 'Bell Pravda.' I have always found 'The Ringing World' comprehensive enough, and very generous.

W.F.S.
(Beaurepair).

SPALDING.

Ringers of Spalding Parish Church and neighbouring villages, accompanied by Mrs. Rupert Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hairs, enjoyed another energetic annual outing on July 15th, arranged as usual by Mr. J. T. Newington. Ringing took place in no less than seven towers, and 175 miles were covered.

The route chosen this year was Biggleswade, Baldock, Hitchin, Luton, Dunstable, Leighton Buzzard and Woburn, a start being made at 7 a.m., and home reached again at 12.30 a.m., after a supper of hot dogs on the way.

A most attractive souvenir programme was produced by Mr. A. D. Mills, and quite good ringing took place on the fine bells of all the towers visited. Thanks are due and most cordially given to all local ringers who met the visitors and ensured the success of the day.

GREAT PONTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

A tour of the six-bell churches of the Fenland was planned for the ringers of Great Ponton, on August Bank Holiday. The Vicar (the Rev. P. J. F. Simpson) and Mrs. Simpson accompanied the party, and the bus complement was completed with ringers from Grantham and Ancaster.

The morning's ringing was shared between Donington and Gosberton. Lunch was partaken of at the White Hart, Spalding. Croyland Abbey Church caused mild consternation amongst the ringers by the enormous draught of rope! Of the three 'Deepings,' our choice was for St. James'. Tea was most welcome at the Bridge Hotel, Market Deeping. The evening call was at All Saints', Stamford.

The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Single Court Minor, Kent and Kent and Oxford Spliced, and Treble Bob Minor. The raising and falling of the bells at each church did justice to these lovely toned rings.

The weather was most kind, and at each church there were local ringers to welcome the visitors. To them and the incumbents we offer our grateful thanks for making the outing so enjoyable and successful. The arrangements were admirably discharged by the organiser, Mr. J. M. Simpson.

F. W. P.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.

On August Bank Holiday, a party of ringers from Marhamchurch and Stratton, together with friends to complete the coachload, left for an outing in West Cornwall.

The first stop was at Egloshayle (8), where ringing consisted of Grandsire, rounds and call changes. The party then proceeded to Redruth (8), and after a stop for refreshment, reached St. Ives just after mid-day.

In the afternoon the first stop was at Carbis Bay, where the visitors were met by Mr. H. Miles and subsequently by the Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Roberts. These bells, considered by many the best of the day for their easy control and fine tone, were rung to Plain Bob, Grandsire and rounds.

The only six of the day encountered was at Lelant. The treble here is cracked and consequently out of tune, but the 'go' of the bells is good. Camborne (8) was the next stop, but the difficulty here was to hear the front bells when in the ringing chamber.

The last stop for ringing was at Truro. After tea, the bells of the Cathedral were set going to rounds, and the ringing terminated with a course of Grandsire Caters, in which Mr. Southeard, the Ringing Master, and a 'stranger' from Sussex took part.

The party wish to express their thanks for the use of the bells and to all concerned with the arrangements for the outing.

A. J. H.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—Re the recent correspondence on dimensions of cathedrals and parish churches, I would like to quote the official guide book to Westminster Cathedral, which may be of interest to some people. All measurements are internal.

Total length, 342ft.; total width (which is uniform), 149ft. length of nave, 232ft.; width, 60ft., and is claimed the greatest in England, allowing 2,000 seated persons to see all that transpires in the sanctuary without interruption; height of main arches, 90ft.; height of tower, 273ft., to top of cross, 284ft. Some may think this is irrelevant, being Roman Catholic, but these must be considered when claiming the largest in England. In any case, all our old cathedrals and churches were once R.C.—

Yours sincerely,
Bushey, Herts.

M. F. R. HIBBERT.

Cambridge University Guild

Some eleven members of the Cambridge University Guild recently took part in a very enjoyable tour of Gloucestershire. The party camped near Cheltenham and spent an energetic week cycling to a total of 25 towers. The weather, apart from one night, was kind to us, and that, with the efficient management of the catering by the ladies, made the project a great success. We heard, one of us for the first time, the sad story of the Australian aborigine who was unable to dispose of his unwanted boomerang, and had ample demonstration of the truth of the First, Second and Third Laws of Greatest Cussedness!

Of the ringing itself, little need be said except that we made good use of rings of greatly varying quality and weight, in spite of an increasing number of blisters as time went on. The methods rung included Kent, Double Norwich and Cambridge, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and one touch of Grandsire Caters which the first for four of the band. Another high spot, for one member at least, was a six-score of Original Doubles at one of the five-bell towers. After an attempt for this, someone was heard to complain that it was not a very interesting method as he had done nothing but plain hunt!

In conclusion, we should like to thank the local secretaries and the incumbents for the use of their bells and their help. A. W. C.

SOLIHULL SURPRISE MAXIMUS

By A. W. T. CLEAVER.

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First rung at Birmingham Cathedral March 23rd, 1950.

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MARRIAGE

BELLAMY—WOOLLEY.—On Tuesday, Aug. 8th, 1950, at St. John's, Wellington, by the Rev. Preb. J. H. D. Grinter, Douglas Bellamy to Pamela Woolley. Future address: 20, Victoria Street, Wellington, Somerset. Mr. and Mrs. D. Bellamy take this opportunity of thanking all their friends who rang for them. 7466

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MISCELLANEOUS

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MEETINGS

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—It is regretted that the date of the August meeting (Broseley and Much Wenlock) was incorrectly stated last week, and the meeting took place on Saturday last. Apologies are offered to all who may have been inconvenienced. September meeting on the 9th probably Conover as Berrington not yet augmented.—W. A. Farmer. 7465

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, Aug. 19th, Chelmsford Cathedral. Bells (12) 3.30 to 4.30 and after tea, 6 to 8 p.m. Handbells in the Rectory garden if desired.—A. B. Peck. 7385

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Chatteris (6), Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 7434

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Twynning (6), Aug. 19th. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Visitors very welcome.—E. T. Newbury. 7468

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Gainsborough District).—The next meeting will be at Willingham on Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 7438

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Netherseale, Saturday, Aug. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Look up Double Norwich.—J. Cotton, Overseal. 7433

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Sudbury District.—Evening meeting at Cavendish (6), Saturday, Aug. 19th, 6.30-9.—A. A. Fitch, Dis. Sec. 7447

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western Division.—Crusader meeting, Aug. 26th. Hornchurch (8), 3.30-4.30; North Ockendon (6), 6-8. No. 370 bus from church to church. Meeting essentially for beginners. Tea arranged at Hornchurch for those notifying me by Aug. 24th.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 7414

FOUR GUILDS' FESTIVAL.—The annual gathering of the Ladies' Guild (Southern District), Guildford Guild (Farnham District), Winchester and Portsmouth Guild (Basingstoke District) and Oxford Guild (Sonning Deanery Branch) will be held at Wokingham on Aug. 26th. Service in All Saints' Church, 4; preacher, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow. Tea in Church Hall, 5. Ringing, 2-3, Binfield, Easthampstead, St. Paul's, Wokingham; 3-4, All Saints', Wokingham; 6-9, Arborfield and Binfield (6), Hurst, Warfield and Wokingham (8). Notify for tea by Aug. 19th to B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 7402

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Yattondon (6), Aug. 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Rev. A. F. G. Farmer, Yattondon Rectory, Berks, by Aug. 23rd. 7419

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Meeting at Hoar Cross, Aug. 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Names for tea to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley, not later than Aug. 22nd. Newborough bells (5) also available. It is regretted that owing to poor response to my notice of July 28th, no coach will run from Wolverhampton.—Fred Bennett, Hon. Sec. 7431

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Wembdon, Aug. 26th, 6.30.—R. Short, Hon. Local Sec. 7450

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Wirksworth, Saturday, Aug. 26th, 3. Names for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 23rd, to Mr. B. Greatorex, 6, Coldwell Street, Wirksworth. 7461

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at Marshfield (8), 3, Aug. 26th. Service 4.30. Names for tea (5.15) by Aug. 21st, please.—Noel Denhon. 7445

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenhams Branch.—Meeting Aug. 26th, Colerne (8), 3. Teas available in Village.—H. Marsh, 4, Hawthorn Road, Chippenhams. 7453

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Birstall, Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells 3. Tea in Church Room, 5. Names by Wednesday, Aug. 23rd, to Mr. F. Key, 36, Firfield Avenue, Birstall, Leicester. 7444

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Bentley (5), Aug. 26th, 3. Names for tea to R. Sanderson, 23, Mansfield Road, Balby, Doncaster. 7451

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Meeting at Berrow (6), Saturday, Aug. 26th, 5 to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Sec., Sandford. 7467

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Claybrooke, Aug. 26th. Bells 2.30. Tea at Bull's Head for those who notify me by Aug. 22nd.—F. Measures, Hon. Sec., 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage. 7448

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Great Gransden, Sat., Aug. 26th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 7449

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Cookham, Saturday, Aug. 26th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by 21st.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 7457

SALISBURY GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Meeting Tisbury, Aug. 26th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea to F. L. Harris, Britford, near Salisbury. 7459

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Calverley on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Members carry own food. Tea for drinking supplied. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12. 7460

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting Hastings, Saturday, Aug. 26th. St. Clement's from 2.30; All Saints' from 6. Names for tea to undersigned by Aug. 23rd.—P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec., 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 7452

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne and Ilchester Branches.—Joint meeting Drayton, September 2nd. Names for tea by Aug. 29th to J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Taunton. 7458

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Ilkeston District) and **SOUTHWELL GUILD** (Nottingham District).—Joint meeting Sawley, Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. W. Simpson, Turnbury, Draycott Road, Sawley, Long Eaton, Notts, by Aug. 31st latest.—F. Shaw and W. Thornley, Dis. Secs. 7456

DUDLEY GUILD.—Quarterly meeting Clent, Sept. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Guild Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Numbers for tea by Aug. 29th, please, to F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 7463

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Shenley, Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Aug. 26th, please.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 7455

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern Section.—Ringing meeting Newton Nottage, Porthcawl, Sept. 2nd. Bells 4 to 7.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 7454

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—A tour of seven towers in Lincolnshire on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Will members please notify their intention by Saturday, Aug. 26th. Charge 15s. inclusive lunch and tea, to H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 7464

DEAL, KENT.—At the Church of St. Leonard on Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: W. Bottrill (cond.) 1, J. H. Baxter 2, H. Wood 3, M. M. Milner 4, R. F. Elkington 5, W. Mount 6.

NORTON-SUB-HAMDON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: E. Minchington 1, J. W. Drew (cond.) 2, W. Warr 3, A. Gillman 4, T. Osborne 5, T. Sweet 6. A memorial quarter to A. T. C. Osborne.

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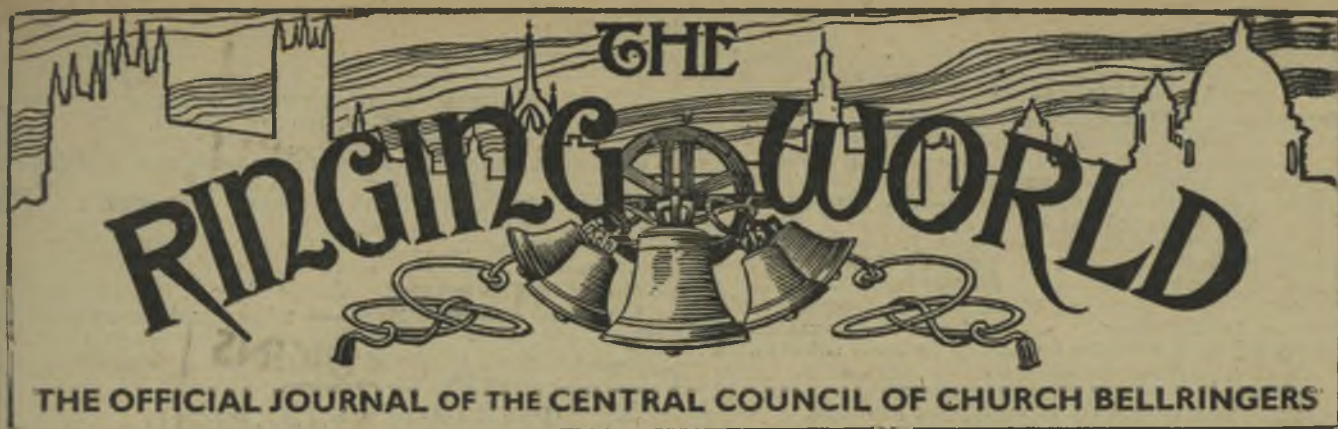
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CENTRAL COUNCIL'S DECISIONS

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THE recent correspondence in which the Decisions Sub-Committee has been involved will have focussed attention on its labours in a manner which perhaps the members hardly expected when they sought the views of ringers on matters with which they are concerned, but the exchange of pleasantries between Messrs. Butler, Smallwood and Woolley will have caused general amusement, even if little of value has been brought out.

One can sympathise with the sub-committee for a number of reasons. There are many ringers who will regard whatever recommendations are put forward as a personal affront. ('I intend to use my own discretion . . . despite what the "big guns" say shouldn't be rung,' as a correspondent recently wrote.) Again, there are 'those desiring to attract undue attention by "freak" performances,' to whom Mr. Smallwood referred in his report at Eastbourne. Here the motive is slightly different—participation in the unorthodox not for its merits, but because most ringers disapprove.

At the other extreme are those ringers who regard any innovation as dangerous, and it was doubtless with them in mind that one or two members at the Council meeting took exception to the suggestion that performances not conforming to the standards laid down should not be published in 'The Ringing World.' The fears then expressed were surely groundless. It does not require a high degree of intelligence to perceive the difference between something progressive, which is not covered by an existing decision—probably because the subject has not previously arisen—and the calculated attempt to defy something simply because it exists. One wonders what value any rules can have if glaring contraventions are to receive the same recognition as ordinary performances.

The sub-committee's problem is the opposite of that of the Methods Committee, in so far as the former are being assailed by those who insist that what grandfather rang couldn't be improved upon, whereas the latter receive regular hints that his views on theoretical matters were entirely wrong. Fortunately, it is fairly certain that little heed will be paid to 'pressure groups' from whatever source (nor of bright young men anxious to find loopholes in the drafting on which to make facetious comments). The committee may be sure that most ringers will abide by what is eventually passed, though they may not entirely agree with it. It should not be forgotten, however, that there is nothing to prevent any decision

from being amended or even rescinded in the light of experience and as a result of possible unfavourable opinion. In asking for the assistance of ringers so as to present a clear case, as far as possible, to the Council next year, Mr. Smallwood has done his best to forestall future criticism, since it is unfortunately true that many Council members are incapable of expressing useful opinions upon subjects such as this. However, just as every country is said to get the Government it deserves, so ringers for their legislators have only themselves to blame.

GODSHILL

THIS week in our news columns we record a ringers' Sunday being observed at Godshill, Isle of Wight. It was a happy inspiration to hold the festival during the holiday season, and the ringing and special service made a strong appeal to the many visitors present.

The antiquity of All Saints' Church, Godshill, and its many interesting architectural features well repay a visit. The church is the fourth on the site, being mainly rebuilt about 1350. Immediately above the window in the south transept can be seen the Sanctus bell resting on carved corbel-heads. The present bell bears the inscription: 'Clement Tosier made me in 1703,' and replaces an older bell, maybe recast.

The ringing chamber is approached by a ladder. When the six bells were recast in 1816, the village gun, dating from 1545, was added to the metal to make the tenor. They were again recast in 1887 to commemorate Queen Victoria's Jubilee, with a tenor of 9 cwt., and rehung again in 1934 in a new frame.

The inscriptions on the bells denote thought and reverence and read as follows:—

- Treble: Ring, ring, ye bells and sweetly tell
That Christ has conquered death and hell.
- Second: With loving voice I call to Church and prayer
And bid the living for the grave prepare.
- Third: The public raised us with a liberal hand
We come with harmony to cheer the land.
- Fourth: When female virtue weds with manly worth
We catch the rapture and we speed it forth.
- Fifth: Here, let us pause and now with one accord
Salute the Church Triumphant in the Lord.
- Tenor: May all whom I shall summons to the grave.
The blessings of a well-spent life receive.

The first and second bells bear a further inscription: 'In memory of the Jubilee of Queen Victoria, 1887. Thomas Ratcliffe, vicar; Albert Morse and William Reynolds, churchwardens.'

A MID-DEVON TOUR

WEST TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sun., Aug. 6, 1950, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

DORIS G. DOBBIE Treble	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 5
WALTER H. DOBBIE 2	REGINALD W. REX 6
FREDK. S. MACEY 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
The first peal on the bells, cast in 1879 by Mears and Stainbank.

CHULMLEIGH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Mon., Aug. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. in E.

FREDK. S. MACEY Treble	REGINALD W. REX 5
ERNEST G. ORLAND 2	JOHN O. WELLER 6
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 3	S. GEOFFREY WATERS 7
MALCOLM S. CLOKE 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
The first peal of Major on the bells.

WINKLEIGH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Tues., Aug. 8, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

ERNEST G. ORLAND Treble	BENJAMIN F. BAKER 5
REGINALD W. REX 2	WALTER H. DOBBIE 6
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 3	S. GEOFFREY WATERS 7
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Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
The first peal on the bells, which have been a ring of eight since 1873.

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THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Tues., Aug. 8, 1950, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in D.

*DORIS G. COLGATE Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 5
*ROBERT COLLINS 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
REGINALD W. REX 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 7
JOHN O. WELLER 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* 50th peal together. First peal in the method on the bells.

TIVERTON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Fri., Aug. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

DORIS G. DOBBIE Treble	BENJAMIN J. BAKER 5
*REGINALD E. LAMBERT 2	+THOMAS E. SONE 6
WALTER H. DOBBIE 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 7
REGINALD W. REX 4	+A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* 300th peal. + 25th peal together. A 22nd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Baker.

OAKFORD, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Fri., Aug. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

FREDERICK S. MACEY Treble	JOHN O. WELLER 5
FREDK. J. LAMBERT 2	KILBY R. HOLTON 6
DORIS E. COLGATE 3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE 7
ROBERT COLLINS 4	S. GEOFFREY WATERS ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
First peal of Major as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

CHUDLEIGH, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F.

*ANGELA CARTER Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 5
DORIS E. COLGATE 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
ROBERT COLLINS 3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER 7
+MALCOLM S. CLOKE 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Surprise Major and a 21st birthday compliment to her. + First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells. 75th peal of Major as conductor

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1950, in 3 Hours and 24 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	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 7
FRANK E. PERVIN 2	JOHN PINFOLD 8
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 9
ALBERT WALKER 4	HENRY H. FEARN 10
*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 5	FRANK E. HAYNES 11
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr.

ARTHUR MAWDSLEY Treble	JACK ASHCROFT 6
RONALD KENRICK 2	THOMAS HESKETH 7
WILLIAM DEACON 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 8
THOMAS HORRIDGE 4	EDWIN BIRKETT 9
PETER COXALL 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells. Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. Horridge.

HUDDERSFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 23 cwt.

J. C. E. SIMPSON Treble	J. E. CAWSEY 6
W. E. CRITCHLEY 2	W. ALLMAN 7
J. E. BIBBY 3	J. F. MILNER 8
L. W. G. MORRIS 4	R. G. EDWARDS 9
A. SMITH 5	J. WORTH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. E. CAWSEY.
First in the method and of Royal on the bells. Rung in honour of the engagement of Dr. J. C. E. Simpson and Miss Audrey Newman.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Aug. 10, 1950, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

JOHN SCOTT Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN 6
ALBERT WALKER 2	+JOHN PINFOLD 7
*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 3	FRANK E. HAYNES 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 4	HENRY H. FEARN 9
TERRY R. HAMPTON 5	+GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* 200th peal together. + 300th peal together.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1950, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SS. GEORGE AND
DENYS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in D.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	SELWYN DEARDEN 6
FRANK BARRACLOUGH ... 2	BURLEY WALSHAW 7
F. RALPH WILLIAMS ... 3	RICHARD BENSON 8
CHARLES CLEGG 4	VERNON SYKES 9
*JACK CLEGG 5	RICHARD LONGDEN ... Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in method. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. W. N. Shuker, hon. secretary of the Lancashire Association.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	NORMAN J. HADLEY ... 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2	ALAN ELSMORE 7
ALFRED S. BAYLEY ... 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 8
MAURICE G. TURNER ... 4	JOHN N. LINDON 9
RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 5	JOHN LUCK Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., July 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*MARGARET H. BAKER ... Treble	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... 5
REGINALD L. SILLS ... 2	FREDK. S. MACEY 6
EDNA M. SILLS 3	PETER C. WRIGHT 7
FRANK P. WRIGHT ... 4	E. S. JOHN HATCHER ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

* First peal in the method.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

WALTER C. MEDLER ... Treble	F. NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 2	*SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 6
BERT GOGLE 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
GEORGE SAYER 4	HAROLD WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN FREEMAN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Superlative.

YOULGRAVE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 3, 1950, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM A. PARSONS ... Treble	DENIS R. CARLISLE ... 5
*WILLIAM SMITH 2	GEORGE H. PAULSON ... 6
HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 3	FRANCIS R. LOWE 7
GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 4	GORDON GRAHAM ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Mon., Aug. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY Treble	HENRY H. FEARN 5
*MURIEL REAY 2	EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7
TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 4	FREDK. E. COLLINS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* 50th peal.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... Treble	BURLEY MORRIS 5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
*MRS. G. E. WATSON ... 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 7
MRS. D. E. BEAMISH ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of London Surprise. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Clarke, of Leicester, on their golden wedding anniversary and a birthday compliment to Mrs. D. E. Beamish.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

JAMES THORLEY ... Treble	ARTHUR FIRTH 5
J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... 2	GIBSON JACKSON 6
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 7
FRANK REED 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. EDW. CAWSEY.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Fowler on the occasion of their silver wedding.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*IVOR J. WHEAT ... Treble	CLEMENT GLENN 5
FREDK. A. SALTER ... 2	*JACK BONSER 6
HAROLD DENMAN ... 3	WALTER NICHOLS 7
HERBERT LEWIN ... 4	WILLIAM L. RICKWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER NICHOLS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BARNSELY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

JAMES THORLEY ... Treble	*FRANK REED 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... 6
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 3	*GIBSON JACKSON ... 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.



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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

GEORGE F. SPERRING ... Treble	FREDERICK H. BIRKS ... 5
JOHN HAYES ... 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 6
JOHN W. BEST ... 3	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 7
HENRY O. BAKER ... 4	*R. GORDON CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

* First peal of Cambridge. Rung by a Sunday service band as a wedding compliment to Joan Close and Derek Griffiths, both ringers at this church; also a 21st birthday peal for R. Gordon Corby.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... Treble	NORMAN HOBDEN ... 5
*JOYCE GIBBONS ... 2	CHARLES W. MUNDAY ... 6
JOYCE A. ENGLAND ... 3	ALBERT H. HARMAN ... 7
*RALPH C. SPITTLE ... 4	DAVID E. PARSONS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1950, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Church of Emmanuel,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM E. ALLMAN ... Treble	BRIAN D. THRELFALL ... 5
ALEXANDER J. WEBSTER ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN ... 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 3	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James-the-Great,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt. in A.

H. JAMES TURNER ... Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 5
HENRY H. FEARN ... 2	EDWARD T. LLOYD ... 6
*JOHN SCOTT ... 3	ARTHUR D. COOK ... 7
*ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

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

* First peal of Yorkshire.

TIMBERSCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Petrock,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE MAIDMENT ... Treble	FREDK. W. SODEN ... 5
SIDNEY WYBURN ... 2	ISAAC FARMER ... 6
HENRY W. LLOYD ... 3	ARTHUR R. TUDBALL ... 7
HENRY J. PARKER ... 4	JIM HERROD ... Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC FARMER.

WYE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HARRY BAKER ... Treble	*RALPH BIRD ... 5
MARK W. MARSHALL ... 2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 6
PERCY PAGE ... 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 7
WILFRED W. RING ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Joyce Parkes, daughter of the tenor ringer.

DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*ALAN DUGDALE ... Treble	*WILLIAM E. ALLMAN ... 5
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 2	*HAROLD WORRALL ... 6
†JOHN ORME ... 3	WALTER ALLMAN ... 7
DENIS MADDOCK ... 4	CECIL RADDON ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

* First Surprise peal. † First Surprise peal on a working bell.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., July 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Single Oxford and one each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

REGINALD L. SILLS ... Treble	LUTHER J. HONESS ... 4
TOM SAUNDERS ... 2	GEORGE F. CANTRILL ... 5
JOHN H. R. BETTS ... 3	FRANK P. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

First peal in six methods by all the band.

GREAT LONGSTONE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., July 31, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALBERT E. THOMPSON ... Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 4
WILLIAM A. PARSONS ... 2	GEORGE H. PAULSON ... 5
WILLIAM SMITH ... 3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in A.

GEORGE H. PAULSON ... Treble	WILLIAM SMITH ... 4
GORDON GRAHAM ... 2	*FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 5
HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 3	DENIS R. CARLISLE ... Tenor

Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.

* 50th peal for the Association.

EDWINSTOWE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HERBERT T. ROOKE ... Treble	GEORGE CHALLANS ... 4
HAROLD DENMAN ... 2	*JOSEPH SAXTON ... 5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE ... 3	*FREDERICK JACKSON ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal in five methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Jean Haynes, of the Warsop company.

FITZHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY COMMINS ... Treble	FRANK BRANCHFLOWER ... 4
GORDON WALFORD ... 2	CLAUDE TARR ... 5
CYRIL J. STEVENS ... 3	GEORGE SPARKES ... Tenor

Conducted by CLAUDE TARR.

GRIMSTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 1,200 April Day, 1,200 St. Simon's, 1,200 Plain Bob and 1,440 of Grandsire (22 callings and one Morris 240). Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWARD BARKER Treble	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ...	3
CECIL V. EBBERSON 2	*NORMAN V. HARDING ...	4

FRANK H. HICKS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal on five bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Ernest J. Ladd, of Tunbridge Wells, and the conductor, whose birthdays occurred on the above date.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of Hereward, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Thelwall, Childwall, Double Oxford and Single Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt.

*GORDON W. CRAINE ... Treble	ALEX J. WEBSTER ...	4
HUGH ROBERTS 2	ERIC J. GILBERT 5	
†JULIA M. PRESTON 3	FRANK VARTY Tenor	

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods.

EAST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of four 120's of April Day, eight of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, fourteen of Plain Bob and sixteen of Grandsire (18 callings and two 240's by Morris). Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

*IRIS G. M. JARVIS ... Treble	FRANK H. HICKS ...	4
*DAPHNE J. SMITH 2	†E. GAVAN D. TONKIN ...	5
†C. JOHN PIPER 3	*ROBERT BOOTH, JUN. ... Tenor	

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal. † First peal in four Doubles methods on tower bells. Ringers of 1 and 2 are the first members of the local band ever to ring a peal.

WONSTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOYCE COX Treble	A. GORDON LEAHY ...	4
BLANCHE M. BALL 2	RICHARD SMITH 5	
NELIA M. LEAHY 3	JOHN H. HUNT Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

First peal in the method by all except conductor.

WYBUNBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,520 Grandsire, 1,080 April Day, 1,440 Plain Bob, calling all the different 120's. Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT SUTTON ... Treble	*IVOR R. NICHOLS ...	4
HAROLD G. SMITH 2	FREDK. S. SUTTON ...	5
JOHN E. BROUGH 3	EDWARD J. BOFFEY ... Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* First peal of Doubles. Rung to celebrate the birthday of the 2nd ringer and also the 19th wedding anniversary of the tenor ringer.

CUCKNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Killamarsh, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*FREDERICK JACKSON ... Treble	ARNOLD HILL ...	4
GEORGE CHAILANS 2	†GORDON C. BRIGGS ...	5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE ... Tenor	

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in seven Treble Bob methods.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., Aug. 7, 1950, in 1 Hour and 34 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,***A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

In four methods, being 4 extents of Reverse Canterbury, 10 each of Plain Bob and Stedman and 18 of Grandsire. Tenor size 14 in D.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4

*MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 5-6

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Doubles.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Wed., Aug. 9, 1950, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,
AT 21, GARFIELD ROAD,***A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of four 120's of April Day, eight of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, eighteen of Plain Bob and twelve of Grandsire.

Tenor size 15 in C.

*E. GAVAN D. TONKIN ... 1-2 | †FRANK H. HICKS ... 3-4

*C. JOHN PIPER ... 5-6

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal of Doubles in four methods. † First peal of Doubles in four methods 'in hand.' Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Oaks, sister of the conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Fri., Aug. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,***A PEAL OF SPLICED ROYAL, 5016 CHANGES;**

In three methods, comprising 2,640 Plain Bob, 1,320 Double Bob and 1,056 Little Bob, with 264 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

*ALFRED BALLARD ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | ROY C. HURST ... 7-8

MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 9-10

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Spliced. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Harrison, of Scawby, Brigg, Lincolnshire, who were on holiday in Bournemouth and who witnessed the last hour of the peal.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Fri., Aug. 11, 1950, in 1 Hour and 42½ Minutes,
AT 21, GARFIELD ROAD,***A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of two 120's of St. Simon's, ten of April Day, ten of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, ten of Grandsire and ten of Plain Bob, 23 callings. Tenor size 15 in O.

E. GAVAN D. TONKIN ... 1-2 | FRANK H. HICKS ... 3-4

C. JOHN PIPER ... 5-6

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

First peal of Doubles in five methods by all.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

*On Sat., Aug. 12, 1950, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
AT 35, WOODSTOCK ROAD,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one extent each of Double Court, London, Hereward, Double Oxford, Reverse, Double and Plain Bob Minor. Tenor size 15 in O.

W. L. B. LEESE (St. John's) 1-2 | BETTY SPICE (Somerville)... 3-4

JOHN E. SPICE (New Coll.) 5-6

Conducted by JOHN E. SPICE.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Mon., Aug. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
IN THE VICAR'S STUDY, ST. MARGARET'S VICARAGE,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Washbrook's. Tenor size 17 in A.

JOHN BRAMLEY ... 1-2 | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6

*JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 3-4 | ERNEST MORRIS ... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* 50th peal of Stedman Triples.

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THE SWASTIKA

IT WAS USED BY ENGLISH BELLFOUNDERS

By ERNEST MORRIS, F.R.HIST.S.

FROM time immemorial it has been customary to ornament church bells with inscriptions and various decorations. Before founders used their names on their work they used trade marks, initial crosses, and stops between sentences, and by these means we are able to trace their origin and dates. These marks are often of beautiful design and workmanship, sometimes of heraldic or symbolic significance, and occur in great profusion and variety.

Of late years we have seen much use made of the Swastika as the emblem of Germany, and it is not surprising therefore to find this device used on new bells erected there. Thus at the Church of St. Mary at Königsberg it is used with this prosaic inscription:—

'Cast in the year of rebirth, 1934.

May my chimes give thanks to Merciful God,

Who gave us a leader in our time of need.'

The Swastika, also known as the fylfot, Gammadion, or cross cramponée, is of ancient origin, having been used by the votaries of Buddha six hundred years before Christ. Later it was associated with Scandinavian mythology, being known as the Cross of Thor, and Thor's Hammer.

Since Thor was the pagan God of Thunder, the Swastika was sometimes used with the idea of protection against thunderstorms, particularly among the German peasantry.

Subsequently this device of pagan origin became connected with Christianity, and it is found in mediæval English heraldry and ecclesiastical art. It is found on one of the earliest monumental brasses in this country (A.D. 1277)—that of Sir John D'Auberon, at Stoke D'Abernon, in Surrey, and also on later brasses in Kent and Essex. It also became incorporated in the foundry mark of the Heathcote family, who were bellfounders at Chesterfield from 1502 to 1643. By strange coincidence it is to be found upon bells in that part of England where the Norsemen settled. At Treswell, Nottinghamshire, an interesting bell with inscription in small black-letter reads:—

'X X sce pe tri o p s,

(on waist) Ser Ion baynbreg.

Meaning: 'St. Peter pray for us,' and the donor's name, Sir John Bainbridge. The first mark is the ornamental letter D with fylfot, and the second a shield with T.B. each side of a cross, and also a bell and wooden crook, such as used by bellfounders when moulding the clay shape. This is the shield of Thomas Bett, of Leicester.

The only founders who used the fylfot or Swastika ornament were the Heathcotes, of Chesterfield, and Bett, of Leicester. It is found on bells in Nottinghamshire, at Teversal, Wellow, Normanton and Mansfield-Woodhouse. The letters used at Teversal are the same as on the others named, and from this we may conclude there was some connection between the two foundries.

The fifth bell of Appleby, Lincolnshire has two marks and inscription, 'see ma ria o p s' ('St. Mary pray for us'), while a bell at Blithfield, Staffordshire, has the same two

marks and 'see gre gore o p s' ('St. Gregory pray for us'). There are two bells at Ellerstone, Staffs, with T. Bett's mark only, while the lettering is found with George Heathcote's mark at Normanton-on-Trent. Other examples are to be seen at churches in Lincolnshire and Yorkshire.

The Chesterfield bellfoundry arose very early in the sixteenth century, and we find William

bequeathe to the same Raffe, my sonne, all my moldes (moulds) and towles (tools) all brass and bell metell and all other thinges in my workhowse apperteyning to my occupation.'

Ralph Heathcote, who succeeded George in 1558 and died in 1577, was followed by his son Godfrey, who is recorded to have cast a bell for Wirksworth in 1610. He died in 1643, leaving a son Ralph, but the foundry closed about this date.

Thomas Bett, of Leicester, was a man of affluence, and held many offices under the Corporation. He was a Freeman, 1521-2; Auditor, 1524-6; Steward, 1525; Coroner, 1526-7; and finally Mayor in 1529, being styled 'bellfounder of All Saints and ancestor of the New-combes.'

Thus it will be seen that in incorporating the Swastika in the ornamentation of church bells, our English bellfounders antedated the German bellfounders by four centuries!

The ornamentation of bells is well worthy of study, and the diversity and beauty of lettering found on mediæval castings shows that our bellfounders of that day were craftsmen of artistic ability.

LONDON EXTENSION

Dear Sir,—Mr. Baker, in his letter in last week's 'Ringing World,' has pointed out the faults in U.A. London Royal. I suggest that he should have been fair and demonstrated the defects in London Royal No. 3, namely, that when the treble is in 9-10 the places which should be made are those actually made in the other variation. If this is done, the method produced possesses many of the characteristics of London Surprise, but has the lead-end 1083564927.

Methods such as Cambridge and Yorkshire extend because they have a simple principle based on Treble Bob hunting, but there is no reason why all methods should be capable of such extension. Some methods (Superlative is an example) are capable of being extended only by four bells at a time to 12, 16, 20, etc. Others I suggest, such as London, do not possess a true extension.

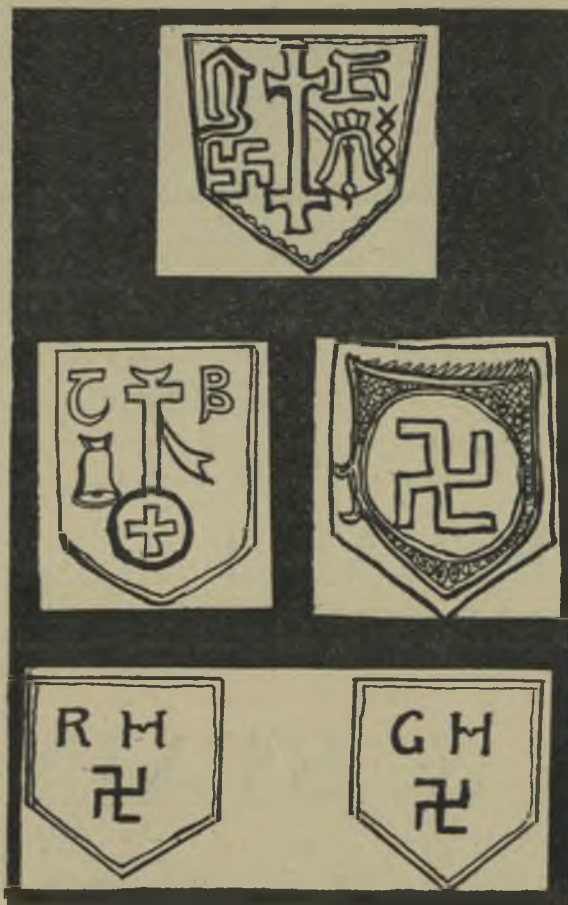
In methods where no obvious extension exists there are two possible solutions: to have a series of extensions and number them No. 1, No. 2, etc., or to use names of nearby places for the various extensions. In either case

let us be open-minded and admit that each extension has its merits—and its defects!

If the space which has been used, and no doubt in the future will be used, arguing the theory of London Royal had been filled with articles on how to ring or a few tips on methods of conducting it would, I believe, have been more useful to ringers at large.—Yours faithfully,

E. J. LINDLEY.

Epsom.



SWASTIKA—Mark of Mediæval Bellfounders.

1. George Heathcote (1525-1558).
- 2 and 3. Thomas Bett (1529-30, Mayor of Leicester).
4. Ralph Heathcote (1558-1577).
5. Godfrey Heathcote (1588-1643).

Heathcote, son of a 'brazier' named Ralph, succeeded his father in the year 1502, and started the bellfounding craft. He died shortly afterwards, and was succeeded by his brother Ralph, who in 1524 released to his son George Heathcote certain lands, and died the following year.

George, another son of the first-named Ralph, whose will is dated 1502, was also a bellfounder. His will is dated 1558, and in it he bequeaths his dwelling in Saltergatehead, Chesterfield, to his wife Margaret, and then says: 'I give and bequeathe to Raffe, my sonne and heyre, all my lands, and also I

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The Universities Association should note that a Guild of Change Ringers has been formed in connection with Adelaide University, South Australia. This is the first University Guild outside the British Isles. The formation of the Guild must be directly attributed to the enthusiasm and energy of Mr. Philip Cooper, who is a member of both the St. Andrew's, Walkerville, band and that of the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, Adelaide.

The joint meeting of the Derbyshire Association and Southwell Guild at Sawley has been postponed until September 9th. See Notice.

In connection with the death of Mr. George Charge, brother of Cornelius (reported last week), it may be of interest to note that the note books of Compositions of Cornelius Charge are now in possession of Ernest Morris, of Leicester.

Apropos the recent correspondence in our columns regarding the conduct of ringing meetings, Mr. Norman Chaddock writes: 'I am happy to say that I cannot recall a ringing meeting where a local tower captain was so discourteous as to attempt to usurp the functions of the Society's Ringing Master.'

Friends of that popular Lancashire ringer, Mr. Fred Dunkerley, of Rochdale, will be very pleased to hear of his success in another field. Only three years ago he learned to fly, and last Saturday won the International Handicap Air Race for the Kemsley Challenge Trophy. Until almost the last moment it was uncertain whether Mr. Dunkerley would be able to overcome propellor trouble with his Miles Gemina I.A aircraft in time to compete. He covered the three-lap course at an average speed of 162.75 miles per hour and received £100 in addition to the trophy. Mr. Dunkerley uses his plane regularly for business and pleasure.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A 100 per cent. record was achieved at the third annual August peal week in the Midlands this year. Twelve towers were visited and 12 peals rung. Mr. W. P. Whitehead informs us that at the Loughborough Bell Foundry the first non-conducted peal of Surprise was rung in the Leicester Diocese.

Two visitors participated in the peal of Grandsire Triples at Timberscombe, Somerset, on August 12th. They were Mr. H. J. Parker, of Hayes, and Mr. F. W. Soden, of Burford, Oxfordshire.

All ringing friends will regret to hear that Mr. J. Hawkins ('Old Joe') has been admitted to the Middlesex Hospital. At the time of writing he was reported to be very comfortable. We wish him a speedy return to normal health.

We quote from the July issue of 'Ringing Towers.' In a Sydney newspaper dated June 29th, under the heading of 'Put another Nickel in,' the following appeared: 'A fortnight ago "Three Blind Mice" rang out from the belfry of the parish church at Great Cornard, Suffolk. The parish councillors warned the bellringer against such levity. Last Sunday, when there was a very poor offering, the bells tolled, "Put another Nickel in." The bellringer was sacked.'

Ringing is full of disappointments. His fellow-ringers at St. Thomas' Church, Exeter, desired to honour the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. E. J. Ryall, vice-president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers and hon. secretary of the Exeter Branch, and Mrs. Ryall. The peal of Grandsire Triples by the local company on August 16th came to grief after 2 hours and 45 minutes' ringing. Nevertheless we all join with the local company in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Ryall every happiness.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CANON 88

Dear Sir,—Here is the wording of this Canon as it affects church bells: 'neither the bells to be rung superstitiously upon Holy Days or Eves abrogated by the Book of Common Prayer, nor at any other times, without good cause to be allowed by the Minister of the place, and by themselves' (i.e., the churchwardens).

As a ringer, an incumbent, a chairman of a Guild and a promoter of rehanging of bells and augmentation of rings I sum up the 'good causes' for which church bells are rung.

(1) Church Services—to call people to worship Prayer Book order, 'the Curate . . . shall cause a bell to be tolled . . . that the people may come to hear God's Word and to pray with him.' William the Conqueror ordered this bell (the Curfew) to be rung every night (8 o'clock) in every parish, so each church had at least one bell. The monasteries introduced rings which were copied by parish churches which could afford them and get ringers to ring them. It might be, not a question of incumbent's permission, but permission of parishioners if the ringers kicked up too much row.

(2) Weddings. Permission of incumbent is required, but he who calls the tune pays the piper—that is the ringers. And the pipers should see incumbent and churchwardens and settle what is to be the proper fee to whoever rings the bells, which is only their just due.

(3) Funerals.—The Ecclesiastical Commissioners have decided that the sexton have 5s. (it used to be 1s. in my young days) for 'tolling bell at time of death.' See their standard table of fees, which also provides for ministers' fees. This is misnamed the 'passing bell' and is becoming obsolete. Very few ask for this bell to be tolled nowadays. The minister has no authority to permit or not permit the ringing of it.

(4) Ringers' Guild Meetings.—Permission of incumbent is required, asked for, and given to the secretary of the branch Guild. Some Guilds have also a ringing master (as Exeter), some have secretary only (as Peterborough). Both are elected by the branch and the members invariably are most loyal to their officers and their control. I have never heard of an incumbent having given permission to a branch Guild to use the bells, to complain of any trespass on his parochial rights, nor have I met a belfry captain complaining of a Guild, or its secretary, or its ringing master trespassing on his preserves.

(5) Touring Bands. Permission of incumbent required, asked for and given to the leader of the visiting band. I have never known a local band or captain to question the incumbent's privilege or usurp authority over his right to permit a visiting band to ring the bells.

(6) National rejoicings, Christmas and New Year's Eve ringing, etc. I do not know who calls the tune, but I do know the pipers are most happy to play the tune, and don't bother much about pay. But there are ways and means of showing appreciation of the ringers and there are plenty of bell lovers and listeners who are proud of the men pulling the ropes, and goodwill always makes for popularity.—Yours faithfully,

J. M. TURNER.

Washfield Rectory, Tiverton.

YETMINSTER, DORSET.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Helen Godley 1, Mrs. A. Dodley 2, Miss Margaret A. Baker 3, R. G. Field 4, T. G. Setter (first in method as cond.) 5, C. Vowles 6. First quarter for 1 and 3. A farewell compliment to Miss H. Godley, who is shortly leaving for Kenya.

RINGING IN CORNWALL

Dear Sir,—I have just returned from a 17 day holiday in Cornwall during which period I had the pleasure of ringing in 35 new towers, 33 in Cornwall and two in Devon.

Through the medium of the 'Ringing World' I should like to express my appreciation of the welcome accorded me everywhere by the local ringings and/or incumbents, my gratitude to the ringers of Redruth, Camborne and the St. Columb area for providing bands for outings and my very sincere and special thanks to Mr. Percy Williams (my host) of Redruth, by whose assistance and organisation I was able to ring at the majority of the towers and whose name acted as an 'Open Sesame.'

All being well, my 1951 holiday will most certainly be spent at Redruth.

Thank you, Cornwall, and may I have the pleasure of returning the compliment to at least some of your ringers.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. P. FIELD,

Buckland Newton, Dorset.

PEALS FOR TWO ASSOCIATIONS

Dear Sir,—In support of Mr. Dunkerley and his explanation of the method employed by the Lancashire Association in dealing with 'dual Association' peals, may I say that the Yorkshire Association has also worked a similar system; i.e., that, on request, a peal rung for some other Association has been published in the annual report of the Yorkshire Association provided all the ringers were members of the Y.A.C.R.

Many well-known conductors have, in the past, taken advantage of that system, particularly the late Messrs. John Flint, Samuel Wood and Arthur Knights.

I hope that Mr. Rogers will pardon me when I say that I think the concluding paragraph of his letter on the same subject is unfortunate if not ill chosen as it savours of a dictatorship which many ringers fear the Central Council is trying to take unto itself and which, if persisted in, may harm the structure of our ringing Associations and Guilds in their relationship to the Central Council.—Yours faithfully,

W. BARTON

Hon. Peal Secretary, Y.A.C.R.

9, Pembroke Road, Pudsey, Nr. Leeds.

THE BEARD—A PROTEST

Dear Sir,—In protest to the repeated correspondence on a Mr. Jack Worrall's beard, I feel I am correct in saying that 'The Ringing World' is published for the conveyance of ringing matter to ringers in every corner of the land and not for a personal correspondence of the few.

I also feel I am correct in saying that this 'famous' beard has long ceased to draw any mirth from the general ringing fraternity; in point of fact, it has become such a bore that I am reminded of a half-drunk in a bus trying in vain to get the people to listen to the same old thing, over and over again.

Like every other ringer, I look forward to my 'Ringing World,' week by week, but when I open it there it is, 'The Beard.'

I can only suggest one thing, that on your next 'Rag Day' it should be on exhibition, or the main feature of the Rag Magazine, but for heaven's sake, keep it out of 'The Ringing World,' for I dread opening it next week; there may be a photograph of it.—Yours faithfully,

JACK CLEGG.

Fallowfield, Manchester.

A Defence of Ringing Wanted

Dear Sir,—As a member of a theological college, I am frequently asked by my fellow-students to defend the practice of bell-ringing. I find it hard to defend against the criticism that it is anti-social. The importance of such discussions, in this place, to the ringing world is obvious. Would any ringer care to put forward a defence of our art, or refer me to previous correspondence on this subject?

Here are some common grounds for complaint. Practice goes on for too long. Saturday afternoons in pleasant towns are spoilt by ringing meetings or peal attempts. I remember taking part in a quarter peal next to a ground on which first-class cricket was being played. Complaints were made by spectators and players. What, then, are we to say in defence of record lengths, which seem to contribute little to the glory of God? (I trust Mr. Lufkin will not take this as a personal criticism, since I would wish him success.)

For myself, ringing is my hobby, and I get a unique chance to offer my hobby to God's service by calling others to 'prayer and praise' on Sundays, a chance not open to those whose hobbies are photography or cycling, for example, who must make a more conscious effort to offer that part of their lives to God.—Yours faithfully,

M. R. D. HARFORD.

Westcott House, Cambridge.

THE RECORD PEAL OF DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—I was interested in the article by Miss Wilkinson regarding record length of Doubles rung at Yass, N.S.W., and she mentions the world's record in the method as having been rung at Gillingham, Suffolk.

Allow me to point out that I fear she has been misinformed, both with regard to the village and also to the method rung. The village is Gillingham, and a peal tablet in the tower records that in April (date not remembered), 1822, a peal of Grandsire Minor, 10,080 changes, was rung in 6 hours 10 minutes.

An interesting feature about the tablet is that by the side of each ringer's name the tool with which he earned his living is cut in the stone.

The bells are a fine ring of six (tenor 18 cwt.) and still hang in the same wooden frame as when the peal was rung. Unfortunately, at the present time they are in an unfit state for ringing.—Yours truly,

W. ROSE.

6, Norfolk Street, Peterborough.

METHOD EXTENSION

Dear Sir,—I think it is generally agreed that S. Leader York-Bramble has rendered the Exercise valuable service by his efforts to place the subject of method extension on a more scientific basis. It is evident, though, that there is a considerable amount of disagreement as to the results obtained. In a case he has quoted recently he rejects completely two extensions, both of which have been rung to peals. It is neither scientific nor reasonable of him to expect anyone to accept his statements as facts without first giving them the opportunity of comparing his figures with those already published.

It is of no value to make sweeping statements and to call them facts without presenting a rigorous proof in support. I am surprised that he should compare his work with that of the late W. M. Thompson and Dr. R. A. Rankine without doing this.—Yours faithfully,

ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER.

Downing College, Cambridge.

SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS' FOURTH TOUR

550 MILES IN MIDLANDS AND YORKSHIRE.

SEVEN CATHEDRALS VISITED.

THE Society's fourth annual tour took place from July 29th to August 11th, and by way of a change from previous tours, the area chosen was the North Midlands and Yorkshire.

The majority of members forgathered outside the magnificent Parish Church of Grantham on Saturday, July 29th, after journeys of varying lengths. Some came by train, but the really keen cyclists (as distinct from those who merely ride bikes!) had pedalled all the way. Members came from London, Leicester, Bournemouth, Wolverhampton, Guildford, Darlington, Reading, Long Ashton, Ewell, Chichester, Axminster, Carshalton, Much Hadham, St. Albans and Newbury. There were a number of new faces this year, and several, notably our Master, Roger Fry, who were unfortunately unable to be with us in the flesh, though we know they must have been with us in spirit!

Proceedings began with ringing on the grand Taylor ten (tenor 32½ cwt.) at St. Wulfram's, Grantham, and how fine they sounded to the music of Cambridge Royal and Grand-sire and Stedman Caters! With the melodious tones of these bells still ringing in our ears, we set off for our first youth hostel, in the pleasant Rutland village of Whissendine. The church tower here is said to be the finest in this tiny county, but it was not possible to ring the six bells due to the bad state of the ropes.

Sunday morning saw us awheel early en route for Melton Mowbray, and the sight of its great church, of almost cathedral standard, was most inspiring. Ringing on the good ten (tenor 25½ cwt.) took place for an hour or so before matins, and again included Caters and Cambridge Royal. The party attended the service, and were pleased to receive a welcome from the Vicar afterwards.

Lunch in a wayside cafe was much enjoyed before the run over to Syston, near Leicester. Ringing here was of a high standard, a touch in three Spliced Surprise Major methods being the first touch of Spliced rung for the Society. On the way back to Whissendine some really keen members rang Plain and Double Bob Minimus on a little ring of four at Burrough-on-the-Hill. At the hostel a short business meeting was held, during which the secretary (Mark White) announced that Roger Fry wished to resign the Mastership of the Society for this year at least, and on a vote being taken, Phil Chalk was elected Master amid acclamations.

IN LEICESTER

On Monday came a run through the pleasant Leicestershire countryside to the city of Leicester, where, after an excellent lunch at the Civic Restaurant, we had the privilege of ringing on the fine Taylor twelve (tenor 25½ cwt.) at the Cathedral. Thanks here are particularly due to Mr. H. J. Poole and his band for their cordial reception and for helping to arrange our ringing in Leicester. The somewhat unusual ascent to the belfry having been negotiated, the music of Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus was soon rolling out across the city.

Ringling here ended all too soon, but after sampling the delights of Leicester's choicest milk bar (!), we all enjoyed ringing on the rather heavier twelve (tenor 33 cwt.) at St. Margaret's, where we were welcomed by Mr. Ernest Morris. After more Stedman Cinques and another half-course of Cambridge Twelve, we set out for the last call of the day, the six at Billesdon, with a pre-Reformation tenor (11½ cwt., and a very good bell). Various

Minor methods, including London and Cambridge, were rung here before going on to the hostel at Loddington. Our hostel 'job' here took the form of extracting weeds from between the stones of a cobbled yard, which proved somewhat arduous to the more aged members of the party!

Tuesday took us first to Oakham, the county town of Rutland, and after the fine church had been inspected, ringing took place on a splendid eight (tenor 22½ cwt.), and very appropriately included a course of Rutland. These bells, like so many others on which we had the pleasure of ringing, were cast by Taylors, and are a credit to the firm. Next came the pleasant six at Cottesmore (tenor 15 cwt.), which were soon set going to various methods, including Spliced Plain and Little Bob, called by the expert from Bournemouth. The swaying of the weather vane and the capstone of the spire here caused some alarm, and the churchwarden, who welcomed us, promised to have due inspection made.

Then on to Colsterworth, just off the Great North Road, where the six were again used to the full after a welcome from the Vicar and two local ringers. The last tower of the day was Great Ponton, where we found a quaint ring of five (tenor 15 cwt.), which would form Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of a ring of eight! Ringing here included 120 of April Day, by special request! The hostel at Harrowby Hall was then visited, where we found quite a large party of visitors from a far-off land encamped in a barn nearby, the hostel being full.

IN A THUNDERSTORM.

The following day saw us setting off for Sleaford, en route for which town some of us had the pleasure of ringing on a fine little Taylor octave at Heydour (tenor 12½ cwt.), where the record peal of London Major was rung. The grand bells at St. Denys', Sleaford, were used to the full, though we found the bells a little tricky to handle, due to a long draught and new ropes. An attempt for five Spliced unfortunately came to grief, but Cambridge, Double Norwich and Stedman were 'tapped out' quite well.

The ten at Ewerby (tenor 15½ cwt. in D) came next, with another long draught of rope. Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal were rung here while a thunderstorm raged outside! The rain having abated, we returned to Sleaford for lunch, and thence on to the Saxon tower of Harmston, with another good light octave (tenor 10 cwt.), where, among other methods, a touch of five Spliced was brought round.

A heavy thunderstorm while on our way into Lincoln failed to damp the spirits of the party, and we all arrived on time at the Cathedral, where we received a hearty welcome from Mr. Freeman and several members of the Cathedral band, who had very kindly put their weekly practice back about 27 hours for our benefit. Thank you, Lincoln, we appreciated it! Here we were visited by a member of the local Press, who collected information about our tour and took a photo of us, with your scribe occupying an even more conspicuous position than usual! After Stedman and Cambridge Maximus on this very fine light twelve, we adjourned to the local Y.H. for the night.

On the following day, those who had previously thought Lincolnshire to be a completely flat county were sadly disillusioned for, after ringing various methods at St. Giles', Lincoln, and Washingborough—both good octaves—came a climb over the Lincolnshire Wolds, which here reach quite a respectable height. Ringing on the six (tenor 10 cwt.) at Wragby was distinguished by our secretary's involuntary attempt to wrap his rope round the clock case during a touch of Cam-

bridge Minor! Then followed the hilly run to Louth, where the superb spire rose grandly to a height of 295ft. above the roofs of the town. The fine heavy octave (tenor 31 cwt.) was soon rolling out the music of Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Bristol, despite the fact that the sway of the tower caused several of the bells to play tricks!

On arrival at N. Elkington hostel, the party was severely shaken—at least one member was horrified!—to discover that no meals could be provided, despite previous arrangements. However, the crisis was safely overcome, two foraging parties returning with such ample supplies that the unused balance had to be sold to the warden and other hostellers after our sundry members had had their fill. All honour to our cooks and their assistants!

CROSSING THE HUMBER.

Next came the run across N. Lincs to Barton-on-Humber, where the two good rings of eight at St. Mary's (tenor 16 cwt.) and St. Peter's (tenor 10½ cwt.) were sampled. Ringing at St. Mary's was notable for a good touch of six Spliced. These two churches stand within 200 yards of each other, and Barton is indeed fortunate in possessing two grand churches. St. Peter's has a Saxon tower, nearly 1,000 years old, still in good repair. The trip across the Humber to Hull was enjoyed, and handbells were rung en route to Grandsire Triples.

We then had the pleasure of ringing on the fine ten at Holy Trinity (tenor 25½ cwt.), which church is reputed to be one of the largest in the country.

We shall all long remember the fine hospitality and enormous meals provided by Mr. and Mrs. Massey at the guest house where we stayed the night, before setting out for Beverley, with its superb Minster and the fine weighty ring of ten (tenor 41 cwt.). Some of us helped to ring the Bourdon bell, 'Great John' (seven tons) to accompany some excellent Cambridge Royal rolling out from the other tower. Ringing on Beverley's other ten at St. Mary's (tenor 34½ cwt.) was also much enjoyed, before the long run to York. A call was made at Pocklington to ring various methods (including York Minor) on the good six (tenor 17 cwt.) before journeying on to the York hostel.

AT YORK MINSTER

Sunday morning saw us early at the Minster for service ringing on the very fine twelve (tenor 59½ cwt.). Some good Stedman Cinques and Kent Maximus were rung here, despite the heavy bells and the fact that they are a little difficult to hear in the ringing chamber. Afterwards the party followed various activities—some had a row on the river—before cycling down to Selby to ring Caters and Cambridge Royal at the Abbey, and Stedman, Cambridge and Bristol at Eserick on the way back to York.

Next day's run took us through some of the industrial areas of the West Riding. First came a good Taylor octave at Tadcaster (tenor 20 cwt.), then on to Wakefield, with its new ring of twelve at the Cathedral. The 'Yorkshire' rope ends here proved a little difficult for the Southerners, some remarking that one became confused between hand and back strokes!

We were a little late in arriving at Sheffield to ring at the Cathedral, but made good use of the remaining time. The twelve, like York, are a little difficult to hear in the ringing chamber, but are a very fine ring. Next the good heavy eight at St. Marie's (R.C.) (tenor 25 cwt.) were rung to various methods before the long climb over Tootley Moor (1,200ft.) to Leam Hall hostel. Some of the

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Society of Roving Ringers—cont.

weaker brethren took the train through Tolley tunnel (3½ miles), but the majority pedalled all the way, though two members were a little late in arriving! Why must hostels always be on the tops of hills?

Tuesday took us to Ranmoor, Sheffield, where those who were successful in finding the church rang methods up to Surprise Royal, Dronfield, in Derbyshire, and finally the new ten by Mears (tenor 25½ cwt.) at Chesterfield. The crooked spire here (7ft. 10in. out of perpendicular in one direction) caused much comment, but is now, we are told, perfectly safe! The night was spent in Overton Hall hostel, Ashover, which was formerly an approved school, so that we can all claim to have spent one night in a reform school! Hotel water and the availability of a bath here were much appreciated, and on the following day our route took us through some of the grand scenery of the Derwent Valley down to Derby. Ringing took place at Matlock (tenor 14 cwt.), Belper, and the two tens, the Cathedral and St. Andrew's in Derby, before the return trip to a really out-of-the-way hostel at Shining Cliff. Here the Cumberlands played the College Youths at chess, which resulted in a win for the former. However, the good food and magnificent scenery easily counterbalanced the somewhat primitive living conditions!

The next run took us through the more industrial areas of Derbyshire and Notts to Nottingham, with ringing in various methods up to Spliced at Alfreton, the very good octave (tenor 17 cwt.) at Ilkeston and Beeston (tenor 19½ cwt.). After a little delay in obtaining the key, Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Ten were tapped out at St. Peter's, Nottingham, before a pleasant run with a following wind to the old Cathedral City of Southwell, where again we found a very good hostel, where the boisterous spirits of some of the party had to be curbed by a visit from the warden at 10.45 p.m., telling us to 'pipe down'!

SOUTHWELL MINSTER.

The first tower on Friday, unfortunately the last day of the tour, was the grand Minster at Southwell. The unusual ringing conditions here, similar to those prevailing at Merton College, Oxford, did not prevent some good striking in Cambridge, Double Norwich, Plain Bob and Stedman, though some members were glad of the curtains hung across the gallery railing to hide the view of the stone floor, some 60ft. below!

The ten in the great tower and spire at Newark were next on the programme, where we were welcomed by Mr. Raithby and some of the other local ringers, and after lunch we again crossed the border into Lincolnshire to ring at Brant Broughton, reputed the 'heaviest and roughest six in Lincs.' Some of the tireless tower snatchers managed a ring on the pretty light six at Barnby-in-the-Wilms (what a descriptive name!) en route. The bells at Brant Broughton lived up to their reputation, the tenor (23½ cwt.) proving a real handful, and the second casting wheel several times. Their tone, however, is very fine, and one would like to see a full restoration here. The final official tower of the tour was the very good light octave at Caythorpe, where, after some little disagreement with the clock hammers, methods up to Spliced were rung.

After the ringing, an informal meeting was held in the churchyard, at which hearty votes of thanks were accorded to all those who had helped to make this year's tour such a grand success. Five hundred and fifty miles over some grand countryside had been covered, and no less than 2,180 steps climbed during the fortnight! Ringing on the whole was of a very high standard, and for the first time reached the heights of Spliced Surprise on tower bells and touches of Stedman Caters 'in hand.'

Methods rung were Cambridge and Kent from Minor to Maximus, Stedman from Doubles to Cinques, 6 Spliced Surprise Major, London, Bristol, Rutland, Superlative, Lincolnshire Surprise Major, Yorkshire Major and Royal, Double Norwich, Plain Bob from Minor to Royal, Grandsire from Doubles to Caters, Carlisle and London Surprise Minor, St. Clement's and Double Court Minor, Double Bob Minor and Erin Doubles, also April Day Doubles.

All agreed that the tour had been the 'best ever,' and it was decided to use a small balance of funds to start a record of towers, peals rung by the Society, photographs, etc. A Records Committee was appointed, and a member very kindly offered to present an appropriate book to the Society in which these could be kept.

The members then dispersed, some returning to the hostel at Harrowby, others direct to their homes by train or still a wheel, all looking forward to the reunion to be held next February and to next year's tour.

P. N. B.

MANGOTSFIELD RINGER WEDS

On Saturday, August 12th, at Mangotsfield Church, Gloucestershire, Mr. William Frederick Scudamore, was married to Miss Margaret Shapcott, of Staple Hill, Bristol. Freddie (as he is known to all his fellow-ringers) is a native of Llandilo, Carmarthenshire, and a member of the St. David's Guild of Ringers. He first came to the Bristol district when he was in the Air Force, and joined the Mangotsfield ringers, and it was at that time that he met his fiancée. He has since joined the Gloucestershire Constabulary, and is now stationed at Staple Hill, near Bristol.

His fellow-ringers at Mangotsfield, together with other members of the Bristol Rural Branch, were at the church to see that the bells were rung in good style, and after the ceremony a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the following, conducted by the Mangotsfield skipper, Mr. J. G. Jefferies: F. Skidmore 1, R. G. Hooper 2, Miss Miriam James 3, A. C. Baker 4, J. W. Smith 5, J. Jefferies, jun., 6, J. G. Jefferies 7, E. Cooksley 8. (First quarter in the method for 6 and 8.)

The Mangotsfield ringers were represented at the reception by Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jefferies, and the Guild presented the happy couple with a table lamp, the base of which was in the form of a bell and headstock.

We wish the bride and bridegroom every happiness in their future, and may the law be administered fifty-fifty.

F. S.

Dedication

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP.

A large congregation gathered in the Church of St. Michael, Shepton Beauchamp, Somerset, on August 12th, for a service of rededication of the ring of eight bells. The service, impressive both for its simplicity and sincerity, was taken by the Rector, the Rev. A. T. Stephens, and the lesson was read by the Rev. P. Allan, of South Petherton. The bells were rededicated by the Right Rev. Fabian Jackson, Assistant Bishop of Bath and Wells, who preached a forceful sermon, with the message of the bells as its theme.

The opening touch of Grandsire Triples was rung as the congregation was leaving the church. An excellent tea, provided by the wives of the local ringers, was enjoyed by about seventy people at the Village Hall.

After tea, the Rector thanked all those who had made the restoration possible, particularly the trustees of the Frederic Robins Trust, who defrayed the entire cost of the restoration.

Mr. Robert England replied for the trustees, saying that he was sure that this way of spending the money would have been approved by Mr. Robins, who, when he was alive, took a keen interest in the bells, and had, in fact, left a fund to provide for the ringing of the bells on All Souls' Day.

Later a general move was made to the belfry, where ringing was continued until 9 p.m. by members of the local band and visitors from 16 different towers. A promising sign was that the ringing, which was in the four standard methods, was of a high order, and the striking was generally very good, due, no doubt, to the improved 'go' of the bells.

At the conclusion of a very happy day, it was unanimously agreed that Messrs. John Taylor and Co. had made a fine job of the restoration.

FRIEZLAND CONTEST

The contest to celebrate the centenary of the bells of Christ Church, Friezland, was held on August 5th, and was attended by a large number of ringers from many towers in Lancashire and Yorkshire. A company of 122 sat down to an excellent tea. The draw and result were as follows:—

1. Silkestone	134	faults.
2. Cawthorne	170	"
3. Liversedge	47	"
4. Shelley 'A'	102	"
5. Shelley 'B'	109	" Rang out.
6. Thornhill	136	" Rang out.
7. Saddleworth	124	"
8. New Mill	64	"
9. Lindley	100	"
10. Meltham	144	"

Each ringer of the Liversedge team received a sandwich stand as first prize. The New Mill team were placed second and each ringer received a set of chrome egg cups. The prizes for the Lindley ringers, who were placed third, were gravy servers on stands. Each member of Shelley 'A' team received a barometer and thermometer on a wooden base as fourth prize.

The money for the prizes was all donated by parishioners and friends of the church.

GROUP THEORY PUBLICATIONS

Dear Sir,—Surely Mr. York-Bramble surpassed his wildest fantasies when, in the issue dated August 4th he ascribed to Dr. Ledermann the authorship of a book on composition. The book referred to makes no mention of change ringing!

So far as I know, the only book which applies group theory to composition and method construction is an unpublished one by Brian D. Price.—Yours sincerely,

MAURICE HODGSON.

Kenton, Harrow, Middlesex.

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EAST ANGLIA VISITS SOMERSET

PIPE'S PILGRIMS' ENJOYABLE WEEK.

AT the early hour of 5.30 a.m. on July 24th a party of ringers under the care of Jim Pipe boarded a coach at Grundisburgh Green. Following a winding route through the lanes of East Anglia, other ringers were taken aboard at Ipswich, Hadleigh, Bures and Colchester, after which a course was set for London and the West.

About 11 a.m. the same day, a Surrey ringer could have been seen sitting on a suitcase at the end of Staines Bridge, anxiously scanning the passing traffic. At 11.15 a.m., imagine his surprise and disappointment when the East Anglian coach came along and went straight by. Failure to locate a certain public-house at Staines almost caused the Surrey man 'to miss the bus.' However, when a few minutes later the coach returned to Staines, the missing ringer was still sitting on his suitcase. He was quickly taken aboard, and the journey resumed.

After lunch at Basingstoke, it seemed that there must have been a touch of intuition for the tourists to find the coach parked outside a famous nine-bell tower. Fast time was made across Salisbury Plain, but the party slowed down as they passed Stonehenge. The first ringing of the tour was at Westminster. An excellent course of London on this fine eight, with 28 cwt. tenor, opened the proceedings. After all members of the party had had a ring, the last stage of the journey was resumed, the headquarters, The Crown Hotel, Glastonbury, being reached at 7.15 p.m. Here the party was strengthened by ringers from Nuneaton and Sampford Peverel, and received a welcome to Somerset from Mr. Joe Dyke. Dinner over, handbells were enjoyed for half an hour before bedtime, nine members of the party being accommodated in a nearby guest house.

WELLS TENOR.

Wells Cathedral was the first tower on Tuesday. Here three strong men broke the tenor rope when the bell was about frame high, the flying rope causing some havoc to a nearby gas bracket. The rope was, however, quickly spliced and the 57 cwt. tenor pulled up. The glorious ten were soon ringing to Treble Ten, with Jim Pipe on the box. Stedman Caters, rounds and call changes followed. After lowering the bells and making our way to the Cathedral Close, heavy rain greeted us and continued most of the day. This was the only wet day of the tour. St. Cuthbert's, Wells, a fine eight with tenor 27 cwt. in D. was also visited. A tall tower and ball bearings did not fit in with the ringers, and the performance was not up to standard.

The route was through the lovely Cheddar Gorge to Wrington. While the bells were tapping out a perfect half-course of Cambridge Royal, the Surrey man searched for the last resting-place of the Guildford Guild's late Master, whose bells, surely, were being rung as he would have wished them. A wonderful lunch was served by mine host at the Bell Hotel, after which Mr. Stafford Green spoke a few words to the memory of Major Hesse. It was with regret that we left Wrington.

Congresbury, with its ring of eight (tenor 35 cwt.), was but a short journey. Ringing here opened with a course of London. These grand old bells need good ringers. Here a ringer from Earl Soham has become known to his friends as 'Canon Beecroft,' as he is the only man to pull off Congresbury tenor unaided. (A number of ringers have this distinction.—Ed.)

On to Wroxall, where we found a beautifully-kept churchyard and a musical ring of eight (tenor 23½ cwt.), really worthy of each

other. These bells are very easy to ring. Worthy of note here was the ringing of a good course of Yorkshire. Tea was partaken at the Battleaxes Hotel. A disappointment followed; we were unable to visit St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, the only 12-bell tower on the programme, as our trip clashed with the local practice night.

Changing our course, we found ourselves at Long Ashton, with a very powerful 30 cwt. tenor, and an excellent 'go' on plain bearings. London, Kent, Stedman, and call changes for the beginners were rung, and interest was taken in the silent apparatus, electrically driven, a war feature in the tower. By the way of lanes, we arrived at Chew Magna for the last ringing of the day. On this fine eight (tenor 28½ cwt.) Superlative was the opening method, followed by the usual Kent, Stedman and rounds. The local ringer who met us was disappointed and surprised that East Anglian ringers did not rise and fall in peal.

The journey back to Glastonbury was enlivened by the humour of one of the party, who was hereafter known as 'the Rev. Leslie Mills.' Dinner over, we went our several ways to bed, there being some speculation in the guest house as to why the Surrey man spent such a long time in the kitchen with the 'hostess.'

Wednesday morning dawned bright and clear, and the Surrey man was early astir. A cup of tea taken to each visitor at 6.30 a.m. solved the mystery of the previous night's visit to the kitchen. The early morning climb up 'The Tor,' which some of us made, in consequence went much easier.

The first ringing of the day was at St. John's, Glastonbury, a good-toned eight (tenor 23 cwt.). Ringing was not very good owing to the sway of the tower, and the ringing was not worthy of record. The Bristol was certainly not the best of methods to start with.

EVERCREECH AND DITCHEAT.

Evercreech, with its new ten (tenor 23 cwt.), was next visited. The bells were a delight to ring on, and the model belfry was voted a credit to the local ringers. Roddy Pipe, aged 10, our youngest ringer, distinguished himself by taking part in a course of Bob Minor.

Ditcheat bells (tenor 24 cwt.) had been eagerly looked forward to, and the eight proved all that we had been told to expect. This is a glorious ring in another well-kept belfry. Three leads of Bristol, the opening touch, was followed by a perfect touch of Stedman Triples, with Mr. Lintern, of Ditcheat, on the tenor. This touch was broadcast by phone to Mr. Joe Dyke, Mr. Lintern telling us later that Joe said it was all right; we should have heard about it if it was not so. Before lowering the bells, Bill Simmonds rang the second and third to rounds, Mr. Lintern remarking that it was the first time he had seen two bells rung double-handed. Lunch in true Somerset style followed.

The next stop was Sherborne Abbey, with its magnificent and breath-taking eight (tenor 46 cwt.). A good course of Cambridge was rung, with Jim Pipe on the tenor. All the ringing on this heavy eight was surprisingly good. Many of the party climbed the tower to see the bells turning over and to marvel at the commanding view from the parapet.

We were ready for tea at the Cottage Cafe, Yeovil. Ringing followed on the fine ten at the parish church (tenor 40 cwt.), but the striking was below standard.

The final call of the day was at Queen Camel, where we had the privilege of hearing

Joe Dyke and the local ringers raise this grand six in peal. London and Cambridge Minor, Kent and Plain Bob were rung, so that the big-bell men could all turn the 36 cwt. tenor in. The tourists let the bells down in peal and thought they had made a fair job of it, but with the helpful advice of one of the local ringers they expect to do better on future occasions.

'YE HEAVERS-UP OF TENORS'

At the social hour which followed at the Mildmay Arms, thanks were expressed to Joe Dyke for the arrangements he made in Somerset on behalf of the party. Our departure homewards was somewhat delayed while the parrot was persuaded to express its opinion of touring ringers. We need not have enquired of the parrot, for this was plainly told us by the manageress on arriving back at The Crown nearly two hours late for dinner.

Thursday morning, after early tea for the privileged few, found us again on the road with Chewton Mendip as our first call. This is another beautiful tower with magnificent bells, the ringing being opened with three leads of Bristol. All the ringing here was of high quality. John Thompson (Nuneaton) and Bill Button (Stonham Aspal), having pulled up the tenor at every tower visited, now assumed the title of 'Ye Heavers up of Tenors,' a distinction the rest of the party were pleased to let them hold for the remainder of the tour.

Next to Wedmore, a grand old eight (tenor 30 cwt.), and Bristol was again the opening method. We were pleased to meet the Vicar in the belfry and to receive his welcome to Wedmore. On to Mark (tenor 19 cwt.), a musical eight, which require good ears to produce good ringing. Lunch at the Packhorse Inn was up to the usual standard.

Burnham-on-Sea, the church on the sea front, next claimed our attention. Good bells, but a long draught, and a little heaviness in the 'go' did not produce any ringing of merit.

Our next call was at Bridgwater. Here St. Mary's has several features in interest. The 175ft. spire, erected in 1367, is a rarity in this part of Somerset, and it surmounts a fine ring of eight bells, with a 25 cwt. tenor, cast by a local founder, 'Bailey, of Bridgwater.' A long draught made ringing a little difficult, but the striking was good on the whole.

The drive over Sedgemoor and the view of Weston Zoyland, with its glorious tower and memories of the Monmouth rebellion, were appreciated, as we made our way to Curry Rivel. Here we found a brilliant little eight (tenor 19½ cwt.), which were soon tapping out a first-rate touch of Stedman.

Our final call of the day was Drayton (eight, tenor 19½ cwt.), a musical ring with a mellow Rudhall tenor, long draught and 'go' good. Here it was suggested that the official 'Heavers up of Tenors' did not know if they had pulled the bell up right or wrong, so they let it down and pulled it up again to make sure! After dinner, a pleasant little ceremony was witnessed when Mr. Fisher, of Ufford, on behalf of the tourists, presented Jim Pipe with a fountain pen in appreciation of his work as organiser of the tour.

On Friday, the last ringing day of the tour, we had our first ring at Martock (eight, tenor 25 cwt.), a good ring of bells on ball bearings, which do not seem to find favour with the East Anglians. Ilminster (eight, tenor 24 cwt.) was our next call, and a grand mellow ring the bells proved to be. All the ringing here was good, the high spot being a course of Bristol. Lunch was taken at the George Hotel, where it is recorded that Queen Victoria once stayed the night. Before moving

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East Anglia visits Somerset—cont.

on to Chard, we were sorry to have to say good-bye to Mr. Stafford Green, who was returning to Devonshire. Chard, with its ground-floor belfry and long draught, did not add any lustre to record on the roll, while the 'Heavers up of Tenors' were puzzled when pulling up the tenor by being told to 'keep her down.'

West Coker (tenor 12 cwt.), the lightest eight we had rung on during the week, produced some good ringing. The two ten-year-olds, Donald Mills and Roderick Pipe, stood in for call changes, and Roddy further distinguished himself by ringing a course of Bob Triples. Of great interest to the party was a touch of Grandsire Triples, with Bill Simmonds ringing the second and third. This was by request of several members of the party who had previously only heard talk of such feats.

Finally to East Coker, with its handy little eight, tenor 13 cwt., and a well-kept belfry, with no peal board disfiguring its spotless walls. The narrow lanes between the two Cokers proved almost too much for the coach, all opposing traffic being forced to reverse. Spliced Surprise in four methods and double-handed Stedman by Bill Simmonds were the high spots. Spliced Kent and Oxford, followed by call changes for the two youngest members, completed our ringing programme.

A social hour at the 'local' followed, when Bill Simmonds and Jack Thompson entertained the party with handbell tunes. The journey back to Glastonbury was really enjoyable, as the 'Canon' and has confederate, 'The Rev. Leslie,' were on the top of their form. We were sorry that Joe Dyke was unable to join us on our last night in Somerset, so our ambassador, Mr. Stafford Green, had been empowered to dispatch to 'Joe' a pair of pipes in recognition of his services in arranging the tour.

THE HOMEWARD JOURNEY.

Our homeward journey on Saturday was commenced after saying good-bye to Harry Millatt, who was continuing his holiday in Devon. The route taken was via the Cheddar Gorge. We walked the last mile down, and the party visited Gough's Caves. While waiting admission, the handbells were made use of to the delight of the public, and the 'Canon' made the occasion one to take a collection, which raised the sum of 3d. for the performers. On leaving the caves we had to say good-bye to Jack and Mrs. Thompson, who were not returning to Nuneaton till the following day. We now made our way to Bristol, via the Clifton Suspension Bridge, over which the party walked to get the full benefit of the glorious view. Getting out of Bristol proved a problem, and for the first time in a week we were really lost. Jim Pipe then took over the pilot's duty, and with the aid of a map eventually reached the Chippenham road. A brief stop for refreshment was made and the journey homewards was under way. Tea was taken at Reading, and after dropping Bill Simmonds at Slough the coach finally reached Grundisburgh at 11.45 p.m.

During the tour, 26 towers were visited and methods rung were Cambridge Royal, Kent Treble Bob Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Spliced Surprise Major in four methods, Spliced Kent and Oxford, London, Bristol, Superlative, Yorkshire and Cambridge Surprise Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Plain Bob Major and Bob Triples, Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and call changes.

The tourists would like to take this opportunity of giving thanks to the incumbents for permission to ring, to the local ringers who met us at the towers, to Joe Dyke again for his organisation, and to all who helped to bring the tour to its successful completion.

TOURIST.**Mr. Albert Walker's 700 Peals**

The Exercise will find the list of Mr. Albert Walker's 700 peals of great interest. Of his 512 tower-bell peals, 317 have been rung on 12 bells. He has rung 188 peals 'in hand,' including the famous Stedman Sextuples, which he conducted. This was the first peal ever rung on 14 bells and was rung at the first attempt.

TOWER BELLS.

Minor: Cambridge 1.

Triples: Grandsire 5, Darlaston Bob 1, Stedman 18 (2).

Major: Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 5, Double Norwich 8, Superlative 4, Cambridge 14 (3), New Cambridge 2, London 1, Hitchin 1, Lincolnshire 1, Yorkshire 5, Belgrave 1.

Caters: Grandsire 7 (2), Stedman 70 (37).

Royal: Plain Bob 2 (1), Kent Treble Bob 10 (4), Yorkshire 6, Cambridge 23 (4), New Cambridge 2, Lincolnshire 1, Prittlewell 1, Solihull 1, Belgrave 1, Pudsey 1, Rutland 1.

Cinques: Grandsire 3, Erin 1, Stedman 267 (117).

Maximus: Plain Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 5 (3), Little Bob 1, Yorkshire 2, Lincolnshire 1, Prittlewell 1, Solihull 1, Belgrave 1, Forward 2, Pontifract 1, Albanian 1, Lindsey 1, Cambridge 27 (1 non-conducted) (8), New Cambridge 1 (1).

HANDBELLS.

Triples: Grandsire 1, Stedman 2.

Major: Plain Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 2.

Caters: Grandsire 1, Stedman 52 (21).

Royal: Kent Treble Bob 3 (2).

Cinques: Grandsire 1, Stedman 120 (including three non-conducted) (49), Erin 1.

Maximus: Kent Treble Bob 3 (2).

Sextuples: Stedman 1 (1).

Tower-bell peals, 512; handbell peals, 188; total, 700.

**DIAMOND WEDDING CELEBRATIONS
IN BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Mr. A. C. Melhuish, senior ringer at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, British Columbia, celebrated his diamond wedding on August 4th. Although 83 years of age, he still takes an active part in the ringing at Christ Church Cathedral, where he has rung since the bells were hung and dedicated in July, 1936.

In the early days, before going to Canada in 1912, Mr. Melhuish took a very active part in the ringing at Bath and was a member of the Cumberland Youths.

On August 4th, from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m., the bells of Christ Church Cathedral were specially rung in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Melhuish, and after the ringing in the tower, the ringers attended a reception at the Melhuishs' residence and presented a specially constructed solid silver bell, made to scale, and suitably engraved to mark the occasion of the diamond wedding. The bell was so constructed as to form a marmalade pot, with the canons forming the lid.

After presenting the bell, touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the handbells, Mr. Melhuish taking part by ringing the two treble bells.

Those taking part in the ringing of the tower bells and handbells were Mary Emmerton, Margaret Izard, Naval Cadet T. R. Arkell, W. Jeune, D. Boniface, A. Izard, E. Merritt, T. Turner and E. W. Izzard.

Mr. and Mrs. Melhuish received many congratulatory messages from all over the world, including one from His Majesty the King, which was especially appreciated.

E. W. I.**Ringers' Day****AN ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVANCE.**

Fine weather prevailed for the Ringers' Day held at All Saints' Church, Godshill, I.W., on Sunday, August 13th. Though the attendance was fairly good, it was no doubt affected by the scare caused by the publicity given to the current epidemic of infantile paralysis. Altogether ten towers were represented, and the bells were kept going to a variety of methods from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor. One very interested spectator in the tower was a French lady. After tea, handbells were rung much to the amazement of many of the uninitiated, who obviously enjoyed the entertainment.

At evensong, which was conducted by the Vicar of Godshill, Rev. H. O. Mason, the lessons were read by Mr. L. Bailey, a local ringer, and a course of Grandsire Triples rung on the chancel step by Mrs. A. M. Guy 1-2, F. S. Taylor 3-4, W. Upton 5-6, C. A. Drake 7-8. During his sermon Canon Cory, M.A., R.D., the president of the I.W. District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, explained to the large congregation how a bell was made to ring and how changes in the order of bells in ringing was brought about. He also stressed the point that ringers who gave service to the church by ringing the bells should not let that be the beginning and the end of their act of worship to God. Canon Cory thanked those responsible for inviting him to preach at what he called 'this festival' of ringing, and hoped it would be the first of many.

By kind permission of the Vicar of Godshill the collection taken at the service was forwarded to the Guild treasurer as a donation to the George Williams Memorial Fund. Thanks are due to the Vicar, too, for allowing the use of the lovely bells, for conducting the service in this beautiful church and for his enthusiastic co-operation, all of which enabled us, the ringers, to spend such an enjoyable time.

L. B.**THEIR OWN BELL HANGERS**

Australian ringers have not the ready assistance of bell founders to help them in their difficulties. At Parramatta it was found that the axle of the tenor was fractured. Two enthusiastic ringers, Bruce Dunbar and George Williamson, set about the task. When removed from the cage it was found that a new headstock was necessary.

As seasoned timber was not available a steel headstock was designed and the work entrusted to a local engineering firm. While this was being done the ringers made arrangements to hang the bell on ball bearings. The bell has now been replaced and the 'go' is reported to be all that can be desired.

5.120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJORBy **JAMES TOPP.**23456 **M. W. H.**

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ALVECHURCH, WORCS.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles:

W. R. Jackson (first as conductor) 1, W. J. Gethin (first 'inside') 2, I. J. Merry 3, F. W. James 4, R. Wilson 5, H. C. Kent 6. First quarter 3, 5 and 6. First quarter on bells since rehanging.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—On Aug. 6th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Walker (first quarter) 1, J. Carter (cond.) 2, Miss J. Carter 3, L. Hill 4, N. Ledges 5, C. Cheetham 6.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Rogers 1, C. Lintner 2, C. Poole 3, M. Poole 4, A. Scott 5, L. Glyde 6, J. Barrett (cond.) 7, A. Meech 8. Rung for wedding of Miss K. Gunning and for 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. Tom Gunning, a member of the local band for 40 years, and Mrs. Gunning.

BEEDON, BERKS.—On July 25th, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: T. H. G. Curtis 1, G. J. Townsend 2, Tom Curtis 3, M. J. Dodd 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, A. B. Brooks 6.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDFORDSHIRE.—On Aug. 13th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: N. Betts 1, R. G. Smith 2, S. H. Wallis 3, A. J. Oldfield 4, O. P. Smith 5, C. J. Smith 6, H. W. Smith 7, B. F. Sims (first of Cambridge as cond.) 8. First quarter of Cambridge by all except conductor. By the local Sunday service band.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Walker 1, E. J. Grace 2, R. H. Corderoy 3, I. Gardner 4, F. James (cond.) 5, A. Greenough 6, C. Aldridge 7, C. Corderoy 8.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Doubles, being alternate 120's of Grandsire and Plain Bob, concluding with 60 Grandsire: E. C. Rushton 1, F. J. Bedford 2, J. G. Rushton 3, J. Clements 4, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 5, T. Rushton 6. First quarter for 1 and 3.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. H. J. Prince 1, H. C. Parker 2, M. C. F. Collett 3, J. G. Collett (first as Triples as cond.) 4, B. S. Nichols 5, J. W. Dixon 6, W. J. Dixon 7, T. W. Timms 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. Tansley, late parishioner of Burford.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Aug. 13th at the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. W. Taylor 1, R. D. Edge (first quarter) 2, A. R. Guy 3, M. R. D. Harford 4, A. W. T. Cleaver (cond.) 5, A. S. Watt 6. No bobs called.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): A. T. Bellamy 1, J. Watts 2, S. Weyburn (cond.) 3, E. Parker 4, A. J. Chubb 5, M. Cook 6. Rung for the 85th birthday of J. Watts, the 2nd ringer, for nearly 70 years a ringer in this tower.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On July 25th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): A. Street 1, A. Campbell 2, W. Medowell 3, J. Lawrence 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, R. Barratt 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. H. Tranter (first quarter of Triples) 1, Mrs. E. D. Poole 2, A. S. Baylev 3, G. Bagley 4, W. Lago 5, R. Evans 6, E. D. Poole (cond.) 7, J. L. Stanier 8. Arranged for Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Poole, formerly ringers at Coalbrookdale, over on holiday.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—At the Church at SS. Peter and Paul, on July 16th, 2,016 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. A. Wood (longest length) 1, M. Angela Carter 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, A. E. Lock 4, D. Jordan (longest length in the method) 5, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 6, J. W. Seymour 7, S. G. Waters 8.

QUARTER PEALS

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.

—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Burdge 2, F. W. Soden (Burford) 3, G. Maidment 4, J. Salway (Honiton) 5, I. Farmer (cond.) 6, A. R. Tudball 7, W. Tudball 8.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 13th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Ling 1, Mrs. E. Owens 2, Miss J. Cooke 3, L. A. Freeman 4, V. R. Owens 5, G. L. Dye 6, G. A. Cooke 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. First quarter of Treble Bob Major 1 and 4.

LINCOLN.—On July 20th, at St. Peter at-Gowts, 1,260 Minor (360 and 180 Single Court and 720 Plain Bob): C. Popple 1, F. Dixon 2, A. Milton 3, F. Crowe 4, V. Briggs 5, H. Hurst (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Freeman.

LONDON.—At Southwark Cathedral on Aug. 13th, 1,340 Kent Treble Bob Maximus: Horace Belcher 1, M. V. Chilcott 2, Joyce England 3, Mrs. R. F. Deal 4, D. Parsons 5, T. Fox 6, P. A. F. Chalk 7, J. Crampion 8, R. F. Deal 9, J. Bullock 10, J. Phillips 11, A. W. J. Appleton (cond.) 12.

MAPERTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 6th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. F. Hatchley 1, H. P. Sparks 2, F. J. Hazzard 3, Miss Daphne Webb 4, F. Priddle (cond.) 5, D. B. Gane 6. First by all the band.

MILTON, BERKS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss Olive Deadman 1, Miss Audrey Deadman 2, J. Jones 3, H. Thomas (first 'inside') 4, J. Seymour (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, Mrs. R. A. Seymour 6. First quarter peal for 1, 2, 3 and 6.

MERE, WILTS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. J. Paul 1, A. G. Gray 2, J. Powlesland 3, W. Fay 4, F. Oakshott (Epsom) 5, W. Keats 6, A. Harman Leatherhead (cond.) 7, F. Green 8.

OLDHAM, LANCs.—On Mon., Aug. 7th, at St. Mark's, Glodwick, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. J. Fletcher 1, Miss M. Fielding (cond.) 2, A. F. Taylor 3, Miss J. Carter 4, F. Pritchard 5, A. J. Baker 6, J. Carter 7, E. Casterton 8.

PILTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Stedman, 480 Bob Doubles and 300 Grandsire): S. Attwell 1, P. Hull (cond.) 2, R. Gardiner 3, W. Salmon 4, V. Roberts 5, T. Harris 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 13th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Horrex 1, W. Shorter 2, F. Hunt 3, R. Chambers 4, F. Day (conductor) 5, H. Hollocks 6. A compliment to W. C. Parker, of Staines, Middlesex, on his 84th birthday.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Edward, on Aug. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. M. Aspinall 1, M. M. Osborne 2, C. H. Sease 3, H. Perry 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, A. Langstone 6.

SHAW-CUM-DONNINGTON, BERKS.—On July 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Tuffley 1, G. J. Townsend 2, P. E. Dodd (first of Minor) 3, G. K. Dodd 4, S. F. Tuffley 5, R. W. Rex (cond.) 6.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's on Aug. 13th, 1,264 Bob Major: W. Glasspool 1, Miss E. Arthur 2, Miss J. Cox 3, J. W. Faithfull (cond.) 4, A. Butler 5, R. Brown 6, M. J. Butler 7, O. N. Curtis 10. First of Major for 1, 2 and 3. Arranged for A. Butler, of London. First quarter of Major since restoration.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.—On Aug. 13th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Maybird (first quarter) 1, Mrs. V. Lathbury 2, E. Butler 3, W. Parker 4, W. Goldstone 5, M. W. Harbott 6, R. Lathbury (cond.) 7, W. Hawkins 8. Rung to celebrate Mr. W. Parker's 84th birthday, and also on completing 50 years as steepkeeper of St. Peter's, Staines.

Durham & Newcastle Assn.

DISTRICT OUTING TO YORKSHIRE.

The fourth annual outing of the Northern District was held on August Bank Holiday Monday in Yorks N.R., and a representative party proceeded by private coach from Tyne-side to the towers of All Saints', Northallerton (8), St. Mary's, Thirsk (8), Carlton-in-Cleveland (8) and St. Peter's, Stokesley (6).

The bells of Northallerton are hung in an impressive central tower, but have little else to recommend them. Apart from the worthy Association secretary, who confessed to being able to apply the 'fluence', no one could control the fifth bell without its casting the rope from the wheel, and the local tower-keeper had a busy time making trips aloft to make adjustments. However, with the 'fluence' applied, an excellent course of Double Norwich was brought round to everyone's satisfaction.

Following a tasty lunch at Thirsk, further ringing was enjoyed on the musical ring of St. Mary's, although the bouncing trebles caused a little trouble at first. Proceeding along the northern fringe of the Cleveland Hills, the party came to the delightful village of Carlton, which boasts an equally delightful ring of bells. Here took place the best ringing of the day, including a well-struck course of Cambridge Major. Later in the evening a final call was made at Stokesley, where 'square' bearings and ropes, which could well have been used for the Indian rope trick, caused fun and games.

On the run home, not content with resting and having pleasant memories of the day's ringing, many of the lights became engaged in a lighthearted paper war, and 'bombardments' were heavy and sustained. Like most battles, however, this little effort proved most tiring, and most of the company were ready for the arms of Morpheus when Newcastle was reached.

Hearty appreciation is expressed to all incumbents and towerkeepers who assisted in making the day so successful.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Shropshire Association meeting on Aug. 12th at Broseley was well attended despite the date being incorrectly advertised.

The new trebles at Broseley were very favourably commented upon as giving life to the old ring of six. Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob were followed by Cambridge before most of the party looked for a bus to Much Wenlock. The car party had the advantage of a tour of the rectory garden, which was much admired. The test score was also heard—with less pleasure.

At Much Wenlock some fared better than others in the matter of tea, and we believe that one ringer had two, in order to accommodate the ham and eggs which were forthcoming at a certain cafe!

The bells were very much appreciated as this was the first visit of the Association to Much Wenlock for many years. Standard methods, Cambridge, Superlative and Double Norwich sounded very well and the presence of a former secretary and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Poole, contributed to the enjoyment of members.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Bank Holiday meeting at Rotherham was a great success, with visitors present from Coventry, Stockport, Retford, Workson, Leicester and Chapel-en-le-Frith. The methods ranged from Bob Royal to Cambridge Royal and London, Yorkshire and Primrose Major. Tea was served in the Church Hall, and at the business meeting which followed, the curate, the Rev. N. Simmons, was in the chair, supported by Mr. H. Chaddock (president), Mr. N. Chaddock (Ringing Master) and the secretary. The next meeting is the silver cup contest at Wentworth on September 2nd.

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MR. FRED E. DUKES, Gen. Secretary, Irish Association, to 26, William Street, Drogheda, Co. Louth, Eire. Will his friends and all secretaries please note change of address from September 1st? 7462

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MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western Division.—Crusader meeting, Aug. 26th. Hornchurch (8), 3.30-4.30; North Ockendon (6), 6-8. No. 370 bus from church to church. Meeting essentially for beginners.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 7414

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Wembdon, Aug. 26th, 6.30.—R. Short, Hon. Local Sec. 7450

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Wirksworth, Saturday, Aug. 26th, 3. 7461

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Great Gransden, Sat., Aug. 26th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 7449

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Cookham, Saturday, Aug. 26th, 3 p.m.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 7457

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch on Saturday, Aug. 26th. Bells available 2.30. Cups of tea provided. Business meeting 6.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 7490

SALISBURY GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Meeting Tisbury, Aug. 26th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea to F. L. Harris, Britford, near Salisbury. 7459

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne and Ilchester Branches.—Joint meeting Drayton, September 2nd. Names for tea by Aug. 29th to J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Taunton. 7458

DUDLEY GUILD.—Quarterly meeting Clent, Sept. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Guild Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Numbers for tea by Aug. 29th, please, to F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 7463

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Shenley, Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Aug. 26th, please.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 7455

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern Section.—Ringing meeting Newton Nottage, Porthcawl, Sept. 2nd. Bells 4 to 7.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 7454

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socan on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells (8) 3. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 7480

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—South Shields, Saturday, Sept. 2nd, 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. W. Robson, 15, Logan Terrace, South Shields, not later than Thursday, Aug. 31st. Method, Plain Bob among others.—W. F. Sheraton. 7471

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Hilgay, Sept. 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Aug. 31st.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway, Wisbech. 7482

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting Ottershaw, Sept. 2nd. Bells (6) 3. Tea 4.45. Names for tea to D. Sleet, Fuchsia, Brox Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey, by Aug. 29th.—F. Hawthorne. 7476

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Chiddingstone, Sept. 2nd, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea not later than Aug. 30th to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge (Tonbridge 2910). 7472

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—Meeting at Leamington Spa, Sept. 2nd. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.30. Please make own arrangement for tea. 7469

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual silver cup contest will take place at Wentworth on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Draw at 3. Names for tea without fail to Mr. G. West, 25, The Square, Wentworth, near Rotherham.—J. E. Turley. 7472

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Practice at Islip (6), Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells 3. No service. No business. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by Aug. 28th.—C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 7470

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at St. Philip's, Nelson, on Sept. 2nd. Tower open at 2.30. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower 6.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 7469

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting North Bradley, Sept. 2nd. Bells (8) 3. Names for tea to P. Harding, Church Lane, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 7485

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Balcombe (8), Saturday, Sept. 2nd, 3. Tea for those who advise G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, by Aug. 30th. 7481

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Cranford, Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea at Park Cafe. Business after tea. Further ringing.—F. Finch. 7487

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Finchampstead on Saturday, Sept. 2nd, 6-9.—B. C. Castle. 7477

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Sept. 2nd, St. Thomas' (8), 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room, 5. Business meeting after tea.—A. Burnett. 7491

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Adlington, Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Names for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 30th, to T. Turner, 6, Railway View, Adlington, Lancs.—L. Walmsley, Hon. Sec. 7495

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Margaret's, Hornby, on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells (8) available 2.30. Tea 5. Meeting to follow. Names for tea by Sept. 1st, please, to E. Goff, 14, Main Street, Hornby.—J. Woods, Branch Sec. 7492

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at St. David's, Bangor, on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30, followed by meeting and tea. Names for tea not later than Aug. 30th, please.—W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 7497

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Mary's, Lambeth.—General practice, Sept. 4th, 7.15, and first Monday in each month. St. Stephen's, Westminster. Surprise practice, Sept. 20th, 7.45, and third Wednesday in each month. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 7496

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—Meeting Byfield, Saturday, Sept. 9th. Names for tea to Mr. F. W. Hutt, Knowle Cottage, Byfield, Rugby, by Saturday, Sept. 2nd.—F. W. Hancock. 7474

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting Reading, Sept. 9th. Ringing, St. Laurence's, 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting St. Laurence's Hall, 5. Ringing at St. Mary's 6.30 to 7.30. Names for tea by Monday, Sept. 4th, to Mr. R. Burton, 940, Oxford Road, Reading.—A. B. Peck. 7489

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Ilkeston District) and SOUTHWELL GUILD (Nottingham District).—Joint meeting at Sawley, Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells 2.30. Tea 3. Names to Mr. W. Simpson, Turnbury, Draycott Road, Sawley, Long Eaton, Nottingham, by Sept. 7th latest. Note altered dates.—F. Shaw and W. Thornley, Dis. Secs. 7483

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Great Goddesden (6), Saturday, Sept. 9th, 3. Names for tea to Mrs. Robinson, 7, Gade Valley Cottages, Great Gaddesden, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, by Monday, Sept. 4th.—Pamela A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7484

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting Ringwood, Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 2s. per head. Those who require tea must send in names, with cash, not later than Sept. 6th. Buses every quarter-hour. Service 80 or 80a. from Deal or Dover.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 7479

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting Saturday, Sept. 9th, Staplehurst (8). Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. Note alteration of tower as Birling bells unringable. 7470

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Half-yearly meeting Spalding, Sept. 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5, in St. Peter's Hall. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Farr, Greenways, Halmer Gate, Spalding, by Sept. 2nd. The revised draft of rules will be presented for acceptance or amendment.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 7468

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—Joint meeting with the Oxford Guild, Sept. 16th, at St. John's, Hillingdon. Details later.—F. Finch. 7488

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting Norton Subcourse (6), Saturday, Sept. 9th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names or numbers for tea to G. Walpole, Norton Subcourse, Norwich.—J. Harwood, Sec. 7471

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Great Horwood, Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (6) 2.45. Service 4. Names for tea by Sept. 5th.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 7486

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at East Markham (8), Saturday, Sept. 9th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Preston, Lincoln Road, East Markham, Newark, by Sept. 5th. Blue bus from Anchor Inn, Retford, to church at 2.30. Lincolnshire bus at 1.30 from Cannon Square.—H. Denman. 7478

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton District.—Meeting at Wolvey, Sept. 9th. Bells (6) 3. Tea 5, for those notifying me by Wed., Sept. 6th.—A. J. Hinde, Dis. Sec., 15, Church Street, Bulkington, Nuneaton. 7494

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THE ROYAL PRINCESS

NATIONAL congratulations were expressed by ringers on behalf of the nation at the birth of the Royal Princess on August 15th. This issue contains a record of the performances of peals and quarter peals rung for this happy occasion in the life of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

It was from Westminster Abbey that the news was first proclaimed to Londoners. Here the bells were first 'fired,' prior to the ringing of a quarter peal of Stedman Triples. The B.B.C. took a recording of the ringing, which was broadcast the same evening.

There was very little twelve bell ringing. The only peal recorded was on the bells of Leicester Cathedral, where a peal of Stedman Cinques started at 5.45 p.m., and Mr. Harold J. Poole was able to call 'That is all' at 9.13 p.m. Was this the first peal to be completed?

In Dublin the royal birth was honoured by a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on the following day. Our correspondent points out that it was rung by British subjects in the 'Republic of Ireland' at St. George's Parish Church. He adds: 'We were hoping that the birth would have been three days earlier when we were ringing a peal of Bob Royal at Limerick which failed' (a little Irish, even for a British subject!). The peal at St. George's also marked the engagement of Miss A. C. Dukes, conductor of the local tower, to Mr. Thomas Bolton.

Probably the distinction of being the oldest ringer to participate in the ringing was 85-year-old Mr. F. V. Sinkins, of Slough. He rang the second to 1,259 Grand-sire Caters at Slough Parish Church. At the other end of the scale was Kenneth Muttock, who, at the age of 13, rang his first peal at Bunwell, Norfolk. At Olveston, Gloucester, Mr. R. O. Fry conducted a peal of Grand-sire Triples where the average age of the band was 22 years.

Our peal columns denote a fair sprinkling of first peals. There were three first peals of Stedman at Halewood, Lancs. It was hoped to include another junior member, but he could not be present. Included in this band

was Miss Elizabeth Brown, who was staying at Liverpool. The rest of the ringers were the regular Sunday band.

Naseby, where the King and Queen, when Duke and Duchess of York, had a residence from 1926-1929, takes second place to no village in its loyalty. Both for Prince Charles and for the new Princess peals were rung, and the last previous peal at Naseby was for Prince Charles' christening. The five bells here were originally the product of Hugh Watts, of Leicester, dated 1633 and 1640. The treble and third were recast in 1939, when the bells were put on ball bearings.

Among those who will remember the occasion was Mr. Douglas H. Rooke, who called his first peal at Warsop, Notts. Previous to this he had only conducted one 720 of Plain Bob and one 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor. Another conductor making his first bow was Mr. D. Brooks, at Silverton, Devon. He limited his ability to a quarter, and afterwards said farewell to the band on leaving for national service.

St. Nicholas', Arundel, where the bells have recently been rehung, has a new band which includes four ladies. Since they started at Easter they have not missed ringing for service twice every Sunday. They hope to report a quarter of Triples shortly.

An amusing story comes from Essex. When the doctor announced that the royal baby could be expected during the week-end two peal attempts were arranged—at Upchurch on the 14th and at Rainham on the 15th. The peal at Upchurch was successful and, after ringing the bells down, the party anxiously inquired at the 'local' whether the nine o'clock news had announced the royal birth. Tuesday's ringing started with the knowledge of the royal arrival. Everything went well for the first three parts; but, after 2 hrs. and 38 mins., one of the ringers, who 'had picked a big one,' had to give in. The method was Canterbury Pleasure Major and, if successful, it would have been the first in the method for all except the conductor, Mr. G. A. Naylor.

There was an hour's ringing at St. Leonard's, Streat-ham, on Tuesday, which included some good touches of Stedman Triples, Little Bob and Plain Bob Major. Those taking part were: Audrey Castle, Marjorie Jackson, E. Beauchamp, J. Rae, F. Matthews, S. Howard, W. Brainch and J. Chapman.

Royal Deals

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ELIZABETH FAULKKNALL ... Treble	† F. STEDMAN CHENEY ... 7
* DOROTHY M. UDAL ... 2	J. FREDK. MILNER ... 8
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 9
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 4	J. RICHARD GRANT ... 10
HARRY G. WAYNE ... 5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 11
HARRY BROUGHTON ... 6	JOHN T. GRANT ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Stedman and on 12 bells. † First peal of Stedman Cinques.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 17, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM T. GRICE ... Treble	LOUIS HEAD ... 6
WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 2	* PETER C. WRIGHT ... 7
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 3	* THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 8
BENJAMIN B. BAKER ... 4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 9
GEORGE KENWARD ... 5	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

RAMSGATE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 17, 1950, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE, THANET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

JOHN L. HILTON ... Treble	* THOMAS H. HOLMES ... 6
STANLEY J. GEE ... 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 7
* JOHN L. MORRIS ... 3	WM. J. FAIRBEARD ... 8
NELLIE BRIDGES ... 4	FRANK C. W. KNIGHT ... 9
* ALISON PURDOM ... 5	* JOHN A. HILTON ... Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON (C.C.C. 13). Conducted by W. BOTTRILL.

* First peal of Caters.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

* DAPHNE LLOYD ... Treble	† DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD ... 6
JOHN W. BEST ... 2	† HENRY O. BAKER ... 7
J. BENJAMIN BUDD ... 3	† BRIAN HARRIS ... 8
† GEORGE F. SPERRING ... 4	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 9
† FREDERICK H. BIRKS ... 5	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Bob Royal. ‡ 25th peal.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

FREDA CLAYTON ... Treble	† PETER D. BEEDIE ... 5
ELSIE K. FULTON ... 2	CECIL C. MAYNE ... 6
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ... 3	JOHN R. MAYNE ... 7
* HENRY D. BUTLER ... 4	H. GEORGE HART ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal in the method away from the tenor. † First peal in the method.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

CYRIL WRIGHT ... Treble	WILLIAM DICKENSON ... 5
* DOUGLAS ROOKE ... 2	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE ... 6
GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 3	ARTHUR B. COOPER ... 7
* BESSIE MOSS ... 4	HERBERT T. ROOKE ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

* First peal in the method.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN ANDERSON ... Treble	WILFRED NICHOLSON ... 5
MARGARET A. P. BERTIE ... 2	CYRIL MORDUE ... 6
FREDERICK SHERATON ... 3	SAMUEL C. WALKER ... 7
J. WILLIAM ROBSON ... 4	DENIS A. BAYLES ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK SHARPE ... Treble	GEOFFREY DODDS ... 5
FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 2	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... 6
ANNE B. STOCKDALE ... 3	C. HAROLD WHITTON ... 7
ALBERT YORK-BRAMBLE ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble	RALPH BIRD ... 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 2	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 6
FRANK I. HAIRS ... 3	HARRY PARKES ... 7
JAMES BENNETT ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Containing 2,080 Bristol, 1,920 London, 576 Cambridge and 544 Superlative, with 110 changes of method. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN E. BIBBY ... Treble	WALTER ALLMAN ... 5
* FRED DUNKERLEY ... 2	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 6
BRIAN D. THRELFALL ... 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
HENRY O. BAKER ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. TOPP.

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise on a working bell.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

HORACE E. WERRITT ... Treble	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS ... 5
* ROY V. WEBB ... 2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON ... 6
RONALD J. SHARP ... 3	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 7
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

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



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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

*G. EDWARD BRUMPTON...Treble	*HAROLD MORWOOD ... 5
FRED LACEY ... 2	JACK BRAY ... 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 3	GEORGE W. MOODY ... 7
RONALD CHAFER ... 4	PHILIP BARNES ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Major.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Reversed.	...Tenor 11 cwt.
ARTHUR MADDOCK ...Treble	THOMAS ROBINSON ... 5
*ELIZABETH BROWN ... 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 6
*GORDON L. CRAINE ... 3	PERCEVAL W. CAVE ... 7
†ALAN P. CAVE ... 4	JOHN ROBINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCEVAL W. CAVE.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation.	...Tenor 12½ cwt.
HUBERT E. ASHLEY ...Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 5
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH ... 2	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH ... 3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ... 7
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

First peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

OLVESTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Transposition.	...Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E.
*MIRIAM R. JAMES ...Treble	*WILFRED F. WEBB ... 5
ELIZABETH M. HANNAM ... 2	†DAVID HOARE ... 6
*ERIC SUTTON ... 3	ROGER O. FRY ... 7
HAROLD L. PARFREY ... 4	REGINALD G. HOOPER...Tenor

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part.	...Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D flat.
ARTHUR WIGGINS ...Treble	*REGINALD S. HUNT ... 5
MRS. A. DISERENS ... 2	REGINALD W. REX ... 6
AUBREY B. DISERENS ... 3	NOEL J. DISERENS ... 7
RAYMOND G. BURTON ... 4	VINCENT T. CHERRILL ... Tenor

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

SEATON, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*ARTHUR J. SCOTT ...Treble	ARTHUR H. REED ... 5
JILL POOLE ... 2	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 6
†ROGER KEELEY ... 3	HENRY G. KEELEY ... 7
†CUTHBERT W. POWELL... 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

...Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

*FREDERICK JACKSON ...Treble	FREDK. A. ADAMS ... 5
*DOUGLAS H. ROOKE ... 2	L. WILLIAM JACQUES ... 6
†WILLIAM DICKINSON ... 3	JOSEPH SAXTON ... 7
*FRANK BRADLEY ... 4	HERBERT T. ROOKE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob.

TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.	...Tenor 10 cwt.
*ERIC NIXON ...Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE ... 5
JUNE M. HENSHAW ... 2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 6
RONALD BARLOW ... 3	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... 7
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS... 4	FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

* First peal of Major on tower bells.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

...Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

ALLEN MORGAN ...Treble	HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... 5
*R. GEORGE MORRIS ... 2	CYRIL TANSSELL ... 6
GEORGE E. LARGE... 3	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 7
JOHN THOMAS ... 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

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

* First peal in the method.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

...Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

WILLIAM G. BIBBY ...Treble	ROBERT B. P. HULSE ... 5
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN ... 6
WALTER ALLMAN ... 3	JOHN ORME ... 7
ALAN DUGDALE ... 4	DENIS MADDOCK ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

BEARSTED, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire.

...Tenor 11 cwt.

*JUNE S. MONCKTON ...Treble	EDWARD F. HARNETT ... 4
GEORGE F. CANTRILL ... 2	†MAURICE G. WHITE ... 5
JOHN H. R. BETTS ... 3	*EDWARD G. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. CANTRILL.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. ...Tenor 7 cwt.

ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE Treble	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ... 3
ERNEST MORRIS ... 2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 4
PERCEVAL W. GRICE ... Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

...Tenor 10½ cwt.

CYRIL COUSINS ...Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 4
STANLEY G. ELSEY ... 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 5
CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

WARSOB, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*MARY WEBSTER ... Treble	*GEORGE CHALLANS ... 4
*DORIS MARSHALL ... 2	DONALD CHADWICK ... 5
*DOUGLAS H. ROOKE (15) 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. First peal as conductor.

NASEBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 14 six-scores each of April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*RICHARD J. SEATON ... Treble	ERNEST MORRIS ... 3
RONALD RUSSELL ... 2	PERCY AMOS ... 4
KILBY F. HOLTOM ... Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal.

ARLINGHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire, four 240's of Morris' arrangement and 24 of St. Dunstan's.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*JOSEPH GREENWAY ... Treble	*CHARLES GREENWAY ... 4
CHARLES ROUSE ... 2	LESLIE BARRY ... 5
RALPH HAZELL ... 3	*GILBERT WRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt.

HARRY BAKER ... Treble	WILFRED W. RING ... 4
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL ... 2	MARK W. MARSHALL ... 5
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 2,160's and one 720.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

FRANK WARRINGTON ... Treble	R. FRANK BAKER ... 4
FRANK W. LACK ... 2	HENRY G. DUNNINGTON ... 5
*HAROLD S. PEACOCK ... 3	STANLEY GILBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First Surprise peal 'inside.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ALAN CATTELL ... Treble	COLIN A. KIRK ... 4
HAROLD L. WYKES ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 5
	JOHN E. COOPER ... Tenor

Conducted by COLIN A. KIRK.

* First peal of Doubles with two tower bells. First peal as conductor.

PRESCOT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, ten callings.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*MARGARET HAWTHORNE Treble	HARRY BLACKBURN ... 4
†RONALD PRESTON ... 2	WILFRED RILEY ... 5
†IAN D. CAMPBELL ... 3	WILLIAM E. COURT ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. COURT.

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

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

MRS. J. C. NORTON ... Treble	†H. F. PERRY ... 4
MRS. M. M. OSBORNE ... 2	L. W. BULLOCK ... 5
*C. H. SCASE ... 3	A. LANGSTONE ... Tenor

Conducted by L. W. BULLOCK.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Also birthday compliments to Misses Doris and Rose Bullock, sisters of the conductor.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and four 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*KENNETH MUTTOCK ... Treble	FRANK PEARSON ... 4
RONALD E. BURT ... 2	T. CHARLES BROWNE ... 5
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD ... 3	FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO.

* First peal (aged 13 years).

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

IN THE BELFREY OF ST. JAMES' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, four callings.

Tenor size 12 in F.

DEREK WHITFORD ... 1-2	ROGER LEIGH ... 3-4
*DEREK SANDERSON ... 5-6	

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

* First peal on handbells.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 15, 1950, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S BELFREY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 12 in F.

ERIC NIXON ... 1-2	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 3-4
RONALD BARLOW ... 5-6	

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S BELFREY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Pritchard's Four-part.

Tenor size 12 in F.

*ERIC NIXON ... 1-2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 5-6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 3-4	†RONALD BARLOW ... 7-8

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'in hand.'

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Aug. 17, 1950, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

AT 35, MARKET STREET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In five methods, being eight extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, St. Simon's and Plain Bob and 10 extents of Grandsire.

JOAN BERESFORD ... 1-2	DENNIS BERESFORD ... 3-4
PETER BERESFORD ... 5-6	

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

First in five methods by all the band.

HEREFORDSHIRE RINGING WEEK

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

MARGARET L. TUTT	1	EDMUND E. PEARSON ...	5
RUTH M. K. HOW	2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS ...	6
FRANCES A. EDGAR	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	7
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ...	4	WALTER F. JUDGE ...	Tenor

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

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

FREDK. A. H. WILKINS Treble	1	FRANK P. WRIGHT ...	5
MARGARET L. TUTT	2	WILFRID F. MORETON ...	6
DONALD G. CLIFT	3	WALTER F. JUDGE	7
RODNEY B. MEADOWS	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	Tenor

Composed by DAVID HOARE. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

PRESTEIGNE, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT	1	JOSEPH T. DYKE	5
FRANK P. WRIGHT	2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ...	6
MARGARET L. TUTT	3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS ...	7
WALTER F. JUDGE	4	WILFRID F. MORETON ...	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Double, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDK. A. H. WILKINS Treble	1	*RODNEY B. MEADOWS ...	4
FRANK P. WRIGHT	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS ...	3	WILFRID F. MORETON ...	Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Minor in seven methods.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

MARGARET L. TUTT	1	HERBERT KNIGHT	5
WALTER F. JUDGE	2	WILFRID F. MORETON ...	6
FRANK P. WRIGHT	3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ...	7
JOHN THOMAS	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	Tenor

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

IRISH RINGING TOUR

ALL PEALS FOR IRISH ASSOCIATION.

CURRAGH, CO. KILDARE.

On Wed., Aug. 9, 1950, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes,

IN FORD 8 MOTOR-CAR. ZC4419, ON CURRAGH RACECOURSE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of 21 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor size 8 in C.

JOHN J. FIELDING	1-2	FREDERICK E. DUKES ...	3-4
JACK CAMPBELL	5-6		

Conducted by JOHN J. FIELDING.

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On Thurs., Aug. 10, 1950, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

ALBERT YORK-BRAMBLE...Treble	FREDERICK E. DUKES ... 5
*ANNE B. STOCKDALE ... 2	*C. HAROLD WHITTON ... 6
*ERIC DODDS 3	GEOFFREY DODDS 7
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by GEOFFREY DODDS.

* First peal in method. First peal in method as conductor. In memoriam Charles T. Evans, former president, Irish Association, and for many years a local ringer.

BANDON, CO. CORK.

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1950, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, BALLYMODAN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

ALBERT YORK-BRAMBLE...Treble	†GEOFFREY DODDS ... 4
*†ANNE B. STOCKDALE ... 2	C. HAROLD WHITTON ... 5
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First tower-bell peal of Minor. † 25th peal together. First peal on the bells and in the county. Rung in honour of the centenary of the church.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs. Aug. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

A variation of Heywood's.

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

HENRY TOOKE ... ...Treble	RAYMOND G. LOFTY ... 5
EILEEN BRACEY 2	CHARLES H. MOORE ... 6
GEORGE H. MOORE ... 3	GEORGE SAYER 7
GORDON ELVIN 4	NOLAN GOLDEN ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

A farewell compliment to Rev. H. L. H. Townshend, a friend of ringers.

KILBURN, LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The St. Augustine's, Kilburn, Guild.)

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

E. MAURICE ATKINS ...Treble	*AUDREY BARKER ... 5
MISS D. WATTS 2	DOUGLAS C. BIRKINSHAW ... 6
MAUD LANE 3	RODNEY MEADOWS ... 7
MRS. C. E. LANKESTER... 4	ALFRED BONE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal 'inside.'

LYME REGIS, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GORDON OLLIFFE ...Treble	JILL POOLE 5
*†MRS. C. W. H. POWELL ... 2	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 6
†C. W. H. POWELL 3	†HENRY G. KEELEY ... 7
†ROGER KEELEY 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by C. W. H. POWELL.
* First peal of Surprise on an 'inside' bell. † First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Mon., Aug. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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

*JOHN D. NIBLETT ...Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 5
MRS. JOHN D. NIBLETT ... 2	H. JAMES TURNER ... 6
ARTHUR D. COOK 3	TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 7
JOHN SCOTT 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Major.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

GORDON F. CLARKE ...Treble	EDWARD B. SMITH ... 5
FRED ORRIS 2	WALTER A. SOUTHGATE... 6
EDWARD E. DAVEY ... 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 7
*RONALD G. BUGG ... 4	GEORGE W. PIPE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* Has circled this tower. A birthday peal for conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

DOROTHY M. UDALE ...Treble	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 5
PAUL L. TAYLOR 2	*BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE 3	J. FREDK. MILNER ... 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*MRS. NORA WALL ...Treble	GIBSON JACKSON ... 5
F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 6
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 3	FRANK REED 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 4	*ERNEST J. PADGETT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Surprise Major. A birthday compliment to Mrs. C. Jackson and her son, William H. Jackson.

SIX BELL PEALS

EYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., July 31, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ...Treble	GEORGE DAVIS 4
FREDK. R. HARRIS ... 2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... 5
LESLIE EVANS 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. An 85th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

*FREDK. W. ORRIS ...Treble	*FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD... 4
GEORGE E. SYMONDS... 2	GEORGE W. PIPE ... 5
URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 3	RONALD W. STEWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor. Birthday compliment to Urban W. Wildney. The conductor has now called peals of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus.

SPALDWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, containing 45 bobs and 74 singles. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

EDMUND J. WHITTING ...Treble	HAROLD S. PEACOCK ... 4
R. FRANK BAKER 2	HENRY G. DUNNINGTON... 5
FRANK W. LACK 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Rung as a farewell to Rev. H. T. Havant-Jones (retiring), 37 years Vicar of Spaldwick. Also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Gilbert (wedding anniversary).

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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 13 cwt.

FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 4
ERIC NAYLOR ... 2	GEORGE KENWARD ... 5
*STANLEY V. RAYFIELD ... 3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal in five methods on an 'inside' bell.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents of Plain Bob and three of Single Court.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*IRENE MARROWS ... Treble	*HENRY P. COLLIN ... 4
DENIS A. FRITH ... 2	*FRANK R. MITCHELL ... 5
WALTER WESTON ... 3	JAMES H. MUSSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in two Minor methods. A birthday compliment to the conductor and his son, Rodney, aged six.

BARNBY DON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Doncaster District.)

On Fri., Aug. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN WARDLE ... Treble	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 4
*PEGGY M. LAMB ... 2	*FRANK LAMB ... 5
*ERNEST J. PADGETT ... 3	†FRANK REED ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. PADGETT.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise Minor. The conductor's 50th peal for the Association. First peal of Surprise by a Doncaster and District band. Rung half-muffled for Mr. F. Mallaby, for many years a ringer at this church.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED ROYAL, 5016 CHANGES;

In three methods, being 2,640 Plain Bob, 1,320 Double Bob, and 1,056 Little Bob, with 264 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

JAMES E. DANIELS ... 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY... 3-4	MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 7-8

*BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 9-10

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Spliced Royal. A birthday compliment to Miss Janet Wilson, of Aylestone, Leicester.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

No. 34.

Tenor size 17 in A.

BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY... 3-4	MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 7-8

ROY C. HURST ... 9-10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4	ROY C. HURST ... 7-8

JAMES E. DANIELS ... 9-10

Composed by ED. FRANCIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

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The president of the
Yorkshire Association of
Change Ringers, the Rev.

C. O. Ellison, Vicar of Wetherby, has been
appointed by the Bishop of Ripon to be Arch-
deacon of Leeds in succession to the Ven. H.
Lovell Clarke, whose resignation of the office
takes effect on September 1st. Before going
to Wetherby in 1946, Mr. Ellison was Vicar
of Kippax, where the three old seventeenth-
century bells were recast and augmented to a
ring of six as a war memorial, by Messrs.
Taylor, of Loughborough, just before he left.
From 1932 to 1937 he was curate at St. Chad's,
Far Headingley, Leeds, under the late Canon
C. C. Marshall, a former president of the
Yorkshire Association.

The Royal peal at Reading also coincided
with the silver wedding anniversary of Mr.
and Mrs. R. W. Rex, the occasion being re-
membered.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Kingsworth, of Bethers-
den, Kent, also have a daughter born at the
same time as the Royal Princess. Their happi-
ness was not forgotten in the Royal birth peal
in this Kentish village.

To the memory of Mr. J. Mallaby a peal
of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung at
Barnby Don on August 18th. It was here
that he had a workshop in connection with
his work as a bell hanger. For many years
he rang at Barnby Don.

Miss Helen Godley rang her first and fare-
well peal at Martinstown, Dorset, on August
19th. She is returning to Kenya after 18
months in this country. The conductor, Mr.
F. Precey, adds a footnote congratulating her
on her striking throughout the peal.

BELFRY GOSSIP

From a South Lincoln-
shire village a six-year-old
boy asked his father if
he could have a birthday peal, as all the
other ringers had. This was promised him,
and he went to bed while the peal was rung.
At 2 a.m. the following morning, a voice
called out, 'Daddy, did you break down in
the peal last night?' 'My word, we did not,'
was the reply. 'Oh, that's all right. Good-
night,' was the happy rejoinder.

A request is made in the correspondence
columns of the 'Portsmouth Evening News'
to have 'this bell-bashing stopped between 8
p.m. and 8 a.m.' The church complained of
is St. Mary's.

The honour of being the first ladies to take
part in a peal of London Surprise Major for
the Peterborough Diocesan Guild fell to Mrs.
G. E. Watson, Mrs. D. E. Beamish and Mar-
garet Beamish, when they rang in the peal
at Burton Latimer.

Figuring in our quarter-peal column for the
first time is Churchstanton, on the borders of
Devon and Somerset. The five bells here,
dated circa 1660, were recently converted into
a ring of six, with steel cage and ball bear-
ings, at a cost of £900. The first quarter on
the bells was rung on August 15th, the occa-
sion being the marriage of the vice-captain.
Leading enthusiast here is Mr. Wesley Moore,
who, while stationed in the R.A.F. near Nor-
wich, learnt the rudiments of method ringing
from Mr. W. L. Duffield. He is hoping, with
outside help, to teach all the Churchstanton
ringers method ringing and so place the vil-
lage on the map.

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Master's Badge Presented

HISTORY was made at the quarterly meeting of the Association held at Aberdare on August 19th, when the new badge of office was formally presented to the Master. The event attracted an attendance of 60 ringers and friends.

Proceedings started shortly after 2.30, when the bells were raised in peal and kept going in various methods until the time for service at 4 o'clock. This was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Wilfred Evans), who gave those present an interesting address and a warm welcome to Aberdare.

Immediately after the service the visitors were invited to the Parish Hall, where a bountiful tea, which had been generously provided by the ringers' wives and friends, was awaiting them. During tea the new badge was passed round the tables for all to see, and was much admired. The badge is the work of Mr. Edward Ronnebeck, of Guildford. Tea over, the visitors assembled in another room for the business meeting, the Vicar presiding. At the request of the chairman, the meeting stood for a few moments in memory of Mr. Tom Page, an old and respected member, who had recently passed away.

The next item was the presentation of the Master's badge. The chairman, with a few introductory remarks, asked Mr. J. W. Jones, as the doyen of the Association, to make the presentation. Mr. Jones reminded the company that the purchase of the badge was very belated, as the Association had been in existence for 57 years and had not up to now had a badge of office for the Master.

In accepting the badge, Mr. Large thanked the meeting, saying he appreciated the honour of being the first to wear it, and said he would endeavour to do so with dignity and honour.

Arising out of the minutes, the secretary said how pleased they were to see Mr. H. G. Lewis, who gave the two trebles to Porthkerry, amongst them, and extended him a hearty welcome. Visitors from Yorkshire and Leicester were also welcomed.

For the next Glamorgan meeting it was decided to go to Cowbridge. New members elected were Messrs. H. G. Lewis (Penarth), R. Gladwyn (Aberdare), W. John Locke (Dyffryn), J. B. Bennett (life) (Leicester). It was learned with satisfaction that after many years Dyffryn tower was available to visitors.

Mr. T. Roderick proposed the congratulations of the meeting be extended to John L. Morris, who at the age of 14 had rung in the record peal of Bob Royal, a wonderful feat of endurance and skill for one so young. Mr. J. W. Jones moved a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies for providing the tea and looking after them at the tables, and the Rev. Ivor Richards to the Vicar for all his kindness during the day. The next meeting will be at St. Mellons.

The Editor would welcome anecdotes of unusual experiences connected with ringing, bells and towers. Most people in life have one experience which is out of the ordinary and of general interest to their fellow-men.



THE NEW MASTER'S BADGE
of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Guild.

Dedication

EASINGWOLD, YORKS.

On Sunday, July 30th, in the presence of a large congregation, the Lord Bishop of Selby, the Right Rev. Carey Frederick Knyvett, dedicated the restored and augmented ring of bells at St. John's Church, Easingwold, North Yorks, and also a set of eight handbells, the latter having been given by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bosomworth in memory of their only son, John C. Bosomworth, who was a ringer at St. John's, and who was killed in action in 1943.

Originally a ring of five, cast by Dalton, of York, in 1788, the ring was augmented by the addition of a treble, cast by Warners, to commemorate the jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1887.

Two new trebles, cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, have now been added to complete the octave. They have been given by the family, members of whom were present at the service, in memory of Elizabeth Langford Segar, wife of the Rev. Halsall Segar, Vicar of the parish 1911-1926.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have also carried out the work of strengthening the oak frame, and of removing the cannons and retuning the old six bells, and rehanging them on cast-iron headstocks and self-aligning ball bearings. New wheels, rollers, clappers, etc., have also been fitted throughout.

Mr. Don Bradford represented the founders at the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. S. M. Crow, R.D.

Taking part in the opening ringing, which was in charge of Mr. Ed. Burton, were Mr. Reg. Smith, Mr. R. Muntion, Miss Elsie North, Mr. G. Bowman, Mr. J. Wood, Mr. E. Cleaver, Mr. J. B. Hutchinson, Mr. C. Potter, Mr. C. Cooke, and ringers from St. Mary's, Brafferton.

The new bells blend perfectly with the old six, and many expressions of appreciation at the improved tone and 'go' of the bells and of the way in which the contractors had carried out their work were heard. The cost of the restoration has been raised in less than twelve months.

The Bishop, during the course of his address, paid tribute to the way the parishioners had supported the various schemes which had so much beautified their parish church during the last few years.

MIDDLESEX & CUMBERLANDS AT ACTON

Interest was added to the Middlesex meeting at Acton on August 12th, when the Cumberlands were the guests of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association, by the presence of the president of the Central Council, Mr. E. H. Lewis, together with Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the White-chapel Bell Foundry.

The gathering of over fifty soon settled down to some very good ringing, and many fine touches were brought round in the standard and Surprise methods during the afternoon and evening.

A well-attended service was conducted by the president of the Middlesex Association, the Rev. Percival Gough (Rector of Acton). In his address he gave a very striking message, reminding the ringers that such gifts as they possess were in fact gifts of God, and as such should be returned to God. The lesson was read by Mr. E. H. Lewis, with Mr. A. T. Parker, a Middlesex member, at the organ.

A sumptuous tea, provided by the Rector and organised by Miss D. Ingold, an hon. member of the Association, with other ladies

of Acton, was prepared in the beautiful Rectory garden, and enjoyed by all, particularly by those Cumberlands of 'Roving Ringers' fame.

At the business meeting the Rector extended a very warm welcome to Mr. E. H. Lewis and Mr. A. A. Hughes, to which Mr. Lewis very suitably replied, adding that he had many years ago rung on the bells of St. Mary's, Acton, and hoped to do so again during the evening, which hopes, needless to say, were realised.

Mr. F. A. Finch, the district secretary, supported by Mr. Tony Price, the District Ringing Master, gave a very cordial welcome to the Cumberlands, with a special word for Mr. G. H. Cross, their Master, who, in reply, expressed his great pleasure at being at Acton that day for what had proved a most enjoyable meeting.

F. A. F.

LATE NOTICE.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Crondall (6) on Saturday, Sept. 16th, at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45. Notify for tea by previous Wednesday to G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'CHANGE RINGING IN ENGLAND'

AN EXPLANATION.

Dear Sir,—As the ringer concerned in the B.B.C. broadcast, 'Country Magazine,' on August 6th, I feel some explanation is necessary in reply to Mr. F. E. Dukes' letter. I very much regret that my reply to the question, 'You only get change ringing in England?', caused Mr. Dukes so much annoyance, but I can assure him and any other overseas ringers who may have been listening that it was given in the broad sense in describing the difference between change ringing as practised in the English-speaking countries as against the haphazard clashing together of bells as is the practice in some parts of the world.

As a regular reader of 'The Ringing World' I am quite aware of the prowess of ringers in Ireland and Australia, but I cannot imagine any English ringer regarding them as something apart from England, any more than one can separate Pat Hendren from English cricket.

I think Mr. Dukes should realise that as long as ordinary people who are unaccustomed to broadcasting are invited to take part in features of this kind (as must be the case if the intention of the feature is to be maintained) some inaccuracy is almost inevitable.

I may say that the object of my appearance in the programme was to say a few words as a village ringer about an English village and village family whose association with church bells and change ringing for the past 130 years is noteworthy. Anything else I may have said was incidental to it.

Trusting this will clear the air, I am, yours faithfully,

WILLIAM R. WHITE.

Didcot, Berks.

J. H. SHEPHERD BEQUEST

Dear Sir,—Mr. Hooton's letter concerning the plan to distribute 'surplus' books held by the Central Council to Association libraries reminds me that when this was first mentioned at Eastbourne I suggested that they should be issued on loan rather than given away, and I would again urge the Standing Committee, who appear to have approved the idea of giving away, to reconsider the matter.

Perhaps this seems a small point, but in my view it is entirely wrong that books left in all good faith to the Council's care should be dispersed with no control over and no apparent thought for their future. Some time ago the acting librarian showed me a fine copy of 'Among the Bells' which had been presented by a respected ringer who is happily still with us. It is reasonable to suppose that several copies of this publication are in the Council's Library, and this gentleman may well have hesitated to part with it had he felt it was liable to be got rid of in such a casual manner. I feel he would be perfectly justified in the circumstances in asking for it back.—Yours faithfully.

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

OLD CATHEDRALS

Dear Sir,—May I correct Mr. M. F. R. Hibbert's assertion that 'all our cathedrals and churches were once Roman Catholic'? The Church in this country was the Church of England prior to the Reformation, and the fact that it was in communion with the Church of Rome is entirely irrelevant. Our old churches and cathedrals were in the main built by Englishmen for the Anglican Church, built by Catholics, certainly; Roman Catholics, decidedly not!

E. G. CAPLE.

A PROTEST

Dear Sir,—The 'Ringing World' is not the proper sphere for religious arguments, but I don't expect I am the only one who will protest about the conclusion of Mr. Hibbert's letter this week. Our cathedrals and old churches have never been what is now called R.C. History shows that there was an Anglican Church long before S. Augustine came, and also that it retained its distinctive features as a national church even when in communion with Rome. At the Reformation, it was 'reformed,' but the people of those days would have seen no 'break' with the past but only changes which even now some parishes experience with a change of incumbent! Roman Catholicism in England really only dates from 1836 and none of their churches are older than that.—Yours sincerely,

Southampton. K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

STIFFEN THE BELLS

Dear Sir,—I was most interested to read the account of the North Devon tour.

I rather imagine the expression 'stiffen the bells,' to which Mr. Harris refers, may be generally used among call-change ringers. Two years ago some of the party with which I was connected rang at Widdecombe-in-the-Moor (where the famous fair associated with Tom Copley is held). My wife was outside during some of the ringing, talking to a local call-change ringer, and asked what he thought of it. He said, 'Quite good, but too stiff,' from which we gathered he meant that the bells were being rung up too high. Incidentally, he was enraptured with the falling in peal by our party.

I did not hear it myself but learnt that there was considerable room for improvement, which makes me wonder if the standard of performance by call-change ringers is always as high as we are popularly led to suppose. I may have been unlucky in my experience, but it does happen that on the one or two occasions I have heard local call-change ringers the striking has left a good deal to be desired. Bad striking, when the bells are being rung in the same order time after time, jars on the ear even more than the presence of a poor striker in a touch of 'scientific,' as such a one does at least clash with a different bell each time.

I well remember walking up a very steep hill to evening service as the bells were being rung. The ascent took some ten minutes or a quarter of an hour, during the whole of which time the treble crashed with the tenor at every blow. I was nearly tearing my hair by the time we arrived at the church. Incidentally, it was at this church on an earlier occasion that the local ringers refused to allow 'scientific' ringers to join them, even to the point of extreme rudeness.

I have found on a number of occasions that the call-change ringers have been generous in their praise of good change ringing. In fairness, however, change ringers visiting call-change country should not feel overflattered by such praise. It should always be remembered that in arranging a party of picked ringers for a tour one could hardly claim to be giving a representative performance of change ringing as usually practised. One can well imagine the disgust with which call-change ringers would listen to much of the ringing done at meetings, practices, on Sundays and alas! even in peals in other parts of the country. I make this point to emphasise that even if, as I said earlier, some call-change ringing could be better, so, indeed, could most change ringing.—Yours faithfully,

P. A. CORBY.

P.S.—Pat must be slipping. I see he didn't claim 'the quickest peal of Major on the bells,' although his band were a minute quicker than when we rang the only previous peal of Major at South Molton.—P.A.C.

'Without Prejudice'

Dear Sir,—Mr. George Baker's letter (page 523) on London Extension shocks careful readers in its deliberate attempt to hide the facts. Thus:—

1. The starred 'digressions'—a term, by the way, first employed in this way in Grid Analysis—are not, as he says, from 'London Minor and Major,' which is, of course, absurd, but from the original form of London Royal, i.e., the Theoretic.

2. He deliberately omits all stars from his figures of the 'No. 3' version, against which figures he should have shown, in the same proportion, exactly 50 per cent. more stars! The U.A. version needs only two stars in the half-lead, in fact.

3. Baker's No. 3 version commits the 'crime' of shifting the method's half-lead pivot position. In the London method this is 4ths from the treble's lie, throughout all stages from Minor to Maximus. His 2nds in the No. 3 Royal entirely alters the form of the blue line reflectively from the half-lead. Indeed, the crux of the whole thing is this:

The relative fixity of pivot position, which Grid Analysis originally stressed, and which inspired a resolution from the Universities Association for the consideration of the Central Council at York in 1949, is now confirmed as a principle of method structure by the C.C.'s acceptance of the Methods Committee's recent recommendations. (See their recommended Rule No. 2.) This rules out Baker's No. 3 from official recognition as 'London Surprise Royal.' In any event it has more digressions than the U.A. version, which is, at least, the Proximate version, i.e., the U.A. version has less digressions than all other London Royals yet produced.

Students of method structure should also be warned that Mr. Baker's misuse of the term 'round blocks' gives a totally different conception from that of W. H. Thompson's meaning, as now generally understood in all matters of composition. (not method structure).—Yours very truly,

Netley Abbey. A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

THE BEARD AND THE PASSPORT

Dear Sir,—The two copies of 'The Ringing World' containing letters apropos my beard have just reached me. While the exact identity of the authors, who are too timid to lance an attack for or against beards under their own names, is not known to me, I have more than a shrewd idea who they are. They will realise that from the above sentence.

To clear up any rumours as to my reason for forsaking my beard, I should like to make it known that it was because of my passport photograph which shows a face completely clean-shaven.

Since there is a current French saying, 'Jamais deux sans trois,' I await with great interest the appearance of yet a third mascot for the University of Bristol Society.

Who knows, le prochain barbu attirera, peut-être, davantage de jeunes filles à notre société. Vivent les barbus!—Yours faithfully,

JACK R. WORRALL.

Chantenesle, France.

STOP PRESS.

DEATH OF MR. H. R. NEWTON.

We regret to record the passing of Mr. Henry R. Newton, in his 86th year, which occurred on Sunday last. Deceased was a Past Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths and a member of Westminster Abbey company. An obituary notice will appear in our next issue.

ADWICK-LE-STREET, YORKS.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss F. Handley 1, P. G. Tregelles 2, Mrs. M. Scott 3, C. Buckley 4, H. Scott (cond.) 5, C. Nottage 6. First quarter by 1, 2 and 3.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7-6-8 covering: Valerie Prince 1, J. Netley 2, C. Shepherd 3, J. Lee 4, J. B. Daughtry (cond.) 5, Betty Hazelgrove 6, W. F. Stevens 7, J. Venn 8. First quarter by 1 and 6. First quarter on the bells since re-hanging.

BADBY, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Fields 1, Miss M. Clarke 2, M. Chown 3, W. Kelsby 4, S. Rudlesden 5, S. Osborne (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 3.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Shiela Woodhouse 1, R. Stallibrass 2, P. Dodds 3, E. E. Dodds 4, P. Hutchings (first quarter in method) 5, S. J. Hart 6, R. F. Hart (cond.) 7, R. Randall 8.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Gordon (first quarter) 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, N. Devonshire 3, Miss K. E. Fletcher 4, G. Swift 5, J. Harrison 6, R. Buckland 7, D. Lamb 8.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.—On Aug. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss R. Welbourn 1, Mrs. O. L. Glenn 2, W. Tyson 3, A. Rothery 4, J. A. Parker 5, L. Woodhead 6, H. Parker 7, N. Park (cond.) 8. First in the method by 1, 3, 5 and 7.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Aug. 15th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. J. Lewis, sen. (cond.) 1, W. A. Godwin 2, Miss Joyce Morse 3, J. Hope 4, Miss Eileen Morse 5, E. H. Jefferies 6, V. R. Williams 7, W. Wrigley 8.

DOVER, KENT.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. George 1, W. Bottrill (Deal) 2, P. Romney (Brighton) 3, A. V. Good (Hemel Hempstead) 4, E. J. Walker 5, E. T. Ellender 6, C. Turner (cond.) 7, R. J. Harding (Ashford, Middlesex) 8.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.—On Aug. 17th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: S. Barron 1, H. B. Schofield 2, Miss A. Laycock 3, Mrs. M. H. Schofield 4, H. Barron 5, J. Pearson (cond.) 6. First quarter for 2, 3, 4 and 5.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.—On Aug. 15th, 1,440 of Minor (720 each of Double Oxford and Double Court): S. Pitman 1, S. Skinner (cond.) 2, C. Deem 3, M. Board 4, J. Carter 5, B. Pidgeon 6.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jno. Maybrey 1, Mrs. V. Lathbury 2, L. U. C. Knowles 3, Wm. C. Parker 4, E. Fiske 5, W. A. Peck (cond.) 6, M. W. Harbott 7, E. J. Greenough 8.

EYTHORNE, KENT.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Harling 1, E. J. Walker 2, C. Turner (cond.) 3, E. T. Ellender 4, P. Romney 5.

HANBURY, WORCS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. L. J. Birch 1, Mrs. L. J. Birch 2, E. Cairns (cond.) 3, R. C. Nash 4, A. Poultney 5, J. F. Nash 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Warrington (cond.) 1, A. Clements 2, Rev. B. F. Sheppard 3, G. L. Perkins 4, R. Brooker 5, H. G. Dunnington 6.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICS.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (240 St. Simons, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): B. Hoden (first quarter) 1, E. Bowley 2, H. O. Over 3, E. Ford 4, R. Manton (cond.) 5.

LINCOLN.—At St. Peter-at-Gowt's Church on Aug. 15th, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 180 Single Court and 720 Plain Bob: C. Popple 1, F. Dixon 2, A. Milton 3, H. Radley (first quarter "inside") 4, F. Crowe 5, H. Hurst (cond.) 6.

Royal Quarter Peals

*In honour of the birth of a Princess
to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth*

LONDON.—At Westminster Abbey on Aug. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Pasmore 1, H. Belcher 2, R. W. Green 3, R. F. Deal 4, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 5, J. F. Smallwood 6, H. Langdon 7, A. B. Peck 8.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Romney 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, W. E. Redrup 3, B. W. Aldridge 4, A. J. Dadds (first in method) 5, L. Everest (first in method) 6, F. J. Gadsden (first in method as cond.) 7, F. Shorter 8.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Care 1, F. Slafford 2, J. Hunt 3, T. Ladd 4, P. Harding (cond.) 5, C. Barber 6. First quarter by 1, 4 and 6.

OLD WOKING, SURREY.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Neads 1, E. Goater 2, W. Goldstone 3, R. Andres 4, D. Sleet (cond.) 5, J. Brackley 6, F. Milne tenor (covering).

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Cotton (first quarter in method) 1, W. F. Woodward 2, E. W. Beadmoore 3, F. G. Bailey 4, A. B. Beadmoore 5, P. W. Grice 6, J. W. Cotton (cond.) 7, W. G. Hair 8.

READING.—At St. Mary's Church on Aug. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. J. Dyke 1, A. Diserens (cond.) 2, Miss A. B. Diserens 3, Mrs. A. Diserens 4, N. J. Diserens 5, A. E. Beaney 6, R. S. Hunt 7, V. T. Cherrill 8.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Russell 1, Miss J. Brown 2, D. R. Reed 3, D. O. Wilks (Sunningwell) 4, R. Marlow 5, J. Hartless 6, W. E. Cheater (cond.) 7, J. F. Green 8. First of Stedman Triples for 1, 4 and 8.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Edward, on Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 6-8 covering): J. M. Aspinall 1, Mrs. M. Osborne 2, Mrs. J. C. Northan 4, L. J. Honess 5, A. Langstone 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, H. Perry 8.

RUISLIP, MIDDLESEX.—On Aug. 15th, 1,344 Bob Major: Mrs. E. Savory 1, G. M. Kilby 2, C. Poulter 3, W. Bunce, sen., 4, A. Hunter 5, W. S. Beaumont 6, T. Collins (cond.) 7, W. Pitchall 8.

SILVERTON, DEVON.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. G. Selley 1, C. G. Dymond 2, R. Harris 3, D. Brooks (first quarter as cond.) 4, W. E. Richards 5, A. G. Selley 6, J. R. Hutchings 7, D. G. French 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,250 Grandsire Caters: A. D. Rivers 1, F. V. Sinkins (85) 2, W. E. Judd 3, W. W. Wolstencroft 4, Miss R. Tabraham (first quarter of Caters) 5, E. Gosling 6, Miss F. Murkett 7, E. L. A. Hudson 8, W. Birmingham (cond.) 9, E. H. Preston 10. Rung for the 20th birthday of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and for the birth of the new baby Princess.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.—At the Minster on Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. F. Clulow 1, A. J. Chamberlain 2, L. Hemstock 3, F. Pickard 4, G. E. Foster (cond.) 5, L. Smith 6. First quarter by 3 and 6.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Bob Minor: G. A. Hughes 1, E. J. Lever such 2, F. Cattell 3, C. Wenban 4, A. Wenban 5, W. Wenban (cond.) 6.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hall 1, M. Clarke 2, G. Franklin 3, S. Haynes 4, S. Osbourne (cond.) 5, M. Goodenough 6.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,264 Double Norwich C.B. Major: E. Nixon 1, F. E. Wilshaw 2, Miss M. Rigby 3, H. H. Abrahams 4, A. Peake 5, A. D. Steele 6, F. W. Grocott (cond.) 7, N. R. Holland 8.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Noon 1, J. E. Allen 2, A. D. Mills 3, M. E. Bennett 4, C. Rawding 5, J. Petch 6, J. G. Ames (cond.) 7, W. A. Richardson 8.

SWANAGE, DORSET.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Paul Foote (first quarter) 1, W. Brown 2, R. Bastable 3, J. Sutton 4, F. Haysom (cond.) 5, H. R. Pink 6, F. Price 7, A. J. Clarke 8.

WINTERTON, Lincs.—On Aug. 16th, 1,440 Minor (being 720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 St. Clement's, 360 Plain Bob): G. E. Brumpton 1, R. Chafer 2, H. Hall 3, J. Freeman 4, J. Bray (cond.) 5, G. W. Moody 6.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Cox 1, T. Bond 2, Miss L. Pimm 3, L. T. Oliffe 4, H. Floyd 5, B. J. Coggins 6, G. H. Wright (cond.) 7, E. Knight 8.

WOOL, DORSET.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Williams 1, F. Precey (cond.) 2, W. Sturme y 3, H. Runyard 4, F. Digby 5, A. Dorey 6.

ACCIDENT TO BELL HANGER

9-CWT. BELL FRACTURED HIS LEG.
While Mr. George Pratt (49), of Harris Road, Dagenham, was hoisting the fourth bell, weighing nine hundredweight, in Whitchurch Parish Church, Shropshire, on August 11th, the tackle slipped and the bell fell on his leg, fracturing it in two places.

With his mate, Mr. J. A. Acarioli, of Barking, he was engaged in overhauling the bells and fitting ball bearings.

When the bell fell, Pratt was fortunately not pinned, and was able to free his leg.

Mr. Acarioli, who was working on another bell, rushed to the help of his mate and, with difficulty, got him out of the pit in which the bell lay and, aided by the injured man himself, carried him down the spiral stairway to the next chamber.

There he made the injured man as comfortable as possible, and went for help.

With the Rector, the Rev. J. H. Hall, Mr. K. L. H. Winwood, Mr. R. H. Manning, Mrs. W. G. Matthews and Mr. G. T. Smith, he returned up the tower, when the injured leg was put in splints by Mr. Smith and Mrs. Matthews.

Mr. Pratt was then taken down to ground level, and after receiving treatment at the Cottage Hospital, was taken to the Orthopaedic Hospital, Oswestry.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The Mid-Devon Branch held a by-meeting in one of the moorland parts of its area on August 19th. Ringing took place at Holne Parish Church during the afternoon on the rather difficult ring of five, this including touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles. An excellent cream tea was subsequently enjoyed at the Church House Inn, after which one associate member and two non-resident life members were elected.

A move was then made to Widdecombe-in-the-Moor, where the excellent going bells were kept going to a variety of methods as well as rounds for the less experienced ringers.

The next, and last, calling place was Buckland-in-the-Moor, where Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on the very light eight, not forgetting, too, the less experienced ones.

The afternoon proved quite enjoyable for those who came from a wide area, and the visitors included the president of the Guild, Preb. E. V. Cox.

MEMORIES AND NOVEL EXPERIENCES

ONE WHO KNEW HENRY JOHNSON

Yes, I remember! I am a small boy, nine years old, and I have just lost my father. My grandfather on the distaff side is a stern but just man. He is in business in Bradford Street, Birmingham, and on Saturdays, midday, he goes to the Market Hall, and as a great treat I sometimes go with him.

Our nearest way is along Moat Lane, so named because it follows the line of the defences of the Manor House of the De Berminghams. At the end of the Lane I see the tower and spire of the Parish Church, St. Martin's, famous then as now for its bells and ringers, and I am fascinated. I look up and wonder where the bells actually hang, how they are rung, where the belfry is, and how it is reached. In any case they are silent and mysterious and as yet unheard. Later on I do hear them and I am thrilled and determined to explore.

But St. Martin's is awe-inspiring, and I know I must learn in a lowlier way, so I think of Moseley Parish Church, and there I find the ringers are good and kindly fellows, and I make friends among them and am admitted to the tower. Never shall I forget my first glimpse of the low door, and the new and winding time-worn steps leading, where?

I was on the threshold of the unknown! In due course I am invited 'to take a rope,' and I learn to ring. The bells are steel—not bell metal: the tone is poor, and they go badly, too, especially the 17 cwt. tenor. I investigate—learn how they are induced to 'speak' at the will of the ringer (although remote and unseen) and am thrilled and determined to know more of St. Martin's, where the tower keeper is John Joynes. He is a jolly rotund man, and after a time he allows me to ring the service bell, the 9th, much to my delight. Thereafter, I frequent the belfry on practice nights and meet some of the great ringers of that day, including, once or twice, the great Henry Johnson himself.

My interest has never flagged, and I am as keen as ever, reading and enjoying 'The Ringing World' week by week. Over a long period I have visited every Cathedral tower in England and many hundreds of others, and when in London Sunday mornings find me at St. Paul's listening to the exquisite rhythm of the perfectly-struck three courses of Stedman Cinques!

Needless to say I have looked forward to and attended year by year the Johnson dinner, surely one of the happiest and friendliest meetings in 'The Ringing Isle'!

THE MISSING RINGER

During a ringing tour in the West Country the party were to be guests of a well-to-do gentleman, who owned a large house and kept many servants. After the day's peal had been scored the ringers reached their 'quarters' safely and were duly shown to their rooms. Late dinner was on the programme, but when the guests assembled for the meal one of the party, Mr. B., did not arrive. The host remarked that five minutes would be allowed, but after that time had elapsed there was still no sign of Mr. B. In order that the meal should proceed, one of the party, Mr. F., offered to search for the missing ringer. His first place of call was Mr. B.'s bedroom, and to his surprise he found him in bed! 'Why are you in bed?' asked Mr. F., and the reply he received was that 'A servant showed me in here and shut the door.' On being told to hurry up because dinner was being served, he remarked, 'What a strange place. First they show you into your bedroom, then they have dinner at 7.30 p.m., and as it seemed to me the household kept early hours, there was nothing left to do but have an early night!'

W. S.

DETAILED TO RING

When the war in Europe ended in May, 1945, I was serving with my battalion, the 2nd Grenadier Guards, in Germany. A week or so later we moved to an area south of Bremen, centring round the village of Twistringen. On Sunday, May 27th, a memorial service to the battalion's fallen was held, and I, together with two other ringers (one of them was Eric Gilbert, from Cheshire), were detailed by our commanding officer to ring the bells of a nearby village church for the service. How it came to the C.O.'s knowledge that we were ringers or that there were bells in the church remains a mystery to me.

A preliminary survey on the Saturday before the service revealed that there were three bells in the tower, which were reached by a series of wooden ladders. Two of the bells were equipped with horizontal metal arms from the headstocks, to which ropes were attached, passing through to the floor below. The third bell had a rope tied to the clapper. Our efforts to swing the bells by the ropes met with little success, however, as, apart from lack of oil, it was impossible to control the striking. We came to the conclusion that the only thing to do was to tie ropes to all the clappers, sit on the frame and 'clock' the bells. I don't know the name of the third ringer, but he knew little about change ringing, so I wrote out the six changes for his benefit, and after a little practice we became quite competent in chiming them.

On the Sunday morning we again mounted the tower about half an hour before the service and clocked the bells to the changes. The bells were very much out of tune and the noise we produced must have sounded pretty awful outside, but we didn't 'lose our names,' so presumably the C.O. was satisfied with the result.

I have lost the note I made of the particulars of the bells, but I believe they were all modern, having been cast after the 1914-1918 war.

F. A. M.

THEIR JOINT WEAKNESS

The bells were being rung from the ground floor and the ringers could be seen from the church. A peal was in progress after a special service and the town was en fete. Our first visitor was a Bishop, who stood amid our circle and expressed his appreciation, and shortly afterwards the Mayor and his train came to see us. He thanked us for our ringing and announced that a good meal awaited us when we had concluded our ringing.

We survived these interruptions in fine style, and Holt's Original proceeded well, but when one of the churchwardens appeared and announced the venue of the meal, followed by the reading of the menu, two ringers missed their ropes, losing control of their bells, with the result, no peal. The conductor asked the two culprits why they failed to keep going, and the reply in each case was, 'I was all right until he read out roast leg of pork and apple sauce.'

W. S.

HALF TIME

Before commencing a peal at a village near Dartmoor many years ago, one of the local call-change ringers appeared and questioned us about refreshment at half-time. Jokingly we said it would be appreciated, and the peal was commenced with a locked door. A few minutes after the midway single had been made we heard a key being inserted from outside, and in came the local ringer to announce half-time refreshments. Our efforts to send him away caused a series of trips which ended the ringing, and soon we found out that the 'intruder' was the official beer carrier to the local ringers.

W. S.

Memories of a Youngster

My first tale is of pre-war vintage. A patron of St. Lawrence's Church, Hatfield, near Doncaster, heard that there was sore need for a set of new bell ropes. As he was a director of a famous Doncaster firm, which boasted the ability to supply anything from a strand of fuse wire to a mile-long steel hawser, he promised to present the ringers with the ropes, free of charge.

The ringers, though very anxious to take advantage of this generous offer, expressed doubt as to whether the ropes supplied would be of the exact type and quality required. 'Don't worry,' said their benefactor, 'send one of your ropes to the works, and I can promise you eight perfect copies.'

So the rope was sent, and back came the new ones. Their friend had carried out his promise to have exact copies made all right—as the old rope had a splice just underneath the sally, every one of the new ropes had a splice in exactly the same place! However, the ropes were put into use, and well I remember ringing in a peal with them, half the band finishing with a generous sprinkling of red, white and blue wool. A year or so ago they were so bald (the ropes, not the ringers) that they had to be replaced, this time by bona fide bell ropes.

My second memory is of an incident at a meeting at St. George's, Doncaster. We had been ringing, with few intervals, for more than two hours. Suddenly the ringer of the second stood his bell and turned to stare up the ladder leading to the bells. Everyone else followed suit, and stood open-mouthed to see a figure descending, in a ragged old raincoat, and with a telescope tucked under his arm! This apparition smiled affably, and disappeared down the steps, not a word being spoken! It transpired later that he was a star-gazer, and he had stood on that lofty swaying tower for two hours, and then descended a twenty-foot, almost vertical ladder, with the open mouths of the eight bells (30½ cwt. tenor) screaming beneath him. Not bad for a layman!

W. E. C.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD IN KENT

Starting off in showery weather on August 19th, Biddenden was reached at 9.45, when good use was made of this nice octave. There was much speculation as to whether a course of Cambridge would come round before the tenor ringer lost his trousers. The bells won!

After the noisy six at Charlham had been 'grabbed' en route, Canterbury Cathedral was reached. The best on twelve was rounds, on ten Stedman and Grandsire, with a touch of Triples for those not so far advanced. Everyone was happy, except those who had to ring the tenor.

Through apples and hops to Faversham, where the going was quite good but the music poor. However, Superlative came round well to end the ringing, and away to Sittingbourne, where the bells of St. Michael's Church proved to be the best of the day. Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Cambridge and Superlative all came round, but who left the last note of the tenor in the tower after the lower in peal?

Half an hour later the treasurer said that he had had sufficient tea, a fitting tribute to the caterers, but as usual he still wanted some money, and all paid without a murmur.

On the road once more, the views on either side of Detling Hill were enjoyed; Maidstone was passed, and at 7.20 Barming bells were going up (and around the tower). Time was short, so it was one pull each and a quick lower in peal, this being repeated on the newly rehung six at Watlington, enjoyed by all till nine o'clock. Then, one for the road (or was it two?) and homeward bound.

C. A. B.

KENT RINGERS TOUR IN DEVONSHIRE

Successes and Disappointments of a Memorable Week

IN August, 1949, the writer received a postcard from Mr. Thomas E. Sone, of Paddock Wood, Kent, asking him to arrange a tour in Devon in 1950. 'Just the job,' he thought, with visions of tackling some fresh tenors in a delightful part of the country, whose bells had not had too many peals rung on them. The ultimate result was a very happy week, with headquarters at Exeter from August 5th to 13th.

Our party, which numbered 26 including non-ringers, was collected by Tom Sone, and the routes, ringing arrangements and towers were planned by Pat Cannon, with valuable help from Mr. Aubrey L. Bennett, Central Council representative for the Devon Guild. Fifteen ringers came from Kent, two from Berks, two from Northants and one from Surrey. A 28-seater coach was hired for the week, with Proprietor Ernest Lush as driver, and left Paddock Wood at 8 a.m., Saturday, August 5th, picking up en route. Travelling through Redhill, Dorking, Guildford and Basingstoke, Salisbury was reached at 12.45 p.m. for a good lunch at Diffey's restaurant.

Our driver soon showed that he could make his coach move, and we arrived punctually at Sherborne Abbey at 3 p.m., where Mr. W. H. Pope was awaiting us. The bells were raised in peal, and several of our heavy bell enthusiasts were able to show their skill in Cambridge, Double Norwich, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire. After tea at Baker's Cafe, we continued our journey through Yeovil, Crewkerne and Chard, crossing into Devonshire near Yacombe. We stopped to try the ancient heavy five, tenor 17 cwt., with various Doubles methods, and finished with call changes with three locals. Exeter was reached at 8.15 p.m. and we settled into our 'digs'. The old proverb about learning by experience soon became apparent, and, for the benefit of future organisers, it would be as well to mention that it is advisable to check carefully boarding house accommodation which purports to take a lot of people in one place. Three out of our four addresses were very satisfactory, but one was definitely overcrowded! The removal of six to other accommodation on Sunday eased matters a little, but the writer apologises to the seven who stuck it out, and shaved in cold water!

Sunday morning found us at St. David's, Exeter (eight, 13 cwt.), where we met Messrs. W. H. Howe and W. S. Lethbridge. Good bells and a perfect circle enabled us to enjoy the standard methods until 10 a.m. We apologise to Mr. E. W. Biffin, who was expecting us at St. Thomas', but our non-arrival was due to the six wishing to find other 'digs' as soon as possible.

All our peal attempts had been very kindly fixed by Mr. Aubrey Bennett, and his first choice of St. James', West Teignmouth (eight, 14 cwt.), for Sunday afternoon was an ideal start, as non-ringers and those not taking part were able to enjoy the seaside air on one of the few really fine days of the week. The bells are a fair ring cast in 1879 by Mears and Stainbank, rung from the ground floor and we were pleased to score the 'first on the bells' in spite of a christening party walking twice through the circle to our apparent amusement! Those standing out rang for evening service and were joined by the local band and Mr. F. Maurice Atkins, who is shortly coming to live at Teignmouth.

THE HEAVIEST DAY

August Bank Holiday started with a pleasant drive to Chulmleigh (eight, 25 cwt.). The bells, originally a ring of six cast by W. Evans in 1718, had two trebles added in 1929 by Gillett and Johnston. The first and only pre-

vious peal on the bells was Grandsire Triples, in August, 1933, conducted by Mr. Percy Newton, of Hughenden, Bucks. Three of his family, all Chulmleighites, took part with him, and two of them, Mr. A. Newton, and Mr. Newton, senior, met us at the church. The belfry is small in comparison with the height of the tower and weight of metal, but we enjoyed a really good peal of Plain Bob and were congratulated afterwards on our striking. Those not ringing went over to Chawley (six, 18 cwt.), and met the genial Vicar and some of the local band, all expert call change ringers.

Lunch was well served at the Barnstaple Inn, and we reached Crediton (eight, 27 cwt.) at 3.30 p.m. The belfry, in the central tower, is large and well-lit; the ropes of the first four bells hang in a straight line, and there is a big space between the 7th and tenor. The writer rang the tenor in 1939 to the 'first peal of Major on the bells', and was pleased to listen this time to the attempt for Cambridge, which lasted, with excellent striking, for one hour and thirty minutes. A shift course finished the ringing, but enough was rung for some of the party to look back on these 'old style' bells—Pennington, 1774, and tenor by Mears, 1814—as being as good as any of the 'moderns'. Non-ringers rang at Colebrooke (eight, 17 cwt.) with a long draught. One of the old worthies—Mr. John Callard—did not hesitate to tell us what he thought of 'scientific' ringing! Devon call-change ringers are very honest in their comments, and to gain appreciation from them one must ring their bells at a brisk pace, and with tenor behind.

Prize contests are frequent, particular attention is given to rising and falling, and the set piece must be rung—on six bells—at not less than 32 changes a minute. Framed certificates are hanging in many North Devon towers showing the local band to be 'first prize' or 'second prize' team as the case may be, in hard-fought competitions.

THE FIRST 'DOUBLE'

Tuesday—a dull day, later turning to continuous rain—and the venue for the morning was Winkleigh (eight, 20 cwt.). Mears and Stainbank recast the old ring of five in 1873, added three trebles, and they are rung from the ground floor with a draught of over 60 feet. There is a two feet high box for the tenor, and from its height, the conductor soon saw that his work was going to be a lot easier than some of the others! Our Walter 'Dob' is to be congratulated on sticking and striking a bad-going 6th. Coming from a well-known family of ringers, he certainly maintained the family tradition. Special mention also to Geoffrey Waters, for excellent ringing on the 7th, following the same at Chulmleigh on the Monday, which efforts made him feel slightly hors de combat on Wednesday morning. The local ringers gave us a warm welcome, and the Vicar, the Rev. F. E. May (one-time curate of St. John's, Croydon) was presented with a donation towards church funds, with thanks for allowing a 'first peal on the bells'. The rest of our party went over to North Tawton (eight, 18 cwt.) and enjoyed a fine Taylor-hung ring, with several prize ringing certificates in the belfry.

Mr. Stafford H. Green was awaiting us at South Molton (eight, 24½ cwt.), and after lunch rang the tenor to a 'good peal of Superlative to satisfy one of his remaining ambitions. The tower, 128 feet high, is a splendid landmark, and the bells, originally Mears, 1814, were recast and rehung by Taylors in 1938. The result is a well-balanced ring, which Mr. Tapp, local captain, is very proud to 'open up' to visitors, this being the second peal in a fortnight.

Eight others—mainly those who had been at Winkleigh in the morning—started for Stedman Triples at Chittlehampton (eight, 15 cwt.). The church has a fine Perpendicular

tower similar to those of Somerset, and the bells, recast 1929 by Taylors, are worthy of the tower. Stedman lasted 40 minutes, and regrets were expressed that time did not allow a start for another method. The Vicar, the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, himself a change ringer, met us afterwards and enjoyed a chat before we left.

EXETER CATHEDRAL

Wednesday morning found us at Uffculme (eight, 21½ cwt.), with one of the few stone spires in Devon, and a fine octave, Taylorised in 1927. The 'brass hats' started for Ashted, but no luck, and the bells were lowered after two hours and ten minutes. Others went over to Sampford Peverell (six, 17 cwt.), now the home of M. S. H. Green, and Halberton (six, 16 cwt.) both excellent rings. We all joined up for lunch at the Cullompton Hotel, where Dr. E. L. Taylor, late of Sevenoaks, and now of Tintagel, Cornwall, had made the journey specially to meet old friends. A good lunch, and we adjourned to Cullompton tower (ten, 19½ cwt.) and enjoyed a ring on this magnificent Taylor peal (1920), and a look round the splendid church. Then on to Bradninch (eight, 23 cwt.), where Mr. Powell, local captain, met us, and W. H. D. and Ernest Lush took our photographs.

Through the valuable help of Mr. W. H. Howe and the kindness of the Dean and Chapter, we were allowed the use of Exeter Cathedral bells (twelve, 72 cwt.) from 6 p.m.—8.30 p.m. This event had been looked forward to by everyone, and we made good use of the time with Grandsire Cinques and Caters, Stedman Triples on the back 8 (grand) and a course of Bob Royal with Walter 'Dob' on the tenor box, and Malcolm Cloke strapping—a very creditable course too. Some of the younger element rushed down to St. Thomas' practice night, just in time for a course of Bob Major.

HOW TO LOSE A PEAL!

Thursday in Exeter was our 'at home' day, with two towers close by. Honiton Clyst (eight, 19 cwt.) was the morning tower for Double Norwich—an average ground floor ring—but, although the band was a Surprise one, they were apparently 'off colour,' the attempt lasting just over two hours. Others, accompanied by Mrs. G. E. Retter, went over to try the grand eight at Broadclyst (eight, 21½ cwt.). Ringing has just started again after two months' silence, due to pinnacle trouble. Hopes for a peal here on a future visit were expressed by all, as they are certainly one of the finest '21 cwt.' eights in the country, very similar to Debenham, Suffolk.

The afternoon tower was Alphington (eight, 16½ cwt.), and the method chosen, Treble Bob.

The church is situated in the middle of a fork of two main roads, and the bells are a good ring, rehung in 1939 by Mears and Stainbank. After an hour's ringing, the conductor decided that his calling did not produce the figures he wanted, so 'stand' was called. A few moments with pencil and paper told him that many years ago, when copying the peal from an old report, he had failed to put in two calls at 'wrong' which would have made the peal 'right.' Someone remarked that he had 'slipped up' at last! Motto—always be very careful to check every composition, especially Treble Bob, before starting to ring it!

However, the disappointment at an unnecessary loss was soon forgotten, when all united for one of the 'tit-bits' of the week, an hour's ringing on the magnificent ring at Heavitree (eight, 26 cwt.). Double Norwich, Superlative, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, and Messrs. E. W. Biffin and F. Wreford, two of the mainstays of Exeter ringing, joined us.

(To be continued next week.)

OBITUARY AND APPRECIATION

MR. GEORGE CHARGE

AN APPRECIATION: THE METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD

It is with very deep regret I read in this week's issue of the death of Mr. George Charge, brother of Reuben and Cornelius Charge. Although not a prolific peal ringer, George gave constant and faithful service for over fifty years as a ringer for Sunday services. His tally of quarter peals rung for service must run into many hundreds. As a police officer I was his sergeant and station sergeant for some years. He was held in very great respect both by officers and men and by those amongst whom he lived. Personally I owe a great debt of gratitude to the three brothers Charge for their help and comradeship during my early days in London.

As a ringer, he and his brother Cornelius 'built greater than they knew,' for it was largely from their inspiration that ringing amongst police officers holds its present position.

As stated, I believe I am now the only surviving member of the band which rang the first peal ever rung by policemen—Grandsire Triples, at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, on April 25th, 1912, conducted by Cornelius Charge, then a constable of 'B' Division, which was: P.C. Walter Darlington 1, P.C. Ernest Brett 2, Sergt. Arthur Barkus 3, P.C. Charles G. Jane 4, P.C. William Bottrill 5, P.C. Cornelius Charge 6, P.C. George Charge 7, P.C. Alfred G. Crane 8.

It was from this peal the idea first came of forming a Police Guild of Ringers. Without an officially recognised Guild it was impossible in those days for members of the Force to obtain relief from the irregular hours of duty for practice and service ringing; thus their ringing was very limited and uncertain. For this reason ardent ringers often hesitated before becoming policemen. It was not until December, 1927, that the Metropolitan Police Guild was formed. I was then an inspector. It had some thirty serving officers as members.

The objects stated on application form were: To afford opportunity to those Metropolitan Police officers who are so interested to meet together to practise the art of scientific change ringing on church tower and handbells. To give to those police officers who are bellringers a status amongst other ringing Guilds of the country. The conditions were: That the ringing would be performed in the officers' own time and at no expense to the Police Fund. No payment would be received for services rendered. The Guild would be available to ring on those Police occasions when such would be appropriate. The application was accompanied by a current copy of 'The Ringing World,' which I have no doubt still rests in the archives of Scotland Yard.

My request was granted by Lord Byng, the Commissioner. By this means I obtained his authority for every recruit to be asked on joining the Force if he were a bellringer and the names forwarded to me. Notices of practices and meetings were published in the official daily Police Orders and Superintendents were instructed—in so far as the exigencies of the service would permit—to arrange duties to give facilities for practice. Our first headquarters was St. Clement Danes, Strand. We later moved to St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark.

On the occasion of the Metropolitan Police Centenary Parade in Hyde Park, May 25th, 1929, the parade state shows detailed for duty: Police bellringers: 1 inspector, 3 sergeants and 8 constables. 'During the time of the Parade and March Past the Metropolitan Police Guild of Ringers, under Insp. Bottrill, will ring 1,260

changes (Grandsire Caters) at the Church of St. Margaret, Westminster, and 1,260 changes (Stedman Caters) at the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, by kind permission of Canon Carnegie and Canon McCormick.' With the help of police ringers from the provinces we acquitted ourselves well, and during the evening rang at the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, conducted by Det. Constable H. J. Poole, being the first Surprise peal ever rung by police officers.

Arising out of this occasion the National Police Guild was formed. Although some may argue that Guilds of this nature are superfluous, it can be said this one at least has retained to the Exercise some outstanding men who might otherwise have been lost. Also, it has played no small part by its excellent annual social gathering alternately in the North, the Midlands and London—to which non-ringing police officers of high rank, chief constables and prominent local public personages are invariably invited—in creating an appreciation of our art amongst those who can at times render most useful assistance to the Exercise in general.

Deal, Kent.

W. BOTTRILL.

MR. JAMES TAYLOR, AUGHTON

It is with regret that we record the death of Mr. James Taylor, which took place on the evening of August 16th in St. Michael's Church, Aughton. He had not been well for some weeks, but it was not expected that the end was so near.

Mr. Taylor had been connected with Christ Church and Aughton Parish Church belfries for 50 years. He was an excellent ringer, a good striker and always willing and ready to give a helping hand in connection with change ringing.

The interment took place on August 19th at the Parish Church, the Rector of Aughton (the Rev. Gerald Jones) officiating. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by T. Hesketh, J. Ridyard, P. Cave and G. R. Newton. Muffled touches were afterwards rung at Christ Church and St. Michael's, on the bells which he loved so well.

RODBOURNE CHENEY OUTING

Rodbourne Cheney ringers, accompanied by friends from other towers, visited the North Forest Deanery of Gloucestershire for their annual outing. The party was pleased to welcome George (Tiny) Wells, who is now convalescent after a long illness.

Huntley was the first call, where the Vicar extended a hearty welcome. Then on to Longhope, with its unique double lock on the tower door and nice-going bells. A short drive through pleasant wooded country brought the party to Mitcheldean for tea. The bells here are unringable, but the church was visited and the local handbells were used for a few touches.

A very pleasant little six was found at Blaisdon, which just suited the members of the Ladies' Guild. The heavy six at Westbury-on-Severn were a big contrast, and after a ragged rise some good ringing was heard. The ringing chambers at all four towers were on the ground floor, so the non-ringing members of the party had a good insight into what happens on ringers' outings.

The programme was adhered to throughout the trip and ringing ranged from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Major.

W. B. K.

Outings

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.

The Nailsea ringers, together with wives and friends, held their annual ringing outing on August 12th. As is customary, all towers visited contained six bells.

Following an early start and a short hold-up in a 'traffic jam' at Bridgwater, Staplegrove, a suburb of Taunton, was reached a little behind schedule. The bells were soon raised and three-quarters of an hour's ringing was thoroughly enjoyed. The church was extensively restored in 1902, the only part left untouched being the tower. Here, too, were two electrically illuminated crosses, one on top of the tower and the other over the chancel arch.

The next tower visited was Hemyock, which was reached after a very pretty drive over part of the Blackdown Hills. Here the tenor weighs 21 cwt., and these bells proved to be the heaviest of the day.

An excellently sited 'pub,' right opposite the church, was then visited for sandwiches and liquid refreshments, and then a move was made to Halberton. This church has a fine fan-vaulted rood screen and a deep-toned ring of bells by Mears, which were rehung and the tenor recast by Gillett and Johnston in 1936.

After a brief stop at Tiverton, Bampton was reached for tea and ringing at the parish church. The bells here were all cast by Billie, of Cullompton, in 1800, and proved to be the trickiest of the day, but several good touches were brought round.

The final tower of the day, Creech St. Michael, a little on the 'home' side of Taunton, proved a nice ring with a 15 cwt. tenor. Here, it is thought, ringing history was probably made when the coach driver, who had never seen ringing being performed before and had come into every tower to watch, begged to 'have a go.' He was finally allowed, with the aid of several worthy assistants, to chime the tenor!

Thanks are due to all who helped to contribute to a very pleasant day's ringing.

M. J. H.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.

Joined by ringing friends from Chertsey, Chobham, Old Woking and Walton-on-Thames, Ottershaw ringers held an enjoyable outing on August 12th.

A start was made at 7.30 a.m., and the first tower visited was Little Missenden, where the organ floor proved a bit of a problem to some. This was soon surmounted, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent were rung.

There was a brief stop at Dunstable for 'elevenses'—to the delight of a Walton friend who claimed this for his home town—before reaching Sandy, where Mr. C. Blain was waiting for the party. An hour's ringing in standard methods followed. The party were happy to have Mr. Blain and Mr. C. J. Ball with them at lunch.

Ringing was delayed for half an hour at Old Warden, owing to a wedding. This church proved to be the best call of the day, both for ringers and non-ringers. The beautiful carvings in the church are well worth a visit, and the bells are a grand little six.

Tea was served at the Rose Cottage Cafe, Welwyn. At St. Mary's Church, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung and also Plain Bob Minor, in which three of the local band joined in.

At Harrow Weald, the last call, unfortunately one of the party got tough with the second, which resulted in a broken stay, and in consequence ringing had to be confined to the back six. A good course of Oxford Treble Bob concluded the ringing programme.

Home was reached at 10.30 p.m. with a full sense of gratitude to all who had co-operated to provide such a jolly good day.

R. J. A.

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MEETINGS

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Hilgay, Sept. 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service, 4.30. Tea 5.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway, Wisbech. 7482

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting Ottershaw, Sept. 2nd. Bells (6) 3. Tea 4.45.—F. Hawthorne. 7476

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Cranford, Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea at Park Cafe. Business after tea. Further ringing.—F. Finch. 7487

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual silver cup contest will take place at Wentworth on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Draw at 3. Names for tea without fail to Mr. G. West, 25, The Square, Wentworth, near Rotherham.—J. E. Turley. 7472

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Practice at Islip (6), Saturday, Sept. 2nd. Bells 3. No service. No business. Tea 4.30.—C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 7470

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Balcombe (8), Saturday, Sept. 2nd, 3. 7481

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Chiddingstone, Sept. 2nd, at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 7472

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Mary's, Lambeth.—General practice, Sept. 4th, 7.15, and first Monday in each month, St. Stephen's, Westminster. Surprise practice, Sept. 20th, 7.45, and third Wednesday in each month. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 7496

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Monday Sept. 4th, 7.—J. T. Lock, Dis. Sec. 7505

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting Reading, Sept. 9th. Ringing, St. Laurence's, 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting St. Laurence's Hall, 5. Ringing at St. Mary's 6.30 to 7.30. Names for tea by Monday, Sept. 4th, to Mr. R. Burton, 940, Oxford Road, Reading.—A. B. Peck. 7489

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Ilkeston District) and SOUTHWELL GUILD (Nottingham District).—Joint meeting at Sawley, Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells 2.30. Tea 3. Names to Mr. W. Simpson, Turnbury, Draycott Road, Sawley, Long Eaton, Nottingham, by Sept. 7th latest. Note altered dates.—F. Shaw and W. Thornley. Dis. Secs. 7483

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Great Gaddesden (6), Saturday, Sept. 9th, 3. Names for tea to Mrs. Robinson, 7, Gade Valley Cottages, Great Gaddesden, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, by Monday, Sept. 4th.—Pamela A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7484

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting Ringwould, Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 2s. per head. Those who require tea must send in names, with cash, not later than Sept. 6th. Buses every quarter-hour. Service 80 or 80a, from Deal or Dover.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 7479

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting Saturday, Sept. 9th, Staplehurst (8). Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. Note alteration of tower as Birling bells unringable. 7470

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Half-yearly meeting Spalding, Sept. 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5, in St. Peter's Hall. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Farr, Greenways, Halmer Gate, Spalding, by Sept. 2nd. The revised draft of rules will be presented for acceptance or amendment.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 7468

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—Meeting Norton Subcourse (6), Saturday, Sept. 9th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names or numbers for tea to G. Walpole, Norton Subcourse, Norwich.—J. Harwood, Sec. 7471

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Great Horwood, Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (6) 2.45. Service 4. Names for tea by Sept. 5th.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 7486

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at East Markham (8), Saturday, Sept. 9th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Preston, Lincoln Road, East Markham, Newark, by Sept. 5th. Blue bus from Anchor

Inn, Retford, to church at 2.30. Lincolnshire bus at 1.30 from Cannon Square.—H. Denman. 7478

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Liverpool Branches.—Joint meeting, St. Peter's, Newton-in-Makenfield, Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (8) 3.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5, 2s. 6d. per head. Names for tea before Sept. 6th to Mr. J. Mawdsley, 51, Birley Street, Newton-le-Willows. 7523

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Ansdell, Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (8) 3. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 7522

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup Contest and meeting at Monk Bretton, Sept. 9th, 3. For teas, notify Mr. L. Williams, 1a, Littleworth Lane, Monk Bretton, not later than Sept. 2nd.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Chafton, near Barnsley. 7521

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Pembroke, Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea by Sept. 2nd to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carm. 7503

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting Berrington (6), Saturday, Sept. 9th. Numbers for tea by Sept. 6th to Mr. W. Lloyd, King Street, Berrington, Salop. 7502

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Wanborough (6), Sept. 9th. Tea. Advise W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Withyham (8), Sept. 9th. Tea at Dorset Arms. Names to H. Vaughan, 3, Balls Green, Withyham.—C. A. Bassett. 7498

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.—Dedication of the new ring of eight, Saturday, Sept. 9th, at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Fitter, 422, Barrows Lane, Sheldon, Birmingham, 26. 7475

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—A meeting will be held at Chertsey, Sept. 9th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Sept. 7th to R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 7508

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Newland (Cathedral of the Forest) on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (6) available 2. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by Sept. 6th, please.—J. C. Goulding, 27, High Street, Lydney, Glos. 7510

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Camberwell, Saturday, Sept. 9th, St. George's, 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business in St. Giles' belfry 6.15. Ringing till 8.45. 7511

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District).—Joint meeting, Clay Cross, Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells available 3. Tea 5. Names to Rev. F. Mitchell, The Vicarage, Clay Cross, near Chesterfield, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 6th. East Derbyshire and Notts Association members please note: quarterly meeting. 7512

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Trull, Sept. 9th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosas, George Street, Taunton. 7513

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Wickwar on Sept. 9th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by Sept. 6th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. (Notices continued on next page.) 7519

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SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Scaford (8), Saturday, Sept. 9th, 3. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names by Wednesday, Sept. 6th, please.—B. W. White, 14, Southview, Henfield. 7515

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Monthly practice, Mapledurham, Saturday, Sept. 9th. Mapledurham fete. Tea in Vicarage grounds. Ringing 6.9 p.m.—T. N. Lanaghan. 7516

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Hutton Cranswick on Sept. 9th. Bells (6, tenor 18½ cwt.) available from 2. Tea for all who notify the Vicar, Hutton Cranswick, by first post Wednesday, Sept. 6th.

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Powerstock, Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells at 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting follow.—C. H. Lathey, Branch Sec. 7514

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Broadhembury, Sept. 16th. Service 4.15. Tea and business after. Names by 11th.—J. Arbury, Hon. Sec., Belmont, Ottery St. Mary.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Whatton-in-the-Vale, Saturday, Sept. 16th, 3. Tea at 5 for those who notify F. Vernon, 33, Shakespeare Street, New Balderton, Newark, by previous Monday. 7504

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—District meeting at Wanstead (6), Sept. 16th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided, followed by business meeting. Ringing at Woodford (8) 7.9.15. Names for tea by Sept. 14th to Mr. B. Petty, 13, High Street, Wanstead, E.11. 7524

SKETTY, SWANSEA.—Dedication of St. Paul's Church bells (rehung by John Taylor and Co.) by the Ven. Archdeacon of Gower, the Rev. H. Williams, on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Service 3.30. Arrangements for tea have been made at a nominal charge. Names to be sent in not later than Sept. 20th.—J. A. Hoare, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 7518

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INSPIRATION

I HAVE just been camping for a fortnight a few miles from a lovely church which owns the chief ring of bells in one of our ringing associations. On the first Sunday evening of camp I went to the church early in the hope of ringing there. Alas! In this beautiful church there was no ringing at all, and a lady told me that ringing took place every other Sunday. I had to be content to listen to the Cambridge quarters ponderously chiming from the tower. My visit was not in vain, however, for, after consulting the organist, I had the honour of singing in the choir for Evensong. Never before have I sung with such an excellent parish choir. There were about six tenors and six basses each side as well as the trebles and altos, and everyone was keen, and pointing the psalms meticulously in the rhythm of speech. I must confess that during the sermon I reflected on several points not mentioned by the parson—how so many choirs are like ringing bands who ring only one method by rote, whereas this was just as uplifting as ringing with a Surprise band who keep a good beat. And how obvious it was that the choir has an excellent organist and choir-master! My thoughts drifted to the same old conclusion that anything worth doing depends on a good leader who rises above personalities, and leads his band to attain their purpose without descending either to self-satisfaction or to abuse of others. Is it not easy to recall bands of ringers whose progress is barred by these two factors?

The next Sunday I went again in the evening, but I learnt that the ringers had met short in the morning, and there was again no ringing that Sunday. But the thought of not adding another tower to the list was superseded by the disappointment of not singing with the choir again, for I had to return to camp to help conduct a service there.

I went to the church to gain fresh inspiration for ringing (there are no bells at my home church), but instead

I was given something more valuable—the chance to hear a really good band of singers. Soon I return home, and I will be the more able to help in my own choir because of my unexpected experience.

‘TENOR.’

THE NATURE OF THE UNIVERSE?

EARLY this year, the layman interested in astronomy was rudely shaken by a series of talks given by Fred Hoyle in the B.B.C. Third Programme. These talks are being repeated on Wednesdays, and they completely turn upside down all the popular beliefs. For instance, according to the new theories, the sun is getting hotter so that eventually the Earth will be melted. But an even more startling result of the theory is that planets such as our Earth are a normal product of stars, and are not the result of a rare event as generally held a few years ago. Hoyle estimates that there are a million stars visible to us which have planets capable of supporting life. Of course, the planets are not visible to us and probably never will be. Even a radio message might take thousands of years to travel to one. But, despite the apparent improbability of communicating, it seems very likely that life as we know it exists in many other places. Hoyle states: ‘I find myself wondering whether somewhere among them there is a cricket team to beat the Australians.’ The ringer who is wise enough not to ridicule the idea will wonder whether peal ringing has been accomplished elsewhere. Perhaps some forms of life would laugh at our peals, and explain that their peal contains not less than 40,000 changes.

This is no joke, but a sober guess at what may exist. If I. Pullem composes a peal, it is not really his peal at all—merely that he was the first on Earth to discover it. It was possibly rung elsewhere long ago as a practice touch. And in any case it existed in the mind of God when He created the Universe.

N.B.—‘The Nature of the Universe,’ by Fred Hoyle, is published by Blackwell, 5s.

Royal Peals

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On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;
Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B.

ROYDON DAVIES Treble	WILLIAM F. OATWAY ... 7
JOHN PHILLIPS 2	EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 8
JOYCE ENGLAND 3	FRANK E. DARBY 9
HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... 4	ANTHONY W. J. APPLETON ... 10
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 11
DAVID E. PARSONS ... 6	JAMES G. PRIOR Tenor

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GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRUM,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... Treble	DENIS N. LAYTON ... 6
*JULIA M. PRESTON ... 2	RONALD W. M. CLOUSTON ... 7
*GILLIAN A. SMITH ... 3	*BRIAN D. THRELFALL ... 8
MARGARET FIDELL ... 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 9
*IVOR H. TRUEMAN ... 5	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

* First peal of Surprise Royal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Aug. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in C.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY Treble	H. JAMES TURNER ... 6
ALBERT WALKER ... 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 3	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 8
TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 4	JOHN N. LINDON ... 9
*JOHN BUTLER ... 5	HENRY H. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1950, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;
Tenor 28½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	ERNEST MORRIS ... 6
*JOAN BERESFORD ... 2	MAURICE G. TURNER ... 7
*DENNIS BERESFORD ... 3	GEORGE L. RODEN ... 8
BARNABAS G. KEY ... 4	JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... 9
PETER BERESFORD ... 5	EDWARD J. WHITE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* 25th peal together.

BRETORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN C. PERKINS ... Treble	†JOHN W. PERKINS ... 5
*RAYMOND JELFS ... 2	ARTHUR J. TAYLOR ... 6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3	FREDERICK G. KINCHIN ... 7
RALPH HARRIS ... 4	†EDWARD C. MOORE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal on eight bells. Also rung as the Southern Branch quarterly peal. First peal on the recently augmented ring of eight.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

WILLIAM H. VIGGERS ... Treble	MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 5
*L. MICHAEL CALLOW ... 2	REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 6
†JOHN D. NIBLETT ... 3	RONALD H. DOVE ... 7
MRS. J. D. NIBLETT ... 4	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHARLES W. BLAKEY.

* 25th peal. † First peal of Major 'inside.'

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

FREDK. A. FINCH ... Treble	*FRANK T. BLAGROVE ... 5
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 2	FRANK C. PRICE ... 6
WILLIAM J. ELLIS ... 3	TONY PRICE ... 7
RONALD J. SHARP ... 4	RICHARD E. PRICE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDK. A. FINCH.

* First peal on eight bells. Also rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Six-part. Tenor 8 cwt.

DONALD G. CLARKE ... Treble	ALFRED W. HEATH ... 5
REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... 2	REV. R. A. SLUMAN ... 6
REV. F. A. OSWELL ... 3	ROBERT E. R. SMITH ... 7
SIDNEY BAMFORD ... 4	*DAVID CHALLENGER ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT E. R. SMITH.

* First peal of Triples.

ASHFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 29, 1950, 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.

HILDEED S. WICKENS ... Treble	THOMAS E. SONE ... 5
PERCY PAGE ... 2	FREDK G. HUCKSTEPP ... 6
MARK W. MARSHALL ... 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 7
WILFRED W. RING ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by HY. DAINS. Conducted by THOS. CULLINGWORTH.

ELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Newark District.)

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*NORMAN PRIDE ... Treble	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER ... 4
†FRANK W. VERNON ... 2	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS ... 5
FREDERICK G. HOOPER ... 3	ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

* First peal. † 50th peal. Also rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and Mrs. A. J. Chamberlain, and for the wedding of Miss Mary Marriott to Mr. Ernest Todd at Edingley, Notts.



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A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.
W. HARRY SHORT ... Treble | ROBERT W. FERRIS ... 4
*GEORGE E. WILLIAMSON ... 2 | †EDMUND J. FOWELL ... 5
A. ROBERT BOTTING ... 3 | THOMAS W. GOODYER ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT W. FERRIS.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents of Stedman and 19 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.
*CYRIL LOW ... Treble | RONALD KENRICK ... 4
†JACK SUMNER ... 2 | NORMAN HEAPS ... 5
†BETTY SUMNER ... 3 | JAMES J. JACKSON ... Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN HEAPS.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES TOUR

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE LATIMER CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... Treble | J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 4
JOHN BRAMLEY ... 2 | ERNEST MORRIS ... 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3 | JOHN J. MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
IN ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOLS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Pritchard's. Tenor size 17 in A.
*JOHN BRAMLEY ... 1-2 | ALAN CATTELL ... 5-6
FREDK. W. GROCOTT ... 3-4 | JOHN J. MORRIS ... 7-8

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

* First peal of Bob Major away from tenors. First peal of Bob Major as conductor 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
IN ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's. Tenor size 15 in C.
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 1-2 | *FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4 | HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand.'

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... Treble | FREDK. W. GROCOTT ... 5
ALAN CATTELL ... 2 | ERNEST MORRIS ... 6
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 3 | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 7
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On Sun., Aug. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT 52, RICHMOND ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Washbrook's. Tenor size 17 in A.
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2 | FREDK. W. GROCOTT ... 5-6
*FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 3-4 | J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 7-8

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand.'

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's. Tenor 14½ cwt.
ERNEST MORRIS ... Treble | FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 5
ALAN CATTELL ... 2 | J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3 | FREDK. W. GROCOTT ... 7
JOE LING ... 4 | WALTER BEEBE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

The first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

KETTERING, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in D.
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... Treble | ERNEST MORRIS ... 6
SAMUEL PINDER ... 2 | ALAN CATTELL ... 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3 | J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 8
CHARLES W. BIRD ... 4 | FREDK. W. GROCOTT ... 9
I. PATRICK CHAPMAN ... 5 | HARRY PETTETT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung to mark the 72nd birthday of the tenor ringer.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 8, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.
*JOE LING ... Treble | ALAN CATTELL ... 5
ERNEST MORRIS ... 2 | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 3 | FREDK. W. GROCOTT ... 7
JOHN J. MORRIS ... 4 | J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

* First peal of Major. Rung to mark the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Clarke.

KEGWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Hattersley's. Tenor 17 cwt.
JOE LING ... Treble | J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2 | FREDK. W. GROCOTT ... 6
JOHN J. MORRIS ... 3 | FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 7
ALAN CATTELL ... 4 | ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Rung 'silent.'

The first peal of Yorkshire Surprise on the bells.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 10, 1950, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Pitstow's. Tenor 16 cwt.
JOE LING ... Treble | FREDK. W. GROCOTT ... 5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 2 | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 6
JOHN J. MORRIS ... 3 | ALAN CATTELL ... 7
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 4 | ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Non-Conducted.

Rung to mark the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. Fitches, respected members of the church.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 10, 1950, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Trotman's. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.
JOHN BRAMLEY ... Treble | ALAN CATTELL ... 5
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 2 | JOHN J. MORRIS ... 6
FREDK. W. GROCOTT ... 3 | FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4 | ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Non-Conducted.

The first peal of Cambridge on the bells. A birthday peal for Margaret L. Morris, daughter of Ernest Morris.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Ernest Morris' No. 1.	Tenor 10 cwt.
JOE LING Treble	ALAN CATTELL 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN... 6
FREDK. W. GROCOTT ... 3	FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	JOHN BRAMLEY Tenor

Non-Conducted.

The first peal of Bristol Surprise on the bells.

OVER-SEALE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOE LING Treble	FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 5
FREDK. W. GROCOTT ... 2	ALAN CATTELL 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 3	JOHN BRAMLEY 7
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN... 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by ALAN CATTELL. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

The first peal of Superlative Surprise on the bells.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1950, in 3 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

JOE LING Treble	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN... 5
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 3	ALAN CATTELL 7
JOHN BRAMLEY 4	FREDK. W. GROCOTT ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. GROCOTT.

The first peal of Major on these bells, which are the heaviest in the diocese.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 12, 1950, in 3 Hours and 16 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.
*PETER HALLAM Treble	FREDK. W. GROCOTT ... 5
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	JOHN BRAMLEY 7
†FRANK BAILESS 4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Surprise Major.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sun., Aug. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
IN THE VICAR'S STUDY AT ST. MARGARET'S VICARAGE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

*FREDK. W. GROCOTT ... 1-2	ALAN CATTELL 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8

Composed by Hy. W. WILDE. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Double Norwich 'in hand.'

TEN BELL PEALS

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT NEW COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

MARGARET L. TUTT ... Treble	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 6
WILLIAM JUDGE 2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS... 7
EDWIN G. MOORE 3	FRANCIS A. WHITE ... 8
WALTER F. JUDGE 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
EDMUND E. PEARSON ... 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by MARGARET L. TUTT.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5165 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

ROBERT COLLINS Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 6
DORIS E. COLGATE 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
FREDK. W. BUDGEN 3	S. GEOFFREY WATERS ... 8
THOMAS E. SONE 4	JOHN O. WELLER 9
BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... 5	WILLIAM G. COOK Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 67). Conducted by THOS. E. SONE.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	MAURICE HODGSON ... 5
RALPH BIRD 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH... 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 3	FRANK I. HAIRS 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, 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.	Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr.
*HENRY G. DOEL Treble	*REGINALD A. HIGGINS... 5
JOSEPH T. DYKE 2	*JOHN H. CHILCOTT ... 6
*ERIC A. RAYMOND ... 3	JACK A. LINTERN 7
*FREDK. J. SYMONDS ... 4	HERBERT C. LINTERN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

* First peal. Rung for Prob. Hodgson's 25th anniversary as Rector of the parish. Also for the wedding anniversaries of Prob. and Mrs. Hodgson and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Dyke, married 37 and 31 years respectively.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.	Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.
SIDNEY FLINT Treble	*EDWARD ASHCROFT ... 5
JAMES MARSH 2	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... 6
JOHN LUNHAM 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
RONALD KENRICK ... 4	HENRY J. MOORCROFT... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled in memory of James Taylor, for over 50 years a member of Christ Church ringers, who was interred at St. Michael's, Aughton, on the previous Saturday.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

WILLIAM AARON Treble	ROGER LEIGH 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	EDWARD IDDON 6
MISS M. REAV 3	PETER CROOK 7
REV. P. T. ROBBINS ... 4	RICHARD BENSON Tenor

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

CHEPSTOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 21 cwt. in E.
*JOHN SIMS Treble	*DAVID J. KING 5
†JACQUELINE S. EVANS ... 2	LESLIE BARRY 6
GEORGE CASE 3	JOHN J. WEBB 7
WILLIAM RICHINGS ... 4	CHARLES LARNER Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Sims on the birth of a daughter.

EBBW VALE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.
EDWARD WICKHAM ... Treble	*ROBERT STEPHENS ... 5
*THOMAS STEPHENS ... 2	*JOHN ALSOP ... 6
†ROBERT ALSOP (72) ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 7
VICTOR SAVAGE ... 4	RONALD G. BECK ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal on eight. Rung on the 41st anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

LONDON.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN, LAMBETH, S.E.,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E flat.

THOMAS E. DAVIES ... Treble	SQUIRE CROFT ... 5
HERBERT J. ALDRID ... 2	STEPHEN J. HART ... 6
PETER J. HUTCHINGS ... 3	C. MONTAGUE MEYER ... 7
*A. LESLIE PEARSON ... 4	HAROLD W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by THOMAS DAY. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

* First peal in the method.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*BRIAN A. TOMLINSON ... Treble	ARTHUR HATCH ... 5
*DEREK WHITFORD ... 2	CHARLES CLEGG ... 6
MISS M. REAY ... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
THOMAS BARKER ... 4	RICHARD BENSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

FREDK. W. BURNETT ... Treble	*HENRY C. WEAVER ... 5
MRS. E. F. SALMONS ... 2	*RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... 6
*BRIAN C. STIRLAND ... 3	FREDK. W. ROGERS ... 7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 4	JOHN H. HUNT ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Yorkshire.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

FRED EVANS ... Treble	‡BRIAN HARRIS ... 5
*PERCY SWINDLEY ... 2	§DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD ... 6
WILLIAM CATHERALL ... 3	*§JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 7
†JOHN W. BEST ... 4	‡ARTHUR WATKIN ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. W. GRIFFITHS.

* 100th peal together. † 100th peal. ‡ First peal of Stedman. § 25th peal together.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

STANLEY E. BENNETT ... Treble	MRS. A. RICHARDSON ... 5
AUBREY D. MILLS ... 2	WILLIAM ROSE ... 6
CYRIL WANDER ... 3	*HORACE HARRISON ... 7
MAURICE BENNETT ... 4	JOHN G. AMES ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

* First peal in the method.

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SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

SIDNEY FLINT	Treble	JOSEPH RIDYARD	5
NORMAN BROWN	2	THOMAS HESKETH	6
WILLIAM DEACON	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	7
THOMAS HORRIDGE	4	RONALD KENRICK	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

MICHAEL D. STANFORTH <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST W. RAWSON ...	5
SHIRLEY BURTON 2	ELIZABETH FAULKKNALL ...	6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	JILL POOLE	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

A compliment to John R. Smith and Elizabeth Faulknnall on their engagement.

SIX BELL PEALS

GUILDSBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight 120's of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, eight 120's of April Day, fourteen 120's of Plain Bob and twelve 120's of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.

*WILLIAM T. ADAMS ... <i>Treble</i>	*LESLIE G. TOWNSEND ... 4
*PHILLIP C. STEPHENS ... 2	ERNEST G. ORLAND ... 5
*ROY C. SPRING ... 3	*STANLEY R. HAYNES ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

* First peal.

IGHTFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

EDWARD V. RODENHURST <i>Treble</i>	HARRY W. HOWARD ... 4
ERIC HORNBY 2	*HENRY PARKER 5
DAVID SMITH 3	CECIL RADDON <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HENRY PARKER.

* 200th peal. Rung for the first wedding anniversary of E. Hornby.

MARTINSTOWN, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*HELEN GODLEY	Treble	*BETTY DYKE	4
FREDERICK PRECEY	2	PHILIP H. TOCOCK	5
MRS. M. M. GODLEY	3	*M. W. FORD	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK PRECEY.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell to Miss H. Godley, who is returning to her home in Kenya, after eighteen months in this country.

PEMBROKE, PEMBROKESHIRE.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*TOM MAYHOOK	Treble	WILFRED L. WILLIAMS	4
*C. C. JONES	2	DESMOND J. CURTIS	5
TOM OWEN	3	*LESLIE T. CURTIS	Tenor

Conducted by DESMOND J. CURTIS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

WICKHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*BLANCHE M. BALL	...Treble	A. GORDON LEAHY	... ..	4
†ERNEST BROWN	... .. 2	HAROLD A. NOBES	... ..	5
NELIA M. LEAHY	... .. 3	JOHN H. HUNT	...Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal of Plain Bob. † First peal on six bells. An 18th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Oxford Single and 1,440 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

SYDNEY FLINT	Treble	ROBERT LARKEY	4
ANNIE ABRAHAM	2	PETER WILKINSON	5
JOHN LUNHAM	3	WILLIAM DEACON	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DEACON.

In memoriam James Taylor, a ringer for over 50 years in Aughton.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve 120's of April Day, ten 120's of Plain Bob and twenty 120's of Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

FRANK BARNARD	Treble	J. DEREK SMITH	4
KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH	2	ALBERT CRAWLEY	5
MICHAEL MORGAN WYNNE	3	ARTHUR WATTS	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT CRAWLEY.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Ipswich, Wells, London, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 5 cwt. 22 lb.

REGINALD WOODYATT ... <i>Treble</i>	† ALLEN MORGAN	4	
* R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	CYRIL TANSSELL	5
GEORGE E. LARGE	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. † First peal in seven Surprise methods 'inside.' Rung on the front six of the ten, being the first peal of Minor in the tower.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents: (1) London Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Double Court, (6) Double Oxford, (7) St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

JOYCE GIBBONS	Treble	RALPH BIRD	4
DAVID E. PARSONS	2	LEONARD A. TIDY	5
JOHN HILL	3	FRANK E. DARBY	Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal in eight methods by all except conductor.

SNODLAND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES E. J. NORRIS...Treble	CYRIL S. JARRETT ...	4
GLADYS K. JARRETT ... 2	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ...	5
VICTOR A. JARRETT ... 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT...Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

First peal in six methods by all excepting the ringer of the 3rd.

HANDBELL PEALS

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Fri., Aug. 18, 1950, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,

At 35, MARKET STREET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

*JOAN BERESFORD ... 1-2 | *PETER BERESFORD ... 3-4

DENNIS BERESFORD ... 5-6

Conducted by JOAN BERESFORD.

* 25th peal together. First peal of Minor 'in hand' as conductor.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

THE ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5760 CHANGES;

Being 16 extents each of Plain Bob, Old and Norfolk.

Tenor size 12 in F.

JONATHAN F. EGGLETON ... 1-2 | PHILIP L. COOPER ... 3-4

RONALD R. D. NOGARE ... 5-6

Conducted by JONATHAN F. EGGLETON.

BATHWICK, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 22, 1950, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor size 18 in G.

TERENCE A. THORNER ... 1-2 | HARRY POYNER ... 3-4

ROGER O. FRY ... 5-6

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

ROY C. HURST ... 1-2 | *DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6

*MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | FREDK. A. SALTER ... 7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* 200th peal together on handbells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation.

Tenor size 17 in G.

HAROLD J. POOLE ... 1-2 | ALFRED BALLARD ... 5-6

*DEREK R. GOODMAN ... 3-4 | BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 7-8

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Stedman Triples on an 'inside' pair. First peal of Triples as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

No. 32.

Tenor size 17 in A.

MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | JAMES E. DANIELS ... 7-8

ROY C. HURST ... 9-10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Rung as a compliment to the composer, Mr. Morris J. Morris, on his 82nd birthday.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Consisting of 912 changes of Little Bob, 1,368 each of Plain, Double and Reverse Bob.

Tenor size 17 in G.

ALFRED BALLARD ... 1-2 | PETER J. STANFORTH ... 7-8

HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3-4 | *HARRY POYNER ... 9-10

JHL POOLE ... 5-6 | TERENCE A. THORNER ... 11-12

Composed by HARRY POYNER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Spliced Maximus to be rung on handbells. First peal of Spliced 'in hand' by all except ringer of 1-2.

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QUARTER PEALS

AUGHTON, LANCS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260
Grandsire Triples: S. Flint 1, J. Marsh
(cond.) 2, J. Lunham 3, R. Larkey 4, E. Ash-
croft 5, A. Mawdsley 6, K. Rothwell 7, H.
Moorcroft 8. Rung with bells half-muffled in
memory of Mr. James Taylor.

AXMINSTER, DEVON.—On Aug. 14th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Jill Poole 1, Miss K. Fletcher 2, Miss D. Fletcher 3, R. Keeley 4, C. W. Powell 5, H. G. Keeley 6, P. J. Staniforth 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8. First of Yorkshire for 4 and 5. First of Yorkshire on the bells.

BARROWBY, LINS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260
Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Towns 1, G. Chil-
vers (first quarter) 2, T. Charity 3, F. W.
Pinchbeck 4, J. M. Simpson (cond.) 5, H.
Drury 6.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. T. Barrett 1, Miss J. Poole 2, G. S. Morris (cond.) 3, R. Keeley 4, H. G. Keeley 5, J. L. Glyde 6, C. W. Powell 7, P. J. Stanforth 8. First in the method for 1 and 6. Rung in memoriam for Mrs. Sarah J. Barrett, mother of the treble ringer.

BOURTON, DORSET.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260
Grandsire Doubles: F. Feltham 1, S. Suter 2,
 W. Harris 3, C. Moores 4, E. Coward 5, B.
 Bealing (cond.) 6.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Aug. 16th, 1260 Stedman Triples: M. C. F. Collett 1, J. Keyte 2, W. J. Dixon 3, J. G. Collett 4, B. S. Nichols (cond.) 5, A. T. Shelton 6, T. W. Timms 7, I. D. Harris 8. Rung on the birthday of conductor's father.

BURGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Stradling 1, F. Goslin 2, P. E. Dodd 3, M. J. Dodd 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, S. A. Dann 6. Rung as a farewell to the conductor.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS R

Compiled by the Com

ASSOCIATION	MAXIMUS	CINQUES	ROYAL	CATKINS
An. Soc. College Yths.	2	7 2		2
Bath and Wells Dio. ...				2
Bedfordshire				
Cambridge Univ. Gld.		1		
Chester Diocesan		1		1
Coventry Dio. Guild.		1		3 2
Derby Association		1		1
Devonshire				
Dudley and District...				
Durham & Newcastle				
East Grinstead Guild				
Ely Diocesan				
Essex Association		1		1 1
Gloucester & Bristol	1	1		2
Guildford Diocesan		1		1
Hereford Diocesan				1
Hertford County				1
Irish Association	1			
Kent County		1		1 2
Lancashire Assoc.		2 1		1 3
Leicester Dio. Guild	2 3 1 1 1 8	1 2		2
Lincoln Dio. Guild	1 4	4		1
Llandaff & Monmouth	1			2
London County Assn		2		3 1
Middlesex County				1 1
Midland Counties				2
North Staffs Assn				2 1
North Wales Assn				
Norwich Diocesan	1			3
Oxford Dio. Guild	1 1	2 1		7 3
Oxford Society				
Oxford University Soc.				1
Peterborough Dio.				
St. David's Dio. Guild				
St. Martin's Guild	2	1 1	15	2
Salisbury Guild	1 1	1	1 1	1 1
Shropshire Assoc.				1
Soc. R. Cum. Youths	1	1		
Southwell Dio. Guild				
Stafford Archdeaconry		6	1 1	3 5
Suffolk Guild		7	1	7 5 1
Surrey Association	1	2		1 1
Sussex Association		1		2 1
Swansea and Brecon...		1		1
Truro Diocesan				
Universities Assoc.				1
Win. and Portsmouth		2		2 3
Worcester & Districts		1		1
Yorkshire Assoc		1 2		1 1
Unattached				1
TOTAL	12 10 2 2 2 9 5 5 41 226 5 11 3	1 3 1 2 3 1 2 5 114 322 2 1 1 148 47 2		

* Other Surprise Maximus peals.—Leicester Diocesan Guild: New Cambridge, Aldenham.
† Other Surprise Major peals.—Chester Diocesan Guild: Deva, Watford. Kent County Association: Benington. North Staffordshire Association: Staffordshire. Oxford Diocesan Guild: borough, Darlington, Doncaster, Sandringham, Tavistock, one each.

CAMBRIDGE.—At St. Mary-the-Great on Aug. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hurry 1, P. H. Pigg 2, W. Ridgeman 3, E. G. Hibbens 4, T. R. Dennis 5, H. F. Brown 6, J. W. R. Quinney (cond.) 7, C. Hurst 8.

CAYTHORPE, LINCS.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss K. Burchnell 1, O. Street 2, Miss G. Burchnell 3, J. Bartram 4, H. Denman 5, W. Coates 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, H. Willows 8. First of Oxford Bob Triples for 1 and 3.

CLAPTON, LONDON.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260
Grandsire Triples: D. Neal 1, Miss G. L. Fri-
well 2, D. Corning 3, Miss I. B. Cording 4,
Miss J. H. Friswell 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6,
G. A. Parsons (cond.) 7. C. F. Neal 8.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Prockson 1, W. D. Prockson 2, G. A. Parsons 3, F. A. Barker 4, A. W. Coles 5, N. Hollingworth (cond.) 6, J. Euston 7, Dr. W. R. Winterton 8.

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(GROBY, LEICESTER.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Minor, being 720 Double Oxford, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob: Wilfred Geary 1, Stan Gardner 2, George Spencer 3, Victor Geary 4, Dennis Dodson 5, Derek Dodson (cond.) 6. Rung for the coming of age of ringers 5 and 6.

(HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.—On Aug. 14th, 1,440 Cambridge Minor: W. Aaron 1, J. Grounds 2, Muriel Reay (cond.) 3, J. Blackburn 4, A. Greenhalgh 5, R. Leigh 6.

A RINGING TOUR IN IRELAND

A rowded Week with Fred Dukes and Co.

AUGUST 10th, at 7 a.m. Our boat began to go backwards—we were surely approaching Ireland—land of romantic, charming history, of which one of her sons might well say 'down the untrodden steps of time I see the footprints of an unseen hand'—land of Christian sites so ancient and, in some cases, so little changed that, as you stand amongst their round towers and groups of tiny churches, you can soon lose sense of time and feel yourself back with the early saints busy making their wondrous jewellery and illuminations and preaching God's word, assisted by a great Cross of 15ft.-high granite behind them. Above all, land of the charming, witty Irish.

There, on the quay at Dublin, were the smiling faces of Fred Dukes—one meeting with whom is a joy to be long remembered—and his friends, Jack Campbell and John Fielding. The cars soon appeared, and off we drove to Glendalough. Here amidst the 'Seven Churches' (a title given to the groups of tiny churches on early Irish Christian sites—they may number more or less than 7 but never 71) sacred to St. Kevin and others, we saw our first round tower. These remarkable buildings were originally used for the ringing of handbells (amongst other purposes) so we rang rounds round the round tower—better bells than ever Kevin knew!

Then on to the Meeting of the Waters, where a voluble French lady asked, 'Ou est le Meeting of the Waters?' Monsieur Eric Dodds obliged Madame and conversed 'en Français' to her gratification. Soon afterwards we were eating a grand lunch of sandwiches prepared by Mrs. Dukes, Fred's mother. During lunch, Fred Sharpe with Mrs Sharpe and Elizabeth, who had arranged to 'meet' us en route, appeared 'behind' us, the fairies having evidently directed them.

THE FIRST PEAL,

On to Arklow, where Fred said he had arranged for the non-swimmers to go on the beach whilst the others rang a peal. After parking the cars—carefully avoiding the 'P' signs which in some towns mean 'Parking Prohibited'—Geoff Dodds called a nice peal of Double Norwich in 3 hours 25 minutes, despite the fact that one ringer at the start felt 'most peculiar,' and the necessity of taking the brake off the 7th. This eight by Taylor (tenor 22 cwt.) were very nice. The peal was in memory of Charles T. Evans, late President of the Irish Association and a ringer at Arklow. Afterwards Mr. Samuel Evans and family most kindly gave us tea.

On to Waterford, where Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harris met us in the evening at our hotel. Next day, August 11th, to the Cathedral, where one can climb down into the ringing chamber as well as up into it. Possibly this fact, as well as the alarm clock which went off during the preliminary rounds, helped us to 'bust' Cambridge after 45 minutes. However, this eight (tenor 20 cwt.) were very pleasant, and we were very glad to have the curate, the Rev. S. W. Reede, to ring rounds with us. Then to Kilkenny, where we much enjoyed the eight, rehung by Mears and Stainbank in 1925 (tenor 22cwt.), at St. Canice's Cathedral. That this is a very ancient Christian settlement is indicated by the round tower close to the Cathedral; this tower has lost its conical top, but this fact enabled us to ring Grandsire Caters, etc., perched dizzily on the parapet. Brian Miller, aged 12, rang handbells with us in the churchyard later.

We had tea on the roadside, near a holy well, close to which was a tree from which all manner of small pieces of rag were hanging. This is a custom of very great antiquity, and in pre-Christian times was both a way of attracting the attention of the local god, and of thanking him for benefits received. Tea being over, 'hell for leather for Cork' was the order, and it would have been hell for the leather being driven round the next corner for milking had brakes not been good. However, all was well, and over the Knockmealdown Mountains we went to Lismore. The eight tubes and one bell here did not provide much excitement, and eventually Cork was reached.

BANDON PEAL AND THE CLOCK

Next day, August 12th, some rang a peal of Minor at St. Peter's, Bandon, to celebrate the centenary of this church, while others visited Roscarberry Cathedral. The Bandon peal was interrupted each quarter hour by a ripple of mirth, and each hour by a crash of lewd laughter from the clock; our notice on the door, 'Please do not disturb ringers,' was doctored by the replacement of the last word by 'us.'

At Roscarberry, the Dean described himself as 'peppery,' as well he might be, for we thought he had allowed us to raise one of the bells, whilst he thought he had only allowed us to sound it. However, the tower stayed up and all was well. After lunch, to Blarney Castle, where most of us kissed the Blarney Stone. Then to Shandon, whose famous bells can now only be chimed. That evening was one to be long remembered, for Michael Howard, of Gillett and Johnston's, who had most sportingly joined the party though he could only manage two days, had arranged for the carillon at Cobb Cathedral to be played by Dr. Staf Gebruers, the carillonneur. He learned his job at Malines, and to see him at the keyboard of Ireland's greatest carillon—42 bells ranging from 3 tons 7½ cwt. to 12 lbs—transported one in thought to the Netherlands. Fred Sharpe played Grandsire, etc., the undersigned played Christmas carols on the bottom octave whilst Dr. Staf put in fine carillon effects above. Dr. Gebruers showed himself equally expert on the organ, and, afterwards, Father Murphy showed us round the Cathedral and entertained us in his home.

Next day, being Sunday, started with Holy Communion at St. Finbarre's Cathedral, Cork, whose fine eight, alas, only chime to-day. Then to Doneraile, where it was a great pleasure to meet Mr. Evans and the other local ringers—nine in number out of a Church population of only sixty! He was born within the sound of Bow Bells. The nice six (tenor 10 cwt.) were soon going to Cambridge and other methods, and afterwards we met, on her way to service, Mrs. Kerr, nee Squirrell, who formerly lived at Hitcham, near Lavenham, at which latter tower her brothers rang. Doneraile steeple was the winning post of a horse race which gave its name to 'steeple-chasing'—how fast they had to run to catch the steeple I do not know. On to Killarney, where some rang handbells whilst others sought out the famous beauty spots. Before leaving Killarney, a call was made at the Cathedral. Here we were pleased to meet Mrs. U. Fergusson and her daughter, who were on a sketching holiday in Ireland. The former is a ringer at St. Peter's Church, St. Albans, where her husband is Vicar. On to Limerick.

AT LIMERICK.

On Monday, August 14th, Bob Royal on the fine bells at Mount St. Alphonsus Monastery went west after 2½ hours. This ten (tenor 21

cwt.) are a great pleasure to ring, and for a change, you can play draughts, darts, quoits or ring one of the world's largest handbells (diam. 11½ inches) if you like. Then to St. Mary's Cathedral, for Little Bob, Grandsire, etc., on a fine eight (tenor 24 cwt.). Some visited Shannon Airport to see Michael Howard off home, whilst others saw the great power station at Ardnacrusha. That evening, Cyril Galbraith, the district secretary, and the St. Mary's ringers arranged a most delightful social, at which St. Alphonsus ringers and some from Doneraile were present. The Dean of Limerick joined us at tea, and, in a charming speech, welcomed the ringers 'from Norwich and neighbourhood.' The undersigned said, in reply, that 'Norwich and its neighbourhood' was evidently a wide term, including as it did Charlie Kippin from Southampton, Harold Whitton from Surfleet, York-Bramble from Netley Abbey, Anne Stockdale from Berkhamsted, and Eric Dodds from Isleworth, besides those already mentioned. Later in the evening we heard our voices and handbells reproduced on a recording machine, which will go on repeating your missed dodge until you superimpose another touch on its recording wire.

No ringing next day; instead, a most delightful drive into Galway and Mayo. On the way, a brief call at Ennis Cathedral and Gort Parish Church, which is the pro-Cathedral for the Diocese of Kilmacduagh; here Elizabeth Sharpe (aged 13) played the organ. Then to Galway, where the Provost of Tuam (which really means Provost of Galway) showed us his most historic collegiate church. Grandsire and other music were soon being chimed here on the chiming keyboard, and then a delightful drive brought us by Lough Corrib to the grand mountains of Joyce's country and Connemara. Past Killary Harbour (which is more like a Norwegian fjord) to the River Erriff, beside whose falls handbells were rung, then through Cong (where the world-famous Cross of Cong was made 1,000 years ago) to Tuam. Here is a fine cathedral, with a Romanesque chancel arch and Italian choir stalls, though most of the building is modern.

That night was spent at Ballinasloe, and next day, August 16th, our first call was at Clonfert. Here is a cathedral, quite tiny, yet with what are perhaps the finest Romanesque west doorway and east window in Ireland, also a remarkable sacristy with an ancient vault originally formed by being built on a staging made of Danish wattles, the marks of which are still on the mortar. Then on to Clonmacnoise, perhaps the most historic of all the early Christian settlements we visited, with its Cathedral, its 'seven churches' its round towers and ancient crosses, on a low hill by the Shannon. Lunch was had at the Volunteer Hotel, Kilbeggan.

A one-time landlord here found himself knighted by a former Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, who had partaken too freely of the hotel's hospitality. Next morning the Lord Lieutenant, in repentant mood, asked whether the landlord would forget about the previous evening's events; he was quite willing to treat it as a joke, but his wife was not at all pleased to give up her new and unexpected honour of being 'Lady Townsend,' so, the law being what it was, 'Lady Townsend' she remained. We wondered whether to make the present landlord an honorary member of the Irish Association, but the water and tea provided there did not lead us on to such frivolities.

On to Dublin, where on the fine eight at St. George's, Charlie Kippin called a nice peal of Kent in 3 hours 20 minutes. This was in celebration of the Royal Birth, and to celebrate the engagement of Fred Dukes' sister who is, of course, a keen and competent change ringer herself.

(Continued next page.)

IRISH TOUR.—Continued

Next day, August 17th, eight of us having rung Grandsire Triples for an hour at St. Patrick's Cathedral (with the most welcome assistance of Ernest Buchanan) Fred suggested that we try the minor ten! This, however, was not possible at the moment, but later, others arrived, and the minor ten and the twelve were rung. With a 45½ cwt. tenor, they are very fine. Our last day was marked by presentations in the belfry; shamrock brooches to the ladies who had so kindly arranged for our picnic meals, and two books on England to Fred Dukes for his magnificent work in arranging the tour. Part of the day was spent in shopping and in visits to Trinity College Library to see the Book of Kells, a 1,000-year-old illuminated book which may well claim to be the most lovely book in the world, also to the National Museum where is a thrilling collection of Irish antiquities including St. Patrick's bell and other really ancient bells, made like Swiss cow bells, of iron coppered over. Later, those who survived a heavy shower reached Christ Church Cathedral and rang Grandsire Doubles on the back six of the 10 (43 cwt.) and Stedman on 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 10.

After a final meal, Fred saw us off to the boat, and we left quite thrilled with the beauty and interest of Ireland, delighted with the bells, charmed with the most happy welcome which the ringers had given us at the various towers, and, above all, full of deep gratitude to Fred Dukes for the way in which from the first he had entered into the planning of the tour with zeal and delight, and from the moment he met us until the moment of departure had looked after our every need with the greatest possible kindness. Jack Campbell and John Fielding were delightful companions also, and we all look forward to the time when we shall ring together again.

A. G. G. THURLOW.

In the composition of 5,008 Plain Bob Major on page 522, August 18th issue of 'The Ringing World,' there are two errors, writes Mr. Nolan Golden, Norwich. The fourth course should read 45263, and, in the note, for 'Repeat B five times' read 'Repeat C five times.'

Mr. W. A. J. Knight informs us that the peal of Plain Bob Major, rung at Oakford, Devon, is not the first in the method. The late Mr. James Hunt called a peal in the 20's.

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise, rung at Portsmouth Cathedral on August 26th, was a farewell peal to Mr. A. T. Greenwood, who sails on September 6th to take up a three years' appointment in Malta.

The peal at Llanfrehfa on August 26th is the first in the history of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association in which three resident Monmouthshire clergy have taken part. They are the Revs. I. J. Richards, F. A. Oswell and R. A. Sluman.

The peal of Bob Major 'in hand,' rung on August 22nd, at Bournemouth for the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, was a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. A. H. Sherry, chairman of E. Sherry, Ltd., Homerton, London, and Sherry and Haycock, Ltd., Bournemouth. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Sherry for his 'liquid' generosity after the peal.

The handbell peal of Doubles at Adelaide, South Australia, by the Adelaide University Guild, on August 19th, is interesting for several reasons. It was the first peal by all the band, the first to be rung 'in hand' in the State of S. Australia, and the personnel was the youngest (19 years) band to ring in Australia.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Francis B. Lowe writes to us as follows: 'Re my 50th peal for the Derbyshire Association, this was rung at Youlgrave, Derbyshire (Bob Major) on Thursday, August 3rd, 1950, and not, as stated in a recent publication of 'The Ringing World,' at Clay Cross, Derbyshire, a Minor peal—rung on August 4th, 1950.'

Ringing at St. James', Teignmouth, Devon, is suspended for about six weeks in order that internal repairs may be carried out to the tower.

The peal at St. Mary's, Pembroke, on August 19th, is believed to be the first peal on the bells, and is the first peal by any Sunday service team of St. Peter's Church, Carmarthen.

The identical band that rang the peal of Minor on the six bells of St. Michael's, Aughton, on August 22nd, in memoriam Mr. James Taylor, who collapsed and died during ringing practice on August 16th, rang for Mr. Taylor's 70th birthday in February last year.

A note appended to the report of a ½ peal of Doubles at Turramurra, N.S.W., Australia, on Aug. 27th, says that the veteran ringer on the treble, Mr. C. Parr, formerly of Ilfracombe, Devon, has rung on every royal occasion since Queen Victoria's Jubilee in 1887. This was his first quarter on the treble.

Mr. E. Morris writes: Re earliest 'royal birth' peal finish, that rung at Packington, Leics, began at 5.20 p.m. and finished at 8.5 p.m. Afterwards the band were entertained by the Vicar and local Toc H group. The conductor was then taken to Ashby-de-la-Zouch and was on his way home to Leicester by 8.50 p.m.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A DEFENCE OF RINGING

Dear Sir,—I seem to be luckier than your correspondent, Mr. Harford, for in this theological college I have met no such opposition as he describes. But perhaps these observations may be helpful.

Firstly, minorities always make far the most noise when they think they have a grievance, and I don't think more than a few people really object to bellringing in the ordinary way. I was passing through Trowbridge two months ago, when a peal attempt was going on—Bob Royal (and very nice striking, too, whoever it was!). The town was full of people, many of whom were standing about listening to the ringing. I spoke to several people about the bells, and heard nothing but praise; the music certainly added much to the charm of the place for all to whom I spoke.

Secondly, the bells are hung and dedicated to the glory of God, and whatever the motives of the ringers, the dedication of the bells themselves is present and active whenever they speak. Christianity has always been a public nuisance to those outside, and so it should be: 'These men do exceedingly trouble our city.' My own usual reply to complaints from non-churchgoers is that the bells sound better from inside the church!

But, if a lot of people, not habitual grouseers, are liable to be worried—such as spectators at a first-class cricket match, as in the example—then discretion must be used in choosing the time and place for peals and record lengths. If ringers can avoid giving grounds for serious, justifiable complaint, they can afford to ignore the regular grouseers—or convert them!—Yours faithfully,

JOHN G. M. SCOTT.

Cheshunt, Herts.

Dear Sir,—I know there are many in the Exercise who can, and will, put up a better defence than mine; but here it is.

In fact, I think Mr. Harford gives his own sufficient defence in his last paragraph, if any is needed, viz., 'ringing is his hobby.' Moreover, 'he offers his hobby to God's service.' If that is not sufficient reason—and defence—we ring for pleasure, and physical exercise; and there are not many physical exercises open to people from 40-50-60 years of age. One cannot participate in rugby, soccer, athletics, cycling and dirt track, to name only a few. Moreover, why should we have to defend ringing any more than the patrons or participants of those just mentioned?

On the score of noise alone, does anyone complain about the Hampden roar, the Wembley cheer, the Twickenham shout, or, nowadays, the Lords (cricket ground) barracking? Providing we observe ordinary codes of conduct, we need not be too apologetic.

With regard to record lengths of peals, England is full of records, national and international, as also is Oxford and Cambridge; and a simple answer to 'What are records for?' is they are to be beaten (I wish I could knock one-tenth of a second off the sprint record). Usually those who are loudest in their condemnation of other people's hobbies, especially ringing, are the first to complain if the bells are missing.

Just one perfectly true story which happened right under our tower. A man came to the ringing chamber one Sunday morning at 10 o'clock and asked the ringers not to ring as his father was very near his end. At 10.30 the father, who was conscious, asked the son the time, and when told it was 10.30 asked the son why were the bells not ringing. The son dared not tell him he had asked them not to ring. The father passed away at 11 a.m. The son told us this on the Monday.

W. F. S.

Crewes.

'UNORTHODOX' PERFORMANCES

Dear Sir,—I cannot recall from the report of the recent Central Council meeting published in 'The Ringing World' that there was any specific recommendation not to publish so-called 'freak' peals. However, there was apparently some discussion on the matter at Eastbourne, and it has also figured in recent correspondence in these columns. One writer even alleged that such suppression had already been enforced, and I have not seen this allegation refuted. Where do we stand? What is the position?

I think most ringers, and I certainly include myself in this, are prepared to accept the Central Council as the legislative and governing body of the Exercise, and are therefore prepared to abide by its properly constituted rules and decisions. We know, too, that 'The Ringing World' is the official journal of the Central Council, and under normal circumstances a governing body has every right to decide what shall and what shall not be published in its official journal.

But we must not forget that 'The Ringing World' is the only ringing publication available to members of the Exercise, and consequently its freedom to publish news of performances—even if they do not conform to the rules of the Council—should be jealously guarded.

Suppression of ringing news in the only ringing publication available would indeed be totalitarian. If 'freak' peals, i.e., those not conforming to Central Council decisions, are to be suppressed, then the next stage may easily be the suppression of 'freak' theories, such as Round Blocks, Grid Analysis, or both, because they, too, might not conform to some Central Council decisions on Method Extension, etc. This journal would then rapidly cease to be a 'Ringing World,' and the Exercise would suffer an irreparable loss.

By all means, then, let the Council make, alter and remake its rules, but at the same time let the ringing world see what its non-conformists are doing in the way of experiments and publish them—as Mr. Butler has suggested—under 'Unorthodox Performances' or some other such heading. A democracy does not suppress its minorities, but safeguards their ability to exist as minorities. Let our Central Council then be truly democratic.—Yours faithfully,

Preston.

C. CROSTHWAITE.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Bollington, Cheshire, on February 11th, 1950.

The composition was a 5,184 by Nolan Golden, which has since proved to be false.

I trust you and the members of the band will accept my apologies.—Yours faithfully,

FREDK. W. GROCOTT.

Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Harford asks for a defence of ringing in your issue of August 25th.

I think that there can be no doubt that none could condemn the practice of bellringing, from the ringer's point of view, that it is good exercise for mind and body, not only as an individual but as a member of a team, with a co-operative rather than competitive spirit.

From the point of view of others, to wish to prohibit ringing other than for actual services and short practices is like muzzling the ox which treads out the corn. If ringers sometimes take advantage of their privilege and cause excessive disturbance, any criticism they deserve is as thoughtless Christians rather than as ringers.—Yours faithfully,

CECILY C. ROBERTS.

Petersfield, Hants.

PEALS FOR ONE ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Barton's letter fearing dictatorship on the part of the Central Council by withholding publication of peals sent to 'The Ringing World' as rung for more than one Association, I venture to suggest that if this was done it would considerably ease the job of the overworked Peals Analyses Committee in compiling their analyses. Even in the past, in the case of the well-known conductors mentioned by Mr. Barton, who recorded peals rung for two Associations, the committee in their analyses credited the peal to the first-named Association only. If this was not done it would lead to a confusion of footnotes of explanation, such as 'including a peal of — rung for the — Association and — Diocesan Guild, etc.'

No one wishes to deny the band the right to mention that the ringers were also members of another Association, but could this not be mentioned in the footnote to the peal? It is usually assumed that the peal is rung primarily for the Association in whose area the peal is rung, and any other claim of the band in belonging to another Association is purely coincidental (this fact no doubt influenced the Council in its desire to count the performance to the credit of the first-named Association). On several occasions as conductor of a peal the performance could have been published as rung for a diocesan Guild, a county Association and also the College Youths. If we are to pursue this where is it going to end? I do not think we shall harm the structure of our ringing Associations and Guilds in their relationship to the Central Council if we try to simplify its work, but rather we shall receive its thanks.

Cosham, Portsmouth. F. W. ROGERS.

DIMENSIONS OF CHURCHES

Dear Sir,—While not denying the claim of the R.C. Cathedral of Westminster to be included in any computation as to size, surely your correspondent, Mr. M. F. R. Hibbert, has lost sight of the fact that the discussion was on the relative dimensions of parish churches.

He is, of course, also wrong in stating that our old cathedrals and churches were once R.C.

There has ever been a Church of England, and the fact that it was once in fellowship with Rome does not entitle that body to the credit for the building of our essentially English churches.—Yours sincerely,

Bristol. ROGER MORTLAKE.

ANOTHER AUSTRALIAN TOUR?

Dear Sir,—I feel sure that I voice the opinion of most Australian ringers, when I say that we are all hoping for the day when another Ringing Tour is made in Australia. Next year is the Jubilee Year of the Commonwealth, and in 1952, we hope for a royal visit. Surely either event would be appropriate for such a tour. As you know, ringing in Australia has advanced considerably in the last few years, and a repeat of 1934 could not fail to be very successful. There is no doubt that it would be far more profitable for a team of English experts to tour the Australian States than for few of us to visit England. The former plan would be of great assistance to all Australian ringers, whereas the latter would not. It is the experience of ringing in with a good band that we need most, and clearly it is more helpful for all Australian ringers to do this, than for only a few to do so.

If a trip like this has been done before, as in 1934, then surely it can be done again. Every Australian ringer is anxiously awaiting a move in this direction. When will it be? How long do we have to wait?

Finally, could any of your readers sell me a copy of 'A Great Adventure'?—Yours sincerely,

PHILIP L. COOPER.
Adelaide University, Australia.

KENT RINGERS' DEVONSHIRE TOUR

(Continued from last week.)

HUNTSHAM: MEMORIES OF C. A. W. TROYTE.

From a peal-ringing point of view, the high spot of the week was the chance of a peal at Tiverton on Friday morning. They are certainly a really splendid ring (eight, 25½ cwt.), and we were delighted to score a good peal of Double Norwich. The usual comments were passed—which are the best, Heavitree, or Tiverton? A very difficult question to answer. Both have connections with John Taylor—Heavitree a new ring in 1897; Tiverton recast in 1924. The general opinion of our party seemed to be that inside the tower, Heavitree were the better; outside, Tiverton. Still, what matters? Both are perfect rings for tone and 'go.' If the writer may be allowed to express a personal opinion, both rings must take second place for tone to Bridlington, Yorksbire (eight, 26 cwt., Taylor 1902). Much of these bell tones depend on the acoustic properties of the tower. Very best thanks to Mr. E. J. Taylor, who met us before the peal to wish us good luck—we appreciate the opportunity placed at our disposal.

A visit to Calverleigh (six, 7 cwt.), a prettily situated church, a quick lunch, and we were on our way through well-wooded country, to Oakford (eight, 12 cwt.). The Vicar had mentioned that the tenor might require some attention, and the peal of Bob Major was started for with some trepidation. A long draught, poor ropes, and a bad-going tenor earned credit to the band for sticking it, especially Geoffrey Waters.

While this was in progress, a visit was made to Huntsham (eight, 13½ cwt.). We picked up Mr. E. H. Oxenham at Bampton—he had rung peals with several members of our party while living at Crayford, Kent, before the war, and we were very pleased to see him again. Huntsham lies in a very isolated part of Devon, and is famous as being the home of C. A. W. Troyte, of Huntsham Court, author of the book, 'Change Ringing.' His grave, alongside other ringing members of his family, lies just outside the tower. What is remarkable is that Troyte augmented the bells to eight in 1873, employed only ringers on his estate, and rang a lot of peals of Grandsire, Stedman, and Kent Treble Bob, these being the first in the methods in the county. All these are recorded on peal shields which used to hang in the old ringing chamber under the bells. Ringing now takes place from a gallery overlooking the church, and Mr. Davey, local captain, is shortly going to hang them up again.

Returning to Bampton, Mr. Oxenham had kindly arranged a nice tea, and afterwards we rang Cambridge, Plain Bob and Double Oxford on the 'long draught' ring of six, tenor 16 cwt. Picking up the successful peal band again, we returned home calling at Silverton (eight, 16 cwt.) where Mr. A. G. Selley had been patiently waiting our late arrival. Bob Major, Grandsire, and a good course of Ashstead were rung on a fine Taylor octave.

WIDDECOMBE AND BUCKFAST ABBEY.

It was hoped that Saturday's weather would be fine as our route lay over the wild beauty of Dartmoor. However, rain and mist spoilt the day from the scenic point of view, but we made up for it in our ringing. The final peal attempt was at Chudleigh (eight, 12½ cwt.), a handy ring recast in 1923 by Gillett and Johnston, and two trebles added. Cambridge Major came round at three hours exactly, Miss Angela Carter ringing the treble really well to score her 'first in the method' along with Malcolm Cloke. Non-pealers went to King's Teignton, another fine octave, tenor 16½ cwt., by Gillett and Johnston.

Mr. S. H. Green met us, we had a bread and cheese lunch, and then over the moor to Widdecombe-in-the-Moor. Misty, wet weather spoilt the view, but we enjoyed Grandsire and

Cambridge on the splendid six, tenor 12½ cwt. The church is particularly fine, reminding one of some of the lonely Romney Marsh ones. But there's nothing lonely about Widdecombe. Modern coaches, taking the place of the 'grey mare,' come in large quantities every day, and the fair is still held in September.

A short run through narrow lanes brought us to Buckland-in-the-Moor (eight, 7 cwt.) and this delightful Taylor ring (1930) was soon ringing out Stedman and Bob Major. A most delightful situation for a church anywhere. Continuing through Ashburton, we arrived punctually at Buckfast Abbey (twelve, 41½ cwt.) at 4.30 p.m. and found Mr. Aubrey Bennett awaiting us. We admired the splendid workmanship of the builders, and climbed the staircase to the ringing chamber. There are fourteen bells here, with the 7½ ton Bourdon hanging in the centre, and the first touch was Grandsire Cinques, followed by a good course of Cambridge Major on the back eight. More Grandsire Cinques and rounds finished the ringing and most of us went 'aloft' to inspect the really perfect hanging which Taylors have effected.

In addition to getting permission for us to ring, Aubrey Bennett had also fixed us up for a lovely 'cream' tea at the Abbey canteen, which delighted everyone. We finished the day's ringing at Ashburton (eight, 22 cwt.), and before getting out of the coach for this, a hearty vote of thanks and a practical reminder of our appreciation were passed to Aubrey, for his valuable work in obtaining permission for our peal travels, with no hitches anywhere. Afterwards we rang Stedman, Grandsire, Ashstead and Superlative on a good ring and when we had said 'Goodbye' to Aubrey, we hurried back to Exeter just in time for S. H. G. to catch the last Tiverton bus.

QUEEN CAMEL.

Sunday arrived all too quickly and we had to leave on our homeward journey. We left Exeter at 9.10 a.m. and arrived at Chard, Somerset (eight, 23 cwt.), in good time to receive a warm welcome from the local band and permission readily given for our party to ring for morning service. Mr. R. Gillard remembered meeting the writer when he rang the tenor to the first peal of Major here in June, 1937. He has since learnt change ringing, while stationed at Salisbury, and is hoping to instruct some of his fellow ringers, including a lady, in the mysteries of 'scientific.' This tower was the 200th for Geoffrey W. and Malcolm C.

The last place to be visited was another of the 'tit-bits' of the week—Queen Camel (six, 36½ cwt.), the world's heaviest six—and Mr. Fred R. Reeves, local captain, gave us all a hearty welcome at 12.15 p.m. We achieved the best 'rise' of the week here, with Fred J. R. leading us up, and two men on 4th, 5th and tenor, the time taken being nearly twelve minutes. All agreed that these fine 'old-style' bells were the finest tone of the tour, and we enjoyed Grandsire, Plain Bob, Cambridge and London (with Jack Weller making a really good job of the tenor).

Sandwiches and tea at Zeals, Wilts, very kindly provided by Fred Macey, votes of thanks to the organisers, and appreciation of our non-ringers' patience, especially to Mrs. R. E. Lambert, who made it her job to obtain enough picture postcards for everyone at each tower we visited. We had said 'goodbye' to Ernie Orland on Friday—an example of a conscientious district secretary—who returned to his advertised meeting. Kilby Holm left us with Malcolm Cloke at Zeals, and Reg Rex at Andover, and the Kent contingent dropped the writer near his home at 8.15 p.m. He would like to thank everyone very much for a jolly fine week, with good ringing, and, more important still, good company and friendliness.

A. P. C.

OBITUARY

MR. ISAAC CAVIL

The death of Mr. Isaac Cavil, which occurred at Haymeades Hospital, Bishop's Stortford, on August 14th, at the age of 88 years, removes a grand old ringer from North-West Essex.

Mr. Cavil was born at Stanstead, Essex, and learnt to ring at the early age of nine and continued a regular service and practice ringer until he was 80, and he had to give up then because rheumatism prevented him climbing the steep steps to the belfry.

After ringing many years at Stanstead, during which time he rang peals with most of the leading ringers in the surrounding district, he moved to Roydon, Essex. Here he set about teaching the local band change ringing, and for over 30 years was captain. He conducted the first peal on the bells by a local band.

During his stay at Roydon he found time to teach change ringing in the surrounding districts; he taught a band at Epping Uplands and Nazeing, Essex, and helped a great deal at Hoddesdon, Herts.

From Roydon he went to Harlow Common, where for several years he was a regular service and practice ringer, and he then returned home to Stanstead, where he again became a regular ringer. He was a first-class striker and conductor. He was a welcome visitor at any tower, and those who rang with him must still have many happy memories of his company.

No record of Mr. Cavil's peals can be found but they must have been a great many and varied.

The funeral took place on August 18th at Stanstead, and in the evening touches of Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Stedman were rung on half-muffled bells by friends from Bishop's Stortford, Harlow Common, Roydon and Stanstead. B. G. B.

MR. GEORGE FLINTHAM

The passing of Mr. George Flintham, which occurred at a nursing home near Nottingham on August 14th, after an illness lasting two years, removes from the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and its Cathedral band a very good and well-known ringer. He was a member of the old North Lincolnshire Association, which preceded the present Guild, now in its fifty-first year, and was a member of the Society at St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln (then the City Church), when such men as Gabriel Lindoff, Arthur Craven, John Austin and Joseph Fenton rang there. After 22 years there, he was elected to the Cathedral company, where he gave 33 years' valuable service. It is doubtful whether he kept a complete list of his peals, which included the first peals of London Surprise Major, Stedman Cinques, Grandsire Cinques and Spliced Surprise Major in four and ten methods for the Lincoln Guild. He was a very quiet, unassuming man, seldom absent, never late, and set a fine example to all ringers.

The burial service, which took place at West Bridgford, was attended by Mr. J. Walden, secretary of the Cathedral ringers, and it seemed quite fitting that the last rites were carried out, quite by coincidence, by Canon Wilkinson, president of the Southwell Diocesan Guild. A course of half-muffled Stedman Cinques was rung by the Cathedral ringers at their practice on August 18th as a tribute to his memory.

J. A. F.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Beasley 1, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 2, T. G. Oram 3, A. B. Brooks 4, P. E. Dodd 5, G. Evans 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth. Average age of band 14½ years.

OBITUARY

MR. HENRY R. NEWTON

A FOUNDER MEMBER OF CENTRAL COUNCIL.

As briefly recorded in our last issue, Henry Robert Newton passed into higher service on Tuesday, August 29th, in his 86th year. He had a remarkable ringing career, and will be remembered as probably the finest exponent of heavy-bell ringing the Exercise has ever seen. He was one of the founders of the Central Council and collaborated with Sir Arthur Heywood in London before the Council was formed.

Henry Newton was born in Pimlico on February 12th, 1865, and went to St. Stephen's School, Westminster, one of his schoolmates being William Hughes, who became Prime Minister of Australia. Mr. Hughes visited his old schoolfellow when in this country on a visit.

Being connected with St. Stephen's, it was natural that Newton should be among the first who volunteered to learn the art of ringing under the instruction of the famous John Murray Hayes, and very soon a good band was established at Rochester Row. On the death of Murray Hayes, Newton became leader and continued to be so for many years, during which time a great deal of ringing history was made by the famous Rochester Row band. He joined the College Youths in 1886, and was elected Master in 1898, and again in 1925. At his death he held the honoured office of trustee of the Society. He was a member of the London County Association for a long time and took an active part in its affairs. He was elected Master in 1890.

Among Mr. Newton's notable feats were turning in the tenor of St. Michael's, Cornhill, to Superlative Major, Bow tenor to London Surprise Major, and Southwark tenor to Superlative and Cambridge Major. He turned St. Paul's Cathedral tenor into Treble Twelve, which he also conducted. He took part in several 'silent' peals of Surprise, and was in the famous company which rang peals of London, Cambridge and Superlative in three counties in one day; also three peals of London in the same way. He was in the band who rang the first peal of Cambridge Maximus in London. He was in the record peal of Stedman Caters, 21,363 changes, at Appleton, in 1922, and in the following year rang the eleventh at Southwark to 12,675 Stedman Cinques. On one occasion he took part in a peal at Evesham, when no less than three men, including James W. Washbrook, were required to ring the tenor! Single-handed, he attempted to turn in Exeter tenor to Treble Ten, but failed after 2½ hours when the bearings ran dry.

Equally at home at the light or heavy end, on tower or handbells, or as a conductor, Bob Newton set a standard of excellence which for many years has been an example and inspiration to all College Youths who were privileged to ring with him. His style and stance at the end of a rope were delightful to see.

He followed his trade as a carpenter until within a few weeks of his death, and as recently as 1947 took part in a peal of Stedman Triples at Westminster Abbey to celebrate one of the royal occasions. He was a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral Guild, and also of the Abbey company.

On Friday, September 1st, the body was borne to the Abbey, there to lie in state during the night. A short service was conducted by Canon Adam-Fox, and was attended by his widow, nephew and the whole of the Abbey company, also many College Youths, headed by the Master. On Saturday the remains were taken from the Abbey to Streatham Park Crematorium, and the lesson was read by Canon Jocelyn Perkins, of Westminster Abbey. A last tribute was paid on handbells, a course

of Stedman Triples rung by H. Langdon 1-2, T. H. Taffender 3-4, A. B. Peck 5-6, H. N. Pitstow 7-8.

So ends the story of one of the finest ringers ever to take up the art, but he will not be forgotten by his fellow College Youths, and his memory will be treasured.

Mr. Newton's peals totalled 349, of which he conducted 97, and are as follows: Grandsire Triples, 19; Grandsire Caters, 9; Stedman Triples, 79; Stedman Caters, 23; Stedman Cinques, 30; Treble Bob Major, 20; Treble Bob Royal, 20; Treble Bob Maximus, 10; Double Norwich Major, 15; Double Norwich Royal, 4; Superlative Surprise Major 23; Cambridge Surprise Minor, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 18; Cambridge Surprise Royal, 3; Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 7; London Surprise Major, 59; London Surprise Royal, 1; Plain Bob Major, 1; Duffield Major, 1; Westminster Surprise Major 3; St. Stephen's Surprise Major, 1; Bristol Surprise Major, 1; Bob Maximus, 1.

J. F. S.

MR. WILLIAM WHEELDON

We regret to record the death of Mr. William Wheeldon, of Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, which occurred at his residence on August 17th. Mr. Wheeldon had been a member of the North Staffordshire Association for 60 years. He took part in the first 'silent' peal of Surprise Minor ever rung in seven methods, which was rung at Bucknall on April 6th, 1897. In 1927-1928 his band at Bucknall rang a 720 of every method in the book of Collection of Minor methods. His brother, Mr. John E. Wheeldon, is now the only surviving member of the band who rang the 'silent' peal.

Mr. W. Wheeldon was a staunch churchman and a most popular leader in the belfry, where his cheery disposition will be greatly missed, not only by his own ringers but by all members of the North Staffordshire Association.

R. O. P.

MR. WILLIAM SHORT

We have just received news of the death of Mr. William Short, of Clent, Worcs., a well-known ringer in the district, which occurred in Bromsgrove Hospital on August 27th.

Mr Short was a member of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, for many years, and was Deputy Ringing Master for some time.

In 1901, at St. Martin's, deceased conducted the then record peal of 11,111 Stedman Cinques. The funeral took place at Clent on August 30th.

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MEETINGS

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting Ringwold, Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 2s. per head. Those who require tea must send in names, with cash, not later than Sept. 6th. Buses every quarter-hour. Service 80 or 80a, from Deal or Dover.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 7479

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting Saturday, Sept. 9th, Staplehurst (8). Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. Note alteration of tower as Birling bells unringable. 7470

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting Berrington (6), Saturday, Sept. 9th. 7502

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Withyham (8), Sept. 9th. Tea at Dorset Arms. Names to H. Vaughan, 3, Balls Green, Withyham.—C. A. Bassett. 7498

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.—Dedication of the new ring of eight, Saturday, Sept. 9th, at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Fitter, 422, Barrows Lane, Sheldon, Birmingham, 26. 7475

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—A meeting will be held at Obertsey, Sept. 9th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. 7508

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Meeting at Newland (Cathedral of the Forest) on Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells (6) available 2. Service 4.—J. C. Goulding, 27, High Street, Lydney, Glos. 7510

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Camberwell, Saturday, Sept. 9th, St. George's, 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business in St. Giles' belfry 6.15. Ringing till 8.45. 7511

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Trull, Sept. 9th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 7513

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Seaford (8), Saturday, Sept. 9th, 3. Service 4.—B. W. White, 14, Southview, Henfield. 7515

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Sept. 9th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4. Tea at Battle Axes to follow.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., 20, Macaulay, Bath. 7529

NAILSEA.—Harvest Home, Saturday, Sept. 9th. Ringing all day. Service in Parish Church at 3. Tea at 4.15, to be followed by fun fair, etc. All ringers welcome. Come and ring on one of Ed. Bilbie's rings of six. 7528

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting at Chelford (6), Saturday, Sept. 9th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. 7527

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Powerstock, Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells at 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting follow.—C. H. Lathey, Branch Sec. 7514

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Broadhembury, Sept. 16th. Service 4.15. Tea and business after. Names by 11th.—J. Arbury, Hon. Sec., Belmont, Ottery St. Mary. 7524

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Whetton-in-the-Vale, Saturday, Sept. 16th, 3. Tea at 5 for those who notify F. Vernon, 33, Shakespeare Street, New Balderton, Newark, by previous Monday. 7504

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—District meeting at Wanstead (6), Sept. 16th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided, followed by business meeting. Ringing at Woodford (8) 7.9.15. Names for tea by Sept. 14th to Mr. B. Petty, 13, High Street, Wanstead, E.11. 7524

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Crondall (6) on Saturday, Sept. 16th, at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45. Notify for tea by previous Wednesday to G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough. 7533

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and **DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting Thorne, Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (8) from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Hall (2s. per head). Names by Sept. 14th to Mr. J. Thorley, 7, Bridge Street, Thorne, near Doncaster. 7565

ELY ASSOCIATION AND SUFFOLK GUILD.—Joint meeting Methwold, Sat., Sept. 16th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Sept. 14th to Miss D. Reeve, Hockwold, Thetford.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 7557

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting Bourton, near Gillingham, on Saturday, Sept. 16th. Visitors welcome.—Rev. Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham. 7517

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—Practice meeting at Walton-on-Thames, Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells 6.30.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7507

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Epping Upland (6), Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. Buses leave Epping town hourly from 2.55 for Hertford, passing by church.—G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 7526

SALISBURY GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wimborne Minster, Sept. 16th. Ringing from 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea at Gush's 5.15 for those who notify by Sept. 12th.—Davis, 109, Wimborne Road, Poole. 7534

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Ashcott, Sept. 16th, 6.30.—R. Short, Local Hon. Sec. 7554

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Portbury, Sept. 16th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 7553

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting at Westoning on Sept. 16th. Bells (6) 3. Tea 5.—Valerie Willard, Dis. Sec., Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 7551

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry and Rugby District.—Meeting at Stoke, Coventry, Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells at 3. Tea arranged only for those who notify by Sept. 13th.—F. E. Pervin, 68, Newfield Road, Coventry. 7542

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Bishop Auckland, Sept. 16th, 2.30. Ringers attending please bring own food.—J. T. Titt, 54, Stoopersdale Avenue, Darlington. 7550

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Fulbourn, Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5, at Six Bells.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7555

LEICESTER LADIES' GUILD, NORTHERN LADIES' GUILD AND DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Peak District).—Joint meeting Darley Dale (8), Sept. 16th, 3. Bring own food; cups of tea obtainable.—D. J. Dunn, Darley Dale. 7560

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting at St. John's, Hillingdon, Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Further ringing until 7.45. Social evening to follow. St. Andrew's bells available 2.30 to 4. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 13th, to F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.—F. Finch and A. Barker, Hon. Secs. 7544

LADIES' GUILD (Midland District) and **DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Peak District).—Joint meeting Darley Dale, Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Please make own arrangements for tea. All ringers welcome. 7546

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting Weaverham, Sept. 16th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea before Sept. 16th to William Hornby, 33, Forsters Avenue, Owley Wood, Weaverham. 7562

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual meeting Dalton-in-Furness (10), Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Names to T. Metcalfe, 33, Skelgate, Dalton-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 7561

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Hartlebury on Saturday, Sept. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business. Names for tea by Thursday, Sept. 14th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 7559

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District.—Quarterly meeting All Saints', Ryde, Sept. 16th. Bells available. Service 4.30. Business meeting to follow. Tea available.—Mrs. A. M. Guy, Dis. Sec. 7545

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewes Branch.—Astbury (6), Sept. 16th, 2.30. Names must be received by Sept. 13th.—Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 7564

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting at Eling, Sept. 16th. Bells 3. Names for tea by Sept. 12th to M. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 7537

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting Saturday, Sept. 16th, at Froxfield. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business meeting follows. Numbers for tea by Sept. 11th.—Charles E. Bassett, Warsash. 7535

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting Chichester, Sept. 16th, 3. Service 5.15. Tea 4.30. Names to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 7540

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting Lockington, Sept. 16th. Bells (6) 3. Tea 4.30 in Parish Hall. Bring own food.—C. W. Hall. 7547

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting Fairford, Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5. Service 6. Names for tea to Mr. H. R. Acock, Hazelwood, Fairford, Glos. 7569

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.—Dedication of new ring of six bells will take place on Sunday, Sept. 17th, at 6.15. Bells available until 9 p.m. after service. All welcome.—J. W. C. Blythe, Tower Captain. 7543

SKETTY, SWANSEA.—Dedication of St. Paul's Church bells (rehung by John Taylor and Co.) by the Ven. Archdeacon of Gower, the Rev. H. Williams, on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Service 3.30. Arrangements for tea have been made at a nominal charge. Names to be sent in not later than Sept. 20th.—J. A. Hoare, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 7518

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting Elveden, Sept. 23rd, 3. Requests for tea to Mr. S. Atkins, The Dell, Elveden, by Sept. 20th.—D. M. Reeve. 7539

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting Downham (6), Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Good bus service from Billericay and Wickford. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 7556

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western Division.—Surprise method practice at Lough-ton (8), Sept. 23rd. Bells available 3-5. No tea arrangements. Frequent bus service past the church.—F. V. Gant. 7525

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting St. Andrew's, Chippenham (8), Sept. 23rd, 2.30. First meeting since rehanging. Names for tea not later than Sept. 20th to R. Tigwell, 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenham. 7538

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and contest, Ripponden, Sept. 23rd. For teas notify Mr. F. Rhodes, 15, Lane Head, Soyland, Halifax, by Sept. 16th.—A. Farrand, Sec. 7532

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General quarterly meeting at Market Harborough on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names must be sent by Sept. 19th to F. Wallington, 106, St. Mary's Road, Market Harborough.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 7548

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wallingford on Sat., Sept. 23rd. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Please notify by Tuesday, Sept. 19th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 7530

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Please book these dates: Rushmere (6), Sept. 23rd; Henley (8), Oct. 7th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Own food to Rushmere. Henley announcement later. Names essential to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 7549

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stoke Prior, Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells (8) 3. Service 4. Tea 4.45, followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 19th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 7563

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sowton, Sept. 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Sept. 17th to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 7568

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. Division.—Practice meeting at Wivenhoe on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells from 2.30 to 8. Anything from rounds upwards. Tea 5 p.m. at the Station Hotel.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7566

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Quarterly Meeting Shaugh, Sept. 30th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by 25th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 7531

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A special general meeting will be held at Preston on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Meeting at 3.30 in the Schools. Business: alteration of rules.—W. H. Shaker and F. Dunkerley. 7536

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual Dinner. Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the annual dinner which was to have been held on October 14th has now been cancelled. Remittances will be returned immediately.—A. R. Ling, Dinner Sec. 7567

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PEAL RINGING IN 1949

THE year 1949 will unquestionably go down in history as the most prolific one in the art of peal ringing. The total of 2,906 peals is far ahead of any previous accomplishment, and records to date for 1950 indicate that it is unlikely that this total will be reached during the current year. The popularity of peal ringing can be judged from the following progressive figures:—1945, 1,304; 1946, 1,795; 1947, 2,174; 1948, 2,639; and 1949, 2,906.

Of the 2,906 peals rung in 1949 2,524 were on tower bells and 382 in hand. There was a pronounced increase in peals of Maximus, the number being 47 against 17 in 1948. The cult of Surprise Maximus is a sign of progress, there being no fewer than 37 peals, recorded chiefly by the Leicester Diocesan Guild and the St. Martin's Guild. Many of these were first essays of the method on 12 bells. Peals of Cinques totalled 43, the same as last year, the honours being shared by St. Martin's Guild, the Ancient Society of College Youths, and the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Opportunities for 12-bell ringing are relatively few.

Peals on ten bells also showed an increase with Royal 109 (against 92) and Caters 99 (82). No fewer than 32 Associations scored peals on ten bells with Leicester again predominating. The list contains 14 different Surprise methods, and we are likely to see more extensions in the future. In regard to peals of Major there was a definite advance in aggregate and also some fine performances, the total being 1,052 against 957 in 1948 and 861 in 1947. In this field there was an expansion in Surprise ringing with 561 peals against 426. Cambridge maintained its popularity with 133 peals (107), followed by Yorkshire 88 (62), Superlative 69 (63), Bristol 62 (41), London 53 (45) and Lincolnshire 21 (9). Spliced Surprise Major showed another advance with 38 peals against 25. These peals were distributed among 19 guilds, an indication that this form of ringing is becoming more widespread and not confined to two or three bands. The best effort was a peal in 14 methods by the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

With the growth of Surprise ringing there has been a drop in other Major peals which numbered 491 against 531. Plain Bob decreased from 222 to 197, Double Norwich Court Bob Major from 152 to 133, and Kent Treble Bob from 103 to 98. Can one assume from these figures that progress is more marked from medium ringers than from new entrants? This should be

examined in conjunction with the drop of Triples from 346 to 335. Grandsire maintained its popularity with 190 against 199, but Stedman, for the third successive year, showed a decline, the totals being 129 in 1947, 124 in 1948, and 110 in 1949. Peals of Stedman Triples are so easily lost that many young conductors prefer to go for a Surprise peal for safety! In the Guildford Guild Stedman was for years the most favoured method; last year's record was two peals, partly due to a famous conductor being laid aside from peal ringing.

There was no diminution in five and six bell ringing, the number of peals being 839 against 821 in 1948 and 605 in 1947. Guilds that were in evidence were Lincoln Diocesan 53, Kent County 52, Chester Guild 48, Bath and Wells 48, Leicester Diocesan 48, Peterborough Diocesan 41, Worcestershire and Districts 40. Work of the Lincoln Guild was outstanding, with peals of 35, 32 and 26 methods and in the realm of Doubles ringing the Oxford Diocesan Guild had a peal in 25 methods.

Regular handbell ringing was largely confined to two centres—Bournemouth and Leicester—where enthusiasm almost reached fever pitch. There were 382 peals 'in hand' rung, and of this number 95 were recorded on behalf of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild and 82 for the Leicester Diocesan Guild. In the previous year handbell peals totalled 274. Of special mention are the four peals of Spliced Surprise in four methods by the Hertford County Association.

Leicester Diocesan Guild had the amazing total of 267 in 1949 (against 141 in 1948), a figure never previously reached. Kent County Association, who, for the previous three years, had been the leading Association, dropped to second place with 168 peals (against 158), closely followed by Lancashire with 161 (146). Other leading positions were: Yorkshire 150 (111), Winchester and Portsmouth 148 (72), Chester 143 (128), Worcestershire and Districts 108 (62), Suffolk 106 (73), Norwich 94 (96), Oxford Diocesan Guild 94 (124). The Ancient Society of College Youths rang 25 peals and the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths 11. Of the Universities, Cambridge with 17 had a distinct lead over Oxford's 10 (the same as last year). The latter had the consolation, however, of scoring more peals on tower bells.

A word of praise is due to the Peal Analysis Committee, with Mr. Walter Ayre as convener. It is most exacting work compiling these tables. Nevertheless, they are well worth the labour as giving an indication of the trend of ringing in the British Isles, although it is to be regretted that our friends 'over the border' failed to score a peal for the Scottish Association.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD WEEK

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A.

R. LEIGH (St. Cath's)...Treble	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's) 5
*S. E. DARMON (St. Jn's) 2	P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) 6
*G. DODDS (Emmanuel) 3	*REV. A. THURLOW (Sel.) 7
*G. ANDERSON-SMITH (G'n.) 4	R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the Guild.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tues., Aug. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT 2, CRANMER ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) ... 1-2	G. DODDS (Emmanuel) ... 5-6
P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) 3-4	A. B. STOCKDALE (Girton) 7-8
E. J. LINDLEY (Trinity) ... 9-10	

Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT SAXON BARNS, GRANGE ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Tenor size 11 in G.

REV. B. F. SHEPPERD (Sel.) 1-2	A. B. STOCKDALE (Girton) 5-6
B. D. THRELFALL (Trinity) 3-4	R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) ... 7-8

Composed by A. F. LEWRY. Conducted by R. F. B. SPEED.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 29 cwt. 26 lb. in C sharp.

*A. B. STOCKDALE (Girt.) Treble	G. DODDS (Emmanuel) ... 6
*B. D. THRELFALL (Trin.) 2	R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) 7
F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's) 3	REV. A. THURLOW (Sel.) 8
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REV. E. BENSON (St. Cath's) 5	*A. S. WATT (Pembroke) Tenor

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* First peal of Stedman.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Sep. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) Treble	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's) 5
*G. ANDERSON-SMITH (G'n.) 2	*A. S. WATT (Pembroke) 6
*A. B. STOCKDALE (Girt.) 3	R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) 7
†A. R. GUY (Jesus) ... 4	*G. DODDS (Emmanuel) ... Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON.

Conducted by G. DODDS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method for the Guild and on the bells.

A SUSSEX WEEK

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

THOMAS J. LOCK ... Treble	T. MARK WHITE ... 5
GEORGE E. FEARN ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 6
*MAURICE J. THURMOTT ... 3	†R. GORDON CORBY ... 7
RONALD H. BULLEN ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 20, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BERKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

WILLIAM ROGERS ... Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 5
ARTHUR D. COOK ... 2	R. GORDON CORBY ... 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7
ALICK CUTLER ... 4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by C. EDW. JEFFRIES.

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

BEXHILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Treble	HAROLD A. MAY ... 5
*W. NORMAN PARK ... 2	*T. MARK WHITE ... 6
*ARTHUR D. COOK ... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* First peal in the method.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

R. GORDON CORBY ... Treble	FRANK H. HICKS ... 5
RONALD H. BULLEN ... 2	PHILIP A. CORBY ... 6
MAURICE J. THURMOTT ... 3	T. MARK WHITE ... 7
FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

T. MARK WHITE ... Treble	HAROLD A. MAY ... 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 6
C. ERNEST SMITH ... 3	*FRANK H. HICKS ... 7
THOMAS J. LOCK ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

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At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

R. GORDON CORBY ... Treble	W. NORMAN PARK ... 5
*LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 2	*ARTHUR D. COOK ... 6
RONALD H. BULLEN ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7
ALICK CUTLER ... 4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* First peal in the method.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Church of St. DENYS,

A PEAL OF WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

*GEORGE E. FEARN ... Treble	*HAROLD A. MAY ... 5
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2	*FRANK H. HICKS ... 6
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 3	*C. ERNEST SMITH ... 7
ALICK CUTLER ... 4	*WILLIAM T. BEESON ... Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

* First peal in the method. First on the bells and for the Association.

FLETCHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. ANDREW AND MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 9 lb. in A.

ARTHUR D. COOK ... Treble	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 5
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 2	WILLIAM ROGERS ... 6
THOMAS J. LOCK ... 3	RONALD H. BULLEN ... 7
W. NORMAN PARK ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

First peal on the bells. An 83rd birthday compliment to Job Burley, a local ringer for 70 years.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At the Church of St. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

T. MARK WHITE ... Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 5
C. ERNEST SMITH ... 2	THOMAS J. LOCK ... 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At the Church of St. LEONARD-THE-CONFESSOR,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

*MAURICE J. THURMOTT ... Treble	*R. GORDON CORBY ... 5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 2	W. NORMAN PARK ... 6
ALICK CUTLER ... 3	HAROLD A. MAY ... 7
RONALD H. BULLEN ... 4	FRANK H. HICKS ... Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* First peal in the method.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

At the Church of St. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in A.

LEONARD H. BOWLER ... Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5
HAROLD A. MAY ... 2	THOMAS J. LOCK ... 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 7
WILLIAM ROGERS ... 4	C. ERNEST SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At the Church of St. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

FRANK H. HICKS ... Treble	ARTHUR D. COOK ... 6
PHILIP A. CORBY ... 2	RONALD H. BULLEN ... 7
WILLIAM ROGERS ... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 8
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 4	T. MARK WHITE ... 9
THOMAS J. LOCK ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Church of St. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

RONALD H. BULLEN ... Treble	HAROLD A. MAY ... 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 6
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... 4	THOMAS J. LOCK ... Tenor

Composed by C. E. LANXON. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

First peal in the method as conductor.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Aug. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

At the Church of ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

ALICK CUTLER ... Treble	ARTHUR D. COOK ... 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 6
C. ERNEST SMITH ... 3	*FRANK H. HICKS ... 7
HAROLD A. MAY ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal of Major in the method.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

At the Church of St. DENYS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

ARTHUR D. COOK ... Treble	FRANK H. HICKS ... 5
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 2	W. NORMAN PARK ... 6
*R. GORDON CORBY ... 3	RONALD H. BULLEN ... 7
THOMAS J. LOCK ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal in the method.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

At the Church of St. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

R. GORDON CORBY ... Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 5
MAURICE J. THURMOTT ... 2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 6
PHILIP A. CORBY ... 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... 7
THOMAS J. LOCK ... 4	RONALD H. BULLEN ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. (No. 127). Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

TEN BELL PEAL

RIPON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of SS. PETER AND WILFRID,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 24 lb.

ALAN J. BROWN ... Treble	*ROY BETTLEY-COOKE ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	†ALFRED SMITH ... 7
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 3	HAROLD WALKER ... 8
WILLIAM H. PICKETT ... 4	†FREDERICK SEAGER ... 9
DAVID VINCENT ... 5	§EDWARD HUDSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method and on ten. † First peal in the method and of Caters. ‡ First peal of Stedman Caters. § First peal on ten. Rung to celebrate the appointment of the Rev. C. O. Ellison, president of the Association, as Archdeacon of Leeds. Also to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Princess Elizabeth.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

TOWEDNACK, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TEWENNOG,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.

CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... Treble	FREDK. W. ELLIOTT ... 5
JOHN D. NIBLETT ... 2	L. MICHAEL CALLOW ... 6
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 3	THOMAS G. MYERS ... 7
REV. C. K. DAVIS ... 4	H. FREDK. MYERS ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

Rung on Princess Margaret's birthday.

GORLESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

PETER KINDRED ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
J. G. WILLIAM HARWOOD ... 2	GEORGE A. COOK ... 6
A. WILLIAM BIRD ... 3	ALBERT E. COLEMAN ... 7
*WILLIAM SIDWELL ... 4	ARTHUR WIGMORE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. A 73rd birthday compliment to Mr. William Harwood. Ringers of 4th and 6th from Carlisle and Ashted respectively.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE ... Treble	WILLIAM H. JACKSON ... 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 2	J. FREDK. MILNER ... 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 3	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 7
*DAVID G. JACKSON ... 4	†GIBSON JACKSON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside' (aged 12). † First peal in the method.

ST. KEVERNE, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KEVERAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.

MRS. J. D. NIBLETT ... Treble	L. MICHAEL CALLOW ... 5
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 2	H. FREDERICK MYERS ... 6
WILLIAM H. VIGGERS ... 3	THOMAS G. MYERS ... 7
REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 4	R. GEORGE CLEMENS ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

First peal of Triples on the bells.

MALTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

LEONARD RODMELL ... Treble	*HARRY SHORT ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	†FREDK. W. BISHOP ... 6
*SIDNEY R. ELWICK ... 3	BERT SUTTON ... 7
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 4	CHARLES BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal on these bells for approximately 30 years. There is no known record of previous peal of Major having been rung on them.

TRURO, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUBY, KENWYN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... Treble	CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... 5
THOMAS G. MYERS ... 2	L. MICHAEL CALLOW ... 6
*MRS. J. D. NIBLETT ... 3	REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 7
WILLIAM H. VIGGERS ... 4	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS (No. 63). Conducted by H. C. SPENCER.

* First peal 'inside' in the method.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CANDIDA AND HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in D.

*ALBERT W. BEARD ... Treble	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 5
JILL POOLE ... 2	*HENRY G. KEELEY ... 6
*DAVID W. BEARD ... 3	*CUTHBERT W. POWELL ... 7
*ROGER KEELEY ... 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by G. S. MORRIS.
* First 'touch' in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. The first peal in the method for the Guild. A compliment to Elizabeth Faulknall and John R. Smith, of Leicester, on the occasion of their engagement.

WITTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN SCOTT ... Treble	*ALFRED WILKINSON ... 5
ERIC HORNBY ... 2	A. GORDON LAWRENCE ... 6
ELIZABETH MORTON ... 3	DAVID SMITH ... 7
BERNARD J. ONGLEY ... 4	HARRY W. HOWARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal away from the treble. First peal of Little Bob on the bells. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 3rd and for the birth of a son to the ringer of the 2nd.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT ... Treble	WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 5
ISAAC EMERY ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
FRANK BENNETT ... 3	PHILIP A. CORBY ... 7
ALFRED G. HILL ... 4	JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

Rung on the 60th anniversary of Isaac Emery's first peal, which was on the same bell.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ... Treble	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 5
R. GEORGE MORRIS ... 2	ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES ... 6
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3	CYRIL TANSELL ... 7
ALLEN MORGAN ... 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

In memoriam William Short, of Clent.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 12 cwt.

PETER BERESFORD ... Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 5
*FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK ... 2	JOAN BERESFORD ... 6
DENNIS BERESFORD ... 3	GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 7
†HAROLD E. HARRISON ... 4	†MARK N. CULLING ... Tenor

Conducted by JOAN BERESFORD.

* First peal of Stedman Triples and first peal of Stedman 'inside.' † First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Ernest A. Corbett and Miss Phyllis Perry.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. H. Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

FRANK K. MEASURES ... Treble	*HARRY POYNER ... 5
ALFRED BALLARD ... 2	BRIAN G. WARWICK ... 6
CECIL E. CARR ... 3	GEORGE A. NEWTON ... 7
LEONARD TREVOR ... 4	JOHN GRANT ... Tenor

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method on tower bells. First peal as conductor in the method on tower bells.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

VICTOR A. JARRETT ... Treble	HARRY SPRINGATE ... 5
*GLADYS K. JARRETT ... 2	GEORGE KENWARD ... 6
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 3	*WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... 7
†CYRIL S. JARRETT ... 4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob 'inside.' † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. ‡ First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

ERIC DODDS ... Treble	SQUIRE CROFT ... 5
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS ... 2	A. LESLIE PEARSON ... 6
MRS. KATHLEEN PARR ... 3	DAVID J. CHARNLEY ... 7
SHEILA E. HARRIS ... 4	HAROLD W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major by all, on the bells and for the Association. All the ringers are members of the local company. In memoriam Henry R. Newton, past Master of the Association, who was interred the same day.

LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*IRIS B. CORDING ... Treble	†ALBERT C. WENBAN ... 5
*REG. K. C. WILKINGS ... 2	GEORGE A. PARSONS ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 7
*DENNIS NEAL ... 4	*CHARLES F. NEAL ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung for the patronal festival.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 4 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 46 cwt. in B flat.

JACK MUSSEL ... Treble	JOHN HARTLESS ... 5
JEAN M. BROWN ... 2	†DAVID R. REED ... 6
*WILFRED P. LAMBERT ... 3	A. PATRICK CANNON ... 7
HERBERT A. ABRAHAMS ... 4	FRANK L. HARRIS ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal on eight 'inside.' † 25th peal. 150th peal as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss P. Pope, younger daughter of (Mr. W. H. Pope, captain of the local band.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

HENRY STALHAM ... Treble	BASIL WHITE ... 5
FRANK BENNETT ... 2	*MAURICE THOMAS ... 6
ARTHUR W. GRAVITT ... 3	FREDERICK PAGE ... 7
ALBERT W. BOND ... 4	RAYMOND WOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Cambridge. A compliment to Mr. B. Challen on his 78th birthday and for his 60 years' connection with the tower.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

M. J. Morris' Variation.

Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.

*EDWARD J. CLEMENTS ... Treble	§B. STEDMAN PAYNE ... 5
†ERNEST F. PAYNE ... 2	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 6
*WINIFRED MAY BURTON ... 3	E. CHARLES TURNER ... 7
†ERNEST MORRIS ... 4	FREDERICK WATSON ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. † Both have now 'circled' this tower in peals. § First peal in method. § First peal 'inside.'

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SIX BELL PEALS

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Norwich Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

*ANSLEY BOWERS Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 4
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 2	JOHN A. MAYNE 5
ERNEST TREAGUS 3	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Minor.

CHISELDON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Marlborough Branch.)

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*WILLIAM E. FARMER ... Treble	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... 4
WILLIAM E. COURT ... 2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON ... 5
*FREDERICK J. READ ... 3	WILLIAM A. FARMER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. FARMER.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Plain Bob Minor as conductor.
First peal of Minor on the bells, augmented to six in 1938.

WINTERTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

*GEOFFREY E. LARNER ... Treble	*RONALD G. LARNER ... 4
*GEORGE R. POWLES ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
*DENNIS W. GREEN ... 3	†ROBERT E. WOODHOUSE Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' All are local men except conductor.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

CHAS. F. TOVELL ... Treble	EDWARD BARKER ... 4
ERNEST A. SHIPP ... 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 5
TOM GREENACRE ... 3	WILLIAM ROSE ... Tenor

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

ANGMERING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

LEONARD STILWELL ... Treble	D. A. GODFREY ... 4
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ... 2	JOHN R. MAYNE ... 5
*ANSLEY BOWERS ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ANDREW AND BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 120's. Tenor 8 cwt.

*GEORGE A. FLEMING ... Treble	*GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 4
URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 2	*CECIL W. PIPE ... 5
*FREDK. W. ORRIS ... 3	RONALD W. STEWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Plain Bob Doubles.

WINTERTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

GEORGE T. BUSSEY ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4
*KATHLEEN HARRISON ... 2	KENNETH L. BROWN ... 5
J. G. WM. HARWOOD ... 3	ALBERT G. HARRISON ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

*E. WINIFRED KEYS ... Treble	†W. GEORGE CHALLENGE ... 4
*NORMAN J. SMITH ... 2	†HENRY W. STOVELD ... 5
†ENID LONNEN ... 3	PETER N. BOND ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER N. BOND.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor, and the first peal on the bells since recasting of the tenor. A birthday compliment to the 3rd ringer.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Aug. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*DAVID S. HARRIS ... Treble	*HARRY POYNER ... 4
*WILLIAM A. LACEY ... 2	†TERENCE A. THORNBUR ... 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 3	PETER J. STANFORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Cambridge Minor.

NORTHPREPS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Double Court and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

KENNETH L. BROWN ... Treble	H. GEORGE HART ... 4
ELSIE K. FULTON ... 2	WALTER C. MEDLER ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	VINCENT R. OVENS ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Ringers of 2nd and 4th are from Harrow Weald.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

*FRANCES JOHNSON ... Treble	HARRY BLACKBURN ... 4
GEORGE MILLS ... 2	WILFRED RILEY ... 5
WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND ... 3	CHARLES BLACKBURN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES BLACKBURN.

* First peal. All the seven 720's were from the Central Council's book of Rules and Diagrams, and were rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BARNESLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Plain Bob, three of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

LEONARD W. CARBUTT ... Treble	STANLEY DANCE ... 4
*MARJORIE PERKINS ... 2	EDWIN ATKINSON ... 5
PETER CARBUTT ... 3	HARRY MANN ... Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD W. CARBUTT.

* First peal of Treble Bob and first in three methods. First peal by a lady ringer of Barnesley on the bells. Rung as a farewell to Miss Marjorie Perkins, who is leaving for college.

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents: (1) Plain and Double Bob, spliced, (2) St. Clement's, (3) College Single, (4) Single Court, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ROYSTON WILMORE ... Treble	C. WILLIAM HALL ... 4
†DENNIS BURNETT ... 2	JAMES W. BOWLEY ... 5
RICHARD E. MANTON ... 3	ROLAND BENISTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

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

FOUR GUILDS' FESTIVAL

The old market town of Wokingham was the centre of this year's joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Southern District), Guildford Diocesan Guild (Farnham District), Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild (Basingstoke District) and Oxford Diocesan Guild (Sonning Deanery Branch). Some 80 members from these districts were joined by visitors from a wide area, including Purton (Wilts), Crayford (Kent), Leicester and Norwich, making a total of about 140.

Proceedings opened unofficially at Finchampstead at 1 p.m., where the six bells of St. James' Church were rung for about half an hour for the benefit of a well-known ringer from Norwich, who was later to play an important part in the day's programme. The local band attended in strength and continued ringing after the visitors departed. At 2 p.m. the towers of Easthampstead (6), Binfield (6) and St. Paul's, Wokingham (8), were open and were made good use of by local and visiting ringers. At All Saints', Wokingham, a wedding held up ringing until 3.20, but as soon as the happy couple departed, the ringing chamber felt the full force of ringers eager to ring before service.

It was good to see the church so full for service, which was conducted by Rev. G. Kenworthy, Rector, and at which the preacher was Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, formerly curate at this church and now so well known at Norwich.

Tea followed at the Church House. The number present, many of whom had failed to notify, gave the officials of the Sonning Deanery a busy time finding odd chairs and tables, but eventually all were seated and a

good tea, provided and arranged by Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Brooks, of All Saints', enjoyed.

At the conclusion of the meal, the chairman of the Sonning Deanery Branch welcomed the visiting ringers to Wokingham and expressed the hope that all would enjoy their visit. Votes of thanks were expressed to the Rector of All Saints', the organist and caterers, and all who had worked to make the meeting a success.

Following tea, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by Miss A. Diserens 1-2, Mrs. B. C. Castle 3-4, A. H. Pulling 5-6, N. Shepherd 7-8, H. J. Poole 9-10.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow then entertained the company with some films taken at Whitechapel Foundry and Norwich, and, although the sun did its best to beat the black-out curtains, some really interesting films were shown accompanied by an even more entertaining commentary from the producer, who made everybody understand that, now its bells are in order, the Church of St. George, Colegate, is the most famous church in Norwich.

At 6.30 everyone began to make their way by coach, car or cycle to the six towers open in the evening. On the pleasant six at Binfield, the not-too-tuneful six at Arborfield, and the rings of eight at Hurst, Warfield, St. Paul's and All Saints', Wokingham, touches, some good, some not so good, were rung to suit all present, and at all these towers local foremen and their ringers were in attendance to ensure that no one arrived and found an empty tower. Thus ended at 9 p.m. the first such festival to be held in Wokingham, and, it is hoped, the first of many more.

B. C. C.

Beverley & District Society

Sixty members and friends of the Society attended the meeting held at the Priory, Bridlington, on Saturday, August 12th. During the afternoon and evening visitors coming from as far afield as Darlington and London were welcomed in the belfry and joined in the ringing.

Canon Lamb conducted the service in the Priory Church and the Rev. G. Storer read the lesson. Canon Lamb welcomed the Society and visitors from other areas, and spoke of the fellowship between ringers which was so evident in his own belfry by the large number of visiting ringers who helped with the ringing during the holiday season.

The tea and business meeting were held in the Church Institute. The Rev. G. Storer thanked the Society for the help he had received at the dedication of Hutton Cranswick bells, and requested that a record of the event be placed with the Society's minutes.

The ringers returned to the tower and the bells were kept going until 9 p.m.

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By E. W. TIPLER.

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Mr. R. G. Rayfield, of the Dartford band, is now out of the County Hospital, Dartford, after his sudden serious illness, but regrets it will be some time before he is able to take his place with his many ringing friends. He thanks those who have made inquiries as to his progress.

Mr. Blondell, the ringer of the treble in the peal of Double Norwich at Warnham on September 2nd, is in his 81st year, a 2nd last rang in a peal, in the same tower, in 1913. It was Cambridge, with Alfred H. Pulling as conductor. On that occasion the band were attempting four peals in a day. A peal of Bristol had already been rung before breakfast. Then came the Cambridge, and after lunch a peal of London was lost after 2½ hours owing to two bells crossing over.

Princess Elizabeth has shown her interest in the peal rung at Naseby. In a letter Her Royal Highness asks her thanks to be conveyed to all the ringers.

It should be pointed out that the bells at Oakham, Rutland, are a Gillett and Johnston ring, not Taylors as stated in the recent report of the Roving Ringers' tour. The recast tenor is 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb., not 22½ cwt. as printed; 22 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. was the weight of the old tenor.

Although Mr. L. A. Wilson, of Wootton Bassett, has been ringing for 60 years, the peal of Stedman Triples in his home tower on September 2nd was his first peal with members of the fair sex. Never too late to mend!

Barwell ringers and friends, accompanied by ringers from Hinckley and Earl Shilton, visited Netherseale for an evening outing and they rang touches ranging from Grandsire to Cambridge Major on the fine bells of the Parish Church. They were met at the church by ringers from Overseale, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Repton and the local tower, including the Rector, to whom many thanks are extended for the use of the bells. The evening concluded in a social atmosphere, during which handbells were rung to the delight of the local inhabitants.

BELFRY GOSSIP

We have heard of 'change ringing' and 'scientific,' but a new one is recorded by a correspondent. Recently a young ringer enquired, at a call-change tower, of one of the ringers after Sunday service, when practice was held. The reply was, 'We don't have no practice, but you should go to Isleworth; they allus ring them new-fangled changes there.'

Mr. R. H. Addis, of St. Mellons, Cardiff, is anxious to ring a 'Masonic' peal in S. Wales. He wonders if there are enough ringers who are members of the craft in South Wales who will respond.

To her great disappointment, Mrs. P. A. Corby was unable to go on the recent Sussex tour as her small son decided to develop measles the day before the tour was due to begin. He is quite well again now.

Mr. Clem Glenn writes: Jack Worrall has slipped up with his French. In the last paragraph of his letter the verb 'attirer' (to attract) should surely have the future, not the preterite, tense, and be spelt attirera, not attira.

Mr. John E. Bibby writes from Frodsham, with reference to the youngest ringer in royal birth peals, that his son, William G. Bibby, aged 12, probably has this distinction. The peal the latter rang in was at Runcorn on August 23rd.

Congratulations to Miss Joan Beresford, of Lichfield, who at the age of 18 has called her first peal of Stedman Triples. It is a long time since Henry Johnson, who was born in Lichfield, first called Thurstans'. It would be interesting, writes a correspondent, to know how many ladies have conducted a peal of Stedman Triples.

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CARBIS BAY RINGING WEEK

THE annual Carbis Bay ringing week was held this year from Aug. 19th to 26th, and was, in the opinion of some of the 'regulars,' the most enjoyable of the series.

As usual, most of the party were accommodated in the Vicarage, a building which seems to be able to absorb ringers out of all proportion to its cubic capacity. An excellent programme had been arranged, enabling visits to be made to 26 local towers, while a peal was attempted each week-day, usually in the morning. Transport, so essential in Cornwall, was fortunately available, and a small convoy of cars was in use daily. These factors all contributed to the success of the week, which will be remembered, not only for the enjoyable ringing, but also for the spirit of comradeship which prevailed.

The first peal (Plain Bob Major) was at Carbis Bay on Saturday evening, and its success was ascribed by some to be due to the unusual opening command of 'Go next tuft.' This saying, attributed to Lancashire, became the talisman of all future peals!

On Sunday, in addition to the normal service touches, the visitors rang during the afternoon at St. Hilary's (6), where one of the party apparently lost his way during heavy rain, while listening to the bells. From there some, tempted by an additional tower and a grand Cornish view, went to Gulval (8) to ring for the evening service. During the evening what must be surely the 'smallest handbells in captivity' appeared from their case, and patient efforts were made to steer the 'Delight' band through a course of Bob Minor. Subsequently the handbells were used for more advanced methods, tune ringing and crazy ringing.

A successful peal of Grandsire Triples at Towednack was rung on Monday morning in such record time that the sightseeing remnant, stealing a visit to Land's End, only returned just before we departed. Afterwards we drove over the moors to ring at Zennor (6), where we renewed acquaintance with the mermaid. Leaving the north coast, we then turned south to have a short ring on the six at Ludgvan before spending a most enjoyable hour on the lovely eight of St. Marv's, Penzance.

COMPETITION.

There was much competition for the peal of Double Norwich at St. Gluvias on Tuesday, and threats were made of poisoning the early morning cups of tea. However, the original band survived to make the attempt, but, sad to say, the peal was lost after about an hour. We then visited St. Budock, where some unfortunate workmen were pointing the tower just outside the louveres. Not wishing to cause an accident by any too sudden descent from the scaffolding when the boom of the ring of eight burst on their unsuspecting ears, we felt it our duty to warn them. Undaunted, they decided to continue work at all costs, but took the opportunity of canvassing for orders to repair all the towers represented by the party! The delightful six at St. Mabe next received general approval, and it was there that it was discovered that, in the opinion of one member of the party, organ snatching was almost as important as tower snatching! The convoy then moved on to Perranwell, where the six bells were considered by one ringer to be so good that it was difficult to persuade him to leave at the correct time. The day's programme culminated in a visit to Truro Cathedral, where we were given a warm welcome by Mr. Southard, the Diocesan Ringing Master. We left with the sound of these glorious bells still ringing in our ears as we began our long drive back to Carbis Bay and the usual 'good square meal.'

On Wednesday our start was delayed as one car developed a distaste for Carbis Bay hill. Eventually, however, we reached Crowan, but an attempt at Plain Bob Major came to grief

after 2½ hours. After an enjoyable ring at Wendron (6), we proceeded to Helston, of Furry Dance fame, and from there on to Phillack, another excellent ring of eight. It was there that the party was introduced to Cornish call changes and found it difficult to remember to lead in the local fashion.

THE BEST PEAL.

On Thursday we rang the best peal of the week on the magnificent bells at St. Keverne (18½ cwt.) Having failed here in each of the three previous ringing weeks, the band this year was determined to break the spell, and to strike Grandsire in a manner worthy of such bells. It was generally agreed that this had been achieved. Indeed, one listening ringer spent most of the three hours walking slowly round the church, murmuring with a beatific smile, 'Beautiful, beautiful!' Then we drove through lovely Cornish country to St. Anthony-in-Meneage (8) in its beautiful situation overlooking the Helford river. The famous whipping stone in the churchward will long be remembered by those who witnessed the position assumed by two popular members of the party! The next stop was at Manaccan (6), famous for the fig tree growing out of the wall. 'We rang there until hunger (or was it thirst?) drove us in search of tea. We then proceeded to Mawgan where the treble ringer's attempt to adjust the strap of his sandal while ringing led one to believe that he was dancing a jig. The last ring of the day was on the new six at Paul. We were all impressed both by the quality of the bells and by the progress made by the local band—all of whom are new to the Exercise.

Friday morning began with high hopes of a peal of Plain Bob Major at Tuckingmill, but, in spite of some enjoyable ringing, it was lost when only five courses from the end. A visit to Stithians followed (another recently hung six), and from there to two detached towers, Gwennap (6) and Llogan (6). Perhaps it was the wait in the rain while the key was procured—or was it merely the culminating point in a week of hilarity that accounted for some of the crazy ringing that followed? One ringer even decided that in the confined space it would be simpler to sit while ringing! Friday evening saw us in a more normal mood at Carbis Bay practice.

It had been decided that Saturday should be reserved for a second attempt at Double Norwich. The band, mostly with packed luggage, visited Kenwyn, and this time the peal was successful. Unfortunately this was our last venture, and after tea the party regretfully dispersed.

All were unanimous in their agreement that it was a most enjoyable week, and we would like to express our deep gratitude to the Rev. and Mrs. Roberts for their delightful hospitality and for arranging and organising such a tour.

J. O. N.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

A joint meeting of the Crewkerne and Ilchester Branches at Drayton on September 2nd was well attended by ringers from Yeovil, Martock, Drayton, Curry Rivel, Shepton Beauchamp, Kingstone, Puckington, Langport, Leminington, Stoke-under-Ham, Hardington Mandeville, Buckland Newton, Piddlehinton, Templecombe, Milverton, Wellington, Stalbridge, Clevedon, Taunton, Kenn (Exeter) and Melksham and Chippenham (Wilts).

The Vicar (the Rev. R. W. Philipson) conducted the service and gave an address. Preb. G. W. Saunders (chairman of the Ilchester Branch) thanked the Vicar, the organist and the local ladies who had provided an excellent tea. He remarked that the attendance proved that joint meetings could be a success.

Curry Rivel bells were available in the evening.

Freedom Bell Completed

On Aug. 25th the giant 'Freedom Bell,' cast recently in the factory of the Croydon firm of Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., in the presence of the American Ambassador, left the firm's foundry on the first leg of its lengthy trip to its final resting place in the heart of Berlin. After being exhibited in America and Germany, the 8ft. high, ten-ton bell will be hung in Western Berlin as a symbol of the new Crusade for Freedom, an American organisation of which General Lucius Clay is chairman.

The bell is decorated with five symbolic figures representing the five races of the earth, each holding jointly a torch of freedom. These were modelled to designs sent from America by a well-known London sculptor, Atri Brown, and in addition the bell is inscribed round the lip with the words, 'That this world under God shall have a new birth of freedom,' a paraphrase of Lincoln's words at Gettysburg.

The bell, which has a counterbalanced clapper and headstock, swings frame high, and despite its size, clappers correctly when ringing. It can be rung easily by a man on each wheel, but when installed in Berlin it will be rung electrically by two 2 h.p. motors.

The pitch of the bell, which is E, compares well with Big Ben, its lowest tone being nearly two octaves below middle C. It has been tuned on the Simpson principle. The permanent frame in Berlin will be of heavy enough construction to allow for open ends so that the bell may be better seen.

In America it is intended to transport the bell assembled in a frame specially made at Croydon for the purpose, and to ring it in all the cities which it will visit and possibly also when it is on the move from place to place. Moneys subscribed during this campaign will go towards the broadcasting stations to penetrate the Iron Curtain.

The dedication of the bell in Berlin is expected to be on United Nations Day, October 24th, when its voice is to be broadcast throughout the world.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S, KILBURN

PRESENTATION TO MR. AND MRS. E. M. ATKINS.

The peal of Bob Major rung at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, reported in 'The Ringing World' of Sept. 1st, was a farewell peal to the conductor, Mr. E. M. Atkins, who is retiring from the Patent Office to live in Teignmouth, Devon.

After the peal the ringers, joined by other members of the belfry and friends, had a dinner and then adjourned to the Parish Room. The proceedings were opened by Mr. D. C. Birkinshaw, who said that the belfry would miss Mr. Atkins after 28 years as conductor. He reminded them that they had had as their leader one of the most prominent members of the Exercise, who had in all these years given up his time in the most unselfish manner to training bands of young ringers.

The Vicar, in making the presentation, said that for his part he had not only to thank Mr. Atkins for his work in the belfry, which he thought was rather the equivalent of Dennis Compton giving up his time to training the boys' club to play cricket in Paddington Recreation Ground, but also for his work in the church and especially as Vicar's warden. He then presented Mr. Atkins with an electric drill equipment.

Mrs. Atkins was also thanked for her work on the social side of ringing, for the many happy evenings the ringers had enjoyed at the Atkins' home, and presented with a large bouquet of flowers. They were then presented jointly with a standard lamp and several other gifts subscribed for by ringers and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Atkins responded suitably.

D. M. W.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN, 1951

Dear Sir,—At a general meeting of the Universities' Association at which I was privileged to be chairman, during the recent ringing week in Lincoln, some ideas were put forward about the part which ringers should take in the 1951 Festival of Britain. This Festival and the contribution which ringers can make towards it seem so important for the future of the Exercise that any good ideas on the subject should be put before the whole Exercise quickly, and acted upon as soon as possible whilst the preparations for the Festival are going on. So here is the contribution from the above meeting, in the form of six suggestions:—

1. A special day, possibly the opening day of the London Festival Centre, might be appointed for the ringing of peals wherever possible throughout the country.

2. An effort should be made as soon as possible to ensure that demonstrations of ringing should be included in the published programmes of events issued by the various local authorities.

3. A cheap and popular pamphlet should be published which could be distributed in large quantities, at many local centres, to the public. The material could be supplied by the Central Council, and worked up into popular form, possibly by some really well-known writer whose name could be attached. This could be published by the Central Council and bought by local companies at something like 7s. 6d. per hundred. It could be distributed to the public gratis. This should be prepared now.

4. The authorities of the various dioceses, who already often have exhibitions at country shows, should be invited to sponsor exhibitions of bells and ringing at these. A similar exhibition should be prepared for now at the London Festival Hall, and similar exhibitions at the Imperial Institute, and St. John's, Waterloo Road, the Festival Church.

5. A film of bell founding and ringing, even better than any hitherto produced, should be produced for general exhibition at cinemas.

6. Individuals in every place are urged to use their own initiative, now and not later on, to see that they get ringing into the programme. It is useless to wait for invitations and then wonder why they are not forthcoming.—Yours faithfully,

GILBERT THURLOW.

A UNIVERSAL BADGE

Dear Sir,—In connection with the Festival, may I suggest to the committee and to the Exercise in general that this would be an excellent opportunity of inaugurating a universal ringers' badge, which could be of a general design (thereby reducing the cost of dies, etc.), with provision for the name of the Association, Guild or Society to be engraved as required.

If the suggestion already put forward, that the bellfounders jointly erect a ring of bells in London, were to materialise, it would be a considerable help to the general public to see and recognise ringers by such a badge. It would also identify ringers to each other, as there is no doubt that many will visit London and other places during the period of the Festival.

Each Association, etc., could circularise its members and form a good idea of the number of badges required in a very short time, and so enable the committee to decide whether such a project would be worth while.

Perhaps other members of the Exercise would care to express their views on the matter.—Yours sincerely,

S. SCATTERGOOD.

Chesterfield.

RINGING IN DEVON

Dear Sir,—Mr. Corby's reference to 'stiffen the bells' is new to me. I think it refers to the fact that round ringers rather 'over-ring' their bells and turn them quickly, keeping a very tight rope. Thus the bells race round and round.

When Mr. Corby conducted a peal of 'Spliced Surprise' at Okehampton two years ago the comment of a good local ringer was, 'I sat in my garden and listened; the ringing was fine, but I don't understand the pauses.' On the other hand, when a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by quite an ordinary band, a ringer said, 'Never heard the bells rung better.' Call-change ringers do not understand Major ringing and prefer the tenor behind.

Quite recently, the captain of a good local band said, 'I like scientific changes if the bells be struck well.' There is no doubt that many round ringers have respect for scientific ringing and would be pleased if they could ring Grandsire or Stedman well. But all call-change ringing is not good. I know of a ringer who continued ringing for a long time after the clapper of his bell had dropped out. When asked to chime his bell, he was surprised, but even so, a bad striker has a sorry time with a good captain. Call-change ringing, however, requires alertness. It is not exactly easy to stand in with a good call-change band. Nor is it easy to keep a bell striking statically round after round. The lack of dynamic is stultifying. Are method ringers wise in neglecting good rounds before embarking on changes?

The prejudice of call-change ringers in Devon probably dates from the early days of the Guild when it was the practice to follow the course bell without regard to taking each bell in order with due care. 'Clipping' offends anybody's ear. Change ringers know this, and round ringers have ears.

In prize or certificate ringing, referred to in another article, the striking of a band comes under expert review, and the effect of Devon ringing festivals is to improve striking. After all, service ringing, whatever the method, meets with public approval if well done. Our president, Prebendary Cox, insists on good striking, and this means something more than rope-sight and knowledge of method. The blows must be struck with musical effect, little bells wide of big bells, and of this the ear is the only judge.

I think often of an old friend who was keen on Cambridge Major. In his workshop I often saw the 'zig-zags' of his favourite bell. At a meeting, Dick stood in for a touch. He successfully negotiated his bell through to half-way, and then, when the ringing was going quite well, he set her. When asked why, he replied, 'Couldn't remember the rest.' Was Dick right or wrong?

FREDERICK C. SMALE.

Okehampton.

RINGERS AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Dear Sir,—Recently I have aroused the interest of a very good friend of mine in the art of ringing. However, there is a serious drawback to his taking up our noble and ancient craft: he is not a member of our Communion, and as such he would be unable to participate in Sunday ringing—our primary aim.

What I would like to know is what would be the attitude of clergy, ringing Masters and ringers in general to such a person, who would only attend practice nights and meetings, yet didn't ring for service?

Thanking you for the use of your columns for this enquiry,—I am, yours faithfully,

P. B. DERBY.

Manchester.

Ancient Churches

Dear Sir,—I am in entire agreement with Mr. Felstead that 'The Ringing World' is not intended for religious argument, but as the ball has been thrown I feel it my duty to return it. He states in his letter that the inhabitants of this country would not see any break in religion at the Reformation. Why then was it necessary to dissolve the monasteries and despoil the churches? Why the penal laws which lasted for three hundred years? The 'Anglo-Catholic' and continuity theories were only introduced with the Oxford Movement during the last century, and some of the most energetic protagonists of that movement, and thousands of humbler followers, have realised the error of their ways and made their submission to the Catholic Church.

I really cannot understand how educated and intelligent people can lapse into such wishful thinking and delude themselves with the idea that the ancient church of this country was not the true Catholic and Apostolic Church in complete union with Rome. That church was suppressed in the sixteenth century due to the political situation (just as is happening in Eastern Europe to-day), and the Church of England, 'by law established,' set up in its place. Now some people are realising the folly and malignity of the legislators of that time and are wanting to be Catholic but cannot 'swallow the Pope.'

I have had my say, Mr. Editor. If the ball comes back, and I have no doubt it will if you allow it, I shall leave it to abler brains than mine in the ringing fraternity to defend the Catholic viewpoint, and I don't mean 'Anglo.'

CHARLES MCGUINNESS.

Lincoln.

BOTH CHRISTIAN

Dear Sir,—I had not expected that a statement of historical fact would evoke the letters of Messrs. Caple and Felstead, and beg your indulgence for a brief reply.

All our old cathedrals and great churches, practically without exception, were built by the Normans, usually on the site of a smaller church (the natives of that period, and long afterwards, not having the ability to plan and erect such edifices), and it is certainly news to myself that these people, invaders from a foreign country, were Englishmen and C. of E.!

I am aware of missionary effort earlier than Augustine, but they came from Rome, direct or via the Continent. The statement of both that we were in communion with Rome and not of it is amazing. Rome then, as now, does not tolerate part-timers; it has to be all or nothing. This attitude was reaffirmed by the Pope in December last, and by Cardinal Griffen again in Lent of this year, as an answer to the Anglo-Catholic movement. All Archbishops of Canterbury, up to the reign of Mary, were required to take an oath (of which I have seen a copy) recognising the Pope as their temporal and spiritual head, and agreeing to observe all the rites and ordinances of the Roman Church.

But why get agitated over the matter? I have always understood that both R.C.'s and C. of E.'s claim to be Christian!—Yours sincerely,

M. F. R. HIBBERT.

ANGLICANA ECCLESIA

Dear Sir,—'Anglica ecclesia libera sit,' 'Let the Church of England be free.' This is mentioned in the clauses of Magna Charta, 1215 A.D., and, moreover, signed by King John, Bishops and Barons. Evidently there was a Church of England in 1215. St. Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, was a signatory, but politeness forbids me to repeat what he said of the Bishop of Rome.—Yours truly,

HISTORICAL STUDENT.

Letters (continued)

THE BEARD

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Clegg's protest at the 'repeated correspondence'—three letters in all during the past few months!—concerning 'The Beard,' may I point out that, although Mr. Clegg may not personally be acquainted with Jack Worrall, yet he is well known in ringing circles throughout different parts of the country, not only because of his late lamented beard but mainly owing to his ringing prowess. Therefore, I maintain that mention of any ringing personality in our journal is news and not solely 'personal correspondence of the few.'

Mr. Clegg's suggestion that the beard should be exhibited on our next Rag Day is rather belated, considering that the said beard is now non-existent!—Yours faithfully,

'SANS BARBE AUSSI.'

IS IT HUMOUR?

Sir,—We seem fated to have to endure the efforts of would-be humorists. The 1920's produced a wearisome succession of inane letters from individuals like 'Sammivell Peppery' and 'Irenæus Pistor.' In the 1930's we had to suffer numerous references to 'Kate' (whoever she may have been). Now we are having a spate of imbecilities about someone's beard. May I remind you, sir, that the function of this paper should be to deal with ringing matters. The owner of the beard and his associates are probably too immature to understand that no one else is interested in the private jokes of a few school children, but you, sir, have the means of enlightening them.—Yours, etc.,

F. I. HAIRS.

ENGENDERING INTEREST

Dear Sir,—May I thus briefly reply to recent correspondents and to others interested. Mr. Cleaver—Method Extension.

1. There is no disagreement on 'results obtained,' i.e., as to the theoretic form of extension. This is as invariable as any other straightforward mathematical operation. Examples to which he refers are simply modifications of the theoretic forms.

2. The introductory illustrated lecture on Grid Analysis, which indicates the process, was first given before the Universities' Association's summer meeting at Exeter in August, 1949. It is hoped that the full thesis may be completed and published later.

3. As far as I am aware, I have made no statement in this connection that I cannot substantiate. And Mr. Cleaver may be glad to know that in this case, Mr. Editor, the G.A. proof diagrams were sent you in all good faith, although space does not permit of their publication, of course.

4. It is not my intention to presume to 'compare' my humble efforts to help others with those of the authors Mr. Cleaver mentions, but, again, my results and work are open to any serious investigation.

Mr. Hodgson—Group Theory.

1. Calling one's honest efforts to help others 'wildest phantasies' is hardly likely to contribute towards the common good, especially when the innuendo is unfounded.

2. The article to which he complains certainly did not ascribe to Lederman a book on composition. As may be seen on reference, I indicated that his valuable work applies rather 'in the field of composition than of method structure.'

The foregoing corrections seem due to those who have so kindly expressed their interest in and the help they have derived from what one is trying to do.—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

THE SWASTIKA

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the article written about the Swastika in 'The Ringing World' (August 25th), and would like to tell the little story of my Swastika.

The symbol first caught my eye when I purchased in India some years ago a small mosaic trinket box, with a small Swastika incorporated in the design on the lid.

Some years later, when working a tablecloth in drawn-thread work, I decided to work a Swastika in the centre.

During World War II. an exhibition of handicrafts was being held to raise funds for a benevolent cause, and it was with some trepidation I decided to show my cloth with its emblem of Germany (as the Swastika had by then become) thereon. However, perhaps the viewers knew more of the ancient history of the emblem than myself. My cloth came through unscathed.

Being a bellringer myself, the article has cheered me considerably. Henceforth I shall be the possessor of a bellringers' tablecloth.—Yours faithfully,

M. M. GROVES,
Queen's Nursing Sister.

Birchington, Kent.

IRISH ASSOCIATION
EASTERN DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Eastern District of the Irish Association was held in Blessington on Saturday, September 2nd. Blessington is a village on the western border of the Wicklow Hills and is 19 miles from Dublin. It was the first occasion a meeting had been held there.

There are six bells in St. Mary's Parish Church with the tenor 16 cwt. They were cast by Thomas Bartlett in 1682 to the order of Primate Boyle, who was also Lord Chancellor of Ireland. All the original bells remain intact with their canons.

Thirty-seven ringers from Arklow, Blessington, Bray, Drogheda and Dublin (Christ Church Cathedral, St. George's and St. John the Baptist, O.S.A.) were present.

The bells were in continuous use during the afternoon, when call-changes, Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob were rung. A number of local parishioners and holiday-makers remained in the tower throughout the ringing. Some of them were so keenly interested that they requested to be allowed to ring. They were given opportunities under the guidance of the 'experts.' One little girl, aged seven, refused to be deterred and had to be mounted on a box to ring the treble. Unfortunately, in the final ring before tea, the crown staple of the fifth bell broke—having been very much eaten away with rust—which prevented further six-bell ringing during the evening.

Tea was very kindly provided by the parishioners in the Church Hall and was presided over by the Rector (the Rev. J. Blackwell, M.A.). In all, 47 persons partook of the good things.

The Rector welcomed the visitors to Blessington and thanked the ladies for providing the tea. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector and parishioners for their welcome, the use of the bells and the excellent tea arrangements.

Handbells were produced after tea, when the ringers rang touches of Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire Doubles and Triples. The locals, including the Rector and the seven-year-old girl, then took the handbells and rang some tunes for the entertainment of the gathering. So ended a very enjoyable day spent in pleasant surroundings.

RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR

Dear Sir,—I should like to remind secretaries of associations that the final date for sending in names for the Ringers' Roll of Honour is September 30th, 1950. H. MILES.

Tolverne, Headland Road, Carbis Bay,
Cornwall.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM SHORT

As briefly recorded last week, Mr. William Short, of Clent, passed away on August 27th, in his eighty-third year.

Mr. Short was born in Pershore, Worcestershire, on Easter Sunday, 1868, and came to Clent with his parents as a small boy. At the age of sixteen he commenced to learn ringing, and his energy and keenness soon placed him in the forefront of his fellow practitioners in the north of Worcestershire. His work in the building industry took him far afield, and he continued adding to his laurels through the years. His peals totalled nine hundred and twenty-seven, and the outbreak of war in 1939 prevented him from scoring his thousand, for by the time peal ringing was once more a possibility, chronic arthritis precluded his climbing belfry steps and eventually completely incapacitated him.

His prowess as a conductor was too well known to need mention here, one of the high-spots being the 11,111 Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's in eight hours and two minutes on December 26th, 1901, during the time of his mastership of St. Martin's Guild.

For some years in the early part of the present century he was official instructor to the Hereford Guild, during which time he taught change ringing to upwards of eighty bands.

As a raconteur, his genial personality (very seldom ruffled except by slovenly ringing, which he could not tolerate) enabled him to present past episodes in his ringing career and that of many others in their most amusing light. These and the handbells have fittingly rounded off the proceedings of many very happy meetings.

The funeral took place at Clent on August 23rd, the Vicar, the Rev. Gwynfor John, conducting the service, and a course of Grand-sire Triples was rung over the grave by John Bass, Albert Walker, Clifford Skidmore and Bernard Ashford.

Afterwards 504 Stedman Triples was rung upon the tower bells, half-muffled, by William Dowding (treble), John Bass, Albert Walker (conductor), Reginald Chance, Clifford Skidmore, Derek Watson, John Lloyd and Thomas Hemming (tenor). A half-muffled in memoriam peal of Stedman Triples is to be attempted. B. C. A.

REV. S. N. DUDLEY

APPRECIATION.

At West Deeping, on August 28th, a quarter peal was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Sheldon N. Dudley, M.A., Rector of West Deeping, 1925-35, who died at Lincoln on August 23rd.

Sheldon Dudley was not a ringer, but no ringer ever visited his church without a welcome from him. An Irishman, he entertained us with his good old Irish stories, told in his beautiful Irish accent, and always with the joke against his own kinsmen. His marvellous tenor voice was often heard and greatly enjoyed at concerts, ringers' suppers, etc.

How many of us thought, when we rang to welcome him to West Deeping in 1925, when we hoped him to sing in his church, when a parishioner had passed away, that beautiful hymn, 'Days and moments quickly flying,' that we should meet 25 years later to pay tribute to his memory as only ringers can. I was only a boy, but a ringer, when we welcomed him among us, and I am very pleased to think that one other member of that band was able to be with me to pay our last respects.—R.I.P.

C. E. B.

QUARTER PEALS

ASH, KENT.—On Aug. 27th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, 1,260 Stedman Triples: James Thorley (Doncaster) 1, H. R. French 2, Miss M. Brockman 3, G. R. French 4, T. H. Holmes 5, W. Bottrill (cond.) 6, B. Luck 7, J. Kemp 8.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 13th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. C. K. Lewis 1, Neville A. Brown 2, Jean C. Brown 3, Alan J. Brown 4, Jack Clegg 5, Roy Broom 6, C. Kenneth Lewis (cond.) 7, Frank E. Darby 8. First quarter of Cambridge by N. A. Brown.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Aug. 15th, 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Spice 1, J. E. Lyddiard 2, Hilda Oakshett 3, C. Cullen 4, E. F. James 5, T. Brett-Smith 6, G. C. Bishop 7, M. E. Oakshett (cond.) 8. Rung for the royal birth.

BURBAGE, BUXTON, DERBYS.—At Christ Church on Aug. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Bentley 1, Mrs. M. Finlow 2, J. Marriott 3, R. Dawson (first quarter) 4, J. Bagshaw 5, W. A. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

CHURCHSTANTON, COMERSET.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 10 callings: Wesley Moore (first quarter) 1, J. Summerhayes 2, W. Burston 3, R. Shire 4, C. Stevens (cond.) 5, Mark Long 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. H. Dommett to Miss Vera Cross.

FULHAM.—On Aug. 27th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Joyce England 1, A. W. J. Appleton 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, J. Allsop 4, J. Stephenson 5, M. V. Chilcott 6, D. E. Parsons 7, P. A. Chalk 8, R. F. Deal (cond.) 9, J. Phillips 10.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Aug. 21st at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. W. White 1, Miss A. Morrison (first quarter of Stedman) 2, A. H. Pulling 3, W. J. Robinson 4, H. Hutton 5, J. Etherington 6, F. A. Munday (cond.) 7, W. H. Inwood 8. For Princess Margaret's birthday.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 13th at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Stephenson 1, Margaret Jarvis 2, W. Clarke 3, J. T. Corder 4, F. Bloomfield 5, E. Hynard 6, F. Willis Betts (cond.) 7, J. Hynard 8. A wedding compliment and farewell to the ringer or the 6th, who is taking up residence at Bures.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: B. W. M. Cowper (first quarter of Triples) 1, E. J. Charman 2, F. H. Meeten 3, P. M. Mayne 4, R. P. Wood 5, C. C. Mayne 6, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 7, S. G. White 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise: H. G. Dunnington 1, H. S. Peacock 2, A. Clements 3, G. L. Perkins 4, S. Gilbert 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Leonard's on Aug. 27th, as a birthday compliment to the conductor, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. W. Webb 1, W. Godfrey 2, J. E. Chilcott 3, K. Gristwood 4, W. A. Lewis 5, E. R. Gladman 6, B. A. Rose (cond.) 7, W. J. Winter 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Aug. 20th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Mrs. K. Parr 1, Miss J. Pett 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, S. Croft 4, F. D. Bishop 5, — Pearson 6, D. J. Charnley 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8. First quarter of Yorkshire Major 'inside' by all.

ANALYSIS OF TOWER BELL PEALS (cont.)

ASSOCIATION	MINOR										DOUBLES										Total															
	33 Methods	32 Methods	26 Methods	25 Methods	20 Methods	19 Methods	17 Methods	14 Methods	12 Methods	11 Methods	10 Methods	9 Methods	8 Methods	7 Methods	6 Methods	5 Methods	4 Methods	3 Methods	2 Methods	1 Method																
An. Soc. College Yths.																					2															
Bath and Wells Dio.																					48															
Bedfordshire																					21															
Cambridge Univ. Gld.																					48															
Chester Diocesan			1				1		1		1								2	1	5															
Coventry Dio. Guild																					2															
Derbyshire Assn.																					16															
Devonshire																					6															
Dudley and District																					9															
Durham and Newcastle									1												7															
East Grinstead																					30															
Ely Diocesan																					28															
Essex Association																					30															
Gloucester and Bristol																					8															
Guilford Diocesan																					12															
Hereford Diocesan																					22															
Hertford County																					16															
Irish Association																					2															
Kent County																					52															
Lancashire Association																					30															
Leicester Dio. Guild																					48															
Lincoln Dio. Guild																					28															
Llandaff & Monmouth																					53															
London County Assn.																					31															
Middlesex County																					28															
Midland Counties																					1															
North Staffs Assn.																					41															
North Wales Assoc.																					2															
Norwich Diocesan																					3															
Oxford Dio. Guild																					25															
Oxford University Soc.																					9															
Peterborough Diocesan																					19															
St. David's Dio. Guild																					6															
St. Martin's Guild																					33															
Salisbury Guild																					4															
Shropshire Association																					23															
Soc. R. Cum. Youths																					1															
Southwell Dio. Guild																					1															
Stafford Archdeaconry																					13															
Suffolk Guild																					2															
Surrey Association																					1															
Sussex Association																					1															
Swansea & Brecon																					1															
Truro Diocesan																					1															
Universities' Assn.																					1															
Win. and Portsmouth																					1															
Worcester & Districts																					1															
Yorkshire Association																					1															
Unattached																					1															
TOTAL	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	4	2	5	6	120	11	32	50	80	31	272	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	6	5	15	19	28	127	839

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Eales 1, S. Summers 2, C. Green 3, S. T. Smith 4, E. G. Orland (cond.) 5. To celebrate the patronal festival. First quarter on the bells since being rehung.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Vann 1, Mrs. W. Vann 2, R. J. Jackson 3, A. J. Timson 4, A. E. Barlow 5, R. W. Gibbon 6, E. W. Tipler (cond.) 7, T. Bromley (first quarter) 8.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss O. Drake 1, R. Mayne 2, E. Clough 3, J. Timson 4, Miss E. Lawson 5, E. W. Tipler 6, F. K. Measures (cond.) 7, T. Bromley 8.

MANCHESTER.—At the Town Hall on Aug. 15th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. Kenneth Lewis (cond.) 1, Frank Barraclough 2, Mary Walshaw 3, William Robinson 4, Alec Cairns 5, Jack Crawshaw 6, William Pye 7, Richard Benson 8, A. Richard Elkins 9, Stanley Livesey 10. First quarters of Caters for 6. 9 and 10. Rung for the royal birth.

STOKE GOLDINGTON, BUCKS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Whiting 1, L. Wesley 2, R. Croot 3, F. Stanton 4, O. Warren (cond.) 5. In honour of the birth of a daughter to the Rector and Mrs. Woods.

STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. W. Drew (cond.) 1, W. Warr 2, H. Warr 3, T. W. Osborne 4, H. Pester 5, T. Sweet 6. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute to Miss M. T. Haine, former organist.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,440 Minor (720 Reverse Canterbury and 720 Double Oxford): Pearl Gardner (first quarter) 1, Donald C. Price 2, Eric Edmondson 3, Helen Y. Gardner 4, Thomas J. Southam 5, Sidney F. Carter (cond.) 6.

TICKNALL, DERBY.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Plain Bob and 300 of Grandsire): W. G. Soar (cond.) 1, P. Marriott 2, T. J. Marriott 3, J. Hulse 4, W. H. Curson 5, W. Noble 6.

Analysis of Handbell Peals rung during 1949

Association.	MAXIMUS	CINQUES	ROYAL	CATERS	MAJOR	TRIPLES	MINOR	DOUBLES	TOTAL	
	Kent Treble Bob Plain Bob Stedman Grandsire Kent Treble Bob Plain Bob Plain and Medium Stedman Grandsire Spliced Surprise (4) London Surprise Cambridge Surprise Oxford Treble Bob Kent Treble Bob Kent & Oxford T.B. Double Norwich Double Oxford Double Bob Plain Bob Little Bob Gainsborough L. Bob 10 Methods 9 Methods 8 Methods 7 Methods 6 Methods 5 Methods 4 Methods 3 Methods 2 Methods Stedman Grandsire Plain Bob 14 Methods 7 Methods 6 Methods 5 Methods 4 Methods 3 Methods 2 Methods 1 Method 4 Methods 3 Methods 2 Methods 1 Method									
An. Soc. Coll. Yths									1	
Bath & Wells Dio.									2	
Bedfordshire Assn.									12	
Cambridge U. Gld.			2 1						3	
Chester Diocesan			1						3	
Coventry D. Guild				1					8	
Derbyshire Assn.						3 1				
Devonshire Guild										
Dudley & District										
Durh'm & Newc'le										
East Grinstead								2	1	
Ely Dio. Assn.			1						15	
Essex Association									1	
Glouc't'r & Bristol									5	
Guildford Dio.									3	
Hereford Dio.						1			1	
Hertford County				4 2					13	
Irish Association				1					18	
Kent County						2 1		4	2	
Lancashire Assn.			1						11	
Leicester Diocesan	1 1	2 1	5 6	3 2		6 15			82	
Lincoln Diocesan		1	1			1		2 7	16	
Llandaff & Mon.			1							
London County										
Middlesex County			1						5	
Midland Counties				4		3 3			17	
North Staffs									8	
North Wales						1		1	5	
Norwich Diocesan										
Oxford Diocesan									3	
Oxford University			2						4	
Peterborough Dio.										
St. David's Guild									2	
St. Martin's Guild			1						1	
Salisbury Guild			1			3			1	
Shropshire Assn.						4			1	
Soc. R. Cum. Yths										
Southwell Dio.									1	
Stafford Arch.						1 4			2	
Suffolk Guild			1					1	1	
Surrey Association						1			1	
Sussex County									2	
Swansea & Brecon										
Truro Diocesan									1	
Universities Assn.									2	
Win. & Ports. Dio.			7	110					95	
Worcester & Dis.					1 4				9	
Yorkshire Assoc.			1						1	
Unattached									1	
Totals	1 1 4 1 5 25 1 11 12 4 2 1 1 22 2 4 1 2 100 1 1 — 1 8 1 2 1 2 2 1 16 53 1 1 1 — — 3 250 1 5 2 27								382	

Memories

OLD TOM'S NEW IDEA

Old Tom rang the 'ting tang' at the church for many years, but one day he found eight new bells in the churchyard. He did not like 'new fangled' things, so he contented himself with the duties of unlocking and locking the tower door. He would watch the new band of ringers at work and also the chiming for minor services, but Tom would never take a rope. When the Vicar found that Tom was not carrying out his duties, he asked the writer to instruct him regarding the five-minute bell. After explaining everything to him and devoting several evenings to practical instruction, it was realised that Tom would never be able to handle a bell satisfactorily, so he was given the choice of tolling or using a single chime.

One evening I heard the tenor sounding for a mid-week service, so I went up to see how Tom was progressing. The ringing room

showed no signs of Tom, neither did the chamber above, but I went up and there, to my surprise, was Tom sitting in the tenor pit. In his hand he had a hammer, and each count of five he would land the bell a hearty blow on the sound-bow. When I sharply told him to stop, he said, 'Don't put me off my counting and stroking'!

Addlestone.

PEALS AT 2s. 6d. EACH

Seeing Mr. Albert Walker's list of peals reminds me of one occasion we attempted a peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham. For some unforeseen reason the peal was lost, but one of the band kept on wailing and moaning about it. At last Mr. Walker said to him, 'Look here, I've got over 500 peals; I'll let you have as many as you like at 2s. 6d. each.' I don't think he sold any!

ERNEST MORRIS.

St. Margaret's, Leicester.

A WAYWARD ROPE

Once I had a very queer experience when I was raising the bells ready for ringing prior to the other ringers coming to the tower to ring for service. When I was raising the second bell I had the misfortune to miss catching the rope when the bell was nearly raised, so you can guess the result when the rope flew about the tower in all directions and, coiling round my neck in my struggle, took the skin off my chin. Of course, this upset me very much, as the choirboys were watching me. This incident happened about the year 1905, when I first started to be a bellringer.

A. W. ROLFE.

Bury St. Edmunds

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 changes, being 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 540 Double Court: W. Neal 1, H. M. Day (cond.) 2, J. Halifax 3, C. E. Black 4, W. Clarke 5, J. Landon 6.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

ASHCOTT AND SHAPWICK.

On August 19th the Ashcott and Shapwick bellringers, with their wives and friends, made a tour of various towers, leaving Ashcott at 1 p.m.

They first of all visited Nether Stowey and rang for about an hour. Afterwards they travelled through the lovely country towards Selworthy, stopping at Minehead, where some of the party alighted. At Selworthy the ringers were welcomed by Mr. Arscott, captain of the local ringers. The church is situated on the top of a hill in a lovely spot, and the surrounding country is most picturesque. Here the tourists rang for a while, and afterwards had a splendid tea in a cottage garden. After tea they rang for a short while before continuing their journey to Timberscombe. On the way they passed through the village of Dunster, one of Somerset's most beautiful spots.

The church at Timberscombe, which is very old and well cared for, and which has a lovely carved altar screen, has eight bells. Here the ringers rang until about 8.30. After this they made their way home, via Taunton, after a most enjoyable day. It is hoped that this outing will be made an annual event.

S. J. D.

ST. MELLONS RINGERS.

On Tuesday morning, August 29th, a party of 33 ringers and friends from St. Mellons and Cardiff set off from in front of Reg's house for yet another of their annual outings. At Castleton, next village on the way to Newport, a young lady joined the party, and at Newport there was none other than J. W. Jones himself, looking very well and not his age.

The road to Ross was by now becoming familiar to the regulars, as it had been followed on at least two previous outings. This year we stopped for a ring on the fine eight, but the Stedman Triples, Grandsire Doubles and Triples and Bob Major did not do them full justice.

Next stop was Malvern, the road taking us through some very beautiful countryside. A very fine lunch was served at the Winter Garden Restaurant before the ascent to the Priory tower, where an hour's ringing was enjoyed on the eight bells. It was but a short trip to Malvern Link, where the light eight were fully appreciated. Among other methods rung here was a course of Kent Major. Tea was at a nearby restaurant.

It was a slow course to Hanley Castle, the only six on the programme, as no one was too sure of the route. Various methods were attempted on these bells, but not with the success that usually accompanies such efforts at home. The non-ringing members of the party regaled themselves on 'scrumpo' and other beverages at the nearby inn, and this stop was enjoyed by all. The last port of call (for ringing) was at Upton-on-Severn, where the light and easy-going eight were much appreciated. Here the ringing was the best of the day, with Stedman Triples the chef d'œuvre.

The journey home was broken but once, in response to many requests, and afterwards one young member of the party could be heard 'drying them home' in the back seat. 'Fireman Bill' delighted those in the rear of the coach with some of his ditties, and in such wise did the day draw to an untimely close.

Memories of this year's outing are once again the excellent arrangements made by Mr. Reg H. Addis, captain of St. Mellons ringers, and to whom all thanks are due, and the sight of J. W. Jones catching hold in every tower for a touch of Stedman. Here's to 1951.

J. R. W.

LINDLEY RINGERS' TRIP.

On Saturday, September 2nd, several Lindley ringers, with others from towers in the Huddersfield area, enjoyed a half-day trip to Skipton and Kildwick. Leaving at 2 p.m. in two cars, the forward party arrived at Skipton on time, but the rear party was delayed, owing to the car, or maybe the occupants, running dry. This fine eight were eventually going to a well-struck touch of Treble Bob, which, however, had to be curtailed owing to tenor rope beginning to snap below sally. While a splice was being made, a touch of Spiced Minor was rung on the top six.

Further touches in Major, Triples and Minor were enjoyed until time for tea.

Proceeding to Kildwick, this handy octave was soon going merrily to a quarter peal. Following a further short touch, the nearest tavern was located, yarns were exchanged and handbells brought out and rung. Altogether a very enjoyable half-day.

A. W. B.

A RINGERS' CRICKET MATCH

Ringing and cricket have as much in common in their attendant social sides as they have in contrast in the manner in which they are performed. Thus, when on August 27th the ringers of the Oxford Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild played the Banbury Branch ringers at cricket we had a very enjoyable afternoon and evening of pleasant contrasts and harmonious splicing of two activities. In fact, the splicing was so natural that this writer, at any rate, was never quite sure when he was supposed to make thirds or bowl, so familiar did he find the atmosphere to that normally experienced at both ringers' meetings and village cricket matches.

If the whole of England had been searched, no place for this event could have been found superior to Great Tew to hold it. The bells can scarcely be surpassed, a finer cricket ground scarcely exists, and the village, the pub and the beer are what they can only be in Cotswold country.

The Oxford District batted first and quickly compiled a useful score, mostly made up of a most attractive innings of 60 by Jim Honey. During the innings a well-known conductor of this locality, who was umpiring, showed that his ability in counting courses is not matched by his ability in counting the balls in an over.

A short shower precipitated a declaration, and so it was then the turn of the Banbury ringers to bat, and it soon became apparent that whereas some of the Oxford ringers very obviously spent more of their summer-time Saturday afternoons on the cricket field than in the tower, this could not be said of the Banbury ringers. A few mis-struck blows soon put them in trouble until tea was announced. This tea was the sort of meal to which only cricketers and ringers can do real justice, and over it the talk was of cover-drives, tenors, the county championship, and peals achieved. One member of the Banbury Branch expressed some doubt as to whether all the Oxford Branch team were bona fide ringers and if some of them were not really local club cricketers surreptitiously introduced into the side. This doubt was, however, soon dispelled when we adjourned to the adjacent tower to enjoy a ring on the magnificent ring of eight.

Battle was rejoined after ringing, and the Banbury ringers once again tried their luck with the bat. This time a varied attack was hit as it deserved to be, and so, when it was time for the Oxford ringers to bat again, they had to press their former umpire and two lady members into their side to strengthen it. After half an hour, in which one lady member showed the men how to bat, it was realised that the Falkland Arms was no longer closed, and so the evening was enjoyably concluded therein.

P. M. J. G.

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ENGAGEMENT

WILLIAMS—ROBERTS.—The engagement is announced between Edward Vyvyan Williams, of Borlase Vath, St. Columb, only son of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. C. Williams, Copperhill House, Redruth, and Gwynneth Morwenna, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Roberts, The School House, St. Mawgan. 7576

MARRIAGE

STEVENS—SKIDMORE.—On Sept. 9th 1950, at St. Ambrose Church, Bristol, by the Vicar, the Rev. F. S. Lee, Antony, second son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Stevens, of Horfield, Bristol, to Daisy Nancy, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skidmore, of Bristol. 7585

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MISCELLANEOUS

GLODWICK, ST. MARK'S.—Will visitors kindly note that there will be no practice on Monday, September 18th? Next practice, September 25th. 7578

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MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—District meeting at Wanstead (6), Sept. 16th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided, followed by business meeting. Ringing at Woodford (8) 7 to 9.15. 7524

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Crondall (6) on Saturday, Sept. 16th, at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45. 7533

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and **DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting Thorne, Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (8) from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Hall (2s. per head). 7565

ELY ASSOCIATION and SUFFOLK GUILD.—Joint meeting Methwold, Sat., Sept. 16th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 7557

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Epping Upland (6), Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. Buses leave Epping town hourly from 2.55 for Hertford, passing by church.—G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 7526

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Fulbourn, Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5, at Six Bells.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7555

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Joint meeting at St. John's, Hillingdon, Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Further ringing until 7.45. Social evening to follow. St. Andrew's bells available 2.30 to 4. Names for tea to F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.—F. Finch and A. Barker, Hon. Secs. 7544

LADIES' GUILD (Midland District) and **DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Peak District).—Joint meeting Darley Dale, Saturday, Sept. 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Please made own arrangements for tea. All ringers welcome. 7546

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Hartlebury on Saturday, Sept. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 7559

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—I.W. District.—Quarterly meeting All Saints', Ryde, Sept. 16th, CANCELLED.—Mrs. A. M. Guy, Dis. Sec. 7545

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Saviour's, Saturday, September 16th, 3 p.m. Tea provided (cups). Will all members look up Double Norwich and Cambridge Major for this meeting? This meeting at St. Saviour's is taking the place of the one which should have been at Leigh.—W. Aaron, p.p. Peter Crook, Secretary. 7574

SKETTY, SWANSEA.—Dedication of St. Paul's Church bells (rehung by John Taylor and Co.) by the Ven. Archdeacon of Gower, the Rev. H. Williams, on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Service 3.30. Arrangements for tea have been made at a nominal charge. Names to be sent in not later than Sept. 20th.—J. A. Hoare, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 7518

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and contest, Ripponden, Sept. 23rd. For tea notify Mr. F. Rhodes, 15, Lane Head, Soyland, Halifax, by Sept. 16th.—A. Farrand, Sec. 7532

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting Downham (6), Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Good bus service from Billericay and Wickford. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 7556

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General quarterly meeting at Market Harborough on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names must be sent by Sept. 19th to F. Wallington, 106, St. Mary's Road, Market Harborough.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 7548

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting St. Andrew's, Chippenham (8), Sept. 23rd, 2.30. First meeting since rehanging. Names for tea not later than Sept. 20th to R. Tigwell, 44, King Alfred Street, Chippenham. 7538

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stoke Prior, Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells (8) 3. Service 4. Tea 4.45, followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 19th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 7563

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western Division.—Surprise method practice at Loughton (8), Sept. 23rd. Bells available 3-5. No tea arrangements. Frequent bus service past the church.—F. V. Gant. 7525

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wallingford on Sat., Sept. 23rd. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Please notify by Tuesday, Sept. 19th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 7530

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Please book these dates: Rushmere (6), Sept. 23rd; Henley (8), Oct. 7th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Own food to Rushmere. Henley announcement later. Names essential to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 7549

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting Elveden, Sept. 23rd, 3. Requests for tea to Mr. S. Atkins, The Dell, Elveden, by Sept. 20th.—D. M. Reeve. 7539

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sowton, Sept. 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Sept. 17th to B. Pidgeon, East Budleigh. 7568

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. Division.—Practice meeting at Wivenhoe on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells from 2.30 to 8. Anything from rounds upwards. Tea 5 p.m. at the Station Hotel.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7566

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practices at Warfield (8) on Sept. 23rd and Waltham St. Lawrence (6) on Oct. 7th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 7588

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Special meeting will take place at Sketty on Sept. 23rd, immediately after service of dedication of bells, for presentation of Master's regalia. 7589

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—Practice, Locking (6), Sept. 23rd, 5 to 9.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Local Sec. 7591

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Wool, Sept. 23rd. Usual arrangements. Names by Sept. 19th, please, to Mr. L. Williams, 47, Spring Street, Wool.—Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 7581

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—St. Neots, Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Own tea arrangements.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 7580

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Willingdon, Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Tea arranged.—H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec. 7579

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 23rd, at Blechingley (8). Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5. Names for tea by Thursday, Sept. 21st, to Miss R. Foreman, 114, Croydon Road, Reigate. 7586

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at St. Albans, Sept. 23rd. Ringing at St. Peter's (10), 2.30 to 5 p.m.; St. Michael's (6) 3 to 4.30 p.m. Tea (5 p.m. sharp) in St. Peter's Institute, Hatfield Road. Cathedral bells (12) available 6.30 to 8 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 20th to Miss A. Bailey, 59, Charmouth Road, St. Albans.—D. E. Lidbetter, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7571

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Uttoxeter, Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Names for tea to Mr. E. Roberts, 125, Smithfield Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs. Derby and Burton District members welcome.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 7575

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—264th Anniversary. Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells (12) 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. per head. Names for tea by Sept. 19th to C. D. Launder, Spring Cottage, Painswick. Painswick Feast, Sunday, Sept. 24th. Ringing at 9.15 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5.15 p.m. 7601

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Neston (8), Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying me by 19th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 7596

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Penn, Saturday, Sept. 23rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea by 18th.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 7597

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion, Portishead, 8 a.m., Sept. 24th. Bells 7 a.m. Breakfast for those notifying me by Sept. 21st.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 7590

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Quarterly Meeting Shaugh, Sept. 30th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by 25th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 7531

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A special general meeting will be held at Preston on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Meeting at 3.30 in the Schools. Business: alteration of rules.—W. H. Shuker and F. Dunkerley. 7536

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, Warmington, Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Sept. 26th to G. S. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Park Road, Peterborough. 7587

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Wenham (6), Saturday, Sept. 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Blythburgh bells also available from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 27th to Mr. R. S. Payne, 63, Pier Avenue, Southwold. 7592

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual district meeting, Ashford, Sept. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 7595

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Louth (8), Sept. 30th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Sept. 26th to B. Howden, 3, Spaw Lane, Louth. 7584

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Meeting at Leighton, Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea notifications to G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 7583

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Boughton, Sept. 30th. Names for tea essential by Sept. 26th to Mr. Eric Nobles, 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 7598

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Burnham, Sept. 30th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bus from Maidenhead or Slough. Names for tea, please, by Sept. 27th to Mrs. C. J. Matthews, 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 7600

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at Alloa, Oct. 7th. Ringing from 2.30. Names for tea by Oct. 4th to Rognvald Wilson, 15, Durham Road, Portobello, Midlothian. 7573

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Oct. 7th, joint meeting, Northern and Western districts, Rothbury All Saints'. Names as soon as possible for bus, also tea (leaving Central Garage at 2 p.m.) to C. T. Lamb, 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 7572

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held in the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 7th, 1950, at 5.45 p.m. Chairman, the Very Rev. the Dean of Worcester. All Saints' (10) and St. John's (8) bells available from 3.30 to 5.15 p.m. Tickets (7s. each) obtainable until Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, from Messrs. C. Skidmore, T. W. Lewis, Branch Secs., or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgemoor, Evesham. 7593

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wicken on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Names for tea by Oct. 3rd to W. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, near Buckingham. 7599

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual Dinner. Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the annual dinner which was to have been held on October 14th has now been cancelled. Remittances will be returned immediately.—A. R. Ling, Dinner Sec. 7567

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner at the Bars Hotel, Chester, Saturday, Oct. 14th, 6.30. Please apply for tickets (10s. 6d., juniors 7s. 6d.) and enclose remittance before Oct. 7th.—Rev. J. Kingdon, 3, Grey Friars, Chester. 7577

QUARTER PEALS

LINCOLN.—At St. Giles' on Aug. 19th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. Burchall 1, Miss G. Burchall 2, J. Bartram 3, W. Coates 4, H. Denman 5, W. Norton 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, H. Willows 8.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Aug. 20th at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. L. Dadds 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds 3, A. J. Dadds 4, L. Twyman 5, W. Fairbeard 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, H. Lade 8.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 13, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Vinnicombe 1, L. C. Duke 2, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 3, R. J. Hicks 4, C. E. Taylor 5, D. Martin 6. For the patronal festival.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Aug 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6-8 covering): A. Langstone 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 3, Mrs. M. M. Osborne 4, L. J. Honess 5, J. M. Aspinall 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, H. F. Perry 8. Birthday compliment to Princess Margaret.

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A BYGONE PERFORMANCE

ONE of those interesting sidelights on early ringing has been forwarded to us by Mr. Arthur J. Farr, of Spalding, Lincs, in the form of a newspaper cutting dated 1826 relating to ringing at Morton, Lincs, the parish church of which has to-day six bells with a tenor of 17 cwt. As was typical of the period, the ringers' achievement was commemorated in verse. The following is from the newspaper cutting, including the verses:—

'From the parish of Morton, near Bourn, in this county—a parish "famed for many strange events"—we have received the following account of a feat, which we think is best related in the exact words of our correspondent:—

Was rung by the Morton ringers on the first morning of the New Year, a merry peal of considerable length, it being a custom of the ringers of that parish church to welcome the coming of the New Year with a peal upon the well tuned bells of Morton Church; at which time the five ringers thought proper to try their skills in the art of ringing; to which purpose they succeeded in raising the bells, and ringing forty-seven five bell peals, and settling the bells not stopping. The work was completed by Robert Lister 1st bell, John Sandall 2nd bell, William Turner 3rd bell, Michael Boyer 4th bell, William Butler 5th tenor bell—the tenor bell weighing about a ton. This work in the art of ringing is well deserving the notice of the public, of which some person has made in their study in composing a few lines of poetry upon the same subject, which are as follows:—

The five church bell ringers of Morton five bells
Assembled together for to try their skills
On the last new year morning, it was the time fixt,
They intended to ring through peals forty six.

With raising and ringing complete without stopping a bell
It was declared by their hearers they went through their work well,
For they went through their work and struck their bells even,
And completed the peals of forty and seven.

In the morning at five was the time they begun,
Five thousand six hundred and forty changes they rung.
They rang through the peals as well as lay in their powers,
And completed their work ten minutes under four hours.

It appears their all perfect, and they need no instructor,
For they completed their work without their conductor,
For the five other ringers they can strike their bells even,
And ring better without their conductor than with him.

Their conductor is absconded if the truth I must tell,
He never was able to conduct but one bell,
For when they ring without him they have no 'stomping' nor
'grining,'
Which makes it more pleasant for them that is ringing.

Morton ringers was advertised about two years ago,
For ringing through peals of twenty and one,
But he that wrote the advertisement thought himself head instructor
And gave himself the grand title of being conductor.

It seems evident that the peal consisted of 47 extents of 120 of Doubles. We cannot imagine that more than one method was employed, and it is likely that the same 120 was repeated 47 times in view of the absence of a conductor. The question of non-conducted or silent peals is under discussion in our correspondence column this week, and this peal at Morton certainly has a claim to notoriety by being the first non-conducted peal recorded. Would the Morton peal go down to fame as a silent peal? The verse clearly indicates that there was no stamping or grinning and the ringing was 'all perfect.' No such claim is made, but then it must be remembered that the peal was rung in an age which knew not the finer niceties of silent and non-conducted peals and the absence of umpires was not even questioned.

The 'stamping' conductor apparently is hereditary and not a breed of the present century. The verse also brings into being the differentiation between 'bob callers' and conductors, and we suppose it is true to say that from the advent of change ringing there have been so called 'conductors' whose perception is limited to the sight of one bell. What would make interesting reading would be the absent conductor's opinion on the performance!

Another interesting point is that the peal was started at 5 a.m. Peals rung before breakfast are not unknown, but to-day are seldom attempted. There are ringers living who have rung at 5 a.m. for a church festival, but with the change of habits of the people such ringing is not acceptable to-day. It must be remembered that consideration in all peal ringing is due to the community at large and the future of church bell ringing depends on the tolerance of those that have to listen to the bells being rung.

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No. 3 Version. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

PETER LAFLIN Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 6
*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 2	WALTER ALLMAN 7
*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	*WILFRID F. MORETON ... 8
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 9
*J. EDWARD CAWSE 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of London Surprise Royal. First peal of London Surprise Royal in the method as conductor. First peal of London Surprise Royal in the county and for the Association.

HATFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E.

GIBSON JACKSON Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 5
JOHN E. BIBBY 2	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 6
WILLIAM H. JACKSON ... 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
HENRY O. BAKER 4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

* 100th peal.

HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

WALTER ALLMAN Treble	HENRY O. BAKER 5
WILLIAM H. JACKSON ... 2	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 6
MILTON C. FOWLER 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HEDON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Aug. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

C. KENNETH LEWIS ... Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 6
PETER LAFLIN 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

PATRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN WORTH Treble	HENRY O. BAKER 5
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE 4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by W. F. MORETON.

First peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 29, 1950, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in C.

PETER LAFLIN Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS 2	WALTER ALLMAN 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	JOHN WORTH 8
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 9
WILFRID F. MORETON ... 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

COTTINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE E. FEARN ... Treble	HENRY O. BAKER 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE 4	PETER LAFLIN Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

First peal of Major on the bells.

MALTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Aug. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each London, Superlative and Cambridge with 107 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	WALTER ALLMAN 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

NORTON, MALTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WILFRID F. MORETON ... Treble	WALTER ALLMAN 5
HENRY O. BAKER 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* 150th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E flat.

RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
PETER LAFLIN 2	JOHN WORTH 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

FYLINGDALES, ROBIN HOOD'S BAY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

JOHN WORTH Treble	HENRY O. BAKER 5
J. EDWARD CAWSE 2	WALTER ALLMAN 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS 3	PETER LAFLIN 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

DAVID G. JACKSON Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	WILFRID F. MORETON 6
PETER LAFLIN 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 7
RALPH G. EDWARDS 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WETHERBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK REED Treble	HENRY O. BAKER 5
JOHN E. BIBBY 2	GIBSON JACKSON 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 3	J. EDWARD CAWSE 7
MILTON C. FOWLER 4	WALTER ALLMAN Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. E. CAWSE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

TADCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in F flat.

J. EDWARD CAWSE Treble	FRANK REED 5
MILTON C. FOWLER 2	JOHN E. BIBBY 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 3	GIBSON JACKSON 7
HENRY O. BAKER 4	WALTER ALLMAN Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

GOOLE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

PETER LAFLIN Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 2	JOHN WORTH 6
WILLIAM H. JACKSON 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
WILFRID F. MORETON 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5055 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E flat.

JOYCE A. ENGLAND Treble	JOHN HILL 6
HORACE BELCHER 2	DENNIS N. LAYTON 7
RICHARD F. DEAL 3	DAVID E. PARSONS 8
JOHN CHILCOTT 4	FRANK E. DARBY 9
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT 5	A. W. J. APPLETON Tenor

Composed by D. E. PARSONS. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

In memoriam Henry E. Newton, most respected member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ... Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN 6
FRANK E. PERVIN 2	CECIL J. MATTHEWS 7
ALBERT W. COLES 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE 8
ALBERT WALKER 4	JOHN FREEMAN 9
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 5	STANLEY E. BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung to celebrate the engagement of Enid M. Wayman and Jack H. Wayman.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

MICHAEL D. STANFORTH Treble	*EMLYN F. HANCOCK 6
PAUL L. TAYLOR 2	*HARRY POYNER 7
*TERENCE A. THORNER ... 3	LAWRENCE GREENHOW 8
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY 9
HAROLD J. POOLE 5	PETER J. STANFORTH ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. Compliment to Daniel J. Pettifor and Hilda Staniforth (sister of ringers of treble and tenor) on their wedding.

DERBY.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*WALTER G. SOAR Treble	WILLIAM A. PARSONS 6
DENIS R. CARLISLE 2	ALBERT E. THOMPSON 7
FRANCIS R. LOWE 3	ALFRED MOULD 8
HAROLD TAYLOR 4	JOHN F. WILKINSON 9
*SAMUEL WALKLATE 5	*CHARLES W. WALKLATE ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE FREEBRY. Conducted by W. A. PARSONS.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the wife of Mr. George Freebrey, Ringing Master at St. Andrew's.

LONDON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 26½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... Treble	RICHARD W. STANNARD 6
*MARGARET FRANCIS 2	A. RONALD LING 7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS 3	JOHN G. NASH 8
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ... 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE 9
CECIL J. MATTHEWS 5	THOMAS J. SETTER Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

* First peal in the method and on ten bells. An 81st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th and also for the birthday of the ringer of the 2nd.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5043 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 6
*EVELYN M. FLETCHER ... 2	BERNARD C. ASHFORD 7
ERNEST STITCH 3	TREVOR REYNOLDS 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 9
J. DENNIS HOLDEN 5	JOHN LUCK Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Harry Hartill Walker, a former churchwarden at St. Giles' Church, also in memoriam to the late Mr. William Short, of Clent.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

*GERALD ARMSTRONG ... Treble	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 5
†WALTER SOAR ... 2	†JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	†JOHN BRAMLEY ... 7
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ... 4	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Double Norwich.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*JOHN E. LLOYD ... Treble	HERBERT LEWIN ... 5
JOSEPH HY. W. WHITE ... 2	JOHN BRAMLEY ... 6
SAMUEL PINDER ... 3	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Major.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

WALTER J. LEMON ... Treble	JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT ... 2	JAMES BENNETT ... 6
JAMES W. EDEN ... 3	MAXWELL, F. OAKSHETT ... 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

H. WALTER SMITH ... Treble	*DR. L. CASTLETON ... 5
GEORGE SCHLUETER ... 2	ALFRED PERRY ... 6
ARCHIE FITCH ... 3	JOSEPH JENNINGS ... 7
RONALD SUCKLING ... 4	GEORGE SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal in the method.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

NORMAN CORNWALL ... Treble	IAN S. BIGGS ... 5
ARTHUR NEWTON ... 2	WALTER LEE ... 6
A. REGINALD BLABY ... 3	ROLAND BIGGS ... 7
JOHN D. KAPE ... 4	*FREDERICK COX ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Cox.

TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Clement,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 88 lb. in F sharp.

*EDWARD BARKER ... Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 2	GEORGE SAYER ... 6
*CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... 3	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... 7
*ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 4	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the Association.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

FRANK BLONDELL ... Treble	G. WILLIAM MORRIS ... 5
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 2	GEORGE W. MASSEY ... 6
*PEGGY G. KITCHEN ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 4	*HERBERT G. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Composed by F. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by H. G. ANDREWS.

* 25th peal together.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew and All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 19 cwt. (approx.).

CHARLES J. GARDNER ... Treble	MARGARET E. RICHARDS ... 5
ENID LLOYD-ROBERTS ... 2	WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL ... 6
*MARION J. SKINNER ... 3	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... 7
†FRANCIS G. WILTON ... 4	LOUIS A. WILSON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

* First peal of Triples. † First of Stedman Triples.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 3, 1950 in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*CHARLES W. BEECROFT Treble	SIDNEY ARBON ... 5
*WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 2	ALBERT E. WHITING ... 6
ERNEST E. GRIMES ... 3	*WALTER W. MILLER ... 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4	LESLIE G. BRETT ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

* First attempt for a peal of Yorkshire. Quickest peal on the bells.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 5, 1950, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

MARY SHEARSMITH ... Treble	CLIFFORD BENN ... 5
NORMA BICKERDIKE ... 2	WILLIAM BARTON ... 6
PATRICIA E. M. BARTON ... 3	JOHN W. GIBSON ... 7
MOLLY AMBLER ... 4	*GORDON BENFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* 50th peal for the Yorkshire Association. Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. C. Benn, and a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. G. Benfield.



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BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Mon., Sept. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

JOHN ANDERSON Treble	Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.
MURIEL REAY 2	ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER ... 5
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 3	HENRY H. FEARN 6
*GRAHAM MCKAY 4	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Conducted by ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER.

* First peal of Triples. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of William Short, for some years Ringing Master of the Guild.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 6, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CANDIDA AND HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition.

ROGER KEELEY Treble	Tenor 17½ cwt. in D.
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 2	*HENRY G. KEELEY ... 5
JOHN BRAMLEY 3	JOSEPH T. BARRETT ... 6
*CUTHBERT W. POWELL... 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 7
	J. LEONARD GLYDE ... Tenor

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

* 50th peal together.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Sept. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

JOHN N. LINDON Treble	ARTHUR D. COOK 5
*MURIEL REAY 2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 6
HENRY H. FEARN 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
JOHN SCOTT 4	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

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

* First peal of Yorkshire 'inside.'

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

GEORGE S. BUSH Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 5
CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... 2	ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 6
GEORGE E. LARGE 3	CLAUDE COUSINS 7
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEO. E. LARGE.

A 76th birthday compliment to the mother of the treble ringer.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF WHITMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS J. LOCK Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 2	MAURICE HODGSON ... 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 7
ALFRED J. HOUSE 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

HANBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's.

Mrs. S. H. JONES Treble	Tenor 14½ cwt.
SAMUEL PINDER 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 5
WALTER G. SOAR 3	EDWARD F. GOBEY ... 6
BARNABAS G. KEY 4	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 7
	SIDNEY H. JONES Tenor

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a spliced extent of Plain Bob and St. Clement's Bob, and an extent each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, College Single, Single Oxford and Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 14½ cwt.

TOM SAUNDERS	Treble	WILLIAM R. MANSEY ...	4
LUTHER J. HONESS	2	FRANK P. WRIGHT ...	5
EDNA M. SILLS	3	PETER C. WRIGHT ...	Tenor

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

First in eight methods by all.

GNOSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*THOMAS S. WILKES	Treble	ALFRED S. BAYLEY ...	4
*DOROTHY M. COOPER	2	WALTER LAGO ...	5
*HAROLD S. TRANTER	3	JOSEPH L. STANIER ...	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH L. STANIER.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal on the bells for over 50 years.

LITTLETON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ARTHUR S. READE	Treble	*GERALD C. HEMMING ...	4
*KENNETH V. WHEELER	2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ...	5
*ARTHUR T. SHOREY	3	C. ARTHUR MANNING ...	Tenor

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

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

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*ALBERT M. COOPER	Treble	*ALAN WARD ...	4
†CYRIL BYARD	2	†JAMES CARTER ...	5
†RAYMOND JOHNSON	3	DEREK OGDEN ...	Tenor

Conducted by DEREK OGDEN.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor. First peal as conductor. A 93rd birthday compliment to Edwin Burroughs, a ringer at the church for over 50 years.

NAVENBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Bourne, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge,

Kent, Oxford Bob, Single Court and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13½ cwt (approx.).

COLIN W. REED	Treble	GEOFFREY R. PARKER ...	4
*RONALD APPLEWHITE	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ...	5
LEWIS WILLDERS	3	JOHN E. COOK ...	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

* First peal in seven methods other than on the treble.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob,

Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in G.

*MRS. KATHLEEN JONES Treble	*WALTER G. SOAR ...	4	
WILLIAM H. CURSON	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ...	5
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	3	SIDNEY H. JONES ...	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to Peter, eldest son of the Rev. and Mrs. Crawford, of Newhall.

WALKDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

SIDNEY F. CARTER	Treble	*JOHN KEMP ...	4
*ANTHONY R. AGER	2	NATHAN PATMORE ...	5
*EDWARD J. PHILLIPS	3	*JOHN PHILLIPS ...	Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER.

* First peal in five methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Kington District.)

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 10 callings and one 240 Pitman's. Tenor 12 cwt.

W. NORGROVE	Treble	DENNIS SHARPLES ...	4
MRS. H. C. CHANDLER	2	TREVOR JONES ...	5
F. HARRIS	3	*LEONARD MILES ...	Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR JONES.

* First peal.

ROSTERNE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

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 22½ cwt.

ALFRED WILKINSON	Treble	DAVID SMITH ...	4
ELIZABETH MORTON	2	HARRY W. HOWARD ...	5
REGINALD WORRALL	3	A. GORDON LAWRENCE ...	Tenor

Conducted by A. GORDON LAWRENCE.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 72 lb. in F.

EDWARD BARKER	Treble	GEORGE SAYER ...	4
REV. A. G. G. THURLOW	2	CECIL V. EBBERSON ...	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	NOLAN GOLDEN ...	Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

CLAUDIA A. HARDING	Treble	*WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ...	4
WALLACE W. COUSINS	2	CLAUDE COUSINS ...	5
*JOHN E. FOX	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ...	Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. A birthday compliment to Arthur D. Cook and W. Norman Park.

BARNBY DON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Doncaster District.)

On Thurs., Sept. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOURNE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 and two 2,160's. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN LINDSAY	Treble	FRANK REED ...	4
PEGGY M. LAMB	2	FRANK LAMB ...	5
†JOHN WARDLE	3	ERNEST J. PADGETT ...	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK REED.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 17, 1950, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
At St. Mary's Belfry,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor size 12 in F.
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2 | J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 3-4
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 5-6

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 19, 1950, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,

At 9, PONSONBY ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11 in G.

*HUGH F. ROBERTS ... 1-2 | †ALEX J. WEBSTER ... 3-4
FRANK VARTY ... 5-6

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

* First peal on handbells. † First peal on an 'inside' pair.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1950, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

At St. Mary's Belfry,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor size 12 in F.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 1-2 | W. P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4

HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 5-6

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Aug. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

No. 33. Tenor size 15 in C.

JAMES E. DANIELS ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 7-8

FREDK. A. SALTER ... 9-10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Cond. by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Aug. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

DAVID G. JACKSON ... 1-2 | GIBSON JACKSON ... 5-6

WILLIAM H. JACKSON ... 3-4 | W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1950, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,

At St. Mary's Belfry,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor size 12 in F.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2 | J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 3-4

HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ... 5-6

NON-CONDUCTED.

BOURNEMOUTH:

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED ROYAL, 8016 CHANGES;

In four methods, comprising 1,056 Little Bob, and 1,320 each of Plain Bob, Double Bob and Reverse Bob, with 264 changes of method.

Tenor size 17 in A.

JAMES E. DANIELS ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | ROY C. HURST ... 7-8

MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 9-10

Witness: ALBERT H. WARD.

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by D. T. MATKIN.

First peal of Spliced Royal in four methods for the Guild.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Sept. 3, 1950, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,

At 39, WAKEFIELD DRIVE, LEASOWE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11 in G.

HUGH F. ROBERTS ... 1-2 | ERIC J. GILBERT ... 3-4

ALEX. J. WEBSTER ... 5-6

Conducted by ERIC J. GILBERT.

First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

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LATE NEWS.

We regret to hear of the death of Mr.
G. S. Mayers, of Norwich, who had a long
association with St. Peter Mancroft. The
funeral was on September 12th at Mancroft
and interment was at Trowse.

The ring of eight bells
at Cranborne, Dorset, is
to be restored to make
it worthy of the church and tower. The
5th bell, cast at the Salisbury Foundry about
1400, is to be retained and hung as a service
bell. It is to be replaced by a new bell, and the
remaining bells recast with extra metal to
form a ring of eight, tenor about 17 cwt.
The order has been placed with Messrs. John
Taylor and Co., who hope to complete the
work by Christmas.

The local band which rang the peal of
Bourne Surprise Major at Barnby Don,
Yorks, on September 7th were all taught to
ring by Mr. John Wardle.

Coincidence.—Mr. John E. Bibby rang his
400th peal and Dr. J. C. E. Simpson his
500th together at Newchurch on September
9th.

With reference to the peal at Sherborne
Abbey, special credit and thanks are due to
Mr. W. P. Lambert. It was intended to ring
Bob Major, but meeting one short, Mr. Lam-
bert kindly stood in, rang an almost perfect
peal, and became the first local ringer to score
a peal at the Abbey.

Sir Graham Greene, of Harston, Cambs,
who died on the same day as Field-Marshal
Smuts, and was a personal friend of the great
South African statesman, took a great in-
terest in Harston bells and ringers. When
Harston bells were augmented and rebung in
1937 by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Sir Graham
gave the second bell and his sister, the late
Mrs. Phillips, the treble of the present ring
of six. A quarter peal (720 Oxford Bob and
540 Plain Bob) was rung half muffled to his
memory by R. H. Lawrence 1, J. G. Gipson
2, C. W. Cook (conductor) 3, W. A. Theobald
4, E. H. Finch 5, F. Harper 6.

BELFRY GOSSIP

To mark the 88th birth-
day of Mr. George Stacey,
hon. secretary of the Dun-
ster Deanery of the Bath and Wells Diocesan
Association for 47 years, 1,260 Grandsire
Triples was rung at Minehead on September
13th by L. Mason, G. Maidment, J. Pugsley,
J. Haydon, J. Hill, I. Farmer (cond.), A. R.
Tudball and J. Herrods. Other touches of
Cateters, Major and Triples followed.

Correspondence arising from a paragraph in
Mr. Hibbert's letter relating to the English
Church is now closed.

The Lancashire Association have added to
their list of firsts recently by Rutland Sur-
prise at Douglas-in-Parbold, New Cambridge
Surprise at Moorside and four Spliced Sur-
prise methods at Newchurch.

Mr. Charles E. Borrett points out that the
Leicester Diocesan Guild's record of 267 peals
in 1949 was surpassed by the Norwich Dio-
cesan Association in 1913 when they rang 291
peals, of which 277 were tower bell peals and
14 'in hand.' He adds his congratulations to
members of the Leicester Guild on their fine
score.

Mr. Arthur J. Farr, of Spalding, has in
his possession a book entitled 'Campanology,
or The Art of Change Ringing.' There is a
date of 1703 written in pencil and references
to 'J. D.' and 'C. M.' He enquires whether
the date is correct and also if 'J. D.' and
'C. M.' refer to John Dolman and Charles
Mason.

From Canada we have received news this
week of a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples
rung at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria,
B.C., on August 12th. The ringers were Mary
Emmertson (first quarter), Margaret Izard, T.
Arkel (first quarter), D. Boniface, A. King,
A. Izard, E. W. Izard (cond.), and T. Turner
(first quarter).

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A PEAL RINGING TOUR IN SUSSEX

A Full Programme

THE success of any ringing tour is almost assured. For a party of friends to spend a week's holiday together in pleasant surroundings in pursuit of a well-loved pastime must always be a promising foundation upon which to build. The 1950 Sussex tour was certainly no exception. Fifteen 'resident' ringers, five wives and one or two 'casuals' on holiday in the district, together with Mr. William Rogers, of Rotherfield, comprised the party. Headquarters were at the Warren Hotel, Crowborough, a delightful country house surrounded by a large estate at the end of a mile-long private road.

The tour started and finished just over the border in Kent, the first success being at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells. The remainder of the party attempted Watford Surprise at Rotherfield, unhappily lost after two hours' fine ringing.

On Sunday morning service ringing at Rotherfield was from 9.30—11 o'clock and was much enjoyed in the company of a strong contingent of local ringers. The Rector (the Rev. H. E. Collins) came to the belfry and had a kindly word for the visitors and afterwards, at divine service, explained to the congregation the purpose of the tour, and expressed his pleasure that it was beginning and ending at Rotherfield. Sunday afternoon saw peal attempts at Withyham, when Bristol was unfortunately lost about half-way, and Coleman's Hatch where Berkshire, the first for the association, was knocked off in good style. Peter Bond was encamped nearby with a troop of scouts and was suitably mystified in trying to identify the method being rung on the bells. He came up after the peal and joined the tourists in a course of London for service.

Bexhill was the first call on Monday, a bright, sunny morning. It was here that the tourists had the great pleasure of seeing an old friend of several of the party, Mr. Leonard Stilwell, who came along to listen to the ringing in several of the peal attempts during the week. The Rev. Philip J. Boulsover was not to be seen when the party arrived but he was up aloft examining the ropes and generally looking after things. Those not in the peal of Ashted, the first in the method on the bells, had a pleasant hour or two by the sea, and afterwards all were joined by Mr. Boulsover and various members of the Rogers family at lunch. Those who spent the morning at the seaside heard what they thought to be an explosion, but later on it transpired that Eddie had called a bob rather loudly, for which, we were told, he immediately apologised. The ringers were disturbed, as they were lowering the bells in peal, by a loud knocking at the door, which George Fearn alleged was the work of one of the party. One does not know how he arrived at such an unkind conclusion, as the supposed culprit appeared almost immediately afterwards at another door of the church. However, George had a theory that only a ringer would have sense enough to wait until the bells were nearly down before attempting to interrupt the ringing.

MASTERY PERFORMANCE.

On Monday afternoon George Fearn gave a mastery performance on the rough-going tenor at Battle, where a good peal of Yorkshire was rung. He was wet from head to foot when he had finished but the writer, at any rate, has never seen a finer piece of heavy-bell ringing. The rest of the party went to Salehurst when, after some very good ringing on a lovely ring of bells, Bristol once more proved elusive.

Tuesday started with the disappointing news that St. Mary's, Eastbourne, would not be available, as the tenor clapper had broken. The bands for that day were, therefore, rearranged so that all had one attempt. Both peals were successful—Rutland at Hailsham, and Aldenham at Christ Church, Eastbourne. The former gave considerable pleasure to Frank



Back row: W. Rogers, T. M. White, W. T. Beeson, H. A. May, N. W. Park, P. A. Corby, A. A. Cook, G. R. Corby, L. Bowler, T. J. Lock, C. E. Jeffries, R. M. Bullen, C. E. Smith, G. E. Fearn. Front row: Mrs. Bullen, Mrs. Fearn, E. R. Rapley, Mrs. Bowler, Mrs. Jefferies, Mrs. Cutler and A. Cutler.

Hicks, who lives at Hailsham, and he rang the 7th to his first peal of Rutland in a creditable manner. At lunch, in Eastbourne, the party were joined by the local secretaries of St. Mary's and Christ Church, and those not in the peal spent most of the time by, or in, the sea. One ringer, at least, found that walking over the shingle beach in bare feet was rather like ringing a 90-cwt. bell with sore hands. Fortunately, perhaps, the expression on his face at the time was not photographed. We are also assured that it is as well no record was made of what he said about the shingle. It was on this afternoon, at tea-time, that Eddie Rapley made some startling revelations about some long peal he proposes to take part in. The details were not quite clear, but it seems he had been so thrilled with the recent record of Bob Royal that he was thinking of asking the conductor of the future long peal to go for 40,000 of Double Norwich instead of 30,000 as planned. There was a good deal of talk about upturned quart beer bottles that Eddie proposed to rig up over the bearings of the bell (we understood the 7th) that he was going to ring. It did not seem certain whether the bottles were to contain beer or lubricating oil (one wit thought the terms were synonymous).

Wednesday proved to be the most successful day. Of the three attempts planned all were successful and, in addition, permission was given for lost honours to be retrieved at Rotherfield where the band who had attempted the Watford Surprise on the previous Saturday, made good their loss, and achieved the first in the method for the association. The rest of the company journeyed to Fletching, where they were privileged to ring the first peal, London Surprise Major, on the recently augmented and restored ring of bells. It was here that Mr. Frank Lufkin thought he recognised the Vicar, and it turned out that the Rev. R. W. Burns-Cox had been curate at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, during Frank's choirboy days. The ringers were most hospitably received by the Vicar, who kindly had coffee and biscuits arranged

for them at the conclusion of the peal. He was particularly happy that history had that day been made by the ringing of the first peal in over a thousand years' existence of the tower, which is of Saxon origin.

After lunch at East Grinstead, where the party were joined by Miss Shepherd, eight members had the great privilege of ringing a peal of Bristol on the melodious bells at St. Swithin's Church. In a light, airy belfry, where the acoustics are perfect, ringing was indeed a pleasure even though one or two of the bells were a little stiff towards the end of the peal due to lack of oil. The others of the party, meanwhile, rang a peal of Lincolnshire at Turner's Hill.

On Thursday morning the party were pleasantly surprised to be met at Cuckfield by George Cecil, master of the Sussex Association. A peal of Bristol was attempted and began to show promise, but alas, the rot set in after a time, and a little trip developed into a big one. A little bit of sorting-out was necessary, and it is alleged that the windows steamed up as a result of the conductor's activities. The sixth man said he enjoyed the trip, but the seventh man felt he was in danger of physical violence due to his nearness to the conductor. At all events, the bells were put right, but it was decided to stop and try again another day. In the meantime a peal, not on the programme, was slipped in at Slaughtam. It is said that George Fearn was most reluctant to stand in and only yielded to extreme pressure! Lunch was at Brighton, and the party were most happy to entertain Mr. Bill Hart, who reported that a good deal of work had been necessary on the eighth and tenor to make a peal attempt possible at St. Peter's. At all events, his work had been well done, as both bells went like the proverbial tops. Aldenham Royal was attempted, but in spite of its great similarity to Cambridge Royal, the twiddly bits seemed to want a lot of fitting in and, although a peal would certainly have

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Sussex Tour—continued

been possible, the conductor decided to stop after a course and change the music, as it was a pity not to ring a good peal on such lovely bells. Ditchling had been obtained for the rest of the party but they came back with a story about the tenor being lighter than the treble, or something of the sort. One gathered that but for this, and the fact that the circle was the wrong way and the sixth slipped wheel, all might have been well.

A peal at Bristol, Tom Lock's first in the method as conductor, on the fine, light ring at Brightling, was a promising start for Friday. However, there was a disappointment at the same time, as an attempt for Cambridge Minor, not on the official programme, failed at Warbleton after the fifth 720. In the afternoon, at St. Leonards, Yorkshire was attempted but was abandoned after a course or two as the band found it impossible either to hear the bells properly or ring them. The others of the party rang a peal of London at All Saints', Hastings, where the bells are at the top of a high tower, and the ringing room immediately under them. They were found to be somewhat noisy, but went very well.

On Friday evening the party began to break up as Mark White had to go to work on Saturday (we have heard it called that before, but we hope she's nice!) and George went forth to capture other pastures in the north.

There was another peal at Rotherfield on Saturday morning—Double Norwich for a pleasant change, by request of the conductor. In the afternoon Bristol was attempted at Burwash and, unhappily, lost two courses from the end. This was a great disappointment as the bells are a lovely light ring, restored last year by Messrs. Taylor; the acoustics in the tower are perfect, the circle good, and the ringing some of the best of the week. The rest of the rather depleted party proceeded meanwhile to Rolvenden, Kent, where, assisted by Pat Murphy and Arthur Richards, they rang a peal of Yorkshire.

Bright and early on Sunday morning, some of the long-distance people commenced their journeys home and others attended at Rotherfield Church for the morning ringing. On Rotherfield station, whither he had escorted them, Bill Rogers explained the single-line system of railway working to some of the party waiting for the London train. It seems that it was in connection with this particular line that all legendary stories about cows on the line and the driver picking daisies and mushrooms growing between the station platforms and all that sort of thing originated.

Thus another happy week, long anticipated, but all too quickly passed, has come and gone. High praise is due for the excellent local arrangements made by Mr. Rogers: not a detail was missed, not a point forgotten. The ready permission and cordial welcome everywhere received, were also much appreciated. Here's to the next time!

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual cup contest was held at Wentworth on September 2nd in glorious weather. The six teams competing were Sheffield Cathedral, Bolsover, Whittington, Whiston, Rotherham Parish and Handsworth. The test piece was 360 Bob Minor. Whittington, who rang Kent, and Handsworth, who rang Cambridge, were disqualified.

Sixty sat down to tea in the Rockingham Arms, and at the business meeting which followed the chair was taken by the President, Mr. H. O. Chaddock. The two judges, Mr. J. Thorley and Mr. H. Chant, gave their verdict to Sheffield Cathedral, who were declared the winners. The cup was presented to Mr. S. F. Palmer by Mrs. Chaddock, wife of the President.

60 Years After



MR. I. EMERY.

'Erith.—The Kent County Association.—On Saturday, August 30th, 1890, in 2 hours 52 minutes, a peal of Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes (Holt's Original): Henry Cornish* treble, Isaac Emery* 2, Edward E. Richards 3, Thomas Harford* 4, Walter Smith 5, George Conyard 6, Edwin Barnett, sen., 7, Charles Barber* tenor. Conducted by Edwin Barnett. *First peal.'

The passage of 60 years has left one survivor of this peal, Mr. Isaac Emery, for many years leader of the band at SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, which was destroyed during the war. Now 79 years old, Mr. Emery was able to ring the same bell to a commemorative peal on the 60th anniversary of his first, and, curiously enough, both peals occupied 2 hours and 52 minutes. The band was made up mostly of ringers with whom Mr. Emery has been associated over the years, Messrs. Bennett, Barnett and Hewett among them having rung their own first peals over 61, 51 and 44 years ago respectively. The peal was rung on August 30th.

In the intervening years Mr. Emery has taken part in 362 peals, 306 having been for the Kent County Association. They have included 50 of Double Norwich, 64 of Grandsire, 61 of Sudman Triples, 42 of Cambridge and 35 of Superlative. He is very fit, and still cycles on occasions, but whereas in 1890 he and Messrs. Cornish and Harford walked the seven or eight miles from their home village of St. Mary Cray for the peal, and home again afterwards, Mr. Emery did not repeat this performance!

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

It was hoped that the two trebles on order for Berrington would have been available for the meeting on September 9th, but the village and ringers must perforce wait a little longer.

Good ringing and good practice in Standard Methods and Cambridge Minor were enjoyed by the company of 30, and the very warm welcome of the Rector and ringers was much appreciated, as well as the tea prepared by the ladies of the local company.

After some discussion it was decided to alter the date of the November meeting, due on the 11th, to the 18th, and the secretary was asked to obtain an eight-bell tower if possible.

A collection was taken for the tower fund of the neighbouring village of Condover, where ringing has been suspended temporarily.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society

MEETING AT HOAR CROSS

Situated in a delightful corner of Staffordshire, the pretty village of Hoar Cross, with its magnificent church, was the venue for the meeting of the Society on August 26th. Few villages in England can lay claim to a finer parish church than the one at Hoar Cross. This lovely church of the Holy Angels is a veritable cathedral in miniature. The tower and the bells are in keeping with the rest of the church, the former being a landmark in the well-wooded countryside, and the latter a majestic ring of six with a tenor of 28 cwt. Considering the remote situation of Hoar Cross, the attendance of 36 at the meeting was very satisfactory. The service was conducted by the Vicar and a very nice tea followed.

After tea some of the ringers went on to Christ Church in Needwood, where the ring of five bells was available. The church there is situated on high ground opposite Hoar Cross, from which it is separated by a narrow valley. Standing outside Needwood church, the melodious sound of Hoar Cross bells coming across the valley was particularly fine.

Altogether this was a most enjoyable meeting and those who made long journeys to reach Hoar Cross were amply rewarded.

The next meeting of the Society is at Coseley on October 21st.

ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY GUILD

The Adelaide University Guild, formed a short time ago, is probably the only university change-ringing guild outside the British Isles. At present, there are 14 members, six of whom are capable tower bellringers. On August 16th they rang a quarter peal of Doubles to mark the royal birth. The band was: J. F. Eggleton (cond.) 1—2, P. L. Cooper 3—4, Miss C. Lamphree 5—6.

At present the main aim is to learn Bob Minor 'in hand.' The ringers are using the Central Council's 'Change Ringing on Handbells' as a guide, and find it extremely useful. At the same time, some of the members are being taught tower ringing. This should eventually be a great help to ringing in Adelaide. It is the members' hope to be in control of the ring of eight in the Town Hall. These bells are by Warners, with a tenor of 13 cwt. They have not been rung for 50 years, and the problem of persuading the City Council to spend money on reconditioning the bells is a difficult one.

The officers of the Guild are: President, Marc Clift; Master, Philip Cooper; Secretary, Miss Catherine Lamphree; Treasurer, Ronald Nogare.

It is possible the Adelaide ringers will possess shortly a set of eight handbells. If their efforts to procure this fail, however, no doubt a second-hand set can be obtained from England. Such is their hope, at any rate.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL SWINDON BRANCH

A meeting was held at Wanborough on September 9th, and nearly 50 ringers attended to try the new ring of six bells recently restored and augmented by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. Wanborough is one of the few churches with west tower and central spire, and now possesses a good six with a tenor of 18½ cwt.

At the business meeting the Master of the Association (Mr. W. B. Kynaston) presented the Vicar with a cheque for £15 from the Belfry Repair Fund, and the Vicar was congratulated on his enterprise in restoring and augmenting the bells.

It was proposed that meetings be held at Stratton St. Margaret, Brinkworth had Swindon during the next three months. Several local ringers were elected members of the Association and an attempt will be made to create a change-ringing band. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to London Minor.

W. B. K.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PUZZLED

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the 'peal columns' in last week's issue, but find myself somewhat puzzled by the manner in which several of the peals rung during what was obviously a very successful tour of the Midland Counties Guild are set out.

I notice, for instance, that four of the tower bell peals are described as 'non-conducted,' while the peal of Yorkshire at Kegworth is called 'silent.' May I ask where the difference lay? Were the other four intended to be silent, but some instruction was found to be necessary? Surely, if so, whoever gave the necessary instruction should be mentioned as the conductor. Furthermore, I have always understood that one should have an umpire in the tower if it is desired to ring a strictly silent peal.

Secondly, I do not approve of the curt manner in which many of the compositions are described. While a case may be argued for putting 'Middleton's' at the head of a peal of Cambridge Major, surely 'Washbrook's' Stedman Triples should be styled Washbrook's variation, while I have a strong suspicion that Parker, Hattersley and Pritchard composed other peals in the various methods concerned than the well-known ones actually rung during this tour. And whereas 'Parker's,' 'Hattersley's,' etc., do convey some meaning to me, I must plead ignorance of the significance of 'Trotman's' in connection with New Cambridge. To me, this method of indicating the composer savours of presumption; surely it is more dignified to say, 'composed by———, conducted by———.'

I hasten to add that I am not questioning the integrity of any of the composers or ringers concerned, but I do feel that there must be several, besides myself, who would like some explanation of these points.

It is also a little surprising to find a peal on the back eight of a ring of twelve bells described as being on 'the heaviest in the country.' Surely a ring of bells should be considered as a whole; if not, the heaviest six in the country are not the well-known bells at Queen Camel, but the back six at Exeter!—Yours faithfully,

F. E. HAYNES.

Smethwick.

UMPIRE NECESSARY?

Dear Sir,—On reading 'The Ringing World' of September 9th, I was surprised to find that there was a list of non-conducted peals, which, in my opinion as a young ringer, ought to have been umpired. This in itself shows that the ringers concerned little respected the usual formality of having an umpire present, and publishing his report with the peals, as did the Chester ringers.

What must be the views of the older and more experienced exponents of the Art!—Yours faithfully,

W. A. L.

73 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—In reply to 'A Groper' in your issue of July 21st, 72 or 73 Grandshire Triples are impossible without putting in 2, 3 or 4 odd changes either at the beginning or at the end.

73 Stedman Triples are possible, but not with the usual Stedman start. Beginning the changes with the first change of a quick six call, a single at the end of the 4th six, a bob at the end of the 7th six, and singles at the end of the 9th and 12th sixes, and the bells will come round at hand at the first change of the next six.—Yours truly,

C. CHAMBERS.

King's View, Durban.

'THE NATURE OF THE UNIVERSE'

Dear Sir,—Many of the statements in the 'Ringing World' of September 8th, under the heading of 'The Nature of the Universe,' are as foolish as they are startling, and your readers should be warned against believing that 'which changes the Truth of God into a lie' (Romans 1, 25).

Ringers, by the very work they do in support of the Church, make an open profession of being Christians; we are therefore under obligation to accept the Word of God as the 'rule' by which these things are 'measured.'

According to these new theories, the sun is getting hotter so that eventually the Earth will be melted. The Bible states that not only did God create the Heavens and the Earth, but that 'the Earth abideth forever' (Eccl. 1, 4), and the 'Earth which he hath established forever' (Psa. 78, 69). Evidently God doesn't intend to destroy, or permit to be destroyed, His own glorious Handiwork.

You also state that 'planets such as our Earth are a normal product of stars.' This is utter rubbish, and all right-thinking people will believe the Word of God, which states that 'God created the Heavens and the Earth,' and that He 'made the stars also,' (Genesis 1, 1 and 16), and that these 'lesser lights' were created by God to be a guide for man and to give him light upon the Earth during the hours of darkness.

The statement about a cricket team to match the Australians may well be treated with the contempt it deserves.

During the days of the Early Church, Greek philosophy, astronomy and fables were so rife that St. Paul many times had occasion to warn the Christians to 'refuse profane and old wives' fables, but exercise thyself rather unto godliness (I. Timothy 4, 7), and that 'the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God' (I. Corinthians, 1). Such a warning needs to be given to-day to 'all who profess and call themselves Christians,' and space in the 'Ringing World' used to this end would be more profitably used than being given to articles like the one under discussion.

—Yours faithfully,

R. S. HUNT.

New Lodge, Mapledurham, Oxon.

AN INTERESTING SIGNBOARD

Dear Sir,—Adjoining Kendal Parish Church in Westmorland is the 'Ring of Bells' Inn. While it is common for a public-house to be near a church and to be called the 'Ring of Bells,' I have not seen a painted board on the wall of any other public-house showing a team of ringers at work, as is the case with the 'Ring of Bells' at Kendal.

The painted board contains no words and shows ten ringers (for I believe there are ten bells at Kendal), but the ringers are standing in three groups, and each group appears to be ringing its own method. The ringing chamber is about average height, and immediately above the roof are shown three bells. I thought it an interesting though somewhat inaccurate picture to motorists and passers-by, for the inn is on the A6 main road to Scotland and the Lake District.

It would be interesting to know if there are any similar paintings elsewhere in Britain, and if these give a reasonable idea to non-ringers of ringers at work.—Yours sincerely,

PAUL BIRKETT.

Queensbury, Yorks.

SYSTON, LEICS. — On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandshire Doubles: Jean M. Kirkman (first quarter) 1, B. S. Payne 2, Mary C. Payne (first quarter 'inside') 3, H. Humphreys 4, E. F. Payne (cond.) 5, D. Sver 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

No Defence to Ringing Needed if Three Conditions Prevail

Dear Sir,—To my mind, no 'defence' of ringing is called for provided that these three conditions are satisfied: (1) that the bells themselves are reasonably musical and pleasant to listen to; (2) that the volume of sound in the immediate neighbourhood of the church is appropriately controlled, and (3) that the standard of striking is high. In these days, the first condition is almost always satisfied by the bellfounders, the second usually, although not quite so reliably; the fulfilment of the third condition depends upon ourselves, particularly upon the conductor. And it is here, of course, that some defence or 'apologia' is called for only too frequently! For that matter, other English pastimes, at the moment, call even more obviously for 'defence,' e.g., county cricket!.

For myself, throughout my ringing career I have been fortunate in coming into contact with ringers of high ability, both as ringers and as conductors. From my '6-bell' days, the names of Albert Austin of Stapleford and of Robert Howard of Barley come readily to mind. At the university I was guided in the right path by Chris Woolley, the late Stephen Wood (especially on handbells), and Wilfrid Hooton. On the annual tours of the Cambridge University Guild, I have been privileged to ring with such men as the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the Rev. H. L. James and others almost equally famous. Since 1929, part of my ringing has been done with the St. Martin's Guild, in and around Birmingham, when, in common with several of my contemporaries, I have profited from the help, advice and inspiration of Messrs Albert Walker, Paddon Smith, George Swann, Harry Withers, etc.

Peal-ringing—number according to taste—increases the enjoyment derived from his hobby by the competent ringer to an almost incalculable extent. It leads to an improved standard of ringing, to interesting exploration of our country and the beauty of its churches and cathedrals, to an ever-growing circle of friends in the Exercise; in time it brings a store of memories, both of success and failure, which provides matter for interesting contemplation for oneself at all times, surprisingly often for others. Even a cursory perusal of my own modest achievements has caused me to take up for more of your space than originally intended. A more detailed study would lead to the writing of a book, something that would indeed call for a 'defence.'—Yours faithfully,

Smethwick.

FRANK E. HAYNES.

MR. BAKER'S REPLY TO MR. LINDLEY

Dear Sir,—It has been well known to me and other composers for over forty years that London Surprise does not extend beyond Major with coursing order lead-heads, therefore extensions can only be something as near as possible to the Minor and Major.

There is one plain method with the same lead-heads as London Surprise Minor and Major that extends perfectly to Infinity, i.e., Double Oxford and the pivot bells have backward coursing order, 5-7-9-e. The round blocks of Double Oxford, when compared, have a mathematical progression of 312-231 throughout from Minor to Maximus, and as No. 3 Version London Royal and Maximus have the correct pivot bells and have a similar mathematical progression to Double Oxford, I have a perfect right to say that it is a true extension as near as possible to London Surprise Minor and Major. To argue that 4th is the correct pivot bell for Royal and the 7th for Maximus, as York-Bramble does, is simply a travesty of the truth, and there are only 22 round blocks in his so-called London Royal and Maximus that have 312-231 progression.

GEORGE BAKER.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM SHORT

AN APPRECIATION

As recorded in last week's 'Ringing World,' another of the old stalwarts, Mr. William Short, of Clent, Worcester, has passed on at the ripe age of 82 years.

William Short was outstanding as a ringer and conductor on tower and handbells for very many years, he having rung his first peal (Grandsire Triples) at Hagley in November, 1888, and his first peal as conductor, also at Hagley, only two months later. Since that time, William Short had spent 60 years in encouraging and helping others in the art of change ringing.

With the late John and William H. Barber, also of Clent, he came to Birmingham, and on the death of Henry Bastable, the then conductor at St. Martin's, he succeeded him as the Deputy Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild from 1899 to 1906. He conducted the then record peal, 11,111 Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's on December 26th, 1901, and also took part in the then record peal of London Surprise Major, 14,112 changes at King's Norton on May 11th, 1903. He also took part in several other record lengths, notably 10,176 Double Oxford Major at Brierley Hill, December, 1909, and 9,728 Superlative Surprise Major at Clent, December, 1910.

Mr. Short, during a ringing tour in Ireland in 1901, conducted the first true peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, and also took part in the first peal of Surprise rung out of England.

He also conducted the first peal ever rung on the sea, a peal of Stedman Caters on handbells while crossing from Dublin to Holyhead on May 29th, 1901, and a photo of the handbell peal band hangs in St. Martin's ringing chamber, Birmingham.

Mr. Short was also instructor to the Hereford Diocesan Guild from 1902 to 1915, but it was the Worcestershire Association with which he was closely associated for over 60 years, and for his many services he was made the first Freeman and a Lay Vice-President. He served as Master from 1934 to 1938, also as their representative on the Central Council for nine years and was a member of the Central Committee of the Worcestershire Association for 25 years.

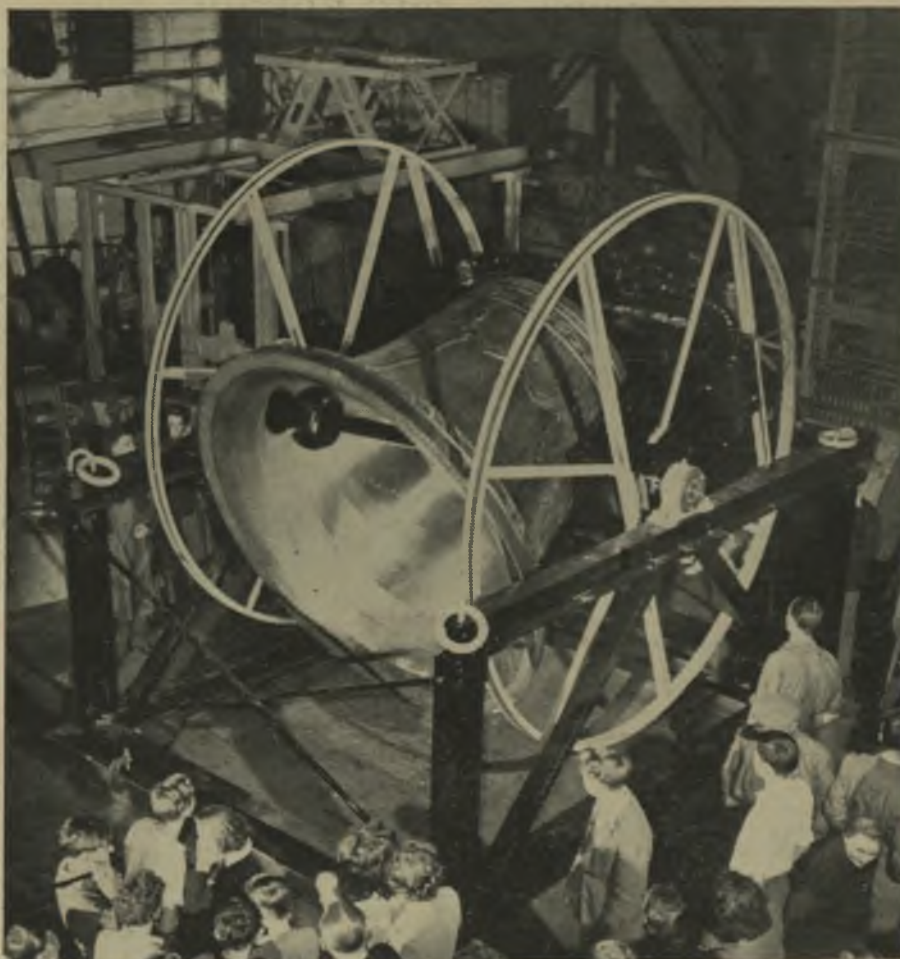
Much more could be written about this grand and talented ringer and, for those who are interested, his photo and his ringing career were published in 'The Ringing World' on January 6th, 1939, under the heading, 'Leading Conductors.' He had rung approximately 930 peals and conducted at least a third of them, and it was ill-health in his later years which prevented him reaching his 1,000th peal. A. W.

MR. H. R. NEWTON

A last tribute of respect to the memory of St. Paul's Cathedral Guild's oldest member, Mr. H. R. Newton, was paid on Tuesday, September 12th, when the bells of the Cathedral were rung half muffled, the 'whole pull and stand' denoting the age of the deceased. To ring these heavy bells in this manner is, indeed, a formidable task, but it was successfully accomplished (as it should have been) in memory of a fine ringer and a great friend.

Those who took part were: E. G. Fenn 1, W. H. Pasmore 2, T. H. Taffender 3, H. N. Pitstow 4, R. W. Green 5, H. Langdon 6, H. Belcher 7, J. F. Smallwood 8, J. Bullock 9, J. H. Waugh 10, J. Phillips 11, A. B. Peck and W. Langdon 12.

Afterwards three perfect courses of Stedman Cinques were rung, with H. Langdon conducting.



THE VOICE OF FREEDOM.—Spectators place their hands to their ears as the 10 ton Freedom bell is rung at Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's foundry. After touring America it is to be placed in Western Berlin. Photo by courtesy of Mr. George Perks, Cheam.

MR. J. NICHOLLS

We are sure the many ringing friends of Mr. Josiah Nicholls will learn with regret of his passing away on September 1st. He was 85 years old, and had been a ringer at All Saints' Church for 54 years, most of these as foreman of the tower. He retired from active ringing four years ago, when he found the stairs to the bell chamber too much for him to climb. He was then made hon. foreman for life. He had been vice-president of the Beds Association for 25 years. Mr. Joe Nicholls was always willing to help all learners and most of the local band were taught by him. He was not an ardent peal ringer and only rang 19 peals during his life.

The funeral took place on September 4th. The Beds Association were represented by the president, Miss Steel, and vice-president, Mr. D. Harris. Mr. F. Vickers represented St. Barnabas', Linslade, and members of the local tower also attended. In the evening a half-muffled quarter peal, 1,331 changes of Grandsire Caters, was rung in one hour by the following band: J. H. Conquest 1, F. J. Plummer 2, Miss V. Willard 3, F. Vickers 4, H. B. Whitney 5, R. Piron 6, V. W. Conquest 7, E. J. Conquest 8, J. E. Arnold (cond.) 9, W. Insley 10.

MR. JAMES WELLS

A familiar figure has been removed from local ringing by the death of Mr. James Wells, at the age of 89, which occurred at his home at Potterne, Wilts, on August 31st.

Mr. Wells was born in the village and succeeded his father, who had served for 44 years, as verger in 1906. He was a ringer for 60 years, and for many years was also in the choir. Two sons, a daughter, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren are left in bereavement.

There was a large congregation at the funeral on September 4th, and the Devizes Branch was represented. On the same day a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung half-muffled in memoriam by the following: A. T. Weeks 1, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 2, W. P. Mead 3, R. Smith 4, W. Mortimer 5, W. Burden 6.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of Plain Bob Royal rung at St. John's, Leicester, on February 11th, 1950.

The composition was 5,040 by Harry Poyner, which has been discovered to be false.

I trust you and the members of the band will accept my sincere apologies.—Yours faithfully,

TERENCE A. THORNER.
Leicester.

DEDICATIONS

PAIGNTON, DEVON.

On Sunday, September 3rd, before a large congregation at Evensong, the Archdeacon of Totnes the Ven. E. F. Hall, rededicated the ring of eight bells of the Church of St. John the Baptist, Paignton.

The bells have been tuned, fitted with modern clappering and rehung on ball bearings in the old frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who were also responsible for the installation of a modern tower clock fitted with an electric winding system. The firm were represented at the service by Mr. Don Bradford.

The 22 cwt. tenor in F was cast by Pennington of Exeter in 1641. Five further bells are dated between 1748 and 1871. This ring of six was increased to eight by the addition in 1902 of two trebles cast by Mears and Stainbank.

After the service the bells were rung to rounds and later to Grandsire. The ringers were very pleased with the result of the work carried out and with the great improvement in the tone and 'go' of the bells.

The Archdeacon took as his text the verse from Psalm 19, 'There is neither speech nor language; but their voices are heard among them,' stating that for centuries bells had called people to prayer and worship; and emphasising how great an honour and privilege it was for the present generation to restore bells in order that they might continue to ring out the Christian message to all parts of the land.

SOUTH WIGSTON.

On Sunday morning, September 11th, at a special service, the Vicar, the Rev. R. W. Woods, rededicated the bells of St. Thomas', South Wigston, after the work (carried out by the founders, Messrs. John Taylor and Sons) of placing on new ball bearings and general overhaul.

At the same service a peal tablet to the respected memory of Charles Marshall and J. Leslie Willars was dedicated.

For evening service, 1,264 Plain Bob Major was rung by: H. Bray 1, H. Kilby 2, J. J. Morris 3, F. E. Wilson 4, S. Cox 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, A. Patrick 7, W. A. Riddington (conductor) 8.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

MEETING AT TEIGNMOUTH

The Mid-Devon Branch held a by-meeting at St. Michael's, East Teignmouth, on September 9th. There was not a large attendance, but some very good ringing was indulged in during the afternoon, this consisting of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major. After tea at a nearby cafe, a move was made to Bishopsteignton, where Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung for about an hour.

RINGERS' EXHIBIT

In Pembrokeshire a Hobbies Exhibition was held at Haverfordwest, and the bell ringers of St. Mary's were asked to stage a show amongst exhibits of textile, models, art, crafts and collections to show how interest was sustained in bell ringing beyond its primary purpose.

The case was considered, and the stall displayed muffles, bell ropes, Central Council publications, 'Ringing World,' Method Sheets, and Mr. Frederick Sharpe called in on his way back from Ireland to deliver 50 of his mounted photographs.

In the evenings of the three days the ringers rang some tunes and changes and drew most of the assembly to their stall. Many questions were asked, particularly as to what the muffles were for, and one young lady gave a lecture on the runic characters used for the inscription on the Hugh and Sybilla Gargat bell.

Outings

BEXHILL-ON-SEA.

Owing to the occupations of several of our ringers, we were unable to arrange a full day's outing, but we were determined to get the most into a half day.

There were ringers from Eastbourne, Helmingly, Hastings, St. Leonards and Aldershot. Our first call was Lydd where we soon heard Stedman being tapped out. The more agile of us went on the top of the tower and enjoyed the wonderful vista. Handbells were rung in the coach but every time the tenors were parted we seemed to strike a tremendous bump in the road and that was the end of Bob Major.

The next tower was New Romney where we had already received a letter from the Vicar saying we had better ring the bells well or else—and I think our striking was fairly good. A much-needed tea came next, and then on to Warehorne where the Vicar was waiting. Most of the ringers rang here, but some were more interested in the organ which had to be blown by hand, and they queued up to be 'blowers.' Our last tower was Appledore. Double Norwich came to grief, but as all the belfry lights had fused we blamed the obvious, otherwise striking was good.

Our thanks are due to all vicars and captains of the towers for meeting us, and to the Rev. P. J. Boulsover and Mr. C. Verdon for making all the arrangements. B. R. C.

EAST RETFORD.

On August 19th a party of ringers from East Retford, Sutton-on-Trent, and Gamston left in two cars for an outing in Lincolnshire.

The first stop was at St. Giles', Lincoln (8), where the bells were raised in readiness. Here a nicely-struck quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung.

The next stop was Washingborough (8), where a quarter peal of Bob Major was successfully brought round. Here a kindly soul made us a jug of tea, with which we had our sandwiches on the village green.

A move was then made for Metheringham (8), where it was intended to ring from 1.30-2.45, but owing to a funeral at 2.30 we just had half an hour on these bells.

After this the back eight at Ewerby (10) were soon set going for a quarter of Oxford Bob Triples, but unluckily this was lost at almost half-way.

Tea was kindly arranged for the party at Sleaford by Mrs. Wray, which was followed by ringing at the Parish Church.

The last call was Caythorpe (8), where we accomplished a quarter of Oxford Bob Triples, this time without a hitch. We also had a few short touches with the local band, and then off for home, everyone agreeing it had been a really good day. K. B.

FRENCH PRESIDENT'S THANKS

An illuminated peal card was prepared and sent to the President of France recording the peal rung by the Kent County Association at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Borden, Kent, on Saturday, March 11th, 1950, in honour of the visit to London of the President and Madame Auriol.

The following is a reply received from le Secrétaire Général of the President:—

Monsieur, — Monsieur le Président de la République me charge de vous remercier très vivement de l'envoi que vous avez fait du programme musical qui a été exécuté le Samedi 11 Mars 1950, en l'honneur de sa visite à l'Eglise St. Pierre et Paul.

Il m'a prié de vous dire combien il avait été sensible à cette attention qui est un précieux témoignage de l'amitié qui unit nos deux pays.

Veillez agréer, Monsieur, l'expression de mes sentiments distingués.

(Signed) JEAN FORGEOT.

Electronic Bells

The following appeared in the 'Horological Journal,' August, 1950, and is forwarded to us by J. L., of Derby, 'without comment':—

When the ancients of the village, accompanied as a rule by one or two younger addicts, gather in the clock tower to ring a Triple Bob Major, age and enthusiasm or perhaps a failing of memory introduce a number of timing errors and the swinging bells have a Doppler effect on the notes. These variations are part of the appeal of bell ringing to the hearer.

The Synchronome Co., however, have introduced what they call the Carillone electrical bell chiming generator which does away with not only the bell ringers but the bells themselves, yet reproduces the human and musical failings of each.

The Carillone system, which was mentioned in the B.I.F. report in 'Horological Journal,' May issue, introduces all the pure tones and harmonies, such as the hum note, nominal, quint and tierce, by electronic methods. The timbre of the bell notes can be adjusted and the minor interval formed by certain harmonics in a conventional church bell can be incorporated at will.

Mechanical exactitude is avoided in the electrical automatic change ringer which will produce changes without repetition for about 35 minutes. If the apparatus is shut off before this period, it will automatically change to 'rounds' before finally stopping.

One unit generates all the necessary frequencies for 12 bells and can be added to a Synchronome turret clock for striking and chiming as well as for operation by a keyboard, change-over being effected by a switch.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

MEETING AT ABBOTSBURY.

The quarterly meeting of the Dorchester branch was held at Abbotsbury on August 12th.

The six bells of the Church of St. Nicholas were raised soon after 3 o'clock, and were rung until 4, when the Guild service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Phillips), who gave a most interesting address to a congregation of just over 30 ringers and friends.

The Vicar traced the history of the bells from Saxon times, through the various stages of their development and use, from the ringing of the curfew bell to the change-ringing of the present day, and from the single bell to the great rings of 10 and 12 which are heard to-day. The lesson was read by Canon A. W. Markby, branch chairman.

Tea was served at the Ilchester Arms Hotel, and was followed by a short business meeting, presided over by the chairman, who thanked the Vicar for allowing the branch to visit Abbotsbury church for the meeting, and also for his address.

Mr. Phillips said, in reply, that the guild were always welcome, although it was only right that all towers should be visited in turn and therefore quite a long period must elapse between visits, the last meeting in Abbotsbury being in 1948.

Following the meeting, ringing was continued until 8.45 p.m. under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. F. Precey, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

The London area was represented by a young holiday-maker, who cycled from Bridport to Abbotsbury and back, just for a few minutes' ringing.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—

At the Church of St. Nicholas, on Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Dorothy Cockshead (first quarter) 1, Janet E. Dicks (first 'inside' of Minor) 2, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 3, Mary O. Drake (first 'inside' of Minor) 4, M. Angela Carter 5, D. O. Wilks 6. For the birth of the Royal Princess.

BACKFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 1st, 1,250 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Martin (first quarter) 1, S. Holmes 2, B. Harris 3, J. W. Griffiths 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, S. S. Wood 6. A birthday compliment to Miss D. Jones and S. S. Wood.

BUCKINGHAM.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church on Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. M. Cowley (first quarter) 1, G. W. Holland 2, C. Gough 3, F. Townsend 4, F. Vickers (cond.) 5, E. Nichols 6, G. E. Green 7, W. Jones 8. A compliment to the ringer of the 6th on his 25th wedding anniversary.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Palmer 1, T. Palmer 2, J. Money 3, F. Smewin 4, B. Baldwin 5, A. Fletcher (cond.) 6, G. Garlick 7, with 5.7 covering. Half-muffled as a token of respect to the ringer of 6 in the loss of a brother and the anniversary of the death of his mother.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Francis 1, J. Marsh 2, G. Newman 3, E. Drew (cond.) 4, G. Goodson 5, C. Jones 6, F. Hinton 7, F. Bennett 8. For the wedding of Miss Louise Lovatt, daughter of Mr. R. S. Lovatt, churchwarden.

DULVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Commins 1, D. North 2, Miss Jean Tattersall (first of Triples) 3, C. J. Stevens 4, W. Slocumb 5, G. Sparkes 6, C. Tarr (cond.) 7, A. Gale 8.

EDINBURGH.—On Aug. 27th, at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean E. Curtis 1, Miss E. MacLean 2, Miss K. Branson 3, R. G. Blackman 4, F. J. Bolton 5, P. R. Blackman 6, C. R. Raine (cond.) 7, W. H. Pickett 8.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. E. Maulden 1, A. H. Watson (first quarter) 2, W. Wightman 3, G. A. Wightman 4, L. G. Brett 5, F. L. Fisher 6, W. Ruffles 7, L. C. Wightman (cond.) 8.

GRINTON, YORKS.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Catharine M. Trist 1, M. Elizabeth Roe 2, M. Jillian Brierley 3, K. M. Grayson 4, N. G. McCrum 5, M. E. H. Barrow (cond.) 6. Rung on the wedding day of Peter W. B. Semmens and Barbara Knee.

HEADCORN, KENT.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,344 Double Norwich: Edna M. Sills 1, W. R. Manser (first of Double Norwich) 2, J. L. Morris 3, P. C. Wright 4, F. P. Wright 5, R. L. Sills 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, F. C. W. Knight 8.

KILDWICK, YORKS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Roberts 1, F. Poppewell 2, D. Sharples 3, W. Dransfield 4, J. Pearson 5, A. Hinchcliffe 6, A. Bond (cond.) 7, G. Gee 8.

LONDON.—On Sept. 3rd, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. F. Neal (first away from tenor) 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss J. H. Friswell 3, G. A. Parsons 4, D. Neal (cond.) 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Carol Jones (first quarter) 1, J. A. White (first 'inside') 2, Queenie Cooper 3, Ruth Avery 4, W. A. Avery (cond.) 5, R. F. Jones 6. All except the conductor are members of the local Youth Club.

MEYSEY HAMPTON, GLOS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. M. Morse (first as cond.) 1, Miss D. Boulton 2, F. Evans 3, Miss J. Morse 4, W. A. Godwin 5, G. Burge (first quarter) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

Kent Treble Bob Minor: S. Howard 1, H. Allen 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, E. T. Beauchamp (cond.) 4, T. G. Miller 5, P. T. Hutchings 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

MOUNTSORREL, Lincs.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cunningham 1, T. Johnson 2, G. Lowe 3, G. Harrold 4, R. Wilmore (cond.) 5, H. Heath 6. First quarter for 1, 4 and 6.

POOLSTOCK, LANCs.—At St. James' on Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Burns 1, F. Brown 2, F. Forshaw 3, J. Errington 4, C. Brown 5, G. Forshaw (cond.) 6, W. Farri-mond 7, F. Parker 8. Rung for the royal birth.

PRESTBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Worth 1, J. A. Milner 2, S. Sage 3, W. Shaw 4, N. D. Lomas 5, E. A. Jackson 6, L. G. Watkins 7, D. Mottershead (cond.) 8. First quarter on eight by 3, 5 and 8. Rung in honour of the 20th wedding anniversary of the 4th ringer and as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. B. P. Walker 1, W. Plumridge (first in method) 2, F. J. Cheal 3, W. H. Plumridge 4, B. Edwards 5, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 6, W. J. Walker 7, C. D. Chantler 8. Arranged for W. H. Plumridge, father of the 2nd ringer, who is on a visit to this district.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Old Doubles and April Day, 360 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire): K. Perkins 1, W. R. Paul 2, Miss M. E. Roe (first in four methods) 3, I. Dickinson (first 'inside') 4, E. G. Bennett (cond.) 5. In honour of Princess Margaret's birthday.

STROUD, GLOS.—On Aug. 27th at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Doris Shepperd 1, Basil Latham 2, Thomas Price 3, Robert Cottle 4, Percy Riddiford 5, Thomas Witts (cond.) 6, William Dean 7, Rupert Sharpe 8. First quarter for 4 and 5. A birthday compliment to ringer of 3rd.

TURRAMURRA, AUSTRALIA.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Doubles in ten methods, being nine scores of Antelope and six scores each of Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day, Old Doubles, Norfolk, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford, South-repps and St. Colum: C. Parr 1, J. Rainsford (first quarter) 2, J. Clark (cond.) 3, K. Stacey 4, W. Smith 5, R. Ferris 6. First quarter in 10 methods on the bells and for all the band except the ringer of the 4th.

TYRINGHAM, BUCKS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Orchard 1, Edith Sharp 2, A. Armstrong 3, R. Croot 4, C. Sharp (cond.) 5. A compliment to the Rector and Mrs. Woods on the birth of a daughter.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—On Aug. 27th at the Church of St. Matthew, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. C. Seeger 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss J. H. Friswell 3, Miss I. Cording 4, D. Neal 5, R. K. C. Wilkings (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for all the band. First quarter as conductor.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Aug. 13th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. W. Slack 1, Mrs. T. Kimber (first in method) 2, T. Kimber 3, D. Langdon 4, P. J. Coward 5, John Goodall 6, R. F. B. Speed (cond.) 7, A. J. House 8.

WASHINGTONBOROUGH, Lincs.—On Aug. 19th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. Bartram 1, O. Street 2, Miss G. Burchall 3, Miss K. Burchall 4, H. Willows 5, K. Beardsall 6, W. Norton 7, H. Denman (cond.) 8.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 20th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (being 720 each of London and Cambridge): F. J. Charman 1, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 2, R. Wood, jun., 3, H. Weaver (first quarter of Surprise Minor) 4, C. C. Mayne 5, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 6.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—

At Christ Church, Collier's Wood, on Aug. 30th, 1,440

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MISCELLANEOUS

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—On account of the illness of the secretary, Mr. W. Ambler, the September district meeting will not take place, but will be covered by the general meeting due to be held on October 28th. Full details of this meeting will appear later.—L. W. G. Morris, General Secretary. 7632

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MEETINGS

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

—Quarterly meeting and contest, Ripponden, Sept. 23rd.—A. Farrand, Sec. 7532

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting Downham (6), Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Good bus service from Billericay and Wickford. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 7556

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. Division.—Practice meeting at Wivenhoe on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells from 2.30 to 8. Anything from rounds upwards. Tea 5 p.m. at the Station Hotel.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7566

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 23rd, at Bletchingley (8). Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5. 7586

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Wool, Sept. 23rd. Usual arrangements.—Hayne, Abbotsbury, Weymouth. 7581

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—St. Neots, Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Own tea arrangements.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 7580

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sowton, Sept. 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 7568

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at St. Albans, Sept. 23rd. Ringing at St. Peter's (10), 2.30 to 5 p.m.; St. Michael's (6) 3 to 4.30 p.m. Tea (5 p.m. sharp) in St. Peter's Institute, Hatfield Road. Cathedral bells (12) available 6.30 to 8 p.m.—D. E. Lidbetter, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7571

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Snaith, Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Henderson's Cafe, moderate charge. Names for tea to Mr. R. Coldwell, 55, George Street, Snaith.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7617

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Quarterly Meeting Shaugh, Sept. 30th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by 25th to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 7531

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A special general meeting will be held at Preston on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Meeting at 3.30 in the Schools. Business: alteration of rules.—W. H. Shuker and F. Dunkerley. 7536

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Howden (8) on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock for those who notify by Sept. 29th Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, near Goole.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 7614

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, Warrington, Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Sept. 26th to G. S. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Park Road, Peterborough. 7587

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Wenham (6), Saturday, Sept. 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Blythburgh bells also available from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 27th to Mr. R. S. Payne, 63, Pier Avenue, Southwold. 7592

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Burnham, Sept. 30th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bus from Maidenhead or Slough. Names for tea, please, by Sept. 27th to Mrs. C. J. Matthews, 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 7600

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Stoke Lacy on Saturday, Sept. 30th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those who let me know by Wednesday, 27th.—A. S. Tomkins, Harp Cottage, Bredenbury, Hereford. 7624

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The annual festival will be held at Newcastle on Saturday, Sept. 30th. The committee will meet in the Cathedral Library at 3 p.m., the festival service will be held in the Cathedral at 4.45 p.m., and will be followed by high tea, and the annual meeting in the Cathedral Library at 5.30 p.m. The cost of the tea will be 4s. 6d. per head. The bells of Newcastle Cathedral (12) and St. Mary's, Gateshead (8), will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., and after the business meeting until 8 p.m. The bells of St. John's, Newcastle (8), will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. only. Will members who require tea please inform Mr. W. E. Robinson, 48, Whitefield Terrace, Newcastle 6, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 27th. Should any member be desirous of ringing during Saturday morning arrangements will be made by Mr. W. E. Robinson, if they notify him of their requirements.—John A. Brown, Hon. Sec. 7615

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual district meeting, Ashford, Sept. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 7595

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Louth (8), Sept. 30th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Sept. 26th to B. Howden, 3, Spaw Lane, Louth. 7584

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, St. Luke's, Derby, Saturday, Sept. 30th, 3.30. Note altered date. Own tea arrangements.—J. F. Wilkinson. 7627

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Boughton, Sept. 30th. Names for tea essential by Sept. 26th to Mr. Eric Nobles, 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 7598

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Northenden, Sept. 30th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea advise by Sept. 26th Mr. F. Brickill, 25, Wythenshawe Road, Northenden, Manchester.—C. K. Lewis. 7633

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Woodlesford (6) on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea for drinking supplied. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12. 7631

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, Sept. 30th, at Marsham (8). Service 4.30. Tea 5 at Rectory for all who let me know by Tuesday, Sept. 26th.—H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 7613

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Abbots Langley (6), Sept. 30th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 7605

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Next meeting at Much Wenlock on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notifications for tea to H. G. Thomas, Hildon, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 7606

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Ely St. Mary's (8), Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting to elect a new secretary.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 7608

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next business meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Sept. 30th, at 3 p.m. Preliminary notice, annual dinner, Nov. 11th, at Pimms, Bishopsgate. Details later.—A. B. Pack, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 7626

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Henbury (8), Sept. 30th, 3 p.m. Teas for those notifying by Sept. 25th, at 5.15. Service 4.30 p.m.—N. Denson, No. 1, Quadrant East, Fishponds, Bristol 5. 7603

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Runcorn, Sept. 30th. Advise E. Hughes, 18, Cynthia Road, Runcorn, if requiring tea, by the 26th.—John Ashcroft, Hon. Sec. 7634

BURES, SUFFOLK.—Ringers' Sunday, Oct. 1st. Bells 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Cafe, trains and buses available. For communal teas notify Leslie Mills. 7467

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held in the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 7th, 1950, at 5.45 p.m. Chairman, the Very Rev. the Dean of Worcester. All Saints' (10) and St. John's (8) bells available from 3.30 to 5.15 p.m. Tickets (7s. each) obtainable until Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, from Messrs. C. Skidmore, T. W. Lewis, Branch Secs., or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgemoor, Evesham. 7593

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.—Dedication.—The two new trebles at St. Mary's Church will be dedicated by the Ven. Donald B. Harris, Archdeacon of Bedford, on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Service 3.30 p.m. Ringing after service. Tea for those who notify not later than Tuesday, Oct. 3rd. Buses from Luton and Bedford, Eastern National service No. 20.—M. J. Lockey, George Street, Maulden. 7618

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, King's Somborne (6), Saturday, Oct. 7th. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, to L. A. Tremere, 34, The Dean, Alresford. 7623

THREE COUNTIES MEETING.—Hertfordshire Association (Western District), Oxford Diocesan Guild North Bucks Branch), Bedfordshire Association (Luton District).—Joint meeting, Leighton Buzzard, Oct. 7th. Bells: All Saints' (10), St. Barnabas' (8), available from 2.15; Totternhoe (6) open 2.30 to 4.30. Tea, Leighton, 5. 7619

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting, South Petherton, Oct. 7th. Usual arrangements. Early notification for tea essential.—F. Farrant, Martock. 7620

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly, Ripley, Oct. 7th, 2.30. Committee 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.30. Numbers for tea by Oct. 4th, otherwise tea not guaranteed, to F. Shaw, 38, Inglefield Road, Ilkeston. 7625

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Willoughby, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Names for tea to me not later than Saturday Sept. 30th.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 7621

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Oct. 7th, 955th dedication festival at the Deanery Church of St. Mary, Bocking. Ringing 2.30 to 9. Service 4.30. Advise for tea H. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 7635

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Erdington, Oct. 7th. Bells at Parish Church (8) at 3 p.m. Bells at R.C. Abbey (8) at 7.30 p.m. Notify for tea G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. 'Phone SPR 1025. 7616

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chinnor, Oxon, on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. Bledlow bells after tea. Names for tea by Oct. 3rd to H. Badger, 38, North Street, Thame, Oxon. 7628

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual Newbury (10), Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. E. Curtis, 67, King's Road, Newbury, by Oct. 4th. 7609

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual general meeting at Tonbridge (8), Oct. 7th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Parish Church Room. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, by Oct. 5th ('phone Tonbridge 2910). 7611

SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District).—Joint meeting at Chislehurst, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Annunciation 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 3d.) 5 p.m. St. Nicholas' in evening. Names for tea, not later than Oct. 4th, to Mr. F. C. W. Knight, 19, Austin Road, Orpington, Kent.—A. G. Hill, R. Lathbury, Dis. Secs. 7610

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting, Kelsale (8), Oct. 7th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by 4th.—P. S. Bedford, Crossways, Aldeburgh. 7607

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Metheringham, Oct. 7th. Bells (8) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., but only for those who notify Mr. J. Freeman, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln, by Wednesday previous.—F. Lord, Hon. Branch Sec. 7602

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice. Quarterly meeting, Monk's Kirby, Rugby, Oct. 14th, instead of 21st. Details later.—D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton 7629

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Moreton Pinkney (5), Oct. 14th, at 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Oct. 10th.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 7622

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—First post-war annual dinner will be held in the Lion Hotel, Guildford, Saturday, Oct. 21st, commencing 7 p.m. Tickets 8s. 6d. each from G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. Ringing arrangements, etc., will be notified later.—Dinner Committee. 7630

QUARTER PEALS

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Pugsley, of Minehead, the Ringing Master of the Dunster Deanery, who attained the age of 78 on that day: A. Gale 1, W. G. Hartnell 2, C. Bellew 3, F. Caseley 4, G. Alderman 5, G. Sparkes 6, C. Tarr (cond.) 7, W. Baker 8.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. White 1, L. Beale 2, A. A. Linings 3, B. Pike 4, B. G. Burton 5, S. F. Carter (cond.) 6. First quarter for 2, 3 and 4.

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A TREASURE RETURNS TO MANCROFT

BY GILBERT THURLOW.

THE recovery of treasures known to have been tantalisingly lost is always an exciting experience, whether it be the raising of gold from a Spanish galleon, or the tracing of valuable documents or the lifting of Roman valuables from Norfolk fields. Mancroft has had such an experience lately. Here is the story.

Old pewter is always interesting and attractive. With a tradition behind them dating to Roman times, the pewterers of England were for centuries a highly honoured and proud class of men. The Pewterers' Guild was constituted in 1348, and its story is one of very human interest. Its rules, modified through the centuries, for protecting its members and keeping the standard of work high, have resulted in the production in England of some very fine pewter plate, mainly 17th century, and some 18th century.

A large number of fine old pewter plates and flagons are to be found in parish churches, for, after the Reformation, when so much valuable gold and silver was stolen from the Church, pewter was allowed for Communion plate by an ordinance of 1603. In later years most churches have acquired silver again, and pewter is rarely used, though many churches still possess pieces.

It might be thought that collectors of pewter might prove a menace to church plate by casting envious eyes on it, but nothing could be further from the truth. Collectors sometimes manage to bring to the notice of church authorities the value of their neglected pewter, and occasionally the generosity of some collector results in the return of some lost piece to the church.

A few months ago Mr. C. A. Peal, of Norwich, a member of the Society of Pewter Collectors, was offered a large lidded flagon with an interesting inscription by a Norwich antique dealer. It was dated 1764, but as Mr. Peal's chief interest is 17th century pewter, he got in touch with a friend, Mr. Roland J. A. Shelley, of Southport, who he knew was interested in church pewter of this kind, and Mr. Shelley bought the flagon

Although many pewter flagons may have been domestic in origin, owing to the softness of the metal, probably most domestic flagons may have been destroyed, so any flagon in an antique shop is likely to have an interesting history, as having been the property of a church, or of some kind of society. This flagon is inscribed: 'Campanæ Sonant Canore. Edw'd Crane, Headman; Saml Sewell & John Keepus, Supervisors. Love as brethren,' together with a bell as part of the ornamentation.

Mr. Peal wrote to me about this, and I felt sure it must belong to the Society of Norwich Scholars, the famous Society who rang Mancroft bells and who claimed to have been founded in 1603. This Society, after a very interesting and honourable history (see 'Church Bells and Ringers of Norwich,' A. G. G. Thurlow, 2nd edition, no increase in price), disbanded itself over 50 years ago, and the corporate property was distributed amongst individual members. Much of it has been lost, but this leads to the occasional excitement of tracing and recovering a piece. Walter Rye, the famous Norwich antiquary, discovered the parchment roll containing the Society's rules, at Exeter, and it is now back at Mancroft. The 'Purse Book' and the 'Book of Accompts,' dated 1737, are in Mancroft ringing chamber, and some of the tokens are in the vestry.

How delightful it would be if the newly-discovered flagon might return to Mancroft! I ventured, during a long and interesting correspondence, to put this possibility before Mr. Shelley. Would he see fit to allow Mancroft to have it? After all, the acquisition of such a piece is a great joy to a keen collector, and as Mancroft had lost it once before, what proof had he that it would find there the loving appreciation which he was giving it? However, he came to feel that Mancroft now values its treasures keenly and intelligently, and, making an act of very great kindness and self-sacrifice, he has presented this treasure to the church, earning the gratitude of all who love Mancroft.

Mr. Peal has most kindly and expertly cleaned and repaired it. Although its home is settled, its origin remains a mystery. Mr. Peal cannot trace the maker, for the maker's mark, in the base, is hitherto unrecorded, and the 'hall marks,' other than an 'M,' are not legible. It may, Mr. Peal thinks, have been made in Norwich, perhaps by a descendant of the pewterer Melchior, who worked in St. John's Alley. Who knows?

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5015 CHANGES;

Tenor 48 cwt.

DAVID E. PARSONS Treble	JACK WAUGH 7
JOHN E. CHILCOTT 2	ALFRED B. PECK 8
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT 3	PHILIP A. F. CHALK 9
HERBERT LANGDON 4	RICHARD F. DEAL 10
JOHN PHILLIPS 5	ANTHONY W. J. APPLETON 11
JOHN W. STEPHENSON 6	THOMAS J. SETTER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

In memoriam Henry R. Newton and W. H. Seabrook, who had both been connected with the ringing at St. Saviour's.

TEN BELL PEALS

WATFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 5, 1950, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*WILLIAM WENBAN Treble	ALFRED J. HOUSE 6
THOMAS H. FRANCIS 2	STEPHEN H. HOARE 7
*GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN 3	*HARRY TIMMS 8
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED 9
*RICHARD G. BELL 5	HAROLD G. CASHMORE Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First peal of Cambridge Royal on the bells.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 12, 1950, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

WILLIAM E. TILLET Treble	BERT GOGLE 6
ERNEST G. SHORTING 2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
GEORGE W. PIPE 3	ERNEST V. BLAKE 8
ARTHUR G. BASON 4	GEORGE BAILEY 9
NOLAN GOLDEN 5	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam George Southgate Mayers, elected a member in 1902 and ringer at Mancroft for 40 years. Composition contains, in addition to the p.c.o., 567089, 659708 and 658790 course ends.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

On Mon., July 31, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

PAMELA A. MARTIN Treble	ERIC DODDS 5
HELEN Y. GARDNER 2	DENIS N. LAYTON 6
DAVID MARTIN 3	PETER R. BLACKMAN 7
PETER R. LAYTON 4	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

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

On Wed., Sept. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

MRS. J. E. TURLEY Treble	*ARNOLD HILL 5
JACK G. BROTHWELL 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK 6
JOHN E. TURLEY 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL 4	*ERNEST A. THORPE Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

* 100th peal. † 50th peal of Surprise. Rung especially to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brothwell, who were married on August 21st, 1900.

MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 8, 1950, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb. in E.

*STEPHEN I. L. PARRY Treble	*PHILIP H. TOCOCK 5
EDWARD JENKINS 2	*DAVID VINCENT 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS 3	*SELWYN H. DEARDEN 7
*ALAN J. BROWN 4	*FRED DUNKERLEY Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells and for the Association. S. H. Dearden has now 'completed the circle.'

DENHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER 5
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 2	FRANCIS KIRK 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3	*RICHARD F. B. SPEED 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 73 lb. in E flat.

GEORGE P. ADAMS Treble	CECIL V. EBBESON 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	BERT GOGLE 6
SIDNEY MARSHALL 3	GEORGE SAYER 7
ARTHUR G. BASON 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Composition is reduced from a 5,248 containing the course-end extent of the combinations of 4-5-6 in 6-7 with the 7th in 5ths and all the 4-6's and 5-6's with the tenors at home.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED BALLARD Treble	E. CHARLES TURNER 5
*ENA LAWSON 2	CECIL E. CARR 6
ERNEST W. TIPPLER 3	FRANK K. MEASURES 7
*RALPH MAYNE 4	THOMAS H. CAMPTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

* First peal in the method.



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LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Sixths place bobs.		Tenor 11 cwt. in G.
ALBERT E. AUSTIN	Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
CHARLES E. G. BANHAM ... 2		REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... 6
KENNETH L. BROWN 3		GEORGE SAYER 7
JOHN S. BARNES 4		A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First in the method by all and for the Association with sixths place bobs. Composition, in six equal parts and 42 courses, contains all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Finch, mother of F. A. Finch, of West Ealing.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Containing 1,184 Cambridge, 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol and 1,376 Superlative, with 112 changes of method. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW Treble	†JOHN E. BIBBY 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	ERIC J. GILBERT 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
WALTER ALLMAN 4	†JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JAS. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † 400th peal. ‡ 500th peal.
First peal of Spliced Surprise in four methods in the county and for the Association. Rung as a 68th birthday compliment to Mr. Lester L. Gray.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

*HENRY HURST Treble	JACK G. BROTHWELL 5
MRS. JOHN E. TURLEY 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 6
JOHN E. TURLEY 3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK ... 7
DENNIS HOLLAND 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal other than covering. Rung to celebrate the centenary of this church.

TURVEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).
FRED KINCHIN Treble	HAROLD HUXLEY 5
REG. C. CHAPMAN 2	FRED C. LYNE 6
WILLIAM COCKINGS 3	C. ARTHUR MANNING ... 7
WILLIAM H. MALE 4	FRANCIS POWELL Tenor

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

Rung as a compliment to William Cockings, a native of Turvey, and now of Stratford-on-Avon.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.		Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.	
STANLEY G. ELSEY	... <i>Treble</i>	*VINCENT R. OVENS	... 5
ERNEST H. MASTIN	... 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON	... 6
*JESSIE R. COOKE	... 3	NORMAN V. HARDING	... 7
*GORDON A. DYE	... 4	GEORGE A. COOKE	... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. W. K. Taylor, acting Rector of Fakenham for the past three months, who sailed for Western Australia on September 20th.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)

On Wed., Sept. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
*KATHLEEN PROCTOR	...Treble	EDWARD A. SOWMAN	5
*IRIS PROCTOR	... 2	BERT RIDGWAY	6
ALFRED BALLARD	... 3	FRANK K. MEASURES	7
*JOYCE BRAY	... 4	*CURZON CLARKE	... Tenor
Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.			

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

* First peal.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

PHILIP J. COWARD ... Treble	ALICK CUTLER 5
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 2	RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 6
*MRS. N. O. L. MANCHIP 3	†JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 7
JOHN G. NASH 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.

* First peal in the method. † 100th Surprise peal. First in the method as conductor.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Consisting of 800 London, 640 each Wembley, Rutland and Ealing, 480 each Bristol, Pudsey, Superlative and Cambridge, and 320 Ashted, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES ... Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 2	ALICK CUTLER 6
*RALPH E. W. WENBAN ... 3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7
RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 20 cwt. 69 lb.	
RAYMOND TAPLIN	<i>Treble</i>	CYRIL H. KINCH	5
JACK KEYTE	2	EDGAR SMITH	6
WILLIAM CROSS	3	REGINALD H. JARVIS	7
MICHAEL H. SINDEN	4	IVOR HARRIS	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by REGINALD H. JARVIS.

First peal in the method on the new ring of bells.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 12 lb. in F.

ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... Treble	RONALD KENRICK 5
*ELIZABETH BROWN 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 6
MARGARET E. RIDYARD ... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal of Surprise. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Joseph Ridyard, wife of the conductor and mother of the second ringer.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

PERCY J. SPICE ... Treble	*JOHN E. LYDDIARD 5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY 2	CHARLES A. BASSETT ... 6
HILDA OAKSHETT 3	ERNEST J. LADD 7
MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT ... 4	THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 100th peal.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

*STANLEY V. RAYFIELD ... Treble	†FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 5
GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... 2	*WILFRED S. PALIN ... 6
*EILEEN S. WYLES ... 3	CYRIL S. JARRETT ... 7
GEORGE KENWARD ... 4	*ERIC NAYLOR ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEO. A. NAYLOR.

* First peal in the method. † First on an 'inside' bell. First in the method as conductor. Rung to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF DERBY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

EDWIN BARNETT ... Treble	FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP ... 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 3	HARRY PARKES ... 7
BRIAN D. THRELFALL ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

The first peal in the method.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... Treble	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 5
RICHARD J. WARRILLOW ... 2	*SIDNEY H. JONES ... 6
ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 3	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 7
BARNABAS G. KEY ... 4	GEORGE E. OLIVER ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.

* First peal in the method. First as conductor in the method.

HAYFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JACK WHITEHEAD ... Treble	DEREK DAVIES ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 2	*ARTHUR CHAMPION ... 6
*PETER CARBUTT ... 3	BURLY WALSHAW ... 7
*LEONARD W. CARBUTT ... 4	*ERIC STAINROD ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. Rung for the patronal festival of the church, also for Battle of Britain Sunday.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*JOHN J. WESTMACOTT ... Treble	CHARLES T. RICHARDS ... 5
†JACK KEYTE ... 2	IVOR D. HARRIS ... 6
†MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT ... 3	THOMAS W. TIMMS ... 7
BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... 4	WILLIAM J. DIXON ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by THOMAS W. TIMMS.

* First peal away from a 'covering' tenor. † First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. First peal on the restored ring and rung by members of the Burford Guild.

OLNEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

C. HENRY HARDING ... Treble	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 5
*MRS. G. E. WATSON ... 2	BRIAN AUSTIN ... 6
*ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 3	BRYAN SIMS ... 7
RONALD J. SHARP ... 4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... Tenor

Composed by F. W. TIFLER. Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells. Rung for the tenth anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb.

ARTHUR GIBBS ... Treble	ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 4
GEOFFREY E. WATSON ... 2	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 5
*MRS. G. E. WATSON ... 3	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

* 50th peal. A birthday compliment to ringers of treble and 2nd.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in G.

*RONALD E. J. FREEMAN Treble	CLIFFORD W. IZZARD ... 4
†SUSAN L. OSBORN ... 2	JOAN ASHTON ... 5
RICHARD W. STEPHENS ... 3	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS ... Tenor

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

BESTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 360 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 360 April Day, 720 St. Simon's, 1,440 Grandsire and 2,160 Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

*RONALD E. BURT ... Treble	FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO ... 3
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD ... 2	FRANK PEARSON ... 4
T. CHARLES BROWNE ... Tenor	

Conducted by FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO.

* First peal of Doubles.

MARBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN LOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven different extents.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

FREDERICK S. SUTTON ... Treble	BRIAN SCHOFIELD ... 4
HERBERT SUTTON ... 2	HAROLD G. SMITH ... 5
JOHN E. BROUGH ... 3	EDWARD J. BOFFEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

Rung for the birthday of the ringer of the 2nd.

UPCHURCH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... Treble	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 4
HARRY SPRINGATE ... 2	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... 5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 3	GEORGE KENWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

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On Sun., Sept. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 London Surprise and two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

MARK R. PINKNEY ... Treble	RAYMOND OLIVER ... 4
JACK LISHMAN ... 2	STEPHEN THOMPSON, SEN. ... 5
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB ... 3	THOMAS W. DODD ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. DODD.

Rung for the centenary dedication festival.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor $4\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

*KEITH STERLAND (12) ... <i>Treble</i>	PETER H. WRIGHT 4
*FRANK LINDLEY 2	ERIC J. STERLAND 5
HAROLD FRANKLIN 3	BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS.

* First peal.

STOULTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Ipswich, Wells, London, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor $7\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

ALLEN MORGAN <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE E. LARGE 4
*WM. H. A. COMPTON 2	REGINALD WOODYATT 5
CLAUDIA A. HARDING 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Double Court and one of St. Clement's, two of Plain Bob, one of Kent, one of Oxford and one Kent and Oxford Spliced. Tenor $11\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

*HERBERT ELLIOT <i>Treble</i>	*ALFRED H. LITTLE 4
GEORGE SAUNDERS 2	FRANK E. L. HARRINGTON ... 5
HENRY A. PRATT 3	RONALD SUCKLING <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal in five methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1950, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT 125, ORME ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 4 callings.

ERIC NIXON 1-2	*RONALD BARLOW 3-4
†ARTHUR GAUNT 5-6	

Conducted by ERIC NIXON.

* First peal in the method on an 'inside' pair. † First peal 'in hand.' First peal in the method as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT 11, EXTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALBERT H. WARD 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4	EDWIN JENNINGS 7-8

Conducted by Mrs. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

Arranged for Edwin Jennings, of Braintree, Essex.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFREY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor size 17 in G.

HARRY POYNER 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	*TERENCE A. THORNER ... 7-8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First Surprise peal on handbells.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 6, 1950, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,

AT 9, PONSONBY ROAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of St. Clement's. Single Oxford, Reverse Bob, Double Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

ALEX. J. WEBSTER 1-2	ERIC J. GILBERT 3-4
FRANK VARTY 5-6	

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

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On Thurs., Sept. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At 11, EXTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

C.C.C. No. 11.

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALBERT H. WARD ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | ROY C. HURST ... 7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by D. T. MATKIN.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5201 CHANGES;

No. 42.

Tenor size 17 in A.

ALBERT H. WARD ... 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 3-4 | JAMES E. DANIELS ... 7-8

MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 9-10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Composition rung for the first time.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

On Mon., Sept. 11, 1950, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,

At 20, WESTGATE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 14 in D.

PETER N. BOND ... 1-2 | GEORGE R. H. SMITH ... 3-4

*HERBERT M. HEATON ... 5-6

Conducted by GEORGE R. H. SMITH.

* First peal 'in hand' and first of Minor.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

At 39a, HIGH STREET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 11 in G.

OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... 1-2 | MAURICE J. THURMOTT ... 3-4

RONALD H. BULLEN ... 5-6

Conducted by MAURICE J. THURMOTT.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 12, 1950, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

At 20, WESTGATE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 14 in D.

*PETER R. BLACKMAN ... 1-2 | GEORGE R. H. SMITH ... 3-4

HERBERT M. HEATON ... 5-6

Conducted by GEORGE R. H. SMITH.

* First peal 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

In THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

*HARRY POYNER ... 1-2 | PETER J. STANFORTH ... 5-6

HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3-4 | ALFRED BALLARD ... 7-8

JILL POOLE ... 9-10

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Umpire: TERENCE A. THORNER.

* First peal of Surprise Royal 'in hand.'

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 15, 1950, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

At 20, WESTGATE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 21 extents of Grandsire, 20 of Plain Bob and 1 of Stedman.

Tenor size 13 in E flat.

PETER N. BOND ... 1-2 | GEORGE R. H. SMITH ... 3-4

PETER R. BLACKMAN ... 5-6

Conducted by GEORGE R. H. SMITH.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At OSMINGTON SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 1-2 | WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 5-6

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4 | RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 7-8

Composed by E. BARNETT (C.C.C. 84). Cond. by C. W. WOOLLEY.

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QUARTER PEALS

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Ford 1, J. Hayne 2, C. Ford 3, W. Trevett 4, H. Ford (cond.) 5, E. Gilham 6. For the birth of a daughter to H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hicks 1, E. Lucas 2, G. Bowen (first quarter) 3, T. Elcor 4, A. W. Glazzard (cond.) 5, G. Lewis 6. A compliment to the ringer of the 4th, on his 86th birthday.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—On Sept. 10th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. S. Gatty (first quarter) 1, R. H. Wimpenny 2, P. F. Turner (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. B. Robinson 4, R. Edwards (cond.) 5, D. Ogden 6.

BEOLEY, WORCS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. R. Jackson (cond.) 1, W. J. Gethin 2, Mrs. E. D. Wilson (first quarter 'inside') 3, E. D. Wilson 4, R. D. Wilson 5, H. G. Balls (first quarter) 6.

BLACKBURN, LANCS.—On Sept. 10th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. I. Anderton (first quarter) 1, B. A. Tomlinson 2, L. Henrys 3, J. A. Tomlinson 4, T. Wilson 5, L. J. Williams 6, H. Anderton 7, A. Tomlinson (cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

BOSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. W. Keys 1, G. R. H. Smith (cond.) 2, H. Heaton 3, N. J. Smith 4, H. W. Stoveld 5, P. N. Bond 6. Believed to be the first quarter of Minor on the bells for at least 15 years.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John the Evangelist on Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Peckham 1, J. Davis 2, H. Mitchell 3, R. Hurst 4, J. Daniels 5, P. Coote 6, G. Evenden (cond.) 7, P. Hunt 8. Rung for the wedding of Barbara Adam and Peter Goldsworthy, both ringers at this tower.

BRISTOL.—On Sept. 10th, at St. Ambrose Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Ann Clarke (first in method) 1, F. Skidmore (cond.) 2, E. Sutton 3, Mrs. J. Dart 4, A. C. Baker 5, Miriam James 6, R. Hooper 7, V. E. Lucas 8. A wedding compliment to the daughter of the conductor, who was married on Sept. 9th.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—On Sept. 3rd, at the Church of the Annunciation, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. R. Packer 1, J. L. Morris 2, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 3, I. Emery 4, W. Lemon 5, F. I. Hairs 6, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 7, Alec Webb 8.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Kathleen Proctor 1, Iris Proctor 2, A. Ballard 3, Joyce Bray 4, Ena Lawson 5, E. Sowman 6, F. K. Measures (cond.) 7, C. Clarke 8. First quarter by 1, 2, 4 and 8.

COLESHILL, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Taylor 1, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 2, W. C. Rhodes 3, S. A. White 4, L. L. Willis 5, J. W. Hovey 6, G. H. Lane 7, E. H. Hill 8. First quarter in method for 6 and 7.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. L. Howell 1, G. Apps 2, Miss M. Howell 3, E. Quickenden 4, J. Jeffrey 5, G. W. Cecil (cond.) 6, H. E. Lilley 7, E. Brett 8.

CUXTON, NEAR ROCHESTER, KENT.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,440 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 960 Grandsire): D. B. Ongley 1, G. K. Jarrett 2, C. Wanstall 3, V. A. Jarrett 4, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 5. First of Doubles in two methods by all except 4th.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's on Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Churchill 1, H. J. Eldred 2, W. H. Southard 3, P. E. Clark 4, W. J. Ellis (cond.) 5, A. M. Stacey 6, A. Harding 7, R. D. Candy 8.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: J. Russell 1, J. E. Daniells 2, R. N. Marlow 3, G. E. Evenden 4, D. R. Reed 5, C. W. Reed 6, J. Hartless 7, F. L. Harris (cond.) 8. First quarter in method for all.

EYNHAM, OXON.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 360 April Day, 360 Grandsire, 60 Stedman): Miss J. Winterbourne 1, T. W. Bond 2, Miss M. A. Carter 3, C. Calcutt 4, D. O. Wilks (cond.) 5, G. W. Webb 6.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,296 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 576 Plain Bob): H. J. Peskett 1, E. R. Rapley 2, Miss E. Lonnon 3, N. Smith 4, E. Treagus (cond.) 5, G. R. Smith 6. First of Minor 'inside' in two methods for 3 and 4.

FRAMPTON, Lincs.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Bob Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Single Court and 180 Plain Bob): R. Bamber 1, F. Bishop 2, J. R. Kemp 3, A. E. Flatters 4, E. Fisher 5, J. R. Young (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to F. Bishop.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Sept. 10th, at the Church of All Saints, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Phillips 1, R. Mackrill 2, J. W. Stephenson 3, D. E. Parsons 4, E. J. Smith 5, T. J. Setter 6, M. V. Chilcott (cond.) 7, R. F. Deal 8.

GLOUCESTER.—At the Cathedral on Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Newman 1, S. Romans 2, Miss Joan Bussey 3, T. Newman 4, H. Daniels 5, W. Cox 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, C. Larner 8. A birthday compliment to Miss J. Bussey.

GREAT GADSDEN, HERTS.—On Sept. 6th, 720 London and 720 Norwich: E. J. Upton 1, W. C. Hughes 2, Miss P. Martin 3, A. V. Good 4, T. G. Morton 5, W. Ayre (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Sir Walter Halsey, Bart., squire of the village, who was interred the same afternoon.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise: H. W. Pratt 1, A. Clements 2, F. L. Nicholls 3, G. L. Perkins 4, G. H. Dunnington 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—At All Saints' on Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Baldwin (first of Triples) 1, Doreen Coker (cond.) 2, E. Markham 3, Sylvia Coker 4, F. Hayes 5, W. H. Plumridge 6, R. Coles 7, A. L. James 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. F. Todd 1, L. Runnacles 2, A. E. Symonds 3, G. Cherry 4, C. V. Hare 5, W. J. Croft 6, E. W. Winters 7, F. W. Croft (cond.) 8.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Lake (first quarter) 1, J. Salway 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, E. R. Retter (first 'inside') 4, G. E. Retter (cond.) 5, A. Holway 6, E. E. Retter 7, G. Richards 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Foulkes (first quarter) 1, R. Biggs 2, I. S. Biggs 3, A. R. Blaby 4, N. Cornwall 5, F. D. Boreham (cond.) 6, J. D. Kape 7, V. Evans 8. Arranged for the treble ringer, who comes from Llanbadarn-Fawr.

KING'S SUTTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. McGinley 1, J. Walton 2, L. McGinley 3, H. Lawn 4, A. Wyatt 5, J. Barber (first as cond.) 6, J. S. McGinley 7, J. Judd 8. First quarter 1 and 8. First 'inside' 3 and 7.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Pickling (first quarter) 1, S. Summers 2, C. Green 3, L. G. Townsend 4, E. G. Orland (cond.) 5.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYS.—On Aug. 26th, 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. Rung for the wedding of Alan Wainwright and Olive Kirk.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. Smith (cond.) 1, A. Robinson 2, F. C. Phillippo 3, F. Pearson 4, W. E. Garrard 5, W. G. Saunders 6. First quarter 2 and 5.

PRESCOT, LANCS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret E. Hawthorne (first of Triples) 1, R. Preston 2, R. C. Preston 3, Julia M. Preston (cond.) 4, W. C. Finney 5, N. D. Hawthorne 6, W. Riley 7, E. Thomas 8.

SANDY, BEDS.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Single Oxford: M. Stephens 1, R. Stephens 2, D. Munns 3, C. Ball 4, Joan Ashton (cond.) 5, C. Blain 6. First in method by 2, 3, 5 and 6.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Baker 1, R. Guy 2, Miss A. Hinds 3, R. Collins 4, L. Turley 5, R. Pankhurst (first of Triples) 6, Miss D. Colgate (cond.) 7, G. Davey 8. A fourth wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker, both members of the local band.

STITHIANS, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Kathleen Clemens (first quarter) 1, H. C. Spencer (cond.) 2, O. Dunstan 3, A. Newman 4, R. G. Clemens 5. First quarter peal on the bells.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On September 17th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): Miss S. Mitchell (first quarter of Minor) 1, J. A. Haile 2, J. N. Haile 3, G. McKay 4, F. J. Jackson 5, S. Richardson (cond.) 6. First in two methods for 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. N. Haile.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. W. Pratt 1, G. Nicholls 2, F. L. Nicholls 3, G. L. Perkins 4, G. H. Dunnington 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. E. Wilshaw 1, A. Peake 2, Miss M. Flackett 3, H. H. Abrahams 4, A. D. Steele 5, R. S. Anderson 6, N. R. Holland 7, F. W. Grocott (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to R. S. Anderson.

THAME, OXON.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Arnott 1, H. Lloyd 2, A. R. Pink (cond.) 3, Miss A. Rodwell (first quarter) 4, H. Badger 5, E. J. Smith 6, V. Holloway 7, J. Enton (first quarter) 8. For the wedding of Miss Beryl Harris, daughter of Mr. R. F. Harris, a former member of the tower.

WALPOLE ST. PETER, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Wing (first quarter) 1, S. Harpley 2, Miss O. Wiskin 3, W. Hammond 4, J. Fox 5, R. Wiskin (first as cond.) 6.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Davis 1, T. Selwood 2, F. Absolom (cond.) 3, W. Absolom 4, A. Swan 5, R. D. Wells 6.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Bellamy 1, Mrs. P. Bellamy 2, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 3, L. Alderman 4, F. W. Slocombe 5, D. T. North 6, J. Walford 7, A. E. Hawkins 8. First of Grandsire Triples for 2 and 4. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Dolley. First quarter of Triples on the recast bells and on the anniversary of their return from Loughborough.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Rickwood 1, A. G. Ballam 2, E. Footer 3, R. Stannard 4, E. A. Murrell 5, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. A. Dorling, captain of this tower for over 40 years, who was interred the same day.

WIVENHOE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,320 Single Oxford Minor: Miss D. Richer (first quarter) 1, E. J. Butler 2, F. Oliver 3, G. Rouse 4, J. Sadler 5, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 6. First quarter in method by all.

WOOD GREEN, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Michael on Sept. 5th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. E. Crump 1, R. P. Crump 2, R. Newman 3, N. A. Tomlinson 4, W. Fensome 5, J. G. Nash (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by 1 and 2. To commemorate the 25th anniversary of the wedding of the parents of the ringers of 1 and 2.

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Norfolk.

Friday last was the 79th
birthday of Mr. Ernest
Weatherby, late of Mar-
ket Drayton, now of Los Angeles, California.
To mark the event the Leicester ringers rang
a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major
on a set of handbells specially sent to England
for repairs by Mr. Weatherby. All friends will
wish him 'very many happy returns.'

Re the correspondence on the difference be-
tween 'silent' and 'non-conducted' peals, a
bright young thing enquires if a silent peal is
one rung without clappers!

Conductors will find the 'Collection of Major
Method Peals,' the latest publication of the
Central Council, invaluable. For details see
back page.

St. Luke's, Bromley Common, was the 100th
tower in which Mr. Thomas E. Sone has rung
a peal. The band was kindly entertained to
tea by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lyddiard after the
peal.

First lady member of the National Police
Guild is Miss Betty Lee, of Manchester. At-
tending the annual meeting of the National
Police Guild in London, she was waylaid by
photographers and reporters in a fashion be-
fitting a Hollywood film star.

Last year Mr. J. H. Brothwell rang a peal
of Yorkshire on his 75th birthday. A peal was
to be arranged this year on his 76th birthday,
June 2nd, but unfortunately he spent that day
in a far less pleasant manner on the operating
table in a nursing home. He made an amaz-
ing recovery, was back in Handsworth belfry
only a fortnight after the operation, and only
a few weeks later still made up for not getting
his 76th birthday peal by standing in the above
peal for his golden wedding. Mr. and Mrs.
Brothwell were married at Sutton-in-Ashfield
on August 21st, 1900.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The claim of the first
peal of Spliced Maximus
in hand is almost 19
years too late, as the first was rung on October
15th, 1931, at Leverstock Green and conducted
by Mr. Walter Ayre.

Ordained a deacon last Sunday at Exeter
Cathedral was Mr. N. F. D. Coleridge. He
is now living at Newton Abbot.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sone,
of Linton, Kent, who celebrated the 56th anni-
versary of their wedding on September 15th.

The Ringers' Roll of Honour which the
Central Council are preparing contains just
under 220 names.

Mr. Richard Newman, of London, N.4, has
rung 100 quarter peals with the late Mr.
George Charge and also with his brother, Mr.
Reuben Charge.

Mr. T. E. Sone writes withdrawing the peal
of Treble Bob rung at Brenchley on February
21st, 1948, as the composition which appeared
in the K.C.A. Report, 1949, was recently found
to be false by the composer, Mr. Nolan Golden.
He tenders his apologies to the band.

Mr. J. Perrett, of Steeple Ashton, Wilts,
has completed 60 years as a ringer and
chorister. In honour of the event 1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles was rung on Sept. 12th by H. A.
Gummer (cond.) 1, Miss E. Bennett 2, J. D.
Rowley (first quarter) 3, V. H. Rose 4, C. G.
Turney 5, C. Jordan 6.

Miss Christine Dunnington corrects the claim
that the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at
Terrington St. Clement, Norfolk, was the first
in the method for the Ely Diocesan Association.
The first peal in the method for the Associa-
tion was rung at Longstanton, Cambs, on April
14th, 1950, conducted by Mr. Mansfield Ginn.
All the participants in that peal were resident
members of the Association.

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Young Ringers in East Anglia

SUCH was the code-name by which our tour of East Anglia became known. On Saturday, August 19th, our party collected from various parts of Bedfordshire, seven at Bedford, one at Sandy and two at Wrestlingworth.

For the next week we would be cycling through the counties of Cambridge, Suffolk and Essex, taking advantage of the chain of Youth Hostel stretching along our route for our nightly accommodation.

With a following wind we reached Trumpington early, and met Miss Kitty Willers, who introduced us to the bells, and also C. G. Woodhead, our guide for the rest of the day. We rang a good bit here, it being our first experience of ringing together. We also rang handbells after our sandwich lunch in the park opposite.

Our guide met us again in Cambridge, and together we made our way to the tower of Great St. Mary's. Some of the landmarks of Cambridge were pointed out to us from the tower, and then we got down to ringing a touch of Grandsire Caters.

After tea on the banks of the River Cam, the Saxon tower of St. Bene't's was visited; Oxford Treble Bob would not go until the third attempt, but the bells apparently knew how to ring Stedman. An interested Canadian came in, and after our leader had explained some of the principles, he had plenty to think about.

A CRACKED HANDBELL.

Soon it was time to sign on at our first Youth Hostel, where we discovered to our horror that the warden used a badly cracked handbell. After supper we wandered round the town before seeing Christopher, a most efficient guide, safely on to the Ely train.

On Sunday morning after breakfast we cycled through a shower of rain to ring before and after the 9.45 service at St. Andrew's the Great, where we were made very welcome by the Vicar. The eight here are rather rough and odd-struck, but we did finish with a good touch of Grandsire.

On the way to Stapleford, we had lunch, and after some trouble we found the church surrounded by trees. The six run well and we tried as many Minor methods as we had memorised. By the time we had to leave Stapleford the sun had established itself and we had a pleasant ride back to Cambridge, in time to visit the impressive Chapel at King's.

After tea on the Banks, in which the ducks participated, we again rang at Great St. Mary's for a short time before evensong; before going up we heard some well-struck Stedman Triples sounding out over the vast lawns and courtyards of the university town.

On returning to the Youth Hostel we found the 11th member of our party, the latecomer, lying recumbent on his bed; our party was now complete.

Another fine evening ought to have warned us that the next morning would be wet, and so it was—just when we intended starting. As the more feeble objected to getting wet, we were delayed for 15 minutes.

It had been arranged that should there be five of us who felt energetic that morning, they should push on to Cavendish, where the Rector's daughter was getting married. We pushed the pace, but we were just too late to ring the bride out of the churchyard. After half an hour, the rest of the party caught us up and together we rang for a short time. The Rector had provided us with suitable refreshment at The George, and after calling there, we rang Spiced Treble Bob and Hereward Bob Minor all the better for it. Thanks are due to the Rector and the tower captain for a pleasant stop.

It was a scorchingly hot day and we had our lunch on the green at Long Melford.

Whether because of the heat or of our meal, we couldn't manage much on Long Melford bells, which are hung in a diagonally-placed frame. However, we had a good look round the church.

THE ECSTASY OF LAVENHAM.

By a roundabout route, we reached Lavenham rather late, and S. H. Symonds and E. Cracknell were waiting for us. After a quick look round the church, we went up the massive tower, and discovered the ecstasy of ringing these bells. Whatever our expectations of them may have been, they were more than fulfilled. Most of us found an opportunity to sneak on to the roof of the tower; the bells sound best from here.

After tea we arrived at Monks Eleigh, another impressive tower. Here the collection of six bells is rung from a wooden gallery with a centre pit, and they take some ringing. On falling them in peal, the clappers showed great reluctance to strike at all when no more than half-way down.

By now with sore hands and weary feet, we left the village amid a chorus of brakes down the precipitous hill for Naughton Mill Youth Hostel, our base for the next two nights. We said goodbye to E. Cracknell at Bildeston, where three laggards lost themselves, arriving only just in time for supper. The mill is an interesting old place and we spent a couple of good nights in it.

On Tuesday we left our heavier baggage at the hostel and cycled to Ipswich for the day. At St. Matthew's we met Mr. F. Bowell, who was to be our guide for the day, and the bells here were rung to Ipswich Surprise. At the five-bell tower, St. Lawrence's, we gave our stock of Doubles a good airing, and we were entertained by Mr. Bowell's skill in ringing four handbells to Double Court Minor.

The afternoon's arrangements started with a visit to St. Clement's Church—the only one of that dedication in Suffolk—and here St. Clement's Bob was the favourite method. On the roof of the tower afterwards we were shown the landmarks of Ipswich, and on the way down a special demonstration of the tune-playing apparatus. Then down past the implement factory of Ransome, Sims and Jefferies to the Bowell Bell Foundry with its roof timbers silhouetted against the sky; it was sad to think that this building, which has given birth to hundreds of church bells, is soon to be demolished under the town planning scheme.

Tea was forgotten as we made our way to St. Margaret's, and courses of Cambridge and Double Oxford were rung on this grand eight; with the help of the local ringers a course of Yorkshire made a good finish to our visit. Refreshed by ices, we arrived at St. Mary-le-Tower to be met by Mr. G. Symonds. Ringing on the twelve bells was confined to rounds, this being the 'first touch on twelve bells' for many of our party, including the organiser. Methods rung were Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters, and a touch of Stedman Caters which mysteriously came round far earlier than was expected! The hour for departure came all too soon, and after a speech of thanks to the Ipswich ringers, and in particular Mr. Bowell, we left for a meal in the town. At nine o'clock it poured with rain and it was a damp group of cyclists that returned to the hostel ten minutes before lock-up.

IN ESSEX.

The first visit next day was to East Bergholt, which we felt we must not miss; we were unable to see any ringing on the bells, however, but we will remember the place by the postcards bought. We soon crossed the county boundary into Essex and by some skilful map reading we found Langham Church

tucked away in the trees. Nobody felt disposed to ring much on the light ring of six, so we soon continued down the Colchester road towards Ardleigh. After a roadside lunch—with hot bread straight from the oven—a ring was had on the octave. The bells are rung from the ground floor, and in spite of having the west door open the bells were very hard to hear.

From here we cycled against a strong wind to Colchester, and after a snack at a milk bar known by one of the party, we felt fit enough for another spell of ringing, this time at St. Peter's, Colchester, where we were met by Mr. H. Pye and Mr. Millatt. This tower was put first among those we visited during the week as regards all-round ringing qualities. We soon discovered this when we tried many methods, including Stedman, St. Clement's Triples and Double Norwich. A short call at the Youth Hostel here, and then we rang at St. Leonard's; sore hands and uneasy stomachs prevented some from making full use of our visit here, but that did not weaken the band too much to prevent London Surprise being rung with some local help.

Thursday's first call was at Wivenhoe; here the bells are noisy to the ringer, but we were complimented how fine they sounded outside. At 10 o'clock we left the church, and looked in trepidation for the ferry across the Colne. We hardly expected to be carried across in a 14ft. dinghy! The crossing was rather amusing, to say the least.

With a strong wind still right in our teeth, we reached Tollesbury, where some pews had to be moved before we could ring. An interested onlooker was a lady archaeologist, who afterwards pointed out landmarks from the tower roof.

In the afternoon we visited the churches of Goldhanger and Great Totham, where we met the local ringers. On these two rings of six a variety of methods was rung, including Spliced Minor.

As late as we could, we pushed on to the Maldon Youth Hostel. After supper the menfolk were cunningly lured off by two of the ladies to see the town. We certainly enjoyed the walk down to the fishing boats leaning on the sunset-tinged mud. It was only when we went to bed that we found the arms and legs of our pyjamas sewn up!

Friday morning had to be the last for two of our party, so we made the most of it. Our first stop was at Danbury and during our ring there we were welcomed by the Vicar. Danbury lies on high ground and to the west our road lay clear across the rolling countryside to Writtle. Here we had a little difficulty with the clock-hammers before we could ring the fine-toned eight in this spacious tower.

We then prepared for ourselves a grand lunch, followed by a presentation of Arthur Mee's books on Suffolk and Essex to our leader, Michael Stephens, who had so ably organised the tour. The unhappy moment came for us to say goodbye to Pat Gilbert and Susan Osborn, so while they rode off to Chelmsford in one direction, the nine who were left cycled in the other direction to High Ongar. We reached the height of our achievements in Minor methods here. After the Rector had showed us his interesting church he invited us all to his Rectory for tea; we were very grateful for this hospitality. With reluctance we left High Ongar, calling at Fyfield on the way to the High Roding Youth Hostel, a 16th century corn-barn.

Next morning we cycled along the quiet Essex lanes to Great Dunmow and rang the ring of eight to Stedman, Grandsire and Kent. It did not take long after that to reach Great Easton, where we spent some minutes examining the mediæval bell lying on the floor in the tower, and afterwards rang the six bells to London Bob and London Surprise.

(Continued on next page)

TOWER CORNER (15)

'SELECTIVE LISTENING, AND HUNTING'

Dear Ringers,—In the brief 'summer recess' since our last article appeared with its expressed welcome for criticism, we have been much encouraged by what we have overheard of this series, in moving around amongst ringers in their various towers and elsewhere. Criticisms there are, of course, but, strangely enough, not from those for whom the articles are intended; and of kinds quite opposed. Obviously, in a series of an instructional nature such as this, we are catering for the beginner, both in ringing and in instructing. Help seems to have been derived in each class. But the criticisms were heard from more advanced ringers—some finding the articles too protracted and simple, yet others considering that simpler phrases might have been used instead of terms thought to be too contracted for a beginner. The intimate style of presentation of fictional characters under instruction seems to be in general favour, especially with beginners; but in all fairness we should say that this treatment was intended for only the first three sections of the whole course; dealing, as they have, with the physical handling of the bell. The remaining sections are planned in more condensed factual form.

It will be realised that a true appreciation of these first three sections calls for review, as a whole, of the sixteen instalments in which they will have appeared. And incidentally the summaries given at the conclusion of each section are intended, as we indicated earlier in the course, for the aid of those instructors and 'self-teaching' bands wishing to follow the course through in practice. (The summaries, cut out and pasted on a card, may help.)

Let us return, then, to our instructor friend, Tom Truetouch, who is in the middle of Section 3—'Tone-telling and Rope-sight,' with his Lesson IX.—'Transits and Selective Listening.' Last time he explained the meaning of the useful term—'transit,' and had put us through Ex. 28, on handbells,—'Which bell-sound is mine?'

Now in Ex. 29, 'Which bell follows mine?' the pupil is told to tap his handbell at a given position, say, 4th in the eight. (Remember that the pupil has his back to the other handbells.) The instructor taps the remainder in any order he pleases, but with the tenor covering. At each tenor stroke the pupil is required instantly to call out the number of the bell which followed his, judged by its note. (Some will succeed almost at once, but others will need concentrated practice and must persevere.) The next change-row is tapped off, and so on. Those finding difficulty at first, may limit their identification to 'above' or 'below' their own bell-note.

Tom then explains that this 'ear-sight' must be developed to function instantaneously, so that, in ringing tower bells, the listener automatically and instantly swings his eyes in the direction of the given bell-rope. Thus only can the pupil follow the maxim taught last time, viz:

First: Listen for which bell-sound it is;
Then: Look for its bell-rope;

And thus: Check your new place among the other bells.

'Now,' says Tom, 'the thoughtful pupil may already have realised that, in actual ringing, one cannot hold up one's bell to wait, whilst listening and looking, for an unchecked sound or an unspotted rope. In fact, one's bell must be kept swinging in steady rhythm throughout, quickening slightly, i.e., not rising quite so high in moving "down," and slowing slightly, i.e., rising a little higher on towards the balance-point in moving "up." The development of this rhythmic pulling is as essential to good change-ringing, (i.e., striking positively into the correct position at each blow), as is the practice of "listen-look." The

additionally-acquired art of striking well then gives the finished performance.'

Next comes Ex. 30—'Which bell did mine follow?' This is similar to Ex. 29, save that the pupil has to name the (hand)bell preceding his own, each time.

'Some of you,' Tom continues, 'may be feeling disappointed that we have so far given you little practice on an open or sounding tower bell; especially when you hear that some beginner at another tower has been set to try ringing in rounds at his second visit to the tower. Our modern view of teaching bell-control conforms with that of teaching any other musical instrument. Learn first to handle it and to make individual notes with clarity and certainty. Then—simple exercises before tuncs are attempted. And definitely plenty of private practice (silent bell), before a public performance! (Rounds open.) We consider that beginners are often seriously handicapped by being allowed to attempt open rounds before they have mastered bell-control. Thus I have impressed upon you the need for acquiring:

- (a) Good ringing style, leading to
- (b) Absolute control of the bell, before attempting rounds on any open bell; and then
- (c) Tone-telling exercises on handbells and
- (d) Rope-sight exercises.

'The plan obviously reduced the inexcusable amount of "bell-bashing" often associated with beginners' instruction, and it ultimately turns out better ringers. Now for your first steps in change-ringing. But don't neglect to continue practice with your "selective listening" exercises.'

Ex. 31. Making transits at call—UP. Here the pupil takes 3rd bell in six, with five other ringers all experienced. Instructor calls 'Up' at a hand-stroke and pupil makes a transit-up at the next hand-stroke. After a few strokes in this position, Instructor calls 'Up' again and pupil makes another transit-up, bringing him into 5th position. Other bells remain relatively 'fixed.' After a few more strokes thus, bells stand.

Instructor now explains that while in this exercise the 'hunting up' through two places for the 3rd bell has been done in two separated steps, thus giving the pupil time to find his next bell and check his position afterwards, it must, in fact, be done by transits made at each successive stroke, and without calls except 'go' at the start. Next we tackle:

Ex. 32. Making transits at call—DOWN. Here the pupil takes the 4th bell in six. The Instructor calls 'Down' at three intervals, the pupil making a transit-down at each call, which brings him down through three positions to the leading one. The five other bells remain relatively 'fixed' as before. Instructor reminds pupil that normal hunting down is continuous, as is hunting up. This leads to:

Ex. 33. Continuous transits. Here the pupil repeats exercises 31 and 32, but on the Instructor's call 'Up' he makes the two transits-up and on 'Down' the three transits-down, without pausing. Instructor explains that in normal plain hunting the position-changing would continue downwards, after working out behind with a whole pull there, and thus reach the leading position, for a whole pull there, before working up again.

Ex. 34. Plain hunting, minimum. Now the pupil takes the treble in the six. He is told that he will do no more than he did in Ex. 33, except that he will start from first position instead of 3rd, and that his two transits-up will bring him into third position. Here he will strike two blows only, and then make two transits-down to return to the leading position. Meanwhile, he is told, all the other bells this time will be 'working.' The 2nd and 3rd will make transits with him; while the

4th and 5th will make transits with each other only, and the 6th will remain steadily behind.

At the end of Ex. 34 Tom explains to the pupil that while he has performed the first and simplest form of change ringing, namely, the plain hunting minimum; i.e., on three bells, he has, in fact, been participating in the Stedman principle on five bells with tenor covering.

'Next time,' says Tom, 'the exercises which come into Lesson X will take the pupil through the basic forms of the five-bell work, which are the fundamentals of the Stedman method for all 'stages'.—Cordially yours,

CORN. R. STONE.

Operation Sound-bow—cont.

THAXTED'S CRACKED SEVENTH.

Thaxted was reached in time for lunch under the timbered arcades of the Guildhall. As many will know, the seventh bell at Thaxted is cracked, but we had permission from the Vicar to ring the front five and to see the bells afterwards. The minor five that we rang seemed to ring in mourning for their silent sisters, so melancholy they sounded. Our climb up the tower to see them was well worth while, for the bells, recast by Gillett and Johnston, are masterpieces of the bell-founders' art. At Radwinter we were not able to ring because the clock was under repair, but the Rector showed us the church and parish records dating from 1,600.

We arrived at Saffron Walden well in time for supper at the Youth Hostel. It was the Youth Hostel Association's 21st birthday party that night and our contribution to the celebrations was handbell ringing.

Next day the early birds among us attended the 9 o'clock service at the church. All of us rang on the 12 bells for Matins; we joined the local band in one or two touches on the back ten and call-changes on twelve.

Homeward bound now, we crossed the undulating countryside of Hertfordshire, being lucky enough to find a cafe open for lunch in Royston, and stopped at Ashwell for a strenuous half-hour on the ring of six. At last we entered Bedfordshire and made tracks towards Sandy, where a fine tea was waiting for us at Joan Ashton's house. During this meal one topic of conversation was next year's tour; although we could not decide where to go, it was unanimously agreed that there should be another.

In thanking all those ringers who kindly met us at their churches we would like to take this opportunity of wishing them good ringing during the coming year, and we hope that we shall see their faces again before long—in Bedfordshire perhaps.

Methods rung by our band during the week included Stedman, Grandsire and St. Nicholas' Doubles, London, Hereford, Fulbeck and St. Clement's Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, London, Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise Minor, Stedman, Grandsire and St. Clement's Triples, Double Oxford, Wellington, Gainsborough and Little Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major. R. W. S.

MEMORIAL TABLET AT LYONSHALL

Dear Sir,—May I, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' thank the many friends of my husband who so kindly sent donations towards a memorial tablet to be placed in Lyonshall Church?

The work has been long delayed, but it is now completed, and the tablet has been placed in the belfry of the church. A dedication service has been arranged to take place on Sept. 30th, 1950, at 6.30 p.m.

I would like to add a special word of thanks to Mr. Preece, of Staunton-on-Arrow, who has carried out most of the arrangements for the memorial.—Yours faithfully,

ELSIE C. CHANDLER.

Kington, Herefordshire.

THREE DEDICATIONS

LORD MAYOR RINGS AT YARDLEY.

It was a sad day in 1948 when the ringers at St. Edburgha's, Yardley, Birmingham, felt compelled to recommend to their Vicar and churchwardens that all ringing should stop because of the ravages of the death-watch beetle in the 300-year-old timbers.

An appeal fund was already in existence for £10,000 to provide a new Mission Church, a Church Hall, a new organ in the Parish Church, and renovations to the tower and spire and rehanging of the bells. Money was coming in very slowly, but the silence of the bells spoke louder than the parson, and greater efforts were made to raise funds, until at last the Church Council felt able to place the order with Messrs. Taylor and Co. for recasting and rehanging, with two trebles given to complete the octave.

The work of dismantling the old frame, lowering the bells to the ground and dispatching them to the foundry was done by the local ringers. Then on September 9th the new ring was dedicated by the Ven. Michael Palmer, Archdeacon of Aston.

The Archdeacon welcomed the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Birmingham, Canon Cochrane (the former Vicar of Yardley), the Rector of Sheldon and the Vicar of Stechford.

He said that some people associated bells chiefly with weddings and funerals, but their main purpose was to call people to worship Almighty God. He also pointed out that it is laid down in the Book of Common Prayer that the curate shall cause a bell to be rung at a convenient time before a service is due to begin. Not so many years ago Yardley bells rang over fields and farms, while now they will be heard over a vast housing area: so let the bells ring and call together all who will work hard to bring the people of the new areas into Christ's Church.

The dedication rounds were rung by the following members of St. Martin's Guild: E. Shepherd, W. Dowding, A. D. Cook, J. Harvey, G. Chaplin, A. H. Fitter, F. Haynes and G. E. Fearn.

The opening touch of Stedman Triples was rung by H. Fearn 1, E. Shepherd 2, F. Haynes 3, A. Walker (conductor) 4, A. D. Cook 5, J. Pinfold 6, the Lord Mayor of Birmingham (Alderman A. Paddon-Smith) 7, G. E. Fearn 8. Afterwards the bells were kept going from rounds to Yorkshire.

DETAILS OF THE BELLS.

Treble.—4 cwt. Note F sharp. Inscription: John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1950. In memory of Thomas E. Hughes, Obiit 1949.

2nd.—4½ cwt. Note F. John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1950. Presented by past and present members of the Yardley Grammar School.

3rd.—4½ cwt. Note D sharp. Barwell, Founder, Birmingham. Recast 1950. The gift of the parishioners in commemoration of the Coronation of King Edward the Seventh, June 26th, 1902.

4th.—5½ cwt. Note C sharp. The request of Aylmer Polliot, Esquire, 1638. Recast 1950.

5th.—6½ cwt. Note B. All praise and glory be to God for ever, 1653. 1A. Recast 1950.

6th.—7½ cwt. Note A sharp. Richard Whitts, George Bissell, Churchwardens. William Bagley made mee 1691. Recast 1950.

7th.—9½ cwt. Note G sharp. IHS: Nazarens Rex: Iudeorum Fili: Dei Miserere: Mei: 1638 Recast 1950.

Tenor.—12½ cwt. Note F sharp. Hymfrye Hobday and Richard Bissell, Chvrchwardens. 1638. Recast 1950.

HISTORY OF THE BELLS.

In 1638 Aylmer Polliot, of Blakesley Hall, which still stands not far from the church, gave three bells to replace two bells reported as 'hangynge in ye steple,' also he bequeathed in his will to the Vicar of Yardley his 'best

hatt.' These three bells are the present 4th, 7th and tenor, and were cast by Hugh Watts, of Leicester. They must have sounded rather peculiar, so in 1653 another one was given (viz., 5th) by an unknown person. This bell was cast by John Martin, of Worcester. The initials 'IA' below the inscription are those of the Vicar at that time, John Archer. About a hundred years ago this bell was struck by lightning and the canons burnt through, consequently holes were drilled through the crown and bolts put in to fix the bell to the headstock. Another bell was added in 1691 (6th) by William Bagley.

In 1902, Barwells, of Birmingham, were commissioned to cast a smaller bell, repair the old frame and put the old five on new bearings. This was done by putting great stay bolts through frame which was probably being already attacked by the death-watch beetle. It has been said that the treble, as it was then, was the best bell the firm ever cast. It certainly could speak out.

Five peals have been rung on the old six. The first in 1925, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor for St. Martin's Guild. The other four were Grandire Doubles rung by the local ringers for St. Edburgha's Society, as they called themselves before the war.

The consensus of opinion, freely expressed, was that the new bells are a fine musical ring which could hardly be surpassed. They are a great credit to the founders and everyone concerned.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.

Since 1608 there has been only one bell in the tower of the well-known 15th century Church of Holy Trinity, Blythburgh, Suffolk. The earlier history of the bells is rather obscure, but we know that there were five bells in 1553. As the old wooden frame was made for four bells, it is presumed that the reference to five bells must mean four tower bells and a 'Jack' bell. This 'Jack' bell exists and is still in use. The bells were rendered unusable by a storm in 1577, and the one bell referred to above was rehung in 1608. The other three bells were sold in 1759 for £77 4s. 8d. The record of this sale is still extant in the churchwardens' accounts.

In 1945, Lady Thomson, who lives in the parish, conceived the idea of again having a ring of bells in the tower. She made herself responsible for raising the necessary money (£1,350, of which £200 is still required) for recasting this old bell and adding five new ones. The order was given to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and on September 17th the service of dedication took place. The old cage has been left in its original position and a new steel frame has been erected immediately below. The tenor bell, which was given by Mr. J. B. Charlesworth in memory of his father and brother, weighs 10½ cwt., and the old bell is now the new fifth. The treble bell was given by the widow and daughter in memory of the late Mr. H. Becker.

The service was associated with the thanksgiving for the harvest. The dedication was performed by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese (St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich), who also preached the sermon. A very large congregation was present with the result that, although extra chairs had been brought in, many people had to stand. Immediately after the dedication, the opening rounds were rung by members of the newly-formed local company under the captaincy of Mr. John Blythe, who is training them and is now tower captain and steeplekeeper. About seventy ringers from Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex were present, and at the end of the service participated in the ringing of standard methods. Mr. A. A. Hughes was also present and received many congratulations, not only on the standard of craftsmanship, but also on the mellow tone of the bells.

WEEK ST. MARY, CORNWALL.

The bells of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, which have been recast and restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, were rededicated by the Bishop of Truro on September 17th.

The ring is one of six bells originally cast by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1731, the tenor bell then weighing 8 cwt. Two bells were recast in 1887 by John Warner, of London. One bell, according to local tradition, having been sold many years ago to a neighbouring parish, a new treble bell, cast by Mears and Stainbank was given to the church in 1910 in memory of King Edward VII. In consequence of this sale the local nickname of the parishioners is 'Week St. Mary's beggars.'

The bells have been rehung with new fittings on ball bearings, and the oak frame, which was built of local wood in 1887, has been tightened up and secured more strongly to the beams of the flooring.

The ring should now be in very good condition for many years to come. This is much to the delight of the people of Week St. Mary, who are keen ringers.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

On September 9th, a quarterly meeting of the Guild was held at St. Mary's Church, Pembroke, the bells being available at 2.30 p.m.

The Vicar, the Rev. D. Reece, officiated at the service, after which the ringers were entertained to a nice tea at the Church Hall. The usual business meeting followed.

Although the bells had only been rung intermittently for the last couple of years, the ringers found the 'going' fairly good, except the second, which sounded flat owing to a piece being knocked out of it.

The Guild are very grateful to the Vicar for permitting the visit to Pembroke, and as there are only three ringers there at present, we hope that before long there will be a complete band to ring the bells permanently.

The Guild take this opportunity of thanking Mr. H. Jenkins and Co., of Tenby, for getting the bells in ringing order for the meeting, and we hope that our visit will encourage the Pembroke ringers to get on with the job. Thanks are also expressed to Mrs. Reece for giving such a cordial welcome at the tea.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Haverfordwest.

JOINT MEETING AT DARLEY DALE

A very successful and well-attended joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Leicester and Sheffield areas) and Derbyshire Association (Peak District) was held at Darley Dale, Derbyshire, on September 16th. The bells were rung to a well-struck touch of Treble Bob preceding a short service in church, conducted by the Rector of Darley, the Rev. R. J. Stanford, who is an honorary member of the Derbyshire Association.

During the afternoon a variety of methods was rung, ranging from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise, and several touches were by all ladies bands. Some 50 ringers and friends sat down to tea.

A vote of thanks to the Rector and the local ringers for the use of the bells and the arrangements made for tea was proposed by Mrs. Thomson, a vice-president of the Ladies' Guild, and supported by the rest of the ringers. The monthly meetings of the two associations were then held, followed by ringing until 8 p.m.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

The North-West District meeting at Chertsey on September 9th was a disappointment as far as numbers were concerned, but those who attended had some first-class ringing. The Vicar, the Rev. G. S. Archibald, welcomed the ringers. The secretary announced the combined meeting with the Kent Association to be held at Chislehurst on October 7th.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LADIES WHO HAVE CALLED STEDMAN

Dear Sir,—I would like, if I may, to add my congratulations to Miss Joan Beresford on calling her peal of Stedman Triples.

I have no knowledge of how many ladies have called peals in this method, other than Mrs. Fletcher, but at least two have taken part in non-conducted peals of Stedman Triples, Mrs. R. F. Deal and Miss Marie Cross.

Mrs. Deal's was a particularly fine performance, inasmuch as she had never called a bob in the method (and, I think, never has since). Although this peal took place in 1924 it is still spoken of by survivors of the band whenever they meet.

Mrs. Deal has, I believe, one regret with regard to her performance, that is that Mr. J. W. Washbrook, who taught her to ring, had passed away when it took place.—Yours faithfully,
E. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

NOTE.—Mrs. C. C. Mayne, then Miss Phyllis M. Moss, conducted a peal of Stedman Triples at West Wycombe in 1927.

ANOTHER WAYWARD ROPE

Dear Sir,—We went to Bottesford for a peal of Double Norwich. The rope of the 'parson bell,' the 2nd, coming through the floor, had a tangle of knots on the end as big as a man's fist, and was hitched on to the tail-end of the 2nd through one of the bights. The parson-rope being freed dropped to the floor. The big knot keeping it from vanishing through the hole.

All went well for a time, then the tail-end of the 2nd caught under the knot, which was jerked on to the table with a thump and dropped back again. No further hitch occurred for about an hour, when the knot was caught again, this time in a bight. Although the lady ringer battled valiantly to free her rope, 'Stand' was reluctantly called, as any further antics were unpredictable.

We ought to have known better. The drop-rope should have been drawn across the floor and hitched to one of the posts of the gallery.—Yours sincerely,
CLEM GLENN.
Cotgrave, Nottingham.

RINGERS AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Dear Sir,—The letter from Mr. P. B. Derby can be misunderstood and requires at least two answers. First, if the friend is a fervent believer in some opposing religion and a regular attender of Sunday services elsewhere the answer is easy. It is better to spend time on practice night on a learner who will ring for Sunday service in due course than to waste time on a learner who will not.

Secondly, the friend may be a highly respectable citizen who can be briefly described as an outsider by religious people. If so, the answer is in the Bible. A feast was prepared, the invited guests refused to attend, so the servants were sent on a successful search of the highways and they brought in a less desirable company.

This story has been appropriate many times during the 40 years I have been ringing. The Vicar in the pulpit invites someone to fill a vacancy in the belfry. Months go by and the invited guests are still absent, so the servants (i.e., the ringers) make a quicker and more successful search among the outsiders. It is my suggestion that Mr. Derby should discuss the Bible story with his Vicar, after which the friend may be permitted to ring on Sundays.

Those who point at the outsider who rings and walks away should have filled the vacancy before the outsider had the chance to do so.—Yours sincerely,
JOHN SEGAR.
Retford.

'UNAMBIGUOUS'

Dear Sir,—What does Mr. York-Bramble expect to gain by misquoting himself, and who does he hope to deceive?

Referring to W. H. Thompson, Dr. Rankin and Dr. Ledermann in the issue of August 4th he wrote: 'Yet, of all these, it is true to say their work lies rather in the field of method-employment or composition than in that of structural design of methods or method analysis.' This sentence is perfectly clear and unambiguous. It says that Dr. Ledermann's work lies in the field of composition; it does not say, as Mr. York-Bramble now pretends, that it applies in the field of composition.

And what does he mean by the 'foregoing corrections' in the last paragraph of his letter of September 15th? That letter makes no corrections to his article, 'More haste, less speed.'—Yours sincerely,

MAURICE HODGSON.

Kenton, Harrow.

ST. PETER'S, NORTHAMPTON

Dear Sir,—In 1734 a ring of eight bells was installed in the beautiful Norman Church of St. Peter, Northampton, by Abraham Rudhall, Gloucester, a gift of the then Sir Arthur Haselrigg, whose residence was the old Elizabethan house nearby. Five years later a band of College Youths rang a peal of 5,040 Bob Major, conducted by Benjamin Annable, believed to be the first on the bells.

In 1939 a peal of 5,040 Bob Major was rung in commemoration of this early peal by the Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, conducted by Tom Tebbutt.

A beautifully executed record of the two peals in coloured Old English writing and framed in medium oak has been placed in the belfry by St. Peter's ringers. The bells had been promised on a Saturday afternoon for the unveiling and dedication service, but an appropriate Saturday is not available. The ceremony has been arranged to take place during evensong on October 8th. Any ringers who can pay us a visit on that Sunday evening will be very welcome. Ringing is normally from 5.30 p.m. to 6.20 p.m., but if any ringers would like to come at 5.15 and let me know I will do my best to complete the band at that time.—Yours faithfully,

G. S. VALENTINE, Hon. Sec.,
St. Peter's Ringers.

A MARKET DRAYTON MEMORY

Dear Sir,—I am very much indebted to Mr. Farmer for his description of the Market Drayton ringers in 'The Shropshire Magazine' and 'The Ringing World,' and it brought to my mind an incident that occurred when ringing on New Year's Eve.

There was a young man named Joseph Clark, who came to ring the old year out and the new year in. Joe arrived late and the bells were pealing out.

The night was cold and Joseph wore a heavy coat, and, coming to the belfry, hung it on the coat pegs close to the key that turns on the gas.

The light went lower and lower with calls to Joe to turn on the gas, but the room was almost dark before Joe turned the key, much to the relief of the ringers. Joe has now passed on, but the incident is still remembered by a few of his old friends.—Yours, etc.,

E. WEATHERBY.
1235, Mullen Avenue, Los Angeles, U.S.A.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. G. Cudd 1, Miss M. A. Carter 2, J. W. Seymour 3, J. Adams 4, J. Honey 5, D. O. Wilks (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor 1 and 3.

Reminiscence

ALAMEIN RINGING AT KIRKWALL

I think that I must have had as unique an experience as anyone. I was stationed in the Orkney Islands on the defences of Scapa Flow when Mr. Winston Churchill's historic message was received that our forces had been successful in the Battle of El Alamein and that the church bells throughout the country would, on the following Sunday, be rung to celebrate the turning point in our fight for freedom.

Being an ardent ringer, I, of course, looked round in these desolate regions of the British Isles to see where I could play my part in the celebrations. I telephoned the Vicar of St. Magnus' Cathedral, Kirkwall, and he informed me that his church had bells and that his 'ringers' would be pleased to welcome me on the Sunday. I obtained leave of absence from the O.C., and my journey had to consist of a three hours run on one of the small drifters which provided a ferry service between the numerous small islands, and it meant leaving our camp on the Saturday afternoon.

Saturday morning arrived with high seas running, which resulted in the cancellation of all ferry services, but later in the afternoon the sea subsided, though still leaving a nasty swell. Drifter services were resumed and I started on my journey. The sea was still running high and I was nearly seasick, and, owing to the bad docking conditions at the harbour nearest to Kirkwall, it was necessary to land about eight miles from this point, and I was then faced with the walk to Kirkwall. Upon arriving at Kirkwall, feeling very weary, I tried to obtain accommodation for the night, but all hotels and hostels were full, and I had to resort to sleeping in a hut at the rear of the Police Station, which had every appearance of a doss house.

After a sleepless night caused by the rowdiness of the other occupants, I was up early and after a scanty breakfast I made my way to St. Magnus' Cathedral to await the arrival of the 'ringers.' I stood outside quite a long time at the entrance to the tower, and then I heard a faint tinkling. I thought to myself, 'Well! I have missed the ringers and they are just about to raise the bells,' so I made my way into the churchyard, enquired the way from the verges to the ringing chamber and started to climb the steps, and behold, what did I find at the top? A very fine looking old gentleman with an even finer large white walrus moustache seated on a high-backed chair resembling a throne, with one rope on his foot and one in each hand, in addition to which there was a large music stand with sheets of numbers each named by some reference to the praise of God. My heart sank and, after conversing with the fine old gentleman, I bade him farewell and resorted to the nearby canteen where, over the radio, I was able to hear the broadcast of church bells from all over the country.

I was sadly disappointed and my troubles were still yet to be added to, in that the sea had again turned rough with no ferry services and again I had to seek the shelter of the Police Station hut for the night. In 'The Orkney Blast' (the forces' newspaper in that area) reference was made to my visit to Kirkwall Cathedral to ring the bells, the report having been sent into the press room by our unit's reporter before my return with my story. Needless to say, it was the subject of comment by a ringer on a neighbouring island, who said that if a ring of bells existed at St. Magnus' Cathedral, he would have been there too.

K. KETTERINGHAM.

Alford, Lincolnshire.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD WEEK

THIS was held from August 28th to September 2nd and, in accordance with tradition every five years, was held in Cambridge. We were most grateful to Selwyn, of which college our president, the Rev. A. C. Blyth, is Vice-Master, for putting us up, also to our president for accompanying us most of the time.

The afternoon of August 28th opened stormily, with a peal of Rutland at Long Stanton, during the first hour of which thunder raged around. We survived and, joined by other members, rang with the Cambridge Youths at Great St. Mary's that evening.

On Tuesday 5,088 changes of Kent were rung at Bourn. After an hour it dawned on some members that the 'peal' was false; however they, with admirable courage, continued to ring, like Arctic explorers who struggle on, knowing that survival is impossible, whilst more innocent members guily persisted with what they supposed to be a peal.

Meanwhile, wiser members rang Oswald-twistle, etc., at Hemingford Grey (six, tenor 14 cwt.), a pretty church by the Ouse, followed by Oxford T.B., etc., at Hemingford Abbots, a nice six with a lovely spire above, then to Godmanchester with its fine heavy eight (tenor 21 cwt.). That afternoon to the lovely eight at Eaton Socon, a church so beautifully rebuilt after fire; a nice touch of Spliced went well here. Then to the grand tower and bells of St. Neots (oddly dedicated to St. Mary, not St. Neot), Double Norwich sounded well here; after tea to the nearby suburb of Eynesbury where the six in an oddly placed tower went well to Cambridge. We hope the roof here will be made watertight soon. The lovely woodwork in the church must be preserved. Not content with Great Grandsen, our seventh tower that day (a pretty church, this), some must needs 'bag' Caxton, also, where Bob Minor was a novelty to the bells which, I think, had not seen so much activity for some time.

SUDBURY'S GRAND CHURCHES.

On Wednesday we went to Clare (dare it be mentioned that some 'snatched' two sixes on the way, Haverhill and Stoke-by-Clare). The fine heavy eight at Clare were much admired, as was the grand church with its splendid woodwork, ringers' jug and glass. To Sudbury with its memories of past greatness in its three grand churches all with towers prominent from near and far. At St. Peter's, Mr. Finch of Walthamstow joined us for Superlative. These bells are not too easy to strike well. Then to St. Gregory's with its fine font cover and the head of Archbishop Simon of Sudbury in the vestry. The undersigned withdrew at this point, to marry someone at Norwich, so could not sample Sudbury's third fine eight—at All Saints'. He gathers, however, that the grand eight at Lavenham lived up to reputation, and that after Pudsey and Bristol had come round, members were thanked for 'playing the bells.' Long Melford with its glorious church, Lady Chapel, Clopton Chapel, fine glass, and many other memories of past greatness, also proved a memorable place.

None the worse for his experience, the undersigned was there again for supper, and next day, after Holy Communion, celebrated by the president at St. Edward's, we went to Trumpington, whose fine tower had but one imperfection—a certain 'hook' was not on the shelf! However, Miss Willers has added to her kindness by remedying that situation now. Chase and Spliced Grandsire and Stedman were rung here. Then to All Saints'. Harston, with a nice rehung six, and a cracked mediæval bell on the floor. At Barrington, with its peal board recording a visit by the Guild on 5th February, 1904, London and Cambridge with Bobs made with the treble at the back, were performed. To Foxton where the five bells are not very often rung now. Back to Cambridge (magic phrase) where that afternoon a peal of Stedman Caters was rung at Great St. Mary's. We

are wondering now whether to put the nice peal board, commemorating a similar exploit by the Oxford University Society, on a hinge like a palimpsest brass and to paint out effort on the reverse side, so that supporters of either University can turn the one which pleases them best, to face the room. During this, it is said that 'Others more mild, retreated in silent valleys rang, with notes angelical . . .' (to parody 'Paradise Lost'), on the three sixes at Chesterton, Histon and Cottenham.

The annual summer meeting was held that evening. At this, it was planned to hold the next Guild week at Oxford, August 27th to September 1st, 1951, also, if possible, to hold another annual dinner in Cambridge on February 3rd, 1951. Messrs. Lindley and Thurlow were charged with the task of investigating the possibility of printing a new edition of Tyrwhitt-Drake's History of the Guild, brought up to date (we shall now have a race with the builder of the ringing machine to see who gets finished first). Films finished this evening.

On Friday, Cambridge was rung at Ickleton for 40 minutes. The Vicar here most kindly wrote on the church door, 'It is dangerous to approach or to speak to the ringers'—material for a cartoon here by one of our artists—some did ring with tooth and claw . . . The milder ones were at Stapleford and Sawston. We all joined at Duxford, where the Rector, the Rev. J. B. Boyce, rang rounds with us. Then, at Saffron Walden, we found that a café we had never heard of before was expecting us. They did us well, and then Little Bob Maximus, Stedman Caters and Cinques, etc. went happily on the fine twelve in a really grand church. Eventually we found Stanstead Mountfitchet church (though Helion Bumpstead, Messing, Mucking, Fobbing, Chignal Smealey, Good Easter and Shellow Bowels are Essex names not in our register as yet) and London, etc., went nicely here. The day (and the week for several members) finished with Littlebury, the intervals of whose six bells I will not attempt to describe.

Those who remained for the final evening are said to have 'had a good time': one who thought he knew the way home found himself in four feet of water, another member got mixed up with a fire extinguisher; however, despite man's two most powerful enemies, the 'first' of Lincolnshire for the Guild was a fitting climax to a grand week, at Norton, Herts, next day.

Numbers present this week presaged a good future for the Guild. Those present for all or part of the time were the President, the Master Tim Watt, the non-resident secretary, Paul Williamson, Revs. G. Benson, B. F. Sheppard, Gilbert Thurlow, T. P. Hearn, Messrs. R. Speed, B. White, S. Darmon, Bill Ridgman, Ted Lindley, M. Harford, B. Threlfall, G. Dodds, F. Haynes, J. Butler, R. Leigh, R. Guy, and Misses A. Stockdale, B. Whistler and G. Anderson Smith. It was a great delight to have with us Rognwald Wilson, of Edinburgh University.

GILBERT THURLOW.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS
EAST DEVON BRANCH.

A meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Broadhembury on September 16th. There was a good attendance and over 70 ringers and friends sat down to tea, provided by Mrs. Pleasance at the Drewe Arms.

The Rev. C. Crowhurst, Vicar of Broadhembury, who together with Mrs. Crowhurst are ringers, took the service and spoke on 'tone,' saying when ringers, like the bells they rang, were in tone with each other all was well.

Various methods were rung during the afternoon on a ring which goes backward.

Certificates were presented by the president, Preb. E. V. Cox, to five members of Payhembury, and three new members were elected. Ringing finished about 8.30 p.m. and everyone voted it a pleasant afternoon.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE S. MAYERS

In the passing of George Southgate Mayers, Norwich and the Norwich Diocesan Association lose one of their finest characters. His connection with Norwich ringing was very long indeed. He learnt to ring at Hindringham, Norfolk, and came from there to Norwich about 1894. Though he was soon interested in St. Miles' and St. Peter Parmentergate (whose bells have since been disgracefully allowed to become unringable), he came to make Mancroft his chief interest.

He became a grand heavy-bell ringer. Amongst the 549 peals which he rang for the Norwich Diocesan Association were included 7,000 Double Norwich at St. Miles' in 1920; a peal of Double Norwich Royal at Aylsham in 1923, the first in Norfolk since 1769; the tenor at Mancroft to Cambridge Major in 1927, a farewell peal to George Cross, one of his many fine pupils; and on several other occasions he turned in the tenors at Mancroft and St. Nicholas' Yarmouth, to peals of Major, Royal and Maximus. He rang about 100 peals with other associations.

He was a member of the historic Purse Club of the Mancroft ringers, and when the old Norwich Scholars who rang there disbanded in the '90's, he helped train up the new band which succeeded them about 1900 and which, with various natural changes, has rung there ever since. He became steeplekeeper at Mancroft in 1925 in succession to Douro Potter, and held this post until about 1945; he always kept the bells in perfect order.

He did a great deal at other towers as well, notably at St. John de Sepulchre's, where he trained the band which rang the eight bells installed in 1909. The many ringers trained by him constitute one of the greatest debts we owe him, and I am proud to say that the last time he ever rang was at the opening of St. George Colegate bells on May 20th, 1950, for the main purpose in opening these bells is to provide just such an easy training ground for beginners as George would rejoice in.

The funeral was at Mancroft on September 12th; it was taken by the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow, and the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, president of the Norwich Diocesan Association, read the lesson. The interment was at Trowse, where a course of Grandsire Triples was rung round the grave by G. Thurlow, Ben Thompson, Nolan Golden and Bert Gogle. May he rest in peace.

GILBERT THURLOW.

CANON GEORGE DIGBY SCOTT

The death occurred on September 14th of the Rev. George Digby Scott, formerly Rector of Christ Church, Bray, Co. Wicklow, at the age of 85.

He took his B.A. degree in 1887 and subsequently M.A. in 1891 at Cambridge. He was ordained at Auckland in 1889 for the curacy of Bishopwearmouth, Sunderland, Co. Durham. In 1893 he became his father's curate at Bray and in 1910 he succeeded his father as Rector of Bray, where he remained until his retirement in 1943.

Canon Scott learned his bellringing at Bray in 1890, and took up ringing at Bishopwearmouth. He was one of the keenest bellringers in Ireland, although he never rang any peals. He could stand in with his local band to Plain Bob and Grandsire. He was president of the Irish Association from 1906 to 1908 and was a member of the Central Council from 1919 to 1933.

He attended the inaugural meeting of the Irish Association in 1898 and thus became one of the original members, only two of whom now survive. The Association conferred the honour of life membership on him when this class was instituted in 1945. The funeral was at Enniskerry on September 18th.

West Sussex Ringers in Hampshire

A small party of West Sussex ringers, composed mainly of the younger generation, spent an enjoyable ringing week-end in Hampshire over September 9-10th. Most travelled on cycles, though three went in luxury, by car!

The party met at 10.15 on Saturday morning at the fine cruciform church of South Harting, where we were welcomed by the Vicar. The bells, a ring of six (tenor 12 cwt.), are rung from the centre of the church, and the long draught proved to be a little difficult. After ringing some well-struck Grandsire Doubles, we adjourned to Petersfield for lunch.

The next tower on the programme was the light six at Steep (tenor 6½ cwt.), which hang in a wooden belfry with apparently little support underneath! However, the bells went well to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor. At East Meon we had the pleasure of ringing for a wedding, rather to the surprise of the happy pair! This grand octave was well used to Stedman and Grandsire Triples, though the unusual ascent to the belfry via an iron ladder and small platform proved rather alarming to at least one member!

The light octave (tenor 12 cwt.) at West Meon came next. Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Cambridge Minor were rung here, but it was felt that the bells would benefit from a judiciously applied spanner to the frame. Those with sandwiches enjoyed a picnic tea in a nearby field, while the others eventually found some welcome food and refreshment in a hostelry at Cheriton. The final tower of the day was the very fine recently restored six (tenor 7½ cwt.) at Titchborne. Ringing here was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and included rounds and call changes for the local captain, Mr. Russell, who very kindly met us.

The day concluded with a seven mile run through a rather wet evening to Winchester, where the night was spent (under somewhat crowded conditions) at a C.T.C. hostel. The following morning saw us en route for New Alresford, where we rang for service. The bells, a very good eight rehung by Taylors (tenor 15½ cwt.), were put to good use in Grandsire and Bob Major. The party attended the service and received a welcome from the Vicar at the commencement of the sermon, which was much appreciated. After an excellent lunch at the Volunteer Arms, kindly arranged for us beforehand by the Vicar, we went on to Ropley. Here we found a fine six (tenor 15 cwt.) by Gillett (1927), which go and sound very well. The tower is partly built of shingle-covered timber and is very picturesque. After ringing Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob Minor and Kent Minor here, the car party went on ahead and had the pleasure of ringing the back three of the five at Newton Valence for the children's service.

The cyclists met the motorists at Selborne, where we inspected the church, well known for its memories of Gilbert White, the naturalist. Then on to Hawley. After a hasty dash into Liss for tea, we all enjoyed ringing on the recently augmented octave (tenor 7½ cwt.), which go well and sound very fine. We were welcomed by the Vicar and the local captain, and again the hearty welcome was appreciated.

This was the last tower of the tour, and the party returned to Chichester, with several intermediate halts for refreshment.

The party, which included ringers from Bosham, Chichester and Felpham, passed a hearty vote of thanks to Norman Smith, of Chichester Cathedral band, who made all arrangements for the tour, and to the various incumbents and local ringers who met us at the different towers. P. N. B.

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DEATHS

LEWIS.—On Sept. 21st, 1950, Lucy Lewis, of Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton, hon. member of Coventry Diocesan Guild, mother of Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Guild hon. sec., in her 81st year. 7668

PEARSON.—On Sept. 8th, 1950, suddenly in the garden at Adderbury West, Oxon, Ethel, much loved wife of Ernest, mother of Cecil and Edmund Pearson. 7649

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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MEETINGS

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Howden (8) on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock for those who notify by Sept. 29th Mr. E. A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, near Goole.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 7614

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meeting at Burnham, Sept. 30th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bus from Maidenhead or Slough. 7600

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual district meeting, Ashford, Sept. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 7595

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, St. Luke's, Derby, Saturday, Sept. 30th, 3.30. Note altered date. Own tea arrangements.—J. F. Wilkinson. 7627

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Northenden, Sept. 30th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis. 7633

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Monday, Oct. 2nd. St. Mary's, Lambeth, 7.15; Saturday, Oct. 14th, St. Mary's, Merton (just rehung), 2.15 to 3.30; St. Mary's, Clapham Common, 3.45 to 5; St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 6 to 8, business following; Wednesday, Oct. 18th, Surprise practice, St. Stephen's, Westminster, 7.45. 7675

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Abbots Langley (6), Sept. 30th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 7605

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Ely St. Mary's (8), Saturday, Sept. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting to elect a new secretary.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely. 7608

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next business meeting, Saturday, Sept. 30th, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Mary's, Putney, 5 p.m.; All Saints', Fulham, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec. 7667

BURES, SUFFOLK.—Ringers' Sunday, Oct. 1st. Bells 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Cafe, trains and buses available. For communal teas notify Leslie Mills. 7467

FYFIELD, ESSEX.—Dedication of new treble bell, Oct. 1st, at 11 o'clock. Ringing during afternoon from 3 to 6.30.—F. W. Blatch. 7644

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, Oct. 2nd, 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 7643

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held in the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 7th, 1950, at 5.45 p.m. Chairman, the Very Rev. the Dean of Worcester. All Saints' (10) and St. John's (8) bells available from 3.30 to 5.15 p.m. Tickets (7s. each) obtainable until Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, from Messrs. C. Skidmore, T. W. Lewis, Branch Secs., or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgemoor, Evesham. 7593

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.—Dedication.—The two new trebles at St. Mary's Church will be dedicated by the Ven. Donald B. Harris, Archdeacon of Bedford, on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Service 3.30 p.m. Ringing after service. Tea for those who notify not later than Tuesday, Oct. 3rd. Buses from Luton and Bedford, Eastern National service No. 20.—M. J. Lockey, George Street, Maulden. 7618

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, King's Somborne (6), Saturday, Oct. 7th. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea by Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, to L. A. Tremere, 34, The Dean, Alresford. 7623

THREE COUNTIES MEETING.—Hertfordshire Association (Western District), Oxford Diocesan Guild North Bucks Branch), Bedfordshire Association (Luton District).—Joint meeting, Leighton Buzzard, Oct. 7th. Bells: All Saints' (10), St. Barnabas' (8), available from 2.30; Totternhoe (6) open 2.30 to 4.30. Tea, Leighton, 5. 7619

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Meeting, South Petherton, Oct. 7th. Usual arrangements. Early notification for tea essential.—F. Farrant, Martock. 7620

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly. Ripley, Oct. 7th, 2.30. Committee 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.30. Numbers for tea by Oct. 4th, otherwise tea not guaranteed, to F. Shaw, 38, Inglefield Road, Ilkeston. 7625

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Erdington, Oct. 7th. Bells at Parish Church (8) at 3 p.m. Bells at R.C. Abbey (8) at 7.30 p.m. Notify for tea G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 7616

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual general meeting at Tonbridge (8), Oct. 7th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Parish Church Room. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, by Oct. 5th ('phone Tonbridge 2910). 7611

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wicken on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Names for tea by Oct. 3rd to W. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, near Buckingham. 7599

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Coaley (6), Oct. 7th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Oct. 4th Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 7676

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Christchurch Priory, Oct. 7th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Please notify for tea Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 7677

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Oct. 7th, 955th dedication festival at the Deanery Church of St. Mary, Bocking. Ringing 2.30 to 9. Service 4.30. Advise for tea H. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 7635

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chinner, Oxon, on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. Bledlow bells after tea. Names for tea by Oct. 3rd to H. Badger, 38, North Street, Thame, Oxon. 7628

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual Newbury (10), Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. E. Curtis, 67, King's Road, Newbury, by Oct. 4th. 7609

SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District).—Joint meeting at Chislehurst, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Annunciation 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (2s. 3d.) 5 p.m. St. Nicholas' in evening. Names for tea, not later than Oct. 4th, to Mr. F. C. W. Knight, 19, Austin Road, Orpington, Kent.—A. G. Hill, R. Lathbury, Dis. Secs. 7610

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting, Kelsale (8), Oct. 7th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by 4th.—P. S. Bedford, Crossways, Aldeburgh. 7607

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Metheringham, Oct. 7th. Bells (8) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., but only for those who notify Mr. J. Freeman, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln, by Wednesday previous.—F. Lord, Hon. Branch Sec. 7602

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Bolney (8), Saturday, Oct. 7th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify by Oct. 4th G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 7663

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Middlewich, Oct. 7th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea by Oct. 2nd to H. Howard, 5, Green Lane, Davenham, Northwich. 7672

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Ticknall, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. G. Soar, Ticknall, near Derby. 7671

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Stoke Golding, Oct. 7th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify by Oct. 5th Mr. H. Hill, Gables, Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding, Nuneaton. 7670

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster and Furness and Lake District Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Morecambe, Oct. 7th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 4th, to Mr. H. Palmer, 14, Oxford Street, Morecambe.—J. Woods and N. M. Newby, Secretaries. 7669

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Nantwich (8), Oct. 7th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by 4th.—Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 7661

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Melksham (8), Oct. 7th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 7654

OXFORD GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting, Hinton Waldrist, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, Wednesday, Oct. 4th.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 7653

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at Alloa, Oct. 7th. Ringing from 2.30. Names for tea by Oct. 4th to Rognvald Wilson, 15, Durham Road, Portobello, Midlothian. 7573

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice at Grayshott (6), Saturday, Oct. 7th, 6 to 9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, District Sec. 7636

CUMBERLAND AND N.W. ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Arlecdon, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells 2.30. Tea 4.30. Meeting. 5. Names for tea by Oct. 2nd to J. A. Haile, 1, Main Street, St. Bees, Cumberland. 7637

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Bolton Branches.—Joint meeting, St. Peter's, Hindley, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea will be provided free to those who notify by Oct. 4th Mr. H. S. Cooper, 70, Atherton Road, Hindley. 7639

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Hanley, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Names for tea to Mr. N. Sargeant, 58, Eastbourne Road, Hanley, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 7641

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Whalley on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Ringing at 2.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 7642

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Abbotts Leigh (6), Oct. 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. Bennett. 7646

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Henley, Oct. 7th. Bells (8) at 3. Tea 5 provided. Names essential by 3rd to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. 7648

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cropredy, Oct. 7th. Service 4. Tea. Wardington evening.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West. 7651

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston and Melton Districts.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Oct. 7th, at Ashby Folville. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Oct. 4th to Miss B. Smith, The Hollies, Barsby, Leicester.—F. Key, J. Cook, Hon. Secs. 7656

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Sheffield on Saturday, Oct. 7th. St. Marie's (8) 2.30 and Cathedral (12) after tea. Names for tea to Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield 8.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 7657

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Thornby on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Names for tea essential before Oct. 3rd to E. Orland, 11, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. 7659

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Last quarterly meeting, Radcliffe, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names by Thursday, Oct. 5th, latest, to Mr. A. Lygo, Kelvininside, Granfield Avenue, Radcliffe-on-Trent. 7664

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Crusader meeting at Barking (8), Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells available from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.—F. V. Gant. 7666

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—First practice of term, Oct. 9th, at Hampstead (St. Stephen's). Practices on first Monday in month at Gospel Oak third Monday in month at Lambeth. Other Mondays at Hampstead, each at 6.30. Details of A.G.M. later.—V. J. Benning, Hon. Sec. 7652

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—First practice, Michaelmas Term, Wednesday, Oct. 11th, Great St. Andrew's, 8 p.m., followed by business meeting. New members please contact A. W. T. Cleaver, Downing. 7645

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Note alteration. Meeting at Stagden (6) on Oct. 14th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Names, please, to Percy Bonnett, Rose Cottage, Stagden, by Oct. 10th. Practice meeting at Wilden on Wednesday, Oct. 25th, at 7 p.m. 7604

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mellons, Oct. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 7638

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly, Warkton (5), Oct. 14th. Bells 3 p.m., Weekley (6) in evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Special business—farewell to branch president. Names by Tuesday previous, please.—G. Watson, 81, Church Street, Burton Latimer. 7640

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting, West Clandon, Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Merrow (6) afternoon and evening. Numbers for tea to me by Oct. 9th, please, otherwise you've had it.—G. L. Grover, East Clandon, Guildford. 7647

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The Potter annual commemoration dinner will be held at King George Hotel, Peel Street, Barnsley, at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Tickets 7s. 6d. each. St. Mary's bells available 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Tickets obtainable from me.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 7673

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting, Lincoln, St. Peter-at-Gowt's (6), Oct. 14th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 7650

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Alphington (8), Oct. 14th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Number for tea by Oct. 11th.—E. J. Ryall, Hon. Sec., Alphidex, Dunsford Hill, Exeter. 7655

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual district meeting, Maidstone, Oct. 14th. Book this date. Details next week.—E. S. J. Hatcher, Dis. Sec. 7658

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 14th, at Canterbury. Bells available, St. Alphege's, St. Stephen's, from 2.30 to 3.50 p.m. and after tea; St. Dunstan's, 2.30 to 4.15 and after tea. Service, St. Dunstan's, 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea (cash enclosed, 1s. 9d. per head), together with any nominations for officers, must reach me not later than first post Wednesday, Oct. 11th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 7662

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Bawtry (6), Saturday, Oct. 14th. Good bus service. Cafes close to church.—H. Denman. 7660

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—First post-war annual dinner will be held in the Lion Hotel, Guildford, Saturday, Oct. 21st, commencing 7 p.m. Tickets 8s. 6d. each from G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. Ringing arrangements, etc., will be notified later.—Dinner Committee. 7630

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—Owing to difficulty in booking suitable accommodation, the festival date has been altered from Oct. 21st to Nov. 4th. Dinner, 6.15, at the Bull's Head, Shelthorpe Estate, Loughborough. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) from H. J. Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, on receipt of remittance. Ringing details later. 7665

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—The next general meeting (75th anniversary of foundation) will be held at Birstall, near Leeds, on Saturday, Nov. 4th, and not on Oct. 28th, due to local circumstances. Full details later. Please reserve date.—L. W. G. Morris, General Sec. 7674

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GERMAN BELLS

HITLER'S search for metals during the eventful years of 1939-45 resulted in his removal of the church bells not only of many of the occupied countries, but in Germany itself. According to the 'Manchester Guardian' about 130,000 bells were removed and taken to the foundries to be melted down. About 100,000 of these went to Hamburg and most of them went into the melting pot. Singularly enough, there was an examination of the bells, and the oldest and most valuable, some of which were more than 700 years old, were temporarily exempted and survived the war.

The process of returning the bells to their silent steeples and towers has now taken place and only those removed from churches beyond the Oder-Neisse line still languish in the Hamburg 'bell-knackers' yards. The opportunity of studying such a collection of bells was not neglected. The Hamburg collection was carefully catalogued in all their physical aspects, and about 300 of the finest in shape and tone were intensively studied by experts who have not yet published their findings.

There has been established an Advisory Committee on Church Bells in Germany, consisting not only of campanological experts and managers, but of art historians and physicists. The outcome of their deliberations is that the various foundries should cast bells in different alloys, to prescriptions determined in Hamburg. It is proposed to hold a competition next spring at Limburg and the bells which then for the purity and duration of their note win the prizes are to be the pattern for those that will go into the many silent churches in Germany.

We are surprised that the Advisory Committee on Church Bells in Germany have not consulted the three leading bell founders of this country on the fundamental principles of bell design and tuning. The position of England to-day in the art of bell-founding is pre-eminent. The composition of bell metal is no secret; the Advisory Committee of experts in Hamburg can have that for the asking, and while knowledge on any subject is not exhausted, research into this matter is not likely to

bring about the coveted prizes. The inquiries of the late Lord Grimthorpe into the correct alloy for the casting of a bell covered a very wide field, and his conclusion was that the existing formula for bell metal, i.e., approximately 13 parts of copper to four of tin, could not be improved. That formula is accepted by metallurgists of to-day.

There are two main factors in producing the perfect bell—shape and tuning. Since the researches of Canon Simpson into the art of tuning, an exhaustive study of the subject has been made, and the practical application of his deductions have resulted in the bells given to this country being on a far higher plane than ever before. Probably only one past founder ever amassed the secret of perfect tuning—Heemony, the famous Dutch founder of the 17th century. His knowledge died with him.

The beauty of a ring of bells is not to be found in the characteristics of one bell, but in the blending together of the octave, ten or twelve. Change ringers of this country know only too well how the music of a ring of bells has been spoilt in many instances by an over-powerful tenor which dwarfs into insignificance the other bells. This is particularly noticeable when the tenor is turned in. Many of these unsatisfactory rings are the product of augmentations in the last century when trebles were added too light for the tenor. These errors of the past are not likely to be repeated in this country. A careful study has been made not only of tuning, but the proportionate weight of bells, and the generally accepted principle in a ring of eight is that the seventh bell should be two-thirds of the weight of the tenor and the sixth one half.

Removal of church bells by invaders during the war took place in the Channel Islands. The ring of six at St. Anne's, Alderney, was taken to France. Fortunately, it has been recovered and returned to the Island. The bells are now in a wooden frame in the churchyard and are chimed for Sunday service. They were cast by Mears in 1852, and it is hoped that when sufficient funds are available they will be rehung in the tower. Alderney had complete evacuation during the war, and much money is required to repair other defects to the church. The Island has only 1,270 inhabitants at present and resources are extremely limited.

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ALBERT WALKER 4	GEORGE E. FEARN 9
TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 5	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

LESLIE W. STEVENS ... <i>Treble</i>	BERT SUTTON 6
TERENCE A. THORNER ... 2	SHIRLEY BURTON 7
J. FREDK. MILNER 3	HAROLD MARCON 8
ALFRED BALLARD 4	HAROLD J. POOLE 9
ALBERT J. ADAMS 5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by SHIRLEY BURTON.

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MARGARET FLACKETT ... 2	ARTHUR PEAKE 6
*EWART H. EDGE 3	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 7
NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... 4	WILLIAM PERKINS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

* First peal of Stedman and first of Triples. First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

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THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... <i>Treble</i>	† ALBERT LAWTON 5
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Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by NEVILLE R. HOLLAND.

* First peal of Major on tower bells. † First peal of Major.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN BASS <i>Treble</i>	HAROLD COOPER 5
FREDERICK HANDLEY ... 2	LESLIE EVANS 6
*MONICA DAVIS 3	*E. PETER ROCK 7
*F. ERIC ROBERTS 4	WILFRID F. MORETON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. F. MORETON.

* First peal in the method. Ring half-muffled in memory of William Short and William Hand. William Short was at one time an instructor to the Hereford Diocesan Guild, and, fittingly, four of the above band are resident members of it.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDGBURG,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE ... <i>Treble</i>	EDWIN G. MOORE 5
MARGARET L. TUTT 2	GEORGE P. BURTON 6
AUBREY D. MILLS 3	EDGAR J. SMITH 7
WILLIAM JUDGE 4	HARRY HATFIELD <i>Tenor</i>

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

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN E. LLOYD <i>Treble</i>	JAMES F. CLARKE 5
LEONARD TREVOR 2	J. L. GARNER-HAYWARD ... 6
HUBERT G. SUMMERS ... 3	HUBERT E. ASHLEY 7
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH ... 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD (No. 179). Conducted by L. TREVOR.

ST. IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 20, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Johnson's. Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

*GERALD NICHOLLS ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN G. GIPSON 5
BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	*FRANK W. LACK 6
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 3	STANLEY GILBERT 7
G. HENRY DUNNINGTON ... 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Cambridge Major on the bells.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIE GREEN <i>Treble</i>	J. MARTIN THORLEY 5
MILTON C. FOWLER 2	J. EDWARD CAWSE 6
GIBSON JACKSON 3	J. FREDK. MILNER 7
*WILLIAM H. JACKSON ... 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED G. WILLIAMS 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	FREDK. J. CULLUM 7
RALPH BIRD 4	HARRY PARKES <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Grove's Transposition. Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDK. W. BURNETT ... <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST A. JURD 5
*BLANCHE M. BALL 2	ERNEST BROWN 6
HAROLD A. NOBES 3	JOHN H. HUNT 7
BRYAN C. STIRLAND ... 4	S. JOHN HARDING <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal on eight bells.



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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ... Treble *JOHN HOWARD ... 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 2 CECIL C. MAYNE ... 6
*DAVID W. LAMB ... 3 JOHN R. MAYNE ... 7
ALBERT C. BRIDGES ... 4 JESSE W. HARRISON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the 44th wedding anniversary of the tenor ringer, who has now circled the tower.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the R.C. Cathedral of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... Treble ARTHUR D. COOK ... 5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 2 TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 6
*ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 3 HENRY H. FEARN ... 7
G. WM. CRITCHLEY ... 4 FRANK E. HAYNES ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

* First peal of London. First peal of London as conductor.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt.
DAPHNE LLOYD ... Treble *DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD ... 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 2 *BRIAN HARRIS ... 6
ARTHUR WATKIN ... 3 *PERCY SWINDLEY ... 7
JOHN E. USHER ... 4 R. GORDON CORBY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* 25th peal together. † 25th peal. Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Right Rev. D. D. Bartlett as Bishop of St. Asaph.

CHEPSTOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Grove's Transposition. Tenor 14 cwt.
JACK R. WORRALL ... Treble JAMES L. SMITH ... 5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS ... 2 DAVID J. KING ... 6
FREDERICK J. BAILEY ... 3 JOHN B. BENNETT ... 7
DONALD G. CLARKE ... 4 JOHN J. SIMS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN B. BENNETT.

First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor. Rung at a compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. Sapsford on the birth of a daughter.

COLLINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Oswald,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt. in B flat.

JAMES THORLEY ... Treble J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 5
WILLIAM H. JACKSON ... 2 J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 6
J. MARTIN THORLEY ... 3 MILTON C. FOWLER ... 7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 4 GIBSON JACKSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

GORING, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

*JOHN N. MONEY ... Treble *RAYMOND G. BURTON ... 5
ALBERT DISERENS ... 2 NOEL J. DISERENS ... 6
AUDREY B. DISERENS ... 3 REGINALD W. REX ... 7
BRIAN D. THRELFALL ... 4 RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal of Surprise.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

THOMAS BARKER ... Treble JOHN CHARNOCK ... 5
ERIC BALDWIN ... 2 LAWRENCE WALMSLEY ... 6
CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE ... 3 JOHN JACKSON ... 7
ARTHUR HATCH ... 4 ERNEST J. GOWER ... Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Vicar, the Rev. G. E. Haworth, and as a token of appreciation for his service, 1946-50.

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

JOHN E. BIBBY ... Treble WILLIAM BARTON ... 5
FRED DUNKERLEY ... 2 ERIC J. GILBERT ... 6
ALFRED E. SMITH ... 3 EDWARD JENKINS ... 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 4 JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

FRANK BARNARD ... Treble *FREDK. S. SUTTON ... 5
JOSEPH BOYER ... 2 HAROLD G. SMITH ... 6
HERBERT SUTTON ... 3 *JOHN E. BROUGH ... 7
BERNARD J. ONGLEY ... 4 EDWARD J. BOFFEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.
* 25th peal together. Rung for the commencement of celebrations for the 600th anniversary of the church.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

JAMES FERNLEY ... Treble WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 5
*JUNE HENSHAW ... 2 WILFRED STEVENSON ... 6
*ANNE WORTH ... 3 PETER LAFLEN ... 7
JAMES A. MILNER ... 4 JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Jas. W. Washbrook's Variation of Thurstan's Four-part. Tenor 10 cwt.
ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE Treble WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ... 2 J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 6
JOHN BRAMLEY ... 3 JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 7
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ... 4 PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON.

First peal of Stedman as conductor. Rung for the patronal festival.

SKIPTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

*ALEC SHUTTLEWORTH ... Treble *JOHN THORNTON ... 5
FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 2 WILLIAM A. PARSONS ... 6
MARK BARKER ... 3 *HAROLD TAYLOR ... 7
†WILFRED H. WHITAKER ... 4 PHILIP H. WHITAKER ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM A. PARSONS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

SHELFORD SPARROW ... <i>Treble</i>	*ROBERT E. LESTER ... 5
*LESLIE G. FORSTER ... 2	CHARLES E. FISHER ... 6
*M. JEAN FREER ... 3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 7
HARRY D. LISTER ... 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal of Superlative. First in the method as conductor.

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER J. BADRICK <i>Treble</i>	FREDK. J. PLUMMER ... 5
†VALERIE WILLARD ... 2	†EDGAR W. WINTERS ... 6
OLIVE L. MARTIN ... 3	WALTER AYRE ... 7
FRANK W. CROFT ... 4	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Kent Major. † First peal of Treble Bob. First in the method on the bells.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN <i>Treble</i>	DAVID VINCENT ... 5
WALTER RUFFLES ... 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 3	WALTER W. MILLER ... 7
FRANCIS W. CORNEY ... 4	LESLIE G. BRETT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD <i>Treble</i>	*JOHN HILL ... 5
EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 2	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY... 6
*CHARLES W. MUNDAY ... 3	ALBERT HARMAN ... 7
JOHN A. ETHERINGTON... 4	HAROLD A. MAY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

* First peal of Yorkshire. First peal in the method as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Aug. 31, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

Being seven different extents.	
*COLIN HALL ... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR HALLAM ... 4
GEORGE A. NEWTON ... 2	PETER HALLAM ... 5
GEORGE PICKERING ... 3	JOSEPH TAYLOR ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOSEPH TAYLOR.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a farewell peal to the ringer of the treble on joining H.M. Forces.

LLANFRECHEFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*REV. N. C. WEIGHT ... <i>Treble</i>	*REV. RHYS MORRIS ... <i>Tenor</i>
REV. F. A. OSWELL ... 2	REV. I. J. RICHARDS ... 5
REV. R. A. SLUMAN ... 3	*REV. RHYS MORRIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by REV. I. J. RICHARDS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal by clergy of the Church in Wales. Rung in honour of the ordination to the priesthood of Rev. R. Hallett at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, Mon., on September 23rd. Believe it to be the first peal by clergy from one diocese in the Anglican Communion.

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Netherseale Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS... <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK R. HARRIS... 4
LESLIE EVANS ... 2	*AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... 5
*F. ERIC ROBERTS ... 3	WILFRID F. MORETON... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in seven methods.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Sept. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.

PERCY SMITH ... <i>Treble</i>	HAROLD S. PEACOCK ... 4
DUDLEY PAUL ... 2	WILFRED YOUNG ... 5
WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Rung for the 81st birthday of Mr. A. J. Abrams, father of St. Peter's band.

HILPERTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 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. in B flat.

MARY KENNELLY ... <i>Treble</i>	*PHILLIP WEEKS ... 4
RUBY GIBBONS ... 2	WILLIAM C. WEST ... 5
*GRAHAM R. EYLES ... 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment (21st) to the ringer of the second.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and eight 240's each of Morris' and Pitman's arrangement. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MRS. BETTY PAGE ... <i>Treble</i>	JOAN BUSSEY ... 4
LESLIE BARRY ... 2	GORDON LANE ... 5
GEORGE CASE ... 3	WILLIAM RICHINGS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

TARRING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

SIDNEY A. ANSELL ... <i>Treble</i>	*BARRY W. M. COOPER... 4
ANSELY BOWERS ... 2	HENRY C. WEAVER ... 5
ERNEST TREAGUS ... 3	RAYMOND P. WOOD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.

* First peal of Minor. Rung for the diamond jubilee of the town of Worthing.

WILBURTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Sept. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

MAURICE J. THURMOTT... <i>Treble</i>	*TERENCE H. BLUNT ... 4
MARION GRAIN ... 2	RONALD H. BULLEN ... 5
*PETER C. RIDGWAY ... 3	FRANK C. PRICE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by MARION GRAIN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

COURTEENHALL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt. 26 lb. in F sharp.

EDWARD G. BENNETT ... Treble	SIDNEY J. ELLIOTT ... 3
PERCY AMOS ... 2	WILLIAM R. HAMMONS ... 4

HARRY WOODING ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WOODING.

Rung on the 13th anniversary of the restoration of the bells, for the harvest festival, also as a thankoffering for the restoration of tower and rehanging of four bells in new steel frame for six and re-seating of the neighbouring church at Roade.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, 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 8½ cwt. in A.

*ELSIE WALKER ... Treble	*LEONARD HILL ... 4
†JAMES CARTER ... 2	*NORMAN LEDGER ... 5
*JOAN CARTER ... 3	*CHARLES CHEETHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES CARTER.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of Canon Whewell's retirement after 15 years as Rector of Ashton-under-Lyne. First peal by a local band of this church since 1931.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt.

JOHN P. VESSEY, JUN. ... Treble	S. GEORGE VESSEY ... 4
*BERYL N. WHITE ... 2	PERCY HOLMES ... 5
FRANK W. VERNON ... 3	PETER N. WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER N. WHITE.

* First peal.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Primrose, Hull, Ipswich, Norwich, Nether-seale, Bourne and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

RONALD APPLEWHITE ... Treble	MOSES BILLINGS ... 4
GEOFFREY R. PARKER ... 2	LOUIS WILLDERS ... 5
AMOS INGALL ... 3	JOHN E. COOK ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

First peal in seven Surprise methods by all except the conductor. First peal in seven Surprise methods as conductor.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720's: (1) Double Oxford, (2) St. Clement's, (3) College Single, (4) Single Court, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob (spliced). Tenor 10 cwt.

*ERNEST H. BOWLEY ... Treble	C. WILLIAM HALL ... 4
*REGINALD T. GOODMAN ... 2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ... 5
†STANLEY R. GARDNER ... 3	ROLAND BENISTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal in eight methods. † 25th peal. A farewell compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. M. Wedgewood.

DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt.
*HUGH LONGLAND ... Treble HENRY P. COLLIN ... 4
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* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Plain Bob. 25th peal as conductor. A silver wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilkinson, Folkingham.

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On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt.
*STANLEY PARAGREEN ... Treble GEORGE PICKERING ... 3
FREDERICK WATSON ... 2 PETER HALLAM 4
JOSEPH TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH TAYLOR.

* First peal. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. John Upton, who has been a ringer at this church for 45 years.

THORNHAUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 960 changes each of Canterbury, St. Simon and Plain Bob, 960 of Grandsire (G. Lindoff's arrangement), and 1,200 standard callings. Tenor 6 cwt.
HERBERT GOAKES ... Treble RONALD RUSSELL 3
PERCY D. BALDOCK ... 2 PERCY AMOS 4
JOHN H. BLUFF Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

First peal ever rung on the bells.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob and three extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.
A. DOREEN EDWARDS ... Treble *ALFRED WILKINSON ... 4
HENRY PARKER 2 A. GORDON LAWRENCE ... 5
ERIC HORNBY 3 HARRY W. HOWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal 'inside' in three methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

HANDBELL PEALS

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Sept. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT 47, HAYWARD ROAD, REDFIELD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.
*ANNIE BROWN 1-2 THOMAS HARRIS 5-6
JOHN THOMAS 3-4 REGINALD G. HOOPER ... 7-8
Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT 201, HIGH STREET, DUNSVILLE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.
DAVID G. JACKSON 1-2 WILLIAM H. JACKSON ... 5-6
GIBSON JACKSON 3-4 W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 7-8
Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

CAISTER-ON-SEA, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE WHITE HOUSE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.
ELSIE L. HAIRS 1-2 FRANK I. HAIRS 5-6
EDITH K. FLETCHER 3-4 WALTER AYRE 7-8
GEORGE W. FLETCHER 9-10
Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
Umpires: J. PARKER and F. BENNETT.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT 39a, HIGH STREET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.
*FRANK C. PRICE 1-2 †JOHN A. ACRES 5-6
MAURICE J. THURMOTT ... 3-4 RONALD H. BULLEN ... 7-8
Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.
* First peal of Major 'in hand.' † 50th peal, and 40th peal 'in hand.'

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT 11, AYLESBURY END,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being five callings. Tenor size 8 in C.
*DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 1-2 *KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 3-4
†ETHEL M. FLETCHER ... 5-6
Conducted by DOROTHY R. FLETCHER.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

C.C.C. No. 7. Tenor size 14 in D.
ALBERT H. WARD 1-2 MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3-4 ROY C. HURST 7-8
Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
IN ST. PETER'S CHURCH RINGING CHAMBER,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Holt's Ten-part (variation).
*FREDK. A. SALTER 1-2 *FREDK. G. HOOPER ... 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4 †FRANK BRADLEY ... 7-8
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First handbell peal in the method. † First peal in the method.
First peal in the method by the Guild.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 20, 1950, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
AT NORDALE, SCHOOL LANE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Reverse Bob, Double Bob and two of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 11 in G.

ALEX J. WEBSTER 1-2 ERIC J. GILBERT 3-4
FRANK VARTY (conductor) ... 5-6
First peal in six methods for all the band. 50th peal as conductor.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT GLYN GARTH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.
*JOHN E. ALLEN 1-2 MRS. A. RICHARDSON ... 5-6
†CYRIL WANDER 3-4 JACK BRAY 7-8
Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal 'in hand.' First peal 'in hand' away from tenors.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT 26, IRON MILL LANE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.
BETTY SPICE 1-2 FRANK I. HAIRS 5-6
WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ... 3-4 EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 7-8
Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

BADBY, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Field 1, M. Chown 2, W. Kilsby 3, F. Hutt 4, S. Ruddlesden 5, S. Osborne (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Monica Blundell and to Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Lewis on the birth of a daughter.

BARNWOOD, GLOS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Jones 1, T. Newman 2, Joan Bussey 3, E. Palmer 4, H. Daniels 5, L. Barry (cond.) 6, W. Richings 7, J. Sims 8. A compliment to E. Palmer on his 65th birthday.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Waller (first quarter) 1, A. Betsworth (first quarter) 2, C. Fay 3, G. Norris 4, W. Read (cond.) 5, F. Windebank 6.

BOSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Lewis (first quarter, age 14) 1, Miss E. W. Keys (first 'inside') 2, Miss E. Lonnen (cond.) 3, H. M. Heaton (first of Doubles) 4, H. W. Stovold 5, P. N. Bond 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Field Marshal Smuts.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Marion Udall 1, C. W. Woolley 2, S. L. Smith 3, P. Nash 4, N. Jenkins (first of Triples) 5, L. J. North 6, T. H. Norris (first as cond.) 7, R. Rowley 8. First quarter for 1, 3, 4 and 6. A farewell to the ringer of the treble, who is leaving for college.

CAYTHORPE, Lincs.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pheasant 1, C. L. Simcocks 2, G. W. King 3, H. Squires 4, S. Whaley 5, L. Squires 6, John Cragg (cond.) 7, R. Hempsall 8. A 91st birthday compliment to Mr. J. P. Paley, many years captain of St. Vincent's Society.

EYTHORNE, KENT.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. H. George 1, E. J. Walker 2, C. Turner (cond.) 3, E. T. Ellender 4, Willis Brooks 5. Rung for the wedding of Mr. M. A. Batey (Mercantile Marine) and Miss K. M. Hicks.

QUARTER PEALS

FROME, SOMERSET.—At St. John the Baptist's, Selwood, on Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Flower (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Orchard 2, W. H. Crocker 3, G. Wareham (first 'inside') 4, J. Topp 5, W. Flower 6, D. H. Flower (cond.) 7, E. J. Seymour 8. A farewell to Miss Orchard and as an appreciation of her help during her stay in the town. The ringers of 6, 7 and 1 are father, son and granddaughter with over a hundred years' service between them.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. W. Furbank 1, G. Green 2, B. Sydenham (first quarter 'inside') 3, Dr. Spencer-Phillips (cond.) 4, B. Bover (first in method 'inside') 5, H. Carter 6, P. Green 7, F. Payne 8. For harvest festival.

HERTFORD.—At All Saints' on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Ager 1, R. Dore 2, V. Neale 3, J. Kemp 4, C. Springham 5, A. Wright 6, A. S. Carter (cond.) 7, P. W. Saunders 8. First quarter 1 and 4. To commemorate the 25th year as Master of the Society and also the 87th birthday of Alderman A. Purkiss Ginn, J.P.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Barker 1, Miss N. Hickling (first quarter) 2, Miss E. Bracey 3, G. Elvin 4, C. Moore 5, E. Blake (cond.) 6.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Sept. 10th, at St. Mary Magdalene's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Begrie (cond.) 1, W. D. Prockson 2, R. Newman 3, R. P. Crump (first quarter of Triples) 4, D. F. Harman 5, R. F. H. Harman 6, H. Kirby 7, H. W. Barnard 8. To commemorate the Battle of Britain.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: V. Evans 1, I. S. Biggs (first in method) 2, R. Biggs 3, W. Lee 4, P. Newton 5, A. R. Blaby 6, E. Timpson 7, F. D. Boreham (cond.) 8. To commemorate the Battle of Britain.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. P. Small (first quarter) 1, H. J. Uden 2, H. Allen 3, T. G. Miller 4, P. E. T. Allen (cond.) 5, C. E. Maidment 6. A farewell to the ringer of the treble, who is leaving the tower.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Edward the Confessor on Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6-8 covering): Miss B. Geard (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. M. Osborne 3, Mrs. J. C. Northan 4, Miss S. Booth 5, A. T. Langstone 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, H. F. Perry 8. Birthday compliments to ringers of 5 and 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Sept. 17th at St. Peter's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: T. J. Southam 1, H. V. Frost 2, Miss O. M. Martin (first on 10 in the method) 3, Miss A. M. Bailey 4, G. Blake 5, C. F. Sayer 6, F. J. Spicer 7, W. J. Southam 8, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 9, F. J. Bailey 10. A birthday compliment to C. F. Sayer.

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: J. D. Rowley 1, H. A. Gummer (cond.) 2, A. G. Moore 3, V. H. Rose 4, C. G. Twiney 5, O. Jordan 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Field Marshal Smuts.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—On Sept. 10th, at the Church of St. Matthew, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss G. L. Friswell 1, R. K. C. Wilkings 2, Miss J. H. Friswell 3, Miss I. B. Cording 4, W. Prockson 5, E. Pratchett 6, G. A. Parsons 7, D. Neal (first of Major as cond.) 8. A compliment to Miss Iris Cording on her engagement to Mr. Harry Smith; birthday compliment to Miss Joyce Friswell; 75th birthday compliment to Mr. E. Pratchett.

WEST HADDON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Old, April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and 300 Grand-airs): S. Summers 1, E. G. Orland (cond.) 2, W. T. Adams 3, R. Spring 4, L. G. Townsend 5. First quarter in five methods by all.

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SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

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The latest Central Council publication, 'A Collection of Compositions in the popular Major Methods,' was wrongly described in the back page advertisement of 'The Ringing World.' Any reader who purchased the book under a misapprehension will get his money back if it is returned in reasonable time and in good condition. The Editor regrets the error.

Mr. John E. Usher rang his first peal for 23 years at Buckley, Flintshire, on Sept. 23rd.

Another inn having the sign of 'The Ring o' Bells' is at Norton Fitzwarren, Somerset. An interesting letter on the Kendal inn will appear in our next issue.

The peal of Bob Major at Chilvers Coton on September 19th was a thanksgiving peal for the successful operation on and subsequent recovery of the young daughter of Mr. J. Lloyd, the treble ringer, after a serious illness.

Coincidence.—The peal rung at Folkingham, Lincs, for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. Wilkinson was Mr. James H. Musson's 25th peal as conductor. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson kindly entertained the band after the peal.

To the ladies who have called Stedman must be added the name of Miss Margaret E. Richards, of Swindon Parish Church. She called Brooks' Variation of Thurstans' at Stratton St. Margaret on November 19th, 1948. This was her first peal as conductor.

Congratulations to Mr. George Burdett, of the Kirby Bellars, Leics, tower, and Mrs. Burdett on their silver wedding. In honour of the event 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles was rung on September 23rd by H. Jones (first quarter) 1, J. Morris 2, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 3, F. J. Williams 4, G. Tyler 5.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A double anniversary has just been celebrated at St. Paul's, Stalybridge, in the completion of 50 years' service ringing by Messrs. Charles Wood and Alfred Roberts. Congratulations, and may they have health and strength to continue the partnership for 60 years.

The name of the ringer of the third in the peal at Navenby, Lincs, on September 2nd, was Louis Wilders and not as submitted.

Can any reader identify a quarter of Doubles rung on September 19th and conducted by E. Pimlott? The name of the tower, the method and the sender's name are all omitted from the report.

Regarding the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Terrington St. Clement, Norfolk, on September 2nd, this was not the first peal in the method for the Association. Eight Ely members rang a peal of Yorkshire Major in 1934 and the first recorded peal was at Long Stanton this year.

The enthronement of the new Bishop of St. Albans was commemorated by 1,301 Stedman Cinques on the Abbey bells on September 28th by H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 1, C. F. Sayer 2, Mrs. T. J. Lock 3, T. J. Lock 4, Miss O. Martin 5, A. Day 6, W. J. Arnold 7, A. Hatten 8, B. C. Johnson 9, A. W. Coles 10, W. Ayre 11, B. Cornell 12.

Last week we recorded the bereavement Mrs. D. E. Beamish has sustained by the death of her mother, Mrs. L. Lewis. The bells of Chilvers Coton were rung half-muffled to her memory on September 27th to 1,260 Stedman Triples. The ringers were J. E. S. Moreton 1, J. Draycott 2, A. H. Beamish (cond.) 3, J. F. Clarke 4, J. Ford (first of Stedman Triples) 5, H. Harris 6, J. A. L. Thompson 7, J. E. Lloyd 8.

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A YORKSHIRE TOUR

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A NOTHER enjoyable and highly successful ringing tour has recently taken place in Yorkshire. Organised by Mr. J. E. Cawser, the tourists scored a total of 17 peals out of 21 attempts.

The party, which finally numbered 14, met at Doncaster, which served as their headquarters for three days before moving northwards to spend two days in Hull and a further three days in Malton. As usual, Mr. Cawser was determined to keep his tourists busy for the first few days, and no fewer than four peals had been arranged for the first day, and with the kind help of local ringers two bands both scored peals of London at Thorne and Tickhill respectively to set the tour off to a good start. Whilst the tourists had more transport at their disposal than possibly any other touring band has had, it was very unfortunate that one ringer was left behind on the first day. However, Mr. Milton Fowler kindly stepped into the breach at very short notice, and a good peal of London came round at Tickhill—too late for a decent lunch.

The party which went out to Thorne scored a very nice peal on that musical octave, which was cast at Loughborough in 1924, and were pleased to have the assistance of Mr. Gibson Jackson, the father of those two young ringers, Bill and David, whose ringing favourably impressed the tourists later in the week.

In the afternoon Bristol at Doncaster came to grief, but the other party made history by scoring a very good peal of London Royal (No. 3) at East Retford, there being at least four 'firsts in the method.' The tourists were welcomed at the tower by the local ringers, who had everything in readiness, and Mr. J. Seager demonstrated his ability by tapping a few touches of Caters and Minor on handbells.

On Sunday morning six of the tourists went off to Conisborough for service ringing, whilst the remainder climbed the 'umpteenth' steps of St. George's, Doncaster, where the local band showed them how to rise a heavy eight in peal.

The afternoon found the tourists again divided into two parties—one to Hatfield and the other to Epworth (Lincs), both very musical rings of eight by Taylors. At Epworth, after a little maintenance to the ropes, a good start was made for Bristol, but after about 90 minutes' ringing the conductor set up, having called 'Before and Fifths' instead of 'Before and Wrong.' Being a conductor of some repute, this unfortunate error appeared unpardonable to some of his friends, and his leg was pulled unmercifully until the early hours of the next morning—in fact, it is thought that he may never live it down.

However, this incident gave the party a chance to slip over to Hatfield to hear some of the ringing there. Fortunately, they had Mr. Fred Dunkerley with them with his Hummer Super Snipe, so everyone piled into it and reached Hatfield in a matter of a few minutes. Here the ringing was first class, and the second part end of Hattersley's Bristol was easily checked by the critics, so after listening for about half an hour, it was generally agreed that it was in 'the bag' and the party returned to Epworth for service ringing. On arriving back at our hotel we were pleased to see Mr. George Fearn, of Birmingham, who had come to join us straight from a strenuous tour in Sussex.

Early on Monday morning saw the tourists, complete in five cars and a motor-cycle, leave their comfortable headquarters in Doncaster and travel northwards. At Howden three cars and the motor-cycle pulled up beneath the magnificent tower of Howden Minster. The other two carloads continued on as far as Hedon, about three miles east of Hull.

Howden Minster possesses as perfect a ring of eight as one could wish to hear or even see. This ring (tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat by Taylors,

1929) are hung about one third of the way up this lofty tower and can easily be seen swinging by passers-by in the road. Here a very good peal of London was scored without incident except that Mr. J. C. E. Simpson was 'detailed' to call this peal from the seventh, the tenor having been booked some 12 months previously.

The Hedon party were welcomed by the Vicar at this magnificent church, generally known as 'The Cathedral of Holderness,' and here no difficulty was experienced in ringing an excellent peal of Bristol, being the first peal of Surprise on the bells.

A DISAPPOINTMENT AT HULL.

In the evening ten rather over-ambitious ringers met at Holy Trinity, Hull, for an attempt for Rutland Royal, but unfortunately most of the band had only a rough idea of the method and so a good opportunity of hearing this fine ten at their best was lost after an hour's rather indifferent ringing; the conductor mercifully calling 'Stand' when it was obvious that the ringing did not look like settling down. After a good course of Cambridge Royal the bells were lowered in peal and a disappointed band descended the tower having learned a lesson.

On Tuesday morning a party of eight went out to Patrington and were given a hearty welcome by Mr. L. Rodmell, who had everything in readiness. St. Patrick's Church, the Queen of Holderness, is undoubtedly a gem, but the entry to the ringing chamber is most unusual, as was described by Mr. Pat Cannon in his report of last year's tour in this district. It can be truthfully said that Mr. John Worth, conqueror of many heavy towers, such as Wells and Sherborne Abbey, left Patrington belfry on his hands and knees after ringing a 3 cwt. treble. Had not the band witnessed his entry and exit they would not have thought it possible to have done it.

Whilst the tourists were naturally disappointed at not being able to attempt peals at three well-known towers in this area, namely, Bridlington, Selby and St. Mary's, Beverley, they were fortunate not to be denied the opportunity to ring on the very fine ten at Beverley Minster, where several bands in recent years have failed, generally owing to the tenorman giving up, but it is not so much the weight of the metal, but swaying of the tower that causes this bell to play the most unusual tricks, and as the tenor rope falls less than 2ft. from the wall, it is difficult to put in any extra effort unless the ringer stands sideways. Although rung from quite a large box, this was not wide enough for Mr. J. C. E. Simpson's stance, so with the aid of three or four smaller boxes piled on top of each other he was able to take his stand with his back to the ringers of 7, 8 and 9. Any doubts as to Mr. Simpson's ability to handle and strike this bell accurately were soon ended as 'roll up' after 'roll up' delighted all those taking part. Trips were negligible and a really first-class peal brought round in 3 hours and 46 minutes. Should the tenor ringer have wished to give up it was decided to have an eleventh man in the tower so that Mr. John Worth, who was ringing the eighth, could have taken over from Mr. Simpson, but his services, like that of the 12th man at Wells two years ago, were not required, although in this case it was appreciated, having had a psychological effect.

COTTINGHAM'S SEVENTH.

Having achieved the chief prize of the week, the tourists set out in good spirits on Wednesday morning for Cottingham. As these bells have not a very good reputation, it was decided to ring Cambridge on them, and perhaps as well, for they are very noisy in the belfry and far from tuneful, and even one or two of the more serious ringers were forced to smile when they heard that peculiar noise from the

seventh—it could hardly be called a note. However, a peal was scored and the band were welcomed by Mr. Lawson, who kindly arranged for a good lunch.

Spliced Surprise at Malton in the afternoon did not sufficiently attract two of the tourists that day, as it was the first day of Beverley races, so, hoping they might be able to make up their expenses for the week, off they went; but it can only be said that they didn't lose on the day. The peal at Malton was scored without much trouble, although the time taken, 3 hours 19 minutes, on paper, appears to be rather long, but the racegoers, who arrived in Malton to hear the last hour, considered the speed to be about right. Mr. H. Long gave the tourists a sincere welcome, and permission to ring a peal here was appreciated, as it was only a short time after a previous peal had been rung.

At this juncture we bade farewell to Mr. Fred Dunkerley and Mr. J. C. E. Simpson. Mr. Dunkerley left to practise for an air race near Coventry, which, to the delight of the tourists, he won. The result of Mr. Simpson's visit to Southampton should appear in a later edition of this paper.

At Norton on Thursday morning the tourists were welcomed by the Vicar and Mr. H. Rawsley, who had the bells up ready. Here an excellent peal of London was scored on a really splendid ring of bells and could easily be heard by those who stood down, from the hotel grounds. Those who made the short journey to Pickering in the afternoon were much less fortunate, for after about 50 minutes' ringing it was apparent that the band would not have lasted out, as the bells had not been oiled for some months, so the call, 'Stand,' was made.

SCARBOROUGH'S WELCOME.

After a pleasant run from Malton to Scarborough on Friday morning, the tourists were welcomed at St. Mary's Church by the Vicar and Mr. Bert Sutton, and the Yorkshire members of the party were pleased to renew acquaintance with Mr. G. Halksworth, formerly of Doncaster, who despite his 80 odd years still looks hale and hearty. A good peal of London was scored on these bells, which are shortly to be rehung.

From a scenic point of view, the afternoon run across Fylingdales Moor was easily the most pleasant journey of the week, only to be marred by several signposts warning visitors of unexploded bombs that lie amongst the beautiful heather which at this time of year was looking its very best. The steep hill down to Robin Hood's Bay was carefully negotiated, and at least one driver was relieved to know that he did not have to return that way.

Fortunately a false start was made for Bristol on this somewhat noisy but tuneful eight by the Croydon foundry, for whilst those taking part were arguing as to what had gone wrong, the towerkeeper, Mr. Fawster, dashed up to the tower to explain that he had not been warned of this visit and had not oiled the bells. This he very kindly did and a good peal of Bristol was conducted by Mr. Walter Allman. During the peal the writer had the pleasure of visiting Whitby, where 10 years previously he learned to 'Present arms' and 'Get fell-in in threes.' The tower door of St. Mary's, Whitby, was locked, but the sound of activity inside suggested that the new ring of ten should be heard very soon. The tourists were very pleased indeed to be able to spend half an hour after the peal in the company of Mr. Fawster and Mr. and Mrs. Alexander. The journey back to Malton via Whitby and Goathland Moor was not appreciated, for this was done in darkness and heavy rain—all three cars having to get down to bottom gear to climb the many steep hills. Despite several thrills and a little anxiety during the course of this journey, the 'Methods Committee' sat up until a late hour discussing various subjects which will be on the agenda at Chester next Whitsuntide.

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A Yorkshire Tour—continued

The last day, Saturday, saw the tourists divide into two parties, each to be reinforced by the help of some Yorkshire ringers. One party, aided by the two young Jackson brothers, rang a peal of Superlative at Eserick in the morning and Bristol in the afternoon on a good eight at Goole. The tourists regretted not being able to meet Mr. F. W. Robbins, of Eserick, who had made arrangements for ringing. He had unfortunately been taken to hospital. At Goole the party were welcomed in the tower by the Vicar and towerkeeper before the peal, and Mr. C. K. Lewis was able to redeem the position of East Cheshire by calling the composition that had been lost at Esworth earlier in the week.

TADCASTER'S BELLS AND BREW.

The 'second team,' aided by Messrs. Jackson, Fowler and Reed who had the bells up ready, scored a peal of London at Weatherby, but not without some difficulty, as the ringers of 6, 7 and 8 had a warm time towards the end of the peal. In the afternoon this party were welcomed at Tadcaster by Mr. Hick and enjoyed a good peal of Yorkshire on a really grand ring of bells (tenor 20½ cwt. by Taylors). It was stated by one member of this band that the quality of these bells was quite in keeping with the local brew, for which this town is so famous.

And so the end of the tour, agreed by all to be the happiest we have ever had. We can't quite tell why, but if we could we would certainly have more—but it was! Our warm and hearty thanks we offer once again to Mr. J. E. Cawser; without his genius for organisation I doubt whether we could attain such happy conditions. R. G. E.

MONMOUTH CLERGY RINGERS

On Sept. 16th a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on the bells of All Saints' Church, Llanfrechfa, Monmouthshire, by six clergymen serving in parishes in the diocese. The peal is the first ever recorded in the history of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association by a band consisting solely of clerical ringers. It is thought that the peal is the first by clergymen of the church in Wales.

The peal was rung in honour of the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. R. Hallett, curate of Llantarnam, at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, Mon., by the Lord Bishop of Monmouth. The remainder of the band are incumbents in the diocese: Rev. N. C. Weight (Llanddewi-Fach), Rev. F. A. Oswell (Rector of Machen), Rev. R. A. Sluman (Vicar of Blaenavon), Rev. I. J. Richards (Vicar of Crumlin), Rev. Rhys Morris (Vicar of Llanfrechfa and Rural Dean of Pontypool).

It is interesting to note that four of the clergy are in the Pontypool Rural Deanery. After the peal the band were entertained to tea by the Vicar of Llanfrechfa and Mrs. Morris, and were joined by the churchwardens, Messrs. G. D. Stevens and R. E. R. Smith, and their wives. The band wish to express their sincere thanks to the Vicar of Llanfrechfa for the use of the bells and for the kind hospitality at the Vicarage and to Mr. R. E. R. Smith, captain of the Llanfrechfa band, for making arrangements for the peal and showing such keen interest in the attempt.

AN AUSTRALIAN TRIBUTE

To the memory of Mr. William Short, a quarter peal of Doubles (120 Norfolk, 120 Old, 360 Plain Bob, 420 Antelope and 240 Grandsire) was rung at All Saints', Parramatta, N.S.W., by the following: W. H. Short (his son, St. Mary's, Sydney) 1, K. G. Stacey (St. James', Turramurra) 2, A. R. Botting (All Saints', Parramatta) 3, E. B. McDonald (St. Mary's, Sydney) 4, W. M. Rowe (conductor, St. Jude's, Randwick) 5, T. Howell (All Saints', Parramatta) 6.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild

SUBSCRIPTION RAISED TO 4s.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild half-yearly meeting was held at Spalding on September 9th, over 90 members attending. The Vicar (the Rev. M. H. R. Synge) welcomed the meeting to Spalding.

A very welcome visitor was Mr. W. Pratt, president of the Irish Association, who spoke of his pleasure at being present and offered greetings from the members of his Association. The Guild Master, Mr. J. A. Freeman, who was in the chair, said he was sure the members all hoped that Mr. Pratt would have a happy holiday in England and asked him to take back to the Irish Association best wishes from the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The chief business was the passing of a new draft of Guild rules replacing the ones that had been in existence since the Guild's formation. The only controversial rule was that dealing with finance. The hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Bray, explained that the cost of the annual report and other expenses had so greatly increased that it was impossible to maintain the present standard without a substantial increase in the members' subscriptions. After some discussion it was unanimously decided that the annual subscription for ringing members should be raised to 4s.

The four retiring representatives on the Central Council, Messrs. J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. A. Freeman and John Freeman, were re-elected.

It was agreed to send a letter to Mr. G. H. Clark, of Heckington, the Guild's oldest member, expressing best wishes.

Mr. A. Farr made excellent arrangements, the ladies provided a grand tea, there was ringing for every taste, all contributing to a very successful meeting.

BARNLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual cup contest was held at Monk Bretton on September 9th. Six bands entered the draw and the result of the ringing was as follows:—

	Faults Penalties		
Mixed Band	497	0	497
Sandal	218	0	218
Shelley 'B'	145	35	190
Cawthorne	95	0	95
Shelley 'A'	93	5	98
Silkstone			

Runng out

Cawthorne were the winners and hold the cup for twelve months. Mr. H. Roberts, of Kirkburton, and Mr. E. Short, of Sprothborough, were the judges, and Mr. L. A. Williams, Monk Bretton, was the marker.

The Vicar (the Rev. G. Hodgson) presented the cup to the conductor of the winning team.

DEDICATION

AMBERLEY, SUSSEX

The restored ring of five bells at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Amberley, silent for 16 years, was rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Lewes (the Right Rev. G. H. Warde) at morning service on Sunday, September 17th. Ringing preceded the service.

The Bishop congratulated the parishioners on their effort in raising almost all the money necessary for the complete restoration of the church roof and bells within 18 months.

As a reply to those who considered the Church of England dead, the Bishop instanced the effort made in the Archdeaconry of Chichester alone, where over £100,000 has been raised for restoration work, apart from normal church expenses.

The bells are a ring by Robert Catlin, dated 1742, and have been tuned and rehung with new fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, with the addition of the push down bar type of Ellacombe ringing apparatus.

The Rev. H. D. Mullett, Vicar, was assisted in the service by the Rev. J. Mullett, M.A., his son, curate of All Hallows', Tottenham. The collection was allocated to the Diocesan Ordination Candidates Fund.

Extracting False Courseheads in Treble Bob Methods

HALF-LEAD SYSTEM.

Ever since method ringing was first practised there has been a relatively small number of men who have interested themselves in composition with its problem of avoiding repetition of rows.

With the introduction of the Treble Bob Hunt this problem became more involved since Treble Bob provided alternative positions for the recurrence of rows.

In the early days the procedure for producing the Proof Scale of a method was haphazard and often resulted in error, and until comparatively recent times was so laborious that only a few enthusiasts took any interest in the subject, which remained a closed book to the great mass of ringers.

But during the last twenty years or so an increasing number of ringers have been attracted to this branch of the art with the inevitable result that the procedure of the early days has been superseded by systems which are much shorter and (if we exclude the human element) infallible.

One such system was placed before the Exercise by Mr. G. L. Joyce in 1928, and was later modified by the late A. G. Driver. More recently alternative systems have been produced by Messrs. C. K. Lewis and M. Hodgson. These three systems have now been presented together in Mr. A. J. Corrigan's latest publication, Mr. Driver's modification being described by Mr. E. A. Barnett and the two later systems by their respective authors.

Each system is lucidly described in detail, examples shown, and the necessary tables given in full for Mr. Hodgson's procedure the application of which to Royal and Maximus as well as Major is dealt with. The booklet also includes a system for determining legitimate lead-heads from the half-leads.

The expert will find much food for thought in a comparison of the systems, while the novice will find an easily comprehensible introduction to a field of investigation wherein much remains to be explored. This is indeed a most valuable little booklet for those who are interested in the fascinating subject of Method Proof and is a worthy addition to the excellent series of booklets published by Mr. Corrigan.

This, I understand, will be the last to be issued until the Collection of Peals is ready in a year or two, and the thanks of the Exercise are due to Mr. Corrigan for having undertaken (at severe financial loss to himself) a series of publications covering subjects not hitherto dealt with by official books.

It would be a pity if these publications had to be dropped through lack of support with the consequent loss of a source of much valuable information.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

SOUTH-WEST DIVISION.

In spite of the bus strike, the last quarterly meeting of the year held at Wanstead on September 23rd was exceptionally well attended. Wanstead is very much alive these days and its people are becoming very bell-conscious, largely due to the efforts of the Master, Mr. J. Chalk, the evidence being the large number of honorary members from this area.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. —. Gates, who extended a cordial greeting to the large congregation.

Excellent arrangements had been made by Mr. B. Petty, the local towerkeeper, and the sumptuous tea was 'on the house.' Many of the younger members took the opportunity of trying their hands at spliced ringing on this charming six.

Ringing continued at Woodford in the evening, and here the art is being kept very much alive by the enthusiasm of Mr. C. Morss. Altogether a very enjoyable meeting.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES TOUR

THE third annual August Bank Holiday peal week started on Saturday, August 5th, in glorious weather, and the handy octave at Thurcaston was the first tower on the list.

Thurcaston, a small village 4½ miles north-west of Leicester, situated in a delightful spot at the foot of the Charnwood Hills, was the birthplace of Hugh Latimer, son of a local farmer. Here was the first church he saw, its Norman doorway the first through which he passed, the font with a shallow bowl at which he was baptised, and its tower has the grinning gargoyles he may once have gazed upon in childlike wonder.

Six members of the party had an opportunity to make notes of the church, waiting some 45 minutes for the arrival of the 'Pot Bank twins,' which they did, only after the six had started for Cambridge Minor.

Back at St. Margaret's, Leicester, by early afternoon, minus our 'Ernest' and plus 'Alan,' the band split up into two quartettes for simultaneous handbell peals. The 'race' resulted in the youngsters finishing first, which was to be expected because two of the 'old uns' are now 'converts.'

AMBITION REALISED.

After tea, John Bramley bade us good-bye and good hunting until the following Thursday. However, with Ernest back again, the party made off to the Loughborough Foundry. How fortunate to have such a handy ring of bells and, as one member added, smoking allowed in the belfry, too! Ernest was on the spot with 'Let's try Cambridge non-conducted,' which he said had been on his shelf for close on 30 odd years, and so, as recorded in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World,' was the first non-conducted peal of Surprise in the diocese.

Sunday morning found the P.B. twins travelling by Midland Red bus at 8 a.m. for the Trotman residence in Warwickshire, Stedman Triples being rung on handbells conducted by the host in the absence of wife and family.

The afternoon found the party in St. Margaret's Schools. There we welcomed a new visitor in Joe Ling, from Carlisle Cathedral. Various touches from Minor to Maximus on handbells were rung until tea time, after which we met for evening service ringing on the twelve at St. Margaret's.

The second day of the week we met at Kibworth, which bestrides the main Leicester-London road. The church, dedicated to St. Wilfrid (often erroneously printed Wilfred), is in the Decorated style. Here the bells were raised in peal and set going to Stedman Triples, young Alan calling 'ye bohs.' The surprise of the peal was that it was the first of Stedman on the bells, which have been an eight for over 40 years.

Outside we were met by Sam Pinder and his son. Then followed a 16-mile journey to Kettering, where Messrs. Charles W. Bird and Pat Chapman, of the local band, and Harry Pettitt (Wellingborough) welcomed the tourists. Kettering belfry contains a tablet recording a peal of Grandsire Triples in 1729. The peal we rang here was performed under ideal conditions, and was Pat Chapman's first peal of Stedman.

Ashby Folville Church, set in pastoral surroundings, contains an octave difficult to beat for its weight. Here 'Go Bristol' was called by J.W.F.T. and the bells came into rounds after 3 hours 3 minutes. Some critics might wonder at the time taken. Would that they had heard parts of the peal, and we recall the words of a famous ringer (now passed hence): 'Until a band can vary the "tempo" by so much as a nod can they be classed as ringers.'

The late arrival of 'the colts' at Loughborough Campanile necessitated Ernest leaving. Alan decided to ring 6-7 to Grandsire Triples with another colt conducting. After 30 minutes'

ringing it was 'curtains,' the seventh having been called in the hunt and (never let it be said) out at —.

Kegworth, some 17 miles north of Leicester, was the objective on Wednesday. At the church gate we were met by Mr. F. Sutton, who has been a ringer here for 60 years. The peal was the highlight of the week. After bidding good-bye to Mr. Sutton, the party wended its way to Loughborough Campanile. Ernest had other things to attend to, reducing the party to seven. With the help of Mr. J. P. Fidler we started for non-conducted New Cambridge Major. After 1½ hours' ringing a change course spell finis.

The fifth day of the week saw the party at Hugglescote, where Mr. H. Over greeted the visitors. The bells 'go like tops,' and we found conditions best when opened out. Pistow's Superlative came round non-conducted after 3 hours 18 minutes. After a run through the heart of Charnwood Forest, Sibley was reached. New Cambridge was brought round on these, the heaviest pealable eight in the diocese, after 3 hours 43 minutes. We certainly did not 'thresh 'em' (to coin a saying of an old M.C.A. stalwart), and the ease with which the tenor ringer put his bell in its place was a pleasure to see.

Mr. Joseph W. Cotten, of Overseal, had made arrangements for Friday—Measham in the morning and his own tower for the afternoon. Measham, formerly in Derbyshire, was transferred to Leicestershire in 1897. The peal, Bristol Surprise, was rung non-conducted, and in the afternoon Superlative was tapped off in quick time. John Bramley scored his first in the method at both towers.

A FIRST CLASS JOB.

Saturday, the last day of the tour, saw the party assembled at St. Margaret's, Leicester, where Fred Grocott called and also made a first-class job of turning in the heaviest bell in the diocese to Yorkshire Surprise Major. This was the first of Surprise Major on these bells (not the first of Major as supplied to 'The Ringing World'). Young Alan proved to be a first-class right-hand man on the seventh.

Claybrooke was the final tower, and our new discovery tenor man called Cambridge Surprise Major. This is certainly one of the most remarkable octaves—a tenor in E flat and under 14 cwt. and not as some would think without 'breath.' The church possesses a chancel comparable with that of any small church in the land. The beauty of its proportions is enhanced by the lovely flowery tracery of the seven windows which shed light so serenely upon it. The base of the mediæval screen, with its sculptured foliage, has been preserved, and the nave is remarkable for its ancient roof with its great gallery of heads and figures, men and women, saints and grotesque, all sculptured here with piety and fantasy.

A farewell handbell peal of Double Norwich was ticked off by the malingers on Sunday, giving a total of 12 tower-bell peals and four peals 'in hand'—another record in the history of peal ringing in the area. Even Ernest with nearly 1,250 peals to his credit had never rung so many in so little time before.

Those taking part in the tour were Fred E. Wilshaw and Fred W. Grocott (Stoke-on-Trent), Joe Ling (Carlisle Cathedral), Frank Trotman (Nuneaton), Ernest Morris and John Bramley (St. Margaret's, Leicester), Alan Cattell (All Saints', Leicester), John J. Morris (Countesthorpe) and W. P. Whitehead (Barwell). The thanks of the hand are extended to incumbents and local ringers of towers visited who helped to make the tour such a success.

W. P. W.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HERTS.—On Sept. 10th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 600 Plain Bob: H. W. Pratt 1, H. S. Peacock 2, A. Clements 3, G. Carter 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6.

National Police Guild

FIRST LADY MEMBER

The annual meeting of the above Guild was held in London on September 16th with the usual success associated with this event. Members were present from Manchester, Leicester, Birmingham, Bristol, Northants, Kent and other places. The early arrivals were catered for on the ring of eight at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark.

Lunch was taken at the Euston Tavern, about 90 being present. Amongst the distinguished guests were Mr. E. M. Lewis, president of the C.C., Mr. T. G. Fox, Master of the College Youths, Mr. G. M. Cross, Master of the Cumberland Youths, the Rev. C. E. V. Bowkett, Rector of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, and Chief Superintendent T. W. J. Walters, of 'C' Division, Metropolitan Police. The guests and visitors were welcomed by the president, Inspector H. J. Poole.

Mr. Lewis humorously observed that his only police association was in his capacity in early business days as a copper refiner. Mr. Walters also responded and said he hoped, when leisure permitted, to take up active ringing again.

During the afternoon ringing took place at St. James', Clerkenwell, St. Giles-in-the-Fields, St. Margaret's, Westminster, and St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. The ringing ranged from Grand-sire to Bristol and London Surprise.

The business meeting was held after tea at the Euston Tavern. The president read letters of apology for inability to attend from Mr. O. J. B. Cole, Chief Constable of Leicester, and others. Ex-Superintendent F. R. Williams, a vice-president, was unable to be present owing to a family bereavement, and Mr. A. W. Heath, of Cardiff, owing to the illness of his wife. It was directed that letters of sympathy and condolence be sent in each case.

A special welcome was accorded Miss Betty Lee, of the Manchester Force, the first lady member of the Guild. Evidently some of her Manchester friends thought she was worthy of distinction as she was waylaid by photographers and reporters. She was one of two new members.

There are 115 ringing members and an up-to-date balance of £12 2s.

Inspector T. R. Butler, of Liverpool, gave a report of his attendance as the Guild's representative at the C.C. meeting. He referred to the welcome given and the hospitality shown at Eastbourne, and spoke of the admirable efficiency with which the business of the meeting was conducted. It was decided that officers and committee should hold office for a term of three years. Ex-Sergeant Jenney expressed a desire to give up the secretaryship to a younger member and P.C. C. Knight, of Leicester, was appointed and will take over at the end of the year.

Ex-Sergeant Jenney was thanked for the services he had rendered as secretary and treasurer. He was elected to the committee together with P.C. Robinson, of Northampton, they superseding P.C. Gilbert and Ex-P.C. F. Page.

The death of P.C. F. Draycott, of Leicester, and of ex-P.C. G. Charge, was reported, the latter taking part in the first police peal ever rung as a member of the Metropolitan Police. The meeting stood in silence as a tribute.

It was decided that the next annual meeting be held at Birmingham on September 15th, 1951.

A social evening followed the meeting when an excellent programme was provided, the singing of a section of the Metropolitan Police Male Voice Choir being greatly appreciated. The handbells were brought into use in changes with some excellent tune ringing by the Carter family of Leicester.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Station Sergeant J. A. Prior and P.C. N. Bagworth, of the Metropolitan Police for the successful arrangements.

H. G. J.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SILENT & 'NON-CONDUCTED' PEALS

Dear Sir,—I cannot believe that Frank Haynes is really serious when he pleads ignorance of the difference between a 'silent' and 'non-conducted' peal. Surely it is obvious that—

(a) A silent peal is one during the course of which neither bob nor single nor any word of correction to any ringer by any ringer is made, or any effort made to correct errors in any way; and

(b) A non-conducted peal denotes that everyone on an 'inside' bell was familiar with the calling of that particular peal, and it was, therefore, unnecessary to make any calls. However, this does not mean that it was not necessary during the duration of the peal to correct the wanderings of one or more of the ringers, but this is not necessarily done by the man who would probably have been the conductor: in fact, it could have been done by several of the ringers throughout the peal, but it was still non-conducted. Errors do not always occur at calls.

Regarding umpires for these peals, I myself would be more ready to accept the word of eight ringers that a peal had been rung silent or non-conducted than I would one conductor whose calling may have been at fault without anyone else being aware of the fact. If we cannot accept the integrity of ringers or any conductor, then Mr. Haynes seems to suggest umpires for peals. However, I doubt very much whether those taking part are concerned with Mr. Haynes' views, but rejoice in the knowledge that their peals were as published—silent or non-conducted.

A final word about the abbreviations. Surely it is up to you, sir, whether you print abbreviations of compositions as sent in or put them in full.

I remember suggesting in your columns some time ago that St. Martin's, Birmingham, should display times of ringing in the church porch so that visitors could be enlightened. The reason it was not possible to do so, we were told by their captain through 'The Ringing World', was that there was a shortage of paper! Perhaps the same reason applies now when we should endeavour to keep our peal reports restricted to a proportion in relation to far more important happenings in the daily round and common task of a ringer.

'TRAVELLER.'

Barwell.

MIDLAND COUNTIES TOUR

Dear Sir,—As one of the members of the recent Midland Counties Tour, may I be permitted to reply to Mr. F. E. Haynes, of Smethwick?

(1) The number of ringers available for the tour was at a minimum. I personally wrote to invite eight more to join us, with no avail, as they were already committed either to work or holiday arrangements.

(2) I wrote out and submitted to Mr. W. P. Whitehead what I considered to be a fair and accurate description of our activities, which was self-explanatory as to the reason for our non-conducted efforts. As above, there was no one available to act as umpire; so few ringers, in fact, it was once decided to ring Grandshire Triples with Alan Cattell ringing two bells!

(3) If the 'stars and daggers' had been fully used in the peal columns it would have been very apparent that our treble ringer, although no one would fault him on his striking, was not an experienced Treble Bob man, and occasionally 'dodge with me in 5-6 or 3-4' was indicated by a wave of the hand.

I would like to say here that in the peals in question there was not a single occasion in which any indication was made by those concerned, although in two cases at least they only had the composition five minutes before the start and every bob was made perfectly.

(4) Mr. Haynes has apparently misread his 'Ringing World' with description of the 'heaviest bells in the country.' Mine reads 'First peal of Major on these bells, which are the heaviest in the diocese.'

Perhaps 'W.A.L.' can let me have his address and I will write and ask him to umpire at least one peal on August Monday, 1951, as already we are hoping to 'have another go' next year.—Yours sincerely,

FREDK. E. WILSHAW.

Hartshill, Stoke-on-Trent.

'THE NATURE OF THE UNIVERSE'

Dear Sir,—I feel I must defend my comments on 'The Nature of the Universe,' which earned Mr. Hunt's tirade.

Firstly, let me say that the article was written by one who professes to be a Christian, that it was written in all seriousness, and that it quite obviously is conjecture.

Secondly, I do not see any proof in quoting selected passages from the Scriptures. I once tried to find a proverb to illustrate brotherliness, but couldn't; there are plenty against it.

Thirdly, it is my own experience that the greater one's knowledge of science, the more is one's conviction of God's presence. The more one knows of nature, the more one realises what one doesn't, and this is a startling demonstration of God's infinite wisdom. Darwin's Theory of Evolution was, and still is by some, greeted with uncompromising unbelief, yet to many thousands of thinking Christians it is a revelation of Creation.

Lastly, Hoyle's own criticism of Christianity in his book is, in my opinion, hopelessly ill-reasoned. Perhaps this will convince Mr. Hunt that I can think for myself.—Yours sincerely,

B. D. PRICE.

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WHICH VERSION OF THE CREATION?

Dear Sir,—Having listened with interest to some of Fred Hoyle's broadcasts and subsequently noted with approval your leading article on 'The Nature of the Universe,' it is obvious that under Mr. Hunt's terms I stand cast out from among all 'right thinking' people. Such summary ejection is my excuse for writing in protest to his letter in the issue of 'The Ringing World' dated Sept. 22nd.

Mr. Hunt demands that we accept the story of the creation in Genesis. May one ask which one? The one given from Genesis, ch. i., v. 1-ch. ii., v. 4, or the one ch. ii., v. 4-ch. ii., v. 25? All of it is, I suppose, the answer. How then are we to account for the fact that animal and vegetable life having been created in Genesis, ch. i., v. 25, and followed by the creation of man and woman in v. 26, we are then told in ch. ii., v. 5 that man was not yet created, and so God formed man first and followed this by the formation of animal and vegetable life? This is, of course, one of many, and by no means the most glaring, contradictions in the Old Testament.

I suggest that it is far more reasonable to accept modern Biblical scholarship with its theories of the amalgamation of different oral traditions and legends than to suggest that the Almighty couldn't make up his mind whether He created human or animal life first.

Mr. Hunt seems to think that science must stand in contradiction to religion. Because the writer of Genesis has been proved unacceptable as a scientist his religious sense is not thereby diminished. The important truth which he was stressing was that God was responsible for the universe, the earth and the life on it. The manner of its occurrence is a subject of secondary importance, for which each age will, doubtless, have its theory. Consequently it is quite possible to accept modern thought on the nature of the universe and at the same time be in complete accordance with the religious essentials of Genesis, ch. i. and ii.

Southampton. MADELINE M. CROFT.

'Campanalogia'

Dear Sir,—I have some information which may be of interest to Mr. A. J. Farr, of Spalding, Lincs.

The earliest book devoted to ringing as an art is 'Tintannalogia.' Its date is 1668, and there are probably no more than three copies in existence. Next came 'Campanalogia,' published in 1667. Further information about these books can be found in J. Armiger Trollope's scholarly treatise, 'The College Youths,' page 18, *et seq.* A second edition of 'Campanalogia' appeared in 1702, and a corrected edition of this in 1705. There was a third edition in 1733. There was at least one copy of each of these books in the collection of the late Rev. W. C. Pearson, of Henley, Suffolk. It is interesting to recall that the British Museum gladly accepted the Cambridge University Guild's offer of his 'Tintannalogia' in 1942, as they had no copy. I should say that Mr. Farr's book is a second edition 'Campanalogia'—probably the 1702 edition.

In 1788, the first edition of the 'New Campanalogia,' by Jones, Reeves and Blakemore, was printed. There were only 500 copies of this. A second edition of this was published in 1796, having additional poetry on bells at the end. In 1776 appeared a 'Campanalogia' by Monk. All these books are of interest to the connoisseur. I have copies of the 1788 and 1796 editions, the former being incomplete, and Monk's book. Any book on change ringing before 1800 is, I think, a comparative rarity, but books printed in the nineteenth century are to be found occasionally. There were still further editions of the 1788 book in the course of the last century, but they have no great value except to ringers personally.

I have held over mention of Shipway's 'Campanalogia' until last. It appeared in 1816. Trollope had a high opinion of it (vide 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' by Ernest Morris, page 527), and called it 'the best of its kind we possess.' I have no idea of the number of original copies existing. Perhaps someone interested in this aspect of the art will come forward with fuller information about the early books?

Southampton. KENNETH S. B. CROFT.

LEARNERS AND OTHER BELLS

Sir,—I have always been of the opinion that until a learner is fully capable of handling a bell in his or her tower, the learner should not under any consideration be allowed, even under supervision, to touch a rope in another tower.

After the unfortunate accident at St. Albans Abbey, I hope that Ringing Masters will insist that the necessary standard has been reached in all cases, without exception.

Fortunately accidents in a belfry are rare, but it is suggested that a small medicine chest might be considered as an essential item in every ringing chamber.—Yours faithfully,

F. W. HOUSDEN

25, Cranbourne Avenue,
Wanstead, E.11.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER

Dear Sir,—I note that the College Youths' annual dinner has been arranged for Saturday, November 11th, which is the day before Remembrance Sunday, and there were, I think, similar arrangements last year.

The selection of this date will probably mean that some members from the country will be unable to attend the dinner if they are to be in their own church for the Remembrance Sunday morning service.

I think this point might be considered by the committee in future years, as there must be some of us who feel that our rightful place on this important Sunday is in our own belfry and, possibly, choir, instead of spending the Sunday morning travelling home and possibly 'enjoying' a meal supplied by British Railways, Western Region.—Yours truly,

Bridgwater. H. J. CANN, Major.

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

MR. JONATHAN CORBETT.

Guildford Diocesan Guild has lost one of its most popular officers by the death on Sept. 27th of Mr. Jonathan Corbett, of Sunnyside, Bagshot, Surrey. He had been in failing health for several months and was 74 years of age.

Bagshot was his native village. Here he spent his life as a builder and as a faithful servant of the church, singing in the choir for almost 60 years and also rendering service in the belfry for an equally long period.

Before the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild he was a member of the old Winchester Guild. Although Bagshot was difficult of access, he attended many meetings in those distant days and took part in a number of peals. He brought friendliness wherever he went, and his love of ringing and bells gained for him a wide circle of friends.

A close friend of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, the founder of 'The Ringing World,' he was appointed hon. treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild in succession to the late Admiral P. T. Walker about 1932. He held this office until his death, serving the Guild in a most conscientious manner.

Mr. Corbett was also a prominent Freemason and held provincial rank. He is survived by a widow and three daughters.

The funeral service was held at Bagshot Parish Church last Saturday and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Banks Jones). The church was filled to capacity.

Among the members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild present were Mr. A. Harman (Master) and Mrs. Harman, Mr. G. L. Grover (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Grover, Messrs. A. H. Pulling (vice-president), C. Hazelden (hon. librarian), C. W. Denyer (Master, Farnham District, also representing Major H. J. Cann), S. Joyce (hon. secretary, Farnham District), W. Viggers, A. Chaffey, E. Coward, T. W. White, C. Ayres, H. Hunt, F. Hall and E. Dowson (Bagshot).

After the service the bells were rung half-muffled to Stedman and Grandsire Triples by members of the Guild. The interment was in Bagshot Cemetery.

MR. W. H. SEABROOK.

Mr. W. H. Seabrook collapsed after driving to business on the morning of August 31st and passed away on September 5th at his home at Surbiton, Surrey, in his 66th year. His remains were cremated at Streatham Park on September 9th, and the service was conducted by the Provost of Southwark Cathedral.

Mr. Seabrook was a 'Friend of Southwark Cathedral' and had been a ringer there for many years. He set a good example of 'loyal friendship,' the quality most needed, and was always ready to make up the band. He had enjoyed ringing in 607 different towers and often referred to the many friendly ringers he had met especially during the tours of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds. He gave special praise to Mr. Mabbs and ringers at Hartlip during his visit to Rochester and district last Easter Monday, and, again, last Whit Monday he was pleased to have his friends, J. Hawkins and A. Coles, with him during his visits to Wicken and surrounding towers. He was with us at a reunion of St. Andrew's, Holborn, ringers, arranged by Mr. Hawkins at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on July 23rd last.

We will remember his company with pleasure, as will his business colleagues at Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs, Ltd., with whom he served without fail for 36 years. It was always his wish that Southwark Cathedral bells should be open to all ringers, and it is hoped that that will ever be possible. JOHN EUSTON.

MR. HARRY PRICE.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Harry Price, of Stratford-on-Avon, on September 21st, after a short illness.

Born at Netherton, Worcs, 72 years ago, he learnt to ring in his native village. Later his work in connection with the brewing industry took him to Lamberhurst, Kent, where for some years he enjoyed ringing with his old friend, Albert Relfe, and the local band.

On moving to Bromsgrove, he rang many peals, most of which were conducted by the late Mr. Bob Matthews. His coming to live in Stratford-on-Avon 16 years ago was a big help to the local band, who mourn his passing. A first-class striker, he was quick to condemn in-different ringing. He rang nearly 200 peals in a large variety of methods. The only peal he conducted was one of Minor in seven methods at Lamberhurst.

The funeral service was held in the Parish Church, Stratford-on-Avon, on September 25th and was followed by cremation at Perry Barr, Birmingham.

In the evening the bells of Holy Trinity were rung half-muffled to 1,277 Grandsire Caters by W. Cocking 1, F. C. Lyne 2, J. A. Print 3, C. A. Manning 4, J. Findon 5, R. C. Chapman 6, H. Huxley 7, V. B. Hunt (cond.) 8, C. R. Steed 9, F. Kinchin 10.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET

An outing which had been long awaited by the ringers of Shepton Beauchamp and several from the surrounding towers took place on September 9th. The coach took the road at 4.30 a.m., and after a circular tour of the villages set off with a full complement at 5.30 a.m. for Loughborough. A stop was made at Cheltenham for breakfast, and after a long but pleasant run, we arrived at Loughborough at 12.10.

Here we were met by Mr. J. P. Fidler, who had made all the arrangements for us. An excellent lunch was taken at the Eagle, and then we were escorted to the foundry, where several people told 'Great George,' the bourdon bell for Liverpool Cathedral. After an interesting tour of the foundry, most of us made our first acquaintance with the foundry bells, which caused some trepidation when they were tried for the first time.

We next went to the Park, where we had a good look round the War Memorial Tower (surely one of the best war memorials in the country), and were then privileged to hear a recital on the very fine carillon. At the Parish Church we were met by the Vicar, who spoke most kindly to 'we Zummerzet folk,' and we rang on the glorious ten. An excellent high tea was enjoyed at the Eagle, and then we returned to the foundry for the last hour. Everyone had a ring on these bells, and after the initial strangeness of ringing this extremely light ten had worn off, most of us acquitted ourselves quite well.

We said regretful goodbyes to Mr. Fidler, and set out for home (185 miles distant) at 6.30. The journey was uneventful, except for a slight departure from the route at Coventry. We arrived home at 2.30 a.m. on Sunday, tired but happy, after a very pleasant day. We should like to express our very grateful thanks to Mr. Fidler, and to Mr. R. Beale, who first raised the idea of this ambitious and most successful outing. J. W. D.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. D. Howell 1, Miss J. E. Hills (first of Minor) 2, Miss C. Chinnery 3, A. Reeves 4, A. Hammond (first of Minor) 5, J. Armstrong (first as cond.) 6.

WAVERTON, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss Heather Logan (first quarter) 1, B. Harris 2, G. K. Dodd 3, G. F. Sperring 4, S. Holmes (first of Minor) 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6.

Oxford Diocesan Guild

EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS.

The August meeting at Cookham, despite the 'Four Guilds' counter-attraction, was the usual successful gathering of about 60 persons, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London being rung.

The September meeting at Penn was also attended by about 60 ringers. Over 20 new members were welcomed to the branch, and an excellent tea (and supper) was provided by the locals. Methods and rounds were attempted to suit all, but one lot of Spliced came 'unstuck.'

A local Society has been formed, and the Deputy Branch Ringing Master, Mr. R. Biggs, is doing some most useful work instructing the beginners. The hope was expressed that it would not be long before the party revisited Penn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

HUNTS DISTRICT.

What is said to have been the best meeting in the Hunts district of the Ely Diocesan Association for many years took place at St. Neots on September 23rd. More than 40 ringers from the county and from Beds, Cambs, Northants and Norfolk took part in the ringing during the afternoon and evening.

Surprise methods were very popular and Cambridge, Yorkshire, London, Bristol, and Superlative were all rung with success, as well as methods such as Stedman, Grandsire, Double Norwich, Plain Bob, and rounds for the less advanced.

At the business meeting, the Rev. L. Galley, Vicar of St. Neots, was in the chair, and Great Staughton was selected for the October meeting.

The Hunts district now holds regular monthly meetings and has quite a high membership for so small a county. The meetings are very popular and never fail to attract visiting ringers, who always find a warm welcome. S. G.

CREWE RINGER'S WEDDING

At Crewe, on September 23rd, a peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted to celebrate the wedding of Mr. W. Kerr, a local ringer, to Miss Kathleen Youde. Unfortunately, after three hours' good ringing, with only four courses to go, one of the bells cast rope and the peal was lost.

The happy couple left for London, and thence to Switzerland, while the ringing was still in progress, and the band would like to take this opportunity to offer their congratulations and wish them health and happiness in their marriage.

The following ringers took part in the attempt: J. Holloway 1, R. D. Langford 2, I. Nichols 3, H. Holding 4, R. T. Holding 5, T. W. Lamb 6, G. A. Packer (conductor) 7, E. V. Rodenhurst 8, J. N. Lindon 9, W. Edge 10. G. A. P.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Despite bad weather, there was an attendance of 40 members at the East Norfolk Branch meeting at Norton Subcourse on September 9th. The Rev. O. Morris conducted the service and tea was arranged by Mr. G. Walpole and the local company.

At the business meeting ratification took place of belfry elections of G. A. Cook (Ashstead), W. Sidwell (Carlisle) and G. R. Poules (Winterton), and new members elected were Miss Joy Randing (Lowestoft) and H. J. Smith (Halvergate). Tribute to the memory of Mr. G. Mayers was paid by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, and the members stood in silence. A joint meeting with the Suffolk Guild at Beccles on November 4th was announced.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and those who made the tea arrangements were proposed by the president (the Rev. A. St. J. Heard). Ringing was resumed after tea, and some of the company visited Raveningham Church.

Outings

GUILDBOROUGH BRANCH.

Guildborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild had their second outing of the 'season,' when a party of 28 toured Bedfordshire.

Ringings took place at Sharnbrook, Milton Ernest, Bromham (where they were joined by Mr. R. C. Noon and Mr. H. Wooding) and Turvey, which had been visited the same day by the Willesden band. Tea was served at Bedford. Thanks are due to all who welcomed the party to their towers.

CYCLING TOUR IN KENT.

Youthful Essex was well to the fore on Sept. 2nd, when nine representatives from Barking, Dagenham, Hornchurch and Stanford-le-Hope set out for a tour of North Kent. Transport was strictly limited to bicycles, although doubts were expressed about one 'pantehnicon' brought along!

The rendezvous was Tilbury Ferry, where the Hornchurch trio were joined by the rest of the party in time to see the last two cars taken aboard. The passenger ferry was pressed into service, however, and the party arrived safely at Gravesend.

The first tower was Milton-next-Gravesend, where Mr. Mitchell awaited us and Stedman Triples was satisfactorily brought home with his assistance. The ringing was unfortunately curtailed owing to a wedding.

The party adjourned to a nearby cafe for 'elevenses' before proceeding to Cobham. Here the rather heavy-going six were rung to Plain Bob, Grandsire and Kent, although more than one person had difficulty in striking the fifth properly! After the fine tomb and brasses in the church had been inspected and admired, a start was made for Meopham, lunch being partaken beside a haystack.

The party, minus one, then went on to Meopham, where the delightful eight were rung to the standard 'three' as well as call changes for the members of the local band, who very kindly met us. The odd member, sad to relate, had lost his pipe and returned posthaste to Cobham in an attempt to retrieve it. This vital mission being successfully accomplished, he rejoined the main party in time to stand in a touch of Stedman.

The advent of the man who has to work for his living now made the party up to its full strength of ten, and the cavalcade headed for Ash-by-Wrotham, where it was met by two charming young ladies. Ringing on this light six included Spliced Kent and Oxford and Cambridge Minor, the latter being a welcome chance for most of the band, since opportunity for ringing this or other Surprise methods is rare in the home territory.

Tea was obtained at Farningham en route to Bexley. An advance party was pushed ahead as we were getting behind schedule, but 120 Bob Doubles with the aid of three of the local band soon brought along the remainder of the party. Some good ringing on this merry eight included Erin Triples.

A final push brought the party to Eltham, where some of the best ringing of the day was heard on this delightful light eight. The ringing here concluded with three well-struck courses of Stedman.

Home was now the main objective, but those who were still thinking of 'eats' enjoyed a light supper at a roadside cafe. There it was unanimously decided that the tour had been a great success and the ringing well above average. A vote of thanks to David Beard for organising the trip and producing some very pretty time-tables was unanimously passed. The route home was by way of Woolwich Tunnel.

LANGFORD BUDVILLE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. W. Harris 1, H. Commins 2, Miss J. Tattersall 3, D. T. North 4, C. W. J. Tarr (cond.) 5, F. Burton 6. Rung prior to the opening of the church fete.

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BIRTH

GREENWOOD.—On Sept. 29th, 1950, at St. Luke's Hospital, to Mary (nee Byram) and Joseph Greenwood, 116, Wessenden Head Road, Meltham, the gift of a son. 7692

MARRIAGE

PADDON—CRIPPS.—On Saturday, Sept. 9th, 1950, at Appledore Parish Church, by the Vicar (the Rev. A. S. Mayne), William Albert Paddon, Griffin Cottages, Appledore, to Lucy Kate Cripps, 39, High Street, Appledore. 7678

DEATH

HEATHCOTE.—On Sept. 29th, 1950, William C. S. Heathcote, of 11, Clarence Street, Edinburgh, conductor of St. Cuthbert's Parish Church ringers, in his 82nd year. 7695

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MEETINGS

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Erdington, Oct. 7th. Bells at Parish Church (8) at 3 p.m. Bells at R.C. Abbey (8) at 7.30 p.m. Notify for tea G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. 'Phone SPR 1025. 7616

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual general meeting at Tonbridge (8), Oct. 7th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Parish Church Room. 7611

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Coaley (6), Oct. 7th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 7676

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Oct. 7th, 955th dedication festival at the Deanery Church of St. Mary, Bocking. Ringing 2.30 to 9. Service 4.30. Advise for tea H. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 7635

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Bolney (8), Saturday, Oct. 7th, 3 p.m. 7663

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Ticknall, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. G. Soar, Ticknall, near Derby. 7671

OXFORD GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting, Hinton Waldrist, Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30.—R. F. J. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 7653

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice at Grayshott (6), Saturday, Oct. 7th, 6 to 9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, District Sec. 7636

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cropredy, Oct. 7th. Service 4. Tea. Wardington evening.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West. 7651

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Sheffield on Saturday, Oct. 7th. St. Marie's (8) 2.30 and Cathedral (12) after tea. Names for tea to Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hensworth Road, Sheffield 8.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 7657

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Crusader meeting at Barking (8), Saturday, Oct. 7th. Bells available from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.—F. V. Gant. 7666

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—First practice, Michaelmas Term, Wednesday, Oct. 11th, Great St. Andrew's, 8 p.m., followed by business meeting. New members please contact A. W. T. Cleaver, Downing. 7645

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, October 14th, St. Mary's, Merton (just rehung), 2.15 to 3.30; St. Mary's, Clapham Common, 3.45 to 5; St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 6 to 8, business following; Wednesday, Oct. 18th, Surprise practice, St. Stephen's, Westminster, 7.45. 7675

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mellons, Oct. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 7638

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly, Warkton (5), Oct. 14th. Bells 3 p.m., Weekley (6) in evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Special business—farewell to branch president. Names by Tuesday previous, please.—G. Watson, 81, Church Street, Burton Latimer. 7640

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting, West Clandon, Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Merrow (6) afternoon and evening. Numbers for tea to me by Oct. 9th, please, otherwise you've had it.—G. L. Grover, East Clandon, Guildford. 7647

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Bawtry (6), Saturday, Oct. 14th. Good bus service. Cafes close to church.—H. Denman. 7660

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The Potter annual commemoration dinner will be held at King George Hotel, Peel Street, Barnsley, at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Tickets 7s. 6d. each. St. Mary's bells available 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Tickets obtainable from me.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 7673

LINCOLN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting, Lincoln, St. Peter-at-Gowt's (6), Oct. 14th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 7650

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 14th, at Canterbury. Bells available, St. Alphege's, St. Stephen's, from 2.30 to 3.50 p.m. and after tea; St. Dunstan's 2.30 to 4.15 and after tea. Service, St. Dunstan's, 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea (cash enclosed, 1s. 9d. per head), together with any nominations for officers, must reach me not later than first post Wednesday, Oct. 11th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 7662

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Oct. 14th. St. Mary's, Bathwick. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Notification for tea essential by 10th to S. S. Woodburn, Manor Lodge, Weston, Bath. 7685

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Meeting at Norton St. Philip, Oct. 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea to A. H. Angell, Lyde Green, Norton St. Philip. 7680

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Barton-on-Humber, Oct. 14th. Bells of St. Mary's from 2 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Peter's 6 to 9 p.m. Tea at 3s. 6d. for all who notify by first post Wednesday, Oct. 11th, Mr. A. Hoodless, 11, Holy Dyke, Barton-on-Humber. 7697

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Monk's Kirby, near Rugby, Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells 3. Tea 5 at Denbigh Arms. Business to follow. Names by Wednesday previous to Mrs. D. E. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nuneaton 3296. 7705

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Ticehurst (6), Oct. 14th. Tea at Bell Hotel. Names to me by Oct. 12th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 7700

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Shouldham, Oct. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway. 7693

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—South Marston (6), Oct. 14th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 7684

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Cradley, Saturday, Oct. 14th, 3 p.m. Six bells. Names for tea, please, by Oct. 11th.—K. Hill, Hon. Sec., The Village, Bosbury, Ledbury. 7688

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual district meeting, Maidstone, Oct. 14th. Bells 2.30. Tea (own arrangements) 4.15. Business meeting, College Room, adjoining church, 5 p.m. Evensong 6 p.m. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimberidge, Ditton, Maidstone. 7701

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Higher Walton, Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bring own food. Bus services from Preston Nos. 1, P26 and 29; from Blackburn No. 1.—L. Walmsley. 7689

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Milnrow, St. James', Oct. 14th. Bells from 3. For tea notify before Wednesday, 11th, Mr. A. Withnell, 34, Moorland Avenue, Milnrow. 7686

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 7707

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Copt Oak, Oct. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea in Vicarage 4.30. Names by Oct. 1th to C. W. Hall, The Terrace, Copt Oak, Markfield. 7681

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough and Leicester Districts.—A joint meeting at Kibworth, Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Railway Hotel. Names for tea by Oct. 11th to L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn. 7690

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at All Saints, Edmonton, on Saturday, Oct. 14th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business.—T. J. Lock, District Sec. 7682

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Whaddon, Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells (6) at 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson. 7706

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the North and West Norfolk Branches will take place at Shipdham on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the Cafe. Names or numbers by Tuesday, 10th, please, to H. Tocke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 7702

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Burgess Hill (8), Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. onwards. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday, Oct. 11th, please, to B. W. White, 14, Southview, Henfield. 7687

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Combined practice, Wolverton (6 bells), on Saturday, Oct. 14th, from 6 p.m.—D. Cane. 7698

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Newchurch on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower 6. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter. 7712

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Luke's, Great Crosby, on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Wednesday to Mr. E. Porter, 1a, Erdbutt Lane, Crosby, Liverpool 23. 7708

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clowne (6), Oct. 14th, 3. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided. Business important.—A. B. Cooper, District Sec. 7711

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—First post-war annual dinner will be held in the Lion Hotel, Guildford, Saturday, Oct. 21st, commencing 7 p.m. Tickets 8s. 6d. each from G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. Ringing arrangements, etc., will be notified later.—Dinner Committee. 7630

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—A joint meeting of the North and North-East Branches at South Molton on Oct. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at Honeycomb Cafe 5. Names for tea by Oct. 17th to Miss B. M. Boyle, Libra Gardens, Combe Martin. 7691

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 21st, Wheatthampstead, 2.30 to 4.30. Tea in Wheatthampstead Church Hall 5 p.m. Sandridge 6.30 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 7709

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, St. Benedict's, Glastonbury, Saturday, Oct. 21st. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Notify by Tuesday, 17th.—William Marsh, Dovecotes, Street. 7683

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Widford (8), Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 7703

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Cathedral bells available from 3 p.m. Other towers in the district available after the business meeting. Service in the Cathedral 4 p.m. Names for tea to me by Tuesday, Oct. 17th.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne, Kent. 7704

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Edenham, near Bourne, on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, Oct. 18th, to Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding. 7699

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting, Coseley, Oct. 21st. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Names for tea not later than Oct. 17th to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley.—Fred Bennett, Hon. Sec. 7694

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.—After rededication open meeting, Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (10) 2 p.m. Short service 3 p.m. Tea (2s.) 5 p.m. Names by Oct. 19th to Elwick, 19, St. Mary's Crescent, Whitby. 7679

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary notice.—Owing to difficulty in booking suitable accommodation, the *festival* date has been altered from Oct. 21st to Nov. 4th. Dinner, 6.15, at the Bull's Head, Shelthorpe Estate, Loughborough. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) from H. J. Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, on receipt of remittance. Ringing details later. 7665

QUARTER PEALS

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. G. E. Retter 1, A. G. Betts 2, W. Reeks 3, G. E. Retter 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. J. C. Holway 6, J. Salway (first in method as cond.) 7, E. R. Retter 8.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Sept. 17th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob: W. Williams 1, W. Townsend 2, J. Welch 3, D. Cane 4, N. Patmore 5, A. Phillips 6.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Aubrey C. Harrison 1, Mrs. J. Finn 2, A. Lambkin 3, F. Lacey 4, G. Thompson 5, H. Morwood 6, F. Lord (cond.) 7, S. Finn 8. On the anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Crouchman 1, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 2, E. J. Baxter 3, D. Crouchman 4, H. G. Goddard 5, F. James 6. First quarter 1 and 4.

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WHITBY PARISH CHURCH

A MONG the historical churches associated with bells St. Mary's, Whitby, Yorks, holds an honoured position. Next Sunday the Archbishop of York is re-dedicating the bells at a special service after their absence for several months. The ring of ten has been recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the cost having been met by Mr. and Mrs. P. Shaw Jeffery, of The Old Hall, Bagdale, near Whitby.

Whitby's claim to fame is that in association with the Monastery here there was the first recorded reference to a church bell in England. The Venerable Bede, in his 'Ecclesiastical History of the English Nation,' tells of the vision which made known the death of Abbess Hilda on November 17th, 680 A.D., at Whitby, to a nun called Begu, who was sleeping in the Monastery at Hackness. 'Begu,' he states, 'heard the well-known sound of a bell in the air, which used to awaken and call them to prayers, when any one of them was taken out of this world, and on opening her eyes, as she thought, saw the top of the house open, and a strong light pour in from above: looking earnestly upon that light she saw the soul of Hilda attended and conducted to Heaven by the angels.'

That is the legend which has survived some 14 centuries. And it is to be perpetuated on the recast tenor at Whitby by the following inscription:—

'To commemorate the Holy Woman Begu who heard at Whitby in 680 A.D. the first recorded church bell in England this peal of ten bells has been recast through the generosity of Alice & Percy Shaw Jeffery, 1950. Norman A. Vasey, Rector of Whitby.'

The original six at Whitby was by Messrs. Lester & Pack, of the Whitechapel Foundry, and were cast in 1762. The bells were augmented to a ring of eight to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897 and another two were added for the Coronation of King George V. in 1911. The weights of the bells are: Treble 4½ cwt., second 4¾ cwt., third 5 cwt., fourth 5½ cwt., fifth 6 cwt., sixth 6¾ cwt., seventh 8¼ cwt., eighth 10 cwt., ninth 14 cwt., tenor 19 cwt.

The contract of Messrs. Taylors has also included strengthening of the steel frame. An open meeting is to be held on the Saturday following the dedication and an invitation is extended to all ringers to test the new bells which it is claimed will be, for their weight, one of the finest in the country.

SILENT FOR 20 YEARS

FOR 20 years the ring of eight in the Norman tower of Sibsey, Lincs, has been silent. Now a concerted effort is being made by the vicar and the captain of the erstwhile bell ringers, Mr. W. C. Wilkinson, to raise £900 to restore the bells. The wooden frame has been badly attacked by death-watch beetle and the tower also needs strengthening, the work proposed being a concrete girdle level with the frame. The bells also require attention, and there is a complete absence of bell ropes and other furnishings for the ringing chamber. Sibsey parishioners have already raised £5,323 in the past five years for extensive repairs to the roof and fabric of the church and feel that in raising money for the bells an appeal on a wider basis is justified. The first outside contribution is £3 2s. collected at a meeting of the Eastern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild at a meeting at Wigtoft.

Sibsey bells are of considerable antiquity, the first entry in the churchwardens' accounts being in 1698. In 1770 the five bells were recast by Henry Harrison, of Barrow, Lincs, the agreement still being in existence. The price then quoted was 24s. per cwt. to 'give them a full tone and tunable sound.' The bells were augmented to six in 1773 and to eight in 1816, the contract for the new tenor and treble being placed with Mr. James Harrison. The tenor weighed about 15 or 16 cwt., and was within ½ in. in diameter of the size of the Boston tenor. In the mid-Victoria period Sibsey ringers included seven members of the Mawer family, and methods rung at the tower included Treble Bob.

In connection with these bells there is a tradition in Stickford, a village some four miles away, that Sibsey bells were originally theirs. The story goes that Stickford bells were being taken away for repair and were dropped carelessly into the water or dyke by the roadside and lost; some time afterwards they were discovered, picked out of the mud and taken to Sibsey and set up in that town. The late Rev. F. Besant, a local historian, can find not the slightest trace of any evidence of this; if there is any foundation to such a legend it is prior to 1719.

Any gifts addressed to the Rev. D. R. F. Creighton, The Vicarage, Sibsey, Lincs, will be gratefully acknowledged.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT TOUR

All peals rung for the Guildford Diocesan Guild except where stated.

SHALFORD, SURREY.

On Sat., Sept. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Comprising 2,240 London, 1,728 Bristol and 576 each of Superlative and Cambridge, with 116 changes of method.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

T. MARK WHITE	Treble	*OWEN A. NEEDHAM	5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	6
MARGARET FIDELL	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

On Mon., Sept. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

MAURICE BENNETT	Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
MARGARET FIDELL	2	JOHN A. FREEMAN	6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
SYDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	Tenor

Composed by JOHN FREEMAN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

First peal in the method by all the band.

BETCHWORTH, SURREY.

On Tues., Sept. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt. in G sharp.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS	Treble	*MAURICE BENNETT	5
*OWEN A. NEEDHAM	2	STANLEY E. BENNETT	6
MARGARET FIDELL	3	JOHN A. FREEMAN	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Lincolnshire.

DORKING, SURREY.

On Tues., Sept. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in E.

OWEN A. NEEDHAM	Treble	JOHN PINFOLD	5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS	2	STANLEY E. BENNETT	6
JOHN A. FREEMAN	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
SYDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

On Wed., Sept. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.

MAURICE BENNETT	Treble	*SYDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY	5
*OWEN A. NEEDHAM	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
STANLEY E. BENNETT	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Rutland. First peal of Rutland as conductor.

READING, BERKSHIRE.

On Wed., Sept. 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

*OWEN A. NEEDHAM	Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	8
MARGARET FIDELL	3	JOHN A. FREEMAN	9
CHARLES MCGUINNESS	4	JOHN PINFOLD	10
SYDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
RICHARD F. B. SPEED	6	STANLEY E. BENNETT	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal on twelve bells.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.

On Thurs., Sept. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A flat.

MAURICE BENNETT	Treble	*EDWARD J. BRAGG	5
STANLEY E. BENNETT	2	JOHN A. FREEMAN	6
*OWEN A. NEEDHAM	3	JOHN PINFOLD	7
MARGARET FIDELL	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Bristol.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

On Thurs., Sept. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

STANLEY E. BENNETT	Treble	SYDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY	5
JOHN PINFOLD	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
*OWEN A. NEEDHAM	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of London.

EWHURST, SURREY.

On Fri., Sept. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Consisting of 2,240 London, 1,728 Bristol, and 576 each of Superlative and Cambridge, with 116 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

MAURICE BENNETT	Treble	JOHN A. FREEMAN	5
*MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	6
MARGARET FIDELL	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced Surprise as conductor.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS	Treble	ROYDEN C. DAVIES	7
MARGARET FIDELL	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	8
JOHN FREEMAN	3	DENIS N. LAYTON	9
C. ERNEST SMITH	4	GEORGE H. HUMPHRIES	10
JOHN PINFOLD	5	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	11
DONALD G. CLIFT	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL	Treble	*ERNEST STITCH	7
JOAN BERESFORD	2	†ARTHUR T. DUTTON	8
GEORGE E. OLIVER	3	‡ALAN ELSMORE	9
RICHARD C. INGRAM	4	*SIDNEY H. JONES	10
GEORGE A. PACKER	5	BARNABAS G. KEY	11
*J. NORMAN HADLEY	6	*EDWARD J. WHITE	Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal on twelve bells. † 50th peal on the 8th at this tower. ‡ 50th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

APPLETON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

RICHARD WHITE	Treble	FREDERICK SHARPE	6
*EDMUND E. PEARSON	2	HENRY C. WHITE	7
FRANK WHITE	3	FREDERICK C. WHITE	8
†EDGAR SMITH	4	FRANCIS A. WHITE	9
FREDERICK MESSENGER	5	FRED WHITE	Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by FREDERICK C. WHITE.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on ten bells.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... Treble	RALPH W. SAYERS ...	6
REGINALD WOODYATT ...	*GEORGE PRESCOTT ...	7
GEORGE E. LARGE ...	2 WILLIAM LEWIS ...	8
ALLEN MORGAN ...	4 CYRIL TANSELL ...	9
JEAN A. SOUTHERST ...	5 THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor	

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ROGER C. PRESTON ... Treble	BRIAN D. THRELFALL ...	5
FRANCES A. EDGAR ...	2 RODNEY B. MEADOWS ...	6
*JULIA M. PRESTON ...	3 RICHARD F. B. SPEED ...	7
*E. S. JOHN HATCHER ...	4 WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal in method.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Aug. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

*REV. DAVID P. ROBERTS Treble	GEOFFREY DODDS ...	5
†GILLIAN A. SMITH ...	2 REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ...	6
†ANNE B. STOCKDALE ...	3 GORDON C. BRIGGS ...	7
MARGARET FIDELL ...	4 NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Tenor	

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

HARRY MILES ... Treble	GEOFFREY DODDS ...	5
MARGARET FIDELL ...	2 *IVOR H. TRUEMAN ...	6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ...	3 NORMAN CHADDOCK ...	7
GORDON C. BRIGGS ...	4 DENIS N. LAYTON ... Tenor	

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

* First peal in the method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF EASTBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	5
THOMAS H. FRANCIS ...	2 MAURICE HODGSON ...	6
RICHARD F. B. SPEED ...	3 THOMAS J. LOCK ...	7
ALICK CUTLER ...	4 ALFRED J. HOUSE ... Tenor	

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Believed to be the first peal rung in this method and was rung with 4ths place bobs.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

*STELLA P. WAIN ... Treble	ROY BROOM ...	5
MRS. C. K. LEWIS ...	2 CECIL RADDON ...	6
†JEAN C. BROWN ...	3 ALAN J. BROWN ...	7
†NEVILLE A. BROWN ...	4 C. KENNETH LEWIS ... Tenor	

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method. A birthday compliment for Jean C. Brown.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALAN DUGDALE ... Treble	JOHN ORME ...	5
WALTER ALLMAN ...	2 HAROLD WORRELL ...	6
HENRY O. BAKER ...	3 JOHN E. BIBBY ...	7
WILLIAM E. ALLMAN ...	4 CECIL RADDON ... Tenor	

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Sept. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BERKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD C. LANKESTER ... Treble	LEONARD H. BOWLER ...	5
W. NORMAN PARK ...	2 RICHARD F. B. SPEED ...	6
ALICK CUTLER ...	3 ALFRED J. HOUSE ...	7
BRIAN D. THRELFALL ...	4 CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the 3rd and 5th.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROGER LEIGH ... Treble	JAMES BLACKBURN ...	5
MURIEL REAY ...	2 JAMES E. BURLS ...	6
NICHOLAS NEWBY ...	3 ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	7
CHARLES W. BLAKEY ...	4 PETER CROOK ... Tenor	

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

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

*KENNETH A. LEWIS ... Treble	LEONARD DERRICK ...	5
*THOMAS G. PHILLIPS ...	2 HERBERT W. KNIGHT ...	6
ERNEST F. SHEARN ...	3 *WILLIAM J. LOTT ...	7
NORMAN H. COOMBS ...	4 *REGINALD A. LEWIS ... Tenor	

Conducted by HERBERT W. KNIGHT.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since augmentation in 1938. Rung as a farewell to Preb. H. S. Urch, who is leaving the parish after 20 years. Also on the occasion of Mr. E. F. Shearn's silver wedding.



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On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 77 lb.

RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 2	THOMAS HEMMING ... 6
ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ERIC E. SPEAKE.

First peal as conductor in the method. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Warrilow on the 15th anniversary of their marriage.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

REV. J. E. F. TREDENNICK Treble	*RALPH SITCH ... 5
ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 6
JOHN S. BARNES ... 3	GEORGE SAYER ... 7
CHARLES E. G. BANHAM ... 4	FREDK. A. FINCH ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE WYCLIFFE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 14½ cwt.

A. JOHN TIMSON ... Treble	ERNEST W. TIPLER ... 5
CECIL E. CARR ... 2	ALFRED BALLARD ... 6
*RONALD W. GIBBON ... 3	FRANK K. MEASURES ... 7
E. CHARLES TURNER ... 4	†A. THOMAS BROMLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

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

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

F. BERNARD DITCHER ... Treble	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 5
MILTON C. FOWLER ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
*GIBSON JACKSON ... 3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 7
ARTHUR FIRTH ... 4	ERNEST A. THORPE ... Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method. Believed to be the first peal in the method in the county.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

PAUL BIRKETT ... Treble	HARRY WILD ... 5
ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... 2	DONALD R. MARSHALL ... 6
MARGARET FLACKETT ... 3	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... 7
EDWARD JENKINS ... 4	FRED HODGSON ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

ROYSTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALBERT E. SYMONDS ... Treble	WALTER J. HOUGHTON ... 5
GEORGE CHERRY ... 2	*ERNEST W. ROBERTS ... 6
WILLIAM J. CROFT ... 3	EDGAR W. WINTERS ... 7
*HAROLD HEATHFIELD ... 4	FRANK W. CROFT ... Tenor

Composed by J. LOCKWOOD.

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

* First peal. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung for the enthronement of the Bishop of St. Albans.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pittsow's Transposition.

Tenor 28½ cwt.

CLEMENT GLENN ... Treble	SIDNEY BRIGGS ... 5
GEORGE E. FOSTER ... 2	GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 6
FREDK. G. HOOPER ... 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 7
J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF ... 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

MRS. A. RICHARDSON ... Treble	WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON ... 5
G. DULCIE ROBINSON ... 2	HORACE BENNETT ... 6
JOHN E. ALLEN ... 3	C. HAROLD WHITTON ... 7
CHARLES C. RAWDING ... 4	JOHN G. AMES ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to C. Harold Whitton.

THROWLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*WILLIAM G. PLUMRIDGE Treble	GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... 5
EILEEN S. WYLES ... 2	GEORGE KENWARD ... 6
WILFRED S. PALIN ... 3	*ERIC T. EADES ... 7
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 4	†ERIC NAYLOR ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a fourth wedding anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Eric T. Eades, who were married in this church.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

BERNARD MADELEY ... Treble	THOMAS PRICE ... 5
*RAYMOND HAZELDINE ... 2	FREDERICK PRICE ... 6
WALTER LYCETT ... 3	†SIDNEY HUGHES ... 7
ALAN M. HICKMAN ... 4	WILLIAM H. TYLER ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. TYLER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor in the method. First peal to be rung by the local band. Rung to commemorate the 1,000th anniversary of a church on this site. Also a birthday compliment to E. Weatherby, of Los Angeles, U.S.A.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ILLSTON-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Sat., Aug. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

*TERRY YATES ... Treble	*PETER J. PAWLEY ... 4
*BARBARA COLVER ... 2	ALAN HOUGH ... 5
*JOHN HOUGH ... 3	TOM BELTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN HOUGH.

* First peal. Non-Association. Rung to mark the 40th anniversary of the ordination of the Rector, the Rev. M. O. M. Duke, M.A.

WALPOLE ST. PETER, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

EDWARD BARKER ... Treble	*RICHARD E. PRICE ... 4
WALLACE COUSINS ... 2	CLAUDE COUSINS ... 5
FRED WIGMORE ... 3	TONY PRICE ... Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* 50th peal. 100th peal of Minor as conductor.

MEREWORTH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Double Court and Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM T. GRICE Treble	WILLIAM R. MANSEY ... 4
LEWIS NEWMAN 2	FRANK P. WRIGHT ... 5
PETER C. WRIGHT 3	LUTHER J. HONESS... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

RANDWICK, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA.

THE N.S.W. ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.

On Sun., Sept. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JUDE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of four callings. Tenor 21 cwt.

RUTH E. DONNELLY ... Treble	WILLIAM M. ROWE ... 4
ELIZABETH M. SLOAN ... 2	JOHN DUNCAN ... 5
IAN A. NAPPER 3	*RAY B. ALTASS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN DUNCAN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal in the method in Australia Rung in memoriam William Short, Birmingham.

SWANTON MORLEY, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Sept. 24, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Swanton, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, April Day (rung as spliced Plain Bob and Grandsire) and twelve of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

*JOHN A. COX Treble	†SIDNEY MARSHALL ... 3
†GEORGE P. ADAMS ... 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4
†BERT GOGLE Tenor	

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

BINFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*GWEN. A. CROCKFORD... Treble	†WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 4
†WILLIAM J. BROOKS ... 2	†ERNEST E. GOSLING ... 5
†MARY PEMBERTON ... 3	FRANK H. HICKS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor. ‡ First peal of Bob Minor on tower bells. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Joyce Hearn, of Burnham.

HAMPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Annable's London, Netherseale, Bourne, Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk and Primrose. Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... Treble	MICHAEL P. MORETON... 4
*LESLIE EVANS 2	*AUSTIN T. WINGATE ... 5
*FREDERICK R. HARRIS... 3	WILFRID F. MORETON... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods. First peal in seven Surprise methods for the Guild. 100th peal as conductor.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 15 callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*GORDON WALFORD ... Treble	GEORGE ALDERMAN ... 4
CLAUDE TARR 2	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT 5
STANLEY N. BRISTOWE... 3	†ARCHIE JALE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First peal of Stedman.

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THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Sept. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, four callings.

Tenor 9 cwt.

LESLIE EVANS Treble	MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 4
*REV. BERNARD AP. IVOR ... 2	REGINALD T. JONES ... 5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS ... 3	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal.

WESTBURY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Sept. 26, 1950, 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 9½ cwt.

ALFRED E. G. OWEN ... Treble	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW ... 4
*EDWARD W. COLLEY ... 2	JOHN B. SANSOM ... 5
WILLIAM A. FARMER ... 3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON ... Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

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

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society and Doncaster and District Society.)

On Thurs., Sept. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

D. ELAINE WRIGHT, Whiston (16 years 10 months) Treble	
*DAVID JACKSON, Hatfield (13 years 1 month) 2	
*DAVID THORLEY, Thame (13 years 8 months) 3	
*WILLIAM H. JACKSON, Hatfield (15 years 1 month) 4	
SHIRLEY BAMPTON, Whiston (16 years 2 months) 5	
WILFRED L. ROBINSON, Eckington (17 years) Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM H. JACKSON.

* First peal of Bob Minor. First peal on tower bells as conductor. Average age 15 years 3 months. Believed to be the youngest peal for the Yorkshire Association. A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*AUBREY C. HARRISON ... Treble	† HAROLD MORWOOD ... 4
† G. EDWARD BRUMPTON ... 2	JACK BRAY ... 5
FRANK LORD ... 3	HARRY HALL ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

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

RUMNEY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*RONALD C. LUCAS ... Treble	*COLIN BARWICK ... 4
† THOMAS YEOMANS ... 2	† WILLIAM DARE ... 5
† DONALD G. CLARKE ... 3	JACK R. WORRALL ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in two methods. 25th peal as conductor.

STEVENTON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

CYRIL H. KINCH ... Treble	MALCOLM S. CLOKE ... 4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS ... 2	*EDGAR J. SMITH ... 5
HARRY P. FLOYD ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in seven Minor methods. First peal in more than four methods on the bells. Arranged and rung on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

WISBOROUGH GREEN, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Sept. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AD VINCULA,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Norbury; College Exercise, Norwich Surprise, London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

LEONARD STILWELL ... Treble	EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 4
KENNETH SNELLING ... 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5
ERNEST TREAGUS ... 3	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Wirral Branch.)

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, viz., Alnwick, Chester, Carlisle, London, York, Beverley and Cambridge.

Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

CHARLES B. PEMBERTON Treble	STANLEY D. SUTTON ... 4
*JAMES M. PEMBERTON ... 2	A. TREVOR SUTTON ... 5
ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ... 3	ALFRED W. CUSICK ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED W. CUSICK.

* First peal of Surprise away from the treble. First peal of Surprise as conductor. To commemorate the octocentenary of the foundation of the Benedictine Priory in Birkenhead dedicated to SS. Mary and James.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Killamarsh, College Exercise, Kingston, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

KATHERINE BURCHNALL ... Treble	HAROLD DENMAN ... 4
GRACE BURCHNALL ... 2	HERBERT ROOKE ... 5
DOUGLAS ROOKE ... 3	FRED FLINT ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT ROOKE.

Rung for harvest thanksgiving.

GODSHILL, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

LESTER BAILEY ... Treble	CHARLES A. DRAKE ... 4
WILLIAM UPTON ... 2	*PATRICK PAGE ... 5
JOHN W. MEADE ... 3	FRANK S. TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by PATRICK PAGE.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor and first peal as conductor. Rung as a wedding compliment to Edward Drake, of Carisbrooke.

LAMBOURN, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 23 cwt.

PETER ANGER ... Treble	WALTER H. TRUMAN ... 4
*ANTHONY R. PEAKE ... 2	REGINALD W. REX ... 5
*BRIAN BLADON ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in seven Minor methods. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung within the octave of the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*RICHARD GRICE ... Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 4
C. JOHN GIBBS ... 2	† MAURICE BAILEY ... 5
† ALBERT E. THOMPSON ... 3	DENNIS R. CARLISLE ... Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS R. CARLISLE.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor in two methods. ‡ First peal of Minor. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the second.

HAWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

HERBERT HELLIWELL ... Treble	Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in G.
JOHN I. ROBERTSHAW ... 2	† GILBERT SHACKLETON ... 4
* BRYAN T. PHALP ... 3	LESLIE HELLIWELL ... 5
	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR BAIRSTOW.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells by a local band.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

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

Tenor size 14 in D flat.

ERNEST MORRIS ... 1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6
ALAN CATTELL ... 3-4	JOHN BRAMLEY ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung to celebrate the 79th birthday of Ernest Weatherby, late of Market Drayton, now of Los Angeles, California. First peal on the restored and augmented handbells, which were sent from Los Angeles for this purpose.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Sept. 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Morris J. Morris' Transposition of J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor size 11 in A flat.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ... 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	JOSIAH MORRIS ... 7-8

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung on the light eight of E. Weatherby's set from Los Angeles, California, for his 79th birthday. Mr. J. Morris is now in his 84th year.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5032 CHANGES;

Comprising 3,000 Little Bob and 2,032 Plain Bob, with 215 changes of method.

* ROY C. HURST ... 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.

* First peal of Spliced Major away from the tenors.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 1 Hour and 28 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent of Double Bob and six of Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

* MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 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.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

* MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 3-4	ROY C. HURST ... 7-8
GEORGE E. EVENDEN ... 9-10	

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Royal away from the tenors. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Marshallsay.

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 2, 1950, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

AT 21, WALNUT TREE LANE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents each of Morning Star, Stedman, Old, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire. Tenor size 14 in D.

MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 1-2	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 3-4
CHARLES L. SADLER ... 5-6	

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

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SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

Subscriptions for the last quarter of
1950 are now overdue. Will those con-
cerned please remit 5s. 6d. to Mrs. E. K.
Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-
Sea, Norfolk, without delay?

All peal ringers will take
special interest in the an-
nouncement of the at-
tempt of 22,208 Double Norwich Court Bob
Major at Debenham, Suffolk, on October 21st.
Mr. Nolan Golden is conducting and Mr. A.
Patrick Cannon is turning in the 21½ cwt.
tenor. Our good wishes to the band who are
attempting to add another pinnacle to long
lengths in English ringing.

Mr. Frank Hopgood, of Isleworth, writes in
terms we like to read: Very many congratula-
tions to the Folkestone band on such *beautiful*
striking. It was a pleasure to listen to, so
once again, thank you, Folkestone.

There are only five vacancies for the Guild-
ford Diocesan Guild dinner on October 21st,
which also commemorates the services to the
Guild and Exercise by the late Mr. John S.
Goldsmith. Details are advertised in this issue.

The sum of £115 was raised by a gift day
at Bicester, Oxfordshire, for urgent repairs to
the church. In the evening 1,260 Grandsire
Triples was rung by H. Clifton 1, C. A. Kinch
2, J. Walton 3, E. Pearson 4, W. Bagget 5,
H. Hatfield 6, E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, L. Ward 8.

In the 'Burton Daily Mail' of September
23rd, Mr. W. Frank Stenson, of Crewe, writes:
'I was visiting St. Paul's Church, on Sunday,
with its beautiful ring of ten bells, and was
surprised that there were only six ringers pre-
sent. I was even more surprised when I
learned that the bells of the other two churches
were temporarily silent. At least four ringers
could have had a ring on bells well worthy
of the best that can be got out of them.
Incidentally, it was Battle of Britain Sunday.
Some nine months ago Mr. Stenson called
attention to Montgomery's silent bells. There
was a peal attempt there on September 30th
with a view to re-creating the old interest.

BELFRY GOSSIP

We regret that a typo-
graphical error occurred in
the clerical peal at Llan-
frechfa. The ringer of the fourth was the
Rev. Roy Hallett and not as printed. Accord-
ing to a well-known authority, this is the first
peal to be rung by the clergy from one diocese.
If there is any evidence to the contrary, the
Editor would be pleased to be informed.

With the peal of Cinques at Walsall on
September 30th, Mr. Sidney H. Jones has rung
peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

After a membership of 36 years in the Royal
Society of Cumberland Youths, Mr. Leonard
Stilwell, of Horsham, has resigned to join the
Ancient Society of College Youths.

Dr. Jenny Pym, whose address is at the
Women's Christian Medical College, Ludhiana,
E. Punjab, North India, would be pleased to
hear of any ringers in India. She has a set
of handbells, but no one who can ring them.

The ancient Church of St. Andrew, Wan-
borough, near Swindon, has had three of its
five bells recast and a treble added by Messrs.
Taylor and Co., the tenor of the restored ring
being 18½ cwt. The dedication ceremony was
performed recently by the Lord Bishop of
Bristol. Visitors included Mr. F. Sharpe and
Mr. J. P. Fidler, representing the founders.
Ringers and non-ringers expressed their high
opinion of the bells and workmanship.

A happy family occasion was the 1,260
Grandsire Doubles on Oct. 1st at Mangotsfield,
Bristol, when Mr. J. G. Jefferies rang his first
quarter with his two sons and two grandsons.
His ambition is to ring a peal. The ringers
were Miss B. Cooksley (first quarter, who is
leaving Mangotsfield to take up nursing) 1, T.
Jefferies (first 'inside') 2, M. Jefferies 3, Miss
B. Poole 4, C. E. Jefferies 5, J. W. Jefferies 6,
J. G. Jefferies (cond.) 7, E. Cooksley 8.

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Record Peal Attempt

22,208 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

Dear Sir,—Permission has kindly been granted for a long peal attempt at Debenham, Suffolk (tenor 21½ cwt.), on Saturday, October 21st.

I wish to give notice that, commencing at 7.30 a.m., members of the Suffolk Guild will (p.v.) attempt on that day to ring 22,096 changes of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Mr. C. W. Pipe, hon. secretary of the Suffolk Guild, has kindly consented to act as umpire.

It will be recalled that at this tower on Whit Monday, 1892, the late James Motts, with Frederick J. Tillett, happily still with us, ringing the tenor, called a 16,608 of Oxford Treble Bob Major in 10 hours 32 minutes.

The composition is appended.—Yours faithfully,
NOLAN GOLDEN.

22,208 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR.

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B=First ten courses of A. Five times repeat D, calling first course 1 only, and substituting bob for single at 6 in second and last repetitions.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Can any of the experts enlighten me on this method? I was always given to understand that two bells only were allowed to lie still in any method. Cambridge Surprise Major has four:—

62418375
62148735

I would be very pleased to see an explanation through 'The Ringing World' why this is so.
A. CHAMPION.

Penistone, Kent.

WOOKEY, SOMERSET. — On Sept. 24th. 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury, 420 Grandire, 480 Bob Doubles): F. Hall 1, G. Salmon 2, R. Gardiner 3, F. Sandy 4, V. Roberts (cond.) 5, A. Carver 6.

A GUILDFORD AND DISTRICT TOUR

ON Saturday morning, September 16th, a party of ringers from Lincolnshire, Birmingham and Whitley Bay gathered at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, which was to be their headquarters during a week's ringing tour. It was a smaller gathering than had been anticipated. Withdrawals had been caused through illness, and almost treason on the part of the organiser, who had married and squandered his holidays on a honeymoon, having declined to combine his honeymoon with the peal tour.

Augmented by four local ringers, two bands were soon en route to the neighbouring towers of Shalford and West Clandon to commence operations. At Shalford the nice light ring of eight was enjoyed to a successful peal of Spliced in four methods, but at Clandon the band could not master the noise and Rutland was lost in less than an hour.

After service ringing on Sunday morning at the Cathedral and S. Nicolas', Guildford, most of the party joined the local ringers for coffee. The idea of a blank afternoon was too much for three of the party, who went into Sussex and were granted permission for an afternoon attempt at Ruspur. Yorkshire was the method chosen, but George Fearn's hopes of slipping an extra in the programme were foiled when after only three courses his rope broke and time did not allow a restart. Tea—and the party moved off to ring at Leatherhead for evensong.

On Monday morning the coach arrived and Chiddingfold was soon reached. There Lincoln Surprise Major was successful, in spite of two George Fei/earns proving too much for the local captain, who locked the Lincoln edition in the Forge. After lunch at Hindhead, Gray-shott (8) was visited before returning to Guildford, where Bristol on the Cathedral bells was surprisingly lost after 2½ hours' ringing.

Lincolnshire was rung on the light eight at Betchworth on Tuesday morning before lunch. At Dorking, Sydney Holloway demonstrated his skill at replacing his rope on the wheel during a peal of Yorkshire on the 25 cwt. eight.

New territory was explored on Wednesday, when the party moved into Berkshire. Rut-

land was enjoyed at Warfield. A few hours off duty were granted after lunch at Reading, but by 4.30 p.m. assembly was called at the Church of St. Laurence, where Mrs. C. J. Matthews and Richard Speed joined the party for Stedman Cinques on those very attractive bells.

Aldershot was Thursday morning's tower, and Bristol was rung at St. Michael's. Mr. E. J. Bragg co-operated and renewed his war-time acquaintance with Lincoln friends. London was rung at Farnham in the afternoon. There ringing had to be rather steady owing to the slow struck tenor. The party joined the S. Nicolas', Guildford, ringers in their weekly practice in the evening.

An attempt at Shere failed on Friday morning after an hour's good Pudsey owing to a shift course, but in the afternoon the official part of the tour ended as it had begun with Spliced in four methods; this time at Ewhurst. During the evening 'Au revoir' was said to Guildford friends.

On Saturday morning, as the party broke up, financial chaos was prevented by the Birmingham maestro, who handled the joint hotel account in a masterly way, proving his wizardry with more than one sort of figures. Some returned home, while other ringers made their way to Croydon and Stedman Cinques was rung on these fine products of the local foundry.

Everyone had enjoyed their week, and thanks are due to local incumbents for the use of the bells and their ringers who made everything ready. Thanks, too, to Mr. J. Freeman for the arrangements.

The party have no wish to compete with twenty questions or to anticipate the Christmas Quiz, but did John Pinfold catch up with his sleep when he lost his snoring companion? Does Owen Needham have a larger head measurement after all his 'firsts'? Why did George Fearn go to the cinema two nights in succession after a year's absence? Did Mrs. Pinfold's request for John not to ring above the fourth mean from the front or back? And did she know he spent the week with two George Fei/earns?

DEDICATION

FYFIELD, ESSEX.

The sun shone brightly over the pretty little church in the delightful Essex village of Fyfield on the morning of October 1st. As the folks were gathering themselves together the five bells were ringing Grandsire Doubles.

We were all astir to give thanks for the fruits of the harvest and to assist with the dedication of the new treble to increase the ring to six.

The Rector came into the tower and, supported by the local and visiting ringers, dedicated the new bell to the glory of God and in memory of the great victory over the forces of evil.

Following the dedication the local band rang the six bells to rounds and changes until the Rector had returned to the chancel, where the congregation joined in prayers for the bells and for those whose privilege it would be to ring them.

In his sermon the Rector referred to the church and the bells, the centuries that the church had stood as the spiritual home of the village, and the great number of years that some of the bells had rung their message out over the surrounding countryside, mentioning that the bell christened 'Margaret' had been the gift of a rector who had been dispossessed and turned out of the Rectory at the time of the Reformation.

During the afternoon the bells were open to all comers. Everyone agreed that the bell-founders should be congratulated on the splen-

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A YOUNG YORKSHIRE BAND

Dear Sir,—May I, through the medium of your columns, congratulate the young band of boys and girls who rang the peal of Bob Minor at Thryburgh, South Yorkshire, on September 28th?

Mr. Gibson Jackson and myself listened to a good part of the peal, including the first part, and the last 1,000 changes or so, and were delighted at the very fine performance of these youngsters—all members of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association and whose average age is only 15 years 3 months.

After the peal they received the praise of the Rector (the Rev. G. K. Dixon), who expressed his amazement and pleasure at the efficiency of such a young team.

Though such a performance naturally requires 100 per cent. team work, a special word of praise is due to 15-year-old Bill Jackson, who so ably captained these youngsters through the peal (his first attempt to call a peal on tower bells).—Yours faithfully,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Whiston, near Rotherham, Yorkshire.

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did splice they had made and on the 'go' of the bells.

The Master and the local ringers are to be congratulated on their efforts to raise the money for the whole of the work, which allowed for the bells to be opened entirely free from debt.

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION LINCOLN WEEK

AUGUST 18th-26th, 1950

THE Universities' Week opened on Friday evening in the Cathedral ringing chamber, when Mr. John A. Freeman welcomed us, both as Master of the Cathedral company and of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. Before this we had listened to a perfect touch of Stedman Cinques, half-muffled, as a last tribute to a colleague, and the quiet dignity of the Lincoln ringers spoke oceans. The subsequent ringing varied in quality, but we all did our best under conditions which could not have been more favourable and delighted in a course of Bristol on the 'back eight.'

There are recognised traditions of our summer week, but their pattern is no hindrance to display of local colour, and each year the result is accordingly quite unique in character. At Lincoln we invaded a hotel for the first time, and from the outset it was apparent that the tempo of life at the Oxford was in marked contrast with the hustle and bustle of U.A. This had its compensations, however, for the enforced leisure of eating, plus half-pull change-seating, ensured constant randomisation between the eleven universities.

Saturday morning was spent in discovering the glories of the Minster and ascending the mighty tower of St. Hugh to see Great Tom of Lincoln and afar off on the horizon the Stump of Boston. After lunch peal bands set out for Grantham and Walesby, while the residue, after a ring on the six at St. Botolph's, Saxilby (tenor 12 cwt., please observe), joined in the Gainsborough District meeting at St. Helen's, Willingham-by-Stow (same weight of tenor!), John Hatcher reading the lesson at service. This meeting was to have taken place at Stow Church, but the bells had just been reported unfit for ringing, though some of us, to our exceeding great pleasure, saw over the 'Dowager Minster,' traditionally the Saxon Cathedral of the ancient Diocese of Lindsey. After tea we heard from participants that Stedman Triples had been lost at Walesby Old Church (12 cwt. tenor iii.), but at Grantham, Cambridge Royal for Princess Anne was achieved. A late evening ring at St. Giles', Lincoln—a first-class octave, tenor 18 cwt.—completed the day's belfry programme.

On Sunday came the complex manoeuvre of deploying the large party for service ringing, seven towers being manned—good staff work by the committee the previous night: In Lincoln itself the Cathedral (where we joined in Cambridge Maximus), St. Giles' and St. Peter-at-Gowts' (6 bells, tenor 8 cwt.), and further afield the octaves at Washington and Harmston, both morning and evening, as well as two six-bell towers, a morning trip to Navenby (home of U.A. member Philip Addison), and an afternoon one by over twenty of us to the well-kept little Church of All Saints, Eagle, where we were entertained to tea. After supper our Lincoln friends and their wives came and had coffee with us, and we filled the hotel lounge as it is never likely to be filled again.

The week stretched out long before us. On Monday we went south to Grantham by cars and motor-bikes, with a small cycling party taking the train. St. Wulfram's Church is a noble structure with a fine ring of ten and a 32 cwt. tenor bell, and we fully appreciated the privilege of peal and party visits within the space of three days. Striking east we came to Heydour with its light octave and, yes, 12 cwt. tenor iv. St. Denys', Silk Willoughby, lay en route to Ewerby and was 'grabbed,' but somehow we did not find the ten Ewerby bells easy to strike. Tea was taken at Sleaford before trying the bells. An enjoyable eight with tenor approaching a ton. Westward, cyclists into the wind, to Caythorpe, where at the Church of St. Vincent we found a half-ton octave much to our liking, whence

homewards. Films by Gilbert Thurlow provided late evening entertainment in the works canteen of Messrs. Fison's, by invitation of Charlie McGuiness, our 'on the spot' member. These included scenes at Buckfast Abbey on the 1949 U.A. tour, others of the bells and church of St. George, Colegate, Norwich (with shots at the Whitechapel foundry), and the main feature, Gilbert's recent travels through Europe (visiting Oberammergau, Italy and Cyprus) to the Holy Land, all enlivened by inspired commentary.

Both Tuesday's peal attempts were unsuccessful. . . . Stedman Triples again, this time at St. Wilfred's, Metheringham (a very light octave, 7 cwt. tenor), and Yorkshire Surprise at Walesby, though in the latter case a jammed chime wire, necessitating an hour's amateur belhanging, followed by a 'slipped wheel' after only a course of good ringing, were the responsible 'gremlins.' Non-pealers sampled a group of lightish sixes, All Saints', Nettleham, St. Chad's, Dunholme, St. Mary's, Welton (12 cwt. v.), and St. Germaine's, Scotcherne, the Stedman band enjoying themselves with the nearby five at St. Peter's, Dunston. After reunion at St. Lawrence's, Bardney, still another six, came a delicious ham and salad tea, Lincoln being reached via Washington with its pleasant ring of eight and inevitable tenor—12 cwt. vi. In the evening more ringing was sought at St. Peter-at-Gowts', and on the six bells at Branstow.

AT BOSTON.

Wednesday was an extremely full day, beginning with our Corporate Communion in the Ringers' Chapel at the Cathedral, then embarking by coach and cars for a veritable ringing feast. First stop was at Heckington (home of Ronald Pocklington, another U.A. member) with its superb octave, perhaps the finest of the whole tour, and soon we were climbing the Stump at Boston with its ten ropes circling the dome of the ceiling below, too remote from each other for ringing comfort. At quiet Bicker the Norman pillars at the west end of St. Swithin's Church caught our imagination, and the light octave sounded richly for their weight. Mrs. Rupert Richardson met us at famous Surfleet with its leaning tower and the world's lightest ring of twelve, yes, 12 cwt. tenor viii! The tower of St. Mary's, Pinchbeck, also leaned, and here we found the ring of eight (tenor 18 cwt.) much more manageable than the Surfleet bells. Ringing ended as it began on another fine octave, that of the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas at Spalding, and after the 40 mile drive the Oxford was reached at 8.30. Late dinner over, a general meeting of the Association was expeditiously presided over by Gilbert Thurlow, matters of interest including the information that the board recording the peal of Stedman Cinques at Canterbury Cathedral in 1946 had now been placed in the ringing chamber, a decision to extend a hearty invitation to members of the recently-formed Adelaide University Guild to join U.A.C.R., the acceptance of the University of Bristol Society invitation to hold the 1951 week at Bristol, and a discussion on the Festival of Britain, already reported.

Thursday's peal attempts succeeded—Yorkshire at Heydour, thus compensating for earlier misfortunes; Lincolnshire at Caythorpe. Non-pealers took the road south to Harmston, and the sixes at Navenby, Wellingore, Leadenham and Fulbeck (including 12 cwt. tenors, viii. and ix.), the whole party then striking west to St. Oswald's, Blankney (6 bells, 9½ cwt.), and the nearby Metheringham, where an excellent 'home-made' tea at the Star and Garter preceded ringing. At the Cathedral after dinner we realised that our 'week' was now galloping to a finish, our ringing reflecting the good effect of the last few days. We joined in Yorkshire Maximus, rang Soliced Surprise Major, and then Stedman on the light octave

formed with the Rupert Richardson memorial bell. This last ring with the Cathedral band was made the opportunity for a small presentation to the Master, and then we sang, unaccompanied, the Office of Compline in Mr. Freeman's own church, St. Peter-at-Gowts', so conforming to one of our accepted traditions.

Northwards on our last day towards the 'Isle of Axholme,' ringing first at St. Helen's, Lea (tenor 12½ cwt., x.), and then on the heavier six at Haxey. The 'snatch' at Owston Ferry was more an excuse to advise than to ring: the incumbent and the aged local captain met us at this rather neglected tower and we were surprised to know that five of the bells were rung regularly, but not the tenor, a 12 cwt. bell, needless to say (xi.). Practising what we had just preached, we did not ring, but hope that the bells soon get some much needed attention. At St. Andrew's, Epworth, Mrs. Charlie McGuiness succumbed to persistent persuasion and rang Stedman Triples, and then back through Gainsborough to St. Lawrence's, Corringham, the last six-bell tower and a 12 cwt. tenor, the twelfth. After tea 'swan song' at All Saints', Gainsborough, a fine ring of eight, tenor 18½ cwt., to complete our schedule. The farewell social that evening was in Charlie's works canteen, Denis Layton assuming the role of compeer to entertainment extracted cleverly from the company which steadily grew less and less self-conscious and met its responsibilities nobly. On the morrow we dispersed, leaving two peal bands, one to lose Plain Bob at Harmston, the other to succeed in Superlative at Gainsborough.

So much for the tour itself, and here are a few comments and some thank you's. It was our most representative 'week' so far, our venture northwards bringing encouraging support from the Universities of Durham and Sheffield. For the first time Mr. Jones was not with us, this good friend of ours having recently deserted the Metropolis for the Midlands. The general standard of ringing was high, the one or two members in the early stages benefiting considerably from the tour. As well as ringing there was evidence of associated interests, singing, of course, Ronald Clouston and all his works, the sketch book, the camera, the organ and stained glass. Throughout the fellowship of the belfry was experienced in full measure, for which the Universities Association owes much to the Lincoln Guild. In particular we would thank once more Mr. John A. Freeman, who from the first moment did so much to advise us about the planning of the week and then undertook the responsibility of all the intricate arrangements. To our own Lincoln member, Charlie McGuiness, we take this opportunity of expressing our united thanks for all that he did, and finally a word for our committee, who late most nights could be found somewhere about sorting out peal bands or coping with the other 'irksome' details so important to the smooth running of such a tour: As for 12 cwt. tenors, perhaps their preference for Lincolnshire can well be understood. E. S. J. H.

OBITUARY

MR. W. O. S. HEATHCOTE.

In the passing of Mr. William C. S. Heathcote of Edinburgh, the Scottish Association of Ringers loses its oldest member (he was in his 82nd year) and one of its first ringing masters. He learned to ring in St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, and became conductor in St. Cuthbert's Parish Church when the bells were installed in 1902. This post he held up to the time of his death, although ill-health prevented his taking an active part for the last two years.

He was made a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1885. He was never keen on peal ringing, although he had rung quite a number. He always aimed at good service ringing. He was a most patient and efficient teacher and must have instructed very many learners in the art of campanology.

Dedication

ST. PAUL'S, SKETTY.

In connection with the centenary festival of St. Paul's, Sketty, Swansea, the bells were rededicated by the Archdeacon of Gower (the Ven. Harold Williams) on September 23rd.

Originally cast by Messrs. Mears and Co., London, in 1850, the bells have now been completely rehung, fitted with new headstocks, modern clapping, ball bearings and retuned by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. After the act of dedication and as the procession went back to the chancel the bells were rung in rounds by members of the local band.

The Archdeacon, in his address, spoke of how the bells expressed the various moods of human life. At times of rejoicing they emphasised joy; at times they soothed and comforted, and when an outstanding character in the community had passed on, the muffled peal expressed their feelings in a way that nothing else could.

After the service a special touch of Stedman Triples, composed and conducted by Mr. A. J. Pitman, was rung by members from Cadoxton, Port Talbot, Porthcawl, Margam, Newport, Cowbridge and Sketty. Specially included in the band was the grand old man of Welsh ringing, Mr. J. H. Jones.

PRESENTATION OF REGALIA

Immediately following the dedication the company went to the Stewart Hall, where the Archdeacon presented the Ringing Master of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild with regalia of office. The gift, an anonymous one, came as a pleasant surprise to the members.

The Guild were represented by the Ringing Master (Mr. G. I. Lewis) and the general secretary (Mr. D. J. Williams). Mr. J. Fidler represented Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

Ringers were present from all parts of South Wales. The bells were rung until 8.30 p.m., when they were lowered in peal, making a good ending to a most enjoyable day. The local arrangements were made by Mr. Fred Buttery.

J. A. H.

THE LADIES' GUILD

CENTRAL DISTRICT AT ST. ALBANS.

The meeting of the Central District at St. Albans on September 23rd brought together members and friends from as far afield as Chester-le-Street and Swindon.

During the afternoon the bells of St. Peter's, St. Stephen's and St. Michael's were available, the proceedings at St. Peter's being enlivened by the arrival of a Press photographer from one of the local papers.

A splendid tea, prepared by the local ringers, was followed by the business meeting, at which two new members were elected. One of the most important items discussed was the apparent lack of enthusiasm among members and their laxity in attending meetings. Although we welcome visitors, they are *your* meetings, and we want to see *you* at them. So do come along and bring a friend with you. There is nothing to suit everyone. The next meeting is to be held on November 25th.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Dean and other incumbents for permission to ring at the Cathedral and the other churches, and to Mr. H. Frost and Miss A. Bailey for making the arrangements and preparing tea. D.E.L.

Beverley & District Society

Forty members of the Society attended the meeting at Hutton Cranswick on September 9th. They were welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Storer), and invited to raise and try out his new ring of bells.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Mr. F. Wilkinson read the lesson, and handbells were rung at the appropriate place in the psalms.

The Vicar based his sermon on the use of bells for certain religious services and emphasised the value of good and accurate striking by the ringers so that the meaning of the message was not distorted or lost.

After tea, which was served in the Church Hall, the Vicar was thanked for the use of the bells and the arrangements for the meeting, which he had personally supervised as he has not yet a band of local ringers.



ST. PAUL'S, SKETTY.

The bells, a heavy ring of six with tenor 18½ cwt., were rung again in a variety of methods until 9 p.m. People in outlying districts and isolated farms have reported to the Vicar their pleasure in being able to listen to the bells from the extreme bounds of the parish.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

A quarterly meeting and six-bell contest were held at Ripponden on September 23rd. Five teams entered to ring 120 changes practice and 600 changes test piece, any method. The result of the contest was as follows:—

Silkstone, 91 faults.
Shelley, 107 faults.
Friezland, 33 faults.
Lindley, 61 faults.
Liversedge, 34 faults.

The judge, Mr. H. Roberts, of Kirkburton, declared Friezland the winners.

All members absent, please note, they missed a lovely tea, a good afternoon's ringing, and an enjoyable meeting, plus good Ripponden hospitality.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Taylor (cond.) 1, F. Norris 2, L. May 3, P. Mayne 4, W. Ware 5, E. Richards 6, J. Upton 7, A. Kerslake 8.

Birthday Greetings Broadcast

FROM LEICESTER TO LOS ANGELES

The 79th birthday of Ernest Weatherby, late of Market Drayton and now of Los Angeles, California, was marked with unique proceedings. It will be recalled that Mr. A. A. Hughes, of Mears and Stainbank, visited Canada and U.S.A. some three years ago, and among other places spent some time at Vancouver with Mr. A. C. Limpus and the ringers there. Also at Victoria Cathedral, Mr. E. W. Izard and his company arranged some good ringing. Ernest Weatherby flew up from Los Angeles to meet the ringers and Mr. Hughes for a few days, then flew back after spending a very happy and delightful time.

Earlier this year Mr. Weatherby sent over to Whitechapel a set of eight handbells, tenor 7 in D. He had the three smallest scrapped and the remaining five completely overhauled,

after which seven lower bells were added to make a ring of twelve, size 14 in D flat. To these were added a sharp second and flat sixth.

Before being sent back to Los Angeles these bells were sent to Ernest Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, for a peal to be rung on them for Mr. Weatherby's 79th birthday. An excellent peal of Double Norwich Major was rung on the back eight (see peal columns), and on the following Monday Grandsire Cinques was attempted, but unfortunately lost after about a quarter peal; then a long touch of Stedman Cinques was rung. Before returning the bells it was arranged for Mr. Josiah Morris (who is 83 and Leicester's oldest peal ringer) to ring a peal on them, and this was successfully carried out in fine style, 'old Joe' having lost none of his famous rhythm!

The B.B.C. (Overseas Service) got into touch with Ernest Morris and a full account of the proceedings were broadcast direct to America. Perhaps Mr. Weatherby himself will give his impressions on this, and also tell us what the inscription, '1820-1860. E.W. 1918,' on one of the bells implies. All his old friends in England and elsewhere will wish Mr. Weatherby 'all the best' and greetings from us all. E. M.

DEVON RINGERS IN SOMERSET

On September 14th, ringers from Sidmouth, East Budleigh, Woodbury, Broadclyst and Ottery St. Mary had a half-day trip into Somerset.

The first stop was Stoke-under-Ham, where we were met by Mrs. Powell. After an enjoyable ring, Mr. Jack Arbury, on behalf of the party, placed a spray of flowers on the grave of the late Rev. E. S. Powell, past president of the Devonshire Guild. Mrs. Powell joined the party and a short journey brought us to Martock, where ringing continued for an hour on the fine eight. Queen Camel, with its heavy six, followed.

A short run brought us to Yeovil with its lovely ring of ten. A well-struck touch of Grandsire Caters here was the highlight of the afternoon. A good lower in peal crowned the ringing in this fine tower.

After traffic delay caused by the Yeovil Show, Chard was reached a little behind schedule.

Methods rung during the day included Grandsire, Stedman, Kent and Plain Bob, and the conducting was shared by eight of the party.

E. W. R.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A 40th ANNIVERSARY

Dear Sir,—It may be interesting to recall that 40 years ago, on October 11th, 1910, the first and only peal of Stedman Caters by priests was rung at St. Mary's, Warwick. The band stood as follows: G. F. Coleridge, J. F. Hastings, H. S. T. Richardson, C. Carew Cox, E. V. Cox, F. J. O. Helmore, C. D. P. Davies, H. Law James, C. W. O. Jenkyn, H. A. Cockey. The peal was of 5,067 changes, composed and conducted by C. D. P. Davies. Of that band, Preb. E. V. Cox and myself are the only survivors.

The next day we rang the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer's irregular ten-part peal of Stedman Triples at Mickleton, which the Rev. H. Law James conducted from the treble, J. F. Hastings and C. W. O. Jenkyn standing out. This latter was the second clerical peal of Stedman Triples, the first having been rung at Drayton on October 2nd, 1884, under the conductorship of the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

The photograph of the Caters band which appears in Morris' 'History and Art of Change Ringing' was rather a remarkable achievement. The eight who rang at Mickleton were photographed with my cousin's camera in rain, a space being left for the two absentees. This negative was smashed in the post, but an untuned print had been taken of it and this was re-photographed and the two added. Under those conditions all credit was due for the quite recognisable result.—Yours very truly,

C. CAREW COX.

Lyne Regis, Dorset.

SPLITTING HAIRS

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. Frank E. Haynes, writes in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World,' 'but find myself somewhat puzzled by the manner in which several of the peals rung during the tour of the Midland Counties Guild are set out.'

I would kindly ask him to refer to 'The Ringing World' of a certain peal rung in the Midlands some time ago. This should give him the answer 'where the difference lay.'—Yours faithfully,

W. P. WHITEHEAD.

Barwell Lane, Hinckley.

'THE PERFECT PEAL'

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to read Mr. Barnett's letter, in which he expresses appreciation of our 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples rung at Dartford in 1924. He states, quite correctly, that Mrs. Deal had never called a bob in the method, and has not called one since. I carefully coached her in the Four-part a few evenings beforehand, and on the day found myself planted on the seventh—but consoled myself with the reflection that the seventh man in a peal of this kind bears as much responsibility as anyone else—others will probably rely on his accuracy! After one false start, we nearly, if not quite, attained what I always contend is the nearest thing to the impossible—the 'perfect peal.'

May I point out that Mr. Barnett is not quite right in saying that J. W. Washbrook taught Mrs. Deal to ring? She acquired the rudiments from our old friend, Joe Hall, at Miles Platting—she was then known as Emma Tonge. Washbrook called her first peal of Stedman (at Birch-in-Rusholme), and we were closely associated with him for the four years I spent in Manchester. He was a splendid chap, both in theory and practice, and his perfect striking and correct handling (weight of metal did not seem to matter) were worthy examples for any young ringer.

Washbrook had a rather hard time in his later years. He kept a dairy, and had to be out very early in all weathers to collect his milk at London Road Station—in fact, he died while on his milk round. He lost three sons, all, I believe, first-class ringers, in the 1914-18 war.—Yours faithfully,

East Ham, London. RICHARD F. DEAL.

'THE RING O' BELLS,' KENDAL

Sir,—The original signboard of 'The Ring o' Bells' at Kendal was painted in 1818 by William Fothergill, a local artist, portraying the Kendal ringers who took part in a peal of Grandsire Caters at the Parish Church in that year. It was for some years the property of one of the ringers, but eventually it came into the possession of the brewers.

Unless the board has been repainted, repaired or redesigned during the past year, I cannot agree with the description given by your correspondent, Mr. Birkett.

The original painting was of part of the exterior of the tower, and one can see two of the side buttresses and the clock face. The louvres have been omitted, so one is able to see four bells and five wheels in the bell chamber. The west window was similarly cut away to reveal the ringers in the ringing chamber.

All the ringers were holding the sallies and were facing in the same direction, that is towards the artist. They are, in fact, equidistant from each other and are standing in a perfect circle. The impression of three separate groups is caused by the artist's attempt to give a true perspective.

A photograph of this board appears in 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' under the heading, 'Kendal Ringers in 1819.'

The Kendal ringers were good enough, during the ringing tours in the northern counties in 1925-1931 and 1933, to give a photographed copy of the board to visitors.

Braintree.

E. JENNINGS.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP & RINGING

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. P. B. Derby's letter asking our attitude to training a ringer who will not be able to ring for Sunday service because he is not a member of the Church Communion, I would suggest the following alternatives:—

(1) That the difficulty be overcome by him becoming a bona-fide member of the Church Communion.

(2) If some exceptional difficulty prevents this, perhaps he could take up ringing at some other church, where he would be able to ring for service.

There is little point in him being trained unless there is some prospect of him attending for service ringing, as meetings, practices and peals have the ultimate aim of improving and stimulating the Sunday service ringer.

Whilst illness, shift work, family responsibilities and Sunday morning transport difficulties are reasons that must be accepted for non-attendance on Sundays, it is as well to choose beginners who will be able to attend with reasonable regularity on Sundays.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Whiston, near Rotherham, Yorkshire.

MEMORIAL PEAL BOOK

Dear Sir,—The relatives of the late Mr. A. Rolph, of Hornchurch, have asked that something should be placed in the tower in memory of him and in thanksgiving for the many happy hours that he spent there.

To comply with this request it has been decided to purchase a peal book, inscribed suitably, and house it, and to enter all peals rung on the bells of St. Andrew's.

I should be very grateful if you would bring this to the notice of peal secretaries of any guilds or associations who have rung peals at Hornchurch, and I would ask them if they would kindly let me have the details of such peals so that they may be included in the book.

I anticipate completing the work by the end of October.—Yours faithfully,

F. V. GANT.

3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex.

A Defence of Ringing

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, W. F. S., raises another point in this discussion, viz., the case of serious sickness or death when ringers come to ring in a parish. More than once at a ringing meeting when I was chairman, a message has come from the incumbent that he has been requested to ask the ringers not to ring, or curtail it as much as possible, owing to a parishioner near the church being seriously ill or just passed away.

With regret I have had to inform the ringers that the incumbent's wish must be legally obeyed, he being the only person who can say the bells may be rung, or may not. The sympathy of the ringers for the sick one and the relatives is always most marked, and they bear the disappointment with Christian fortitude without a murmur, being content with the church service, the tea, the business meeting, handbell ringing and the fellowship one with another.

But what of the patient who loves to hear the bells and is disappointed they are not rung?

I have heard of a dying Scotsman who had a remarkable recovery when he heard the sound of his beloved bagpipes. And, as regards myself, if I were sick unto death, the sound of the bells would revive me; I would not wish them to cease. My aged grandmother was just the same. She told her children, 'When I die, ring out the bells and not that mournful dead bell.'

If that dying father had heard the bells he longed to hear, who knows but what he might have been alive to-day. We never hear the opinion of a doctor in these cases, and whether he requests the bells not to ring. I can imagine the Radio Doctor, a man after my own heart, saying, 'A pad of cotton wool in each of the patient's ears will do the trick and prove a solution of the whole problem.'

Tiverton.

J. M. TURNER.

JUST—THANK YOU!

Dear Sir,—The 1950 season of ringers' outings and tours is drawing to its close. Many of these outings have been reported in your columns, many have not; but they would all seem to have been thoroughly enjoyed.

With few exceptions ringers have no doubt found that someone was at the tower to greet them and look after them, and in some cases arrangements for meals were made as well. I wonder how many of the organisers of these outings remembered to send a 'thank you' postcard after they got back? Of course, one knows that verbal thanks are given at the time, but that is so easy, isn't it, and the least one can do. We get many visiting hands to our tower, not infrequently two in a day, but once only last year and not at all this year has anyone taken just that little extra trouble to send a note of thanks.

Of course, when, as it does happen occasionally, the tower has forgotten that one is coming or no one bothers to be there to unlock the ringing chamber or show one how to put off the clock or chiming apparatus, the omission of a note of thanks may be justified. But when everything possible has been done to make the visit a happy one I should like to commend to outing organisers that little extra courtesy of a postcard of thanks.

Apperley, Glos.

T. V. LISTER.

BELLS AND GUNS

Dear Sir,—As a pendant to Mr. Ernest Morris' article on 'Bells and Guns,' the story of the bells in the little Austrian village in which I have just been staying is instructive. Briefly, it is as follows: 1750—2 bells; 1850—4 bells; 1916—all melted down; 1922—all replaced; 1942—melted down; 1947—replaced. The Pfarrer and I shook hands on the hope that the bells might now be allowed to remain in peace. WILLIAM MORLAND.

Lamberhurst, Kent.

QUARTER PEALS

AMBROSDEN, OXON.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. F. Judge 1, Miss M. L. Tutt 2, C. E. Stockley 3, H. J. Hatfield 4, E. E. Pearson 5, C. H. Kinch 6, E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, L. G. Ward 8.

ASHCOTT, BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Bird 1, Sylvia Dean 2, I. Hillburn 3, W. Cavill 4, E. Skinner (cond.) 5, W. Somers 6. For harvest festival.

AXMINSTER, DEVON.—On Sept. 18th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. L. Glyde 1, N. Mallett 2, G. S. Morris (cond.) 3, R. Keeley 4, H. E. C. Goodenough (St. Albans) 5, J. Hill (Ewell) 6, H. G. Keeley 7, C. W. H. Powell 8.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: J. Vincent 1, B. Bladen 2, Wendy Peake 3, W. Trueman 4, A. Peake (cond.) 5, Cynthia Smith 6. For harvest festival.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. G. Swift (first quarter) 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, Dorothy R. Fletcher 3, J. Harrison 4, E. G. Swift 5, A. Bridges 6, R. Buckland 7, Kathleen E. Fletcher 8. For Battle of Britain commemoration service.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. Kerrison 1, C. J. Gibson 2, J. O'Neill 3, J. Thurlow 4, R. S. Payne 5, J. W. C. Blythe (cond.) 6. First quarter peal on these bells.

BRISTOL.—At SS. Philip and Jacob's Church on Sept. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. Brown 1, Mrs. E. J. Brown 2, L. C. C. Warren 3, E. J. Brown (cond.) 4, W. J. Rawlings 5, T. W. Kimber 6, J. Carman 7, J. A. Brown (first quarter) 8.

BROMSGROVE, WORCS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Harris 1, F. Potter 2, D. Potter 3, F. Crump 4, W. Roberts 5, J. Davis 6, H. Martin (cond.) 7, L. Bosket 8. For Battle of Britain Sunday.

BUCKFASTLEIGH, DEVON.—At Buckfast Abbey on Sept. 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. L. Bennett 1, S. H. Green 2, T. G. Myers (cond.) 3, E. M. Atkins 4, A. T. Truman 5, H. F. Myers 6, F. Sangwin 7, S. O'Shaughnessy 8, F. E. Collins 9, W. G. Lavers 10.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Birks 1, J. E. Usher 2, A. G. Watkin 3, J. B. Budd 4, F. H. Birks 5, D. H. B. Millward 6, A. Lewis (cond.) 7, E. Ellis (first quarter) 8. For the patronal festival.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,134 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Udall 1, C. W. Woolley (cond.) 2, T. H. Norris 3, R. Rowley 4, P. Nash 5, N. Jenkins 6, L. J. North 7, Mrs. T. Norris 8. For the Battle of Britain service.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Davidson (first quarter) 1, A. Worth 2, R. Barratt 3, E. Pimlott (cond.) 4, A. Street 5, A. Campbell 6. A birthday compliment to R. Barratt.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sept. 21st, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Hope 1, F. J. Lewis, sen. (cond.) 2, F. J. Lewis, jun. 3, V. R. Williams 4, E. H. Jefferies 5, H. L. Cooke 6, W. H. Hayward 7, W. Wrigley 8. To commemorate the 44th anniversary of the opening of the Bingham Public Library.

CRADLEY, STAFFS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Shuck (cond.) 1, Miss F. Raybould 2, A. Grove 3, R. Dunn 4, H. White 5, L. Hall 6, H. Wyre 7, F. Hodgetts 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. H. Wyre.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Ormandy 1, Miss N. Roberts 2, J. Askew 3, W. Wall 4, T. Turner 5, N. M. Newby (cond.) 6, R. Suart 7.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: E. C. Stacey 1, F. A. Staveley 2, R. C. Westney 3, E. Short 4, H. Ashton 5, H. Wagstaffe 6, L. G. Webb 7, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 8.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. C. Beale 1, Miss M. Clarke 2, Mrs. E. S. Powell 3, R. Beale 4, J. T. Locke 5, R. Welch 6, F. Welch 7, J. W. Drew (cond.) 8. Birthday compliments to the conductor and Mrs. R. Beale.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: Miss K. Burchall 1, Miss G. Burchall 2, A. Mackears 3, C. Cook 4, H. Squires 5, H. Denman 6, J. Cragg 7, L. Squires 8, K. Beardsall (cond.) 9, W. Coates 10. First of Grandsire Caters for 1 and 2.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. C. Russell 1, Miss E. M. Fletcher (first as cond.) 2, Miss M. P. Flynn 3, J. F. Atkins 4, W. C. Dowling 5, A. Timmins 6, T. Russell 7, E. G. Fletcher 8. A birthday compliment to Miss J. M. Reid.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 17th, for dedication of restored east window by the Dean of Chichester, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): A. Peskett 1, H. J. Peskett 2, Enid Lennen 3, N. Smith 4, E. Treagus (cond.) 5, T. S. Brown 6.

GREAT BRINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,440 Bob Minor: R. Spring 1, L. Townsend 2, H. Haynes 3, S. Manning 4, E. Orland (cond.) 5, V. Perry 6. First of Minor for 1 and 2.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. J. E. Turley 2, J. G. Brothwell 2, J. H. Brothwell 3, H. O. Chaddock 4, C. Wright (first of Surprise Major) 5, T. C. Ryder 6, G. C. Briggs (cond.) 7, N. Chaddock 8. For the wedding of Maisy Gilbert to Harold Hollis.

HATFIELD, YORKS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. G. Jackson 1, A. H. Shaw 2, G. Jackson 3, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 4, H. Crowe 5, A. Shaw 6.

HAVERING - ATTE - BOWER, ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. F. Perry 1, Mrs. M. M. Osborne 2, Miss S. Booth 3, J. M. Aspinall 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, A. T. Langstone 6. A compliment to Mrs. M. M. Osborne on her 38th wedding anniversary.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Sept. 24th, two 720's Plain Bob Minor, also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. A. Bywaters 1, R. G. Bywaters 2, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 3, Miss D. J. Hare 4, J. Church 5, P. W. Tompkins 6. For harvest festival.

HIGHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 each of Kent and Oxford): H. Spragite 1, Miss G. K. Jarrett 2, F. J. Cheal 3, E. A. G. Allen 4, C. S. Jarrett (first of Treble Bob as cond.) 5, V. A. Jarrett 6.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: L. Stilwell 1, Miss M. W. Brown 2, M. Thomas 3, S. W. Brown 4, P. F. Romney 5, B. W. White (cond.) 6. First in method for 2, 3, 4 and 5. For the patronal festival.

HORNSEY, LONDON.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Blee 1, R. P. Crump 2, D. H. Kingston 3, W. G. Kingston (cond.) 4, J. Crump 5, J. Cutmore (first quarter) 6. First in method for 3 and 5. For a wedding anniversary of G. W. Blee.

LEICESTER.—On Sept. 17th, at St. Margaret's, 1,056 Bob Major on the heavy eight: E. Clements 1, J. Morris 2, Winifred Burton 3, T. Bent 4, Ernest Morris (cond.) 5, W. Tanser 6, J. Drewery 7, J. Bramley 8. For the R.A.O.B. service.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 24th, 1,220 Plain Bob Royal: D. Pearson 1, A. Challinor 2, W. Stevenson 3, A. V. Rees 4, Anne Worth 5, G. Farrer 6, W. Gaves 7, H. Farrer 8, H. Wood 9, J. Worth (cond.) 10. For harvest festival.

MARHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Matthews, sen. 1, J. Buckenham 2, F. Matthews, jun. 3, T. Smith 4, E. Barker (cond.) 5, W. Buckenham 6. For the harvest festival.

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. M. Hasell 1, Miss A. Tibbotts 2, Miss R. Smith 3, Miss B. Prescott 4, R. Smith 5, W. A. Prescott (cond.) 6. Half-muffled as a token of respect to W. Rosewell, of Hounstrete.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Mansbridge (first away from tenor) 1, A. D. Tremee 2, H. Newnham 3, F. N. Lane 4, S. McCutcheon 5, G. Allen 6, L. A. Tremee (cond.) 7, F. W. Mansbridge (first quarter) 8. For harvest festival.

NUNEATON, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7-6-8 covering): Miss K. Bloxham 1, J. W. F. Trotman (cond.) 2, P. Wright 3, A. Twigger 4, W. R. Beebe 5, J. Turner 6, R. Parker 7, G. Tallis 8. First by all except 2, and longest length for all except 2 and 5. First quarter by a local band for over 11 years. For harvest festival.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Skidmore (cond.) 1, Monica Davies 2, T. Hemming 3, J. Southall 4, R. Moors 5, A. C. Boxley 6, R. Lees 7, E. Turner 8. Half-muffled in memoriam of John Orford, for 52 years a member of the local band.

POPLAR, LONDON.—On Sept. 17th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: A. J. N. Boyack 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, C. W. Otley 3, S. Smith 4, C. Finch 5, E. Holman 6, W. D. Granger 7, C. A. Hughes 8, J. Bullock 9, H. G. Andrews 10.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,224 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Cooper 1, W. Collins 2, L. Paice 3, R. N. Elliott 4, C. Fennell 5, W. J. Parker (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

SNODLAND, KENT.—On Sept. 17th, 2,040 Grandsire Doubles: C. Wanstall 1, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 2, E. Chapman 3, Miss G. K. Jarrett 4, V. A. Jarrett 5, H. Springate 6. Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Wanstall.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. J. Nudds 1, D. Cattell 2, F. Cattell (first in method) 3, E. J. Leversuch 4, W. Wenban 5, A. Wenban 6, E. C. S. Turner (cond.) 7, C. Wenban 8.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Charge 1, E. A. Reeve 2, S. Jessop (Boston) 3, W. Branch 4, S. Howard 5, J. W. Chapman (cond.) 6, R. Sanders 7, T. W. Welbourne 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a grandson to S. Howard.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sept. 17th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Stedman Caters: Miss M. E. Richards 1, Miss M. J. Skinner (first of Stedman Caters) 2, Miss B. E. Ll. Roberts 3, W. W. Daniell 4, H. Bishop (cond.) 5, C. J. Gardner 6, E. J. Berry 7, R. Townsend 8, T. Townsend 9, W. Bullock 10.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Tuffley 1, F. Tuffley 2, Miss A. Dicerons 3, H. Maisey 4, J. N. Money 5, R. Christopher 6, R. W. Rex (cond.) 7, R. Dennis 8. For harvest festival.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—On Sept. 24th, at St. Matthew's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. C. Seeger 1, Miss I. B. Cording 2, Miss G. L. Friswell 3, Miss J. H. Friswell 4, D. Neal 5, R. W. Lumsden 6, G. A. Parsons (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. For the patronal festival and in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Neal.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Holmes 1, Wm. A. Hughes 2, M. Fuller (first 'inside') 3, L. W. G. Skinner 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, J. Cannell 6.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

PUTNEY.

On September 9th, the Putney ringers and many old friends from other towers who filled a 32-seater coach made a tour through the fruit orchards and hop fields of Kent. Although the morning was dull and damp, a prompt start was made from Putney Church at 8.45 a.m., and after picking up more ringers and friends at Hammersmith and Charing Cross, we proceeded with a full coach for Sevenoaks.

Sevenoaks was reached at 10.35 a.m., and those who first climbed the well-worn steps to the ringing chamber of St. Nicholas' Church found the bells already raised and were given a very warm welcome by the lady secretary of the tower. The first touch of Stedman Triples was conducted by Mr. W. T. Elson, our organiser. This was followed by a course of Cambridge Surprise Major, a touch of Grand-sire Triples and a further touch of Stedman. Our short visit was thoroughly enjoyed. Our next appointment was at the Bear Hotel, West Malling, where lunch had been booked.

After a good lunch everyone was pleased to find the ringing chamber on the ground floor at St. Mary the Virgin's, West Malling. Here the eight were raised in peal and touches of Stedman Triples, Grand-sire Triples, Bob Major and a course of Superlative were brought to a successful conclusion before the bells were lowered in peal.

Our next tower was Leeds, where the ring of ten was soon going for a touch of Stedman Caters. The first two attempts came to grief and adjustments had to be made to ropes and the band. After this a good touch of Grand-sire Caters and half a course of Cambridge Royal were completed before we left at 4 p.m. to find the café at Harrietsham, where tea had been arranged.

Tea over, we made another short journey by coach to ring at St. John the Baptist's Church at Harrietsham. Many of us thought when raising the bells that they were not going to be very musical, but after some good touches of Stedman Triples, Grand-sire Triples and Double Norwich we came away with changed opinions. Our last ring of the day was at Marden. During the day 19 touches in 10 methods were rung and only three came to grief.

Before entering London and before the party started to break up Mr. F. Hawthorn proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. W. T. Elson, who had made all the arrangements and given us such an enjoyable day.

TEWKESBURY BRANCH.

North Worcestershire was chosen by the Tewkesbury Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association for their annual outing on September 16th.

Ringing took place on the fine eights at Dodderhill and Harlebury, and after an excellent lunch at Bewdley the bells of the Parish Church were sampled.

At Areley Kings the bells, a nice ring of six, were raised and rung to a six-score of Grand-sire and partly through a touch of Bob Minor before it was realised that the third had been mistaken for the treble! (Tower Corner has not been studied.—Ed.). A prominent member of the party, a man of great ringing ability, was very puzzled, being quite unable to identify the method. This did not prevent the party from enjoying the excellent tea which followed.

Some of the best ringing of the day took place in the last tower visited, Ombersley, where on this six the Terley contingent were in their element. On the homeward journey a pleasant hour was spent at Eckington with Leonard at the piano. Group Capt. Lister, who was responsible for organising the outing, deserved the vote of thanks proposed by Mr. T. Steward. It was a very good day, well organised.

MELKSHAM.

A very wet morning on September 9th did not seem to be a good omen for an outing, but a start was made at 9 a.m., with a lady and gentleman sitting as close to the engine of the coach as possible to 'dry out' after a 9 mile cycle ride. With a very pleasant run behind us we eventually arrived at Faringdon, where the lovely-toned octave was quickly raised and some well-struck Triples were heard.

At Appleton, Mr. George White was on guard at the door of the ringing chamber. Having rung with some of the party in the past, old times were talked over; meanwhile the rest of the party raised the fine old ring of ten and tried a course of Grand-sire Caters. It was not really good striking, and Mr. White informed us that most visitors suffered the same for the first few touches. Later on, a course of Stedman Caters came much better.

Oxford, being only seven miles away, was voted the best place for lunch. This was followed by ringing on the grand eight at Dorchester, our 'turner in of tenors,' C. F. Andrews, really enjoying a course of Major. The new ropes were a little hard on the ladies' hands, but this was the only complaint. On past Culham Aerodrome to Abingdon, where we took the wrong turning, but were spotted by Mr. A. E. Locke, who expended a great deal of energy chasing us on his bicycle and leading us back to the Abbey Church. Here we tried out the light six while our captain (Mr. W. C. West) talked over old times with Mr. Locke.

A short interval for tea, and then came St. Helen's fine ring of ten. Caters went much better here, and we were delighted with the 'go' of the bells. At Wantage it was difficult to reach the church for roundabouts, swings, etc., but the heavy eight were soon sounding above the noise of the fair.

A little late, we left Wantage to its fair, and proceeded to our last tower, Hungerford, where we found a very patient Mr. Oram waiting for us, thinking we were lost. This easy going eight sounded really well and was put to good use as long as the daylight lasted.

HUNTINGDON.

On September 9th, Hunts ringers, accompanied by friends, left Huntingdon by coach on a very wet morning for Lincolnshire for their day's outing.

The rain had stopped when Crowland Abbey was reached. The ringers were met by Mr. Strickland, and ringing included Cambridge and London Minor and Plain and Treble Bob methods. A disappointment awaited the party at Spalding, where ringing was limited to a touch of Cambridge owing to a funeral.

In consequence Gosherton was reached ten minutes late, but the ringing was enjoyed on the heavy six. Bicker was reached on time, although the coach had to be turned round twice on narrow roads and back seat drivers armed with maps were free with advice. The striking here was not all that was desired and blame was given to the light bells. Mr. Bernard Dalton arranged tea for the party at Billingborough, which was followed by a visit to the tower, where London, St. Clement's, Plain Bob and Grand-sire Doubles were rung.

Edenham was reached on time. Mr. Brian Sims acting as navigator. The bells here were up and we were met by four local ringers. Cambridge, Stedman and Double Norwich were enjoyed on this musical ring.

Mr. H. Day guided the party to Deeping St. James, the last tower of the day. The pleasure of ringing on these heavy bells was commented upon, and Surprise and plain methods were rung before a good fall brought ringing to a close. Huntingdon was reached at 12.30 a.m. Thanks are due to the incumbents and Lincolnshire ringers who helped us and to Mr. H. S. Peacock for making the arrangements. S. G.

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MEETINGS

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, October 14th. St. Mary's, Merton (just rehung), 2.15 to 3.30; St. Mary's, Clapham Common, 3.45 to 5; St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 6 to 8, business following; Wednesday, Oct. 18th, Surprise practice, St. Stephen's, Westminster, 7.45. 7735

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Shouldham, Oct. 14th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5s. Tea provided.—J. E. Fox 7735

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leathhead District. — Meeting, West Clandon, Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Merrow (6) afternoon and evening. Numbers for tea to me.—G. L. Grover, East Clandon, Guildford. 7647

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 14th, at Canterbury. Bells available, St. Alphege's, St. Stephen's, from 2.30 to 3.50 p.m. and after tea; St. Dunstan's, 2.30 to 4.15 and after tea. Service, St. Dunstan's, 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 7662

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Ticehurst (6), Oct. 14th. Tea at Bell Hotel.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. 7700

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual district meeting, Maidstone, Oct. 14th. Bells 2.30. Tea (own arrangements) 4.15. Business meeting, College Room, adjoining church, 5 p.m. Evensong 6 p.m. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 7701

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District. — Meeting at All Saints', Edmonton, on Saturday, Oct. 14th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business. — T. J. Lock, District Sec. 7682

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Burgess Hill (8), Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. onwards. Tea 5 p.m. 7687

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — Combined practice, Wolverton (6 bells), on Saturday, Oct. 14th, from 6 p.m.—D. Cane. 7698

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Newchurch on Saturday, Oct. 14th. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower 6. All ringers welcome.—J. Porter. 7712

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch. — Monthly practice, Tilehurst, Saturday, Oct. 14th, 6 to 9 p.m. 7724

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Bridgnorth on Saturday, Oct. 14th, St. Mary's (8). Tea 5 p.m. Limited number of teas available. St. Leonard's bells available after tea. 7713

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Deanery. — Quarterly meeting, St. Benedict's, Glastonbury, Saturday, Oct. 21st. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Notify by Tuesday, 17th. —William Marsh, Dovecotes, Street. 7683

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Widford (8), Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 7703

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Cathedral bells available from 3 p.m. Other towers in the district available after the business meeting. Service in the Cathedral 4 p.m. Names for tea to me by Tuesday, Oct. 17th.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne, Kent. 7704

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Meeting at Edenham, near Bourne, on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea not later than Tuesday, Oct. 18th, to Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding. 7699

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting, Coseley, Oct. 21st. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Names for tea not later than Oct. 17th to Rev. C. H. Barker, Swindon Vicarage, near Dudley. —Fred Bennett, Hon. Sec. 7694

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.—After rededication open meeting, Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (10) 2 p.m. Short service 3 p.m. Tea (2s.) 5 p.m. Names by Oct. 19th to Elwick, 19, St. Mary's, Crescent, Whitby. 7679

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A combined practice at Church Stretton, Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. 7741

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—A meeting, Saturday, Oct. 21st, at Hyde St. George's. Bells (8) from 3 p.m.—E. Walker, Hon. Sec. 7714

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery. — Meeting, Chew Magna, Oct. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea and meeting 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 7727

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Meeting, Puckington, Saturday, Oct. 21st. Usual arrangements. Notify by 17th for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton. 7721

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Meeting at Capenhurst (6), Saturday, Oct. 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea only provided.—Alexander J. Martin, Hon. Sec. 7723

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Autumn meeting, Tarvin, Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea not later than 18th.—G. E. Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 7723

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Monthly meeting, Baslow (6), Oct. 21st, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea obtainable.—D. J. Dunn, Darley Dale. 7737

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Darlington, Oct. 21st, 2.30. Those requiring tea notify Mr. T. Cooke, 24, Leafield Road, Darlington, by Oct. 17th. 7720

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Great Staughton, Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 7739

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner, Lion Hotel, Guildford, Oct. 21st, the Lord Bishop of Guildford presiding. Assemble 6.30 for 7 p.m. Ringing 3 to 4.30 at Cathedral Church (8), Shalford (8) and Merrow (6). Short service in Crypt Chapel of new Cathedral 5.30 p.m. Dinner tickets 8s. 6d. from G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough. 7740

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North and North-East Branches.—Please note alteration. The joint meeting on Oct. 21st will be at Chittlehampton, not South Molton. Names for tea to Miss B. M. Boyle, Libra Gardens, Combe Martin, stating whether transport required from South Molton. 7691

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 21st, Norton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. T. Warrett, 245, Glebe Road, Letchworth.—A. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec. 7731

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at Brookfield Unitarian, Gorton, Oct. 21st. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Cups of tea. Buses from Exchange or Piccadilly.—R. Benson. 7744

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Gainsborough District). — The next meeting will be at Brigg on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—George L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 7716

MELDRETH, CAMBS.—Dedication of new treble of augmented six. Dedication service, Saturday, Oct. 21st, at 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting of Ely Diocesan Association, Cambridge District.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7722

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice, Bosham, Oct. 21st, 3. Names for tea (by 17th. please) to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 7725

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Woodford, Saturday, Oct. 21st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday, please.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thrapston, Kettering. 7730

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—St. Marybourne (6), Oct. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names by Oct. 18th.—J. Hill, Maesteg, Anna Valley, Andover. 7733

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 7751

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Marden, Oct. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Names, tea, to Miss H. Gorringe, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 7747

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Hovingham (6), Oct. 21st. Tea 5. Names to Mr. F. Bishop, c/o Mrs. Dobson, Hovingham, before Oct. 19th.—Edward Hudson, Dis. Sec. 7752

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Meeting at Queen Camel, Oct. 28th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat, Shepton Mallet. 7728

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Division.—Meeting at Felsted (8), Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at Bootes House Cafe.—H. A. Pratt. 7732

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. — Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Lewisham, Saturday, Oct. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea (2s.) by Monday, 23rd, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 7735

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Barrow-on-Humber, Oct. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Oct. 25th to W. A. Crowder, Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber. 7719

LINCOLN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Colsterworth (6 bells), Saturday, Oct. 28th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Oct. 23rd, to Bernard H. Dalton, Hon. Sec., Billingham, Sleaford, Lincs. 7726

MARSDEN, HUDDERSFIELD.—Open day, Oct. 28th. Tenor 26 cwt. Bells from 1.45 to 6.15. Cups of tea, whilst, pie supper, dance, entertainment in Parochial Hall, 6.30. Tickets (1s. 6d.) from D. B. Catter, Woods Avenue. 7715

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PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly at Irchester, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Service 4.30. Names for tea early.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 7738

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Bi-monthly meeting at Kingswood (6) on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing following. Names for tea by Thursday, Oct. 26th, to Mr. C. Munt, 35, Hatchlands Road, Redhill. 7734

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next business meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Nomination of officers. 313th anniversary dinner, Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopsgate, E.C., Nov. 11th, 6 p.m. Tickets 13s. 6d.—A. B. Peck. 7749

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Oct. 28th, Heanor (8). Bells available 3 p.m. Cafes nearby. 7748

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX.—Ringers' Sunday, Oct. 29th. Bells 2.30. Meat tea (1s. 6d.) 4.30. Service 6.30. Names by 21st.—W. G. Turner, 4, Marldon Road, Northowram. 7746

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THE ROLL OF HONOUR

THIS week we publish the Roll of Honour of those ringers who went forth from the towers and belfries of the country and gave their lives in the second World War. A decision to commemorate in a tangible form this sacrifice was taken by the Central Council. The preliminary work has reached its final stage, Mr. Harry Miles, of Carbis Bay, St. Ives, Cornwall, being entrusted with the task of compiling the list.

To date the list contains 221 names. Readers will note the heavy loss of the Kent County Association with 32 names, followed by Oxford Diocesan Guild with 17, Guildford Diocesan Guild with 14, the Lancashire Association with 13 and the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association with 12.

The list is not complete. There are a number of Guilds and Associations who, for some reason or another, have not been able to complete their lists. We trust that the majority have a nil return. These include the Essex Association, the Hereford Diocesan Guild, the London Counties' Association, the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, the Shropshire Association, the Stafford Archdeaconry and the Surrey Association. It is not too late for them to take action and respond to the request that has been published in this journal on a number of occasions.

While the primary purpose of publication is for a permanent record, the secondary reason is for corrections and omissions from the official list. These should be forwarded to Mr. Miles without delay, and we trust that ringers will individually co-operate and inform their guild secretaries of errors.

After the 1914-18 war a Book of Remembrance was compiled and the names written on parchment. This book was deposited at St. Paul's Cathedral and special precautions were taken as to its safety during the years of the blitz. When the list is presented to the Central Council at Chester next Whitsuntide a decision will be taken as to the form of the memorial—either to incorporate the names with the Book of the First War or to prepare a separate volume. With many memorials the two lists are incorporated, and it should not be impossible to follow this precept in regard to the Ringers' Roll of Honour.

THAXTED BELLS

THE dedication of Thaxted's restored ring of bells was, as our readers will remember, the subject matter of a pleasing report in April, 1949, from the gifted pen of Ethelind Fearon. We have now received a beautifully illustrated pamphlet dealing with these bells, written by Francis W. Steer, F.R.Hist.S.

The writer has found a wealth of detail from the long series of accounts belonging to Thaxted Church which are now deposited in the Diocesan Record Office at Chelmsford and also from the archives at the Essex Record Office.

Particularly valuable from an historical point of view are the accounts for the years 1617 and 1619 when the bells were recast. The new wooden frame cost £4 2s., timber 4d. a foot and a journeyman, working nine days, 10s. 6d. It appears that the bells were recast at Cambridge, probably at the foundry of Robert Holdfield, and the Mayor went to the University town to supervise the casting.

We do not know what our churchwardens of to-day would say if such items as shoes for the bell-founder 2s. 2d., an apron for the bell-founder 8d., two shirts for the bell-founder 5s. 6d., a pound of candles 4d., were to be included in the bell-founder's bill. The total amount spent on the bells and frames during 1617-19 amounted to over £50, which Mr. Steer estimates on a conservative basis to represent £750 to-day.

Four of the bells were renewed by Thomas Gardiner, of Sudbury, in 1734, and in 1778 the great tenor, weighing 22 cwt., was so damaged by one of the ringers that its metal, with some from another bell, was recast by William Mears into a new tenor and bells 1, 2 and 3. This made a ring of eight.

Of the three he's recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the most interesting is the fourth with its frieze of Folk Dancers. This heme is based on an Old Cornish poem, 'This have I done for my true love', which tells the story of our Lord's life on earth, and after each episode occur the words: 'To call my true love to the dance.' The last lines are:—
Then up to Heav'n I did ascend,
Where now I dwell in sure substance,
On the right hand of God that man may come into the General Dance.
Sing, oh my love, oh my love, my love, my love,
This have I done for my true love.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Sept. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... Treble	TERRY HAMPTON ... 7
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 2	JOHN PINFOLD ... 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 9
ALBERT WALKER ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 10
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 5	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 11
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 6	JOHN N. LINDON ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by MARGARET L. TUTT.
First peal of Stedman Cinques as conductor.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

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

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 7
ALBERT WALKER ... 2	JOHN WORTH ... 8
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 9
JOHN SCOTT ... 4	HENRY H. FEARN ... 10
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 6	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS J. LOCK ... Treble	ROBERT C. HEAZEL ... 7
MRS. R. F. DEAL ... 2	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 8
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ... 3	FREDK. W. HOUSDEN ... 9
THOMAS G. FOX ... 4	ALFRED L. SIMMONDS ... 10
RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 5	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 11
HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... 6	HAROLD W. CLARK ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.
A compliment to the conductor on his 29th wedding anniversary and to Mrs. F. W. Housden on a quick recovery from her accident.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*VICTOR W. GRIMWADE ... Treble	JACK DEARLOVE ... 6
FRANK H. HICKS ... 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ... 7
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... 3	*RAYMOND P. WOOD ... 8
*EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 4	LEONARD STILWELL ... 9
KENNETH SNELLING ... 5	HERBERT W. WOOLVEN ... Tenor

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

MRS. KATHLEEN PARR ... Treble	THOMAS E. DAVIES ... 6
*R. JOYCE PETT ... 2	SQUIRE CROFT ... 7
MRS. O. L. ROGERS ... 3	*A. LESLIE PEARSON ... 8
SHEILA E. HARRIS ... 4	DAVID J. CHARNLEY ... 9
NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH ... 5	HAROLD W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal by all. First peal in the method for the Association. All the ringers are members of the local company. A wedding anniversary compliment to ringers of 3, 10 and 7, and a birthday compliment to C. H. Rogers.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Oct. 5, 1950, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

JOHN SCOTT ... Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN ... 6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 8
JOHN PINFOLD ... 4	HENRY H. FEARN ... 9
TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

First peal of Royal in the method for the Guild and by all the band. To celebrate the ordination in this church on Sunday, October 1st, by the Bishop of Birmingham, of the Revs. J. W. Duffy, H. P. Burgess and P. G. Harrison.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL ... Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 6
EVELYN FLETCHER ... 2	DERICK J. TRANTER ... 7
ERNEST STITCH ... 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 8
ALAN ELSMORE ... 4	MAURICE G. TURNER ... 9
J. NORMAN HADLEY ... 5	RICHARD J. WARRILLOW ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 2	PETER J. STANFORTH ... 6
*LAWRENCE GREENHOW ... 3	JOHN R. SMITH ... 7
*MICHAEL D. STANFORTH ... 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal in the method.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Sept. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Comprising 2,240 London, 1,728 Bristol and 576 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 116 changes of method. Tenor 4½ cwt.

PHILIP WALKER ... Treble	MICHAEL P. MORETON ... 5
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT ... 2	WILFRID F. MORETON ... 6
WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 3	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7
MARGARET L. TUTT ... 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

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

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

PHILIP A. CORBY ... Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5
ALFRED G. WILLIAMS ... 2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL ... 6
*BARBARA A. MITCHELL ... 3	FRANK I. HAIRIS ... 7
*JOHN E. CANNELL ... 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

* First peal.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRANCIS KIRK ... Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 5
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 2	*RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 6
ALICK CUTLER ... 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
LEONARD H. BOWLER ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
* 150th peal. First Surprise peal on the bells.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

ERIC NIXON Treble	*RONALD RARLOW 5
ARTHUR PEAKE 2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW 6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT 3	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND 7
EWART H. EDGE 4	CHARLES H. PAGE ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by FREDK. WM. GROCOTT.

* 25th peal. First peal of Ilkeston by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE 5
WM. H. A. COMPTON 2	*GEORGE PRESCOTT 6
CLAUDIA A. HARDING 3	REGINALD WOODYATT 7
ALLEN MORGAN 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.

ALLEN MORGAN Treble	GEORGE PRESCOTT 5
*GEORGE E. LARGE 2	REGINALD WOODYATT 6
R. GEORGE MORRIS 3	CYRIL TANSELL 7
ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES ... 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* 250th peal for the Association.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

Annable's.	
*ARTHUR FIDLER Treble	JOHN H. GRUNDY 5
JOHN P. FIDLER 2	HAROLD MARCON 6
PAUL LEA TAYLOR 3	COLIN HARRISON 7
*EDWIN WEAVER 4	LESLIE W. STEVENS ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE W. STEVENS.

* First peal of Bob Major. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to mark the marriage of Miss Samson, of St. Peter's Vicarage, Loughborough; the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Stevens; the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Weaver and the birth of a grandson to Mr. and Mrs. Harrison.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON Treble	AUBREY D. MILLS 5
*MAURICE BENNETT 2	CYRIL R. BURRELL 6
STANLEY E. BENNETT 3	JOHN G. AMES 7
WILLIAM A. HOLMES 4	C. HAROLD WHITTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 200th peal.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

LAURENCE WALMSLEY ... Treble	ALBERT GREENHALGH ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	*JOSEPH THORNLEY 6
*IAN JONES 3	JOHN ASHCROFT 7
MURIEL REAY 4	ROGER LEIGH ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. WILLIAMS. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the birthday of the ringer of the fourth.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 5, 1950, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

ALLEN MORGAN Treble	GEORGE PRESCOTT 5
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	REGINALD WOODYATT 6
CLAUDIA A. HARDING 3	CYRIL TANSELL 7
WM. H. A. COMPTON 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 8 lb. in G.

THOMAS S. HORRIDGE ... Treble	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD ... 2	RONALD KENRICK 6
*JOHN ROBERTS 3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY 7
†GORDON CRANE 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal. † First peal in a Surprise method. Rung as a farewell to Gordon Craine, who is shortly joining the R.A.F.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

RALPH BIRD Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 6
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 3	HARRY PARKES 7
FRANK I. HAIRS 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

HOLYWOOD, NORTHERN IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern District.)

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb.

*JOHN SAVAGE Treble	*NAT SAVAGE 5
†TOM SMELTZER (16) 2	*JAMES EDGAR 6
*WILLIAM PRATT 3	*JAMES LEWIS (16) 7
JOHN T. DUNWOODY 4	HARRY BROWN ... Tenor

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD. Conducted by HARRY BROWN.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. † First peal at first attempt. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells and in Ireland. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. W. B. B. Magill, M.A., curate of the parish, who has left to become vice-Principal of the College of Theology, Birmingham, and as a welcome to his successor, the Rev. N. R. Hamilton, M.A. Also a birthday compliment to the conductor.



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EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Stephen,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurston's Four-part.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
WILFRID G. WILSON	...Treble	*WILLIAM T. COOK...	5
HERBERT LANGDON	... 2	ALBERT B. PECK ...	6
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY	... 3	JOHN PHILLIPS ...	7
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	... 4	RICHARD F. DEAL ...	Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

*First peal in the method. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung as a welcome home from Africa to the Vicar and Rural Dean, the Rev. H. Claude Harland, M.A.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
ROLAND SMITH	...Treble
ALBERT MARTIN	... 2
*DENIS ALLSOP	... 3
†CYRIL WINDRAM	... 4
*ALAN SALTER	... 5
ERNEST MORRIS	... 6
ARTHUR J. MILLWARD	... 7
FRED STANFORTH	... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Umpire: W. WALLINGTON, of Market Harborough.

*First peal of Major 'inside.' †First peal of Major. A 40th wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stanforth.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
At the Town Hall,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurston's Five-part. Rung on the front eight. Tenor 20 cwt.	
*P.C. STANLEY LIVESSEY...Treble	*P.C. RONALD SMITH ... 5
Ex-P.C. WILLIAM PYE ... 2	Ex-P.S. PETER CROOK... 6
P.C. WILLIAM ROBINSON 3	*P.C. JOHN CRAWSHAW... 7
Ex-P.C. BURLEY WALSHAW 4	P.C. RICHARD BENSON... Tenor

Conducted by Ex. P.S. PETER CROOK.

*First peal of Triples. All are members of the Lancashire Association.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ALDFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 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 12 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.	
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ...Treble	†DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD 4
*FREDK. H. BIRKS ... 2	†R. GORDON CORBY ... 5
BRIAN HARRIS ... 3	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

*First peal of Minor. †First peal in three methods. A welcome-home from hospital to Mrs. Gambles, wife of a local ringer.

CODFORD ST. PETER, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp.	
E. F. WHITE ...Treble	*T. MALLARD ... 4
E. C. MARLOW ... 2	W. A. AVERY ... 5
*R. TUDGAY ... 3	H. TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. A. AVERY.

*First peal. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Marlow, who were married at this church on September 22nd, 1900.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.	
*BRIAN ONGLEY ...Treble	BERNARD J. ONGLEY ... 4
FREDERICK S. SUTTON ... 2	JOHN E. BROUGH ... 5
HERBERT SUTTON ... 3	EDWARD J. BOFFEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

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

HESSLE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.	
FRANK C. LISTER ...Treble	LEONARD RODMELL ... 4
FRANCIS W. DALE ... 2	JOHN G. HOBSON ... 5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 3	PHILIP H. SPECK ... Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP H. SPECK.

First peal as conductor.

LYNEHAM, WILTSHIRE.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

(Wiltshire Branch.)

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.	
H. JEAN HOLLOWAY ...Treble	BURNICE M. STRANGE ... 4
MARION J. SKINNER ... 2	B. ENID LLOYD-ROBERTS 5
BERYL J. STRANGE ... 3	MARGARET E. RICHARDS... Tenor

Conducted by MARGARET E. RICHARDS.

First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor by all the band and for the Wiltshire Branch of the Ladies' Guild. Farewell peal to the ringer of the 5th on leaving Swindon for Bristol University.

MEYSEY HAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 240 April Day and 960 each of Old, Plain Bob, St. Dunstan's, Canterbury and Grandsire. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.	
GEORGE MILSOMS ...Treble	JOYCE MORSE ... 4
DAPHNE H. BOULTON ... 2	WILLIAM A. GODWIN ... 5
EILEEN M. MORSE ... 3	GILBERT BURGE (13) ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

First peal by all except the conductor. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in the following methods: Cambridge, Beverley and Bourne Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Bob, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Court and Single Court. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRED BRIGHTMAN ...Treble	HORACE M. DAY ... 4
CHARLES WOOD ... 2	Cecil WADE ... 5
*WALTER GODDARD ... 3	WILLIAM OLDMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

*First peal in eleven methods.

RANWORTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.	
ERNEST G. BENTON ...Treble	HORACE LUBBOCK ... 4
FREDERICK G. BOYCE ... 2	HERBERT C. READ ... 5
*DENIS CHAPMAN ... 3	GEORGE BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BAILEY.

*First peal in three methods 'inside.'

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford and Single Oxford and two 720's each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

*AGNES E. PRICE ...Treble	CLAUDE COUSINS ... 4
EDWARD BARKER ... 2	TONY PRICE ... 5
WALLACE COUSINS ... 3	RICHARD E. PRICE ... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD E. PRICE.

*First peal.

SPELSBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

LOTTIE R. PIMM Treble	HARRY P. FLOYD 4
*JACK KEYTE 2	*IVOR D. HARRIS 5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. A. H. Paget Wilkes, who is emigrating to Australia.

SPRATTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two six-scores of Southrepps and ten six-scores each of Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

L. GEORGE WYKES Treble	RONALD RUSSELL 3
*IVOR DICKIN (14) 2	ERNEST MORRIS 4
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On Wed., Oct. 4, 1950, 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 Grandsire, 24 of St. Dunstan's, and eight 240's of Morris' arrangement.

Tenor 11 cwt.

RONALD WRIGHT Treble	FRANK LITTLETON 4
JOAN BUSSEY 2	LESLIE BARRY 5
*HAROLD MECK 3	CHARLES LARNER Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal.

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On Thurs., Oct. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, ten different callings.

Tenor 7 cwt. (approx.).

*MAURICE LEACH Treble	†ARTHUR E. CHILTON 4
FREDK. G. HOOPER 2	HENRY J. CLOXTON 5
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS 3	*RALPH WING Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Grandsire on the bells. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 3rd on the anniversary of his wedding.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

CLAUDIA A. HARDING Treble	GEORGE PRESCOTT 4
REGINALD WOODYATT 2	CYRIL TANSELL 5
GEORGE E. LARGE 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

KELSTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. DORA EVANS Treble	LEONARD COLES 4
WILLIAM G. BROWN 2	GEORGE J. HAWKINS 5
*THOMAS F. KING 3	MAURICE HELPS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

JOHN A. ETHERINGTON...Treble	GEOFFREY DODDS 4
*PAMELA A. WARREN ... 2	HAROLD A. MAY 5
RICHARD E. PRICE ... 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung for the induction of the Rev. A. E. Ford as Rector of Merrow.

NEWLAND, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-six 120's and eight 240's, Morris' arrangement.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

DORIS M. SHEPPARD ...Treble	*DONALD CLARKE 4
JACQUELINE S. EVANS ... 2	LESLIE BARRY 5
JOAN BUSSEY 3	CHARLES LARNER Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells for 20 years.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Sept. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

C.C.C. No. 10. 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 Hy. HUBBARD. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 12 in F.

ERIC NIXON 1-2	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 3-4
FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 5-6	

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM GROCOTT.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

JILL POOLE 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD 5-6
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 3-4	HAROLD J. POOLE 7-8

*TERENCE A. THORNBURGH... 9-19

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on handbells. First peal in the method on handbells as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. F. Milner, of Kirklington.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT 38, CASTLE HILLS ROAD, SCAWTHORPE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

DAVID G. JACKSON 1-2	WILLIAM H. JACKSON ... 5-6
GIBSON JACKSON 3-4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 7-8

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by W. E. CRITCHLEY.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

C.C.C. No. 99.

Tenor size 12 in F.

RONALD BARLOW 1-2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 5-6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 3-4	*CHARLES H. PAGE 7-8

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by F. W. GROCOTT.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

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QUARTER PEALS

ABERGELE, DENBIGH.—On Sept. 26th, a date touch of 1,950 Grandsire Doubles: Miss Janet Marsden 1, Miss Marie L. Marsden 2, Miss Joan G. Griffiths 3, L. S. Griffiths (cond.) 4, J. P. Griffiths 5, L. J. Evans 6. First date touch on the bells. A birthday compliment for the younger daughter and grandson of the conductor.

ADWICK-LE-STREET, YORKS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss F. Handley 1, Mrs. M. Scott 2, P. G. Tregelles 3, F. Newsome 4, H. Hudson 5, H. Scott (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the men who died in the Cresswell Colliery disaster.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Oakshott 1, E. A. Jurd 2, H. J. Reynolds 3, E. Brown 4, C. W. Philpotts 5, F. G. Barron 6, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, F. Edwards 8.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hicks 1, E. Lucas 2, C. Lucas 3, G. Bowen 4, A. W. Glazzard (cond.) 5, G. Lewis 6. A birthday compliment to Gerald Bowen.

BARWELL, LEICS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hough 1, T. K. Deacon 2, Miss B. Colver 3, J. Hill 4, E. Sowman 5, C. R. Belton 6, A. H. Hough (cond.) 7, G. Armstrong 8. First quarter 1, 3 and 4. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Roy Gleman, a ringer and towerkeeper at Barwell, who is leaving Barwell to take up residence at Weston-super-Mare.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Barber 1, F. W. Bush 2, Sheila Woodhouse 3, P. Dodds 4, L. Brown 5, E. E. Dodds 6, S. J. Hart (cond.) 7, R. Kemp 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 17th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Gibbons 1, A. Clayton 2, M. V. Chilcott 3, R. Tomlin 4, J. F. Galyer 5, A. J. W. Hughes 6, P. A. F. Chalk 7, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 8, L. A. Reece 9, F. D. Jennings 10. A wedding compliment to Miss M. R. Clark and W. Wilson.

BENFIELDSIDE, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 1st, at St. Cuthbert's, 1,260 Oxford Bob: H. Swinscoe (first quarter) 1, M. Pinkney 2, C. Lamb 3, R. Oliver 4, J. Lishman 5, T. Dodd (cond.) 6. Rung for harvest festival.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Kingsbury 1, H. W. Porrett 2, F. W. Leach 3, Miss P. A. Martin (first as cond.) 4, Miss O. M. Martin 5, B. O. Johnson 6, S. T. Chappel 7, C. Dickens 8.

BOSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. W. Lewis 1, E. W. Keys 2, N. J. Smith 3, P. R. Blackman 4, H. W. Stoveld (first as cond.) 5, H. F. Dunford 6.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss B. Stephenson 1, A. W. Bond 2, R. Beale (first 'inside' on 10) 3, J. V. Lonsbrough (first quarter as cond.) 4, A. W. Gravett 5, S. E. Armstrong 6, H. W. Woolven 7, W. C. Hart 8, M. Thomas 9, F. Page 10. A wedding compliment to the conductor.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Lyddiard 1, C. Cullen 2, Miss H. Oakshott 3, G. F. James 4, P. J. Spice 5, T. Brett-Smith 6, E. C. Bishop (cond.) 7, M. F. Oakshott 8.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Bridgeman 1, M. Hobbs 2, R. Perry 3, G. Eyles 4, H. Marsh 5, H. Heath 6, R. Davison (cond.) 7, F. Parker 8. First in the method by 1, 2, 3 and 4.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On Sept. 24th, 1,264 Bob Major: H. J. Ranzetta 1, W. D. Prockson 2, A. W. Coles 3, F. A. Barker 4, Dr. W. R. Winterton 5, H. J. Hughes 6, E. G. Talbot 7, J. Euston 8. In memoriam W. H. Seabrook.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 1st, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Mathinson 1, Miss V. Potter 2, J. Rea 3, P. Davis 4, D. Martin 5, J. Hayward 6, T. A. Blow (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, W. Brownett 8. First of Stedman Triples 3 and 6.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral on Oct. 1st, 1,241 Grandsire Caters: A. Taylor 1, Miss K. Tivey 2, A. Thompson 3, H. Taylor 4, C. Walklate 5, Geo. Freebrey (cond.) 6, F. Lowe 7, S. Walklate 8, M. Barker 9, G. Margetts 10. First of Grandsire Caters for 1, 2 and 10.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Churchill 1, A. H. Fulwell (cond.) 2, W. T. Cook 3, H. J. Eldred 4, W. J. Ellis 5, A. Mark Stacey 6, A. Harding 7, R. D. Candy 8.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Hurst 1, J. Segar 2, C. Cook 3, J. Bartram 4, E. Preston 5, H. Denman 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, H. Willows 8. First in method for 1 and 5.

EBBW VALE, MON.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Audrey Stephens 1, Alan Evans 2, R. Alsop 3, Brian Werry 4, T. Stephens 5, J. Aung (cond.) 6, R. Stephens 7, J. Jeaynes 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to W. A. Moore, late churchwarden.

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Walker 1, F. Wheeler 2, E. Cadle 3, C. I. J. Pearce 4, E. Hughes 5, F. Whipp 6, M. J. Pryor (first as cond.) 7, D. Vincent (first quarter) 8. Before evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Strawford (first of Triples) 1, F. Wheeler 2, H. E. Taylor (cond.) 3, C. I. J. Pearce 4, E. Cadle 5, E. Hughes 6, M. J. Pryor 7, J. Hutt (first quarter) 8.

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Westmore (first quarter) 1, S. Hollis 2, E. Thorne 3, L. Bailey (cond.) 4, C. Callaway 5, C. Morris 6.

GODSTONE, SURREY.—On Sept. 28th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss M. Munt 1, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 2, Miss V. Look 3, T. H. Bird (first quarter) 4, J. W. Crouch 5, C. Munt 6, F. T. Hoad 7, G. Olliver 8. First of Major 1 and 6.

GOSPEL OAK, LONDON.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire and Stedman Doubles: J. T. O'Dell 1, J. M. Payton 2, G. F. Carter 3, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 4, T. Bevan 5, J. Dennis 6.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On Sept. 24th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: S. A. Warwick (first in method) 1, Miss F. Clayton 2, Miss E. Fulton 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, H. G. Hart 5, H. D. Butler 6, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 7, C. C. Mayne 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. L. Perkins 1, H. W. Pratt 2, A. Clements 3, F. Warrington (cond.) 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, G. H. Dunnington 6.

HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, April Day, Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): Miss S. Mitchell (first quarter of Doubles) 1, J. N. Haile 2, R. A. Johnston 3, J. A. Haile 4, S. Richardson (cond.) 5. First in five methods for all.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: F. Haves (cond.) 1, Sylvia Coker 2, Doreen Coker 3, R. Coles 4, E. Markham 5, W. H. Plumridge 6, A. Clutton 7, G. R. Goodship 8, C. A. Smith 9, A. L. James 10.

HOOLE, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Golding 1, Miss D. Lloyd 2, J. W. Griffiths 3, P. Swindley 4, B. Harris (cond.) 5, J. Boutland 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

HUNTINGDON.—At St. Mary's on Oct. 1st, 1,332 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer (13) (first quarter) 1, R. Peacock 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, R. F. Baker 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

INGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Footer (cond.) 1, A. G. Ballam 2, R. J. Stannard 3, A. E. Murrell 4, A. F. Ballam 5. To commemorate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Footer, of Ingham.

LLANTRISANT, GLAM.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Collins 1, W. Huish 2, T. Yeoman 3, F. Rowsell (cond.) 4, R. Westcott 5, G. Westcott 6, J. Bennett 7, J. Evans 8.

OLD BASFORD, NOTTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,288 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. W. Carsile 1, Mrs. D. R. Carsile 2, S. Pinder (cond.) 3, Miss M. Pinder 4, R. Widnall 5, H. Seagrave 6, H. Bates 7, D. R. Carsile 8. Rung half-muffled in respect for those who lost their lives in the Cresswell Colliery disaster.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ruth Jeanes 1, A. Tyers (first in method) 2, Dorothy Walden 3, I. Read 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, T. Jeanes (first quarter) 6.

PURTON, WILTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Berry (first quarter) 1, F. H. Strange 2, C. R. Shailes 3, F. Sorsby 4, R. Shailes (cond.) 5, A. Mabbitt 6.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 1st, 1,440 Doubles (240 each of Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure Reverse, Winchendon Place, Plain Bob St. Nicholas' and St. Simon's): J. Forder 1, H. Barber 2, G. Walpole 3, D. Fenn 4, E. Long (cond.) 5.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Finn 1, C. A. Harrison (first in method) 2, A. Lambkin 3, F. Lacey 4, H. Morwood 5, F. Lord (cond.) 6.

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND, YORKS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss L. Ridsdale 1, Miss D. Appleton 2, Miss A. Robinson 3, G. Crame 4, T. S. Jefferson 5, L. Bonnard 6, C. Robinson 7, A. Robinson (cond.) 8. First in the method by 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 1st, 1,263 Stedman Caters: J. G. Nash 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, W. J. Bowden 3, Mrs. N. O. Manchip 4, H. J. Eldred 5, F. Blondell 6, J. Bennett 7, A. W. Coles 8, S. Wade (cond.) 9, M. Fensom 10. In memoriam C. H. Martin and W. Pickworth, foundation members of the Middlesex County Association.—On September 24th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Lidgely 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, Mrs. N. A. Tomlinson 3, J. G. Nash 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, S. Wade (cond.) 7, M. Fensom 8.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Harding 1, A. Locke 2, P. Harding 3, A. J. Phillips 4, C. W. Jose (first as cond.) 5, F. James 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

STOKE-UNDER-HAM, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Drew (cond.) 1, Mrs. E. S. Powell 2, H. J. Gaylard 3, Miss M. Clarke 4, F. Welch 5, J. T. Locke 6.

TURRAMURRA, SYDNEY.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Doubles, being 12 scores of Plain Bob. April Day, Old Doubles and Canterbury and 15 scores of Grandsire: R. Ferris 1, J. Rainsford 2, J. Clark 3, K. Stacey (first in five methods as cond.) 4, W. Smith 5, R. Smith (first quarter) 6.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Smith (first quarter peal) 1, R. G. Bell 2, W. G. Paul 3, H. G. Timms 4, F. H. Crook 5, R. B. King (first of Caters) 6, P. H. Watts 7, S. H. Hoare (cond.) 8, G. W. Seaman 9, C. N. Leman 10.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Graham Challen (first quarter) 1, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 2, Miss E. W. Keys (first on 8 'inside') 3, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 4, W. G. Challen 5, J. W. Meade 6, F. G. Cooper 7, R. G. Blackman 8.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. H. Agg 1, T. G. Martin 2, A. D. Collins (cond.) 3, T. Reynolds 4, E. E. Speake 5, A. Dorricott 6. First quarter for 1 and 6.

WOOLWICH, LONDON.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Grove, jun. 1, Mrs. M. Morsley 2, A. Grove, sen. 3, R. Johnson 4, B. Aldridge (cond.) 5, C. Dann 6. A welcome to the ringer of the 2nd on joining the band.

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SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

If your friend has not received his postal copy this week the reason is probably due to his subscription (5/6) not having reached Mrs. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.

In October, 1910, at St. Wilfrid's Church, Kibworth, Leics., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Staniforth were married. Fred's school pal, Ernest Morris, stood by as 'best man'! The bells on that occasion (then six) were rung, and Ernest—after leaving the bridesmaids to fend for themselves—went and conducted the ringing. To celebrate the 40th anniversary once again Kibworth bells were rung. The 'bridegroom' rang the tenor and the 'best man' called from the 6th, when a very good peal of Bob Major resulted. The whole company were afterwards entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Staniforth, and we now look forward to the 50th jubilee.

The peal rung at Chiddingfold on Sept. 18th was Lincoln Surprise Major and not Lincolnshire as published.

With the peal at Kelston, Somerset, Mr. T. F. King has now rung peals of Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

The peal of Doubles at St. Breoke was in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Northey. Mr. Northey has been a lone supporter of method ringing in that part of Cornwall for many years, and has cycled long distances to get what ringing he could. Of late years he has been rewarded with a few peals. Mrs. Northey provided an enjoyable tea after the peal, and the band was able to express good wishes for many more years of happiness.

Mr. J. B. Fenton, who was Ringing Master of St. Andrew's, Rugby, for 21 years, has celebrated his diamond wedding. His colleagues in the belfry rang a quarter peal of Doubles (420 Grandsire, 360 Stedman, 120 St. Simon's and 240 Plain Bob) in honour of the event. They were Mrs. W. Vann 1, C. Underwood 2, W. Betley 3, E. Hunt 4, W. Vann (cond.) 5.

BELFRY GOSSIP

What is believed to be the first quarter peal on tower bells rung completely double-handed was rung at St. Peter's, Hersham, Surrey, on October 9th, when 1,440 Bob Minor was accomplished on the back six (tenor 8½ cwt.): W. Simmonds 1-2, C. W. Denyer 3-4, Tony Price (cond.) 5-6. Witnesses: W. Denyer and A. E. Price. This tower is one of the very few where all four pairs of bells can be rung double-handed, and it is hoped that further progress will be made in the not too distant future.

The Rev. M. C. C. Melville is coming home on leave from Brazil at the New Year and hopes to pass through Canada en route.

There is a change of venue for the St. Albans district meeting to-morrow. It is at Kimpton and not Wheathampstead as previously announced.

Oxford University Society have elected Mr. R. B. Measures as their representative on the Central Council, following the resignation of Miss Betty Spice. The meeting was held on October 9th at Jesus College.

Mr. George Prescott, the popular Ringing Master of the Axbridge Deanery of the Bath and Wells Association, spent a profitable week's holiday in the Worcester area recently, scoring five peals out of five attempts, including his first peals of Stedman Caters and Double Norwich.

After the memorial service to Field Marshal Smuts at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, 1,259 Grandsire Caters was rung by the members of the Cambridge Youths, assisted by the Cambridge University Guild. The ringers were: P. Pigg 1, A. T. Chenery 2, T. R. Dennis 3, C. Hurst 4, W. Ridgeman 5, A. W. Cleaver 6, C. W. Smith (cond.) 7, H. L. Martin 8, J. W. R. Quinney 8, H. F. Brown 10.

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EADES, A. E., Charlton Mackrell.
MAUNDER, T., Milverton.
MORGAN, G., Dinder.
RAINEY, P. N. G., Marston Magna.
SIBLEY, B., Ilminster.

Bedfordshire Association.

BLACKWELL, F. C., Woburn.
COCKINGS, D. L., Harrold.
FOX, S., Sandy.
GILBERT, K., Leighton Buzzard.
JEFFS, F. G., Linslade.
JORDAN, K. F. A., Arlesey.
ROBINSON, S. A., Husbome Crawley.
SPISBY, H., Kempston.
SUMMERFIELD, W. J., Cardington.
WADSWORTH, H. E., Turvey.
WILTON, L., Henlow.

Cambridge University Guild.

ALLEN, R. G.
HOGG, G. A.
LAWRENCE, C. R.
PRYOR, A. S.

Chester Diocesan Guild.

BLENCH, R., Macclesfield (Christ Ch.).
BOWDEN, C., New Mills.
DUCKETT, I., Bromborough.
HASSALL, J., Bowdon.
HAZLEHURST, J., West Kirby.
KNIGHT, T. B., Macclesfield (Christ Ch.).
MOSELEY, A. E., Alsager.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.

RAYSON, C. E., Chilvers Coton.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

CHANDLER, H. T., Plymouth.
HILL, L. J., Colaton Raleigh.
JEWELL, M., Broadhembury.
WAYMAN, A. J. B., Honiton Clyst.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

ATKINSON, A., Hexham Abbey.
BURNS, T., North Shields (Christ Church).
HALLIDAY, G. S., Newcastle Cathedral.
LEIGHTON, J., Blaydon-on-Tyne.
OLIVER, D., Benfieldside.
QUIGLEY, C., Chester-le-Street.
REAY, D. E., Fenham.
RICHMOND, J., Benwell.
WALKER, S., Fenham.

East Grinstead and District Association.

LOBB, L. W., Lingfield.

Ely Diocesan Association.

BACON, A. E., Fincham.
FRANCIS, J. C., Elm.
GOODWIN, S. H., Cambridge.
INGLE, S., Laverington.
NEWMAN, K., Watlington.
PAUL, A. R., Chatteris.
SEAMAN, L., Buckden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

ADAMS, R. A., Bristol (St. Ambrose).
BATTEN, E., Yate.
BRIMBLE, W., Bristol (St. Werburgh's).
CLARKE, R., Bristol (St. Stephen's).
CORDINGLY, B., Woodchester.
CRESSWELL, D., Bishop's Cleeve.
GODWIN, J. E., Cirencester.
HARDIN, C., Woodchester.
MARMONT, A., Minchinhampton.
ROSSITER, F., Bristol (St. Werburgh's).
VIZOR, H., Painswick.
WOOD, S., Clifton (St. Andrew's).

Guildford Diocesan Guild.

ALLEN, G. H., Womersley.
BARKER, E. J., Bentley.
BUTLER, S. C., Aldershot.
ELTON, S., Guildford (St. Nicolas').
ELLIOTT, V. G., Guildford (Cathedral).
GIRLING, D., Ewhurst.
GOODYEAR, A., Ottershaw.
GOULD, L. J., Hascombe.
HAMSHIRE, F., Dorking.
JAGGARD, D., Farnborough.
LONGHURST, B., Shere.
McCAUGHAN, D., Hersham.
MANFIELD, C. A. (Miss), Ash.
WILMOTT, D., Shere.

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EAST, E., Walden (St. Paul's).
WARD, E., Baldock.

Irish Association.

TYRELL, A., Arklow.

Kent County Association.

ALLEN, J., Teynham.
AMBROSE, G. R., Milton-next-Gravesend.
BARKER, A., Brasted.
BARRETT, E. J., Penge.
BEACH, W. V., Biddenden.
BELSEY, F., Chatham (St. Mary's).
BISHOP, E. L., Hawkhurst.
BUTLER, E., Northfleet.
CASTLE, R., Dover (St. Mary's).
CHEESEMAN, C., Lydd.
CHEESEMAN, E. V., Cranbrook.
CHITTENDEN, J., Wye.
CROSSKEY, F. V., Penge.
EARLE, F., Willesborough.
EDWARDS, R. G., Rainham.
GASSON, K., Rainham.
GLAISHER, B. F., Bromley.
HOMEWOOD, D. N., Egerton.
JENKINS, G. C., Canterbury (Cathedral).
KINGSNORTH, D. J., Selling.
LEWIS, G. R., Brenchley.
LONG, S., Hollingbourne.
MORRIS, H., Rainham.
PLAYFORD, G., Dover (St. Mary's).
POOLE, H., Aylesford.
POWELL, E. W., Ashford.
REEVE, H., Tunbridge Wells.
SHARPE, D. M., Crayford.
TAYLOR, V., Biddenden.
TRINDER, H. C., Walmer.
WATERS, F., Cranbrook.
WILSON, G. A. G., Egerton.

Lancashire Association.

BRIGGS, R. N., Whalley.
CHANDLER, H., Hereford.
PAWCETT, C., Bowness.
GARDNER, J. W., Halewood.
LITTLEFAIR, J., Oswaldtwistle.
LODER, D., Burnley (St. Peter's).
McKEE, J., Bootle.
NORMAN, P., Oswaldtwistle.
RUTTER, J., Bolton (All Saints').
SHACKLETON, H. D., Westhoughton.
STRICKLAND, W., Blackpool.
SYKES, E. B., Oldham.
VAUGHAN, G. S., Woolton.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.

COLLIS, R. W., Croft.
GRAHAM, F. A., Belgrave.
HANDS, R., Croft.
SMITH, R. S. W., Anstey.
WIGHTMAN, R., Earl Shilton.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

FIRTH, A. H., Kirtton-in-Holland.
FULLER, G. A., Moulton.
GODDARD, J. W., Barton-on-Humber.
HOLDSTOCK, F. B., Bigby.
HOLMES, N., Navenby.
KING, E. T., Surfleet.
ROBINSON, S. C., Gdsberton.

Middlesex County Association.

BRAYBROOKE, F. H. A., Ruislip.
CAMPBELL, D. E., U. Clapton (St. Matt.).
DAVEY, W. J. W., Hillingdon (St. John's).
MADGWICK, W. R., Unattached.
ROYALL, L. A., Pinner.
SENIOR, L. R., Harrow.
TINSLEY, R., Hadley.

Midland Counties Association.

TRUMP, E., Leicester (Cathedral).

Morpeth Association.

APPLEBY, W., Morpeth.
ARMSTRONG, K., Morpeth.

Norwich Diocesan Association.

GREENACRE, G. C. G., Wroxham.
KEMP, R., Winfarthing.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.

AYRES, G., Oxford (St. Ebbe's).
BETTS, L. R., Amersham.
BLAKE, L., Hampstead Norris.
BRAINCH, R., Marlow.
DARVILL, J., Waltham St. Lawrence.
DEACON, W. R., Yattendon.
EUSTACE, C., Oxford (St. Ebbe's).
FOX, G., Ducklington.
FOWLER, R., Cookham.
HAWKINS, M. H., Winslow.
HAYWARD, W., Reading (St. Mary's).
PARFITT, A. W. C., Compton.
PEARSON, A., Waltham St. Lawrence.
TUCKER, F. H. J., Hungerford.
VALENTINE, G. A., Buckingham.
WELLING, A. W., Old Windsor.
WHITE, M., Steeple Claydon.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

DEACON, A., Little Houghton.
FILLER, O., Heyford.
FRY, H., Weedon.
GRIFFITHS, E., Harlestone.
HUMPHREY, A. G., Helmdon.
MINNEY, R., Yardley Hastings.
MORTON, A., Irchester.
SMART, R., Wollaston.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

ARNOLD, D., Childe Okeford.
GREEN, W. E., Hazelbury Bryan.
GUMM, D., Bratton.
OPPERMAN, P., Rowde.

Scottish Association.

McCOLL, A., Paisley (St. James').

Suffolk Guild.

EADY, B., Lavenham.
GARDINER, R., Huntingfield.
SHEMING, H. W., Ipswich.
WHITING, F., Aldeburgh.

Sussex County Association.

ALFRET, F., Billingshurst.
BATTEN, C., Aldrington.
BLACKMAN, A., Arundel.
FREEMAN, P., Henfield.
JEFFRIES, T. J., Cuckfield.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.

BLOXHAM, J. L., Cadoxton.
ROSE, A., Swansea (St. Mary's).
WILLIAMS, A., Swansea (St. Mary's).

Roll of Honour—continued

Truro Diocesan Guild.

COOMBE, A. W. J., Phillack.
DEACON, W. J., St. Mellion.
DUNSTAN, H. W., Towednack.
HOCKING, D., St. Ewe.
LORD, R. B. F., St. Budock.
MABYN, H., Bodmin.
MEWTON, G., Bodmin.
POLLARD, C., Probus.
RICHARDS, J. M., Towednack.
THOMAS, V., Phillack.
WATTS, G., Probus.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

ALLAN, J., Arlesford.
BALAAM, D., Wootton St. Lawrence.
GOLDSMITH, J., Wootton St. Lawrence.
HEARMON, B., Yateley.
KINGHAM, R., Basingstoke (St. Michael's).
MANSEL, L., Twyford.
NASH, D. W. H., Basingstoke (St. Mich.).
PATERSON, J., Portsea (St. Mary's).

Worcester and Districts Association.

FOOTMAN, F., Wychbold.
JONES, P., Ombersley.
JORDAN, D. W., Hampton.
SPIERS, K., Ripple.
THOMPSON, H., Brierley Hill.

Yorkshire Association.

BROTHWELL, G., Whiston (St. Mary M.).
PAYNE, R., Rotherham (All Saints').

Unattached.

DAVIS, J. W., Newark.
MATTHEWS, R. H., Southwell Minster.

Guilds or associations who have not responded to the Central Council's repeated requests are asked to send their lists to Mr. H. Miles, Tolverne, Headland Road, Carbis Bay, St. Ives, Cornwall.

8 YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

EASTERN DISTRICT.

The autumn meeting of the Yorkshire Association, Eastern District, was held at Howden on September 30th, on a pouring wet day, which limited the attendance to about 25, although many more had intended being present and were no doubt prevented by the weather. Those present, however, enjoyed good ringing on the fine ring of eight bells.

Capt. Hobbs, of Howden, conducted the service and welcomed the Association again to Howden. An excellent tea was provided in Mrs. Tasker's cafe, and was followed by the business meeting, presided over by Mr. A. H. Fox (vice-president).

An invitation to hold the December meeting at York Minster on the day of the rededication of the Five Sisters' Window in the Minster was accepted. A collection for the Association's Bell Repair Fund realised 11s.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

CENTRAL BUCKS BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Central Bucks Branch was held at Blechley on September 9th. This was the first meeting held here since the bells were rehung. Fourteen towers were represented, and the service was conducted by the chairman, Canon Dixon, and an excellent address was given by the Rev. R. M. Davies, Rector of Great Horwood.

An excellent tea was provided by the ladies of the Church Council. Among the members present were the local band, including eight learners who since the bells had been rehung have taken up the art. A miniature of the old frame was on view; this had been made by the captain to scale. Ringing continued until 8.30 p.m., everybody participating.

The splendid 'go' of the bells was the admiration of all, and Mears and Stainbank were complimented on a splendid job of work.

Durham & Newcastle Assn.

NEW PRESIDENT ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held in Newcastle on September 30th. Ringing took place at the Cathedral and St. John's, also at St. Mary's, Gateshead.

The festival service, held in the Cathedral, was conducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. N. M. Kennaby, Mr. J. L. Keen, organist of St. Aidan's, Newcastle, being at the organ.

Tea was served in the Cathedral library, and was followed by the annual meeting. Mr. W. N. Park's term as president has now drawn to a close, and on the motion of Mr. J. Anderson, seconded by Mr. R. Park, Canon H. S. Stephenson, Rector of Gateshead, was unanimously elected president. Mr. Anderson spoke in glowing terms of the good work the Canon has done for the ringers in the North-East since he became an honorary member of the Association in 1907. Mr. W. N. Park, investing Canon Stephenson with the president's badge of office, congratulated him on his election, and wished him a successful term of office.

All the other officials were re-elected with the exception of Mr. W. E. Robinson, who has relinquished his post as Northern District secretary owing to pressure of business. Mr. S. Hewitt was elected to the vacancy.

Thanks are due to Mr. W. E. Robinson, of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild, for the arrangements he made for the excellent meal.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

YOUTH TO THE FORE AT MARSHAM.

The meeting of the North Norfolk Branch at Marsham on Sept. 30th was attended by 27 members. The Rector, the Rev. H. G. Lillingston, conducted the service, and the Ringing Master, Mr. F. Nolan Golden, read the lesson.

At the business meeting ratification took place of belfry elections of Miss E. K. Fulton (Stanmore), G. Hunt (Harrow Weald), J. A. Cox, F. H. Hicks (Horsham), W. Walker (York), Miss C. A. Harding (Downham Market), Miss Sheila Barker and Miss Ellen Hickling (Hethersett) and David Heighton (Mancroft). Tribute to the memory of Mr. G. Mayers was paid by Mr. F. Nolan Golden, and the members stood in silence.

During the ringing youth was well to the fore, and one band stood as follows: Janet Goodman, Mulbarton (aged 12.7); Alfred Burrell (12.6) and John Richardson (13.5). Northrepps: David Heighton (15.10), Mancroft; Michael Goodman (14), Mulbarton; M. J. Beardwood (12.2); M. G. Evans (13.11) and J. Woodcock (15.2), St. George's, Colegate.

Votes of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Lillingston for entertaining the members to tea, also to the Rector for conducting the service and the use of his bells, were passed.

The next meeting will be at St. George's, Colegate, on Saturday, January 6th.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

BRISTOL RURAL BRANCH.

Over fifty members attended a most successful meeting held at Henbury (8) on September 30th. After the service (conducted by Canon Lloyd), all proceeded to the nearby Blaise Castle Civic Restaurant for a most enjoyable tea, followed by the business meeting, with Mr. Harding in the chair.

The chairman welcomed the Association Master (Mr. W. B. Kynaston) and his wife, as well as the other visitors from outside the branch. The outstanding business dealt with was the 'fixing' of the next two monthly meetings—Alveston for October and Coalpit-Heath for November.

Members afterwards returned to the tower for ringing, from rounds and Queens, Grand-sire Doubles, up to Surprise methods, under Mr. F. Skidmore's supervision. Mr. F. Bromwich kindly arranged the tea, and the other details, to make it a happy time for all.

OBITUARY

MR. HARRY CHANDLER.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Harry Chandler, of Heston, Middlesex, on October 5th, at the age of 81 years.

He started ringing at St. Paul's, Hounslow, in 1887, and was made a member of the Heston band in 1892, where he had been a regular ringer until January, 1950, when he had to retire owing to bad health. For the last four years he was captain of the band.

Mr. Chandler was one of the founder members of the Middlesex Association and was secretary to the Association from 1909-1917, and Master in 1931. He was on the committee and instructor for many years, and was made a honorary life member about 1946.

MR. W. ROSEWELL.

Mr. William Rosewell, of 10, Hunstrete, Pensford, near Bristol, who died on September 17th, aged 62, will be remembered by his colleagues in the Bath and Wells Association for his keenness despite his infirmity and suffering during the past 25 years.

Marksbury ringers always remembered him at their annual ringers' service. He was conveyed in his wheeled chair in Major Buller Popham's brake to the church. Unfortunately this year he was too ill to come.

Mr. Rosewell had rung about 50 peals, 31 of them for the Bath and Wells Association, of which he had been a member since 1921. He was in the band that rang the first peals at Croscombe and Kilmersdon and the first of Minor at Queen Camel (the heaviest six in the country). He conducted the Coronation peal at Marksbury and his last peal was at Kilton, near Bath, on May 29th, 1939, which he conducted.

The funeral service was held at St. Peter's, Marksbury, on September 21st, and was conducted by the Rev. E. Wells. Mr. W. A. Prescott represented the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association and the Marksbury ringers. The bells of St. Peter's were rung half-muffled to 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles by G. Hasell 1. Miss A. Tibbotts 2, Miss R. Smith 3. Miss B. Prescott 4, R. Smith 5, W. A. Prescott (cond.) 6.

MRS. P. C. WILLIAMS.

We regret to report the passing of Mrs. P. C. Williams, wife of the hon. treasurer of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, who died on October 5th, after a long illness, at Portishead. The funeral was held on October 9th at Portishead Parish Church, followed by cremation at Arno's Vale, Bristol.

Besides the family mourners, the Association was represented by the following: Mr. J. G. Jefferies (vice-president), Mr. C. E. Jefferies, Mr. C. R. Harding (chairman, Bristol Rural Branch) and Mrs. Harding, Mrs. A. A. Hilliar, Mr. F. G. Leaker (chairman, Bristol City Branch), Mr. A. Prince (Management Committee), and Mr. F. Skidmore (hon. secretary).

The floral tributes included one from the Master, officers and members of the Association.

In the evening a tribute was paid by ringing 1,260 Stedman Triples, with the bells half-muffled, at St. Ambrose's Church, Bristol, by the following: Miss Ann Clarke 1, F. G. Leaker 2, Miss Miriam James 3, C. R. Harding 4, A. Prince 5, F. Skidmore (cond.) 6, J. G. Jefferies 7, R. G. Hooper 8.

Mrs. Williams was an associate member of the Association for many years, and her charming quiet disposition endeared her to all who knew her, and our sympathy goes out to her husband, son and daughter.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss N. Bond 1, H. E. Nicholson 2, G. Dods 3, I. Cowperthwaite 4, G. R. Hessey (cond.) 5, T. Peat 6. First quarter for 3, 4 and 6. In memoriam Rev. H. Snowdon.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ringing Fees

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank those who contributed letters in reply to that of mine on the above subject, which appeared in your issue of July 7th.

As I anticipated, I have heard of no other instance similar to that which we experienced on that particular occasion. The nearest example is that of a church in Cheshire, where I am told the fee for ringing at a wedding is five guineas—three for the use of the bells and two for the ringers. In that case, so long as the ringers are satisfied with the arrangements, it's no one's business except that of the incumbent and churchwardens as to the disposal of the three guineas for the use of the bells. At any rate, the ringers are catered for.

There is one point about the letters published that does not appear quite clear, that is they seem to infer that we should take some definite steps on future occasions. We were not local ringers, but a visiting band, as there are no local ringers.

I think it would be a grand thing if the Vicar of the church we visited could meet the Rev. J. M. Turner, who could doubtless give the former some good advice and instruction.

It seemed to me a coincidence that the Rev. J. M. Turner should mention the use of the organ. I did not mention it in my letter, but in the course of my conversation with the Vicar of the church he told me that he charged a fee of two guineas for the organ, of which the organist received 10s. 6d.

There was at one time quite an enthusiastic band of ringers at this church. After the arrival of this vicar the band collapsed and (so I have been informed since I wrote my letter on the subject) all over a wedding.

In reply to Mr. Turner's suggestion, I have already informed the district and general secretaries of the Kent County Association of our experience, and they, having read the correspondence in 'The Ringing World,' may perhaps think fit to bring the matter up at a committee meeting.

In conclusion, I must add that the bridal couple for whom we rang, on hearing that we had had no share of the 'three guineas,' promptly sent us our fee of 7s. 6d. each as originally agreed, although we had no intention of pressing for it.—Yours faithfully,

Chatham. V. A. JARRETT.

PLAIN BOB AT THROWLEY

Dear Sir,—The following account may be of some interest to your readers in the peal of Bob Major at Throwley, where the ringing chamber is lit by an oil lamp. It was noticed that the light was beginning to fade, and as the lamp flickered things looked pretty grim. The ringing had been very good and we had another part to go (the peal was a four-part), the time being about 6.30 p.m. The lamp went out at 6.35 p.m. and all the light we had then was from a very narrow window blocked by the form of the treble man, who very obligingly turned himself sideways. It became darker and darker: we couldn't see each other, only a white shirt here and there and Eileen Wyles' light frock. Fortunately it was Plain Bob and the bells fairly rang themselves home, coming round in good style at 7.14, it being pitch dark.

My congratulations to the two first pealers for sticking it so well and striking their bells all the way through so well. Also to the conductor, who wanted to call his first Bob Major.—Yours sincerely, GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

Rainham.

Inn Signs

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Paul Birkett's letter in your issue of September 22nd, I am sending you a photograph of the sign of 'The Six Ringers' at Felmersham, Bedfordshire. The sign, which is of solid copper, shows five bells—the number of bells now in the tower of Felmersham Church. But the inn is the 'Six Ringers,' so two men are put to the tenor.

There is a legend that Felmersham once had six bells, but one was stolen by monks from the neighbouring village of Odell and taken away by boat on the Ouse. The boat, however, sank under the weight of the bell, so



'THE SIX RINGERS' AT FELMERSHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

the story goes, and boat, bell and monks were lost in the river.

I also have a photograph of the painted sign of the 'Ring of Bells' at Kendal, mentioned in Mr. Birkett's letter, but I do not think it would reproduce well. The sign is rather high up on the wall and the painting of the ringers is somewhat faded with age.—Yours faithfully,

H. J. SMITH.

Mears Ashby, Northants.

FIRST COMPOSER

Dear Sir,—The peal of Bob Major in 'The Ringing World,' September 15th, by E. W. Tipler, was given to me by the late York Green, August, 1896, after ringing a peal at St. Thomas', Brentwood, my first tower-bell peal.—Yours truly, C. FENN.

Barking.

DODDERHILL, WORCS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: G. E. Large (cond.) 1, R. G. Morris 2, Miss C. A. Harding 3, A. Morgan 4, R. W. M. Clouston 5, W. H. A. Compton 6, R. Woodyatt 7, T. W. Lewis 8.

Folkestone Bells Broadcast

Dear Sir,—What a treat was given to us in Ireland on Oct. 8th to hear the bells of Folkestone Church on the wireless. The reception was very clear, so that one could distinctly hear the bells 'tap-out.' The B.B.C. was very generous in giving such a long duration, and we hope that they have at last ended their interruptions of the ringing.

As far as the ringing was concerned, it was of a high standard, and except for one or two trips, was perfect. The leads and rhythm were an object lesson, and if we had more broadcasts like this one a great deal of work would be taken off instructors.

Thank you, Folkestone, for an excellent performance and B.B.C. for a good long ring.—Yours sincerely,

FRED E. DUKES.

Drogheda, Co. Louth.

LADIES WHO HAVE CALLED STEDMAN

Dear Sir,—With reference to your note in Belfry Gossip regarding ladies who have conducted peals of Stedman Triples, the following may be of interest:—

Miss Annie Brown, of the SS. Philip and Jacob Guild, Bristol, called Washbrook's irregular ten-part at All Saints' Church, Corston, on June 13th, 1925. Incidentally this was the first peal of Stedman Triples conducted by a woman for the Bath and Wells Association and, I think, in the West Country.

Congratulations to Miss Joan Beresford.—Yours faithfully,

Bristol. EDWIN J. BROWN.

Dear Sir,—With reference to ladies who have conducted a peal of Stedman Triples, Miss Betty Spice and Miss Margaret L. Tutt have both conducted Heywood's Transposition, both from a non-observation bell, which, in my opinion, is a more creditable individual performance than taking part in a 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples.

W. F. JUDGE.

FIRST PEAL OF YORKSHIRE FOR ELY ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir,—Your Belfry Gossip has been rightly described as one of the most interesting features of 'The Ringing World,' but surely the paragraph referring to the above is rather vague; either the peal rung at Long Stanton was the first or otherwise. I have been through the Ely Report for 1934 and can find no mention of any peal of Yorkshire, the details of which would be interesting to—Yours faithfully,

Newton, Cambridge. C. W. COOK.

THE BANISTER FAMILY

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, thank Mr. Alfred Grove for his letter re the Banister family, July 28th, 1950? It is very interesting and has cleared up misunderstandings. It was not my good fortune to visit St. Mary's, Woolwich, so had not the pleasure of reading the peal boards. Banister records only four peals in 1861, as follows: 5,120 Kent Treble Bob Royal, 3 hours 30 mins., St. Clement Danes'; Strand: 8,580 Stedman Cinques, 6 hours 41 mins., St. Michael's, Cornhill; 5,040 Grand-sire Triples, 2 hours 59 mins., St. George's, Gravesend; 5,040 Grand-sire Triples, 2 hours 58 minutes, St. George's, Gravesend.

Kind regards and best wishes to one and all from your fellow strings in Australia.—Ashfield, N.S.W. A. R. BOTTING.

Irish Association

LIMERICK THE BEST STRIKERS.

The finalists of the three District Cup competitions, viz., Holywood Parish Church, Co. Down (Northern), St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick (Southern), and St. Peter's Parish Church, Drogheda (Eastern), met at Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, on September 30th, to decide the destination for the Murphy Cup for the next twelve months.

Drogheda team were the first to ring, and after a very shaky start settled down to some nice ringing, but not before the total of 20 faults were debited against them. They rang all changes.

Holywood then entered the field, ringing Stedman Triples. A few trips, but otherwise good ringing, brought a total of 13 faults.

The present holders, St. Mary's, Limerick, were the last to compete. It was evident from the start that the destination of the cup had been decided. Their ringing was a treat to listen to, the rhythm perfect; the only real fault was in leading. The number of faults was five. Thus St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, retain the All-Ireland Cup for the best striking team for 1950-51.

The judges, Messrs. R. S. F. Murphy, P.C. (donor of the cup), and W. E. Lynch, in their report, said that the standard of ringing by all teams was exceptionally high and that the only real faults were at hand. Mr. Frank Stephens acted as ringing master in the tower during the actual competition.

After the competition, 55 competitors and their supporters sat down to an excellent tea, kindly provided by the Christ Church Cathedral Society. The tea over, the cup was presented by Mr. R. S. F. Murphy to Mr. Brian Brislane, the conductor of the winning team, who said that they were delighted to bring back the cup to Limerick. He also proposed a vote of thanks to the judges, which was seconded by Mr. H. Brown, conductor of the Holywood team.

Mr. William Pratt, president, thanked the Dean of Christ Church for so kindly placing the bells of his Cathedral at the disposal of the ringers, also to the Christ Church ringers and their ladies for so kindly providing the tea.

The bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, were made available for the visitors during the early afternoon, when touches of Grandsire Caters and Stedman were rung.

THE CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

MEETING AT BURNHAM.

The quarterly meeting of the Royal Cumberland Youths was held at Burnham on September 30th.

The Master (Mr. G. H. Cross) presided over the business meeting, which was attended by some thirty members.

Four belfry elections were ratified—Mrs. N. O. L. Manchip (Enfield), E. Edmondson (Hatfield), S. F. Carter (Bengeo) and H. M. Heaton (Guiseley). Three new members were made, Margaret Tutt (Oxford), H. E. Wells (Nettlebed) and P. Coward (Adelaide).

The Master welcomed Mr. L. Baybut, home again from Kashmir, after 16 years' absence.

Suggestions made for future meetings at Reading and Guildford were deferred to the annual meeting, and the subject of the re-opening of Shoreditch bells was also discussed.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. George Gilbert for arranging the meeting and tea.

Mr. Cross said it was a pleasure to come to Burnham and to hear the lovely ring of bells. He would like to congratulate Mr. Gilbert on what he had done to get them in order.

Ringing was very enjoyable, and methods ranged from Stedman to an attempt for Spliced Surprise.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,080 Cambridge Surprise: H. W. Pratt 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, A. Clements 4, G. L. Perkins 5, G. H. Dunnington 6.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers

SOUTH-WEST BRANCH.

The president of the Guild, Preb. E. V. Cox, and visitors from Croydon, Reigate, Exeter, Newton Abbot, Liskeard, Buckfastleigh, Meavy, Kelly, Plympton St. Maurice, Plymouth (Emmanuel and St. Andrew's), together with a party of university students under the care of Mr. John G. M. Scott, of Washabrooke Mill, Kingsbridge, supported the autumn meeting of the branch, held at Shaugh Prior on September 30th.

During the afternoon and evening the grand ring of six were rung to rounds, Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge Surprise, an excellent standard of striking throughout the day being largely attributed to the efforts of an efficient Ringing Master.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. F. Rider), who gave the branch a very warm welcome. A sumptuous tea was served to 60 members and friends.

The Rev. H. E. Bennett (branch chairman) presided at the business, supported by Mr. G. H. Myers, vice-president of the Guild, and was notable for the presentation of proficiency certificates to two promising young lady ringers of Plymouth Emmanuel band, the Misses A. Thomas and J. Thomas.

The hon. secretary reported it would not be possible to hold their annual meeting at Milton Abbot on January 6th. Three alternatives were proposed, and it was decided to seek permission to go to Buckland Monachorum on January 13th.

During the morning special ringing was 'put on' at St. Andrew's Plymouth, where touches of four standard methods were rung; and at Emmanuel, Cambridge Surprise Major, Double Norwich and Plain Bob were brought round.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

CREWE BRANCH.

Despite the fact that there were three meetings in adjoining branches, 50 ringers representing 21 towers were present at the meeting of the Crewe Branch at Nantwich on October 7th.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening was in charge of the branch Ringing Master (Mr. J. E. Brough), and ringing extended from rounds to the four principal Surprise methods.

The Rector (Canon Tyler Whittle) conducted the service, and at the tea supplied by the ringers' wives welcomed all present and commended the good fellowship among ringers.

Thanks were voiced to those who contributed to the success of the meeting by the Rev. Parry Williams (Acton), seconded by Mr. R. D. Langford, who said they were lucky in Cheshire in that there were plenty of facilities for ringing and plenty of ringers.

Mr. A. E. Richards (Farndon), as a visitor, thanked all for a lovely meeting.

Mr. Elkins (chairman of Bowdon Branch) gave thanks for the splendid welcome and thanked the clergy for their part in making the Guild so successful.

Congratulations were offered to Mr. and Mrs. W. Kerr, who were married recently.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

VISIT TO RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT.

The Nottingham District of the Southwell Guild had an enjoyable meeting at Radcliffe-on-Trent on October 7th. All visitors were made welcome, including a party from Lincolnshire and the evergreen Jack Brothwell from Sheffield way. Rounds and methods to suit all tastes up to Superlative were rung.

One is always proud of one's 'first', from a six-score upwards, but the following inscription on a tablet in the ringing chamber is probably unique as a record of 'length':—

'The four and twenty Changes were Rung for the first time correctly on the Four Bells in this Tower on Sunday, Nov. 25, 1883 (Time, 1 min. 5 sec.): W. H. Pumfrey Treble, Thomas Rose 2nd, R. H. Rushton 3rd, Ed. Carnall Tenor.'

Scottish Association

HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

The half-yearly meeting of the Scottish Association, held on October 7th at St. John's, Alloa, was very well attended in spite of the fact that several of the regulars were prevented from coming at the last minute.

The bells are the only light ring of eight in Scotland, and the learners especially found them much easier to manage their own more weighty local bells and made good attempts at method ringing. Grandsire, Stedman and Kent were the favourites before tea, and afterwards they were ousted by Plain Bob and Cambridge Minor.

The members stood in silence when the president mentioned the death of Mr. W. C. S. Heathcote, the oldest ringer in Scotland and past Master of the Association, and the loss and sorrow felt by the members on this occasion.

Mr. Stafford, of Glasgow, brought up the question of peal ringing and the front page remark by the Editor of 'The Ringing World' in a recent issue, in which the Editor regretted that they had not scored a peal for the Association. Although one peal has been scored so far (this year, it was generally agreed that more should be done to enable the peal enthusiasts to have the use of pealable towers for more frequent attempts.

The Rev. C. Harwood Dixon, Chaplain of St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, was the only ringer present from an unaffiliated tower, as the Leith contingent had withdrawn at the last minute. It is to be hoped, however, that when the next meeting comes round they will then be keen change ringers and therefore not be so diffident in joining in. R. St. C. W.

MR. F. E. HAYNES' 400 PEALS

Rung in 114 different towers, for 19 associations, in 30 counties. First peal November 11th, 1925; 400th peal, August 28th, 1950.

ON TOWER BELLS.

Doubles.—Six methods 1, four methods 1, Stedman 1 (1).

Minor.—Seven methods 3, seven Surprises 2, Cambridge 3 (1), London 3, Beverley 2, Berwick 1, Lightfoot 1, Surfleet 1, Wells 1, Netherseal 1, Immanuel 1, Durham 1, York 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 5, Stedman 17 (one silent) (4).

Major.—Plain Bob 10, Double Norwich 21 (8), Kent 6, Cambridge 23 (3), London 12 (1), Superlative 8, Bristol 1, Yorkshire 11 (2), Spliced Surprise (4 methods) 2, Lincolnshire 2, Belgrave 3, Rutland 3, Hallam 1, Hitchin 1 (1), Stratford 1, Warwickshire 1, Ipswich 1, New Cambridge 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 8 (1), Stedman 27 (10).

Royal.—Plain Bob 3 (1), Little Bob 1, Kent 1, Cambridge 14 (4), Yorkshire 8 (4), New Cambridge 1, Solihull 1, Pudsey 1, Prittlewell 1, Albanian 1, Lincolnshire 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 3, Erin 1 (1), Stedman 87 (25).

Maximus.—Kent 1, Cambridge 12 (1), Yorkshire 3, Pontefract 1, Solihull 1, Prittlewell 1, Lincolnshire 1, Belgrave 1.

Total 334 (conducted 69).

ON HANDBELLS.

Triples.—Grandsire 3.

Major.—Plain Bob 17 (1), Kent 4, Little Bob 1, Double Norwich 3, Oxford Treble Bob 1.

Stedman Caters 3 (1), Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 8, Kent 1 (1), Double Bob 1.

Stedman Cinques 21 (3).

Maximus.—Plain Bob 1, Kent 1.

Total 66 (conducted 6).

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Mason (first quarter) 1, S. Borrett (first quarter) 2, Mrs. W. White (first 'inside') 3, M. Mason 4, R. N. Elliott (cond.) 5, P. Mason 6.

OUTINGS IN MANY COUNTIES

BURES AND DISTRICT.

This year's outing on September 16th embraced ringing in six towers in Surrey, Berks, Oxfordshire, Bucks, Herts and Essex.

The two coaches reached Colchester in good time to pick up the Thorington, Mistley and Colchester contingents, and a party of nearly 60 ringers and friends set course for Egham, via London and Staines Bridge. Ringing on the good toned octave was not all that it should have been. The route then lay through Windsor Great Park to Bray, where we were welcomed by the Vicar and Mr. Fred Russell. These were the heaviest bells of the day, and the younger members had some difficulty in striking them. A good course of Superlative was rung before adjourning for lunch at the George Hotel.

The prettily situated church at Shiplake was being decorated for the harvest festival when we arrived, and the non-ringers had plenty to see, including the ringing which is carried out in the ground floor belfry. The bells, a light handy eight, were just right for the youngsters, and rounds, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Major were rung. It was a short run to Marlow, where we found the local men and lady ringers awaiting our arrival. Both the bells and the well-kept belfry were much admired, although the touches had to be short to allow all to have a ring in the limited time available.

Tea was partaken at the Queen's Cafe before saying farewell to the Thames and proceeding to Watford, where Messrs. Bell and Crooke had everything ready. This fine ten were the best bells of the day, and ringing concluded with a good course of Stedman Caters. At Loughton that grand old Essex veteran, 'Teddy' Bacon, was patiently waiting our arrival. Here was another fine-toned octave in a broad cathedral-like tower. All the ringing here was good, especially a touch of Stedman Triples, and 86-year-old Mr. Bacon joined us in the last touch.

The best thanks of the party must go to Mr. Leslie Mills, who carried out all the arrangements in his usual efficient manner, and also to Mr. Alan Andrews, who was ringing master for the day.

H. J. M.

ST. MARY'S, EWELL.

So popular have the ringers' outings of St. Mary's, Ewell, become that two coaches were required for this year's excursion. Ringers from Epsom, Banstead and Leatherhead were included in the party as well as members of the choir and congregation.

A tour of Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire had been planned by Mr. J. E. Beams (the captain). Contrasts were provided by the first two towers—Nettlebed (6 cwt. tenor) and Watlington (24 cwt.). We were surprised to learn that this was the first time Watlington bells had been rung.

Lunch was served at Bicester, followed by ringing on the bells at the fine old church. The visitors were impressed by the huge ringing chamber at Buckingham (tenor 27 cwt.) with forms in the centre of the circle. Winslow, the next call, has only room for ringers of the six bells and a few onlookers in the ringing chamber, but the church compensated with its ancient books and medieval wall painting. After tea in the Church Room there was a long ride to the 18th century church of West Wycombe. Here a short evening service was attended in the church. Interest was divided between the bells and the hollow ball on top of the tower which can accommodate ten people.

Darkness prevented the party from enjoying the beauties of Buckingham Church, though we much enjoyed ringing the bells. Thanks are due to Mr. Beams for his careful planning and the clergy and others who made us welcome at the churches visited.

DORSET RINGERS IN DEVON.

Recently a combined tour in the Tiverton area of Devon was made by ringers from Piddhinton, Hazelbury Bryan, Stalbridge and Sturminster Newton, Dorset, and Hardington Mandeville, Somerset.

The coach, with Lester Knight, a ringer, at the wheel, left Hazelbury Bryan at 7.30 a.m., and after picking up en route arrived at Halberton at 10.15 a.m., where the local captain met the ringers. This heavy six was enjoyed till 11, although the hands of some of the band suffered from the hard ropes.

Calverleigh was soon reached, where Mr. Hill, the local captain, welcomed the ringers. The bells here are a lovely six, although some of the 'heavy bell' experts found the weight (tenor 5½ cwt.) and long ropes a bit tricky. After an hour's ringing an alfresco lunch was partaken in or out of the coach.

At Thelbridge weather typical of the 1950 summer prevailed and continued for the remainder of the day. Here full use was made of another handy six for about an hour. A fireplace in the ringing chamber caused much speculation as to how the ringer of the treble would prevent scorching of his trousers should it be lighted.

Cruwys Morchard was the next tower on the list and this was soon reached. The bells were soon raised, but although the six go fairly well, the long ropes and deep setting fifth and tenor made ringing a little difficult except for the most experienced.

Clapps Cafe, Tiverton, was the next objective, where a very good tea was awaiting the band. Cadeleigh was reached after a grand effort on behalf of coach and Lester up true Devon hills. All agreed that these bells were the tit-bit of the day and there was no desire to make a move. However, there was one more on the list and Cadbury was reached as daylight was failing and the Vicar and most of the local band were waiting at the churchyard gate to give the ringers the heartiest welcome of the day. Oil lights in the belfry were lighted and the bells were raised and set going. After a short period of ringing the true meaning of the Parable of the Foolish Virgins became obvious and the bells were hastily lowered, the ringers beating the failing light by a small margin. So ended the ringing of the second combined outing which all had enjoyed.

E. T. P. F.

ANOTHER DEVON TOUR.

On October 7th, about 25 ringers enjoyed an afternoon and evening tour arranged by Mr. J. Lilley, of Highweek. The first tower was Kingsteignton, where the Rector met the band and stayed all the time of ringing in the ringing chamber. Full use was made of this glorious octave for an hour, after which a move was made to Chudleigh, where there is another fine 'eight.' After another enjoyable hour of ringing the band adjourned to The Whistling Kettle for a very good tea.

The first tower after tea was Moreton-Hampstead (8). Here, however, ringing was abruptly curtailed owing to the Rector wishing to take evensong and signifying his intentions by extinguishing the lights in the ringing chamber. Fortunately the more experienced members of the band were ringing at the crucial moment and the touch of Bob Major in progress was safely brought home in the semi-darkness, after which the bells were hurriedly lowered more or less in peal.

Chagford (8), five miles away, was soon reached and full use of the bells (tenor 18 cwt.) was made for about an hour, although a few found the long draught a bit trying. The next tower on the agenda was Manaton (6), but this visit had to be cancelled as the clapper of the second had been broken earlier in the week. Arriving at the last tower of the tour, North Bovey (6), half an hour behind schedule, a search had to be made for

the sexton and the belfry key. Happily both were found soon enough to allow of all the band having a short touch each on this handy ring before 9 p.m. called 'That's all' to a very enjoyable outing. The ringers taking part represented about eight Devon towers, a Dorset band and a visitor from London.

Thanks are due to Mr. J. Lilley for arranging the towers and to Mr. A. Bennett for circulating the ringers.

E. T. P. F.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.

The ringers of Keymer, Sussex, together with their wives and friends and visiting ringers from Hurstpierpoint and Bosham, held their annual outing through East Sussex and Kent on September 16th. The coach left Keymer at 8 a.m. for the little village of Sedlescombe. The pleasant ring of six (tenor 10 cwt.) here was put to good use for half an hour.

The next part of the trip was through the old town of Rye, and across Walland and Romney Marshes to New Romney, calling at Brookland en route to inspect the very quaint wooden belfry. Unfortunately, time would not allow of any efforts to obtain permission to 'snatch' the tower, rather to the disappointment of the younger members. Ringing on the anti-clockwise octave at New Romney (tenor 19½ cwt.) was much appreciated, and one member of the party also enjoyed being allowed to try the new electronic organ!

Lunch at Hythe followed. The next tower was the six (tenor 12 cwt.) at Willesborough—another anti-clockwise ring—where we were very pleased to meet Mr. E. S. Ruck, the only surviving foundation member of the Kent County Association. While ringing was in progress here, the non-ringers visited the shops in Ashford, and after rejoining forces, the coach went on to Charing. A former Rector of the parish had passed away only an hour before our arrival, and the fine ring of six (tenor 13½ cwt.) was rung half-muffled to various methods. All were much impressed with the beauty and solemnity of half-muffled ringing.

To Maidstone for tea and a short stroll round the town before the run up the Medway Valley to the last tower, the recently rehung six (tenor 8½ cwt.) at Wateringbury. Everyone was impressed with the good tone and easy running of these light bells, and methods up to Kent Minor were rung, with the assistance of three members of a band which had unsuccessfully attempted a peal in the tower that afternoon.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Backshaw and to Peter Romney, the tower secretary, for arranging such an excellent outing.

P. N. B.

CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS.

On September 30th, the Society of Cambridge Youths had their annual outing to Messrs. Taylor's foundry and were joined by friends from Over, Harston and Melbourn.

The first call was Market Harborough, where good use was made of the bells for 45 minutes, and more good ringing was enjoyed at Wigston Magna. At Loughborough the party were met by Mr. J. Oldham and Mr. P. Taylor. A brief visit to the foundry was followed by lunch at the Eagle Inn, arranged by Mr. Oldham.

In the afternoon the bells of the Parish Church were rung for an hour and the foundry was again visited. The bells of the campanile caused great fun, one member actually smoking his pipe during the ringing.

Leaving pleasant memories of Loughborough, the party proceeded to Leicester and enjoyed ringing at the Cathedral and St. Margaret's. During tea at the Rex Restaurant, the Rev. Hopkins thanked Mr. Quinney for his excellent arrangements. An hour's ringing at Kettering brought the end of a perfect day.

Methods rung included Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative, Treble Ten, Grandire Triples, Caters and Cinques and Stedman Triples and Caters.

J. W. R. Q.

Thornhaugh, Northants

Behind the ringing of the first peal at Thornhaugh on Saturday, September 23rd, 1950, lies a somewhat interesting story. The writer over a period of years has tried to impress the importance of more frequent visits to the five-bell towers, otherwise the country might be faced with hundreds of these towers with no life in them, with the bells hanging derelict.

That they are as much a part of the Exercise as the higher numbers, and worthy of better consideration than a mere collection of ringers' subscriptions to their guilds, must be recognised; but often little more about them is done.

No meeting had ever been held at Thornhaugh prior to April 22nd, 1950—and that was largely brought about by pressure from the writer; in fact, previous to this it had never occurred to many ringers that five bells existed at Thornhaugh. Others interested in nothing less than six had rumoured them 'unringable' without even going to see what they were like. One look at them soon convinced me that this was just a prejudiced hoax. The first peal has now been rung at Thornhaugh.

A steel frame for five (three trebles above two tenors) put in in 1889 by John Warner and Sons was an ambitious restoration—there were then only three bells, the present 2nd, 3rd and 4th. The same firm had recast the 4th in 1860 from an earlier bell by Tobias Norris, jun., of Stamford, dated 1684, whose father, Thomas Norris, cast the present 3rd in 1634. Thomas's father, Tobias Norris, sen., cast the 2nd in 1619. In St. George's Church, Stamford, is a plaque to the memory of the last named, who died in 1626. Thomas died in 1674, and Tobias, jun., in 1699. The treble and tenor to complete the five were added by John Warner and Sons in 1909. The 32in. tenor is 6 cwt. in B. P. A.

DR. J. C. E. SIMPSON'S 500 PEALS

Below is the list of 500 peals rung by Dr. J. C. E. Simpson, of Timperley, Cheshire. They have been rung in 263 towers for 25 associations and guilds.

Minor.—1-7 methods 13 (conducted 8).

Triples.—Grandsire 2; Stedman 13.

Plain Major.—Plain Bob 15 (10); Double Norwich 28 (20); Little Bob 1 (1); Loughborough Bob 1 (1); Double Oxford Bob 1 (1); Cheltenham Bob 1 (1); St. Clement's Bob 1 (1); Gosville Bob 1 (1); Pershore Bob 1; Double Goslany Court 1.

Treble Bob and Surprise Major.—Kent 16 (13); Oxford 6 (5); Kent and Oxford 1 (1); Albion 1 (1); Cambridge Surprise 65 (*36); New Cambridge 7 (6); Superlative 43 (19); Yorkshire 21 (7); London 59 (+44); Bristol 34 (+18); Rochester 7 (2); Liverpool 3 (2); Pudsey 3 (1); Norfolk 3; Lincolnshire 2 (1); Cheshire 1 (1); Ipswich 1 (1); Rutland 1 (1); Edinburgh 1 (1); Watford 1 (1); Glasgow 1 (1); Wembley 1 (1); Northchurch 1; Napsburg 1; Wallasey 1; Guildford 1; Ashted 1; Spliced, 2-8 methods 23 (18).

Caters.—Grandsire 1; Stedman 11.

Plain Royal.—Plain Bob 1; St. Clement's Bob 1; Isleworth Bob 1; Little Bob 1; Double Norwich 1.

Treble Bob and Surprise Royal.—Kent 5 (1); Oxford and Kent 1; Cambridge Surprise 27 (9); New Cambridge 2; Yorkshire 6; Rochester 4 (3); London (No. 3) 2 (1); Pudsey 1; Lindsey 1; Rutland 1; Spliced Cambridge and Yorkshire 1.

Singles.—Stedman 21; Erin 1.

Plain Maximus.—Plain Bob 3 (2); Little Bob 1.

Treble Bob and Surprise Maximus.—Kent 2 (1); Oxford 1; Cambridge Surprise 14 (4); New Cambridge 1; Yorkshire 2 (1); Rochester 1. Total 500 (237).

* Includes one non-conducted. † Includes one silent.

Sheffield and District Society

The October meeting at Sheffield is always an attractive feature and this year was no exception. In the afternoon the belfry at St. Marie's R.C. Church was packed with the local ringers and visitors, who came from Stockport, Warsop, Barnby Don, Otley, Blackwell, Worksop and Retford.

Many methods were rung and included was a course of Primrose Surprise and a tea-time attempt at Bristol which failed to materialise. Tea was served in the Wolstenholm Hall, when 50 sat down, and the Precentor of Sheffield Cathedral (the Rev. A. H. Mays) was in the chair at the business meeting which followed.

The twelve-bell ringing commenced at 7 p.m. with rounds for the learners, and a lot of others, followed by Royal and Caters and Kent and Little Bob Maximus. The day ended with a good course of Yorkshire on the back eight.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Tonbridge on October 7th. Ringing began at 3 and was followed by a service at 4.30, at which the Vicar (Canon Russell B. White) officiated.

Tea was taken at the Parish Room, and the subsequent business meeting was held with the Vicar in the chair. The following officers were elected: Secretary, Mr. R. A. Whitehead; district representatives, Miss D. Colgate and Mr. E. T. Ladd; Ringing Master, Mr. R. Collins.

New members elected were Miss B. Atkins, Miss D. Wood, Miss C. Simmonds and Messrs. G. Parsons and D. Bower, of Hadlow, and Miss J. Morris and Mr. C. Hancock, of the local band.

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ENGAGEMENT

BEAUCHAMP—CASTLE.—The engagement is announced between Eric, only son of the late Mr. J. G. Beauchamp and of Mrs. Beauchamp, of 45, Battersea High Street, S.W.11, and Audrey, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Castle, of 53, Circle Gardens, Merton Park, S.W.19. 7768

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MISCELLANEOUS

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MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Widdford (8), Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells 2.30 Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 7703

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Cathedral bells available from 3 p.m. Other towers in the district available after the business meeting. Service in the Cathedral 4 p.m.—B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, near Sittingbourne, Kent. 7704

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Meeting, Puckington, Saturday, Oct. 21st. Usual arrangements.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton. 7721

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Great Staughton, Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 7739

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner, Lion Hotel, Guildford, Oct. 21st, the Lord Bishop of Guildford presiding. Assemble 6.30 for 7 p.m. Ringing 3 to 4.30 at Cathedral Church (8), Shalford (8) and Merrow (6). Short service in Crypt Chapel of new Cathedral 5.30 p.m. Dinner tickets 8s. 6d. from G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough. 7740

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North and North-East Branches.—Please note alteration. The joint meeting on Oct. 21st will be at Chittlehampton, not South Molton. Names for tea to Miss B. M. Boyle, Libra Gardens, Combe Martin, stating whether transport required from South Molton. 7691

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Gainsborough District).—The next meeting will be at Brigg on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—George L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 7716

MELDRETH, CAMBS.—Dedication of new treble of augmented six. Dedication service, Saturday, Oct. 21st, at 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting of Ely Diocesan Association, Cambridge District.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7722

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—St. Marybourne (6), Oct. 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—J. Hill, Maesteg, Anna Valley, Andover. 7733

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Marden, Oct. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Names, tea, to Miss H. Gorrige, 3, Sandrock Villas, Hawkhurst. 7747

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 21st, Kimpton, 3 to 5 p.m., not Wheathampstead. Tea 5 p.m., Kimpton. 6.30 p.m., Sandridge. —T. J. Southam. 7777

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Hemingbrough (6), Saturday, Oct. 21st. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. F. Terry, Water Lane Farm, Hemingbrough.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7783

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Meeting at Queen Camel, Oct. 28th. 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. C. Lintern, Ditchet, Shepton Mallet. 7728

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Division.—Meeting at Felsted (8), Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at Bootes House Cafe.—H. A. Pratt. 7732

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Lewisham, Saturday, Oct. 28th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea (2s.) by Monday, 23rd, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 7735

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Barrow-on-Humber, Oct. 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Oct. 25th to W. A. Crowder, Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber. 7719

LINCOLN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Colsterworth (6 bells), Saturday, Oct. 28th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Oct. 23rd, to Bernard H. Dalton, Hon. Sec., Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs. 7726

MARSDEN, HUDDERSFIELD.—Open day, Oct. 28th. Tenor 26 cwt. Bells from 1.45 to 6.15. Cups of tea, whist, pie supper, dance, entertainment in Parochial Hall, 6.30. Tickets (1s. 6d.) from D. B. Cater, Woods Avenue. 7715

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Bergh Apton, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. in the School. Brooke bells during evening. Please notify H. Boggis, Bergh Apton, Norwich, for tea, by Oct. 24th.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec. 7729

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly at Irchester, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Service 4.30. Names for tea early.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 7738

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Nomination of officers. Ringing. St. Giles' Cathedral, 4.45 p.m. (approx.). 313th anniversary dinner, Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopsgate, E.C., Nov. 11th. 6 p.m. Tickets 13s. 6d. Ringing. St. Michael's, Cornhill, 3 to 4.30: St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark. 2.30 to 4.30.—A. B. Peck. 7749

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Arbridge Deanery.—Meeting, Cheddar, Oct. 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Chelet Hotel, Cliff Street, 5 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Sec., Sandford, Bristol. 7778

BRANDSTON, SUFFOLK.—The restored bells (by Taylor) will be dedicated on Oct. 28th at 3 p.m. Ringing until 9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for all who notify Rev. S. W. Davies, Brandston Vicarage, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 7779

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Wrenbury (6 bells), Oct. 28th. Names for tea must arrive by 25th.—Rich. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 7763

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Aston-on-Trent, Saturday, Oct. 28th. 3 o'clock. Bring food. Cup of tea provided.—J. T. Wilkinson. 7770

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Cottenham (6), Oct. 28th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—M. Grain, Belmont, Ely. 7785

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Woburn, Newton Abbot, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Corners, Buckfastleigh. 7765

WORCESTER ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Jubilee of the bells of St. Matthias' Church, Malvern Link, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Service in church 3.30 p.m.; preacher, Rev. L. J. Birch, Rector of Hanbury. Bells available after service until 8 p.m. Tea provided if name sent to Mr. Ernest Barber, 240, Worcester Road, Malvern Link, before Wednesday, Oct. 25th. 7786

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Liversedge, Oct. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. will be arranged for all who notify Mr. F. Hodgson, 103, Union Road, Liversedge, by October 26th. Business meeting to follow tea.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 7784

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at Alveston (6), Oct. 28th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6. Essential to notify for teas by Oct. 22nd to N. Denson, 55, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5 (please note change of address). 7753

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Combined practice will be held at Bromyard on Saturday, Oct. 28th, and Nov. 25th at 5.30.—A. S. Tomkins. 7754

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Horwich, on Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Meeting following tea. Cups of tea provided.—Peter Crook. 7781

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The meeting at Kingswood arranged for Oct. 28th has been cancelled owing to illness in the parish.—R. Foreman, Dis. Sec. 7734

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Wymondham, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Bells 3. Tea and meeting 4.30. Service 6. Names to Mr. Huddleston, Wymondham. Special bus leaves Melton 2.40. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Cook. 7771

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Croft, Oct. 28th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall 5. Please notify Mr. F. Watson, 5, Pochin Street, by Tuesday, Oct. 24th. 7772

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Marlow, Saturday, Oct. 28th. 3 p.m. Names by 23rd, or no tea.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 7773

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Hardingstone, Oct. 28th. Names for tea by Oct. 24th to Mr. Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 7780

SALISBURY GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Next meeting, West Overton, Oct. 28th.—T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Aldbourne, Marlborough. 7766

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Oct. 28th, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (8). Ringing 3 p.m.—V. J. Benning, Hon. Sec. 7755

LADIES' GUILD.—Wiltshire Branch.—Meeting at St. John's, Devizes, Oct. 28th. Bells from 3 p.m. 7759

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Shenfield-on-Loddon, Oct. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea by Oct. 24th to G. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 7756

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Hailsham, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Tea arranged.—P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec., 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 7788

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Hatfield, Oct. 28th. 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—W. E. Critchley. 7769

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—Autumn meeting at Charlbury, Saturday, Oct. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea.—C. F. Taplin. 7787

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Roker, Sunderland, Saturday, Oct. 28th. 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. M. B. Richardson, 2, Mansfield Crescent, Roker, Sunderland, by Oct. 26th.—W. Sheraton. 7757

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Thames Ditton, Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Notifications to F. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, by Nov. 1st. 7767

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Much Hadham, Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and meeting after tea at Red Lion for those who notify W. H. Rogers, 7, Park Terrace, Much Hadham, by 2nd. 7758

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Pluckley, Nov. 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford. 7762

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL.—Ringing at the Bell Foundry and All Saints' Church, Loughborough, 2.30 to 5.30, on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Dinner, followed by a social evening, at the Bull's Head Hotel, Shelthorpe, at 6.15. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) from H. J. Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, on receipt of remittance by Nov. 1st. 7775

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Sleaford District).—Quarterly meeting, Heckington, Nov. 4th. Bells (8) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., but only for those who notify me by Monday previous.—Mrs. D. Wray, Hon. Sec., 16, Eastgate, Sleaford. 7761

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.—Joint meeting of Suffolk Guild and Norwich Diocesan Association (Eastern Branch), Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names or numbers for tea to E. R. Goal, 47, Smallgate, Beccles, by Wednesday, Nov. 1st.—J. Harwood, Sec. to East Norfolk. 7782

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Seventy-fifth anniversary. A general meeting will be held at Birstall, near Leeds (birthplace of the Association), on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meet in schools at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea in schools at 5 p.m. Names to Mr. S. Britton, 2nd, Kings Drive, Birstall, near Leeds, by Nov. 2nd. General meeting, same premises, immediately after.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 7780

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Next quarterly meeting at Pinchbeck, on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea at 4.45 p.m. Names for tea before Nov. 4th to Mr. W. A. Richardson, Glenside, Pinchbeck, Spalding. 7750

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THIS RECORDING BUSINESS

ACCORDING to the 'Nottingham Evening News,' the bells of St. Peter's, Rome, will soon be echoing over the rooftops of Bulwell, Nottingham. The Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour has no bells of its own. Recently, the parish priest, the Very Rev. B. A. Short, installed an amplification system. Now he has a wire recorder, and as the choice of records of church bells for use in his 'belfry' is very limited, he is going to make his own recordings.

One of the first will be the bells of St. Peter's, for a friend in Rome has sent him a disc from which he will re-record, and in consequence will be able to repeat 'the peal' as long as he requires without having to 'restart' the record. 'When people hear them they won't know the difference,' Father Short told the 'Nottingham Evening News.'

This recording business is in no sense confined to the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. 'In one area of about two square miles in Nottingham,' writes Mr. J. K. Wagstaff, 'there are at least three Church of England churches fitted with these amplifiers. They are no longer a novelty here, but indeed a nuisance; this fact is proved by the number of complaints which have appeared in the same paper. I would not knowingly stand in any touch being recorded if I thought it would be thus used. However, if this priest stood outside St. Mary's or St. Peter's, Nottingham, he could soon make a record and none would be any the wiser.'

'One of my colleagues, at the Canon's request, is at present instructing a young band at Bulwell Parish Church to ring changes. It seems quite likely that in the near future we may hear a record of either one of the two rings in the city playing in competition with the bells of the parish church of Bulwell.'

Mr. Wagstaff concludes his letter by stating: 'I am of the opinion that these contrivances are undignified for the purpose they are used; harmful to our relations with the public; and deceptive and not consistent with the Church's teaching.'

Bells have their own individuality. It is incongruous to hear, as the writer has frequently, a recording of the bells of York Minster coming from a small suburban tower; it is a sham. And, however revered in the eyes and ears of Roman Catholics may be the bells of St. Peter's, Rome, a recording in a Nottingham suburb call-

ing the faithful to prayer is not in accordance with the English tradition. There are some beautiful rings of bells in Roman Catholic cathedrals, abbeys and churches in this land. The twelve at Buckfast Abbey are heard with reverence and appreciation by all ringers who have visited this Devonshire village; they are a characteristic of the Abbey, and to our way of thinking it would be wrong for a record of those bells to be amplified on a church occasion in every church throughout the length and breadth of the land.

Probably the craze for these 'synthetic' bells would not have been so prominent to-day but for the heavy financial undertaking that is behind the provision of a ring of bells, and also that a recording apparatus can be provided for less than one-tenth of the cost. But bells have never been cheap; the cost of Thaxted's bells in the early half of the 17th century recorded in our last issue was an indication of the sacrifice that is necessary to provide the instruments of God's message. We admire particularly the courage of small communities of towns and villages who fearlessly and with faith launch appeals to restore their bells, and we feel it is our bounden duty to give the prominence that is within our power to publicise their efforts. We trust that ringers themselves will not be unmindful of their responsibility of individually supporting, according to their means, these worthy efforts. These restorations are the first of the great bulwarks against 'synthetic' bells and deserve every encouragement.

There are, however, two others. The second is an ever-constant supply of men and women who are ready to dedicate themselves to the service of the Church in ringing bells for the Sunday services in accordance with the highest traditions of English ringing embodying perfect striking. It is always disturbing to read of neglected towers—although it cannot be denied that change ringing has made big strides in this country since the war. There is no better service that can be rendered to English ringing than in instructing and helping new bands.

The third is the firm stand that is being taken by a number of Diocesan Advisory Committees in refusing to sanction these applications for the installation of amplifying apparatus in various towers and steeples. We are encouraged by the number of dioceses that have taken a firm stand on the matter. But we would impress upon the Exercise at large that such a policy is contingent on the second bulwark. There must be no silent towers with ringable bells on God's day.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Oct. 12, 1950, 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. SHEPPARD ... <i>Treble</i>	TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 2	JOHN WORTH ... 8
ALBERT WALKER ... 3	JOHN SCOTT ... 9
JOHN PINFOLD ... 4	WALTER ALLMAN ... 10
*FRED DUNKERLEY ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 11
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 6	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal on twelve bells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 12, 1950, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 2,160 changes of Belgrave, 1,440 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, with 75 changes of method. Tenor 25 cwt.

ELIZABETH FAULKNALL ... <i>Treble</i>	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 7
JILL POOLE ... 2	HARRY G. WAYNE ... 8
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... 9
JOHN R. SMITH ... 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 10
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 5	TERENCE A. THORNER ... 11
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 6	WILLIAM J. ROOT ... <i>Tenor</i>

Arranged by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Spliced Surprise by all the band and for the Guild. A compliment to Yvonne Staniforth, sister of Peter J. Staniforth, on the eve of her 21st birthday.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB CINQUES, 5060 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM TILLET ... <i>Treble</i>	FRANK L. FISHER ... 7
GEORGE W. PIPE ... 2	*WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 8
ALAN A. ANDREWS ... 3	CHARLES A. ANDREWS ... 9
HARRY D. LISTER ... 4	JOHN F. TILLET ... 10
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5	CECIL W. PIPE ... 11
GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 6	HERBERT G. JILLINGS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal on twelve bells. Believed to be the first peal of Plain Bob Cinques ever rung.

TEN BELL PEALS

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

MRS. F. A. PENN ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE J. HAWKINS ... 6
*BARBARA CLEVELAND ... 2	PERCIVAL W. HARDING ... 7
CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 3	THOMAS F. KING ... 8
FREDERICK S. SLATFORD ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 9
FRANK A. PENN ... 5	GILBERT H. HARDING ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. R. FARDON.

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hector.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE ... <i>Treble</i>	MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 6
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 2	SHIRLEY BURTON ... 7
COLIN HARRISON ... 3	ROGER O. FRY ... 8
JOHN B. BENNETT ... 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 9
REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 5	TERENCE A. THORNER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE A. PACKER ... 6
EVELYN FLETCHER ... 2	*DENIS FRITH ... 7
ERNEST STITCH ... 3	J. NORMAN HADLEY ... 8
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 9
MAURICE G. TURNER ... 5	JOHN N. LINDON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal of Stedman and first peal on ten bells.

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF ALDENHAM SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.

*WILLIAM H. JACKSON ... <i>Treble</i>	†ERNEST A. THORPE ... 6
†MILTON C. FOWLER ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 7
*J. MARTIN THORLEY ... 3	†GIBSON JACKSON ... 8
†F. BERNARD DITCHER ... 4	†J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 9
†ARTHUR FIRTH ... 5	†W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal on ten bells and in the method. † First peal of Royal in the method. ‡ First peal in the method. First peal of Aldenham Surprise Royal in the county and for the Association. In memoriam George Lewis, of Ecclesfield, former vice-president of the Association.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... <i>Treble</i>	RONALD KENRICK ... 6
MURIEL REAY ... 2	JOHN ASHCROFT ... 7
MARGARET E. RIDYARD ... 3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY ... 8
JOHN W. BEST ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 9
*FREDERICK H. BIRKS ... 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CHEADLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR H. HALL ... <i>Treble</i>	JACK BAILEY ... 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	WILLIAM CARNWELL ... 6
SAMUEL PINDER ... 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
ALFRED MOULD ... 4	EDWARD F. GOBEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung with bells half muffled to the memory of the 80 miners entombed in the Cresswell Colliery disaster, Tuesday, September 26th.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GERALD ARMSTRONG ... <i>Treble</i>	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
SAMUEL PINDER ... 2	JOHN BRAMLEY ... 6
*S. PATRICIA M. LEWIN ... 3	*MICHAEL BROWN ... 7
*HERBERT LEWIN ... 4	W. HARRY DUNCOMBE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman. A non-Association peal.

KNIGHTON, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK R. HARRIS ... <i>Treble</i>	†EDWARD W. COLLEY ... 5
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 2	†WILLIAM THOMPSETT ... 6
*MONICA DAVIS ... 3	†WILFRID F. MORETON ... 7
ERIC O. DAVIES ... 4	LESLIE EVANS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob. First peal on eight bells as conductor.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*BLANCHE M. BALL ... Treble	†ERNEST A. JURD ... 5
FREDK. W. BURNETT ... 2	†BRYAN C. STIRLAND ... 6
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... 3	HAROLD A. NOBES ... 7
FRANK S. TAYLOR ... 4	JOHN H. HUNT ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, who has now 'completed the circle' of the tower three times.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's One-part.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*GORDON HERD ... Treble	†FRANK T. BLAGROVE ... 5
RUTH TABRAHAM ... 2	JAMES BROOKS ... 6
†ROGER POSNETT ... 3	WILLIAM BUTLER ... 7
ALBERT FLEET ... 4	LEN D. MILLARD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. † First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. S. L. Posnett.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

SYDNEY TUSON ... Treble	E. ROGER MARTIN ... 5
G. ALEC DIMMOCK ... 2	JAMES BLACKBURN ... 6
THOMAS BARKER ... 3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE ... 7
JOHN JACKSON ... 4	ARTHUR HATCH ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (70). Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

Rung as a mark of esteem for Mr. F. G. Bradley on completing 40 years' ringing at this church. Also for the 40th anniversary of the bells.

KILDWICK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 8, 1950, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILFRED H. WHITAKER Treble	†JOHN BRACKEN ... 5
*TOM ROGERS ... 2	PHILIP H. WHITAKER ... 6
*HARRY ROE ... 3	†ALEC SHUTTLEWORTH ... 7
†JACK SHUTTLEWORTH ... 4	JOHN THORNTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PHILIP H. WHITAKER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. † First peal away from the treble. First peal as conductor. Rung by an all-local band to celebrate the millenary of the church.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*HORACE O. OVER ... Treble	*TERENCE A. THORNER ... 5
*JOHN B. BENNETT ... 2	*JOHN HILL ... 6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3	†ROGER O. FRY ... 7
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method. † First Surprise peal. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Staniforth, of Kibworth, on their 40th wedding anniversary.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

TERENCE A. THORNER... Treble	ALFRED BALLARD ... 5
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
*ROGER O. FRY ... 3	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 7
JOHN B. BENNETT ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. The conductor's 100th peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE... Treble	JOHN W. TAYLOR ... 5
HUBERT SUMMERS ... 2	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... 6
*MARY BLISS ... 3	JOHN W. T. TAYLOR ... 7
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 4	J. L. GARNER HAYWARD Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

* First peal of Major.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRANK K. MEASURES ... Treble	†HUBERT E. ASHLEY ... 5
*MARGARET A. BAILEY ... 2	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ... 6
ALFRED BALLARD ... 3	LEONARD TREVOR ... 7
E. CHARLES TURNER ... 4	WALTER R. BEEBE... Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

* First peal of Triples. † First of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*JOYCE FINN ... Treble	JACK BRAY ... 5
FRANK LORD ... 2	*HAROLD MORWOOD ... 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 3	GEORGE W. MOODY ... 7
*FRED LACEY ... 4	PHILIP BARNES ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in the method.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 13, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

ROBERT COLLINS ... Treble	*CHARLES A. BASSETT ... 5
DORIS E. COLGATE... 2	BERNARD V. COLLISON... 6
ALBERT RELFE ... 3	ALEC E. RICHARDSON ... 7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 4	ERNEST J. LADD ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal in the method. First peal in method as conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.



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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

STELLA DAVIS Treble	*CYRIL J. HIBBERT ... 5
*WALTER E. LEWINGTON ... 2	EDGAR HUMFREY ... 6
*RAYMOND G. BURTON ... 3	MRS. P. LEWINGTON ... 7
ALBERT W. TYLER ... 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by WILLIAM HIBBERT.

* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Cyril J. Hibbert.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES W. BLAKEY ... Treble	W. LANGHORN ... 5
*DEREK WHITFORD ... 2	KENNETH HARTLEY ... 6
DEREK SANDERSON ... 3	ROGER LEIGH ... 7
REV. P. T. ROBBINS ... 4	ERNEST J. GOWER ... Tenor

Composed by HORACE HOWLETT. Conducted by DEREK WHITFORD.

* 25th peal. First peal as conductor.

BRAUGHING, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

JOHN CHURCH Treble	JACK S. DEAR ... 5
*FREDK. E. BARKER ... 2	WALTER D. POOLEY ... 6
†EDWIN G. BUCK ... 3	ROY V. WEBB ... 7
‡JOHN M. KEMP ... 4	SIDNEY F. CARTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING. Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Kent 'inside.' ‡ First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dear on their wedding anniversary.

CALDICOTT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb.

JOHN SIMS Treble	WILLIAM H. HARRIS ... 5
DONALD CLARKE ... 2	LESLIE BARRY ... 6
JACQUELINE EVANS ... 3	JAMES L. SMITH ... 7
JOAN BUSSEY ... 4	CHARLES LARNER ... Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTANS. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

Rung as a 73rd birthday compliment to W. Harris.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

EDWIN HYNARD Treble	HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... 5
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ... 2	*LESLIE MILLS ... 6
GEORGE W. MOSS ... 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 7
LEWIS W. WIFFIN ... 4	†HARRY J. MILLATT ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of London. First peal as conductor. A token of respect to the late W. Honeywood, of Mistley, who was interred the previous Tuesday.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's (2nd observation).

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JACK W. DREW Treble	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... 5
ARTHUR H. REED ... 2	HARRY J. GAYLARD ... 6
WALTER H. POOLE ... 3	THOMAS J. SETTER ... 7
GORDON WALFORD ... 4	JOHN T. LOCKE ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. REED.

Rung for the 17th wedding anniversary of J. T. Locke.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

FRANK BARNARD ... Treble	KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH ... 5
JOSEPH BOYER ... 2	EDWARD J. BOFFEY ... 6
HAROLD G. SMITH ... 3	JOHN E. BROUGH ... 7
HERBERT SUTTON ... 4	FREDERICK S. SUTTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.

*MARJORIE F. JACKSON...Treble	FRANK E. DARBY ... 5
JOYCE A. ENGLAND ... 2	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT ... 6
JILL BRITTAIN ... 3	JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... 7
RICHARD E. PRICE ... 4	DAVID E. PARSONS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

* First peal.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER W. MILLER ... Treble	SYDNEY W. ARBON ... 5
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 2	ERNEST E. GRIMES ... 6
ERNEST BLOMFIELD ... 3	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 7
CLAUDE WOODWARD ... 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

FREDK. A. SALTER ... Treble	SIDNEY BRIGGS ... 5
MRS. J. E. TURLEY ... 2	WM. THORNLEY, JUN. ... 6
CLEMENT GLENN ... 3	WALTER NICHOLS ... 7
JOSEPH A. FENTON... 4	JOHN E. TURLEY ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

JOHN PINFOLD Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 2	GEORGE E. FEARN ... 6
ARTHUR D. COOK ... 3	HENRY H. FEARN ... 7
*TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 4	FRANK E. HAYNES ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE BAKER.

Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.

* First peal of Rutland.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

G. DULCIE ROBINSON...Treble	AUBREY D. MILLS ... 5
*FRANK TAYLOR ... 2	CYRIL WANDER ... 6
MRS. A. RICHARDSON ... 3	JOHN G. AMES ... 7
*DONOVAN R. WHITE ... 4	STANLEY E. BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

* First peal in the method.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

MAURICE BENNETT ... Treble	CLEMENT W. A. BOTTOMLY ... 5
ALBERT E. SCOTT ... 2	WILLIAM A. HOLMES ... 6
HAROLD BARSLEY ... 3	*HORACE BENNETT ... 7
REV. A. A. MUXLOW ... 4	C. HAROLD WHITTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

* 25th peal. First peal of Treble Bob Major as conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

MAURICE BUCK Treble	GEORGE W. RIDGEWAY ... 4
WM. GEOFFREY HAIR ... 2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD 5
*ALFRED ARMSTEAD ... 3	*ALAN GIBBONS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM F. WOODWARD.

* First peal.

BLAENAVON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

*CEN STOKES Treble	*BERWYN PEARCE 4
REV. R. A. SLUMAN ... 2	*GORDON JONES 5
*FRED STOKES 3	*CLARENCE STOKES... .. Tenor

Conducted by REV. R. A. SLUMAN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal by a local band since the bells were installed in 1805. Rung as a farewell peal to the ringer of the fourth, who is joining the Royal Air Force.

DAMERHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JACK MUSSELL Treble	*COLIN W. REED 4
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS 2	JEAN M. BROWN 5
*ELIZABETH BROWN ... 3	FRANK L. HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by JEAN M. BROWN.

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

ST. BROOKE, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BREACA,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.) in A.

STEWART J. ROBINSON ... Treble	REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 4
A. HUBERT EPLETT 2	ALAN CARVETH 5
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 3	JAMES C. NORTHEY Tenor

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Northey.

TATTERSHALL, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt 1 qr. 11 lb.

FRED INGALL Treble	LOUIS WILDERS 4
RONALD APPLEWHITE ... 2	*PETE MASON 5
AMOS INGALL 3	MOSES BILLINGS Tenor

Conducted by MOSES BILLINGS.

* First peal in seven methods and first 720's of Cambridge, Single Court and Oxford Bob.

WIDFORD, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's Kent Treble Bob, two 720's Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN SUCKLING Treble	JACK ROBERTS 4
*LEONARD LADLEY 2	*ARTHUR BULL 5
E. M. BRUCE MCKIE ... 3	SIDNEY F. CARTER Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor. Rung to mark the 25th year of the Rev. F. J. Hollis as Rector of Widford.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sun., Oct. 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

HAROLD S. PEACOCK ... Treble	STANLEY GILBERT ... 4
*R. FRANK BAKER ... 2	JOHN W. C. BLYTHE ... 5
*†G. HENRY DUNNINGTON ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First in seven methods. † 25th peal.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720's as follows: (1) Nelson, Bourne, Ely, Skipton, Knutsford, Chesham, Rostherne, Fotheringay, Hull, Bogedone, Balmoral, Wilmslow (by A. G. Driver), (2) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Humber, Willesden, Baintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal, Morning Star, Elston (by A. G. Driver), (3) Capel, Oxford, Sandal, Carisbrooke, Ockley, Donottar, Wath, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of Norfolk, Pontefract, Kingston, College Exercise, Norbury (by C. K. Lewis), (4) Double Bob, Windermere, Plain Bob, Canterbury, St. Clement's, Killarney, Childwall, London Bob, College, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Wavertree, Reverse Bob, Cumberland, Frodsham, Ennerdale, Lytham, Fulbeck, Horsmonden (by C. K. Lewis), (5) Hereward, Oxford Bob, Double Court and Single Court, (6) Durham, York, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (7) Chester and Munden Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt.

STANLEY R. GARDNER ... Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ... 4
SAMUEL A. MARTIN ... 2	JAMES W. BOWLEY ... 5
C. WILLIAM HALL ... 3	ROLAND BENISTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON. Witnessed by E. H. BOWLEY.

First peal in 69 methods by all and for the Guild.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,160 Cambridge Surprise and two 270's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

JOHN SPICER ... Treble	HAROLD S. PEACOCK ... 4
JOHN W. C. BLYTHE ... 2	STANLEY GILBERT ... 5
FRANK R. NICHOLLS ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

NORTHMOOR, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent of St. Clement's, two extents of Reverse Canterbury and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*BERTRAM J. COGGINS ... Treble	HARRY P. FLOYD ... 4
*LOTTIE R. PIMM ... 2	CHARLES COLES ... 5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in three Minor methods. Rung on the feast of St. Denys.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM CAVILL ... Treble	†EDWARD SKINNER ... 4
*SYLVIA DEAN ... 2	FREDERICK SWEET ... 5
FRANK SKINNER ... 3	RONALD SHORT ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK SWEET.

* First peal, also first lady to ring a peal on the bells. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDK. WATSON ... Treble	JOSEPH TAYLOR ... 4
*WINIFRED M. BURTON ... 2	†MICHAEL BROWN ... 5
GEORGE PICKERING ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

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

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

IN ALL SAINTS' BELFRY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6
ALAN CATTELL ... 3-4	JOHN BRAMLEY ... 7-8

Composed by JAMES PLATT. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 6, 1950, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 17 in A.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3-4
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*KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 5-6

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 17 methods: Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's, Crayford College, Richmond, New London, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Wellington Little Court, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court, Bastow Little Court and Kent Little Court; 293 changes of method.

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2	JACK BRAY ... 5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 3-4	PHILIP BARNES ... 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT 201, HIGH STREET, DUNSVILLE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

DAVID G. JACKSON ... 1-2	GIBSON JACKSON ... 5-6
WILLIAM H. JACKSON ... 3-4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ... 7-8

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

RISLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours,

AT 85, DERBY ROAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob Minor.

DENIS R. CARLISLE ... 1-2	ALFRED MOULD ... 3-4
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JACK BAILEY ... 5-6

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

First peal by all in two methods 'in hand.'

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT 68, NEWFIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH ... 1-2	HUBERT E. ASHLEY ... 5-6
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 3-4	*H. ERNEST SIBLEY ... 7-8

Composed by W. GARRARD. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5076 CHANCES;

In eight methods, comprising 1,488 Plain Bob, 1,404 Gainsborough Little Bob, 576 Little Bob, 432 Reverse, 336 each of Double and St. Clement's, 288 Wellington Little Bob and 216 Crayford Little Bob, with 401 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 by the above four ringers.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 1, 2 leading: F. Cuss 1, E. Sheppard 2, C. Wood 3, F. Read 4, G. Barnes (first inside) 5, A. Palmer (cond.) 6, G. Newman 7, Rev. R. H. Gilding (first quarter) 8.

BEIGHTON, Nr. SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 720 Plain Bob and 504 Kent: H. O. Chaddock 1, R. Birch 2, J. H. Brothwell 3, J. J. L. Gilbert 4, T. Cutts 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6. To celebrate the 800th anniversary of Beighton Parish Church.

BROADSTAIRS, KENT.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Nugent 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, A. J. Dadds 3, L. Twyman 4, R. G. Dadds 5, W. J. Fairbeard 6, F. G. Gadsden (cond.) 7, G. J. Appleton 8.

CHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Boutland (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Lloyd 2, J. B. Budd 3, B. Harris 4, F. H. Birks 5, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 6, P. Swindley 7, J. Hayes jun. 8.

CHILDE OKEFORD, DORSET.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Pike 1, A. Dunn 2, G. Eagle 3, A. Hart (cond.) 4, F. C. Winter 5, W. E. Trevett 6.

COTTESMORE, RUTLAND.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Oxford Bob: W. Mathews 1, P. Amos 2, P. D. Baldock 3, R. Russell 4, E. H. Knight 6, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. T. Weeks 1, S. Grant (cond.) 2, S. Davis 3, W. Swift 4, W. Mortimer 5, P. Whale 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of G. W. England, captain of the tower.

EYNHAM, OXON.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 360 April Day, 420 Grandsire, 10 callings): H. Miles 1, C. G. Calcutt (cond.) 2, Miss J. F. Winterbourne 3, Miss D. R. Oastell 4, C. Bennett 5, C. Bustin 6.

GREAT TEW, OXON.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Pratt 1, I. Harris 2, L. Larner 3, W. Cross 4, B. Morley 5, L. Clifton 6, R. Taplin (cond.) 7, E. Clifton 8.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. F. B. Speed (cond.) 1, Miss Judy Dodson 2, J. Brent 3, Miss Pam Collis 4, W. Simmonds 5, F. J. Dodson 6, H. Colcombe 7, B. Thelfull 8. First 'inside' for 2 and 4. A farewell to the Rev. L. B. Impson, on preferment to Swaton, Lincs.

HILLINGDON, MIDDXX.—On Oct. 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. R. Turley 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, F. Corke 3, Mrs. A. R. Turley 4, P. E. Jones 5, A. R. G. Twinn 6, T. G. Bannister (cond.) 7, W. Honor 8, W. H. Coles 9, H. W. Impey 10. First quarter peal on ten bells by ringers 1 and 4.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDXX.—On Oct. 1st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: S. Croft 1, Sheila E. Harris 2, Eileen D. Farrell 3, R. Joyce Pett 4, Mrs. K. Parr 5, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 6, F. D. Bishop 7, A. L. Pearson (first in method) 8, D. J. Charnley (first of Cambridge as cond.) 9, H. W. Rogers 10. Rung for the harvest festival service.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. D. Linington 1, W. Small 2, J. Feist 3, J. Backshall 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, A. Backshall 6.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): F. Millier 1, S. White 2, G. Prescott 3, D. Millier 4, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 5, M. Hutchings 6.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDXX.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Soper 1, H. S. Arbin (cond.) 2, T. Pink 3, Miss V. Hunwicke 4, W. Vince 5, C. Ward 6, W. Langley 7, J. Pearl 8.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Jemmett 1, C. Eades 2, Miss E. S. Wyles 3, W. S. Palin (cond.) 4, S. Royfield 5, E. Eades 6, E. Naylor 7, G. Wood 8.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Stubbs 1, W. Copperwheat 2, F. Kirk 3, W. Whitmore 4, A. Bellamy 5, A. Gibbs 6, E. Whitmore (cond.) 7, H. Richardson 8.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Collins (first away from tenor) 1, T. Stone 2, E. Boardman (first 'inside') 3, A. Alan 4, P. Anger (cond.) 5, E. Gainger 6.

SPALDWICK, HUNTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,296 Kent Treble Bob: G. L. Perkins 1, A. Clements 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, R. F. Baker 4, H. S. Peacock 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,256 Grandsire Caters: C. J. Gardner 1, Miss H. J. Holloway (first quarter Caters) 2, R. Davidge (first quarter Caters) 3, E. J. Berry 4, H. Bishop 5, Miss B. E. Ll. Roberts (cond.) 6, T. Townsend 7, R. Townsend 8, W. W. Daniell 9, E. Vincent 10. Farewell to the conductor who is leaving Swindon for Bristol University.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. Jones-Walters 1, Mrs. H. A. Hawthorne 2, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 3, Miss P. G. Kitchen 4, H. G. Andrews 5, F. W. Wicks 6.

UPAVON, WILTS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Giddings 1, J. Dear 2, S. Grant (cond.) 3, G. Vines 4, G. Buckland 5, C. Drewitt (first quarter) 6.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. C. Seeger 1, Miss I. B. Cording 2, Miss G. L. Friswell 3, Miss J. H. Friswell 4, C. A. Hughes 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7, C. F. Neal 8.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Chappell (first quarter) 1, F. Sweet 2, E. Norman 3, C. Clarke 4, R. Short (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, O. Pole 6.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Ridgeway 1, J. A. Green 2, G. Green 3, T. E. Roberts 4, W. G. Whitehead 5, G. Cooper 6, G. W. Holland (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8.

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SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER.

If your friend has not received his postal copy this week the reason is probably due to his subscription (5/6) not having reached Mrs. Fletcher, The White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.

From 'Ringing Towers,' the journal of the N.S.W. Association, we learn that the six bells to complete the eight at Hamilton Cathedral, New Zealand, have arrived and work on hanging them has been started.

Ringing at St. Mary's, Willesden, has been cancelled until further notice.

With reference to Mr. A. Champion's query about four bells lying still, a Kent reader suggests he consults the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' book on Surprise methods.

'If A. Champion wants to be enlightened on Cambridge Surprise Major, about four bells lying still, he has only to look at the book on Surprise Methods by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies.'

—W. A. J. Knight, Gillingham, Kent.

The band at Tunbridge Wells defied superstition when they met for a peal of Superlative on Friday, 13th. But the date proved a good omen as the ringer of the fifth rang his first in the method, and the conductor his first as conductor.

Congratulations to Roger O. Fry, of Bath, on ringing his first Surprise peal. He had made no less than 23 previous unsuccessful attempts. His personal association in the south-west with John B. Bennett (now in the R.A.F.) resulted in them spending John's nine days' leave amongst the bells, and ringing in Leicestershire. As might be expected, they had very few idle moments.

A Liverpool policeman has twice recently lost members of a ringing party when escorting them home. Not content with taking the bus to Wigan instead of Liverpool on his way home from a peal at Douglas-in-Parbold, he nearly lost a company of Liverpool ringers returning home via Southport from Preston. In spite of asking the number of the platform they finished up at Blackburn!

BELFRY GOSSIP

The gallant attempt at Debenham last Saturday to establish a record length of 22,208 Double Norwich Court Bob Major was lost after seven hours' ringing through the illness of the tenorman. Our good wishes for better luck next time.

Mr. R. B. Meadows, not Measures as stated in our last issue, has been elected the representative of Oxford University Society on the Central Council. We regret the error.

Miss J. Smith, who rang rounds for the first time on April 16th, rang her first peal at Warsop, Notts, for her 16th birthday.

The Leicester Cathedral ringers are wondering how many years too late they may be in thinking that the peal of spliced Belgrave, Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Maximus is the first peal of spliced Surprise Maximus to be rung in three methods!

The band from St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, that won the Murphy Cup for the best strikers in Ireland at Dublin last month consisted of B. A. Brislane (capt.), G. Bingham, G. H. Ellis, C. W. Galbraith, V. R. McCormack, D. T. Brislane, J. Cox and K. G. Brislane.

Mr. W. H. Hewett writes that 'the first Surprise peal at Enfield was 5,024 London Surprise Major on Feb. 23rd, 1924, conducted by W. Pye, and in which I had the pleasure of doing three hours' hard work. The bells went very badly at that time, but have since been rehung.' Mr. Reuben Sanders also took part in this peal. The claim in regard to the peal of Yorkshire on September 30th last thus appears to be false. But even Mr. Hewett did not ring the first Surprise peal there. Mr. Sidney Wade, of Hornsey, writes that 'a band of the Middlesex County Association rang a peal of Superlative Surprise Major there on April 27th, 1911, conducted by yours faithfully.'

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WHITBY'S RING OF TEN RESTORED

HALLOWED BY ARCHBISHOP OF YORK.

THE restored ring of ten at St. Mary's Parish Church, Whitby, Yorks, was hallowed on Sunday, October 15th, by the Archbishop of York (Dr. Cyril G. Garbett). The tower of the ancient church had been silent for several months while the bells were being recast at Loughborough by Messrs. John Taylor.

They were returned towards the end of last month to be rehung in a new iron frame. The bells were recast through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. P. Shaw Jeffrey.

An hour before the service was due to commence a recording of the new bells, made on the previous Friday evening, was heard in the B.B.C. radio programme, 'The Week Ahead.'

The service was conducted by the Rev. Norman A. Vesey (Rector), and the lessons were read by the Revs. J. W. B. Moore and R. C. Treasure. During the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' the Archbishop was conducted to the ringers' chamber, under the tower, where he was handed the bell ropes by Mr. J. R. Storr (Rector's warden), on behalf of the church. Dr. Garbett then hallowed the bells and handed the ropes to the Rector, who distributed them to the ringers. A plain course of Grandsire Caters was rung, the ringers standing as follows: C. Tindale, J. Waller, A. Hunter, A. V. Coates, G. White, W. A. Breckon, H. Short, H. Waters, S. R. Elwick (capt.) and J. Hodgson.

ARCHBISHOP'S MESSAGE.

The Archbishop of York said it was a great day in the history of the parish. The bells, which had been silent for several months, once again were ringing forth in all their beauty. The people had come together to thank God for the restoration of the bells and to thank Him for those whose generosity had made it possible for them to be recast and rehung, also for all those associated with the bells. They had in their bells a wonderful peal, one of the best in Yorkshire, one of the best, he thought he could safely say, in England, and they were grateful also for the skill of the famous firm who had recast the bells.

Bells were a characteristic feature of English life. They heard bells when they went on the Continent, bells sometimes of great beauty and depth of tone, but they did not hear the bells rung there as they were rung in this country. A stranger coming to England for the first time was always struck by the beauty of the bells. They were a characteristic feature of churches both in the country and in the town.

He remembered as a child walking sometimes on Sunday evenings along a ridge of the Downs in Surrey, and on each side of the Down there were the little villages from which the bells rang out calling people to prayer. Bells had had their influence on history, on architecture and on religion, in fact at times bells had actually made history.

The bells of the cities of central Europe were used to warn people of invaders and to save their own houses if fire had broken out. One of the first acts of the invader when he captured a town was to destroy or take away the bells so they should not be rung to incite insurrection. Bells no longer made history but recorded history. They rang out as bells of rejoicing on occasions of national thanksgiving and deliverance, and rang out a muffled peal in times of national sorrow.

TOWERS AS TABERNACLES.

The bells had their influence on architecture and all kinds of art. At first churches seemed to have had only small turrets, and later the towers and steeples were built mainly to house the bells. It was true that the great solid towers on borderlands were built so that people could take refuge in them if suddenly raided, the cattle occupying the lower part. Some of the towers that could still be seen between England and Scotland were places of refuge, places turned into fortresses, but the main reason for building towers and spires was to turn them into tabernacles for the bells.

Many poems again and again referred to the bells, and one of the most beautiful references he knew was to be found in a poem by Dante describing the entrance of himself and Virgil into the region of the Mount of Purgatory. Other well-known references were in the poems of Milton and Tennyson's 'Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky.'

SPEAKING TO MEN OF GOD.

Most of all, bells were associated with religion. Sunday by Sunday they called people to worship. They rang out for weddings, they tolled for funerals. When he was a boy there was a custom of ringing the bell when anyone in the village was dying—the passing bell—so that people might pray for the person. The bells not only spoke to the church-going, but to all who lived within their hearing. In this world full of jangling sounds, full of distractions, the bells sent their message speaking to men of God and telling them of a world which was not their own. Often people hearing the bells had their thoughts turned to heavenly things. There was a custom still observed in some countries of ringing the Angelus, the bell which called people to think of the coming of our Lord. There was a valley he knew high in the Alps where regularly at one o'clock the bells rang the Angelus and the whole valley seemed to be alive with sound.

Sometimes when people heard the bells they were unable to go to church, but they listened to the call to them to offer to God some brief prayer. The bells had a message. They spoke of God and the duty of worship. The bells also spoke of unity and peace. There was nothing more irritating than bells which jangled out of tune. If the bells were well rung there must be unity, order and harmony among those who rang them. They gave a message of peace and unity which God desired men to have. One of the most earnest desires to-day was peace. The peace which they hoped would have come with the end of the war had not come. The 'cold war' continued with all its alarms and terrors. They prayed that war might cease, and when it did the dangers of the shooting war would be the further removed.

The sound of the bells should call them to offer to God a prayer for peace that all sections of the nation might live together in peace and unity, that all class strife might be removed, that unity should grow between the various churches who all served the one God who was over all, and that the nations should come together in unity in the one fellowship of the great family of God. So while they thanked God for the restoration of the bells they must remember the message which the bells gave, the call that they should serve and worship God, and that they should find and follow the ways of fellowship and peace.

During the hymn, 'Lift them gently to the tower,' a collection was taken for the York Minster Appeal Fund and this realised £50 19s. 3d.

PLAIN BOB CINQUES

The peal of Plain Bob Cinques at Ipswich is supposed to be the first to be rung. This was arranged to enable Mr. George E. Symonds to complete his conducting of calling peals in this method on 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 bells, being the first to do so. George A. Fleming and Cecil W. Pipe have also now rung peals on the above number of Plain Bob.

The composition arranged by G. E. Symonds is as follows:—

	5.060			
234567890X	1	5	10	
52436780X9	—	—		
5243678X90	—	—		
43626	—	—		
32546	2	3		
35426	—	2		
23456	—	3		

Repeated, omitting the second bob at 5.

Debenham Record Length Attempt Fails

BUT PEAL OF 11,568 CHANGES RUNG.

The attempt to establish a record length of 22,208 Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Debenham, Suffolk, last Saturday, failed after 11,568 changes had been rung, owing to the temporary indisposition of the tenorman, Mr. A. Patrick Cannon.

Ill-luck dogged the company. After ringing one hour and 20 minutes and completing 1,904 changes, a shift course necessitated the conductor, Mr. Nolan Golden, calling a halt.

The company discussed the position and 20 minutes later at 10.5 a.m. decided to attempt a peal of 19,984 Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

Ringings was good until the last half-hour, when Mr. Pat Cannon complained of pains in the back and stomach. The conductor decided to abandon the record length and complete a peal of 11,568 changes. This was successfully accomplished about 5.23 p.m.

After sitting down for five minutes and having a cup of tea Mr. Cannon felt better. To demonstrate to the pressmen present that he was not fatigued and the company could still go on, a plain course of Double Norwich was rung.

Mr. Cannon's story of the attempt will appear in our next issue. He assures us that the pain was of a temporary character and he is now quite fit. The company hope to make another attempt at a later date.

NEW ATTEMPT AT RECORD LENGTH

21,600 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.

Dear Sir,—Permission having been kindly granted, it is proposed to attempt 21,600 changes of Bristol Surprise Major on Saturday, November 4th, 1950, at St. Chad's, Over, Cheshire (tenor 13½ cwt.), commencing at 8 a.m.

Enclosed is the composition by the late T. B. Worsley.—Yours faithfully,

Macclesfield.

JOHN WORTH.

21,600 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

By T. B. Worsley.

234567

543726	M.I.H.H.
573624	55
253746	14
647253	M.I.44
352764	M.O.404
726534	M.W.
746235	5
427536	I
425637	I.H.
645327	(M.B.W.) W.

352647 Repeat first part omitting Bracketed Bobs

426537 Repeat first part omitting Bracketed Bobs

563427 Repeat first part omitting Bracketed Bobs

354267 Repeat first part to last course end

653247 O.W.

43265	4141
45362	M.M.H.
45623	O.H.
24653	W.

53246 Repeat last 4 Courses

46532 Repeat last 4 Courses

32465 Repeat last 4 Courses

54632	41 41
52436	M.M.H.
23456	W.W.

GUILDFORD GUILD REVIVE THEIR ANNUAL DINNER

A Remembrance of John S. Goldsmith Mr. W. Shepherd's Tribute Holiday Camp Ringers' Competition Progress of the Guild Funds for New Cathedral Bells

GUILDFORD Diocesan Guild revived its annual dinner on October 21st, the last Guild dinner being in 1939, when Mr. John S. Goldsmith, the then editor and proprietor of 'The Ringing World,' presided. The dining hall of the Lion Hotel, Guildford, was filled to capacity, a company of 138 being present.

There was ringing at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church during the afternoon, followed by a memorial service to Mr. Goldsmith held in the crypt chapel of the new Cathedral. As the company were assembling, touches of Grand-ire and Plain Bob were rung on handbells by H. A. May 1-2, A. H. Pulling 3-4, F. A. Munday 5-6, T. M. White 7-8.

The service was conducted by the Rev. W. F. Doe, assisted by the Rev. K. C. Davis, and the lessons were read by Mr. A. C. Hazelden. While the congregation were kneeling the minister, followed by the Master and a representative from each of the four districts of the Guild, processed to the Goldsmith Sanctus Bell, which was rung by the Master 22 times, thus signifying the age of the Guild.

The Lord Bishop of Guildford presided at the dinner, supported by the Master (Mr. A. Harman) and Mrs. Harman, the Provost (the Very Rev. R. S. B. Sinclair), the Rev. and Mrs. A. Hoskyns-Abraham, the Rev. K. C. Davis, the Rev. H. M. Insley, the Rev. W. F. Doe, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling, Mr. G. L. Grover (Guild secretary) and Mrs. Grover and Mr. W. Shepherd. The excellent arrangements were made by a committee, consisting of the Master, Messrs. W. Viggers, S. H. Joyce and C. W. Denyer.

Mr. W. Shepherd proposed the toast of 'The memory of John S. Goldsmith and the continued prosperity of the Guildford Guild.' They were honouring the memory of a great pioneer in the world of campanology. There were many in that room who knew John Goldsmith for many years, others knew of him from his leaders and others still by repute.

'Forty-eight years ago a young ringer like myself greeted me outside a tower and said, "Welcome to Surrey." That was John Goldsmith, and until his death John Goldsmith and I were close friends. Shortly afterwards he introduced a ringers' column in a Surrey newspaper, on which he was a reporter, and he asked me for copy to keep the feature going.'

In the 1870's the only ringing information was in a journal called 'The Bell Life,' which also dealt with pigeon racing, dog racing and cock fights. Then came 'The Bell News,' first a monthly and then a weekly paper. In the early years of this century that paper was carried on with increasing difficulty.

FRIENDS EVERYWHERE

The danger of the ringing Exercise being left without a journal was noted by John Goldsmith, who in 1911 founded 'The Ringing World' and remained its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942. During his life he accomplished more for the art of the practical ringer than any other man. He travelled widely and set a wonderful example not only by his enormous energy, but by his lifelong devotion to campanology. His tact and good humour won him friends everywhere.

John Goldsmith was a very cheerful character, but he never saw him more cheerful than when their Guild held its first meeting on December 31st, 1927. After he had accomplished much by hard work he saw the dawn of a new Guild and undertook the great work of being the general secretary. He later became a vice-president of their Guild and at their last annual dinner in 1939 he presided. And it was fitting that they should have held



THE LATE MR. JOHN S. GOLDSMITH, whose work for the Exercise was commemorated at the dinner.

that memorial service that afternoon and heard his memorial bell, which in the years to come would always perpetuate his memory.

During the lifetime of the Guild they had had only two secretaries. Their old friend, Mr. George Grover, succeeded Mr. Goldsmith in 1938. They had also had only two masters—the late Major Hesse and the present popular Master, Mr. Albert Harman.

Mr. Albert H. Harman, the Master, who replied, said: 'While we have the same enthusiastic committee the name of John Goldsmith will be remembered, and while we have the captains in the towers keeping their hands up to the standard for Sunday ringing, the Guildford Guild will continue to prosper.'

The toast of 'The Church and Ringing Exercise' was submitted by the Rev. K. Davis, who said that they should all remember that the Guildford Diocesan Guild stood for the art of change ringing to the glory of God and not for their own amusement. There were complaints at times that ringers did not attend the services they rang for. To the clergy he would say if they got to know their ringers they would find that they would respond. He thought church ringers were as loyal a body of church workers as any others. He thanked the Bishop for his interest and help to the Guild and promised him that the Guild would try to do its best to help in these difficult days by reminding people of the Church in their midst.

The Lord Bishop said he thought he was very unsuit to reply to the toast because,

looking back on all the parishes he had been either vicar or rector of, he found that he had avoided any church where there was a ring of bells. It was not on purpose; it was accidental. Latterly he was made rector of a church where there was a ring of bells, but when he got there the bells were taken down and buried in a cave in Somerset. That again was nothing to do with him, but the war.

While he did not pretend to be an authority on the subject, he must add that from time to time he got abused because of bells. The other day he was taking an early morning service and the ringers rang a merry peal for that service. The result was that the next day he received letters from people complaining about their slumbers being disturbed.

BUTLIN'S PROPOSAL

That week he received a letter from the Senior Chaplain, Butlin's Holiday Camp, Skegness, stating that with the view of inducing more young people to offer themselves as ringers, they contemplated organising a ringing competition. The preliminary contests would be held at their camps in May or June and the final in September. They were proposing to give a silver cup and £50 to the winner and £30 and £20 to the runners-up.

The Bishop added jocularly if the bellringers of Guildford did not pull that £50 off he would be disappointed. 'But,' he added with emphasis, 'you don't ring for £50 or silver cups. You ring for the glory of God, and, as Mr. Davis said, in calling people to their church you are doing a great work, and in that I wish you every possible success.'

The toast of 'The Visitors' was submitted by Mr. George L. Grover. After according a welcome to the visitors, Mr. Grover recalled losses since their last annual dinner in 1939. Apart from Mr. Goldsmith and Major Hesse, they lost Mr. Walter Harrison, who although not a practising ringer was of very great help to the Guild; Mr. Jonathan Corbett, who had been their well-loved treasurer for 20 years, and in the Great War they lost 14 members.

At Mr. Grover's request the company stood in silence while their names were remembered.

The Guild had provided a sacring bell for the new Cathedral to the memory of Mr. Goldsmith and had opened a special fund to provide a ring of bells for the new Cathedral. In that fund they had over £50. Apart from that the Guild had subscribed over £150 for various bell restorations and augmentations. Of the new ringers who had joined the Guild since the ban was lifted in 1943 many had outstripped their older brethren, and among them were ringers of administrative ability and more enthusiasm than some of the 'ancients.' He paid a tribute to Mr. S. Joyce and other members of the organising committee for the success of the arrangements.

The Rev. A. Hoskyns-Abraham (Aldershot), who responded, said ringers were a secret but very friendly society. He had been struck by the friendship extended by Aldershot ringers to young soldiers who found their way to St. Michael's Sunday by Sunday. Those boys came and rang and by the example of his ringers afterwards attended the service.

Mr. John P. Fidler, of Loughborough, also replied.

'The Ladies' were honoured on the call of Mr. W. H. Viggers, who said he thought the Guildford Guild had a greater proportion of ladies among their ringers than in any other guild.

Miss W. A. Oliver, district secretary of the Ladies' Guild, who replied, said it was not solely for the purpose of providing teas that

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Guildford Guild Dinner—cont.

they attended ringers' meetings, but because they enjoyed ringing. 'We ladies have had our successes. The Ladies' Guild has been thriving since 1912; they had their giantesses of the Exercise. Not only had they been victorious, but they had conquered the most stubborn of all enemies—masculine intolerance (laughter).

The concluding toast, 'The Ringing World,' was proposed by Mr. Frank E. Hawthorne and acknowledged by the Editor.

Handbell tunes and songs were played by the Farnham District Glee Club, but the hit of the evening was the topical verse sung by Messrs. W. H. Viggers, J. Bragg and C. W. Denyer. Mr. S. Tonks was the accompanist.

THE COMPANY.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. F. Hawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. E. Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. E. Pepler, Mr. and Mrs. T. Denyer, Mr. and Mrs. F. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. R. Fincher, Mr. and Mrs. T. Read, Mr. and Mrs. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. R. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. S. Meadows, Mr. and Mrs. T. Upshall, Mr. and Mrs. Holder, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. F. Bowden, Mr. and Mrs. W. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. P. Eldridge, Mr. and Mrs. C. Denyer, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. W. Viggers, Mr. and Mrs. G. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rance, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hutton, Mr. and Mrs. H. Jeffreys, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. White.

Mesdames Vidgen, Kitchin, White.

The Misses W. Oliver, J. Woodward, Bowden, Fisher, E. C. Stewart, Mills, Davy, Avenall, Maynard, A. Morrison, Jeffreys, Downes and Cass.

Messrs. W. Simmonds, J. P. Fidler, A. J. P. Bevan, E. Lee, Brian Grover, H. Sparks, A. Boylett, C. Hendon, J. Avenall, F. Cherryman, R. H. Mills, E. Knott, K. Treweek, A. Roberts, A. Smith, C. Smart, J. Knight, R. Elliott, W. J. Parker, E. Coward, G. Marriner, E. Haynes, E. Quirke, E. J. Bragg, S. Tonks, B. Batt, C. E. Smith, W. Denver, D. Munday, F. Gardner, J. Brackley, W. Stone, A. E. Hunter, J. Horsman, H. Girdler, H. Schupke, L. C. Hunter, T. Page, H. A. May, T. M. White, T. Tomlinson, J. Etherington, W. J. Robinson, C. Hopper, G. Clode, W. Inwood, F. A. Munday, H. Cass, C. R. Beech, R. Teague, J. W. Carter and others.

BISHOP LATIMER'S BELLS

In 1940, St. John's Church, Deritend, Birmingham, was demolished in a street-widening scheme and the old ring of eight was given to Bishop Latimer Memorial Church.

A public meeting in May unanimously decided to make every effort to have the bells recast and rehung as a war memorial. The cost will be about £1,500, and towards this just under £500 is in hand.

These bells were originally cast in 1776 by Robert Wells, of the Aldbourne, Wilts, foundry. Only one other octave was cast by this foundry at Newbury, Berks. The contract for the new bells has been placed with John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

The Vicar (the Rev. Cecil H. Smyth. The Vicarage, Handsworth New Road, Birmingham 18) appeals for the generous support of all ringers. His parish is not a rich one and he adds, 'If we are ever to hear bells ringing out from our church, we have to ask, and receive, financial help outside the parish.'

BARKWAY, HERTS.—On October 6th, 1950 Grandsire Triples: H. Whitby 1, H. P. Heathfield 2, W. J. Houghton 3, W. Bysouth 4, A. Bradford 5, C. Bysouth 6, E. W. Roberts (cond.) 7, A. Bysouth 8.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1950 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Grace 1, C. Corderoy 2, A. R. Greenough 3, I. Gardner 4, F. James (cond.) 5, C. Aldridge 6, H. Aldridge 7, C. Corderoy 8.

TOWER CORNER (16)

'HUNTING, PLACE-MAKING AND DODGING.'

Dear Learners.—As we meet for the last lesson (i.e., X.) of Section 3 of the Course, our instructor, Tom Truettouch, reminds us that we have been led by carefully planned steps in succession: Drill for good style in bell-handling; gaining of positive bell-control; thence to the art of striking; and now, towards acquiring the skill of hunting or guiding one's bell into its successive sound-gaps, according to the method being rung.

'In your latest exercise, No. 34,' says Tom, 'you learned how to link up the making of what we call "transits," or the exchange of places with a bell striking next to yours, into hunting—hunting on a minimum number of working bells—three. And I want you to realise that we had got you along successfully to this stage without showing you any "paper-work" or figures of change-rows at all.

'But now, here on the blackboard, we want you to see what was happening when all three bells made transits together. (See fig. 1.) Notice the path you made on the treble, amongst the other bells. First look at your own transits. The first was with 2, and the second with 3.'

Here Tom slides a pointer along the path of the '1's' until he stops at the star. 'Here,' he says, 'you laid two blows, or "made a place," as we say, before returning to the front, or the lead.' And he runs the pointer on down the path of the treble through another transit with 2 and another with 3.

'Now notice the letters "h" and "b" respectively marking the handstroke and backstroke rows. Note the backstroke to start. This is because the last blow of rounds before entering changes is always, of course, on the backstroke. Observe, at the star, that your first blow in 3rds was the last of your hunting up, and that the second blow in 3rds was the first of your hunting down. Note that this was a handstroke blow. The result is that you were brought to lead at a handstroke blow. This way of hunting, i.e., bells coming to the lead on the handstroke, is known as "direct" or "forward" hunting. We may put it into "rule" form by saying, "In forward hunting when coming down to lead your handstrokes are in the odd positions and your backstrokes are in the even ones; and when hunting up it is vice versa." We will call the six rows we produced by this forward hunting, "A Quick Six."

'Now look at this group of figures. (See fig. 2.) Note that in the first change-row from rounds the treble remains at the lead, and moves off in the next row, at backstroke. The other bells move accordingly and the treble's first transit in this case is seen to be with 3. We see here that in hunting down the handstrokes come in the even-positioned column and the backstrokes in the odd ones. This, you will realise, is the reverse of the arrangement of rows we considered just now. It is known as "backward" or "retrograde" hunting. Note that here the bells come to lead at backstroke. We will call these six rows, produced by backward hunting, "A Slow Six."

'Now, in Lesson VI.—"Development of Bell Control," you may recall, continues Tom, 'Ex. 23—"Dodging," and that we did single, double and triple dodging to order—on silenced bells in that exercise. At our last practice, when you tackled the minimum plain hunting, in Ex. 34 (that we have been discussing), while you were working your transits on the treble among the first three bells, two other bells, 4 and 5, made repeated transits with each

other. This meant, of course, that 4 and 5 were dodging just as you did in Ex. 23.

'Here, then, are the starting rows of what happened in Ex. 34. (See fig. 3.) Now, in Ex. 35, "Double Dodging Up," you will take the treble again and start off exactly as you did in Ex. 34; but when you have made your second transit up, and have reached 3rds place at backstroke, this time, instead of making a place there (see fig. 4), you will continue straight on with your hunting up, making two more transits, and bringing yourself into 5ths place. Here you will proceed to dodge twice with the bell you find there, when I shall call "Stand!" We will then pull off again in rounds and repeat the exercise.'

This exercise is carried out with only one novice at a time standing in, while Mary Makebob, Tom Truettouch and three other experienced ringers make up six, tenor covering. Our most promising pupil, Will Wellstruck—you may remember—accomplishes it without serious error at the first attempt, and on standing, Tom gives a word of praise. 'The secret of success in learning hunting,' says Tom, 'is that, having used the ear to give you your first clue to the bell you are next to pull after, and swung your eyes round towards its rope to check your pull, you must instantly listen, and *instantly* look for the next rope, thus saving that valuable fraction of a second which enables the trick to be done in time. Will has learnt to do this consistently, and so finds his place. In other words, he has mastered "hunting." Well done, Will! We cannot but notice that Will goes straight over to Mary, that Tom joins them with significant whispering, and that they all shake hands. What goes on? Perhaps Tom will tell us later!

'Now here,' says Tom, pointing again to the blackboard (see fig. 4), 'are the figures of what you have just been doing in Ex. 35. Referring to Fig. 3, you will see that we start with the figures of Ex. 34, as arranged. Then below the line drawn at the place where you crossed over from the three-bell work into the dodging, you see your dodging work on the treble in 4-5 positions. First you made a transit with bell 4, then another with bell 5, thus getting into fifths place at your backstroke. Then you dodged back twice on your handstrokes, finally coming back into 5ths. Meanwhile the other three bells were hunting together on the front, and since they are seen coming to lead at backstroke, they must have been hunting back-wards. Indeed, they have been working through the pattern of the slow six. This should be checked by referring to figure 2, above, where, while of course the figures themselves are different, yet their pattern of position and movement, or "grid-pattern," is identical.

'At the end of that exercise,' continues Tom, 'you were left on the treble in 5ths place. In Ex. 36, "Double dodging down," you will take the treble and work back towards the front, beginning with dodging down. Here are the figures of what we shall do. (See fig. 5.) We shall pull off in the order in which we were ringing when we stood up, namely, 34251. On "Go!" the pupil on the treble in 5ths place will strike one more blow there at handstroke and will find that another bell has come next to him. He will then make a transit-down with this new bell (2nd, in fact), then dodge twice

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OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

MR. GEORGE LEWIS.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. George Lewis of Ecclesfield, which took place at Sheffield City General Hospital on October 9th. He was 73 years of age.

Mr. Lewis took a keen interest in the work of the Yorkshire Association and served as vice-president of the Southern District for 14 years, when owing to ill-health he resigned the office in 1945, and announced his retirement from active ringing. Subsequently he was able to partake in outdoor exercise, and nothing serious was anticipated until a sudden relapse necessitated his admission to hospital for an operation, from which he succumbed.

A native of Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, he emigrated to Yorkshire in his early days and became a member of the Yorkshire Association in 1899, for whom he rang 148 peals in numerous Plain and Surprise methods from Minor to Maximus, 33 of which he had conducted on tower and handbells. He was a good striker, a safe ringer and conductor, and among his notable performances was the conducting of 11.232 Kent Treble Bob Major at Wortley on February 17th, 1906, the then record length by the Association. He had also rung a number of peals for other associations, including the Midland Counties and the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

In his later years he took up the art of composing, in which he became proficient first in the Plain methods and then in Surprise, and many of his compositions are being rung to-day. Being of a genial disposition, he was always ready to offer advice and give a helping hand to anyone who took interest in this branch of the art.

He was for many years an active member of the Ecclesfield Company and also St. Marie's (R.C.), Sheffield, and at both places was a regular attendant at Sunday service ringing.

The interment took place at Ecclesfield, when the handbells were rung over his grave by S. F. Palmer, G. Holmes, J. J. L. Gilbert and J. R. Brearley, and the tower bells rung half-muffled immediately after the service as a last tribute of respect to his memory. The bells of St. Marie's (R.C.), Sheffield, were also rung half-muffled on the following evening, their practice night.

Thus, the Yorkshire Association have lost another of its stalwarts and are the poorer for his passing.

S. F. P.

MR. W. HONEYWOOD.

The death occurred on October 13th of Mr. W. Honeywood, of Mistley, Essex. Mr. Honeywood, who was 86 years of age, learnt to ring at Mistley when the bells were installed in 1897, later becoming towerkeeper, a position he held for over 25 years. He rang about 20 peals.

The funeral was at Mistley on October 17th when the bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service by the local band with the help of ringers from Harwich, Thorington and Parsons Heath.

A course of Plain Bob Minor was rung at the graveside by C. A. Andrews 1-2, G. W. Moss 3-4, N. Foakes 5-6.

MR. E. A. BACON.

It is with very deep regret that we record the death at his home of Mr. E. A. Bacon, Master and towerkeeper at St. John's, Loughton, Essex, who passed away on October 9th at the age of 86.

Mr. Bacon had been a ringer for 69 years and was a life member of the Essex Association and a member of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths. His death was rather a surprise to those not knowing him intimately, as only a fortnight before he had rung well in a touch of Stedman Triples.

The funeral was on October 13th at St. John's, Loughton. Representing the Essex Association were Messrs. Heazel, Chalk and Gant, while neighbouring towers were represented by Messrs. Dawson, Crampin, Smith, Morley, Morss, Taylor, Cousins, White, Brighty, Scase, Rann and Mrs. M. M. Osborne. —At the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by G. Dawson 1-2, R. Heazel 3-4, F. V. Gant 5-6, E. D. Smith 7-8, and the local tower, represented by J. Rann 1-2, Mrs. Osborne 3-4, C. Morss 5-6, D. Scase 7-8, also paid their tribute. As the mourners left the cemetery muffled Stedman was rung on the tower bells.

AN APPRECIATION.

If a man relives his life in his last few days then 'Teddy' Bacon surely relived his, for his last few hours were spent in calling touches, arranging bands and generally doing all those things so common in the life of a Ringing Master, but that was Teddy's life. He lived bells.

Small in physique yet big in character, Teddy was well known all over the county, and was always ready to welcome any visitors to Loughton.

For 69 years he had rung at Loughton and had seen the countryside change greatly, but somehow he did not change. It was the same old figure, aided by his stick, that used to trudge up the hill to the church he loved so well.

A good churchman, admirably summed up by his Rector, '... he gave every consideration to others—a loyal and helpful colleague.' May he rest in peace.

F. V. G.

MR. W. J. RAWLINGS.

The Gloucester and Bristol Association has lost a very loyal and useful member by the sudden death on October 6th of Mr. Walter John Rawlings, of Bristol.

A pupil of the late Mr. Stallard, he learnt to ring about 40 years ago. He was out of ringing for a number of years, but just prior to the last war he joined Clifton Parish Church band.

Following the destruction of the church by bombing, the band moved to Emmanuel, Clifton, where Mr. Rawlings was appointed captain, a position he held for five years.

In 1947 he transferred his allegiance to St. James' Church and was a member of this company at the time of his death. He was also an associate member of SS. Philip and Jacob's Guild and regularly attended their Surprise practices. In both these towers his keen sense of humour and loyalty will be missed.

An energetic Association member, he was always to be found at the branch monthly meetings. Never one to seek the limelight, as recently as last December he was persuaded to accept his first branch office, that of representative to the Management Committee of the Association. Records show that he rang in three peals for the Association, but he was known to have rung in several for neighbouring associations.

The funeral service on October 11th was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. Smith), and the ten bells were rung half-muffled before and after service. The congregation included ringers representing most of the towers in the branch. After the interment at Canford Cemetery a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by F. G. Leaker 1-2, Miss Brown 3-4, E. J. Brown 5-6, R. G. Bryant 7-8, T. Harris 9-10.

He will be greatly missed at the St. John's School of Ringing, where he had been an assistant instructor for 54 years. His skill and knowledge, coupled with unlimited patience, made him a firm favourite with all learners. As a last tribute a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at the school on the evening of the funeral by the following six past and present pupils: R. Hooper (first as cond.), 1, Miss B. Johnson 2, Miss M. Winter 3, Dr. Brocklehurst (first quarter) 4, B. Mason (first quarter 'inside') 5, R. Calvey 6. A sad loss to the branch.

A. B.

MR. WILLIAM BOSHER.

A unique record of long service to his village tower had Mr. William Boshier, of Church View, West Hendred, Wantage, Berks, who died on September 19th.

For nearly 70 years he was a ringer at this church and was foreman for just under 60 years. Mr. Boshier was one of the oldest members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and one of the oldest readers of 'The Ringing World.'

TOWER CORNER—continued

with it, stepping back into 5ths at each dodging handstroke before arriving in 4ths place at the end of this second "six." While this double dodging has been going on in 4-5 the other three bells have been plain hunting on the front, but this time they are seen coming to lead at handstroke, so they must have been hunting forwards. They, have, in fact, been working through the pattern of a quick six. This should be checked by referring to fig. 1 above, where, though figures differ, the grip-pattern is the same.

The rest of Lesson X., learners, will come next time.—Cordially yours,

CORN. R. STONE.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. A. Harrison 1, H. Judd 2, A. Tomlinson 3, G. Thompson 4, H. Morwood 5, J. Bray (cond.) 6, G. Moody 7, W. B. Bray 8.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COMPOSITIONS IN MAJOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—I would like to call attention to certain mistakes in the new 'Collection of Compositions in the popular Major Methods.' These are as follows:—

Page 15. Peal No. 17. 7th course—end, for '32564' read '32546.'

Page 22. Peal No. 25. For 'C. W. Roberts' read 'F. Bennett.'

Page 43. Peal No. 11. In starting course, given at foot of page, insert 'M' between 'In' and 'W'; the calling to read 'M W In M W 4th H.'

The above three mistakes were pointed out to me about October 7th, and have been corrected in all collections sent out after that date.

Two further mistakes were pointed out by Mr. A. J. Pitman, and have been corrected in all copies from about October 10th.

Page 61. Peal No. 9. The calling of the 11th and 12th courses (35426 and 43526) is given as 'LBBXSC.' This should read (for both courses) 'LBBXCSC.'

Page 62. Peal No. 11. The calling of the 19th course (45236) given as 'BBBBCS' should read 'BBBBSC.'

I would ask all those who purchased copies before the dates given to make their own corrections.

Further, should anyone find any further errors, I would be most grateful if he would let me know as soon as possible, so that copies may be corrected before being sent out.—Yours faithfully,

C. W. WOOLLEY.

Bushey Heath.

SILENT AND NON-CONDUCTED PEALS

Dear Sir,—May I trespass upon your space once more in connection with the question of 'silent' and 'non-conducted' peals? The distinction between the two was discussed as long ago as 1933 at the meeting of the Central Council, and those interested will find information in a leading article of 'The Ringing World' of June that year. Substantially, the conclusion arrived at would seem to agree with the view put forward by 'Traveller' in his reply to my original query. And I was pleased to be able to infer from Mr. Wilshaw's letter that this was in fact the distinction between the 'non-conducted' and the 'silent' peals recently rung in the Midland Counties' tour. Nevertheless, however unconcerned with my views 'Traveller' himself may be, I am confident that most experienced ringers will agree with me that it is, to say the least, *desirable* that a competent umpire should supervise the ringing of a peal to be claimed as 'silent.' In ringing one without an umpire Mr. Whitehead has made some contribution to that 'devaluation' recently mentioned by yourself.

I must apologise for misquoting 'the neaviest bells in the diocese.' I myself, in error, wrote 'county' which became in your columns 'country.' Nevertheless, the principle, although admittedly not of great importance, remains true.

I have referred to the records of several peals rung by the St. Martin's Guild but so far as I can discover, we have never used the word 'silent' unless there has been an umpire. Indeed, on one occasion, in 1948, the phrase 'strictly non-conducted' was inadvertently applied to a peal that was, in fact, 'silent.'

In conclusion, may I assure Mr. Whitehead and/or 'Traveller' that no letter of mine to this journal has ever been inspired either by personal animosity or by a love of 'splitting hairs.'—Yours faithfully,

FRANK E. HAYNES.

Smethwick, Birmingham 41.

THE NATURE OF THE UNIVERSE

Dear Sir,—I cannot allow Mr. R. S. Hunt's letter in 'The Ringing World' of September 22nd to go unchallenged. Such pettifoggish obstinacy, under the cloak of religious conviction, is what brings true religion into disrepute. There were similar outbursts of indignation when it was postulated that the world was round. That theory, too, was scouted at the time by quoting short passages of Scripture without regard to context or main purpose; you can prove or disprove, justify or condemn, anything you like in that way.

There is no inconsistency between science and religion; they both tend to the same end—that the truth should be known to man. What is distasteful in the knowledge that the earth and similar planets were formed out of their parent stars? Here God has vouchsafed to reveal to mankind a little of His methods of creation, in so far as they can be grasped by man's intellect at its present development, to increase our wonder and praise of His mighty works. Yet man dares to describe such revelation as 'utter rubbish'!

That the earth will eventually become too hot for life, and melt, is not irreconcilable with Divine policy. It has always been God's way, when sin has become too great, to humiliate man by removing him, either temporarily or permanently, from his habitation. The expulsion from Eden, the flood, and the captivities in Egypt and Babylon are examples. It would not be irreverent to suggest the possibility that God may in time dispossess us of the earth by increasing the temperature of the sun, and ordain a fresh start, either by migration of men from the earth, or by life springing up afresh, on another planet farther from the sun. It is commonly believed that fire will be the eventual means of purging what grows foul.

As to the possibility of many other planetary systems containing life, it is surely extreme conceit to assume that God made this universe for us alone, and not to admit that the sun, though so important to us, may be just one of the lights by night for countless other worshipping creatures in their worlds throughout space. If it is foolish to imagine an invincible cricket team, or peal ringers of prodigious capacity, among these worlds, let us at least hope that there is a race with a livelier faith, more ready and grateful to receive God's truth as revealed through their wisest.—Yours faithfully,

Lansdown, Bath.

Dear Sir,—I would like to reply to a few points arising in the correspondence on 'The Nature of the Universe.'

The Bible does not profess to be a scientific treatise and dismisses in a few verses events which modern science would take several volumes to describe. Many scientific theories are not contrary to Biblical teaching, and, in fact, only serve to show the inspired nature of the Holy Writings, through the large measure of agreement between the Bible and science. Astronomical theories, suggested to fit observed evidence which may contain factors unknown to us, should be viewed with suspicion when contrary to Biblical teaching. Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, died for us on the Cross so that by belief in Him and through accepting personally His sacrifice for us, we might be given eternal life. Human life on other planets (as suggested by Hoyle) would entail either creatures there being sinless or Christ dying many times!

In her brief references to Old Testament contradictions and to modern Biblical scholarship, Mrs. Croft seems to refer to the Wellhausen theories which were popular 50 years ago and are now largely discredited, partly through archaeological discoveries of the past 30 years. The two creation accounts in Genesis are not contradictory, but supplementary. The

former corresponds in a remarkable way with the discoveries of science, as in the priority of light, the velocity of which is fundamental in Einstein's theory of relativity. The stages in which water and land, vegetation, water life, flying creatures, animals and man appear correspond closely with the geological record. If this were mere chance it would be more 'miraculous' than any view of the inspiration of the record. The second narrative commences where the first leaves off. It tells in one sentence of the creation of heaven and earth and comes at once to a time when God created man and planted a garden for him to cultivate.

The Bible claims a divine supervision which constitutes it, as a whole, the Word of God. Christ Himself used and quoted the Old Testament, including the early chapters of Genesis, in a manner which showed His acceptance of their divine authority. That which must be firmly held by Christians who honour the Bible as the Word of God are the facts that God is the Creator of heaven, earth and all living things, whatever methods He may have used; that the Creation narrative in Genesis is a true account, and that man is a special creation of God.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN D. NIBLETT.

Dear Sir,—From the text of Mr. R. S. Hunt's letter it is apparent that he holds the opinion that all knowledge should not progress farther than that contained in, or rather dictated by, the Bible. Such belief is, of course, a fallacy, as nobody (even a Christian) who is not a religious fanatic can accept the dicta of the Bible, distorted into mere legends as they are.

Indeed, the earlier books of the Old Testament may be safely regarded as curiosities only; one of the sincerest Christians I have ever met was also of that opinion. I, in common with countless others, am certainly more ready to have faith in the findings of present-day scientists than the untenable theories of semi-literate peasants.—Yours faithfully,

C. A. BARRON.

Shrewsbury.

We thank other correspondents for letters in reply to Mr. Hunt.—Editor.

CLAIM REFUTED

Dear Sir,—On page 662 of this week's 'Ringing World' a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Newland, Gloucestershire, on October 7th, 1950, is claimed to be the first peal on the bells for 20 years.

The writer took part in a peal of Stedman Doubles on these bells on August 14th, 1937, conducted by W. Poston. The weight of the tenor is given in R. H. Dove's book as 16 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb., and not 17½ cwt. as in 'The Ringing World.'—Yours faithfully,

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ANNUAL MEETING—NEWBURY BRANCH.

At the annual meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Guild, held at Newbury on October 7th, over 70 members and visiting ringers were present, including the Master of the Guild and general secretary. Branch towers were well represented and visitors attended from towers as far apart as Aldershot and Swindon.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Bertram Russell), who took as his text, 'No man, having put his hand to the plough and turning back, is fit for the Kingdom of God.' In the ringers' case, he said 'rope' could be substituted for 'plough.' He stressed the importance and responsibility attached to ringers' work. He exhorted all never to be weary of well doing and to keep ever in mind the motto, 'It all depends on me.'

At the business meeting the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford was re-elected chairman and Mr. R. Rex the Ringing Master. The secretary regretted her inability to continue the secretaryship, and Miss Joan Mathews was elected to fill the post. Mr. H. T. E. Curtis was elected to his late father's post as a representative on the general committee.

The Master wished to know the feeling of the branch with regard to the proposed memorial to Canon Coleridge, late Master of the Guild, which was to improve and put in order the ring of twelve bells in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

The meeting agreed with the chairman in thinking that with the large area covered by the diocese something central was essential and that the proposed improvement of Christ Church bells would be a fitting memorial.

It is hoped to erect in Newbury Church in the near future a fitting memorial to Harry Curtis, a former branch secretary and ringing master, also foreman of Newbury tower for many years.

The next meeting will be held at Beenham on November 18th.

RINGERS' SUNDAY AT BURES, SUFFOLK

This event, which has been looked forward to with much interest locally, took place on October 1st. In its main object, of increasing the interest of the public in ringing generally, it is considered to have been a great success. It was felt that the public would prefer a Sunday afternoon service to one held on a Saturday, and this service was made the centre of the whole proceedings. About 150 people attended, including a good company of ringers and the Parish Church choir.

The service followed the pattern of the Essex Association ringers' service (the parish of Bures extends also into Essex): it was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. H. Sharp, who also preached. Taking as his text Ephesians iv., 11, the Vicar pointed out that bellringers would probably have been included with the other church workers in that verse, if bells had been in use in connection with Christian worship in St. Paul's day.

The lesson was read by Mr. E. P. Duffield, of Colchester, one time Master of the College Youths; and the special hymns, from the Essex service, were much enjoyed, particularly by the non-ringers present, most of whom were singing the words for the first time.

Another novel feature was the handbell ringing by Miss Snowden's company from Bocking: this consisted of a perfectly-struck course of Grandsire Triples at the beginning and a similarly executed course of Bob Major at the end of the service.

At the tea which followed, the guest of honour was Dr. Thomas Wood, a great friend of ringers, who gave a welcome to the visitors. Mr. Duffield responded.

As an outcome of this successful day, a fund has been opened, having as its object the completion of the octave at Bures.

St. Martin's Guild

QUARTERLY MEETING AT ERDINGTON.

Erdington is one of those favoured districts where there are two modern rings of eight bells within easy walking distance of each other. This, no doubt, accounted for the large number of ringers who attended the quarterly meeting on October 7th. The bells of the Parish Church were installed nearly fifty years ago and are still in beautiful condition. The Roman Catholic Abbey bells are quite new, and for many visitors it was the first opportunity of hearing and ringing them. The ringing rooms at both towers are of small dimensions, and were rather too full of ringers for comfort. Shall we offer this as an excuse for the ringing not being so good as one might expect?

Before the commencement of the business meeting the Master (Mr. Albert Walker) referred to the passing of Mr. William Short, of Clent. During a long life Mr. Short had worked hard for the cause of ringing and had rung 930 peals. For seven years he was Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild, and during his term of office he had taken part in some notable performances, including the 14,114 London Surprise Major at King's Norton and the 11,111 Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, which he conducted. At one time Mr. Short acted as instructor to the Hereford Diocesan Guild, and for his services to the Worcestershire Association he was made the first Freeman and a lay vice-president of that society. The Guild had also suffered the loss of Canon S. Blofeld, late Vicar of Edgbaston, who was a vice-president and an honorary member of the Guild, and was well known to the many visitors to the Henry Johnson Dinner. The members stood in silence for a moment as a token of respect to their memory.

The following new members were elected: Arthur F. Burley, of Lozells, L. E. Willday, Eric Johnson and Robert Johnson, of Handsworth; and the tower elections, as life members, of W. Eric Critchley, of Doncaster, and Graham McKay, of St. Bees, Cumberland, were duly ratified.

The next meeting, being the annual, will be held in the City on January 6th. It was formally proposed and agreed that the annual Henry Johnson Commemoration shall take place on March 3rd, 1951.

The decision of the National Police Guild to hold their meeting in Birmingham in September next year was commented upon, and, on behalf of the members of the Guild, the Master assured the police of a hearty welcome.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

DORCHESTER BRANCH.

The fourth quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Wool on September 23rd. The bells were rung during the afternoon, and the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. A. L. Edwards), assisted by the branch chairman, Canon A. W. Markby, who read the lesson.

Tea in the Village Hall was followed by the business meeting, conducted by the chairman, Canon A. W. Markby. Towers represented were St. Peter's, Dorchester, Fast Lulworth, Preston, Upwey, Wool, Wyke Regis and Yettminster, also visitors from Breamore, Hants, and Oldham, Lancs.

Methods rung included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Minor, London and Cambridge. Thirty-nine members were present.

SALISBURY.—At St. Paul's Church on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7.6.8 covering: Miss M. Page 1, R. Lowe 2, F. E. Manns (cond.) 3, Miss Eloie 4, R. Turner 5, J. Merrifield 6, F. A. Yule 7, E. Doel 8.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Winifred E. Chaplin 1, E. Elton 2, A. A. Rackham 3, N. Pratt 4, G. Peers, sen. 5, H. J. Dakin 6, G. Peers, jun. (cond.) 7, S. Dunkley 8.

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Ringing, St. Giles', Camberwell, 4.45 p.m. (approx.). 313th anniversary dinner, Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopsgate, E.C., Nov. 11th, 6 p.m. Tickets 13s. 6d. Ringing, St. Michael's, Cornhill, 3 to 4.30; St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 2.30. Service, Southwark Cathedral, 5.—A. B. Peck 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 7749

BRANDSTON, SUFFOLK.—The restored six bells (by Taylor) will be dedicated on Oct. 28th at 3 p.m. Ringing until 9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for all who notify Rev. S. W. Davies, Brandston Vicarage, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 7775

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Aston-on-Trent, Saturday, Oct. 28th, 3 o'clock. Bring food, cups of tea provided.—J. T. Wilkinson. 7772

FLY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting, Cottenham (6), Oct. 28th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—M. Grain, Belmont, Ely. 7782

WORCESTER ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Jubilee of the bells of St. Matthias' Church, Malvern Link, Saturday, Oct. 28th. Service in church 3.30 p.m.; preacher, Rev. L. J. Birch, Rector of Hanbury. Bells available for service until 8 p.m. 7786

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Combined practice will be held at Bromyard on Saturdays, Oct. 28th, and Nov. 25th at 5.30.—A. S. Tomkins. 7754

OXFORD GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Marlow, Saturday, Oct. 28th, 3 p.m.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 7773

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Oct. 28th, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (8). Ringing 3 p.m.—V. J. Benning, Hon. Sec. 7755

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Shenfield-on-Loddon, Oct. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. 7756

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Frensham (6), Oct. 28th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Please note change of time from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 7789

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Thames Ditton, Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Notifications to F. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, by Nov. 1st. 7767

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Much Hadham, Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service and meeting after tea at Red Lion for those who notify W. H. Rogers, 7, Park Terrace, Much Hadham, by 2nd. 7758

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Pluckley, Nov. 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford. 7762

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL.—Ringing at the Bell Foundry and All Saints' Church, Loughborough, 2.30 to 5.30, on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Dinner, followed by a social evening, at the Bull's Head Hotel, Shelthorpe, at 6.15. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) from H. J. Poole, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester, on receipt of remittance by Nov. 1st. 7775

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Sleaford District).—Quarterly meeting, Heckington, Nov. 4th. Bells (8) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., but only for those who notify me by Monday previous.—Mrs. D. Wray, Hon. Sec., 16, Eastgate, Sleaford. 7761

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.—Joint meeting of Suffolk Guild and Norwich Diocesan Association (Eastern Branch), Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names or numbers for tea to E. R. Goal, 47, Smallgate, Beccles, by Wednesday, Nov. 1st.—J. Harwood, Sec. to East Norfolk. 7782

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Seventy-fifth anniversary. A general meeting will be held at Birstall, near Leeds (birthplace of the Association), on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meet in schools at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea in schools at 5 p.m. Names to Mr. S. Britton, 2nd, Kings Drive, Birstall, near Leeds, by Nov. 2nd. General meeting, same premises, immediately after.—L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford. 7799

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Meeting at Nether Stowey, Nov. 4th. Service 4. Tea 5. Names as usual, please.—R. Short. 7799

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Cockerham on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea provided.—John Woods, Branch Sec. 7791

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and **SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting, Eckington (8 bells), Nov. 4th, from 3. Numbers for tea by Nov. 2nd to Mr. E. Barker, Glandford, Ducksett Road, Eckington. Good attendance specially requested.—A. B. Cooper and J. E. Turley, District Secs. 7802

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bushey (8), Nov. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 7795

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 4th, Ormskirk Parish Church Bells (8) 2.30. Will those requiring tea please notify by Nov. 1st Mr. J. Pilkington, 34, Derby Street, Ormskirk.—J. Burns. 7811

LONDON COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, All Saints', Poplar, Nov. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea, Lyons' Cafe, 5, Business and ringing after.—A. Boyack, Dis. Sec. Phone Wanstead 1575. 7814

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Bucknall, Saturday, Nov. 4th. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Preston, 76, High Street, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 7792

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at Hurst (8) on Saturday, Nov. 4th, 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 7793

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Milton Keynes, Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (6) at 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson. 7809

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Guilsborough, Nov. 4th. Please send names for tea to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby, before Oct. 31st. 7810

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting, Rowde (6), Nov. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea.—F. Slaford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 7794

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Meeting, Dinton (6), Nov. 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to F. L. Harris, Britford, Salisbury. 7803

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Attenborough, Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Names to Mr. A. Shakespeare, 9, Scrivelsby Gardens, Chilwell, Notts, by Thursday previous at latest. 7806

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Bury St. Edmunds District.—A meeting at Rougham, Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Cups of tea only provided.—Wm. Stannard, Dis. Sec. 7796

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Tuddenham, Nov. 4th. Bells 2.45. Tea 5 (supplied). Buses from Ipswich 2.15 and 3.45. Names essential to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. (Tel. 78926.) 7805

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Wärmham (8), Saturday, Nov. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, by Oct. 1st. 7808

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting at Ryde, Nov. 4th. Service, All Saints', 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Guy, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport, I.W. 7804

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—St. Stephen's (10), Nov. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. at St. John's. No tea. St. John's (6) 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. 7818

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Clitheroe on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 7820

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Next quarterly meeting at Pinchbeck, on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea at 4.45 p.m. Names for tea before Nov. 4th to Mr. W. A. Richardson, Glenside, Pinchbeck, Spalding. 7750

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-East Division.—Meeting at St. Leonard's, Colchester, on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by the 7th, please.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec., c/o 10, Charles Street, Colchester. 7807

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield and Congleton Branch.—Meeting at Congleton (8), Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss J. M. Henshaw, 5, Great Queen Street, Macclesfield. 7813

LADIES' GUILD.—North-West District.—Meeting at Walkden (near Manchester), Nov. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names by Nov. 7th to Miss A. Potter, 73, Manchester Road, Walkden.—Mary Lewis, Hon. Sec. 7812

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Caversham (5), Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names for tea by Monday, Oct. 30th, to C. H. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 7774

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—Meeting, Preston Capes, Saturday, Nov. 11th. Names for tea to Mr. R. Fennell, Charwelton, Rugby, not later than Saturday, Nov. 4th.—F. W. Hancock. 7801

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Edwinstowe (6), Saturday, Nov. 11th. Good bus service. Cafes close to church.—H. Denman. 7800

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—November meeting will be on 18th and not 11th as is usual. Details later. 7797

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Will those ringers who have not replied to circular re meeting in Bolton on November 18th, 1950, please do so.—Peter Crook. 7816

MITCHAM.—A bellringers' service will be held at Christ Church, Mitcham, on Sunday, Nov. 19th. Ringing at 5.30. Service at 6.30. All ringers and friends invited.—A. Miller. 7790

QUARTER PEALS

AYLESTONE, LEICS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Weston (first quarter) 1, J. Walton 2, Mrs. F. E. Wilson 3, W. Wills 4, H. Bray 5, J. Daniels 6, F. E. Wilson (cond.) 7, T. Bollingbroke (first quarter) 8. First quarter peal on bells by local band.

QARSHALTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Joyce A. England 1, Marjorie F. Jackson (first of Stedman) 2, Joyce Gibbons 3, V. C. Mott 4, Jill Brittain 5, E. Chilcott 6, E. Darby (cond.) 7, E. Reece 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. E. Parsons, father of David E. Parsons, who was interred the same day.

CHILVERS COTON, WARKS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,263 Stedman Caters: A. H. Beamish (cond.) 1, J. E. S. Moreton 2, J. F. Clarke 3, L. Trevor 4, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 5, Miss M. E. Beamish 6, J. Gibbons 7, H. Harris 8, J. A. L. Thompson 9, J. E. Lloyd 10.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICS.—On Oct. 1st, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss K. Proctor (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Lawson 2, Mrs. F. Lapworth (first quarter) 3, Miss J. Bray 4, A. Ballard 5, F. Scowman 6, F. K. Measures (cond.) 7, F. Lapworth 8.

COLESHILL, WARKS.—On Oct. 8th, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor: L. L. Willis 1, K. Taylor 2, J. W. Hovey 3, D. L. Hooper 4, W. C. Rhodes 5, E. H. Hill (cond.) 6. A diamond wedding compliment to W. J. Simmonds, for many years ringer and tower-keeper at Colehill.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Smith 1, R. Laming (first quarter inside) 2, F. Hurrell 3, S. Ball 4, M. Oakshott 5, B. Aldridge 6, J. Bennett (cond.) 7, J. Hurrell 8. Rung for dedication festival and thanksgiving on completion of restoration from war damage.

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AN AUSTRALIAN TOUR

ACCUSTOMED as ringers in this country are to making long journeys, the enthusiasm of the St. Jude's Society, Sydney, Australia, who covered 1,317 miles by road during the last week-end of September, is worthy of record. The party consisted of Messrs. W. M. Rowe (captain), J. Duncan, E. Wright, J. Cummins, T. Goodyer and E. Fowell. The details of their tour are supplied by Mr. W. M. Rowe.

The party left Randwick at 5.45 p.m. on the Friday, and an uneventful trip (although care had to be taken at Razorback as the road had been washed out after the recent heavy rains) took them to Yass (188 miles), which was reached at 11.40 p.m. Here the party were met by the members of St. Clement's band at the home of Mr. H. Curll, where Mrs. Curll provided an excellent supper for the gathering. The band left again at 1 a.m. with the good wishes of the Yass folk for a good trip over the last long leg of the journey.

Albury and the border of N.S.W. were passed at 5.45 a.m. (367 miles) just 12 hours after leaving Sydney. The next stop was Rushworth, a country town in Central Victoria, which was reached at 9 a.m. (511 miles). Here the party had breakfast and left again at 9.55 a.m. after a telegram had been sent to Ballarat to notify the ringers there as to the band's progress.

A call was made at St. Paul's in Bendigo, a large city in Victoria, where the bells of this fine church were inspected. It was found that the wheels were in a bad state of repair, otherwise frame and fittings appeared in good order. The band departed from Bendigo at 12.25 p.m. (560 miles), after spending 1 hour and 25 minutes inspecting the bells.

Ballarat was reached at 2.40 p.m. (637 miles), 10 minutes behind the estimated time of arrival. There the band were given a civic welcome by the Mayor (Ald. J. C. Rowe). Afternoon tea and refreshments were served to the Ballarat ringers and the travellers, during which three members of St. Paul's, Melbourne, Mr. J. Spencer (capt.), Mr. A. Bennett (secretary) and Mr. Frank Broughton, arrived. The Mayor expressed a wish to hear handbell ringing, and four of the visitors rang a touch of Grandsire Triples, which was very well received. All then adjourned to the belfry. Some good touches of Grandsire Triples were rung and a few touches of Doubles. Tea at a restaurant in the city and a quarter peal of Doubles concluded a very long day for the tourists.

Sunday, October 1st. During the previous day some of the Ballarat men had placed the ropes brought over by the St. Jude's band on the bells at St. Peter's in Sturt Street. These bells are a ring of eight by Mears and Stainbank, of which two are fixed for chiming. The tenor is 22 cwt. They had not been rung for 36 years, and the only peal rung on them was a peal of Minor in seven methods in 1905. In the short time available it was found that the bells were in good order and only needed a set of ropes and some slight adjust-

ment to the slides to make them in first-class condition. As it was, the treble was without a stay, and during the first touch a shake in the slide of the tenor caused it to break with the result that Messrs. Duncan and Rowe had to hold their bells on balance between touches. The bells are very musical and Ballarat people are very fortunate indeed to have two such glorious rings in their city.

After ringing at St. Peter's, the ringers went back to the City Hall and finished their ringing at Ballarat on this fine ring, saying farewell to a host of new-found friends at 12.20 p.m.

A quick journey was made to Melbourne with lunch on the way, and the band arrived at 2.45 p.m. in Melbourne, where they were welcomed by the ringers of St. Paul's Cathedral band. There the St. Jude's ringers were given their first opportunity to ring on ten and twelve bells. During the afternoon, touches of Grandsire Caters were rung and the afternoon was concluded with an excellent quarter peal of Grandsire Triples.

The tourists rose at 4 a.m. on the Monday morning and left Melbourne at 4.50 a.m. The first stop was at Chiltern at 8.25 a.m. (912 miles) to view the passing of the Spirit of Progress, the crack Victorian train. At 8.50 the journey was continued to Albury across the border into N.S.W. (937 miles). Here the party had breakfast, leaving at 10.40 a.m. on the next part of the journey to Yass. On the way they stopped and inspected the Dog sitting on the Tucker Box, five miles from Gundagai, made famous in a poem by Jack Moses, and then proceeded on to Yass, where they arrived at 2.20 p.m. (1,166 miles). Here the tourists had lunch and rang a good quarter of Doubles on the bells of St. Clement's. From there they again went to the home of Mr. H. Curll, where four of the party entertained the guests of young Master Curll (who was celebrating his birthday) with a touch of Grandsire Triples on the handbells. As usual, Mrs. Curll, although in the midst of a children's birthday party, provided the assembled company of ringers with a most enjoyable afternoon tea.

The party said farewell to their Yass friends at 5.10 p.m. and started off on the last stage of their journey. Tea at Mittagong at 7.25 p.m. (1,228 miles), departing at 9.15 p.m. and arriving back in Sydney at 12 midnight with mileage at 1,317.

This trip will live in the memories of those members who were fortunate enough to make it, and it is hoped that the goodwill and fellowship which were found in the belfries of Victoria will long continue and thus firmly establish the one aim of all bellringers in these, our so distant cities where bells are to be found. The experience gained by the band in ringing in the different towers will no doubt help all who made the trip. The mileage and times of departure and arrival at the different points will help our ringing friends in England to realise the great distances the ringing towers are apart in Australia and should help them understand the difficulties under which the ringers 'down under' labour.

In closing, the St. Jude's Society wish to record their grateful thanks for the hospitality extended to them by the Mayor of Ballarat, the captain and members of the City Hall Bellringers Club, Canon Yeo and the members of St. Peter's, Ballarat, the captain of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Mr. Jack Spencer and Mr. Allan Bennett, the secretary of St. Paul's Cathedral and members of the Cathedral band. Especially do they thank Mr. Gullock, of Ballarat, for the trouble he took in arranging accommodation and placing the ropes in St. Peter's tower, and Mr. and Mrs. Curll and the Yass band for their hospitality on both visits to their town.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Oct. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF PUDESEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES,

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

JOHN SCOTT Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 9
ALBERT WALKER 4	HENRY H. FEARN 10
FRANK E. PERVIN 5	LEONARD TREVOR 11
JOHN PINFOLD 6	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

First peal of Pudsey Maximus for the Guild and by all the band.

TEN BELL PEALS

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 13, 1950, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... Treble	THOMAS W. KIMBER ... 6
JOHN THOMAS 2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS ... 7
STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 3	HENRY J. SANGER 8
HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... 4	RONALD G. BECK 9
FREDK. A. TARGETT ... 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

First peal of Royal on the bells.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B.

FREDK. G. LEAKER ... Treble	*FRANK HANSFORD ... 6
*JACK R. WORRALL 2	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD ... 7
*SIDNEY G. RICHES 3	*P. LESLIE PEARCE 8
*ERIC G. TAYLOR 4	WILLIAM H. PARKER 9
IVOR H. TRUEMAN 5	EMLYN F. HANCOCK ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EMLYN F. HANCOCK.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal in the method. In memoriam Walter J. Rawlings.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS Treble	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 6
ALFRED E. REAVES 2	HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... 7
THOMAS W. KIMBER 3	HENRY J. SANGER 8
ERNEST J. TAYLOR 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE 9
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 5	LEONARD F. DERRICK ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

To the memory of John H. B. Hesse.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Thurs., Oct. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL Treble	JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... 6
ALAN ELSMORE 2	HENRY E. GREEN 7
ERNEST STITCH 3	JOHN LUCK 8
RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 4	JOHN N. LINDON 9
J. NORMAN HADLEY ... 5	MACRICE G. TURNER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

Rung as a compliment to Mrs. J. C. Adams, of Bloxwich, on her 82nd birthday. Also a birthday compliment to Messrs. H. Howell and M. G. Turner.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*FRED C. LYNE Treble	*CLARENCE R. STEED ... 5
JOHN J. WEBB 2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY ... 6
*REGINALD C. CHAPMAN ... 3	FREDERICK G. KINCHIN ... 7
C. ARTHUR MANNING ... 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.
* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. G. Chapman and to enable him to ring a peal on the bells of his birthplace.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 14 cwt.
*ROGER HAYWARD ... Treble	GEORGE A. NEWTON ... 5
NUN L. WALKER 2	LEONARD E. TOWERS ... 6
JOHN H. BAILESS 3	ALFRED BALLARD 7
REGINALD C. TPIER ... 4	JOSEPH HERBERT Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

* First peal on eight. Rung as a welcome to the Bishop of Leicester.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*E. WINIFRED KEYS ... Treble	PETER R. BLACKMAN ... 5
†BLANCHE M. BALL 2	RICHARD G. BLACKMAN ... 6
MRS. G. W. TAMPLIN ... 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... 7
*NORMAN J. SMITH 4	JOHN H. HUNT Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major 'inside.'

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt. in E.

JOHN O. WELLER ... Treble	RALPH BIRD 5
*WILLIAM G. COOK 2	WILLIAM ROGERS 6
PERCY PAGE 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 7
MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by M. S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Superlative.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALAN DUGDALE ... Treble	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN ... 5
HENRY O. BAKER 2	WALTER ALLMAN 6
*CECIL RADDON 3	JOHN ORME 7
HAROLD WORRALL 4	JOHN E. BIBBY Tenor

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* 150th peal.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 17½ cwt.

*C. E. JOHN BLAKE ... Treble	†A. JAMES COLE 5
†JOHN J. OLIVER 2	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 6
†MOLLY P. FLYNN 3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 7
*PAUL WILLIAMS 4	EDWARD BLAKE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. All the band assist in the Sunday service ringing at this church.

PRESCOT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

*RONALD PRESTON 5	ALEX J. WEBSTER 5
JULIA M. PRESTON 2	THOMAS W. HESKETH 6
†ROGER C. PRESTON 3	ERIC J. GILBERT 7
THOMAS W. HAMMOND 4	FRANK VARTY Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*K. MARY COWLEY 5	WILLIAM YATES 5
WALTER F. JUDGE 2	FREDERICK C. CASE 6
MICHAEL E. H. BARROW 3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND 7
*GEORGE F. BURTON 4	*GEORGE E. GREEN Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal of Surprise Major. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. V. Fenn, Branch President.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

W. Cave's Variation of Washbrook's.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN WHEADON 5	JAMES BENNETT 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 3	FREDK. J. CULLUM 7
FRANK WALKER 4	WALTER J. LEMON Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

POOLSTOCK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 20, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

JAMES GROUNDS 5	RONNIE KENRICK 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	SYDNEY CLOUGH 6
JAMES BURNS 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
NORMAN BROWN 4	WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. E. Groves' Transposition.

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM GIGG 5	GEORGE PRESCOTT 5
HARRY GAYLARD 2	ROGER O. FRY 6
DAVID HOARE 3	JOHN B. BENNETT 7
*COLIN P. WALKER 4	†WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT Tenor

Conducted by J. B. BENNETT (first half) and R. O. FRY (second half).

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal on eight bells.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

M. J. Morris's Variation.

Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb.

GERALD ARMSTRONG 5	RAYMOND LYDSTER 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 6
WILLIAM A. STOTE 3	W. HARRY DUNCOMBE 7
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN 4	JOHN E. LLOYD Tenor

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

Rung to mark the 72nd birthday of Joseph Hy. W. White.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN E. S. MORETON 5	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON 5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH 2	MICHAEL L. CALLOW 6
FRANK E. PERVIN 3	HUBERT E. ASHLEY 7
LEONARD TREVOR 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

First in the method on the bells. Rung for the christening of H.R.H. Princess Anne; also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

MARY HOWELL 5	KENNETH SNELLING 5
HORACE E. LILLEY 2	CECIL NICE 6
GEORGE W. CECIL 3	LEONARD STILWELL 7
JOHN DEARLOVE 4	RAYMOND OVERY Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

SYDNEY MERRY 5	JOHN F. WILKINSON 5
R. ALLEN HICKTON 2	WILLIAM A. PARSONS 6
DENIS R. CARLISLE 3	ALBERT E. THOMPSON 7
HAROLD TAYLOR 4	FRANCIS R. LOWE Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM A. PARSONS.

First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the 2nd, and first for the Association. Rung in honour of the christening of Princess Anne.

EARLSHEATON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

F. BERNARD DITCHER 5	*J. MARTIN THORLEY 5
WILLIAM H. JACKSON 2	GIBSON JACKSON 6
MILTON C. FOWLER 3	J. EDWARD CAWSE 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER 4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Milner on the 19th anniversary of their wedding.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part (variation).

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD 5	*GRACE BURCHNALL 5
*KATHARINE BURCHNALL 2	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF 6
†WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. 3	WALTER NICHOLS 7
CLEMENT GLENN 4	ARTHUR E. HOODLESS Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal of Triples in the method. † First peal in the method.



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HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Four-part (C.C.C. 36).	Tenor 14 cwt.
WILLIAM T. GRICE Treble	WILLIAM R. MANSER ... 5
TOM SAUNDERS 2	LEWIS NEWMAN ... 6
LUHER J. HONESS 3	PETER C. WRIGHT ... 7
JACK MEDHURST 4	FRANK P. THWAITES ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER C. WRIGHT.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIDNEY H. BAILEY... .. Treble	*REV. P. J. BOULSOVER... 5
ALBERT A. EASTON ... 2	†COLIN E. VERDON ... 6
*BERYL R. COWLIN ... 3	C. ALFRED LEVETT ... 7
JOHN E. PENNELLS ... 4	†R. GEORGE ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by C. ALFRED LEVETT.
* First peal in the method. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal.
Rung for the christening of Princess Anne.

HILLSBOROUGH, NORTHERN IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(Northern District.)

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MALACHI,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN SAVAGE Treble	JOHN T. DUNWOODY ... 5
JAMES EDGAR 2	NAT. SAVAGE 6
PAUL L. TAYLOR 3	FRED E. DUKES... .. 7
WILLIAM PRATT 4	HARRY BROWN Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by HARRY BROWN.

First peal of Spliced Major for all the band and in Ireland. First peal of Major on the bells since rehanging Rung in honour of the christening of H.R.H. Princess Anne. Also a birthday compliment to ringers of the 2nd and 6th.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.	Tenor 6½ cwt.
HAROLD MARCON Treble	*ALFRED BALLARD ... 5
HARRY BROUGHTON ... 2	COLIN HARRISON ... 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 3	†HAROLD J. POOLE ... 7
MRS. H. J. POOLE ... 4	†TERENCE A. THORNER Tenor

Conducted by TERENCE A. THORNER.

* 500th peal. † 50th peal together. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the 7th ringer. Also a coming-of-age compliment to Miss Mary Jennings, of Braintree.

MALVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

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

CLAUDIA A. HARDING ... Treble	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 5
*R. GEORGE MORRIS ... 2	REGINALD WOODYATT ... 6
JEAN A. SOUTHERST ... 3	CYRIL TANSSELL ... 7
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal of Double Norwich 'inside.' Rung for the christening of Princess Anne.

RAMSBOTTOM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 10 cwt.
JAMES W. WILLIAMS ... Treble	JOSEPH PORTER ... 5
HERBERT HALL 2	VERNON SYKES ... 6
KENNETH HARTLEY ... 3	WILLIAM H. RIDEOUGH... 7
*HAROLD PARKINSON ... 4	JOHN ROSTRON ... Tenor

Conducted by VERNON SYKES.

* First peal in the method. Rung to commemorate the centenary of the consecration and dedication of the Church of St. Paul on October 23rd, 1850.

REVELSTOKE, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.	Tenor 16 cwt. in F.
*H. OWEN THOMAS ... Treble	JOHN P. SIMS ... 5
†HAROLD W. MILFORD... 2	SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY... 6
‡DENIS F. WHEELER ... 3	WILLIAM G. LAVERS ... 7
THOMAS G. MYERS ... 4	CYRIL A. JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. ‡ First peal 'inside.'
Rung for the royal christening.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

KATE HIGGINS Treble	RODNEY B. MEADOWS ... 5
W. GWYN THOMAS ... 2	FRANK WRIGHT ... 6
*PATRICIA WAREHAM ... 3	EWART H. EDGE ... 7
ELIZABETH BROWN ... 4	PETER BROADER ... Tenor

Composed by B. D. PRICE. Conducted by W. GWYN THOMAS.

* First peal in the method.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).	Tenor 15½ cwt.
HENRY N. VAUGHAN ... Treble	ROBERT COLLINS ... 5
ALEC E. RICHARDSON ... 2	DORIS E. COLGATE ... 6
*KEVIN S. HOHL (15) ... 3	ERNEST J. LADD ... 7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 4	ALBERT RELFE ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal on eight bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

MONTGOMERY, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE MANCHESTER UNITY ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one Morris's 240 and 40 six-scores, with 10 callings.
Tenor 12 cwt.

WM. T. HOLDING, Prov. G.M., Pride of the Valley Lodge... Treble
HARRY F. HOLDING, Pride of the Valley Lodge 2
RICHARD T. HOLDING, Good Samaritan (Whitchurch) ... 3
RICHARD D. LANGFORD, Rose of Crewe 4
SAMUEL JONES, JUN., P.G., City of Chester Lodge ... 5
W. FRANK STENSON, P.P.G.M., 'Stranger's Home' Lodge... Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL JONES, JUN.

First peal in the method by all except R. T. Holding. 2, 3, 4 and 5 have now completed Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques.

WIDECOMBE-IN-THE-MOOR, DEVON.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Mon., Oct. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PANCAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three callings.	Tenor 16 cwt.
CLAIRE ISLES Treble	KENNETH GRAYSON ... 4
ELIZABETH BROWN ... 2	JOHN SCOTT ... 5
N. GERARD MCCRIM ... 3	W. GWYN THOMAS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. GWYN THOMAS.

First peal as conductor.

MARKET LAVINGTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 14 cwt. in G.
EDWIN J. POTTER ... Treble	LAWRENCE E. HITCHINS 4
PERCIVAL W. G. HARDING ... 2	FREDK. S. SLATFORD ... 5
JOHN ROMAIN 3	WILLIAM C. WEST ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

BROMFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN LOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*GEORGE RANDLE Treble	EDWARD W. COLLEY ... 4
LESLIE EVANS 2	FREDERICK A. JAINE ... 5
*ERIC O. DAVIES 3	WILFRID F. MORETON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Earl of Plymouth, of Oakley Park, Bromfield, and Miss Caroline Rice, which took place at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, London, while the peal was being rung.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT BOOTH Treble	DOROTHY C. OSBORN ... 4
ERIC HORNBY 2	DAVID SMITH 5
HARRY PARKER 3	A. GORDON LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Conducted by A. GORDON LAWRENCE.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Canon G. R. Sandars, Rector of Davenham from 1904-1939, who was interred at Davenham earlier this day.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one 720 of St. Clement's College Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOAN SMITH Treble	†ARTHUR B. COOPER ... 4
HERBERT T. ROOKE 2	GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 5
GEORGE CHALLANS 3	†JOSEPH SAXTON Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal. † First peal in four methods. Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to Miss J. Smith. The conductor has now rung every bell in the tower to a peal.

BARROWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty 120's of Plain Bob, four callings, ten 120's of Grandsire, ten callings, and six 240's of Grandsire, six callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*HARRY DRURY Treble	†FREDK. S. PARSONS ... 4
*FREDK. W. PINCHBECK ... 2	JAMES H. MUSSON ... 5
†THOMAS W. CHARITY ... 3	†ARTHUR C. NICHOLS ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in two methods. † First peal. ‡ First peal in two Doubles methods. Rung as a 21st anniversary compliment to James M. Simpson, of Great Ponton.

CASTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being extents of (1) Combined Double and Single Court, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

*JOHN S. BARNES ... Treble	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW 4
CHAS. E. G. BANHAM ... 2	GEORGE SAYER 5
*JOHN W. C. BLYTHE ... 3	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in eight methods. First peal in eight methods on the bells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Cambridge and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*S. ANTHONY JESSON ... Treble	JOHN B. BENNETT 4
*WINFRED M. BURTON ... 2	ERNEST MORRIS 5
TERENCE A. THORNER ... 3	ROGER O. FRY Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of H.R.H. Princess Royal on her visit to Leicester.

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On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*ALAN J. BROYD ... Treble	†JOHN W. V. SINFIELD ... 4
*VALERIE WILLARD ... 2	*FREDERICK J. PLUMMER ... 5
†DENNIS KNOX ... 3	JAMES G. NEWMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES G. NEWMAN.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal. First peal as conductor in seven methods.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Hippolytus,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

ALFRED C. HARRIS ... Treble	GEORGE CHERRY ... 4
LEWIS R. RUNNACLES ... 2	EDGAR W. WINTERS ... 5
ALBERT E. SYMONDS ... 3	FRANK W. CROFT ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all the band. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Walter J. Turner.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one 720 of Oxford Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*JOYCE LEWIS ... Treble	CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB ... 4
*J. ALAN AINSWORTH ... 2	STEPHEN THOMPSON ... 5
JACK LISHMAN ... 3	THOMAS W. DODD ... Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN THOMPSON.

* First peal. Rung for the birthday of the ringer of the 4th.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALFRED LITTLE ... Treble	*DR. L. CASTLEDEN ... 4
GEORGE SCHLEITER ... 2	*ALFRED T. M. PERRY ... 5
H. WALTER SMITH ... 3	GEORGE SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SAUNDERS.

* First peal in four methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Walter Smith on his 65th birthday.

WEST HADDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 120's each of Southrepps Pleasure, Old Bob, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire Tenor 12½ cwt.

*STEPHEN J. SUMMERS ... Treble	ROY C. SPRING ... 3
PHILLIP C. STEPHENS ... 2	LESLIE G. TOWNSEND ... 4
ERNEST G. ORLAND ... Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 17, 1950, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Single Oxford, Plain Bob and one College Single. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK MANSEY ... Treble	*ALBERT KELVIE ... 4
TOM SAUNDERS ... 2	LEWIS NEWMAN ... 5
WILLIAM R. MANSEY ... 3	LUTHER J. HONESS ... Tenor

Conducted by LUTHER J. HONESS.

* First peal in four methods. Rung for the wedding of Mr. J. M. Luck, of Peckham Place, to Miss D. M. Spry, of Larkfield.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, every call a single. Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON ... Treble	MICHAEL BROWN ... 4
GEORGE PICKERING ... 2	JOSEPH TAYLOR ... 5
PETER HALLAM ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John of Beverley,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, one each of Double Court, Single Court and Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

D. HENRY METTAM ... Treble	WILLIAM H. DALE ... 4
*FREDK. S. PARSONS ... 2	H. REGINALD WOODS ... 5
JAMES W. HAVY ... 3	JAMES H. MUSSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in four methods. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Dorothy Clark and Mr. Norman Armstrong, of Mablethorpe.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 3½ cwt.

DEREK WOODRIDGE ... Treble	ALFRED C. BOXKLEY ... 4
DENIS A. FRITH ... 2	PERCIVAL C. RICHARDS ... 5
JOSEPH WARR ... 3	GEOFFREY WESTWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY WESTWOOD.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(Hunts Branch.)

On Fri., Oct. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

FRANK WARRINGTON ... Treble	*ALBERT CLEMENTS ... 4
HAROLD S. PEACOCK ... 2	STANLEY GILBERT ... 5
REV. B. FREER-SHEPPARD ... 3	G. HENRY DUNNINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to Miss G. I. Rusby. The Rev. B. F. Sheppard is the first Rural Dean to ring a peal for Ely Association, incidentally in his rural deanery and his own parish church.

WELTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Bankes James's. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... Treble	†OWEN A. NEEDHAM ... 4
*WILLIAM R. PARKER ... 2	*COLIN W. REED ... 5
*GEOFFREY R. PARKER ... 3	JOHN E. COOK ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of London Minor. First peal of London as conductor.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Dunstan,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

*ANTHONY R. TURLEY ... Treble	HERBERT W. IMPEY ... 4
†ALBERT R. G. TWINN ... 2	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 5
THOMAS COLLINS ... 3	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. BANNISTER.

* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor. Rung for the christening of Princess Anne and a birthday compliment to the conductor's mother.

HANDBELL PEALS

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Oct. 15, 1950, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes,
AT 13, PEVERIL ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 14 in D.
BARRY COPE ... 1-2 | WILFRED L. ROBINSON ... 3-4
GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 5-6

Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

ERNEST MORRIS ... 1-2 | ALAN CATTELL ... 5-6
JOHN BRAMLEY ... 3-4 | JOHN J. MORRIS ... 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN J. MORRIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Pamela Riddington.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF SPICED MAJOR, 5028 CHANGES;

Being 27 methods: Colville, Romsey, Cheltenham, Leamington, Pulford, Avalon, Painswick, Kildington, Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereford, Double Norwich, St. Clement's, Crayford College, Richmond, New London, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Little Oxford Bob, Victoria Little Court, Gainsborough Little Bob, Wellington Little Court, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court, Bastow Little Court and Kent Little Court; 365 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2 | JACK BRAY ... 5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 3-4 | PHILIP BARNES ... 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S CHURCH RINGING CHAMBER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

FREDK. G. HOOPER ... 1-2 | ALBERT H. WARD ... 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN ... 3-4 | FREDK. A. SALTER ... 7-8

FRANK BRADLEY ... 9-10

Composed by GEO. F. WILLIAMS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 19, 1950, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

IN ST. MARY'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 12 in F.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 1-2 | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6
ALAN CATTELL ... 3-4 | HECTOR A. KNIGHT ... 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

Rung for the 5th birthday of Christopher F. Trotman.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 1 Hour and 30 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor size 14 in D.

MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 1-2 | JAMES E. DANIELS ... 3-4
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 5-6

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPICED MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight methods, comprising 1,712 Plain Bob, 768 Double Bob, 592 St. Clement's, 444 each of Gainsborough and Wellington Little Bob, 384 each of Reverse and Little Bob, and 296 Crayford Little Bob, with 330 changes of-method. Tenor size 14 in D.

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.

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If your friend has not received his
postal copy this week the reason is
probably due to his subscription (5/6)
not having reached Mrs. Fletcher, The
White House, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk.

The Hesse Anniversary
week-end was held on
October 14th. Ringers

and friends attending were Mrs. Hesse,
Messrs. A. A. Hughes, J. T. Dyke, Stafford
H. Green, E. J. Taylor, T. W. Kimber,
A. E. Reeves, H. J. Sanger, L. F. Derrick,
Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. C. H.
Dobbie, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kingcott, Mr. and
Mrs. H. W. Knight. Two peals were rung
this year, Plain Bob Royal at Evercreech, and
Grandsire Caters at Wrington. All wish to
express their thanks to Mrs. Hesse for her
very kind hospitality during the week-end.

A fine peal of Plain Bob Royal at St. Mary's,
Redcliffe, Bristol, on October 14th, saw Mr.
Jack Worrall complete Minor to Maximus in
the method.

Correction.—The peal of Stedman Caters on
October 13th at Loughborough Foundry was
rung in two hours and forty-seven minutes,
composed and conducted by Shirley Burton.

By taking part in the peal at Stoney Stan-
ton, Mr. L. E. Towers makes a welcome return
to peal ringing after 21 years. His first peal
was in the same tower where he started
ringing with Mr. A. Ballard under the instruc-
tion of the Rev. R. P. Farrow, now at East
Lulworth.

The Bishop of Leicester personally congratu-
lated the ringers at the conclusion of the peal,
the band including five local members.

To mark the 72nd birthday of Mr. Joseph
H. W. White, of Coventry, a peal of Bristol
was arranged at Bedworth, Warwickshire, but
owing to a last minute hitch, one of the locals
kindly stood in and a good peal of Grandsire
Triples resulted. Many friends will wish Joe,
who rang his bell faultlessly throughout the
peal, many happy returns.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Probably the first school
to have a ringers' outing
is the Humphrey Perkins
School, Barrow-upon-Soar, Leicestershire.
Their Campanological Society's all-day tour
included ringing at Saddington, Foxton, Hus-
bands Bosworth, Hallaton and Great Glen.
Touches in five methods were rung during the
day. A highlight was when the record secre-
tary ripped his trousers and these had to be
repaired in the coach.

Southwell Diocesan Guild ringers wish
'Paddy' Preston, who has to go overseas with
H.M. Forces, a speedy and safe return.

There are relatively few towers with lady
captains. Mablethorpe, Lincs., had one in Miss
Dorothy Clarke, whose wedding was com-
memorated by a peal at Whatton-in-the-Vale,
Nottingham, on October 18th.

Mr. W. Poston, of Ross-on-Wye, writes re
the peal of Doubles at Newland, Glos., on
October 7th: 'May I remind our friend, Mr.
L. Barry, that a peal of Stedman Doubles, two
callings, was rung at Newland on August 15th,
1937, conducted by myself.'

Ringers of Emmanuel, Plymouth, note with
pleasure the quarter peal rung by Miss Mar-
garet Izard at Christ Church Cathedral, Vic-
toria, B.C. They recall her holiday in England
two years ago and how she came regularly to
ring at Emmanuel and accompanied the band
on their outing.

Among the secular towers in the Exercise is
Morpeth Watch Tower, Northumberland,
which was built in 1309, and whose first bells
were installed in 1705. By means of a carnival
and other methods, the corporation have raised
£2,000 to meet the cost of repairing the tower
and restoring the bells. The eight bells are
now in the hands of Messrs. John Taylor and
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The ringers were Eileen Tarbett 1, Elaine Israel (15) 2, Glyn Williams (cond.) 3, Jean Powell (15) 4, Ryan Price 5, Heather Evans (14) 6, Shirley Saunders (16) 7, Graham Flower 8. This was the longest length by all the band except the conductor.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ANNUAL DINNER

*Coincides with the Bishop's Mission Mr. Fred Bennett
Recalls Early Days A Yorkshire Quip*

WITH the exception of the first dinner—held to mark the jubilee of the Association—the 13th annual Worcestershire dinner, held in the Assembly Room of the Guildhall, Worcester, on October 7th, attracted a record gathering of 119. The date happily coincided with the inaugural service of the Bishop of Worcester's mission—at which the Cathedral was crowded with representatives from all over the Diocese—and, in addition to ringing at the Cathedral, special efforts were made to keep the city bells going throughout the afternoon.

With the evening's arrangements, several experimental innovations were tried, including taking the complete toast list without interruption immediately after dinner, and with each speaker keeping within time limits and adding a spice of humour. This proved very popular.

The president, the Very Rev. W. E. Beck, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester; presided, and he was supported by Mr. W. Skidmore (Master), and Mrs. Skidmore, the Rev. H. Hartley (chaplain), the Rev. L. J. Birch (clerical vice-president) and Mrs. Birch, Mr. J. D. Johnson (general secretary) and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. J. R. Newman (vice-president) and Mrs. Newman, Mr. W. B. Cartwright (vice-president) and Mrs. Cartwright and Mr. J. Bass (vice-president). Among the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. F. Bennett and some of the band from Claverley (Archdeanery of Stafford); Dr. S. E. Darmon, Leeds; Messrs. F. C. Lyne and R. C. Chapman, Stratford (Coventry Diocesan); Mr. C. Rouse, Prestbury (Gloucester Diocesan) and Mr. J. P. Fidler (representing Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.). Apologies for absence were announced from Bishop B. Lasbrey, Messrs. E. E. Barber and E. F. Cubberley (through indisposition), Mr. B. C. Ashford (on holiday) and a letter was received from Mr. S. T. Holt, who had recently undergone an operation and sent his apologies and good wishes from convalescence at Torquay.

The Loyal Toast having been honoured and the National Anthem sung, the toast of 'Church and State' was proposed by Major G. H. Derrington. They had, he said, often heard preachers complain of Church of England schools being taken over by the State under the guise of progress, but the Church and progress could and should march side by side.

The Dean of Worcester said he probably had a dual qualification to reply. In his last post as Principal of a training college for men, he was not only a minister of religion but also an official of the State. His present post was an appointment by the State and the State paid his salary. Probably if all clergy were paid by the State, they would not be so impoverished. Some people thought it was scandalous that the State should have the authority to make such an appointment and when they wanted to cite an example, they said, 'Look at the Dean of Worcester.' (Laughter.) But it did provide a bond between Church and State. Bonds need not mean bondage; there might be limitations of freedom, but there were compensations. For instance, bachelors may have better quarters, but married men had better halves. The State, like the Church, was responsible for its members to God.

FRIENDLY GREETING TO ALL.

In proposing the toast of 'The Worcestershire Association,' Mr. Fred Bennett said that he was not a stranger to the county as his first post was at Upton-on-Severn, where, as a junior clerk, his biggest job was fetching the manager from the 'local' when wanted. Acknowledging the honour of proposing the toast, he did not flatter himself it was due to his ability as a ringer, but it was typical of Worcestershire that a friendly greeting and

welcome were extended to all, whether it was the humble Grandsire ringer or the London Surprise expert. The success of an Association depended mainly on two things—the quality of its officers and the enthusiasm of its members. These the Worcestershire Association had in full measure; high standards set in the past had been maintained and improved upon; among their personnel were some of the very best in the Exercise and to-day the Association was second to none in the country.

In a charming speech, Miss Jean Southerst said she hardly felt qualified to reply after only 12 months' residence in Worcester, but of the sentiments expressed by Mr. Bennett, she could echo all of them herself. She had had the same experience of Worcestershire comradeship, welcome and friendliness, and from her own observations the Association was a flourishing organisation. She had been one of a party to visit Worcester on a university week outing some years ago, and the welcome then was the same for all, whatever their ringing abilities.

The Rev. H. Hartley proposed 'Kindred Associations,' and said that although he might not be a lot in touch with practical ringing, he could extend a welcome and greeting to neighbouring Associations and especially to those with whom that evening. He appealed to all to take every interest in new entrants to the art and encourage their keenness—the younger ones would carry on when they were gone.

Dr. S. E. Darmon, in reply, said that the toast 'Kindred Associations,' called to mind all that was best in the comradeship and freemasonry of ringing. Only during the last 50 or 60 years had we had the organisations as we knew them to-day. The territorial associations—of which no better example existed than the Worcestershire—and the Central Council were responsible for the remarkable advance, and it was good for the Church that such associations existed. He referred to the difference in the tempo of life in Worcestershire as compared with the county of his adoption, and told of the Yorkshireman who, after residence in another county, was obliged to return to the West Riding periodically 'in order to sharpen his wits.' That county could not have been Worcestershire, and in thanking the Association for its welcome, he expressed very best wishes for the future.

The entertainment side of the programme was ably compered and controlled by Messrs. D. H. Watson and T. W. Lewis as M.C.'s. Songs were sung by Messrs. G. J. Hemming, G. Allibone, A. Richardson and E. Barber and were all well received. Mr. J. P. Fidler entertained the party and sang the 'Yorkshire National Anthem,' 'On Ilkley Moor,' while Miss J. M. Hemming made a willing and efficient pianist.

The Brierley Hill handbell band (Messrs. C. Skidmore, T. Hemming and J. Lloyd) gave selections of tunes, and their spectacular 'rise and fall' on handbells was a popular feature. A course of Stedman Caters was rung 'in hand' by: Miss J. Southerst 1-2, Mr. J. W. Johnson 3-4, Mrs. J. Thomas 5-6, Mr. J. Thomas 7-8 and Miss M. Rowland 9-10. The singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' brought a successful gathering to a close.

J. D. J.

LOIS-WEEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Chamberlain 1, W. J. Chester 2, E. R. Lambert 3, M. Saunders 4, W. Yates (cond.) 5, W. Hinton 6. A farewell to the Rev. E. V. Fenn, Vicar for 22 years, secretary of the Towcester branch for 14 years and, later, branch president.

Kent County Association

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.

The annual district meeting was held on October 14th at All Saints', Maidstone, and over 40 ringers from 20 different towers took part. Afternoon ringing over, the company dispersed for tea, which had not been organised party fashion. While this violation of the Laws of the Medes and Persians was perhaps regrettable, everyone managed to find sustenance, and if the experience of one small party was any guide, the innovation had its favourable points.

We reassembled in the College Room for the business meeting, presided over by the Vicar, Canon C. B. Sampson. In his report, the secretary said that a total membership of 180 was unchanged from the previous year, so that the 20 new members, including the complete East Farleigh band, were counterbalanced by the lapses of a similar number, mostly of young people who had been recruited since the war. In parallel with this tendency, which had been evident now for two years, was drop in attendance at meetings. Paradoxically the standard of ringing had steadily improved.

After presentation of the provisional balance sheet and the election of three new members, A. L. Eiffert and A. T. Pearce, of All Saints', and Miss June Monckton, of Bearsted, the meeting proceeded to re-elect all its officers for another year: Secretary, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher; representatives on the Central Committee, Mr. G. F. Cantrill and Mr. A. Waddington.

The suggested meetings for 1951 were accepted without modification, but the direction of the summer coach tour led to discussion, the general feeling being that it should be further afield than East Kent, either into Sussex or beyond London to Hertfordshire. Final decision was postponed.

Following an appeal for more contributions to 'The Belfry,' the acceptance of an offer of Mr. Cantrill to type out the annual returns of ringing information from affiliated towers for the district tower record ('The Chronicle') and a decision to alter the date of the Wateringbury meeting from November 25th to December 2nd, we returned to All Saints'. In the lovely choir evensong was sung, with a course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells after the Third Collect, and to end the singing of 'Unchanging God' to 'Belfry Praise.'

E. S. J. H.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District was held on October 14th. The usual large crowd rolled up representing 26 towers in the district and visitors coming from Bobbing, Folkestone, Bexhill and Rye.

Ringing was held during the afternoon at St. Stephen's, St. Alphege's and St. Dunstan's, at which church the service was held, this being conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. F. A. Brown, assisted by the Rev. T. G. Rutherford. A collection for the Association's Benevolent Fund amounted to over £2.

Tea was held for the first time in the new Church Room, which had been built to replace the one blitzed during the war. The large attendance almost filled the place. The annual business meeting followed, the chairman, Mr. J. A. Russell, Birchington, and the secretary, Mr. B. J. Luok, being re-elected unopposed by nomination. A ballot, taken during tea, for the offices of representatives and Ringing Master, for each of which there were four nominations, resulted in Messrs. C. E. Buesden and H. R. French being returned as representatives, and Mr. R. G. French as Ringing Master.

Faversham was selected as the place of the quarterly meeting, and Whitstable for the bi-meeting previous. The secretary's report showed that there was a slight drop in the total number of members with fully paid subscriptions, though there was an increase in the number of honorary members.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD DINNER

*Free Church Members Admitted Welcome to Central Council
Princess Elizabeth's Visit A Wife's Lament*

THE annual dinner was held at the Bar's Hotel, Chester, on October 14th. There were over eighty present, drawn from every branch of the Guild. The company included the Bishop of Chester and Mrs. Crick, the Dean and Mrs. Tubbs, the Archdeacon and Mrs. Burne, and we were greatly honoured this year by the presence of Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, and Mrs. Lewis.

After an excellent meal and the loyal toast, the Bishop proposed the toast of the Guild and once more emphasised the importance of its members being regarded as church officers and expressed his appreciation of their services.

The Master (Mr. J. W. Clarke), in replying, spoke of the continued prosperity of the Guild, which, he said, must act as an incentive to yet further advance. He made special reference to the increase of lady ringers and to the recently revised rules, in which ringers at the Free Churches were no longer excluded from membership, and incumbents of churches with towers were now vice-presidents of their respective branches. He went on to refer to the 1925 report, in which the total of 97 peals for the year was described as 'an almost impossible feat,' whereas last year the total was 143, many of which were in advanced methods. He spoke, too, of the Guild's many social activities, outings and tours, and concluded by exhorting the young not to forget the great debt they owed to the older ringers who had laid so good a foundation for them.

'NOT RINGING THE BISHOP.'

The Secretary (the Rev. J. Kingdon) proposed the health of the visitors, to which Mrs. Burne replied. In an amusing speech she spoke of the large part bells played in life from school bells onwards and then referred to the 17th century custom of ringing the Bishop (who lived at Wigan) in and out of Chester and to an incident culled from the wardens' accounts for St. John's in 1937: 'Paid to the ringers for not ringing when the Bishop came to view the church, 3s. 4d.' This was a Puritan protest against his insistence on the use of the surplice and Prayer Book.

Mr. A. R. Elkins proposed the toast of the Central Council. He spoke of the events which led to the formation of the Central Council in 1891 and of the great work it had done and was still doing, emphasising that the greatest tribute we could pay to it was our loyalty to its decisions.

He offered a cordial welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and said they were proud of the fact that the former's path to the high office he now held was through Cheshire. He recalled some of the peals Mr. Lewis had conducted, in particular at Frodsham, including the last peal on the old six (7,200 of Minor, being 720 each of 16 methods) and the first peal on the new eight (Superlative). He also referred to the way the president had put his technical knowledge of strains and stresses and swinging towers at the disposal of the Exercise. In concluding, he mentioned how much the Guild was looking forward to the visit of the Central Council next year—the year of its diamond jubilee.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, in returning thanks, said that nothing could have been better for the health of the Council than the invitation to come to Chester next year. He told of his early association with Cheshire, which included his first peal at Pulford on November 4th, 1905, and spoke of the great strides which had been made since those days, particularly in methods rung, but he made a strong plea that the plain methods should not be neglected.

Mr. Lewis also gave a most interesting outline of the history of change ringing during the

past 300 years. Starting with Roan's composition of Grandsire Doubles in 1650, he continued with a vivid description of the state of the Exercise 100 years later in 1750 when ringing was purely a sport and entirely divorced from church worship.

Passing on another 100 years to 1850, he spoke of the gradual change which had come about since that year when churchpeople began to realise that the bells were church bells and ought to be used as such. Since 1850, he said, ringers had been increasingly integrated into the life and worship of the church. It was significant that at the Central Council at Eastbourne this year about 90 per cent. of the members present came to the early celebration preceding the meeting. He looked forward to next year's meeting in Chester and suggested that it would be appropriate if, after the manner of King Edgar, the president were rowed by eight Masters up the Dee to Eccleston and proceeded to the church for a peal.

The toast of 'The Clergy' was proposed by Mr. John Worth, who spoke of the close relationship which now existed between the clergy and the ringers and stressed the importance of their helping each other. He pointed out the great value of visits of the clergy to the belfry and wished such visits were more general. He also thought it desirable that there should be more clerical ringers—the diocese of Chester being somewhat deficient in that respect.

LADY RINGERS WANTED.

The Dean, in his reply, agreed that great progress had been made on both sides towards mutual understanding and co-operation, and then expressed some of his thoughts about ladies in the belfry. He mentioned the visit of the King and Queen to Chester a few years ago when he presented the ringers to their Majesties, and their obvious surprise at the sight of a lady amongst them. He hoped that when the proposed visit of the Princess Elizabeth took place there would be as many lady ringers as practicable in the band which would sound forth the city's welcome from the Cathedral bells.

The toast of 'The Ladies' was entrusted to Mr. G. E. W. Griffiths, who was evidently in his element. He covered a good deal of ground in a racy speech, the pièce de résistance being his reference to the emergence of glamour and romance in the belfry, of which the recent marriage of two young ringers in a neighbouring church afforded concrete evidence.

Mrs. C. Kenneth Lewis replied. A ringer herself, she nevertheless had (she said) the greatest sympathy for the poor uninitiated wife who was deprived of her husband's company at breakfast, not by the morning paper, but by a strange looking scrap of paper over which he poured in silence, save for intermittent murmurings of 'wrong' and 'home,' till she began to feel something must indeed be wrong with him and he ought to be in a home. She thought the glowing picture of the proposer should bring comfort to wives on such mornings as well as on those evenings when the husband's arrival was unduly late, or, as sometimes happened, unduly early.

The speeches were interspersed with handbell ringing, courses of Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major and Oxford Treble Bob Major being excellently rung by Messrs. J. Worth, J. E. Bibby, R. G. Edwards and C. K. Lewis, and by comic items contributed by Mr. J. H. Brookes.

Before dispersal the Master thanked the secretary for his work in organising the dinner, the ringers of the handbells, and Mr. Brookes, the special entertainer. Thus concluded a most enjoyable evening.

Dedication

MAULDEN, BEDS.

On Saturday afternoon, October 7th, a large congregation of ringers and parishioners attended St. Mary's Church, Maulden, Beds, when two new treble bells were dedicated by the Archdeacon of Bedford, the Ven. D. B. Harris.

This was the culmination of 18 months' hard work by the ringers and their hon. secretary (Mr. M. J. Lockety), who, assisted by many kind contributors, had raised the sum of £800 for the new bells and the entire rebanging of the existing six bells, which had been undertaken by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London.

Some weeks ago some £30 was required, but an anonymous donor came to the rescue and the account has been paid.

After shortened evensong, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. Millington), the choir went in procession to the tower, accompanied by the Rector, the Rev. R. P. Stacey Waddy (Amptthill), the Rev. J. Adams (Silsoe) and the churchwardens, Mr. H. Woodward and Mr. C. W. Sinfield, who conducted the Archdeacon and handed him the bell ropes with the request that he should dedicate the two bells ('to the glory and praise of God'). The dedication completed, the procession returned to the chancel while the opening rounds were rung by the Maulden ringers.

At the chancel steps the Archdeacon announced that he had a very pleasing duty to perform. This was to hand cheques to two old ringers of the church who were presented by the Rector. They were Mr. William Fisher and Mr. Sidney Sharp, who had both completed over 50 years as ringers at St. Mary's, a duty which Mr. Sharp still performs, and he also took part in the opening rounds.

The Archdeacon congratulated both ringers on their wonderful record, which, he said, was a great example of loving and devoted work for their church.

After the service the opening touch was a well-struck course of Yorkshire by R. Kendall (Luton) 1, C. Izzard (Kempston) 2, A. C. Sinfield (Maulden) 3, R. J. Sharp (Maulden) 4, C. H. Harding (Blunham) 5, W. Theobald (London) 6, B. Sims (Biggleswade) 7, L. H. Bywaters (Henlow) 8.

Tea was provided in the Church Hall by ladies of the congregation, and over 100 ringers and friends were provided with a good spread.

Among those present were Miss E. Steele, of Biddenham (president of the Beds Association), Mr. A. King (Luton), Mr. W. Stapleton (Bedford), Mr. C. J. Ball, Sandy (vice-presidents), Mr. A. J. Woodward (donor of one of the bells), Mr. A. A. Hughes (representing Mears and Stainbank), and ringers from many parishes in Bedfordshire and neighbouring counties, including Coventry and London.

After tea the bells were kept going until 9 p.m. to various methods, including London and Bristol, and all agreed that the bells were a nice musical ring and the 'go' excellent.

ODD FELLOWS' PEAL

The Odd Fellows' peal at Montgomery on September 30th was rung as a compliment to Brothers J. E. Tomley, 70 years' membership of the Order, S. Jones, sen., 64 years, Richard Mansell, 66 years, and Arthur Shone, 60 years. It was also for the 68th wedding anniversary of Mr. John Davies, retired sexton of the church. It is of interest to note that four of the band in the Montgomery peal—Brothers R. T. Holding, H. F. Holding, W. T. Holding and R. D. Langford—stood in the peal at St. Bertoline's, Barthomley, Cheshire, on October 15th, 1910, rung by brethren of the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows to mark the centenary of the Order. Other survivors of the Barthomley peal are John Brassington and Arthur Allman, and they are still ringing.

Amplification of Bell Records

Dear Sir,—Ringers may be interested to know that the Chancellor of the Diocese of Ripon has attached the following conditions to his recent grant of a faculty authorising the installation of amplification equipment for relaying recorded bells in a church near Leeds.

1. Chimes or peals of bells may be reproduced only:—
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(b) before Matins and Evensong on Sundays; on Christmas Day; at midnight of the thirty-first of December; on Ascension Day; on the Patronal Festival; and after weddings.
2. Reproduction shall not be so loud as to be:
(a) audible beyond the boundaries of the parish or an area in which a peal of bells rung by hand is audible or
(b) a nuisance or annoyance to neighbours.
3. The apparatus shall be kept under lock and key and its use supervised by a responsible person.
4. Care shall be taken that no worn needles or records are used.
5. No reproduction of any sound other than that of chimes or peals of bells is authorised.
6. The use of the apparatus shall be subject to such further conditions and restrictions as may from time to time be prescribed in writing by the Bishop, which conditions and restrictions may be withdrawn, varied, abrogated or added to as the Bishop may from time to time think fit.

Yours faithfully,

C. O. ELLISON,
Archdeacon of Leeds.

Wetherby Vicarage, Yorks.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COLLEGE YOUTHS THROUGH AMERICAN EYES

Dear Sir,—Your readers will know of the new film, 'The Mudlark,' featuring Irene Dunne as Queen Victoria, which is shortly to be shown at the command performance. The book of the same title, by an American author, Theodore Bonnet, contains a character, Sir Gilpin Jarvey, the Master of the Household at Windsor Castle. Members of the Exercise may be interested in these extracts relating to him:

'One of the great passions of his life was bellringing, and he belonged to that noisiest of civilian companies of England known preposterously as the Ancient Society of College Youths, which met fortnightly for practice in the belfry of St. Paul's Cathedral. There, on the evening of Wheeler's escapade, he and his colleagues had been heaving at it in deafening devotions, coats off, sweat shining on their happy faces as they yanked away at the ropes, and the twelve great bells of St. Paul's had crashed out of the darkness like a Volcanic anvil chorus, driving to cover every dog in the City of London; after which the brethren had adjourned to their regular tavern for ale all round and a jolly little go on the handbells.'

and later

'he propagated his opinion not only through the castle, but among all the bellringers of St. Paul's Cathedral. What allies were there! Think of those doughty Youths, many of them with snow-white locks, but as spry as monkeys, apple-cheeked, taut-bellied, tough of thew and bright of eye, ready at a moment's notice to call London to arms or to worship, to peal out the tidings of history, come death or *Te Deum*. Think how they walked with beadsles and sextons, vicars and vergers, deacons and archdeacons, prebendaries and canons, and drank their ale fortnightly in the Amen Tavern, at the corner of Paternoster Row and Ave Maria Lane, not far from Fleet Street; and how in the course of their daily living they must have penetrated into banks and exchanges, the Inns of Court, Parliament, and probably into the British Museum, the Bible Society, the Royal Academy, Guildhall and the Abbey, country houses and bell foundries and musical teas, and kept running down to Oxford, if only to see how Great Tom was holding up and haply give him a clang.'

The action of the book takes place in the 1870's. I understand that Sir Gilpin's bellringing proclivities are not dealt with in the film.—Yours, etc., WILFRID G. WILSON.

Ealing.

HALF-MUFFLED RINGING

Dear Sir,—After ringing here at a funeral service with the bells half-muffled at backstroke, I was told by an old inhabitant that the custom has always been to muffle the tenor the reverse way, i.e., at hand. Do any of your readers know of this being done? It is difficult to imagine the result, but it would hardly seem to be so effective as that of the usual way of muffling.—Yours faithfully,

C. CULLEN.

Chelsfield Park, Kent.

UNIVERSITY ASSN. LINCOLN WEEK

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read in your issue of October 13th of the above ringing tour. As a Lincolnshire Yellow Belly, I am rather perturbed at the activities of the U.A. in moving Great Tom from the central tower of Lincoln Cathedral to St. Hugh's Tower, the south-west tower, where hangs the ring of 13 bells. I hope they had a faculty for the removal!—Yours sincerely,

J. MARTIN PAGE.

King's Langley, Herts.

RINGING FEES

Dear Sir,—In approaching this question I can only be guided by the legal aspect as laid down by Phillimore in 'Ecclesiastical Law' and other lawyers. On the moral aspect it is not always wise to say what one thinks. A bell is the 'property' of the parishioners under the care and guardianship of their representatives, the churchwardens elected in vestry. When anyone pulls the bell rope and rings it, it is in use. And the use is in the incumbent. Phillimore I., 1,484: 'The property in the goods of the church, e.g., bells or bell ropes, is in the churchwardens.' Phillimore I., 1,386: 'The bells cannot be rung without the consent of the incumbent.' See Canon 88: 'neither the bells to be rung . . . at any other times without good cause to be allowed by the minister. . . . ' Phillimore I., 727: 'The parishioners at their own charge shall find bells with ropes.'

My mode of procedure would be as follows: The party requiring the wedding peal approach the incumbent, he gives permission and states the amount the ringers would require, according to custom or belfry rules. He then informs ringers of date and time. The representative of the wedding party pays out the fees due to incumbent for wedding, the parish clerk, organist, blower and choir if employed, and last, but not least, the ringers.

The incumbent may refuse the use of the bells unless a fee is paid for their use. For church services he is compelled 'to cause a bell to be tolled a convenient time before he begins that the people may come to hear God's Word and to pray with him.' See Prayer Book Preface.

The fee for 'the Passing Bell' is due to the sexton, who usually is asked to ring it and is paid by the undertaker.

Curious people may ask what the incumbent does with the fee he demands. Does he pay it in to some church fund or put it into his pocket? It all depends on the sort of incumbent and his belief, for they are of two kinds. No. 1 believes it is more blessed to give than to receive. No. 2 believes it is more blessed to receive than to give.

And there we must leave it. A meeting would serve no useful purpose. Kent is a long way from Devonshire and I am not a bishop nor desire to be one. Mr. V. A. Jarrett has my sympathy.

J. M. TURNER.

Washfield.

PUZZLED LEARNER'S QUERY

Dear Sir,—Could someone possibly inform me why frequently the Major method bears no resemblance to the Minor method of the same name? To give only two examples, Norfolk Surprise Minor bears no resemblance to the Major and neither does Lincoln Surprise.

The first-named method is merely Cambridge without 'seconds or fifths,' that is to say, sixth's place is made on the treble's whole lead in front, and first's place is made on the treble's whole pull behind. As can easily be seen, the method is quite readily extendable, Lincoln Minor is also extendable, although it would not produce a very good method, due to the long front work.

Why, then, have Minor methods been completely ignored when naming Major methods? Are not Minor methods suitable 'basics'?

There are countless names of towns and villages yet to be used as names of methods, so why the encroaching on the Minor preserves? Long and heated discussions have often taken place in 'The Ringing World' as to whether a Royal or Maximus extension is fit to be called by the same name as the Major method. Nothing is ever said, however, of the obvious breach from Minor to Major.

I would, therefore, be very pleased if someone could give me a reason for all this.—Yours sincerely,
PUZZLED LEARNER.
Lincoln.

TOWER CORNER (17)

'READY FOR METHOD RINGING.'

Dear Learners,—We continue with Lesson X. from the point where the pupil, ringing the treble in five with sixth covering, had been shown on the blackboard the figure-work of Ex. 36—double dodging downwards.

This exercise is carried out by pulling off in the terminal order of Ex. 35, namely, 34251; and by working through to a 'stand' with a terminal order of 34512.

To make this clearer, fig. 5 of the previous instalment is repeated here, alongside. In standing at the end of this exercise, then, the pupil is left in 4ths place, as may be seen. The small letters to the right hand side indicate the 'stroke,' and provide a ready check on the nature of the hunting, by which bells come to lead either at handstroke or at backstroke.

Fig. 5. (Ex. 36.)

Our instructor, Tom Truettouch, continues his discourse:

'Each pupil in turn, on the treble, has now worked up from the front to the back, with double dodging up, as in Ex. 35, where the three-bell work on the front formed a "slow six." Then followed Ex. 36, with its double dodging down, where the three-bell work on the front formed a "quick six," as we have seen. If we continue this arrangement we shall have slow and quick sixes coming along alternately, i.e. we shall have six rows of backward hunting followed by six rows of forward hunting; nothing else whatever on the front three bells, and simple dodging on the back pairs.

'Since the pupil's bell (treble) has just finished dodging down in a quick six (see Fig. 5), it must enter the front work in a slow six. That is to say, it will start its three-bell hunting backwardly. The pattern for this was shown in fig. 3 in the previous instalment, where it was seen that the bell in position 3 in the first row of that six, remained there for one more blow, and then worked plain hunting.

'So in the next exercise, No. 37, the pupil, on the treble still, will re-enter the front work after the double dodging down, and will perform backward hunting, brought about by making the 3rds place, on the way in.

'It will be a good thing, however, having got so far, to pull off this time in rounds, and to work again through Ex. 35 (shown at fig. 4 in previous instalment), going straight on through Ex. 36 (as in fig. 5 above), and then without break into the work just described. This constitutes Ex. 37 and is shown complete in fig. 6. At the end of this slow six which we have just added we will stand, leaving the treble in second position, as may be seen.'

When each pupil has worked through this exercise (the other five ringers being experienced ones), Tom announces that this concludes preliminary exercises in hunting (both ways), place-making and dodging, and that we are now ready for method ringing. To conclude the lesson, however, he directs our attention to the figures of Fig. 6, and

Fig. 6 (Ex. 37.)

more closely continues:—
'First of all we must realise that although we have fixed our minds particularly on the path of one bell, the treble, yet all other "working" bells (i.e., excluding the tenor which has been covering), have been following exactly the same sort of path as ours; but each

has started off at a different part of the path.

'Second we observe that if we raise the line drawn under the round-row at the start, placing it above that row, we now have three rows which are found to be of the pattern of the last half of a quick six. The very important significance of this fact will come out in your study of method structure, later on; but bear it in mind, as arising from the principle of "symmetry."

'Third, we see that at each six-junction one bell leaves the front work for the dodging behind, so that at the same time one bell must leave the dodging behind for the front work.

'Fourth, the bell entering a quick six runs down to lead and out again at the same six-end, whereas the bell entering a slow six appears to stay in the front work for the next few sixes. In fact, it is there for five sixes in all and is said to be in the "slow work."

'Fifth, that the entire path, or "course," of a bell is this scheme of things is seen to consist of a cycle of: Quick work, Dodging up and Dodging down, Slow work, and Dodging up and Dodging down again. Indeed, this is known as the "plain course."

'In point of fact,' continues Tom, 'while we have been learning the rudiments of all method ringing, i.e. hunting forward, hunting backward, place-making and dodging, we have actually learnt something of the fundamentals of one of the most famous of methods—the Stedman principle. This introduction to method ringing is considered by many to be the best.

'And with this we come to the end of Lesson X. and the end of Section 3 of the Course. You should now feel able to take your place anywhere in rounds, and to attempt, at beginners' practices, method ringing—always provided you have learnt the method!'

'Before we leave,' says Tom, 'let me give you a bit of advice. Keep in mind all the finer points of good ringing style that we've tried to teach you; for by this means only can you hope to maintain 100 per cent. bell control. Without bell-control you'll never be a good striker, and without good striking you're no good as a ringer! So determine to keep on improving, and, above all, listen!

'Lastly—a social note. You remember that I had a private word with Mary and Will earlier in the lesson after Will had just got through his first bit of hunting? Well, it gives me pleasure to tell you that William and Mary have become engaged. Apparently Mary wouldn't say "Yes" until Will had mastered hunting, so now all's fine! Good luck to them both, in marriage and in ringing.'

At this Tom steps forward and turns over the blackboard, on the reverse of which he had written out the summary of Section 3, just concluded. Here it is:

Section 3.

TONE-TELLING AND ROPE-SIGHT.

Lesson IX. Selective Listening and Transits.
Ex. 28. 'Which bell-sound is mine?' (Handbells.)

Ex. 29. 'Which bell-sound follows mine?' (Handbells.)

Ex. 30. 'Which bell-sound did mine follow?' (Handbells.)

Ex. 31. Making transits UP, at call. (Tower bells.)

Ex. 32. Making transits DOWN, at call. (Tower bells.)

Ex. 33. Making transits continuously. (Tower bells.)

Ex. 34. Plain hunting—minimum—three-bell work. (Tower bells.)

Lesson X. 'Ready for Method Ringing.' (Hunting, Place-making and Dodging.)

Ex. 35. Double dodging—UP.

Ex. 36. Double dodging—DOWN.

Ex. 37. Introducing place-making in hunting.—Cordially yours,
CORN. R. STONE.

New Company at Emmanuel, Plymouth

On October 7th, the ringers of Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, with their wives and friends, had their third ringing tour this year. This was a half-day trip in Cornwall, visiting and ringing at Pelynt (6), Lanreath (6), Lannallos (8) and Morval (6).

On July 8th, they had their annual outing, leaving at 7.30 a.m., and rang at Teignmouth East (8), Exminster (8), Withycombe Raleigh (8), Littleham (8), Ottery St. Mary (8), Sidmouth (8), Sidbury (8) and Honiton (6). Their first tour was a half-day, and took place on May 13th, when they again kept to Devon.

When ringing was resumed after the war a very mixed gathering assembled at Emmanuel and included two or three pre-war Emmanuel ringers, two or three who had previously rung at Charles, where the beautiful ring of ten was destroyed by enemy action, two or three others who had not rung for years, or had come to Plymouth to live during the war.

From this assembly the foundation of the present band at Emmanuel was formed, but it was a ship without a rudder, the captain of Emmanuel ringers having died during the war. Mr. Tom Myers, of St. Andrew's, was appointed temporary leader with Mr. J. Simms (like the writer, formerly of Charles) elected deputy leader. Much time was spent in training beginners. They had much assistance in those days from fellow-ringers from various parts of the country serving in one or other of H.M. Forces, and one young man in H.M. Navy rang his first quarter peal of Grandshire Doubles (4.6.8 covering) before being demobilised in 1946.

The band grew and became stable, and in 1945 Mr. Simms was elected captain, with Mr. W. Hatch vice-captain, and Mr. R. Bennett, an old Emmanuel ringer, hon. secretary and treasurer. They have at all times received and still receive great assistance from Mr. Myers.

They are always well represented at meetings of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers, and since 1943 have visited and rung as a band at 73 towers. A visitors book was inaugurated in October, 1946, since when they have welcomed into the belfry 230 ringers from all parts of the country. At the top of each page of the visitors book is written 'A hearty welcome is extended to all visiting ringers.' Will any ringer visiting Plymouth please note.

Ringings take place twice each Sunday, with Thursday the practice night, and during the winter months a 'tied' practice is held on Mondays.

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ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. P. Taylor (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Carter (first quarter of Doubles) 2, J. B. Robinson 3, D. Ogden 4, R. Edwards (cond.) 5, R. V. Leedham (first quarter) 6.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael's, on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Gorton 1, R. Story 2, Miss M. Leavy 3, A. Anstey 4, Mrs. J. Weaver 5, F. Gilbert 6, S. Webb (cond.) 7, N. Gover 8. First quarter for 1, 2 and 3.

BIDDULPH, STAFFS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,440 changes (240 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise): W. Bowering 1, F. Bradbury 2, L. Higgs 3, W. A. Weston 4, J. Stanway (cond.) 5, W. Hazledine 6.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: N. Bett 1, R. G. Smith 2, A. S. Smith (first quarter) 3, C. J. Smith 4, O. P. Smith 5, S. H. Wallis 6, H. W. Smith 7, B. F. Sims (cond.) 8. A welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. R. B. Griffin).

BOSTON, LINC.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss L. Briggs 1, S. Jessop 2, A. N. Wood 3, A. Freeston 4, R. Brown 5, J. Petch 6, W. E. Clarke (first as cond.) 7, T. Freeston 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 4, 5 and 8.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Forest 1, F. W. Soden (cond.) 2, M. C. F. Collett 3, J. W. Dixon 4, B. S. Nichols 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon 7, J. J. Westmacott 8.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Lubbock 1, A. Tyers 2, G. Lucas 3, R. A. F. Clarke 4, T. Tyers (cond.) 5, L. E. Piper 6.

COWFOLD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: R. E. Parsons 1, E. J. King (cond.) 2, E. C. Stoner 3, B. Moore 4, F. J. Roberts 5, H. W. Symmonds 6.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Griffiths 1, Miss F. Raybould 2, H. J. Shuck 3, A. G. Hall 4, H. White 5, L. R. Hall 6, A. Wyre 7, H. Wyre (cond.) 8.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cawthorne 1, Mrs. R. A. Ward 2, F. C. Alvey (first inside) 3, P. E. Hall 4, P. Preston 5, H. Pailing (cond.) 6, R. A. Ward 7, W. Perkins 8. Rung half muffled in memory of Mr. H. Yates churchwarden.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,344 Spliced Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples: J. Hurst 1, J. Segar 2, C. Cook 3, J. Bartram 4, H. Denman 5, W. Coates 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, H. Willows 8. First quarter spliced in the methods by all the band.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Lewis (first quarter) 1, E. Harrison (first of Triples) 2, A. Ainsworth (first of Triples) 3, J. Hedley 4, K. Arthur (cond.) 5, N. H. Hewett 6, T. W. Crowe 7, J. Heal 8.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Oct. 1st, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, Miss D. E. Liddbetter 2, H. Langdon 3, J. Allsop 4, W. S. Langdon 5, M. V. Chilcott 6, Dr. Hollis 7, R. F. Deal 8, J. Phillips (cond.) 9, H. Belcher 10.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: F. F. Pryor 1, D. F. Harman 2, R. Newman 3, R. F. H. Harman 4, H. Kirby 5, A. F. Lancaster 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, H. W. Barnard 8. First quarter in method by the band.

HUNTINGDON.—On Oct. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. R. G. Spicer (first of Major) 1, F. Warrington 2, R. F. Baker 3, A. Clements 4, H. S. Peacock 5, J. W. C. Blythe 6, G. H. Dunnington 7, S. Gilbert (cond.) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. A. Godfrey (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Gumbrell 2, L. Weller (first 'inside') 3, G. Francis (first quarter) 4, B. Farhall (cond.) 5. A farewell to G. Francis, the local tower secretary, who is entering the R.A.F.

LEIGH, DORSET.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: N. B. Davis (age 12) 1, R. Field 2, I. Read (age 14) 3, H. J. Gaylard 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. First quarter for ringer of 1, who has only been practising change-ringing for five weeks; first quarter in method for 2 and 4. First quarter on the bells since their recent restoration by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDIGANSHIRE.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles on the back 5: Joyce Edwards 1, J. Harris 2, G. Harris 3, A. Edwards 4, P. Gledstone 5, B. Pate-man 6, W. J. Harris (cond.) 7, Peter Evans (first quarter) 8. Bell 8, 1 and 2 covering.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. F. Andrews (cond.) 1, Miss R. Gibbons 2, Miss M. Kennelly 3, Miss M. Hunt 4, S. R. Cockell 5, P. W. Weeks 6, W. C. West 7, A. W. J. Hunt 8. First in method for 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann P. Nicholls (first quarter) 1, H. A. May (cond.) 2, Pamela A. Warren 3, John A. Etherington 4, E. G. L. Coward 5, W. H. Bailey (first quarter) 6.

MOSSLEY, LANCs.—On Oct. 8th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Taylor (cond.) 1, H. Jackson 2, E. Garside 3, H. Pickles 4, G. Perrin 5, R. Walker 6, J. Clavton 7, J. Burgess 8.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire): B. Davies 1, J. E. Brough (cond.) 2, J. Thomas 3, F. Ollier 4, E. J. Boffey 5, H. Stubbs 6, A. Merrill (first quarter) 7, H. Chesworth 8. 7, 6, 8, covering. Rung for last service in the week's celebrations for 600th anniversary.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles Dorothy Mansfield 1, A. Livings 2, L. Beal 3, C. Sams (cond.) 4, G. Blakes 5. Rung in honour of the treble ringer's birthday.

OTTERY ST MARY, DEVON.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Pyne 1, G. J. Turner 2, F. J. Taylor 3, J. Arbury 4, A. H. Nash 5, E. Marks 6, J. T. Dyke (cond.) 7, Stafford H. Green, 8. A welcome to the Rev. D. R. Price (Vicar) and the Rev. J. Reed (curate).

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Milford 1, A. S. Weatherly 2, D. F. Wheeler 3, A. W. Myers 4, H. F. Myers 5, W. G. Lavers 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, C. A. Jones 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 1st, 1,280 Oxford Bob Major: Basil Edwards 1, Miss E. S. Wyles 2, F. J. Cheal 3, C. S. Jarrett 4, E. Naylor 5, W. S. Palin 6, G. Kenward 7, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 8. First of Oxford Bob Major by all the band.

SEELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. P. Parker (first quarter) 1, K. Haslam 2, E. Large 3, J. Pinfold 4, H. J. Turner 5, H. W. Haslam 6, N. J. Goodman (cond.) 7, W. B. Cartwright 8. A compliment to Erica Haslam on her 21st birthday.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHBOLD, OXON.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, J. Keyte 2, I. D. Harris 3, M. C. F. Collett 4, W. J. Dixon 5, T. Timms (first in method as cond.) 6, C. T. Richards 7, J. J. Westmacott 8.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,440 Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob: C. Good-ger 1, G. H. Dunnington 2, H. S. Peacock 3, A. Clements 4, W. Ransom 5, F. Warrington (cond.) 6. First quarter spliced by all except conductor.

TOTTENHOE, BEDS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,440 Minor (720 Wells, 720 London): J. Sinfield 1, D. Knox 2, A. Broyd 3, J. Scott 4, W. Twidell 5, J. Newman (cond.) 6. First quarter peal of Surprise Minor by all.

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MEETINGS

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Thames Ditton, Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Notifications to F. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton. 7761

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bushey (8), Nov. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.—S. Hoare. 7755

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Pluckley, Nov. 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford. 7762

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and **SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting, Eckington (8 bells), Nov. 4th, from 3. Numbers for tea to Mr. E. Barker, Glandford, Ducksett Road, Eckington. Good attendance specially requested.—A. B. Cooper and J. E. Turley, District Secs. 7802

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, All Saints', Poplar, Nov. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea, Lyons' Cafe, 5. Business and ringing after.—A. Boyack, Dis. Sec. Phone Wanstead 1575. 7814

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting, Rowde (6), Nov. 4th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea.—F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 7794

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Meeting, Tuddenham, Nov. 4th. Bells 2.45. Tea 5 (supplied). Buses from Ipswich 2.15 and 3.45. Names essential to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich. (Tel. 78926.) 7805

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Warnham (8), Saturday, Nov. 4th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 7808

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting at Ryde, Nov. 4th. Service, All Saints', 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Guy, Merrie Meade, Watergate Road, Newport, I.W. 7804

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Milton Ernest, Nov. 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Blotsoe bells in evening. Both churches are on good bus route. 7840

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Correction: Meeting at Caversfield on Saturday, November 4th.—C. H. Kinch. 7837

TILNEY.—All Saints'.—Dedication of re-hung and retuned ring of six, Saturday, Nov. 4th. Service 3 p.m. Tea provided. All welcome. 7831

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, W.C.2., on Monday, Nov 6th, 7 p.m. 7827

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-East Division.—Meeting at St. Leonard's, Colchester, on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea by the 7th, please.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec., c/o 10, Charles Street, Colchester. 7807

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield and Congleton Branch.—Meeting at Congleton (8), Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss J. M. Henshaw, 5, Great Queen Street, Macclesfield. 7813

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Edwinstowe (6), Saturday, Nov. 11th. Good bus service. Cafes close to church.—H. Denman. 7800

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Turners Hill (8). Nov. 11th. Tea at The Forge Tea Rooms 5. Names to Mr. C. Streeter, 2, New Cottages, Turners Hill, Crawley.—C. A. Bassett. 7826

LADIES' GUILD.—North-West District.—Meeting at Walkden (near Manchester), Nov. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names by Nov. 7th to Miss A. Potter, 73, Manchester Road, Walkden.—Mary Lewis, Hon. Sec. 7812

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Caversfield (5), Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names for tea to C. H. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 7774

BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Shelley, Nov. 11th, 2.30 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify not later than Nov. 8th, Mr. F. R. Brook, Crabtree, Lower Cumberworth, near Huddersfield.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 7847

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Latton (5) afternoon, Cricklade (5) evening, Nov. 11th. Tea, Cricklade.—Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 7829

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at King's Langley (8), Saturday, Nov. 11th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 8th to Mrs. B. Barker, 18, Vicarage Lane, King's Langley.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7839

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Woolton, on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells up 3.—Julia M. Preston, Branch Sec. 7846

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Kirkby-in-Furness, on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Moorhouse, Suncrest, Kirkby-in-Furness.—K. N. Newby, Branch Sec. 7844

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Brownedge (Bamber Bridge), Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bring own food.—L. Walmsley. 7832

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Clare, Nov. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5 to all who notify Mr. S. Twitchett, Station Road, Clare. 7828

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting at Fareham, November 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by business, in School Hall 5. Names by November 8th to W. Linter, 16, Uplands Crescent, Fareham, Hants. 7833

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Refreshments 6 p.m. at the Hare and Hounds Hotel.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 7849

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Leverington, Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (tea provided).—J. Fox, Walpole Highway. 7848

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Wotton-under-Edge, Nov. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6. Notify for tea by Nov. 8th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall, Glos. 7852

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Saturday, Nov. 18th, Christ Church, Consett. Names to Mr. T. B. Hargreaves, 271, Medomsley Road, Consett, by Nov. 15th.—C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7825

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Special meeting Nov. 18th, Newton St. Loe. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Notification for tea essential by 15th to Mrs. Russell, The Rectory, Newton St. Loe, near Bath. 7836

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Littlebury (6) on Saturday, Nov. 18th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All welcome.—G. Blake, 96 Burford, Hoddesdon, Herts. 7842

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Witley on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names to me by 14th please.—E. T. Lee, Ockford Road, Godalming. 7843

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Reading, Saturday, November 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Evening ringing. Names for tea (1/6) to Mrs. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading, by Nov. 13th.—T. N. Lanaghan. 7835

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting, Beenham (6) Nov. 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names before Nov. 15th to E. Wallace, 12, Stoney Fields, Beenham, Reading. 7834

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Elston (6) Saturday, Nov. 18th. 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Bring food. Cups of tea available.—F. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 7838

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Brandon, Nov. 18th, 3 p.m., Tea 5.—D. M. Reeve. 7845

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—Meeting at St. Mary's Ewell, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Nominations for 1951 District Officers will be received. Names for tea to Mr. J. E. Beams, 4, Cottage Road, West Ewell, by Nov. 15th.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 7815

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton and Coventry Districts.—Joint meeting at Exhall, near Coventry, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. The Vicar requests that all names for tea be sent to him not later than Nov. 11th: Rev. L. Bruce, Exhall Vicarage, near Coventry.—A. J. Hinde, Nuneaton Dis. Sec. 7850

MITCHAM.—A bellringers' service will be held at Christ Church, Mitcham, on Sunday, Nov. 19th. Ringing at 5.30. Service at 6.30. All ringers and friends invited.—A. Miller. 7790

ELY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Wisbech Branch will be held at Walpole St. Peter on Saturday, Jan. 13th, 1951. Details later. Neighbouring branches please note. 7830

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual general meeting will be held Jan. 13th, 1951 at Harlow Town (8) at 3 p.m.—G. Blake, 96, Burford Street, Hoddesdon, Herts. 7841

QUARTER PEALS

OLDHAM, LANCS.—At St. Mary's on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Seville 1, J. T. Walmsley 2, Audrey Seville 3, F. Pritchard 4, D. G. Gay 5, G. R. Fairnie 6, V. Sykes (cond.) 7, H. Standley 8.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Oct 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. MacRobert 1, R. Franklin 2, D. Stone 3, C. Heskins 4, A. Cross 5, A. H. Bates (cond.) 6, W. Welling 7, J. Burt 8. First for 1 and 3.

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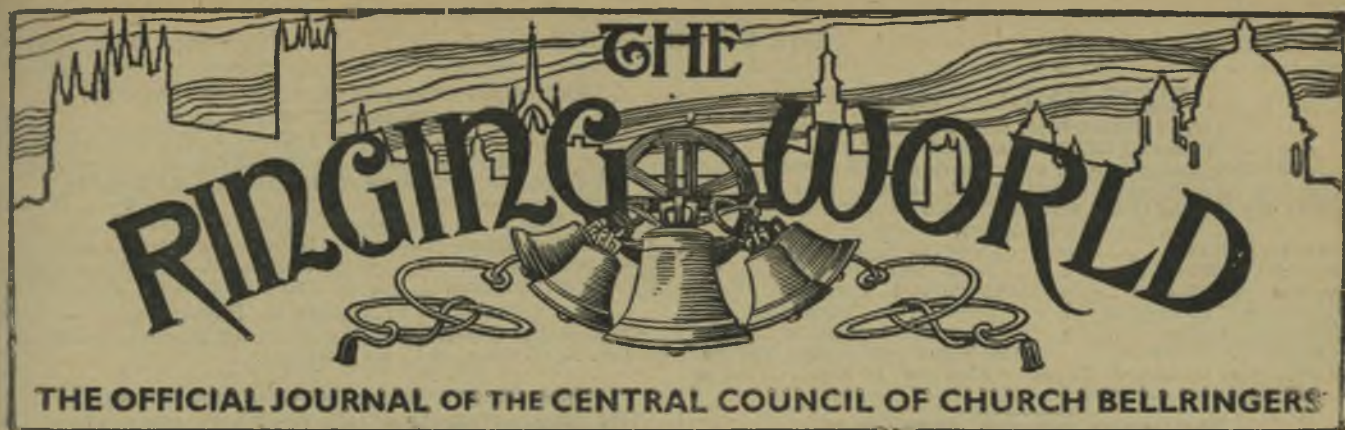
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THIS DEBENHAM BUSINESS

Journalistic fantasy had its full sway over the record length attempt at Debenham. The harrowing picture presented in one of the national Sunday newspapers that 'after several hours' ringing the tenor bell began to "fade" and finally became silent' has caused a degree of amusement among ringers. But to a gullible public this fancy sub-editorial writing creates the wrong impression of what happens. There were sufficient experienced ringers at Debenham to give visiting journalists full information. The facts were available and 'The East Anglian Daily Times' of the following Monday gave an accurate and interesting account of the attempt, which put everything in its proper perspective.

That talented writer on Suffolk dialect and matters, X.Y.Z., in his column, 'Round About Ipswich,' makes the record length attempt his main theme in 'The Suffolk Chronicle and Mercury.' Here are some of his observations:—

That's a very bad sign, such as an inquest or a weddin', when a brace of reporters is seen in the Street at Deb-num. And when a covey of 'em comes in over-night and photographers are creepin' around at seven in the mornin' with headlights on their cameras you bet somethin' pretty dreadful's goin' to happen.

And you're right. Sat'day was the time chosen by eight bellringers to break Bob Major's record of 17,000 and a bit made at South Wigston 44 years ago. Though many former inhabitants of that Leicestershire village no longer have headaches from income tax, church bells or the occasional night out, we who live in the shadow of church towers must hold them in regard for their stoical endurance of 17,014 changes of Double Norwich, even if it's one of the more joyful peals.

Anyhow, the reporters, photographers, ringers and the Bor Dearvud, who'd motored overnight from his seat in Cheshire to enjoy 14 or 15 hours of continuous bellringin', milled around the entrance to the ringers' caboose at seven in the mornin'.

Inside there're eight ropes with nooses at the ends, danglein' through holes in the roof—one apiece for the ringers who'd each eaten a hearty breakfast. And very sensible, too, seein' that they're hopin' to fast until nearly midnight. I hear of one ringer who started with four eggs, followed 'em up with a nice bit of fat and lean, and then had his ornery breakfast.

Anyhow, there's an old English tradition that nooses and hearty breakfasts go together. So the ringers sling the nooses of their ropes round their arms and face F8 fearlessly—the lenses of the Press cameras.

Ever had your photo taken at half after seven in the mornin' when you look as awful as you feel, and know it'll be starin' back at you, bags under the eyes an' all from a Sunday newspaper or Monday's at the latest?

Funny how I know about it, not bein' there at that hour, but the Press then goes for a shave and breakfast, there bein' little else to

do in Deb-num before openin' time. About elevenses numerous strangers appear, cock their lugs at the bells, and gather round in little knots. Let's listen to the conversation piece of two experts who're leanin' on the churchyard wall.

Nice bit of ringin'?

Ah.

What time they start?

Five to eight.

Nice bit of ringin'?

Ah.

So informative and unanimous! The Bor Dearvud hasn't the heart to tell 'em there've been a false start and that the ringers are now back in the peal to where they were about five past nine. . . .

It's now become known that I ventured into Deb-num on Sat'day with a roll of lug wool, and was visible in the churchyard, a cafe and another public place. Certain ringers have therefore debited the tenor's tummy to me as a hostile influence—pretty much like the night I upset the spirits at the seance. Told me then I wasn't co-operative—so I gave 'em the share number in the Ipswich Society to disprove it.

But it's a pretty hostile influence that'll penetrate the flints of the Deb-num church tower, behind which the Eight could have defied a siege if only they'd had some grub. Besides, Deb-num didn't seem to object. Bless you, folks livin' within 40 or 50 yards of the tower had their windows wide open—so they shouldn't miss a note.

At the risk of again bein' told of a peculiarity of the magpies, I'm still wondering why eight grown men travel many miles for the sole purpose of makin' a longer din than eight other men made half a century ago—when there was less to amuse 'em. Does anyone really care how many Bob Majors are rung in our day, when science has given us pneumatic drills, motor horns, next door's wireless and Meteor jets? If that's not enough an enterprisin' chap can find eight-penn'orth of Wurlitzer organ or a bob hop to a six-piece jazzery.

As a bright young reporter says to me on Sat'day, 'this ringin' is all very wonderful and no doubt very clever; but to me it's just daft.' Monday mornin' a ringer says pretty much the same after he's read in a newspaper how the collapsed tenor man's carried out of the tower by his seven companions. For there ain't all that of Pat Cannon for seven blokes to get a holt.

Readers will agree that X.Y.Z. has a very shrewd insight into those foibles that go into a ringer's character. Because an individual is able to swim, it does not follow that his ambition lies in swimming the Channel. It is the same with the ordinary ringer. In 99 cases out of 100 there would be a blank refusal if the chance came the ringer's way to stand in a record length, and the majority would agree with the bright young reporter, 'It's just daft.' But, then, there are a lot of daft things in the world such as standing at the wicket in the broiling sun and making a couple of centuries at cricket, swimming the Channel, driving a golf ball farther than anyone else and so on. These unusual happenings make news, and the two ladies appointed by the Central Council to compile these record lengths in change ringing for posterity probably had a tinge of excitement at the prospect of adding Debenham, October 21st, 1950, to their list. But it was not to be!

TEN BELL PEAL

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANK E. PERVIN ... Treble	DOROTHY E. BEAMISH ... 6
LEONARD TREVOR ... 2	JAMES DRAYCOTT ... 7
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 3	†MICHAEL L. CALLOW ... 8
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH ... 4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON ... 9
*HUBERT E. ASHLEY ... 5	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

Conducted by LEONARD TREVOR.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal of Royal. First of Surprise Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JILL POOLE ... Treble	JOHN HILL ... 5
*DAVID S. HARRIS ... 2	JOHN R. SMITH ... 6
MICHAEL D. STANFORTH ... 3	TERENCE A. THORNER ... 7
WILLIAM A. LACEY ... 4	PETER J. STANFORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on an 'inside' bell. A farewell to M. D. Stanforth, who is joining H.M. Forces, and a 25th wedding anniversary compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Rowe, of Anstey.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOYCE G. FLEETWOOD ... Treble	JOHN ARMSTRONG ... 5
DULCIE J. FLEETWOOD ... 2	DAVID W. BEARD ... 6
JOAN PEACOCK ... 3	JAMES R. FLEETWOOD ... 7
†JOAN E. HILLS ... 4	COLIN E. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Mr. J. R. Fleetwood.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 7 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 11,568 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

FRANK B. LUFKIN ... Treble	SIDNEY F. CARTER ... 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 6
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	LESLIE G. BRETT ... 7
NORMAN V. HARDING ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Umpires: CECIL W. PIPE and SYLVIA PIPE.

Longest length in the method by all and in East Anglia. Rung in honour of the christening of Princess Anne and to hallow the memory of Robert Green, of Debenham, killed at the Battle of Trafalgar.

WITHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HENRY PRATT ... Treble	RONALD SUCKLING ... 5
GEORGE TRENELL ... 2	GEORGE SAUNDERS ... 6
FRANK HARRINGTON ... 3	HARRY MILLATT ... 7
WILLIAM MELLIN ... 4	ERNEST BRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

HALEWOOD, NEAR LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS LEE ... Treble	WILLIAM ROBINSON ... 5
THOMAS ROBINSON ... 2	JOHN ROBINSON ... 6
*JOHN ROBERTS ... 3	THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 7
GEORGE H. HESKETH ... 4	JOHN STEVENSON ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. HESKETH.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a farewell tribute to the Rector, the Rev. R. O. Shone, M.A., on retirement.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Oct. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MRS. J. THOMAS ... Treble	*ROBERT G. FREEMAN ... 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 2	JOHN THOMAS ... 6
*MARGARET ROWLAND ... 3	*PATRICK HARRIS ... 7
RALPH HARRIS ... 4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Cambridge. Rung on the occasion of the golden wedding of the Rev. V. C. Blythe, Rector of this parish from 1925 to 1938, now of Hindhead, Surrey, and Mrs. Blythe.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST W. RAWSON ... Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 5
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 6
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 3	DAVID VINCENT ... 7
ALFRED BALLARD ... 4	LEONARD TREVOR ... Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Specially arranged for David Vincent, of Altrincham.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Oct. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Comprising 2,944 London, 640 Bristol, 896 Cambridge and 576 Superlative, 112 changes of method.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

TERENCE A. THORNER ... Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 5
JILL POOLE ... 2	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 6
ALFRED BALLARD ... 3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 7
LEONARD TREVOR ... 4	PETER J. STANFORTH ... Tenor

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

First peal of Spiced Surprise Major as conductor. A birthday compliment to Jill Poole.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF TRURO COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

CHARLES H. MOORE ... Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 2	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... 6
GEORGE SAYER ... 3	HENRY TOOKE ... 7
LESLIE W. HOUGHTON ... 4	WILLIAM CLOVER ... Tenor

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 4½ cwt.

W. GWYN THOMAS ... Treble	KENNETH M. GRAYSON ... 5
ELIZABETH BROWN ... 2	PETER BROADER ... 6
*SUSAN M. BROWN ... 3	FRANK P. WRIGHT ... 7
N. GERARD MCCRUM ... 4	EWART H. EDGE ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Kathleen Higgins.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

LAWRENCE WALMSLEY ... Treble	IAN JONES ... 5
*MARGARET E. OPENSHAW ... 2	†THOMAS TURNER ... 6
†ERIC BALDWIN ... 3	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE ... 7
THOMAS BARKER ... 4	JAMES BLACKBURN ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. KNIGHTS (26). Conducted by C. CROSTHWAITE.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Plain Bob Major on the bells.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE KING ... Treble	HENRY SQUIRES ... 5
CALEB SIMCOCKS ... 2	JOHN CRAGG ... 6
GEORGE SCOTT ... 3	LESLIE SQUIRES ... 7
WILLIAM DALE ... 4	ARTHURS MACKEARS ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

EDWARD JENKINS ... Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 5
*CYRIL WRIGHT ... 2	JOHN E. TURLEY ... 6
GORDON C. BRIGGS ... 3	ERNEST THORPE ... 7
ALFRED SMITH ... 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal of Surprise Major. Rung as a tribute of respect to George Lewis, of Ecclesfield, near Sheffield.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SOUTHCATE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY BAKER ... Treble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... 5
RALPH BIRD ... 2	S. GEOFFREY WATERS ... 6
WILFRED W. RING ... 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH ... 7
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP.

First peal in the method for the band and Association.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SINGLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

STANLEY V. RAYFIELD ... Treble	VICTOR A. JARRETT ... 5
EILEEN S. WYLES ... 2	WILFRED S. PALIN ... 6
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 3	ERIC NAYLOR ... 7
CYRIL S. JARRETT ... 4	GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

First peal in the method by all. Rung on the eve of the visit of H.R.H. the Princess Elizabeth to the Medway towns for the unveiling and dedication of the memorial windows and book of remembrance to men of the Chatham Port Division, Royal Navy, who did not return.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

STANLEY E. BENNETT ... Treble	†JAMES H. MUSSON ... 5
*MAURICE BENNETT ... 2	†THOMAS H. CHARLTON ... 6
†MISS FREDA OLDERSHAW ... 3	JOHN G. AMES ... 7
FRANK TAYLOR ... 4	CYRIL WANDER ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by CYRIL WANDER.

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

LYMM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

WILLIAM E. ALLMAN ... Treble	WALTER ALLMAN ... 5
*FRED DUNKERLEY ... 2	ERIC J. GILBERT ... 6
*HENRY O. BAKER ... 3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

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

MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

M. J. Morris' Transposition of J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*OLIVE SMITH ... Treble	B. STEDMAN PAYNE ... 5
WALTER G. SOAR ... 2	ERNEST F. PAYNE ... 6
ERNEST MORRIS ... 3	PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... 7
F. GEORGE BAILEY ... 4	*GERALD TIVEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

James W. Washbrook's Variation of T. Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... Treble	SIDNEY H. JONES ... 5
JOHN BRAMLEY ... 2	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN ... 6
HAROLD TAYLOR ... 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ... 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	WALTER BEEBE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH WM. COTTON.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW Treble	FREDERICK W. GROCOTT ... 5
*R. MARY ELKINGTON ... 2	*J. DENNIS HOLDEN ... 6
ERIC E. SPEAKE ... 3	HOWARD HOWELL ... 7
RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal of New Cambridge.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th the observation). Tenor 16 cwt.

AMOS A. LANE ... Treble	*NORMAN R. PHILLIPS ... 5
NORMAN H. COOMBS ... 2	DAVID G. YEO ... 6
MRS. G. J. SIMMONS ... 3	HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... 7
*RONALD J. GALE ... 4	CECIL F. MOGFORD ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT W. KNIGHT.

* First peal.

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

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Johnson's Variation.

VINCENT A. HEMMING...Treble	HENRY H. FEARN ... 5
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY 2	JOHN SCOTT ... 6
*H. JAMES TURNER ... 3	EDWARD T. LLOYD... 7
GEORGE E. FEARN ... 4	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

* 100th peal.

WAREHAM, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF LADY ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 21 cwt.

JOSEPH H. HAYNE ...Treble	†MICHAEL J. E. BEST ... 5
HERBERT A. MITCHELL... 2	JAMES E. DANIELS ... 6
*MRS. M. M. GODLEY ... 3	*HENRY J. FORD ... 7
†LIONEL H. PINK ... 4	PHILIP H. TOCCK ... Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCCK.

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

WOKING, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES; Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

AUDREY MORRISON ...Treble	JOHN A. ETHERINGTON ... 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	GEORGE E. CLODE ... 6
TOM PAGE ... 3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	HAROLD A. MAY ... Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by HAROLD A. MAY.

First peal of Superlative as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Jill Poole.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.	
COLIN A. KIRK ...Treble	ERNEST MORRIS ... 4
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
JOHN BRAMLEY ... 3	ALAN CATTELL ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 22 120's of Grandsire and 20 120's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in E.

*STANLEY T. SMITH ...Treble	LESLIE G. TOWNSEND ... 3
PERCY AMOS ... 2	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE ... 4

ERNEST G. ORLAND ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. M. S. Mostyn-Robinson to the parish.

PERMARSH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD...Treble	RALPH BIRD ... 4
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 2	ROBERT C. LYON ... 5
THOMAS BIRD ... 3	WALTER ARNOLD ... Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

A birthday peal for the treble ringer. The conductor has completed the circle at this tower.

OAKS-IN-CHARNWOOD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREATER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720's as follows: (1) Capel, Oxford Treble Bob, Sandal, Carisbrooke, Ockley, Donottar, Wath, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of Norfolk, Pontefract, Kingston, College Exercise and Norbury (C. K. Lewis); (2) Double Bob, Windermere, Plain Bob, Canterbury, St. Clement's, Killarney, Childwall, London Bob, College, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Wavertree, Reverse Bob, Cumberland, Frodsham, Ennerdale, Lytham, Fulbeck and Horsmonden (C. K. Lewis); (3) Hereward, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court; (4) Newdigate and Old Oxford; (5) College Bob IV. and Willesden; (6) Cambridge Surprise; (7) Kent and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ERNEST H. BOWLEY ...Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ... 4
†STANLEY R. GARDNER ... 2	JAMES W. BOWLEY ... 5
C. WILLIAM HALL ... 3	ROLAND BENISTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal in 42 methods. † First peal 'inside' in 42 methods. Rung for the christening of Princess Anne.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, HEALEY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr.

*MARJORIE LEACH ...Treble	JAMES TAYLOR ... 4
REV. P. T. ROBINS ... 2	IVAN KAY ... 5
J. ALWYN TAYLOR ... 3	PETER CROOK ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal in three methods. Rung for the centenary of the church, 1850-1950.

ROYDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*F. WRIGHT ...Treble	†A. A. LIVINGES ... 4
*B. PIKE ... 2	B. G. BURTON ... 5
*L. BEAL ... 3	*J. TERRY ... Tenor

Conducted by B. G. BURTON.

* First peal. † First peal on 'inside' bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Jane Blackburn, 107 years old on Wednesday, October 18th.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*MALCOLM A. COLLINS ...Treble	EDWARD C. ANGER ... 4
THOMAS F. STONE ... 2	PETER ANGER ... 5
*ELLIS BOARDMAN ... 3	*EDWARD G. GRAINGER... Tenor

* First peal. Conducted by PETER ANGER.

COOMBE, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and two extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 15 lb.

HARRY P. FLOYD ...Treble	EDGAR J. SMITH ... 4
*MRS. A. S. ROBERTS ... 2	*REV. A. S. ROBERTS ... 5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in more than three Minor methods. The conductor's 400th peal.

KIRDFORD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of London Surprise, Norbury, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HAROLD F. WOOD ...Treble	KENNETH SNELLING ... 4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 2	LEONARD STILWELL ... 5
ERNEST TREAGUS ... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR R. RAPLEY.

First peal in seven methods as conductor. First peal in more than one method on the bells.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK C. ARNOLD ... Treble	†ALBERT E. ROBINSON ... 4
JOHN R. SMITH ... 2	†WILFRED E. GARROD ... 5
*FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO ... 3	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* 25th peal. † First peal. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven varied extents.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

RICHARD S. PAYNE ... Treble	*E. JACK THURLOW ... 4
WALTER KERRISON ... 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... 5
REGINALD J. DARCH ... 3	JOHN W. C. BLYTHE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. C. BLYTHE.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since dedication on September 17th, 1950.

COTTESMORE, RUTLAND.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 St. Clement's, 1,440 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt. (approx.).

*WALTER MATHEWS ... Treble	RONALD RUSSELL ... 4
JOHN H. BLUFF ... 2	ROBERT H. KNIGHT ... 5
†PERCY D. BALDOCK ... 3	JAMES BLUFF ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

* First peal. † 25th peal.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ROBERT LEES ... Treble	ALFRED C. BOXLEY... 4
JOSEPH WARR ... 2	GEOFFREY WESTWOOD ... 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 3	THOMAS HEMMING ... Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

First peal in three Minor methods by all. In memoriam George Lewis.

QUADRING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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 10 cwt.

CHARLES C. RAWDING ... Treble	HORACE BENNETT ... 4
STANLEY G. ELSEY ... 2	C. HAROLD WHITTON ... 5
ERNEST H. MASTIN... 3	WILLIAM ROSE ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

SEAL CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT COLLINS ... Treble	*ROY PANKHURST ... 4
JOHN O. WELLER ... 2	W. GEORGE COOK ... 5
ARTHUR E. WENBAN ... 3	DORIS E. COLGATE ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT COLLINS.

* First peal.

WANSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FRANK V. GANT ... Treble	WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 4
DAVID W. BEARD ... 2	HARRY TURNER ... 5
FREDK. W. HOUSDEN ... 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

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**NORTH CREEKE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Sun., Oct. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of St. Clement's, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*R. G. LING Treble	VINCENT R. OVENS... .. 4
JACK S. WILLIAMSON ... 2	GEORGE A. COOKE 5
†GORDON DYE 3	TONY OWEN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. COOKE.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

**CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

At 26, IRON MILL LANE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS 1-2	BETTY SPICE 5-6
WILLIAM L. B. LEESE ... 3-4	EDWIN A. BARNETT 7-8
FRANK I. HAIRS 9-10	

Arranged and Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. F. I. Hairs.

WALKERVILLE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

THE ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

In St. Andrew's Belfry,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight extents each of Plain Bob, Old and Norfolk, with nine extents each of Southrepps and St. Columb. Tenor size 11 in G.

*CATHERINE LAMPHEE ... 1-2	PHILIP COOPER 3-4
JONATHAN EGGLETON 5-6	

Conducted by PHILIP COOPER.

* First peal, and first lady to ring a handbell peal in Australia. First peal as conductor. First handbell peal in five methods in Australia. Rung in honour of the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 23, 1950, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,

In the Vestry of the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor size 6 in G.

*EVELYN M. CAPON 1-2	†FRANK H. HICKS 3-4
†E. GAVAN D. TONKIN ... 5-6	

Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.

* First peal. † 275th peal. † First peal of Minor 'in hand' and 30th peal. First handbell peal to be rung in Hellingly. All parts of this peal were checked by C. John Piper.

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Oct. 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,

At OAKLEIGH, ELM GROVE ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

JOAN BUSSEY 1-2	†LESLIE BARRY 3-4
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*DORIS M. SHEPPARD ... 5-6

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Oct. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

C.C.C. No. 13 (a). Tenor size 17 in A.

MICHAEL J. E. BEST 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
JAMES E. DANIELS 3-4	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 7-8

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 25, 1950, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob (4 callings) and 30 of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor size 14 in D.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY... 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 3-4
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*JOYCE GIBBONS 5-6

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Doubles, and first on handbells.

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QUARTER PEALS

ALVESTON, GLOS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grand-
sire Triples: Mary I. Kennedy 1, H. A. Bradbury 2,
A. P. Cave 3, B. Enid Lloyd Roberts (cond.) 4, J. R.
Worrell 5, L. C. I. Watson (first of Grand-
sire Triples 'inside') 6, E. G. Taylor 7, I. H. Trueman 8. First of
Grand-
sire Triples 3 and 4.

ARKSEY, YORKS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Oxford
Bob Triples: E. Cooper (cond.) 1, E. Short (first in the
method) 2, Miss Lucy Motishaw 3, G. Arrand 4,
Miss V. Burton 5, Mrs. I. Somerville 6, Miss Laura
Motishaw 7, B. Birkett 8.

ASHBURY, BERKS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 changes,
being 3 extents of April Day and Bob Doubles and 44
of Grand-
sire: C. Sherman 1, C. I. J. Pearce 2, E.
Anger 3, M. J. Pryor 4, P. Anger (cond.) 5, F. Disbury
(first quarter) 6.

ASHCOTT, BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Oct.
21st, 1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles: G. Bird 1, Miss Sylvia
Dean 2, F. Sandy 3, D. Emery (first quarter) 4, W.
Cavill (first quarter as cond.) 5, F. Cave 6. Rung
half-muffled in memoriam of Sidney Parsons.

AUGHTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Triples: A. Smith 1, J. Marsh (cond.) 2, Miss
White 3, W. Lunt 4, W. Rimmer 5, E. Ashcroft 6,
J. R. Lunham 7, W. E. Rothwell 8. In honour of
the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E. Ashcroft.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,280 Cam-
bridge Surprise Major: H. N. Pitsoy 1, M. Layton
(first of Surprise) 2, G. P. Smerdon 3, Jill Brittain 4,
N. Hobden 5, A. E. Cheesman 6, D. N. Layton 7,
A. J. Adams (cond.) 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Stedman
Triples: C. Fenn 1, A. Reeve 2, A. W. Beard 3, D. W.
Beard (first in method as cond.) 4, C. Wardell 5, H.
Worboys 6, E. G. Cottis 7, S. Holgate 8.

BERRINGTON, SALOP.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260
Grand-
sire Doubles: Miss E. M. Duppa 1, Mrs. P. J. L.
Purslow (first quarter) 2, P. J. L. Purslow (cond.) 3,
R. Davies 4, W. H. Lloyd 5, A. Owen 6.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 15th, 1,280 Kent
Treble Bob: S. H. Symonds (cond.) 1, F. R. Goddard
2, H. G. Goddard 3, E. J. Baxter 4, C. J. Harrington
5, A. Pryke 6, D. A. Symonds 7, J. Sitch 8.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 21st,
1,260 Stedman Triples: A. E. Moore 1, R. J. Stannard
2, P. Everett 3, R. Simmonds 4, C. Stannard 5, W.
Goodship 6, W. Stannard (cond.) 7, J. W. Banks 8.
A farewell to R. J. Stannard, who is joining the Royal
Navy.

CAYTHORPE, Lincs.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Sted-
man Triples: Miss Johnson 1, A. Ward 2, S. Proctor
3, H. Huxley 4, A. Mackears 5, J. Cragg 6, W.
Creasey (cond.) 7, T. Hall 8.

CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKS.—On Oct. 22nd,
1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles (10 callings): T. Taylor 1,
G. Stevens 2, E. G. Swift (cond.) 3, K. C. Vickers
(first quarter) 4, E. G. Stevens 5, S. Blackmore 6. A
15th birthday compliment to G. Stevens.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260
Grand-
sire Doubles: T. Davidson 1, A. Worth 2, R.
Barratt 3, J. Lawrence 4, A. Street (cond.) 5, H.
Callowood 6. A birthday compliment to H. Callwood.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260
Grand-
sire Triples: J. Hunt (first quarter) 1, Mrs.
Crocker 2, R. Andrews 3, W. Goldstone 4, J. Crocker
5, J. B. Hessey (cond.) 6, D. Sleat 7, T. Warden 8.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260
Grand-
sire Triples: Mrs. D. Harris 1, Mrs. K. E. E.
Bowden 2, F. Bowden (cond.) 3, A. J. Bartlett 4, C. E.
Smith 5, F. A. Ranson (first quarter) 6, H. Mullard 7,
R. Cooper 8. For the 91st birthday of Mrs. Atwell.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,440
Grand-
sire Doubles: B. A. Best (first quarter) 1, F. R.
Best 2, J. L. Morris 3, F. C. W. Knight 4, M. S.
Coke (cond.) 5, F. Mounce 6. For the dedication
festival.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.—On Oct. 15th, at Emmanuel
Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. T. Rawlings 1,
Miss J. M. Midgley 2, Miss D. M. Barnett 3, Mrs. D.
Bowles 4, H. W. S. Gregory 5, F. W. Bonner 6, F.
Wilson (first as cond.) 7, H. S. Gregory 8. First of
Stedman for 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8. First of Stedman
on the bells.

COUND, SHROPSHIRE.—On Oct. 15th, 1,320
Grand-
sire Doubles: Miss W. E. A. Redgwell (first
quarter) 1, E. Hill 2, A. E. G. Owen 3, C. E. Edwards
4, R. F. Davies (cond.) 5, E. F. Wilcox 6. Rung for
the dedication of the new altar rail, the gift of Mr. A.
McCorquodale and Mrs. Sotheby, in memory of their
parents, who were the chief donors for the rehanging
of the bells.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 15th, 1,245
Stedman Caters: Kathleen I. Tivey 1, S. Walklate 2,
M. J. Barker 3, J. A. Constant 4, F. R. Lowe 5, G.
Freebrey (cond.) 6, A. E. Thompson 7, J. F. Wilkinson
8, H. Taylor 9, G. Margetts 10. First of Stedman
Caters for 1, 4 and 10.

DODDERHILL, WORCS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,280
Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. E. Large (cond.) 1, R. G.
Morris 2, Miss J. A. Southerst 3, Miss C. A. Harding
4, W. H. A. Compton 5, R. W. M. Clouston 6, A.
Morgan 7, R. Woodvatt 8.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grand-
sire Triples: P. Newing 1, C. A. Read 2, Mrs. G.
Coldman 3, J. White 4, E. Coward 5, G. Coldman 6,
A. Harman (cond.) 7, G. Coldman, sen. 8.

DOVER, KENT.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Triples: Mrs. H. George 1, H. J. Saunders 2, Miss
G. A. Smith 3, C. George 4, E. T. Ellender 5, C.
Turner (cond.) 6, E. J. Walker 7, J. D. Thomas 8.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's on Oct.
14th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Triples: Miss A. M. Izzard 1,
G. M. Kilby 2, J. C. Birt 3, D. R. Judd 4, J. E.
Lewis Cockey 5, A. T. Parker 6, W. G. Wilson
(cond.) 7, W. T. Cook 8. A birthday compliment to
Mr. G. Good (verger).

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Triples: Jean Sturgess 1, Blanche M. Ball 2, P. J.
Eves 3, J. Pearce 4, S. J. Harding 5, J. H. Hunt
(cond.) 6, F. W. Burnett 7, A. Sturgess 8. First
quarter for 1 and 8. A 50th birthday compliment to
the ringer of the 5th.

FINCHEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260
Stedman Triples: R. Charge 1, A. W. Coles (cond.) 2,
F. A. Barker 3, R. W. Green 4, A. J. W. Hughes 5,
G. A. Parsons 6, J. Euston 7, R. H. Begrie 8. A
birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Barker.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Oct. 15th, 1,280 Kent
Treble Bob Royal: Miss J. England 1, E. Fenn 2, Miss
D. Lidbetter 3, Mrs. R. F. Deal 4, M. V. Chilcott 5,
H. Belcher 6, D. E. Parsons 7, J. E. Chilcott 8, I.
Phillips 9, R. F. Deal (cond.) 10.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260
Grand-
sire Triples: V. Hutton (first quarter) 1, J. A.
Alexander 2, C. Haslop 3, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 4,
M. J. Cooper 5, H. Short 6, J. Bedlington 7, J.
Hodgson 8.

GLOSSOP, DERBYS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,046 Kent
Treble Bob Major: J. Buckley 1, J. Bentley 2, N. Allan
3, B. Walshaw 4, W. Hall 5, H. Bradshaw 6, C.
Higginson 7, F. Johnson (cond.) 8. A farewell to
the ringer of the 7th, who is now living at 116, Herbert
Road, Manor Park, London E.12.

GOSBERTON, Lincs.—On Oct. 25th, 1,272 Kent
Treble Bob Minor: F. Payne 1, Gwendoline D. Robin-
son 2, C. C. Rawding 3, C. H. Whitton (cond.) 4, H.
Bennett 5, W. A. Richardson 6.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Doubles
(on the front six), 120 each of Canterbury Pleasure,
April Day and Plain Bob and 900 of Grand-
sire: P. C. R. Armstrong (first quarter) 1, R. Parker 2, F. W.
Pinchbeck 3, F. S. Parsons 4, H. R. Woods (cond.) 5,
T. Charity 6.

GRAYSHOTT, HANTS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,264 Bob
Major: H. Mullard 1, F. Munday 2, F. Bowden 3,
K. E. E. Bowden 4, H. May 5, F. D. Teague (first
quarter peal) 6, C. E. Smith 7, A. J. Bartlett (cond.) 8.

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.—On Oct. 14th, 1,264
Bob Major: Miriam Ashard (first quarter) 1, G.
Saunders 2, H. Elliott 3, A. Little 4, G. Schleuter 5,
Dr. Castleden 6, A. Perry 7, H. W. Smith (cond.) 8.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles: Miss E. Sharp 1, A. Armstrong 2, C.
Sharp (cond.) 3, F. Brownshall 4, V. Adams 5, L.
Cadwell 6. Rung half-muffled. A tribute to Mr. E.
Lambert, of Cosgrove, Northants. He was taken ill
whilst ringing here on Oct. 14th and passed away on
22nd.

HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260
Grand-
sire Doubles: V. A. Perry 1, M. Chown 2, S.
Earl 3, F. Benfield 4, W. Yates (cond.) 5. In honour
of Princess Anne's christening.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260
Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Barker 1, Miss E. Hickling
(first quarter of Major) 2, Miss E. Bracey 3, G. Moore
4, G. Elvin 5, D. Hall 6, R. Loftly 7, C. Moore (cond.)
8. A farewell to D. Hall on joining H.M. Forces.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,169
Grand-
sire Caters: P. Baldwin 1, W. G. Plumridge 2,
F. Hayes (cond.) 3, Sylvia Coker 4, E. Markham 5,
W. H. Plumridge 6, A. Clutton 7, R. Coles 8, C. A.
Smith 9, A. L. James 10. First on 10 by 1 and 2.
First in method on 10 by 4 and 7.

HILPERTON, WILTS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles: Mrs. S. Cockell 1, Miss M. Hunt 2,
P. W. Weeks 3, A. J. Hunt 4, J. Lucas 5, S. Cockell
6. For the christening of Princess Anne.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260
Stedman Triples: E. J. Brown 1, T. H. Taffender
(cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, D. F. Harman 4,
B. A. Richards (first in method) 5, E. T. Beauchamp
6, C. A. Hughes 7, C. Finch 8. A compliment to
Miss A. M. Castle and Eric M. Beauchamp on their
engagement.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain
Bob and Grand-
sire Doubles: G. Page 1, D. Woodward
2, M. Page 3, J. Wathen 4, C. Shemming (cond.) 5.
An 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. George Shemming
(46 years verger and towerkeeper). First quarter for
1, 2, 3 and 4.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,440
Yorkshire Surprise Royal: E. Dodds 1, Mrs. O. L.
Rodgers 2, Sheila E. Harris 3, T. E. Davies 4, Mrs. K.
Parr 5, S. Croft 6, R. Hollingworth 7, F. D. Bishop 8,
D. J. Charney 9, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 10.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 15th,
1,260 Grand-
sire Triples: M. Flynn 1, J. Blake (first
quarter 'inside' in method) 2, Miss M. Flynn 3, J.
Oliver 4, P. Williams 5, J. Colt 6, N. J. Goodman
(cond.) 7, E. Blake 8.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,280
Superlative Surprise Major: A. Smith 1, G. Marriner 2,
G. Peters 3, B. Hawkins 4, A. Smith 5, A. V. Young
6, W. Newberry 7, A. Harman (cond.) 8.

MABLETHORPE, Lincs.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain
Bob Minor: J. I. Smith 1, S. H. Sutton 2, G. Rusby
3, P. J. Jervis 4, H. C. Caunt 5, K. Ketteringham
(cond.) 6. On the occasion of the wedding of Miss
Dorothy Clark (a ringer at this church) to Mr. N.
Armstrong.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob
Triples: J. Collings 1, F. E. Putwin 2, E. G. Buck 3,
M. A. Collings 4, H. E. Werrett 5, R. V. Webb (cond.)
6, J. S. Dear 7, T. Werrett 8. Rung half-muffled for
Sir Raleigh Philpott.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Oct. 22nd, at St. Peter's
Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. A. Sater
(cond.) 1, G. E. Padgett 2, Mrs. J. Niblett 3, J. D.
Niblett (first quarter) 4, R. Aley 5, K. Wagstaff 6,
F. Bradley 7, G. Clift 8.

OXFORD.—At St. Mary Magdalene's on Oct. 14th,
1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 240 April
Day, 360 Plain Bob, 420 Grand-
sire): F. P. Wright
(cond.) 1, G. Thomas 2, K. M. Grayson 3, J. R.
Guy 4, E. H. Edge 5, E. F. W. Seymour 6. Rung
half-muffled as a memorial tribute to the Rev. R. W.
W. Fletcher, M.A., senior tutor and Fellow of St.
Edmund Hall.

PELSALL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles: N. Rowley 1, H. Claridge 2, E. Claridge 3,
J. Gregory (cond.) 4, W. Rowley 5, R. Chilton 6.
A farewell to W. Rowley on joining H.M. Forces.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Sted-
man Triples: G. H. Myers 1, H. W. Milford 2, D. J.
Wheeler 3, A. S. Weatherby 4, H. F. Myers 5, S.
O'Shaughnessy (first quarter of Stedman Triples) 6,
T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, C. A. Jones 8.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 changes
(480 Plain Bob, 480 Stedman, 300 Grand-
sire Doubles): R. Taylor (133) 1, C. Rouse (cond.) 2, H. Webb 3,
D. Surman 4, R. Dowdeswell 5, R. Godfrey (first
quarter) 6, F. Pendry 7, B. Parkin 8. 7.6.8 covering.
First in three methods by all except conductor. A
wedding compliment to the organist, D. Brown, and
his wife.

PRESTWOLD, LEICS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles: Miss J. A. Brooks 1, Miss M. Carpenter
2, Miss M. Payne 3, K. Thompson 4, B. S. Payne
(cond.) 5, J. Chambers 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.
Rung in honour of the Humphrey Perkins School
Speech Day, 1950.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,277 Grand-
sire Caters: B. J. Mayers 1, G. F. Hoad (cond.) 2,
V. Look 3, R. M. Foreman 4, F. T. Hoad 5, J. W.
Crouch 6, G. Oliver 7, E. G. Talbot 8, A. T. Sheffon
9, H. A. Hoad 10.

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 15th,
1,260 Doubles (240 each Old Doubles and April Day,
360 Plain Bob, 420 Grand-
sire): K. Perkins 1, I. Dickinson 2, R. Paul 3,
L. G. Townsend 4, E. G. Bengett (cond.) 5.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles: F. Wright 1, B. Pike 2, W. Sams (cond.) 3,
A. A. Livings 4, B. G. Burton 5, N. Ward (first
quarter) 6. An 85th birthday compliment to Mr. W.
Pegrum, who still sings regularly in the choir.

SCORTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Triples: R. Rainford 1, F. Postlethwaite 2, H. Rain-
ford 3, N. M. Newby 4, J. Metcalfe 5, J. E. Burles 6,
G. Braithwaite 7, F. Hornby 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Stedman
Caters: L. Stilwell 1, F. V. Sinkins (85) 2, W. Wellings
3, W. E. Judd 4, W. W. Wolstencroft 5, W. F.
Butler 6, A. J. Glass 7, E. L. A. Hudson 8, W.
Birmingham (first in method as cond.) 9, A. D. Rivers
10. First of Stedman Caters for 7, 8 and 10. An
83rd birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas Groom-
bridge, sen. First quarter Stedman Caters on the bells
since augmentation.

STONE, STAFFS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Triples: R. Smith (first quarter) 1, W. Buckley 2, J.
Cain 3, R. Bowden 4, H. Hodson 5, G. Chaplain 6,
A. Rowley (cond.) 7, A. Purslow (first quarter) 8.
For the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. A. L.
Yates.

THORNBY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260
Grand-
sire Doubles: G. Wykes 1, A. Brown 2, S. Brown
3, R. Seaton 4, W. Brown (cond.) 5.

TOTTENHOE, BEDS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Minor
(720 St. Clement's and 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. J. New-
man 1, Joan Newman 2, A. Brody 3, J. Sinfeld 4, J.
Newman 5, D. Knox (first quarter as cond.) 6.

SOMERSHAM, HANTS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,164 Minor
(720 Cambridge Surprise, 444 Plain Bob): F. Warring-
ton 1, F. R. Nicholls 2, G. L. Perkins 3, A. Clements
4, W. Ransom 5, G. H. Dunnington (cond.) 6.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260
Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grand-
sire): Mary Fuller
(first quarter) 1, A. S. Richards 2, Barbara Mitchell 3,
L. W. G. Skinner 4, J. Cannell (first quarter as cond.)
5, Wm. A. Hughes 6.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At St. Maurice's, on Oct.
16th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles: H. D. Buckingham 1,
R. Currie 2, P. N. Bond (first as cond.) 3, W. Harrison
4, J. A. C. King 5, M. Keen 6. First quarter on the
bells. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6.

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An attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples
at Bourn, Cambridgeshire, on October 28th,
came to an abrupt finish when a good-size
piece of plaster fell from the wall and struck
Miss Dunnington on the head and shoulder.
After a brief respite, she pluckily decided to
carry on, but it was too late to start a peal.
A quarter of Stedman was rung.

We understand that the
contract for recasting Eve-
sham bells has been placed
with Messrs. John Taylor and Co. It is pro-
posed to augment them to 12 with a tenor of
about 36 cwt.

The ring of eight bells at Bengoe, Herts, is
to be recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Com-
pany, who hope to commence work in the
summer of 1951.

We received this week a quarter peal rung
in honour of the christening of Queen Anne.
There seems to be something wrong with the
old adage, 'Queen Anne is dead.'

Mr. P. Amos has taken over the leadership
of Weston Favell tower. 'Twenty years ago,'
he writes, 'this tower had the best five bell
band in Northants. It got down to not a
solitary ringer. Within three months I have
had seven recruits come forward.'

Birthdays of members of the Piddlehinton,
Dorset, band come all in a heap. To celebrate
four, Betty Allen (21), Doris Walden (12),
Ivan Read (15) and Norman Davis (13), a
quarter peal was attempted but proved elusive.
We shall want a peal, Piddlehinton, next
year.

Mr. John Bass, veteran ringer of Wollaston,
Stourbridge, was returning home from work
on the evening of November 2nd when he was
knocked down by a motor-cycle combination
and sustained abrasions and bruises. He has
been ordered by his doctor to rest. We all
hope that he will have a speedy recovery.

To prove that they had not one-track minds,
a darts match took place at St. Albans be-
tween the Western and St. Albans districts
of the Herts County Association. We do not
propose to feature darts (except Cupid's), but,
as a matter of interest, the visitors won.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The Treasury have made
an order, operative from
October 16th, 1950, that
bells of a kind suitable for installation in a
campanile or belfry, and parts thereof and
accessories thereto (including playing mech-
anism), are exempt from purchase tax.

The peal of Minor at All Saints', Parra-
matta, N.S.W., was conducted by Mr. T. W.
Goodyer and not Mr. R. W. Ferris, as stated
in our issue of September 8th.

With a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at
Wanstead, Essex, Mr. F. W. Housden has com-
pleted the sequence of Cambridge from Minor
to Maximus.

The peal at Melbourne, Derbyshire, on Octo-
ber 28th, was rung at the request of the
Vicar (Lt.-Col. The Rev. R. E. Morris, D.S.O.),
to enable two local ringers, Miss Olive Smith
and Mr. G. Tivey, to ring their first peal.

Mr. A. R. Botting, of Ashfield, N.S.W., rang
in 720 Plain Bob Minor when Buckland, Sur-
rey, bells were augmented to six on October
14th, 1893. The anniversary was remembered
on October 13th last at Turramurra, N.S.W.,
when he participated in 720 Plain Bob Minor.
Other English ringers taking part were C. Parr
(Ilfracombe) and W. Smith (Melton Mowbray).
Their Turramurra colleagues were J. Rainsford,
K. Stacey and L. Butcher.

As a tribute to the memory of his wife, who
died recently, and to his aunt (Mrs. Martin),
Mr. E. C. Pearson, of Banbury, rang in a
family quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor at
Gestingthorpe, Essex, on October 22nd. The
band included Mr. Pearson's two sons and two
cousins and an old school friend, and stood as
follows: E. C. Pearson 1, R. G. Martin 2, O.
E. Broyd (conductor) 3, A. C. Ripplingale 4,
C. H. Pearson (first in method) 5, E. E.
Pearson 6.

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MID-DEVON BRANCH AT WOLBOROUGH

The Mid-Devon branch held a quarterly meeting at Wolborough Parish Church, Newton Abbot, on October 28th, when there was a good attendance.

Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and included touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major, as well as rounds for the less experienced ringers.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge (Assistant Priest) who is a member of the Guild.

After tea, the usual business meeting followed with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair. He extended a welcome to the Rev. Coleridge and the visitors from other branches. The chairman expressed satisfaction at the settlement which had been reached regarding the future of Kingsleighton bells, where difficulty had been experienced through visiting teams altering the ropes, against the instructions of the church authorities. Thanks were accorded to Mr. A. H. Birley for his help in the matter. Arising out of a letter from the B.B.C. regarding the broadcasting of bells, the secretary was requested to write them further on the matter.

One associate member from Dartington was elected, and the resignation of one honorary member was received.

It was agreed to hold the following meetings in 1951 (subject to the necessary permission): Paignton, February 3rd; Littlehempston with Totnes, April 21st; Joint meeting with the South-West Branch, Diptford and North Huish, June 23rd; Dartmouth, July 21st; Branch Outing, August 25th; St. James, Teignmouth, September 15th; Harberton, near Totnes, October 25th; and Brixham, November 24th.

Discussions took place regarding ringing facilities at Wolborough and St. Michael's, East Teignmouth, and on the question of a Ringing Festival in Exeter in connection with the Festival of Britain.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting, and the visitors returned to the tower for further ringing, this being followed by a visit to East Oggwell, where a light ring of five bells was found to be in good going order.

EXETER BRANCH AT ALPHINGTON

A meeting of the Exeter Branch was held at Alphington and attended by members of most of the branch bands, by other Guild members and by ringers from adjoining counties of Somerset and Dorset.

At the service in the Parish Church, Preb. B. C. Bennett (hon. member) officiated. Mr. A. Brewer was the organist and over fifty ringers and friends attended.

No ringing was possible at Alphington after tea owing to the bells being used by another gathering of ringers. The hon. secretary, however, had arranged for use of those at Exminster (8), Ide (6) and St. Thomas', Exeter (8).

Mr. E. J. Biffin, the genial Ringing Master, during the afternoon at Alphington and in the evening at St. Thomas', was able to manage for all who wished to indulge in various touches and rounds. Mr. T. Bartlett presided at the business meeting following the tea.

St. Thomas', Exeter, on December 16th, was chosen for the annual meeting of the branch.

(Continued in next column)

New Record Length

21,600 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.

The Cheshire Diocesan Guild last Saturday established a new record length in the art of change-ringing by successfully accomplishing the peal of 21,600 changes of Bristol Surprise Major. This is the longest length ever rung by one set of ringers.

Announcing this great achievement, Mr. John Worth, of Macclesfield, writes that the peal was successful. 'We went into changes at 7.56 a.m. and a good peal was completed at 8.54 p.m.'

The ringers were Peter Laffin 1, Wilfred Stevenson 2, Henry O. Baker 3, John E. Bibby 4, C. Kenneth Lewis 5, Walter Allman 6, Fred Dunkerley 7, John Baker tenor.

We hope to publish a full report of this outstanding performance in our next issue.



DEBENHAM RECORD LENGTH ATTEMPT.—Six of the band who attempted 22,208 Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Debenham, Suffolk, on October 21st. Left to right: Messrs. G. A. Blaxell (Stow Upland), S. Carter (Hertford), L. G. Brett (Framdsen), E. R. Rapley (West Grinstead), A. P. Cannon (Betchworth) and F. B. Lufkin (Prittlewell). [By courtesy of 'East Anglian Daily Times.'

Dear Sir.—Please allow me, through your columns, to congratulate Mr. J. Worth and his band on successfully ringing the record length of 21,600 Bristol Surprise Major. This assuredly constitutes a dual record, in that it is a test of both physical and mental endurance and in this great achievement not only has ringing history been made, but those taking part have indelibly inscribed their names on the scroll of ringing fame. More power to their elbows, and onward to fresh conquests!—Yours faithfully

L. W. G. MORRIS.

Heaton, Bradford.

(Continued from previous column)

The president (Preb. E. V. Cox) handed certificates to four members of Thorverton band, viz., Mrs. A. Langabeer, Messrs. F. Copp, F. Gilpin and J. Rashley; to Miss Mariella Mundy (St. Thomas') and Mr. S. Sharland (Newton St. Cyres).

The sympathy of the meeting was extended to Mr. C. Glass and Mr. W. J. Biffin, who have both been indisposed of late.

Preb. Bennett, replying to the vote of thanks, welcomed the ringers to Alphington and commended the art of change-ringing as the highest form of bell-ringing.

A number of very well-struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Minor and Major were brought round, whilst time was given for rounds.

Kent County Association

ROCHESTER DISTRICT

All the towers in the district, with the exception of Gravesend, Swanscombe, Meopham, Minster, Sheppey and Hoo, were represented at the annual meeting of the District at Rochester on October 21st. The general secretary (Mr. G. H. Spice) and the treasurer (Mr. F. N. Mitchell) were also present. The Cathedral bells were rung and most of those present attended evensong.

The Dean of Rochester and his wife joined the ringers at tea and the Dean presided at the business meeting. In welcoming the company to Rochester, the Dean expressed his thanks to the Cathedral band for their regular Sunday ringing.

Mr. B. W. May (district secretary), in his annual report, stated that three more towers in the District had joined the Association—Meopham, Milton Regis and Stockbury, and that membership had increased by 67 during the year, bringing the total to 213. This is the first time that the District had passed the 200 mark. The total was further increased when eight new members of the Rodmersham Band were elected to be members.

The district secretary and the two district representatives were re-elected to office, and thanked for their past services.

A letter from the Lord Bishop of Rochester, asking for the feeling of the members towards a letter he had received from the Senior Chaplain of Butlin's Holiday Camps, called forth some very caustic remarks.

In this letter, the Chaplain deplored that the art of campanology was dying out owing, he thought, to the lack of support from the younger generation, and he made a tentative suggestion, already approved by Butlin's Organisation, that

ringing competitions be held throughout the Holiday Camps during May and June next year, with the finals later in the year at Skegness, the prizes suggested being a silver cup and £50 for the winners and £30 and £20 respectively for the runners-up.

The meeting was wholehearted in its disapproval of the suggested competition, and also of any suggestion that campanology was a dying art.

After a brief discussion on ringing for the forthcoming Festival of Britain, the meeting closed with congratulations all round on the very healthy state of the District and the happy atmosphere among its ringers.

THE NEWLAND PEAL

Dear Sir,—I wish to thank Mr. A. E. Austin, of Newmarket, and Mr. J. Webb, of Ross-on-Wye, re the peal at Newland, Gloucestershire, on October 7th, 1950, for the correction of the date of last peal and weight of tenor. It was from one of the local ringers that I had the information, which I thought would be correct.

—Yours faithfully,
Gloucester.

L. BARRY.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 8th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. E. Wright 1, A. J. Salisbury 2, H. Worboys 3, D. W. Beard 4, H. Long 5, S. Penfold 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. First in method for ringers of 2, 3, 6 and 7.

DEDICATIONS

MELDRETH, CAMBS

The new memorial bell at Meldreth Parish Church, Cambs, was dedicated on October 21st by the Ven. H. E. Kirkpatrick, Archdeacon of Ely. The bell, which weighs 4 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb., is inscribed 'Honour the Fallen,' and is to the memory of men of Meldreth who died in the two world wars. Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, who executed the work, was present.

Ringers from Cambridge, Ely, Sawston, Fulbourn, Duxford, Melbourn and Cambridge University Guild attended. After the ceremony the visitors were entertained to tea by the Parochial Church Council. Various methods were rung from Plain Bob to Cambridge and London Surprise. All ringers agreed that the tone and go of the bells was excellent.

Meldreth has a young and enthusiastic band who are already ringing the six bells for all services.

HOLFORD, SOMERSET

On Sunday, October 29th, the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells, who was visiting the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Holford to preach at the Sung Eucharist, consecrated two new bells. Of these, the smaller (4 cwt.) is inscribed 'MCML. H.A.B. STE. IOH. BAPT. ORA.' and the larger: 'MCML. AVE GRA. PLE. ORA PRO NOBIS.'

The following details of the older bells are given by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank:

Tenor: 7½ cwt., cast, or rather recast in 1640, probably by William Purdue of Bristol. Inscription: A AR HW P Ano Do Mi Ni 1640.

2nd: Weight 6 cwt., cast at the beginning of the 16th century by Thomas Geffries of Bristol. Inscription: Sancta Anna T.G.

Treble: Weight 5½ cwt., cast about 1550 by Roger Semson of Ash Priors, Somerset. Inscription: Sancte Reter (Peter) Pavle RS

The bell frame is a fine example of 17th century construction and is being retained. The old bells have been retuned and will soon be rehung together with the new ones.

There is great enthusiasm among the ringers and several men and boys are anxious to learn. Previously, with only three bells, change-ringing has been impossible; but we hope that in due course, and with hard work, we shall be able to acquit ourselves creditably.

E. R. S.

STOKE-ON-TRENT RINGERS AT MEMORIAL DEDICATION.

On Sunday, October 22nd, a quarter peal, 1,280 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at St. Peter's Church, Broughton, Staffs, on the occasion of the unveiling of a tablet to the memory of Philip Roderick, youngest son of Mrs. J. Hall. Stoke Parish Church ringers were invited to ring, as Kent Treble Bob had been specially asked for, and the local band is not yet quite competent in Major ringing.

The tablet reads 'To the dear and loved memory of Philip Roderick, Lt., R.N. Fleet Air Arm, H.M.S. Argus, 14th June, 1942, killed in action protecting convoy to Malta. Twice mentioned in despatches'

The service was conducted by Bishop of Lichfield and the Rector (the Rev. R. I. N. Edwards).

The late Mr. J. Hall, of Longford Hall, Newport, Salop, was a most generous benefactor to St. Peter's Church, in providing two new trebles and a new frame complete with fittings.

The ringers were Miss M. Rigby 1, F. E. Wilshaw 2, Miss C. M. Trist 3, A. H. Lawton 4, R. Barlow 5, A. Peake 6, N. R. Holland (conductor) 7, F. W. Grocott 8. The ringers were afterwards entertained to tea, kindly provided by Mrs. J. Hall, in the Parish Hall, and also conveyed back home by taxi, as Sunday bus service on this route is non-existent.

OBITUARY

MR. H. CHANDLER

The funeral service for Mr. Henry Chandler, of Heston, whose death was reported in 'The Ringing World' on October 20th, was held in Heston Parish Church on October 10th, prior to cremation at Mortlake. The Vicar (Preb. F. W. Ferrars) officiated and, in an address, spoke highly of the loyalty and love Mr. Chandler had for the church he had served in his capacity as bellringer for the past 60 years.

The bells were rung fully muffled, both before and after the service.

In the evening, Stedman Triples was rung half-muffled. Those taking part were F. Blondell 1, W. W. Webb 2, W. T. Godfrey 3, K. Gristwood 4, M. W. Norman 5, E. R. Gladman 6, W. A. Lewis (conductor) 7, W. J. Winter 8.

MR. J. NOBES

The Oxford Diocesan Guild has suffered the loss of a most loyal member through the death of Mr. John Nobes, of Stevenston, Berks. He had been ill for some time and finally went to stay with his daughter at Mursley, Bucks, where his death occurred on St. Luke's Day, October 18th.

Mr. Nobes had been a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild for nearly 50 years and was for many years the captain of the band at Stevenston. He was also the vergier there and a member of the choir. As the Vicar of Stevenston said at the funeral, 'It is impossible to imagine Stevenston Church without him.'

Although he was not a prolific peal ringer by modern standards, yet Mr. Nobes had rung peals ranging from Doubles to Royal. He will be remembered in the North Berks area chiefly for his unflinching loyalty to the Oxford Guild, his great kindness of heart, his unselfishness and cheerful spirit, his loyalty to his church and his unflinching honesty in all things. To the writer he will be always remembered as one of those who gave unselfishly both of his time and energy in helping to teach new bands. Of him truly can it be said 'his work liveth after him.'

The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar of Stevenston (the Rev. G. W. Bowker) at Stevenston Parish Church on October 21st. The service was choral and included his favourite hymn 'Abide with me' and the Nunc Dimittis.

After the interment, Grandsire Doubles was rung on the Guild handbells by Miss M. R. Cross 1-2, A. E. Lock 3-4, Mrs. A. E. Lock 5-6. The congregation included ringers from Wantage, the Hendreds, Cholsey, Sunningwell and Drayton, while the Oxford Guild was represented by the librarian, Miss M. R. Cross, and the North Berks Branch by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lock.

The bells were rung half-muffled after the service by both the visitors and the local ringers. The latter also rang again during the evening while a quarter peal of Bob Doubles was rung at Radley by some of those whom Mr. Nobes had helped to teach during the past 18 months.

TRIBUTE TO LEICESTERSHIRE ORGANIST

In the spring of 1888, Miss Frances Mary Hunt started to play the organ at St. Mary's, Broughton Astley, Leics., and continued voluntarily and unpaid until September 10th last, when she collapsed in church after playing for the morning service. She died 14 days later at the age of 83. During her over 62 years of service it is believed she was only absent from about three services.

The appreciation of the village was expressed on October 15th, when 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung for the memorial service by C. E. Carr (cond.) 1, W. R. Drury 2, J. A. Flint 3, A. J. Timson 4, A. E. Bodycote 5, T. C. Scarborough 6. Afterwards the bells were 'fired' as a thanksgiving for a long life devoted to the service of the Church.

History is made at Rugby

St. Andrew's Church, Rugby, is one of the few in England to possess both a tower and a tower with spire separately. More than that, however, it is the *only* one to possess two distinct rings of bells. Several cathedrals have bells in more than one tower, but none have more than one peal or ring. The original small church of St. Andrew, Rugby, had a West tower containing a ring of five by Joseph Smith, of Edgbaston, erected in 1711 with a tenor 9 cwt. 19 lb. in G. When the church was enlarged some 70 years ago the old church was incorporated in the building, the nave becoming a side aisle. A new massive tower with spire was erected and a ring of eight bells placed therein by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1895, with a tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D. On these bells many peals have been rung, but now they are practically unringable, except for short touches only.

The old tower with its ring of five remains, thus giving Rugby the distinction of being the only church with two complete sets of bells. No known peal had been rung on these bells until Monday, October 30th, when they were rung muffled to the memory of the Lord Bishop of Truro—Dr. J. W. Hunkin—who died suddenly on the 28th. Dr. Hunkin was Rector of Rugby from 1927 till his elevation in 1935. The conductor of the peal, Ernest Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, thus becomes the first ringer ever to have rung full peals of 5,000 on two rings of bells in two separate towers in one church. He took part in the last peal in the new tower—Cambridge Surprise Major, in 1937.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.

A company of 78 ringers and friends attended the meeting of the Wellingborough branch at the 13th century parish church of Irchester on October 28th. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. J. Bryant) who, in his address, urged the members to regard their ringing with reverence. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 6s.

After tea, served by church workers in the school, the Vicar presided over the business in the absence of the branch president (the Rev. J. C. R. Creagh Coen). Higham Ferrers was selected for the annual meeting in January.

Mrs. O. W. Partridge received a Guild certificate for ringing her first peal on a working bell and the general secretary (Mr. R. Noon) announced that Guild badges were again available. A copy of 'The Bells of Preston Deanery' was presented to the branch by the author, Mr. P. Amos.

Thanks were expressed to all who had made the meeting a success, by Mr. W. Callis, seconded by Mr. J. King. After the meeting a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by J. Skerritt and A. Bigley (Irthlingborough), G. Care and R. Noon (Brafeld) and J. King (Wellingborough).

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION CHEW DEANERY BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the above branch was held at St. Andrew's Church, Chew Magna, on October 21st.

Ringing on the heavy octave there preceded a short service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. M. Luxmoore-Ball.

Some 27 members sat down to an excellent tea, after which the Vicar took the chair at the business meeting. It was decided, subject to permission, that the November practice meeting should be held at Clapton-in-Gordano and the annual meeting in December. One new member from Winford was elected.

After the meeting a return was made to the tower, where ringing, which ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Major, was under the supervision of the Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Knight.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CIRCULATING RELIABLE
INFORMATION

Dear Sir,—I think you will agree that after the nation-wide publicity of the long peal attempt at Debenham in the leading Sunday newspapers, giving false facts and impressions of the performance, it is not at all surprising that someone has been tempted to 'air their view' through the medium of another paper. I refer, of course, to the misstatement that 'after several hours' ringing, etc., the tenor bell began to "fade" and finally became silent,' and afterwards of finding the ringer in question 'slumped' in a chair.

Surely if ringing events are to be given publication outside our own 'Ringing World,' it is up to those responsible to see that the reporters concerned are given true and reliable information, and not, as is generally the case, a hash up of misconstrued statements which does no credit to those taking part and creates a most undesirable impression on the public.—Yours faithfully,

J. FREDERICK MILNER,
Ringing Master,
Southwell Minster.

Accompanying the letter is the following verse by 'Lucio' that appeared in 'The Manchester Guardian' of October 25th, 1950.

RING OUT, MILD BELLS.

Heavens above! he deserved to be
Extremely and most unwell;
His was a task of bigotry
And common lust to excel.
With the human race it has its place
Among ancient traps and gins,
But Pride is nowhere a sign of grace
In the various deadly sins.
'No more is Sloth,' you may make reply,
But the answer will not do;
Pride is a challenge to heavens high
But Sloth concerns (mostly) you.
You may test your strength to its utmost length,
O vain and collegiate brothers,
But a ghastly row is not, nohow,
A gesture of peace to others.

But perhaps I'm wrong in this random song
Against rash East Anglian ragers;
They may have wisely damped the gong
Of their Double Norwich Bob Majors.
If you must by bell raise merry hell
But would leave your neighbours untroubled,
Twere a gracious act as a matter of fact
To keep your chimes well muffled.

A REMEMBRANCE

Dear Sir,—What a lovely gesture (presumably yours) it was to include the photograph of Mr. Goldsmith in the report of the Guildford Guild annual dinner.

It was a treat to once again see his amiable and smiling features.

I wonder if I dare suggest that the same photograph be printed each year, on the anniversary of his death, for most assuredly, as Mr. Shepherd said, Mr. Goldsmith did more for the art of the practical ringer than any other man, and I think we ought to do everything possible to retain his memory.—Yours truly,

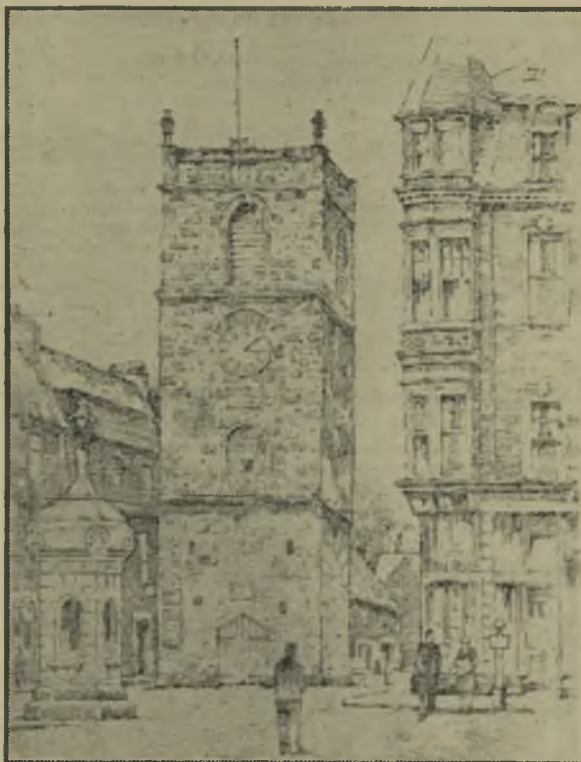
ROBERT WHITTINGTON.

Cranleigh.

FOLKESTONE BELLS BROADCAST

Dear Sir,—May I tender thanks through your columns, on behalf of the Folkestone ringers, to Mr. Hoggood, Mr. F. E. Dukes and to the many others who have offered congratulations on a successful broadcast?

We realise, of course, that the ringing of a short touch of Grandsire Triples for service is a very small matter. Service ringing is carried out every Sunday by more skilful ringers and in more intricate methods than we could attempt. But we are fortunate in having a



THE CLOCK TOWER, MORPETH.

The first part of this ancient edifice was built in 1309 and the top part to receive the six bells in 1705 presented by Major-Gen. Sir Edmond Main, who was Governor of Berwick and M.P. for Morpeth. Two trebles were added about 1805 when Morpeth appointed its first Mayor.

The eight bells have been sent to Messrs. John Taylor's foundry and are being recast. It is hoped to have the bells back and ringing for the Festival of Britain. The Durham and Newcastle Association have advised Morpeth Corporation in the restoration work, and they are looking forward to the time when this secular tower will again be in commission.

grand ring of bells, and for this broadcast seem to have been allowed more time on the air than is usual before a service.

Mr. Dukes heard what he describes as 'one or two trips.' We do not know how he would define a 'trip,' but surely most ringers understand by this term the clashing of two or more bells and consequently the breaking of the rhythm of the touch. As far as we could hear, this did not happen.

Anyhow, we did our little bit as well as we could, and we are glad that the many ringers whom we have been privileged to welcome as visitors, and those whom we look forward to seeing in the future, were able to hear Folkestone bells so well on the air.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN WILLIS
(for Felkestone band).

By-laws and Amplified Bells

Dear Sir,—Your leading article on the use of amplified recordings in lieu of church bells prompts me to suggest that this practice is illegal.

'The Evening Standard' last September reported a ban on the bells of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Chelsea, 'because they were not real bells.' The police told the incumbent that 'a Westminster by-law prohibits the playing of recorded bells.'

On looking at the local by-laws here, in Stratford-on-Avon, I discover that 'No person shall in, or in connection with, any shop,

business premises, or other place which adjoins any street or public place, and to which the public are admitted, operate or cause or suffer to be operated, any wireless loudspeaker or gramophone in such a manner as to cause annoyance to, or disturbance of, occupants or inmates of any premises, or passengers.' A similar by-law is probably to be found in most towns.

There are people who might object to church bells on similar grounds. But the local by-law relating to 'any unusual or noisy instrument' (a fair description of bells and their ringers) makes an exception in the case of 'properly-conducted religious services, except where the request to desist is made on the ground of serious illness.'—Yours faithfully,

R. B. MEADOWS.
Stratford-on-Avon.

THE NATURE OF THE UNIVERSE

Dear Sir,—The interesting and imaginative article inspired by Professor Hoyle's broadcast lectures has evoked much controversy in your columns, but it is a curious fact that not one of your correspondents appears to have noted that the end of our planetary system envisaged by Hoyle as the result of modern research was precisely predicted in Holy Scripture some 19 centuries ago. In II. Peter iii, 12, it is written: 'The heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat.'—Yours faithfully,

F. LL. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondents seem confused concerning what science tells us about the nature of the universe and what the Bible tells us. When we say that the writers of Genesis were inspired, we do not mean that their inspiration conveys infallible information on questions of science and history. God respects personality and gives to each age only such truth as it can appreciate; so Mr. Niblett's statement that the Creation narrative in Genesis is a true account needs amplifying. Of course it is not true historically, but it contains profound religious truth. There are, as he says, two narratives; the second is the earlier one. The

writer is using an ancient Babylonian theme and embodies in it his own religious beliefs on the relations between God and man derived from the eighth century prophets. A writer of the 5th century priestly school has prefixed the earlier narrative containing ideas differing slightly in emphasis. Perhaps, compared to Mr. Barron, these writers were semi-literate peasants, but they had a profound insight as to God's dealings with man; that is what we mean by saying they were inspired. Science and history can tell us how man came to exist, but they cannot tell us why.

Mr. Barron thinks Genesis is a curiosity only, and Mr. Hunt thinks it should be believed literally, word for word. Many people would agree with both; that is because they

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THE NATURE OF THE UNIVERSE—cont

have not discovered what the writers of Genesis are really trying to say about the relations between God and man, and have not sifted the writers' beliefs from the ancient dress in which they are clothed. Your correspondents may find S. H. Hooke's 'In the Beginning' of value.

My conclusion is that all who apply their intellects to change-ringing should apply them equally to the study of the Bible with the help of a good commentary and that they are perfectly free to apply them to Hoyle if they so wish.—Yours faithfully,

ERIC B. WOOD.

Cuddesdon College, Oxford.

Dear Sir,—While realising that the controversy re your leading article, 'The Nature of the Universe,' is not directly concerned with ringing, I hope you will be kind enough to find space for me to have the lady's privilege of the last word, especially as Mr. Niblett infers that I am 'out of fashion'—a deadly insult to a woman!

Wellhausen's books, published in German in the 1890's, I have not read, but in so far as the theories I put forward may be his originally, they are also the views of such scholars as T. H. Robinson and W. O. F. Oesterly who are by no means discredited as Biblical authorities.

Mr. Niblett's contention that higher criticism has been confuted by archaeology is best answered by a quotation by Dr. Blunt, the Bishop of Bradford's introduction to the archaeological book, 'Bible and Spade,' by Caiger:—

'It is unfortunate that the recent discoveries in Palestine, which have shed so interesting a light on the earlier history of the Hebrew invasion, have at times been misused in the interests of an unscholarly prejudice against the work of those who are vaguely called the higher critics, or even the so-called 'higher critics,' and we have been treated to such statements as 'that archaeology has disproved the higher criticism.'

It is a serious mistake thus to set archaeology and criticism against one another. Both are needed as helps to understand the Bible story. Without higher criticism, Old Testament history would still largely be chaos. Criticism has introduced order and development into the story. Archaeology does not disprove criticism: it only contributes additional data for the problems which criticism has to solve.—Yours faithfully,

MADELINE M. CROFT.

Southampton.

ADVERTISEMENT

Sir,—Quite incidentally in the issue of October 5th, 'Traveller' mentions advertising the times of ringing by notices displayed in the church porch for the information of visiting ringers. I am aware that this matter has been raised in correspondence in 'The Ringing World' before, but always, I believe, from the point of view of the visiting ringer, when, as I will endeavour to show, other aspects which appear trivial may well be of much greater consequence.

Following the suggestions given from time to time in these columns and the examples by Aldershot and other progressive towers, a notice detailing the additional times of ringing has been fixed to the campanile door at Chichester Cathedral. It is hoped that visiting ringers will find all the information they need, but more has been attempted.

Such a notice will attract attention, even if only a cursory glance, from far more people than need the information about times of ringing. The notice has, therefore, been worded in English which is intelligent to most people and not in technical abbreviations reminiscent of the shrouded civil and other services which evoke no comprehension from the poor layman but a despairing BATS or N.U.T.S.

The notice has been framed like a picture and screwed to the door, but a space has been left in the bottom right-hand corner, and a slit in the side of the frame enables a card to be slid in behind the glass listing the special occasions during the ensuing month on which the bells are to be rung.

Most ringers from personal experience and most educationalists from concentrated study know that intelligent people who hear bells ringing at unusual times seek to satisfy their curiosity by asking the simple, natural, child-like question, 'Why are the bells ringing?' If a reasonable answer is not forthcoming the chances are that the ringing in question does more harm than good, not only to the Exercise, but, what is far more important, to the church.

Rings of bells were placed in churches by members of the Church as instruments for conveying true messages and, in particular, that truth which the Christian Church exists to establish—the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People know the regular summons of the Christian to his duty of worship on Sundays, they will guess that the bells are re-echoing their national pride and joy when the news is appropriate, and those in the neighbourhood of a church will know the night on which the ringers practise (provided it is regular and this is only one minor reason why it ought to be). It is the odd periods of ringing on Saturday afternoons and at other unusual times which confuse.

Is it not worth the trouble to have a notice on the tower door and possibly also in the parish magazine or local newspaper in terms which the layman can understand and to announce that on such and such a day a meeting of ringers from the district will be held at the parish church to ask God's blessing on their work in a corporate act of worship and to assist each other by practising together, thus drawing attention to an excellent example of co-operation even between churchmen of different denominations which is so vital?

What about peals? Permit me to take two examples from 'The Ringing World' of Oct. 6th quite at random. In neither case do I know anything of the bells or ringers except the details published.

On September 23rd, Stedman Triples at Overseale—rung for the patronal festival. How very worth while! The conductor is to be congratulated on calling his first peal in the method, but the peal was not rung merely for personal reasons. Good ringing like this (a first as conductor in Stedman Triples could

hardly have been otherwise) on so appropriate an occasion is action springing from the love of God which is shown by the interest taken in this special festival of his church at Overseale and the forethought given to ringing for it. The person who asks why the bells are ringing will have his attention drawn to something deeper, and even if he doesn't accept the special welcome extended by the church at this festival he may well think on these things.

On the same day at Skipton a peal of Bob Major was rung as a birthday compliment. Consideration now makes me regret that I should have put such a footnote to a peal myself. What would the man in the street think if he were given that as a reason for the ringing? Might he not well be jealous that some people are permitted to ring the church bells for such occasions in their own lives, yet others, more worthy perhaps, cannot? Might he not rightly be indignant that the instruments of God's house are being used for selfish ends? It would surely have been more justifiable to treat this purely as a 'practice peal' calculated to give the four firsts confidence in a uniformly high standard of ringing this method on other occasions. Unfortunately there are other occasions worse than this when there is no reason whatever for ringing apart from the selfish desire of some to out rival others in the number of their ringing performances. This is really far worse than a false touch; it is a false message; and the folly of those who deliver it is as great as that of a person who wrongly sounds a fire alarm.

It is strongly to be recommended not only that regularity in ringing for services and weekly practices be maintained, but also that any deviations from these arrangements should be advertised for the information of the public. This necessitates a finer standard of discretion on the part of tower secretaries and ringing organisers to ensure that the ringing will be justified in the minds of the public. Ample occasions when the bells ought to be rung can be found in connection with the activities of any church, and where more initiative is shown in this direction I know from personal experience that the clergy are more willing to co-operate. Such action will inevitably be of mutual benefit to the Church and the Exercise.—Yours faithfully,

Chichester. PETER R. BLACKMAN.

RECORD LENGTHS: A PROTEST

Dear Sir,—Surely attempts to ring peals of record length such as that held recently relegate the art of bellringing to the level of pole squatting and pie eating contests.

It is easy to imagine the storm of protest which would result were some orchestra to announce that it proposed to play all the works of Beethoven without pause.

I do feel that pulling a bell rope is merely a means towards an end, this being the music, which should, of course, be of such duration that the mind is capable of appreciating it without becoming bored.

This latest attempt only serves to confirm in the mind of the public an opinion which is already held, to wit, that bellringers are an odd, eccentric section of the community whose aim in life is to get locked in a belfry, there to pull willy-nilly on a rope's end until they collapse through sheer exhaustion.—Yours faithfully,

'MUSIC PLEASE'

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of 5,201 Grandsire Caters, rung 'in hand' on September 8th, 1950, in Bournemouth. The composition, in which the back bells are turned twice in every four courses, has been found to be false.

My apologies to 'The Ringing World' and the other four members of the band.—Yours faithfully,

Bournemouth. D. T. MATKIN.

Leeds and District Society

VISIT TO LIVERSEDGE

The October meeting was held at Liversedge on October 28th. The members were somewhat slow in turning up but, once having round the way in to the churchyard, the visitors soon had the bells moving in the true Liversedge style, which has won for the local company many awards in the District contests.

Tea was provided by the local company in the nearby Church Institute and one's eyes were held by the magnificence of the tea tables.

After tea a return was made to the tower for more ringing, which throughout included Bob Major, Little Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise. Most of the ringing was of a high standard and gave the learners a good lead towards future endeavours.

The business meeting was under the president's control and members attended from Armley, Batley, Bradford, Drighlington, East Ardsley, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Liversedge, London, Pudsey, Rothwell, Tadcaster, Wakefield and Woodlesford.

One new member, Mr. B. Sullivan, of Pudsey, was elected.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company for the splendid arrangements throughout the day was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse and seconded by Mr. T. Hill. Mr. F. Hodgson replied for the local ringers and said that the meetings at Liversedge were concerted efforts, and if these were enjoyed by the visitors then they were amply repaid.

The next meeting is due to be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, on November 25th.

OPEN MEETING TO TEST WHITBY'S BELLS

An after-rededication open meeting was held at St. Mary's Parish Church, Whitby, Yorkshire, on October 21st. During the short service the Rector talked to the ringers of the history of the church, and he explained how the development of the port of Whitby (once fifth largest in the country) had necessitated the erection of the many galleries to house the growing congregation in what was then the only church in a wide district. About 40 visiting ringers, together with Mr. and Mrs. Shaw Jeffrey, who donated the £2,000 for the renovation of the ring of ten, were entertained to tea.

In a short speech Mr. Shaw Jeffrey—one-time headmaster of Colchester Grammar School—told how Whitby was without any church bell during the 50 years following the dissolution of the Monastery until one was obtained for the Parish Church in 1590. 'But,' he said, 'the bells of the Monastery Church of St. Peter and St. Hilda, which had been sold and were being removed to London by sea were wrecked just outside the harbour and from then on, as on any calm night now in June, one can stand on the east cliff at Whitby and hear them ringing under the sea.'

He went on to say that he and his wife had enjoyed the adventure of paying for the re-casting and rehanging of the bells and he was glad that the ringers found it had turned out all right. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. R. Sutton, Scarborough, and seconded by Mr. Sellers, Beverley.

As the visitors made their way back up the 199 steps to the church to continue their enjoyment of the recently completed work of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., several of them have recalled Mr. Shaw Jeffrey's little story mixing history and lore and legend and wondered if the old bells of the monastery might be salvaged from the North Sea.

L. H.

Stedman Caters in Winter

A long conductor with a short manner had fixed the date many weeks ago. His last words, 'Start three o'clock sharp,' still sounded in my mind, and now I was on my way. Normally I enjoyed our two or three visits to this delightful ten each year, and especially the Major's hospitality after. This particular January Saturday, however, I was not so happy. Two days before a sudden fierce winter had arrived, and now I had in the front of my mind the fifty odd miles I must do, over snow and ice, in my light car, before the warm comfort of home would close the day.

Three o'clock start. Well, we all know what that means, but half an hour after that time the music of Stedman Caters was pushing the thought of my night drive into the background, and had caused an expression of rapture to appear on the face of the L.C. with the S.M. We had often noticed that Stedman, and Stedman only, could bring on that look of ecstasy.

The belfry of this church cannot be locked, so the church door is secured when a peal is attempted. Also there is a hospital near, and an understanding exists that ringing can be stopped, should the doctors wish it, by knocking on the door. About half-way through this particular peal there came a mighty bashing at the church door. Rapture departed from the face of the L.C. with the S.M., and he looked across to the Major. 'Let 'em knock again.' Knock again they certainly did. We stopped. Trying to look sad, I was inwardly exultant. Good, I thought, now I can get along before it's too late and we have more snow. These comfortable thoughts were soon shaken, as, unnoticed, the Major had slipped out to open the door. We suddenly heard a great shout. 'Damn you, man, you've spoilt our peal.' A few of us cautiously looked into the church, and there beheld the Rector, lamb-like before the raging Major. Some words of the Rector's explanation could be heard. '... Didn't want to spoil your peal'... 'only wanted one of you to let me in'... 'my notes.' Black thunder now stared out of the Major's face. '... How on earth could we leave our bells'... 'you know better'... 'here, get your notes and GO.'

The Rector grabbed his notes and left hurriedly, his manner suggesting he was thankful to escape with his life. Before his feet were off the doorstep the door was shut and locked with tremendous emphasis, and the Major returned to the ringing chamber with brow black as thunder. As he crossed the floor we understand he thought one parson, unnamed, had no chance of salvation, but as I was getting ready some word of consolation. I was paralysed to hear the Major say, 'Come on, we'll go for it again.' 'But Major,' I began, 'the time... icy roads... journey...'

No notice was taken of my weak protest. We all took our ropes and began again. After a few courses I looked around. The magic of Stedman had once more cast its spell. On the face of the L.C. with the S.M. was an expression of the highest spiritual quality. The thunder had gone from the Major's face and a look of serene calm was in its place. As far as I could judge, I alone had thoughts of ice and snow to come.

When we came out of the church after the peal, King Winter was the undoubted Lord of the Realm, with the burnished moon as his orb and the canopy of the hard starry sky above. Soon we were enjoying the Major's hospitality—tea, warmth, good fellowship. On my way home, sliding and skidding, I smiled to myself. It was a peal we had worked for, but one more in the bag and with a little something to it that some others hadn't got.

R. P.

Attempt at New Maximus Record

15,840 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—Permission having been kindly given, an attempt will be made to ring 15,840 changes of Plain Bob Maximus on Saturday, November 18th, 1950, at the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos, Newport, Mon., commencing at 8 a.m. Weight of the tenor, 21 cwt.

Enclosed is the composition ascribed to John Reeves.—Yours faithfully,

E. F. HANCOCK.

Bristol.

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65234 — S 3

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53264 — — 3

24536 — S —

32546 — — 3

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RINGERS' OUTINGS

CHEW DEANERY BRANCH.

On October 7th, several members of the Chew Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association, combined with a party from Longbridge Deverill, Wilts, held a 'tower grabbing' expedition in the Mere district.

Upholding the principles and traditions of the N.U.T.S. (National Union of Tower Snatchers), the first tower, Bourton, was reached 25 minutes late! Here, however, despite a search of feverish intensity, the tower key could not be found and all hopes of ringing had to be abandoned.

The next stop was Zeals, a tower selected mainly for its virtue of filling up vast spaces at the end of tower books! The bells proved to be a good ring of six, cast by Mears in 1876.

A visit to Stourton (where the original Bristol high cross stands while Bristol itself has to make do with a copy) then followed. The church here was originally designed as a fortress and is battlemented, while the box pew, set aside for the Lord of the Manor, possesses its own fireplace. The ring of six bells in the tower 'go' quite well, but several members of the party showed a strange tendency to walk round the tower while ringing, intent on finding their respective 'sallies'!

Tea was followed by ringing on the fine octave at Mere. The tower here also contains an old clock and 'chiming barrel' as well as a modern clock installed in 1947. The party was met here by two of the local ringers, and the only regret was that time did not allow a longer stay.

On again, this time to East Knoyle, where the six bells, rebung in 1933 on ball bearings (tenor 12 cwt. 8 lb.) go the wrong way round.

The heaviest 'ring' of the day, at Semley, was next visited, with the tenor weighing 26 cwt. 12 lb. After some little difficulty some of the larger members of the party were pushed, pulled and otherwise propelled up the ladder and through the hatch into the ringing chamber for a very strenuous half-hour's ringing!

The final tower of the day, Hindon, has a fine little six, cast by A. Rudhall in 1754. It is interesting to note that the tenor here is only $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. heavier than the treble at Semley!

Sincere thanks are due to Mr. W. Avery for fixing up towers and tea and to the respective incumbents. M. J. H.

SS. PHILIP AND JACOB GUILD, BRISTOL

On October 7th, the above Guild started out by coach for their annual ringing trip, this time into the lovely Cotswold country. Cirencester was the main objective, and on reaching that old world town the twelve bells of the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist were soon set swinging to Stedman Cinques. The sudden death of Mr. W. J. Rawlings, a much respected associate of the Guild, only a few hours prior to the trip, rendered Cambridge Maximus out of the question, but some good Cambridge Royal was rung on the back ten.

After tea, the party walked to Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, where some magnificent Surprise ringing was indulged in on the fine eight bells, the methods rung being London, Bristol, Cambridge and Aldenham, followed by a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters rung on handbells in the nave of the church.

The party then proceeded to 'Hogsnorton,' where a halt was made for refreshment and some merry handbell music. The thanks of the Guild are due to Mr. F. J. Lewis, of Cirencester, whose willing co-operation contributed very largely to the success of the trip.

IFFLEY, OXON.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Harding (first in method) 1, D. Woodley 2, L. Busby (cond.) 3, W. Fern 4, T. Bowles 5, J. Adams 6.

CHATHAM, KENT.

After a lapse of some 25 years, the St. Mary's, Chatham, ringers revived their annual outing and, accompanied by their wives and friends and augmented by a few ringers from neighbouring towers, set out on October 7th for a tower in each of five counties.

A start was made at 7.30 a.m. first to renew acquaintance with George Gilbert at Burnham, Bucks. Light refreshments were very welcome here after the three-hour journey. A wedding prevented any ringing until 11.15 a.m., and the bridal couple were sent off to a touch of Stedman followed by Grandsire, Plain Bob and Double Norwich. The bells did not settle down so well as was hoped, the best effort being the final three leads of Kent. Perhaps the 'go' of the bells was too good. A short run to Windsor and we found Mr. Glass awaiting us at the Parish Church. Here, in addition to other methods, a good touch of Double Norwich was brought home.

At Staines, Middlesex, Mr. Parker welcomed the party. Lunch at the Cinema Cafe was the only occasion during the day that the organiser could allow time for three courses. A good course of Cambridge was brought home at St. Peter's, in addition to touches in other methods. An hour's run brought us to Beddington, Surrey, where Mr. Reece, of Carshalton, was waiting to introduce us to the lovely ring of 10. We soon settled down to a touch of Grandsire Caters, followed by Stedman Caters and Kent and Bob Royal. The next call was Beckenham, Kent, where Mr. Rawlings had tea awaiting us. Another splendid repast was partaken of almost under the tower of St. George's Church and an enjoyable hour's ringing followed. It was much regretted that an old Chatham ringer in the person of Jimmy Bennett (late C.S.M., Royal Marines) should arrive at the tower just too late to have a pull with some of his old cronies. It was a matter of regret that, owing to ill-health, Mr. Fred Richardson, one of the Chatham ringers (who, years ago, was a ringer in the Staines area) was unable to join the party. This was, however, somewhat offset by the presence of Mr. Trevor Cross, who was on embarkation leave from the R.A.F. V. A. J.

SEELY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Seely Oak, Birmingham, had their outing on September 30th. They decided on a trip into Oxfordshire and Berkshire, but unfortunately chose a typical English summer day—or was it an autumn day?—anyway, it rained from the moment of starting (7.55 a.m.) to the time we returned (11.30 p.m.). The party was made up of some 17 of our own members and their friends, a total of 26.

The first call was Oxford, where, after having coffee, the bells of St. Ebbe's Church were rung to Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Ringing at the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Dorchester, followed, and was much enjoyed. After calling at Henley-on-Thames for lunch, we ultimately arrived at St. John's Church at Windsor, where Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung.

Our last call was at Old Windsor, some two miles out of Windsor, where tea was arranged followed by a walk along the towpath of the River Thames to Old Windsor Church, where we had the use of the bells for an hour, leaving for home at just after 7 o'clock.

In spite of the rain, everyone voted the trip first class. Whether our Vicar thought much of it when he was roused from his slumbers to let in a member of his household who had forgotten her key—well, I wouldn't know!

W. B. C.

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MEETINGS

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-East Division.—Meeting at St. Leonard's, Colchester, on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—H. J. Millatt, Hon. Sec. 7807

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield and Congleton Branch.—Meeting at Congleton (8), Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss J. M. Henshaw, 5, Great Queen Street, Macclesfield. 7813

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Turners Hill (8), Nov. 11th. Tea at The Forge Tea Rooms 5. Names to Mr. C. Streeter, 2, New Cottages, Turners Hill, Crawley.—C. A. Bassett. 7826

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at King's Langley (8). Saturday, Nov. 11th, 3 p.m.—P. A. Martin. Dis. Sec. 7839

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Clare, Nov. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 5 to all who notify Mr. S. Twitchett, Station Road, Clare. 7828

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Leverington, Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (tea provided).—J. Fox, Walpole Highway. 7848

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Refreshments 6 p.m. at the Hare and Hounds Hotel. — C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 7849

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Luke's, Heywood, Nov. 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Cafes nearby for teas.—F. Pritchard. 7855

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Littlebury (6) on Saturday, Nov. 18th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All welcome.—G. Blake, 96 Burford, Hoddesdon, Herts. 7842

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Guildford District. Meeting at Witley on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Names to me by 14th please.—E. T. Lee, Ockford Road, Godalming. 7843

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Reading, Saturday, November 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Evening ringing. Names for tea (1/6) to Mrs. Diserens, 18, Manchester Road, Reading, by Nov. 13th.—T. N. Lanaghan. 7835

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting, Beenham (6) Nov. 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names before Nov. 15th to E. Wallace, 12, Stoney Fields, Beenham, Reading. 7834

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at Elston (6) Saturday, Nov. 18th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Bring food. Cups of tea available.—F. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 7838

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Brandon, Nov. 18th, 3 p.m., Tea 5.—D. M. Reeve. 7845

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—Meeting at St. Mary's Ewell, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Nominations for 1951 District Officers will be received. Names for tea to Mr. J. E. Beams, 4, Cottage Road, West Ewell, by Nov. 15th.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 7815

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nuneaton and Coventry Districts.—Joint meeting at Exhall, near Coventry, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. The Vicar requests that all names for tea be sent to him not later than Nov. 11th: Rev. L. Bruce, Exhall Vicarage, near Coventry.—A. J. Hinde, Nuneaton Dis. Sec. 7850

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Clapton-in-Gordano, 4 p.m., Nov. 18th.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 7868

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Monthly meeting at Eversholt, Nov. 18th. Bells (6) 3. Tea 5.—Valerie Willard, Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 7860

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Somersham, Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 7859

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Rolvenden, Nov. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—H. Gorringe, Hon. Sec. 7862

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Madley, Nov. 18th. Names for tea by Nov. 14th.—J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 7865

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Harpenden, Saturday, Nov. 18th, 3 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 7871

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Pocklington on Nov. 18th. Bells (10, tenor 16 cwt.) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for all who notify Mr. C. Hirstow, 9, Victoria Road, Pocklington, before first post Wednesday, Nov. 15th. 7875

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Hinckley (8), November 18th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. Ridgeway, 61, Priesthills Road, Hinckley, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 15th. All ringers welcome.—Jill Poole, Hon. Sec. 7854

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Acton (6 bells), Nov. 18th, 2.30. Please send names by 15th.—Richard D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe. 7877

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Davenham, November 18th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea before November 13th, please, to H. Howard, 5, Green Lane, Davenham. 7880

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Eastham (6), Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying me by 15th at latest.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 7874

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting at Bacup, Christ Church, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. A good attendance is particularly asked for from all ringers who can possibly attend. It is over ten years since we were able to ring in this tower. Please do your best, but bring your own food.—J. Porter. 7879

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Anne's, Denton, at 3 p.m. on Nov. 18th. Frequent bus service from Piccadilly. Cups of tea.—R. Benson. 7876

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (6), 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 7873

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Quorn, Nov. 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Hall 4.45. Bring own food.—C. W. Hall. 7863

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Sibley on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. W. Swann, 31, Cossington Road, Sibley, near Leicester, by Nov. 15th please.—F. Key, Hon. Sec. 7864

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Hendon (6), on Saturday, Nov. 18th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 7869

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—St. Giles', Northampton (10), Nov. 18th. Names for catered tea by Nov. 14th. 'This is definite.'—Eric Nobles, 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 7866

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Aldington (6), Saturday, Nov. 18th, 3 p.m. Tea to those who notify Mr. H. W. Brown, 46, The Crescent, Southwick, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 15th.—B. W. White. 7873

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice Meeting, Washington (6), Nov. 18th, 3. Names for tea (by 14th) to E. Treagus, 78, Kyoto Court, Bognor Regis. 7853

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Bromsgrove (10), Saturday, Nov. 18th, 3 p.m. Tea at De Grey's Cafe 5 p.m. Names by Thursday, 16th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 7870

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Barnby Don (6), Nov. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea, moderate charge. Please notify Mr. R. F. Lunn, 4, Malt Kiln Cottages, Barnby Don, Doncaster, before Nov. 15th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7858

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD & NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Combined meeting Christleton, Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea (2/6) by Nov. 15th.—Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 7881

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Church Stretton (8), Nov. 18th, at 3 p.m. Tea arranged for usual numbers 5 p.m. Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Jan. 27th, 1951. 7857

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, November 18th, St. John's (Surrey Road, 8 bells), 2.30. Tea, service, business meeting. Please notify Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 7884

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Meeting Nov. 18th. Ringing at Gospel Oak 3-4; St. Anne's, Highgate, 4.30-5.30; St. Stephen's, Hampstead in evening. Tea for those who notify by Wednesday, Nov. 15th, Miss M. Martin, 80, Middle Lane, N.8. 7885

MITCHAM.—A bellringers' service will be held at Christ Church, Mitcham, on Sunday, Nov. 19th. Ringing at 5.30. Service at 6.30. All ringers and friends invited.—A. Miller. 7790

LADIES GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 25th, St. Stephen's, Clapham Park (bus from Clapham Common Station to Clarence Avenue), 3-4.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. at Williamson's, Balham High Road. Names to Mrs. C. Matthews, 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W., by Nov. 23rd. Ringing, St. Leonard's, Streatham, 6-8 p.m.—D. E. Lidbetter, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7872

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Hitchin, Saturday, November 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. E. Symonds, The Cottage, Windmill Road, Hitchin. 7861

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Wyke Regis, Nov. 25th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5. Names to Mr. G. Abbott, 36, Williams Avenue, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.—Hayne, Abbotsbury. 7856

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The annual nomination meeting at Bagshot (8), Saturday, Nov. 25th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Ringing from 6.30 p.m. onwards at Yorktown (8), not at Bagshot. Names for tea by previous Wednesday please.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 7883

ELY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Wisbech Branch will be held at Walpole St. Peter on Saturday, Jan. 13th, 1951. Details later. Neighbouring branches please note. 7830

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 3rd, 1951. Members who have not received circular please contact A. W. T. Cleaver, Downing. 7867

ADELAIDE WELCOMES THE ARCH-BISHOP OF CANTERBURY

The bells of Adelaide Cathedral were rung in rounds and Queens to welcome the Archbishop of Canterbury when the train he was travelling in arrived from Perth. His Grace said that that was the first occasion since his enthronement that bells had been rung specially in his honour.

Autographing the record book of an Adelaide ringer, the Archbishop said that he had got as far as learning to control a bell in his student days, but had to give up ringing later.

The Adelaide University Guild held its first annual meeting on October 12th and elected the following officers: President, John West; Master, Philip Cooper; secretary, Catherine Lamphree; treasurer, Judith Hollands.

The Master reported the receipt of a letter from Dr. Hatcher, of the Universities Association, and another of congratulation from Mr. Jack Worrall. The Guild has a membership of 13, most of whom can ring touches of Bob Minor 'in hand.'

Arrangements were made to give instruction in tower bell ringing during the long vacation, from November to March, and it is hoped to raise money for the purchase of a set of hand-bells. The Guild extends its best wishes to similar Guilds in England.

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TWENTY-EIGHT YEAR RECORD BEATEN

FOR more than 28 years the record of 21,363 Stedman Caters, rung at St. Laurence's, Appleton, Berks, has remained unchallenged. This, as we announced last week, was surpassed on November 4th by the peal of Bristol Surprise Major of 21,600 changes rung at Over, Cheshire, in 12 hours and 58 minutes. To Mr. John Worth, of Macclesfield, and his band go the credit of ringing the longest peal by one set of men. And a good peal it was, too, from the accounts that have reached this office. The phrase 'by one set of men' is added because of the performance at Leeds, Kent, on April 7th and 8th, 1761, when relays of men rang the full extent of Plain Bob Major of 40,320 changes. That is, of course, outside the definition of a peal as recognised by the Central Council.

It is appropriate to record the names of the company who rang in the Appleton peal, which was under the auspices of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Ancient Society of College Youths. The band was Challis F. Winney treble, George Holifield, jun. 2, William Hibbert 3, Herbert Langdon 4, George Holifield, sen. 5, Henry R. Newton 6, Alfred B. Peck 7, Richard T. Hibbert 8, Richard White 9, Fred White tenor. The conductor of that peal, Herbert Langdon, is still with us, together with a number of his colleagues, including the veteran secretary of the Ancient Society, Mr. A. B. Peck. The performance at Over, however, only lowers one of their records; they still hold the palm for the longest peal of Stedman, Caters and on ten bells, and these performances are not likely to be surpassed in a hurry.

The bells of St. Chad's, Over, have figured in a previous record of 17,280 Kent Treble Bob Major, rung on July 21st, 1923, in ten hours. This peal was conducted by Robert Sperring. The band on that occasion was Robert Sperring treble, George R. Jones 2, John Hayes 3, Harry F. Holding 4, Edward V. Rodenhurst 5, James Swindley 6, Samuel Jones 7, James H. Riding tenor.

To the Cheshire band, plus one from over the border in Lancashire, the aviator, Mr. Fred Dunkerley, the Exercise, through 'The Ringing World,' offers its congratulations.

Peal ringers know what is behind this effort. As Mr. L. W. G. Morris wrote last week: 'This is a test of both physical and mental endurance, and in this great achievement not only has ringing history been made, but those taking part have indelibly inscribed their names on the scroll of ringing fame.'

Somewhat singularly, the performance did not receive the same national publicity as the Debenham attempt, although it received a mention in 'The Times' and other national journals. 'The Irish Times' however, marked the occasion by a second leader. Of course, coming from Ireland and being written by a layman, we naturally expect something in an entertaining vein. 'In the first place,' says 'The Irish Times,' 'the stern challengers locked themselves in the tower of the church, so that nobody could interrupt them and, presumably, in order to prevent any faint-heart from attempting to escape. In the second place, they denied themselves both food and drink until the peal had been rung. It would be interesting to know how the changes were measured. Perhaps some kind of meter was attached to the ropes, or a scorer was installed within the belfry to note down the changes like so many runs at a cricket match. At all events, the record was broken with a resounding crash—or peal.'

'The Irish Times' sees a possibility of this record becoming infectious and writes, 'Proud villagers and townsmen from all the coloured counties will spit on their hands, lock themselves in their bell towers, and pull away as energetically as though they personally were responsible for warning the world of an impending invasion from Mars.'

But these record lengths are no light undertaking. There is a vast amount of preparatory work and, in addition, the susceptibilities of the neighbourhood have to be consulted. In the Over performance not only was the co-operation of the church authorities secured but also of the local Council. It is when ringers show this dual sense of consideration that the reputation of the Exercise is enhanced.

Next Saturday another long length attempt at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, of 15,840 Plain Bob Maximus had been planned, but through illness has had to be postponed. In the field of 12-bell ringing the record is not so formidable, and the peal of 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on August 6th, 1929, holds the field.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Thurs., Nov. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

H. JAMES TURNER ... Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 7
MURIEL REAY ... 2	JOHN SCOTT ... 8
JOAN BERESFORD ... 3	HENRY H. FEARN ... 9
ALBERT WALKER ... 4	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 10
JOHN PINFOLD ... 5	LEONARD TREVOR ... 11
*WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT ... 6	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal of Stedman and of Cinques.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.

*MARGARET FRANCIS ... Treble	THOMAS BEVAN ... 7
GEORGE H. CROSS ... 2	LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... 8
MRS. R. F. DEAL ... 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 9
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ... 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 10
CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... 5	THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 11
A. RONALD LING ... 6	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

E. JOAN SALMONS ... Treble	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY ... 2	*MAURICE J. BUTLER ... 7
JESSIE M. KIPPIN ... 3	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD ... 8
JOHN W. FAITHFULL ... 4	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 9
NELIA M. LEAHY ... 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First peal of Cambridge Royal on the recast bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

BRIAN G. WARWICK ... Treble	*NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 6
COLIN HARRISON ... 2	†JOHN HILL ... 7
TERENCE A. THORNER ... 3	T. MARK WHITE ... 8
PETER J. STANFORTH ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 9
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. † First peal of Royal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN E. CHILCOTT ... Treble	*BRIAN D. THRELFALL ... 6
FRANK E. DARBY ... 2	†DAVID E. PARSONS ... 7
*JOYCE A. ENGLAND ... 3	†RICHARD E. PRICE ... 8
†EDWIN J. LINDLEY ... 4	*RICHARD F. B. SPEED ... 9
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. † First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor and 50th peal this year.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

H. JAMES TURNER ... Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON ... 6
MURIEL REAY ... 2	LEONARD TREVOR ... 7
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON ... 8
JOHN PINFOLD ... 4	HENRY H. FEARN ... 9
*JOHN SCOTT ... 5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal 'inside.' Rung to celebrate the engagement of Terry R. Hampton to Miss Ann P. Baxter.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Church of St. James-the-Great,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

MARGARET RIGBY ... Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE ... 5
*FREDERICK E. WILSHAW ... 2	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... 6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 3	*†CHARLES H. PAGE ... 7
*CATHARINE M. FRIST ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. F. TROTMAN.

Conducted by F. W. GROCOTT.

* 50th peal together. † First peal of New Cambridge. 50th peal as conductor. First peal of New Cambridge on the bells.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 14 cwt.

DONALD G. CLIFT ... Treble	ALBERT HARMAN ... 5
GEORGE COOK ... 2	WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... 6
CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
*FRANK OAKSHOTT ... 4	EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Stedman.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

DEREK OGDEN ... Treble	HAROLD ARMSTEAD ... 5
*JOHN T. WALMSLEY ... 2	STEPHEN LL. PARRY ... 6
*FRED PRITCHARD ... 3	VERNON SYKES ... 7
†DAVID JOHN GAY ... 4	IVAN KAY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by IVAN KAY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung to celebrate the 73rd birthday of Mr. Herbert Barlow.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

JAMES A. MILNER ... Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
ANNE WORTH ... 2	JOHN WORTH ... 6
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	PETER LAFLIN ... 7
JAMES FERNLEY ... 4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

DAPHNE LLOYD ... Treble	*ARTHUR WATKIN ... 5
FRED EVANS ... 2	FREDERICK H. BIRKS ... 6
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD ... 3	BRIAN HARRIS ... 7
WILLIAM CATHERALL ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.

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

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CUTHBERT W. POWELL ... Treble	HENRY G. KEELEY ... 5
ROGER KEELEY ... 2	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... 6
ARTHUR H. REED ... 3	*JACK W. DREW ... 7
WALTER H. POOLE ... 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since rehanging. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Beale on the 20th anniversary of their wedding.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS G. FOX ... Treble	*FRANK V. GANT ... 5
*DAVID W. BEARD ... 2	JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... 6
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 3	*CHARLES E. WILMINGTON ... 7
JOHN G. NASH ... 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Bristol on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HARRY G. WAYNE ... Treble	JOHN HILL ... 5
DOROTHY M. UDALE ... 2	TERENCE A. THORNER ... 6
ERNEST W. RAWSON ... 3	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 7
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TAYLOR. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

MELKSHAM, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

*MARION HUNT ... Treble	WILLIAM C. WEST ... 5
†RUBY GIBBONS ... 2	†PERCIVAL W. G. HARDING ... 6
FREDK. S. SLATFORD ... 3	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 7
†GRAHAM EYLES ... 4	*ALBERT W. J. HUNT ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ 75th peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. C. West on completing 25 years as leader of the tower.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Oct. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

BENJAMIN GREATOREX ... Treble	HAROLD TAYLOR ... 5
FRANCIS R. LOWE ... 2	HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 6
MISS D. JEAN DUNN ... 3	WILLIAM A. PARSONS ... 7
GEORGE H. PAULSON ... 4	DENNIS SCOTT ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by WILLIAM A. PARSONS.

Birthday compliment to Mr. G. H. Paulson. Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

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On Wed., Nov. 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

MARGARET FIDELL ... Treble	CYRIL MORDUE ... 5
ROBERT BELL ... 2	THOMAS W. CROWE ... 6
J. WILLIAM ROBSON ... 3	SAMUEL C. WALKER ... 7
JOHN A. BROWN ... 4	DENIS A. BAYLES ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

In memoriam William Sheraton, a ringer at this church for 30 years, who was interred at Burnmoor this day.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Eastern Branch.)

On Thurs., Nov. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*FRED BISHOP ... Treble	*JOHN R. KEMP ... 5
DONOVAN R. WHITE ... 2	†ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... 6
*ROBERT BROWN ... 3	*JOHN PETCH ... 7
*EDWIN FISHER ... 4	*JOHN R. YOUNG ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. First peal of Double Norwich as conductor. Believed to be the first peal in the method in the Eastern Branch by all branch members.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

C. HENRY HARDING ... Treble	RONALD J. SHARP ... 5
*MAURICE J. LOCKEY ... 2	BRYAN F. SIMS ... 6
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 7
ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... 4	*SIDNEY SHARP (71) ... Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells since augmentation to eight. Rung as a compliment to Sidney Sharp and William Fisher, both of whom have completed more than 50 years as ringers at this church.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*EDWARD J. BOFFEY ... Treble	GEORGE A. PACKER ... 5
JUNE M. HENSHAW ... 2	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 6
†JOHN E. BROUGH ... 3	†JOHN N. LINDON ... 7
FREDK. S. SUTTON ... 4	†IVOR R. NICHOLS ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by IVOR R. NICHOLS.

* First peal of Major in the method. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal of Kent in the method. First peal as conductor.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ERIC E. SPEAKE ... Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY ... 5
*ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 2	GEORGE L. RODEN ... 6
NOREEN BRAIN ... 3	*HOWARD HOWELL ... 7
*CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	*ALBERT D. COLLINS ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER (No. 13). Conducted BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Oxford Bob Triples.



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On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Carter's No. 35.		Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.	
WILLIAM GIBBS	Treble	THOMAS HEMMING	5
*ALFRED C. BOXLEY	2	WILLIAM C. COOPER	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	HAROLD V. COOPER	7
BERNARD LAWTON	4	JOHN LLOYD	Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

* First peal of Stedman.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Comprising 1,440 London, 1,120 Rutland, 480 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Norfolk and New Gloucester, with 144 changes of method.

Tenor 17½ cwt.	
*FRANCES A. EDGAR	Treble
*G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY	2
MARGARET L. TUTT	3
ALAN R. PINK	4
WILLIAM C. PORTER	5
*PAUL K. WILIAMSON	6
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	7
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.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

No. 4.		Tenor 13½ cwt.	
*ALBERT COOPER	Treble	ERIC NIXON	5
RAYMOND JOHNSON	2	*DUDLEY HENSHALL	6
*ALAN WARD	3	DEREK OGDEN	7
*CYRIL BYARD	4	JACK CLEGG	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JACK CLEGG.

* First peal of Major. A farewell peal to Canon A. E. Horner.

MANGOTSFIELD, BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Grove's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 10 cwt.	
C. E. JEFFERIES	Treble	ERNEST PALMER	5
*BETTY J. POOLE	2	P. C. W. F. SCUDAMORE	6
MRS. N. DART	3	J. G. JEFFERIES	7
WILLIAM RICHINGS	4	*ERIC COOKSLEY	Tenor

Conducted by J. G. JEFFERIES.

* First peal. First peal by local band for 28 years. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment and as a farewell to the tenor ringer.

OVER, WINSFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 12 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 21,600 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.	
PETER LAFLIN	Treble
WILFRED STEVENSON	2
HENRY O. BAKER	3
JOHN E. BIBBY	4
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
WALTER ALLMAN	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	7
JOHN WORTH	Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

The longest length ever rung by one set of ringers.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 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
*LESLIE L. DUGUID	2
MRS. E. F. SALMONS	3
CHARLES H. KIPPIN	4
TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
ARTHUR V. DAVIS	6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
ERNEST F. SALMONS	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Major 'inside.'

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD-THE-CONFESSOR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.		Tenor 17½ cwt.	
H. F. PERRY	Treble	J. BULLOCK	5
T. H. TAFFENDER	2	*C. W. OTTLEY	6
*MISS S. BOOTH	3	R. F. DEAL	7
*L. W. BULLOCK	4	*A. T. LANGSTONE	Tenor

Conducted by R. F. DEAL.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal on eight bells.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT	Treble	WILLIAM ROGERS	5
*DORIS E. COLGATE	2	*ERNEST J. LADD	6
*ARTHUR F. LEWRY	3	*ROBERT COLLINS	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDUFF. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. An 84th birthday compliment to Mr. C. H. Stone, Linton, Kent.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. SIMPSON	Treble	*THOMAS W. ROBINSON	5
*DAVID MARSHALL	2	WALTER G. SOAR	6
JACK BAILEY	3	R. ALLEN HICKTON	7
WILLIAM H. T. KING	4	ALFRED MOULD	Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

SILEBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

*S. ANTHONY JESSON	Treble	*LAWRENCE GREENHOW	5
CHRISTINE DUNNINGTON	2	JOHN HILL	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	*JOHN B. BENNETT	7
JOHN BRAMLEY	4	TERENCE A. THORNBUR	Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by TERENCE A. THORNBUR.

* First peal of Major. † 50th peal. First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. Colin P. Walker, of Bath. Average age is 21 years.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.		Tenor 18 cwt.	
ARTHUR F. TAYLOR	Treble	SYDNEY HODGSON	5
FRED PRITCHARD	2	JOHN T. HALMSLEY	6
ALBERT HODGSON	3	JAMES CARTER	7
*JOAN CARTER	4	ALFRED ROBERTS	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR F. TAYLOR.

* First peal of Triples. To commemorate 50 years of service ringing at St. Paul's of Alfred Roberts and Charles Wood. Also as a farewell peal to Canon B. B. Slater, R.D.

ST. IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

*HAROLD S. PEACOCK	Treble	*STANLEY GILBERT	5
*C. HENRY DUNNINGTON	2	*ROBERT H. BROOKER	6
MAURICE J. THURMOTT	3	RONALD H. BULLEN	7
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD	4	FRANK WARRINGTON	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

* First peal in the method. Rung for the patronal festival.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD SOWMAN ...	Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ...	5
PETER J. STANFORTH ...	2	T. MARK WHITE ...	6
ELIZABETH FAULKNALL ...	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK ...	7
JOHN R. SMITH ...	4	ALFRED BALLARD ...	Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW ...	Treble	CHARLES SHEMMING ...	5
ROBERT E. LESTER ...	2	WILLIAM J. BUTON ...	6
*JOHN WATHEN ...	3	HARRY D. LISTER ...	7
SIDNEY ARBON ...	4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ...	Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal.

DENHOLME, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 5, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN I. ROBERTSHAW ...	Treble	VERNEY BAIRSTOW ...	5
HARRY OGLESBY ...	2	LESLIE THOMPSON ...	6
HERBERT HELLIWELL ...	3	WILLIAM PROCTER ...	7
ARTHUR J. SMALLBONES ...	4	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ...	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ARTHUR BAIRSTOW.

25th peal as conductor. Specially arranged for the 74th anniversary of the opening of the bells and for the 75th anniversary of the Yorkshire Association.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*JOHN A. COX ...	Treble	GEORGE T. BUNNING ...	4
†PETER J. WOODCOCK ...	2	LESLIE W. J. HOUGHTON ...	5
SIDNEY MARSHALL ...	3	GEORGE P. ADAMS ...	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE P. ADAMS.

* First peal on six bells. † First peal.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.

THE CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND BEGA,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 240 Stedman and 960 each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, April Day and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*SHEILA MITCHELL ...	Treble	*HAROLD WILSON ...	4
†GRAHAM MCKAY ...	2	STANLEY RICHARDSON ...	5
†JOHN A. HAILE ...	3	*TOM MCKAY ...	Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY RICHARDSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor. First peal in six methods by all the band and for the Association. First peal of Doubles on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment and a farewell to Miss S. Mitchell.

ASHBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

PETER ANGER ...	Treble	*M. JACK PRYOR ...	4
C. JOSHUA PEARCE ...	2	EDWARD C. HUGHES ...	5
EDWARD C. ANGER ...	3	†W. JAMES NEW ...	Tenor

Conducted by PETER ANGER.

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

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THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 18 cwt.
*R. D. EDGE (Queens)...Treble | P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn) 4
C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) 2 | A. W. T. CLEAVER (Down.) 5
C. G. WOODHEAD (Pem.) 3 | A. S. WATT (Pem.) ...Tenor

Conducted by ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER.

* First peal.

BLYTH, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*JEAN HAYNES ...Treble | FRANK BRADLEY ... 4
GEORGE CHALLANS ... 2 | FREDERICK FLINT ... 5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE ... 3 | HERBERT T. ROOKE ...Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal.

SILSDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, 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 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*BETTY HEWITSON ...Treble | WILLIAM PROCTER ... 4
VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... 2 | ALFRED ASHTON ... 5
ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... 3 | ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ...Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR BAIRSTOW.

* First peal. Rung for the 75th anniversary of the Yorkshire Association.

STANDON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 17 cwt.

ANTHONY AGER ...Treble | WALTER D. POOLEY ... 4
*EDWIN G. BUCK ... 2 | JOHN CHURCH ... 5
JACK S. DEAR ... 3 | SIDNEY F. CARTER ...Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER.

* First peal in seven methods.

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
IN THE OLD TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight 120's Stedman, Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob, and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

*MRS. W. VANN ...Treble | ARTHUR E. BARLOW ... 3
*WILLIAM J. VANN ... 2 | *RONALD W. GIBBONS ... 4
ERNEST MORRIS ...Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Doubles. First known peal on these bells. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Dr. Joseph Wellington Hunkin, Lord Bishop of Truro, who died suddenly on October 28th. He was Rector of Rugby 1927-1935.

QUADRING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 31, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM B. DAWSON ...Treble | †BERNARD O. MANN ... 4
*MAURICE BENNETT ... 2 | FRANK TAYLOR ... 5
CYRIL WANDER ... 3 | STANLEY E. BENNETT ...Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by C. WANDER.

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

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt.
*JOCELYN GUMBREIL ...Treble | *CHARLES S. A. HONE ... 4
JEAN E. EDWARDS ... 2 | LEONARD STILWELL ... 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY ... 3 | CECIL R. LONGHURST ...Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR R. RAPLEY.

* First peal.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and three 720's of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. Treble | REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4
EDWIN BROMLEY ... 2 | ALAN V. BROMLEY ... 5
FRANCIS BROMLEY ... 3 | ROBERT T. LAMBERT ...Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Ernest C. Lambert, by his nephews.

CORFE MULLEN, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HUBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*DOUGLAS A. FRENCH ...Treble | *EDWARD C. PARDY ... 4
*RALPH L. LOWLE ... 2 | PHILIP H. TOCOCK ... 5
CECIL RIDOUT ... 3 | *WILLIE G. FALL ...Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

* First peal. All except conductor are local company.

AYERHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Newark District.)

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK W. VERNON ...Treble | FREDK. G. HOOPER ... 4
ARTHUR E. CHILTON ... 2 | HENRY J. CLOXTON ... 5
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS ... 3 | F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER...Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

First peal to be rung on the bells, which were hung in 1840. Rung in memory of the late George Smith, many years a ringer at Ayerham, also of the late Rev. Father Kelly, founder of the Society of the Sacred Mission, Kelham, who died October 31st, aged 90.

CHURCHSTANTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

*WESLEY MOORE ...Treble | CYRIL J. STEVENS ... 4
JACK SUMMERHAYES ... 2 | HARRY CHURCHILL ... 5
ROBERT W. SHIRE ... 3 | BENJAMIN J. BURSTON ...Tenor

Conducted by HARRY CHURCHILL.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

CULWORTH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

GEORGE F. BURTON ...Treble | WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... 3
*ERIC WALKER ... 2 | *ALFRED T. HUMPHRIES... 4
WILLIAM YATES ...Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.

* First peal.

SEAL CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, one extent of St. Clement's College Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

HILDEGARD I. G. BIRD Treble | †JOHN E. CANNELL ... 4
*LESLIE W. G. SKINNER... 2 | RALPH BIRD ... 5
†BARBARA MITCHELL ... 3 | ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ...Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal. † First peal on six bells.

PUCKLECHURCH, NEAR BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 26 lb. in E flat.

*ERIC SUTTON Treble	†REGINALD G. HOOPER... 4
*MIRIAM R. JAMES 2	*WILFRED F. WEBB... .. 5
*GILBERT SPRULES 3	†CECIL DANDO Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED F. WEBB.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman Doubles. ‡ First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehung in 1929.

HANDBELL PEALS

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Oct. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

IN THE NAVE OF THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

C.C.C. No. 25.	Tenor size 12 in F.
RONALD BARLOW 1-2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 5-6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 3-4	*MARGARET RIGBY 7-8

Composed by GEO. H. BEEVOR. Conducted by FREDK. W. GROCOTT.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Oct. 31, 1950, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

PETER J. STANFORTH ... 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	TERENCE A. THORNER ... 7-8

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal in the method on handbells by all the band and for the Guild.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Oct. 31, 1950, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

AT AFRICAN OIL MILLS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Reverse Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob.

JULIA M. PRESTON 1-2	ERIC J. GILBERT 3-4
FRANK VARTY 5-6	

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

First peal in seven methods 'in hand' for all. Tenor size 12.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

IN ST. PETER'S VESTRY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

C.C.C. No. 170. Tenor size 12 in F.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW ... 1-2	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT ... 5-6
*RONALD BARLOW 3-4	CHARLES H. PAGE 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by F. WM. GROCOTT.

* First peal away from 1-2.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

In three methods, comprising 2,496 Plain, 1,344 Double and 1,248 Little Bob, with 300 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

ROY C. HURST 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.

* First peal of Spliced Major in three methods.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

JOSEPH A. FENTON 1-2	ALAN CATTELL 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	*ERNEST MORRIS 7-8

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in the method as conductor 'in hand.'

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The quarter peal at Shipton-under-Wychwood, recently published, was conducted by C. T. Richards and not T. W. Timms.

Seven officials of the Ely Association participated in the peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at St. Ives on November 4th. It was Mr. F. Warrington's 400th peal.

'The Ringing World' appears in a new face this week. We hope our elderly readers will appreciate the increased legibility of the new type.

Mr. H. T. Rooke enquires for dates of previous peals at Tibshelf, Derbyshire.

The number of changes in the peal of Spliced Major in eight methods, rung at Bournemouth and reported on page 695, should be 5,024. The error is regretted.

Mr. A. P. Cannon informs us that another attempt will be made soon at Debenham to recover that which was lost. No other tower in Suffolk is available, he adds.

The ringer of the 6th in the quarter peal at Pelsall, Staffs, on October 22nd, was R. Derry and not R. Chilton, as forwarded for publication.

We regret to report the passing of the Rev. R. F. R. Routh at Beaconsfield on November 5th, at the age of 61 years. An appreciation of his services to ringing will appear in our next issue.

Mr. W. Poston, of Ross-on-Wye, writes that the peal of Stedman Doubles rung at Newland, Glos, in August, 1937, was rung with ten different callings, three times repeated, not in two as published.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on November 4th was rung as a welcome home to Leonard Baybut after fifteen and a half years' absence in Kashmir. It was also a welcome to Hilary Joan, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Ling, who was born in nearby Charing Cross Hospital the previous day. The bells can be heard very distinctly in the hospital, and Mrs. Ling listened to the peal from beginning to end.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The attempt at 15,840 Plain Bob Maximus fixed for Saturday, November 18th, at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, Mon., has had to be postponed due to sudden illness in the band.

The Universities Association annual dinner will be held on Friday, December 29th.

Fifty years ago Mr. B. Greatorex rang his first peal at Wirksworth, Derbyshire. He took part in the anniversary peal on October 30th, which was in the same method and by the same composer.

There are many choristers among our ringers, and to them the Nicholson Memorial, to place the Royal School of Church Music on a sound and permanent basis, will make an appeal. The sum of £60,000 is needed, and gifts should be sent to the Nicholson Memorial, Roper House, Canterbury.

The ringers of St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, London, E.5, are going 'all-out' to meet a £76 estimate for the repair of bell fittings and sound-proofing the belfry. Donations would be gratefully received by Miss J. Friswell, 43, Casimir Road, London, E.5. In this connection a Parish Party is being arranged by the ringers to be held in the Church Hall, Warwick Grove, E.5, on Saturday, December 2nd, at 7 p.m., to which any ringers will be welcome.

The Master of Oxford University Society asked us to record a muffled quarter peal his Society rang at St. Mary Magdalen on Sunday, November 6th, in grateful memory of Guy Fawkes. But why 'grateful'? The quarter consisted of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and April Day Doubles and the band was Patricia Wareham 1, M. Elizabeth Brown 2, J. B. Guy 3, F. Wright (conductor) 4, P. Border 5, G. McCrum 6.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

313th Anniversary Dinner The Stepney Boy who Made Good Westminster Abbey; Dr. Perkins' Reminiscences 58 New Members Memories of Three Famous Masters

FOR the first time since the war the plate of the Ancient Society of College Youths was on view at the 313th anniversary dinner of the Society held at Pimm's Restaurant, London, last Saturday. It was a great re-union, a capacity assembly welcoming the Master, Mr. T. G. Fox, as he took his seat.

Proceedings were delayed owing to the late arrival of the principal officers who had attended evensong at Southwark Cathedral. There the Provost made special reference in his sermon to the long service of the Ancient Society.

Supporting the Master were the officers: Mr. A. B. Peck (secretary), Mr. A. A. Hughes (treasurer), Mr. H. G. Miles (trustee), Mr. J. F. Smallwood (senior steward) and Mr. J. G. A. Pryor (junior steward).

The Master, in proposing the toast of 'The Church,' said it must be obvious to everybody there that without the Church there would be no Ancient Society, and in the toast they desired to record their debt to the Church. He remembered hearing in a sermon that lay members were no less ordained to do the work of the Church as clergy. They took a pride in their work and were thankful to serve the Church as ringers. To ring bells properly, a good band was required and a good band was not built up in a day. Good team work was essential and in submitting to them the toast, he felt that the Society would do their duty loyally to the Church.

The Rev. D. H. Booth, Rector of Stepney, who replied, said for him the evening was of a local lad making good. 'I am sure,' he said, 'you are proud of your Master, and we are proud of him, and I extend to him our warm congratulations from the ancient parish of Stepney.'

Admitting that he was an ignoramus about bells, the Rector said he only once rang a bell and that was on an historic occasion when the Eighth Army recaptured Tobruk and he rang the bell in that broken-down tower.

STEPNEY TOWER REBUILDING

It might interest them to know that within a year the tower of his ancient church would be repaired. At the moment they were pulling it down, but he hoped it would not be long before it was rebuilt and he looked forward to the day when members of the Society would ring again in East London.

A bellringer, a close relative of the Master, after ringing for service, locked the belfry door and left the key at the Rectory while the service was in progress. In doing so he surprised someone making an attempt on the life of the speaker's wife and child in the Rectory, so he had reason to be thankful for that bellringer even if his duties were not quite orthodox.

The toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths' was proposed by the Rev. Dr. Jocelyn Perkins, of Westminster Abbey. He said he felt very honoured to stand in the place of his old friend, the late Canon Coleridge. His memory would remain for ever green in the hearts of College Youths all over the country. He was one of the finest men he had ever known. While saying that, he could not help reminding them of the loss they had sustained at the Abbey by the death of that splendid old veteran, Robert Newton. They were all very attached to him and he remembered Mr. Newton said to him after they rang for the arrival of Prince Charles that that would be the last peal he would ring. He remained his same cheery presence until the end, and Dr. Perkins added that he saw him a day or two before his death.

Dr. Perkins said he was brought up as a choirboy at St. Paul's, Bedford, where there



MR. T. G. FOX
Master of College Youths, 1949-50

was a very fine ring going back to the days of George II. The present bells did not seem to him like the old ones were. From there he went to Magdalen College, Oxford, with its fine ring of ten. Never did he miss going up the tower at 4.30 on a May morning to take part in that service and then to feel the tower gently rock as the bells were rung.

Then he came to the Abbey with its traditional ding-dong before the service and the 40 strokes on the tenor for the sermon bell. He often wondered whether the bell induced people to come to listen to the sermon or keep away. This old bell was given in Elizabethan times by Dean Goodman, a generous and wealthy man.

There were six bells and the frame for eight and nobody took any interest in them. They only sounded on various occasions: they took no notice of the great festivals of the Church: the times of their ringing were mainly political. Sir Christopher Wren complained to the Dean about the bells, but he had been in his grave some 20 years when two minor bells were added.

FOUR TIMES IN TWENTY YEARS

At the time he arrived, the tower was supposed to be insecure and in his first 20 years the bells were only rung four times—for the coronations of Edward VII. and George V., the return of the Prince of Wales from India in 1922 and 32 years ago that day, when people went wild after the restraint of the war.

Following complaints that the Abbey bells were not being rung, a generous benefactor came forward in Lord Lee of Fareham, and their friends at Whitechapel got busy and the bells were dedicated by Bishop Ryall in 1919. At that time the Dean was good enough to make him superintendent of the belfry and of all the jobs he had had to do, he did not think anything had given him more pleasure.

The great ring at the Abbey had given birth to a son or a daughter. In 1936 an exact replica of the Abbey bells was placed in the great cathedral at Victoria, B.C. That was a great occasion. Practically all Vancouver Island assembled at Victoria for the dedication of the bells and the emotion created when the people heard the bells was quite indescribable. People were sobbing in the streets as the bells reminded them of the homeland. Ringers were doing a piece of God's work in reminding people of higher things, for man did not live by bread alone. Ringers had a work to do comparable to what was done in the pulpit; they could help to bring people nearer to those higher things which in the stress and strain of modern life were overlooked.

The code of ringing at the Abbey was based on the custom of ringing at Magdalen College, Oxford. There people were assembled for matins and evensong by the ding-donging of the bells. They fixed on certain ringing days connected with the Church—23 in all—and they also rang the bells after service.

Mr. A. B. Peck, the veteran secretary of the Society, who replied, disagreed with Dr. Perkins on the modern bells at St. Paul's, Bedford, on which he learnt to ring and he regarded them as one of the finest rings of ten in the world.

He owed the company two apologies—one was because a rope broke at Cornhill, and the other for being late owing to the length of the service at Southwark Cathedral.

NEW MEMBERS.

The Society had held 51 meetings during the year including those at Chelmsford and Reading. They had made 58 new members during the year as follows:—

O. J. Hunt (Manchester), J. A. Hoare (Swansea), R. B. Blond (West Hagbourne), T. Pritchard, T. C. Wits and S. Thain (Stroud, Gloucestershire), N. Chaddock (Rotherham), B. L. J. Brown (Didcot), A. V. Pearson (Wolverhampton), J. R. Wilson (Orpington), J. W. Sangwin (Holsworthy), A. E. Bissat (Bude), R. Benson (Manchester), L. H. Bowler (London, N.W.2), N. H. Coombs (Bristol), W. H. Kingcott (Wrington), G. J. Hemming (Evesham, S. G. Waters (Hawthurst), S. L. Parry (Rochdale), H. J. F. Millat and J. H. Edwards (Colchester), W. R. Hill (Holsworthy), W. F. Moreton (Hereford), A. W. Howkins (Lewisham), J. E. Harmsworth (Theale), R. S. Hunt (Mapledurham), S. G. Day (Reading), A. Rusby (Cawthorne, Yorkshire), J. E. Turley (Sheffield, 9), J. H. Bowden (Bridgwater, Devon), G. W. Morris (Feltham), P. J. H. Hudson (Rochdale), J. E. Bibby (Warrington), W. Allman (Runcorn), A. Ballard (Burbage), C. S. Ryles (Newcastle-under-Lyme), F. Barraclough (Manchester), Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith (Rossendale), W. C. West (Melksham), C. T. Lamb (Blackhill, Co. Durham), H. S. Grisdale (Kewick), P. L. Taylor (Loughborough), J. Bramley (Leicester), W. Burningham (Slough), Rev. C. P. Sherwood (Mapledurham), A. R. Vaughan (Twyford), Rev. E. S. C. Lowman (Bray-on-Thames), F. Ashley and H. E. Ashley (Nuneaton), W. E. Lewington (Tilehurst), E. T. Sneller (East Ilsley), G. Peters (Leatherhead), W. E. Turner (Yeovil), H. G. Thompson (Parkstone), J. M. Stephens (Bedford), J. H. Jones (Tanworth-in-Arden), W. G. Wilson (Alperton), W. T. Cook (West Ealing), T. R. Butler and E. C. Birkett (Liverpool).

LOSS BY DEATH

The company stood in silence in memory of the following who had died during the year:—John Nobes, Rev. J. R. Vincent, W. H. Seabrook, Allen Brown, Rev. G. F. Coleridge, W. W. Worthington, J. Heard, H. Withers, C.

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Stuart, W. D. Taylor, W. H. Barber, G. Condict, E. Cassell, W. Pickworth, C. D. Heginbotham, J. Ladley, G. Charge, H. R. Newton, R. Hayes, J. S. Wilde, T. Miller, D. H. Elliott, J. H. Shepherd, H. W. Curtis, Rev. Tilney Bassett, C. F. Johnston, H. J. Ford, E. T. Exeter, W. Short, G. Hintham, W. E. S. Heathcote, H. Chandler, W. J. Rawlings and Rev. J. M. Routh.

Mr. Peck recalled that the Society had had only two secretaries in 60 years. They had received apologies for absence from the Dean of St. Paul's, Provost of Southwark, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Mr. G. H. Cross, Mr. and Mrs. Hairs and the Rev. L. Edwards. A message of good wishes had been received from Mr. G. R. Newton, of Liverpool and a telegram from Mr. E. J. Rowe, Sydney, Australia, reading: 'Best regards to the Society on its anniversary. Wish I was with you.'

The toast of 'Kindred Ringing Societies and Visitors' was submitted by Mr. A. A. Hughes, In welcoming the Rector of Stepney, Mr. Hughes said the Society looked forward to the time when they could revisit Stepney and repeat the good peals they had rung before. They had also Mr. Jarvis, librarian to Customs and Excise, Mr. Romer and Mr. Le Fevre, Dean's verger at St. Paul's.

KINDRED SOCIETIES.

The kindred ringing societies they looked on as Diocesan Guilds and County Associations which had developed by stages from the early bands such as the Society of College Youths and the Cumberlands and the various bands at Norwich and Birmingham and other centres. They all knew of the very great progress of the kindred societies and what they had done for ringing right through the country and to place ringers on a better footing as practising members of the Church.

Mr. G. E. Fearn replied and brought to the company the greetings of the St. Martin's Guild who had, he believed for the first time, a practising member as Lord Mayor.

Mr. H. Miles, proposing the toast of 'The Press,' commented upon Press references to the recent long peal attempt at Debenham, which stated that a man must not take his hand off the rope for any purpose whatever. He wondered how Joe Dyke would do his antics! He had rung many peals with the Rev. F. E. Robinson and, as they knew, he received a good deal of sustenance when ringing from raisins. He thought that the long peal at Debenham had demonstrated that raisins were not 'cannon' fodder.

Mr. Miles concluded by paying tribute to the two former editors of 'The Ringing World,' Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and Mr. J. A. Trollope. It was amazing, he said, the amount of information contained in its 16 pages and he thought it was very appropriate that the protest about Jack Worrall's beard should have come from Mr. Hairs (laughter).

Mr. T. W. White replied and mentioned that since the last dinner 'The Ringing World' had secured 160 new subscribers.

Mr. Alexander Young gave the concluding toast 'The Fragrant Memory of the Masters of 300, 200 and 100 years ago.' In 1650, the Master was John Newton, who came up to the Inns of Court from Devonshire. His name appeared 'boxed' in the peal book, a tribute to outstanding ringers. Newton was elected a member in 1646. Theodore Eccleston, the Master in 1750, was an associate of Annable, and if it had not been for his death, the great schism would not have taken place. A native of Suffolk, he gave two rings of bells to that county, a bell to Mortlake, where he died. two bells to Winchester Cathedral and 22 bells in different parts of the country.

James Dwight, the Master in 1850, was a member of the crew of St. Paul's, and he did much to raise ringing at St. Paul's from the slump into which it had fallen. James Dwight

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RECORD PEAL OF 21,600 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

By ringing 21,600 Bristol Surprise in 12 hours and 58 minutes the Chester Diocesan Guild have beaten all existing records, for this is the longest peal rung by one set of men, the longest time rung by one set of men, the longest Surprise peal, and so on. Previous records which have stood for some time and which were broken are 21,363 Stedman Caters at Appleton in 12 hours and 25 minutes on April 22nd, 1922; 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, August 5th, 1929 (longest Surprise peal); 15,264 Bristol Surprise, May 27th, 1912; 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob, April 18th, 1927; and 18,144 Plain Bob Major, June 5th, 1933.

The attempt had been contemplated for some time, and early this year application was made for permission, and after discussion by the local Council as well as the Church authorities it was granted.

A CHANGE IN COMPANY

On the Wednesday night a trip was made to adjust ropes, etc., so that there would be no delay on the Saturday morning, and the band were sorry to learn that one of their number, Mr. J. Whittaker, was unfit, but were pleased that a very willing substitute had been found in Mr. Fred Dunkerley.

Early on the Saturday morning the different contingents set off to rendezvous at Over Church for 7.30 in preparation for an 8 o'clock start, and for a change not one was late. The ringers were met by Mr. Sadler, who had previous experience of escorting long-length parties, for it was at Over in 1923 that Mr. R. Sperring called 17,280 of Kent Treble Bob. Final adjustments were made, and at 7.56 the bells went off into changes.

The first part was rung in 1 hour and 56 minutes and the second in about the same time, but succeeding parts were a little quicker, and at about 5.20 the Hornchurch record was passed, and no one wished to stop. At 17,856 the conductor again enquired if the band felt fit, and received an affirmative and dogged response. It was obvious that they were all determined to ring the lot or 'bust.'

GUY FAWKES DISPLAY.

All went merrily on, including a Guy Fawkes display outside, which was witnessed mainly by the ringer of the seventh until at 8.54 p.m. the bells ran round, and after twenty or thirty rounds the bells were set at rest and everything was quiet for the first time that day.

Several of the listening ringers came up to the ringing room to congratulate the band on their achievement, while others waited until they descended the tower. The local lady ringers had very thoughtfully provided tea and sandwiches for the band, and these were enjoyed in the vestry. A Press photographer then took a photograph of the band being congratulated by the Vicar and another of the band.

The band wish to make public their appreciation of the interest and assistance of the people of Over, particularly the Vicar and wardens and local ringers, without whose willing co-operation no attempt could have been made. They would also like to couple with this the names of Alan A. Potts who, but for being on military service in the Far East, would have been one of the band; Mr. J. Whittaker who, as mentioned above, was un-

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was one of the first to have his name on the ringers' tablet at St. Paul's. He rang the tenor to 8,580 Stedman Cinques at Cornhill in 1861.

Veteran members present were Messrs. J. C. Mitchell, 65 years' membership; R. Stannard, 60; I. Emery, 59; W. T. Elson, 58; T. Groombridge, 57; W. H. Pasmore, 55; A. Walker, 54; C. Fenn, 54; R. Fenn, 54; E. Fenn, 52 C. Dean, 52;

able to take part; and Mr. Edward Jenkins, who handed the figures of the peal to them.

With the exception of Mr. Dunkerley, of the Lancashire Association, the band all reside in Cheshire. Although called in at short notice, he rang as well as any Cheshire man, and it is in itself a tribute to the cordial relations which exist between the Lancashire Association and the Chester Guild. The onerous duty of calling the peal was very ably sustained by Mr. Worth, who called it as though it were a normal one.

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

HEARD BOTH ATTEMPTS

Dear Sir,—After experiencing the bitter disappointment when the bells became silent at Debenham, it was thrilling to hear rounds come up to a fine finish at Over.

Unable to include the method in my repertoire, any attempt to rate the performance would be ridiculous, but the quality of the ringing heard in the last hours deserves the praise of the whole Exercise, and I personally would like to congratulate the band on their wonderful feat.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID VINCENT.

Hale, Cheshire.

P.S.—As a long sufferer at the 'hands' of those taking part, I hope I too may be excused the painful duty of lowering in peal in future.—D. 'C.' V.

THE BAND'S THANKS

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the band and myself, I would like to thank all those who have in any way contributed to the success of the record peal and also express our thanks for the numerous letters (one an official letter of congratulation from the Mayor of Macclesfield) and phone calls, congratulating us on our success.—Yours faithfully,

J. WORTH.

Macclesfield.
We hope to publish next week biographical details of the band and a photograph taken immediately after the performance.—Ed.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

At the annual general meeting of the Society held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on October 28th the following officers were elected for 1950-51: President, Dr. J. C. E. Simpson; Master, Mr. D. N. Layton; secretary and treasurer, Miss M. Martin; auditor, Mr. P. R. Layton.

It was decided to hold the annual dinner on Saturday, February 10th.

Ringing in the afternoon started with London Surprise and included most of the standard methods. It was followed by a short service conducted by the Rector.

THE BROCAS BELL

Dear Sir,—Few of the visitors who have rung on the fine octave at St. Mary's, Axminster, Devon, are aware of the existence of a ninth bell in the tower, known locally as the Brocas bell. In 1663 John Brocas, whilst ringing, was killed by the rope of the 4th bell.

A suit was brought against the churchwardens in the Court of the King's Bench, and the bell was claimed for the King as a Deodard. Having been taken from the ring and replaced by another, the bell now hangs over the existing ring and has never since been rung. This is the only bell of its kind known to me, and I should be interested to know if any reader has the knowledge of an experience similar to this.—Yours faithfully,

NORMAN MALLET.

Axminster, Devon.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Fields 1, Miss C. Dunnington 2, J. W. C. Blythe (first of Surprise Major) 3, C. H. Harding 4, B. G. Warwick 5, S. Gilbert 6, G. H. Dunnington 7, F. Warrington (cond.) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. T. Price (first quarter on eight) 1, P. Lawrence 2, T. Price 3, W. G. Ellis (cond.) 4, F. A. Finch 5, A. Butler 6, R. E. Price 7, G. Dadds 8.

ADELAIDE, S. AUSTRALIA.—On Oct. 22nd, at St. Peter's Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (6.7.8 covering): Miss C. Phillips 1, P. Cooper (cond.) 2, H. Cox 3, F. Smeaton (ex-Bexhill-on-Sea) 4, G. Cox 5, I. Webber 6, P. West 7, L. Holt 8.

ASHCOTT, BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Keith Prime 1, Miss Sylvia Dean 2, G. Bird 3, D. Emery 4, W. Cavill (cond.) 5, W. Somers 6. First quarter by 1 (age 13).

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. B. Blackmore (first quarter) 1, Miss B. E. L. Roberts 2, A. P. Cave 3, E. G. Beynon 4, L. C. I. Watson 5, I. H. Trueman (first on eight as cond.) 6, P. W. Cave 7, J. R. Worrall 8.

BATHWICK, BATH.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. E. Baverstock 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, Miss N. G. Williams 3, Miss B. Smith (first of Stedman) 4, J. Hallett 5, E. J. Fry (first of Stedman) 6, R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, P. R. Stubbs (first quarter) 8.

BERRICK, SALOME, OXON.—On Oct. 28th, 1,440 Doubles (480 each Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire): R. D. Wells 1, W. Absolem 2, F. Absolem (cond.) 3, J. Godman 4, T. Sellwood 5, J. Cherrill 6. First in three methods for all the band.

BOURN, CAMBS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. G. Gipson 1, S. Gilbert 2, W. J. Ridgeman 3, Miss G. Dunnington 4, G. Crisp 5, T. R. Dennis 6, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 7, M. Ginn 8. It was the first quarter of Stedman for 1, 2, 3 and 5.

BOURNE, Lincs.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Minor (540 Plain Bob, 720 Single Court): A. E. Larkinson (first quarter) 1, R. Wade 2, J. Haw 3, C. Wade (cond.) 4, W. Fayers 5, F. W. French 6.

BOURNMOUTH.—At St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Peckham 1, Mary Davis 2, Bruce Rogers 3, T. Hextall 4, Rev. John Coutts 5, F. Price 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, J. Coles 8. Rung after the wedding of Miss Joan Andrews, only daughter of Mr. S. E. Andrews.

BULWELL, NOTTS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Barnes 1, G. E. Padgett 2, A. H. Ward 3, C. Glenn (cond.) 4, H. Pailing 5, J. Wiseman 6, W. Nichols 7, A. E. Hoodless 8. For the centenary thanksgiving service.

CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, half-muffled: P. Jago 1, Miss M. Hosking 2, Miss T. Richards (cond.) 3, R. C. James 4, E. Sanders 5, Miss M. Scott 6, M. Evans 7, S. Reed 8. In memoriam the Lord Bishop of Truro.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 30th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Allen (aged 80) 1, Miss M. Shadrack (first of Grandsire) 2, Miss J. Barham 3, A. O. Hume 4, E. J. Rutter 5, L. J. Clark (cond.) 6, R. C. Thrift 7, H. Shadrack 8. On the occasion of the presentation of the Freedom of the Borough to the Rt. Rev. H. Wilson upon retirement as Lord Bishop of Chelmsford.

CROWCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Welsher 1, C. W. J. Lock 2, J. Henson 3, L. T. Richards 4, R. E. Colman (cond.) 5, E. Colman 6. A farewell compliment to the conductor on his joining H.M. Forces.

DERBY.—At All Saints', Ockbrook, on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire and 540 Plain Bob): D. Janley 1, J. Bailey (cond.) 2, R. Grice 3, J. Salsbury 4, M. Bailey 5, R. Harrison 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. Rung to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the church.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.—On Nov. 4th, 1,440 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: H. J. Oliver 1, A. W. Beard 2, D. W. Beard (cond.) 3, F. V. Gant 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, C. E. Wright 6. First of spliced 'two' by all except 4.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Rabier (first quarter) 1, G. Ashdown 2, Miss M. Ashdown 3, J. Hurrell 4, F. W. Richardson 5, F. J. Hurrell 6, B. Crowder (cond.) 7, P. Sherman 8. A compliment to P. Rabier on joining the Kent County Association.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Reeves (first quarter) 1, T. S. Brown 2, Enid Lonnen (cond.) 3, H. J. Peskett 4, E. Treagus 5, V. Goacher 6.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 26th, 1,440 Doubles (480 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob, 360 April Day, 120 Reverse Canterbury): Miss J. Cooke 1, B. J. Onley 2, R. Barratt 3, S. Sage 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, E. Ellis (first quarter) 6. First in four methods for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

GULVAL, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Lawrey 1, G. W. Taysom (cond.) 2, G. Werrell 3, G. Matthews 4, J. Triggs 5, J. Williams 6. In memoriam the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 29th, 1,280 Double Norwich: V. Tipton 1, R. Hayden (first in method) 2, F. Whitby 3, L. Whitby 4, B. Burton 5, E. Rochester 6, S. Clark 7, W. Wheeler (cond.) 8. Rung on the occasion of the baptism of David Charles Aley, infant son of one of the local band.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. C. Mayne (cond.) 1, S. Warwick (first 'inside') 2, Miss E. K. Fulton 3, Miss F. Clayton 4, H. G. Hart 5, C. C. Mayne 6, J. R. Mayne 7, H. D. Butler 8.

HILLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 28th, at St. John's, 1,347 Stedman Caters: F. Blondell 1, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 2, G. M. Kilby 3, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 4, W. H. Coles 5, F. G. Baldwin 6, F. Corke 7, A. R. G. Twinn 8, J. R. Mayne 9, H. W. Impey 10. Rung to celebrate the first anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. F. C. Tyler, who entertained the band afterwards.

HINCKLEY, LEICS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss N. Marklew (first in the method) 1, A. Ballard (cond.) 2, E. Sowman 3, W. Aldridge 4, H. Bowley 5, B. Ridgeway 6, E. Vallance 7, F. Long 8.

HOLMES CHAPEL, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Davidson 1, A. Worth 2, W. McDowell 3, A. Campbell 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, J. Lawrence 6.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian M. Hipkiss (first quarter) 1, J. Oliver 2, Molly P. Flynn 3, P. Williams 4, A. J. Cole 5, C. E. J. Blake 6, W. C. Dowling (cond.) 7, E. W. Blake 8.

MALVERN LINK, GLOS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Smith 1, E. C. Barber 2, H. Chance 3, R. H. Carter 4, C. Clarke 5, J. Wall 6, H. Dew (cond.) 7, F. Hill 8. To mark the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On Oct. 29th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: G. A. Packer 1, A. Pritchard 2, R. O. Langford 3, F. Price 4, T. Price 5, A. M. Hickman 6, W. H. Tyler (cond.) 7, R. G. Edwards 8. Rung on the conclusion of the church festival for the millennium of the church.

MONMOUTH.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. H. Jones 1, Miss J. Evans 2, Miss D. Barnes 3, D. King 4, S. Goodwin 5, J. J. Webb (cond.) 6, J. Smith 7, T. Castree 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: E. G. Buck 1, J. Collins (first 'inside') 2, I. Werrett 3, H. E. Werrett (first as cond.) 4, M. Collins 5, W. D. Pooley 6, J. S. Dear 7, T. Werrett 8.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas', on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Minor (720 Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Oxford and 540 Reverse Canterbury): Miss D. Panting 1, Miss M. E. Roe 2, Miss S. V. Rymer 3, F. P. Wright (cond.) 4, W. G. Thomas 5, J. B. Guy 6. First in five methods by all.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Llewellyn Jones 1, Miss M. R. Cross (cond.) 2, Miss J. Eason 3, Miss E. Llewellyn Jones 4, Miss H. Eason 5, Rev. J. V. Pixell 6. First quarter 'inside' by 3 and 4. In memoriam Canon W. H. Ferguson, Warden of Radley College, and Mr. John Nobes, of Stevenon.

RHUDDLAN, FLINTSHIRE.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Marsden 1, Marie L. Marsden 2, J. Dean 3, L. S. Griffiths (cond.) 4, J. P. Griffiths 5, L. J. Evans 6. First quarter peal on the bells. A birthday compliment for the elder daughter of the conductor.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Scott (first quarter) 1, W. Rogers (cond.) 2, L. W. Rogers 3, E. Bishop, jun. 4, A. F. Lewry 5, J. W. Boyes 6, F. Hammond 7, M. Hammond 8.

ROYSTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. F. Linwood 1, W. A. Bysouth 2, G. Allgood 3, W. J. Houghton 4, S. E. Roberts 5, C. A. Bysouth 6, E. W. Roberts (first as cond.) 7, A. H. Bysouth 8. First quarter in the method for all except 4 and 5.

ROYSTON, NEAR BARNSELY, YORKS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,440 changes, being 720 of Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and College Exercise, and 720 of London Scholars', Oxford, Capel, Sandal and Kingston Spliced: D. Hall 1, L. W. Carbutt 2, H. Rusby 3, S. Dance 4, E. Atkinson 5, D. Smith (cond.) 6. In memoriam to Mr. G. Lewis, of Ecclesfield.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: S. Richardson 1, Miss S. Mitchell (first 'inside') 2, G. McKay 3, J. A. Haile 4, A. Eilbeck 5, H. Wilson (first as cond.) 6, T. McKay 7. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Col. G. Dixon.

SALFORD PRIORS, WORCS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): R. Stanley 1, C. Darke 2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3, R. Savoury 4, J. Thomas (cond.) 5, W. Newman 6, J. E. Adie 7, G. Parry 8. First of Triples 1 and 7.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. H. Pearson (first quarter) 1, E. C. Pearson 2, E. Brown 3, B. W. Pettit 4, S. Dace 5, O. E. Broyd 6, A. Catterwell (cond.) 7, E. E. Pearson 8.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 1st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Myhill 1, H. W. Shadrack 2, Mary E. Shadrack 3, E. J. Runter (cond.) 4, W. Glover 5, R. Thrift 6. Rung for All Saints' Day and prior to the Confirmation service.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral on Oct. 29th, 1,179 Stedman Cinques: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, H. Langdon (cond.) 2, Miss J. A. England 3, Miss D. E. Lidbetter 4, H. Belcher 5, M. V. Chilcott 6, R. W. Green 7, A. A. Hughes 8, D. E. Parsons 9, J. E. Chilcott 10, J. Phillips 11, R. F. Deal 12. Longest length of Stedman Cinques for the ringer of the 4th.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. R. Goddard 1, D. Crouchman 2, J. Sunnucks (first quarter) 3, E. J. Baxter (cond.) 4, H. G. Goddard 5, F. James 6.

STROUD, GLOS.—1,278 Grandsire Caters: Doris Shepperd 1, L. Barry 2, Joan Bussey 3, B. Latham 4, R. Thain 5, T. Pritchard 6, B. Cottle 7, T. Witts (cond.) 8, W. Dean 9, C. Lerner 10.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Anker 1, D. Knock 2, K. Smith (first quarter as cond.) 3, R. N. Eaton 4, W. G. Anker 5, E. Thompson 6. For the christening of Princess Anne.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7 covering): B. Hough (first quarter) 1, N. Moxon 2, Miss G. Burchall (cond.) 3, L. Rollinson 4, Miss K. Burchall 5, A. Wilson (first 'inside') 6, R. Sharp 7. Rung on the occasion of the christening of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Moxon.

SWINESHEAD, Lincs.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. B. Dawson 1, G. R. Dawson 2, S. Jessop 3, J. Morris 4, J. Petch 5, F. Dewey (cond.) 6, A. H. Bennett 7, A. Randall 8.

TOTTENHOE, BEDS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: J. Newman 1, J. Scott 2, A. Broyd (age 14, cond.) 3, J. Sinfield 4, W. Twidell 5, D. Knox 6. For the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. Arthur Llewellyn Jones, B.A.

TUCKINGMILL, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. C. Spencer 1, Miss M. L. Lidgely 2, G. W. Taysom 3, W. J. Sanders 4, H. Miles 5, A. Carveth 6, E. V. Williams (cond.) 7, E. Sanders 8. For the christening of Princess Anne.

WALKERVILLE, ADELAIDE, S.A.—On Oct. 22nd, 2,160 Bob Doubles: H. Bagot 1, F. Staude 2, Miss C. Lamphee 3, M. Clift 4, J. Eggleton (cond.) 5, P. Cooper 6. First tower quarter for 1 and 3.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: D. Chadwick 1, Jean Haynes 2, Joan Smith (first 'inside') 3, D. H. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.

WARWICK.—At St. Mary's, on Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. C. Burt 1, Miss C. Price (first quarter) 2, E. Adams 3, T. W. Wyatt 4, H. Huxley 5, A. J. Price (cond.) 6, W. Male 7, E. Bosworth 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. A. J. Price and 20th wedding anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Price.

WEEK ST. MARY, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Vinnicombe 1, C. Sangwin 2, A. J. Hicks 3, R. J. Hicks 4, C. E. Taylor (first as cond.) 5, D. Martin 6. First quarter on bells since recasting. In honour christening Princess Anne.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Cross 1, G. Walford (cond.) 2, Miss J. Tattersall 3, G. Gammon 4, L. Alderman 5, F. W. Slocombe 6, D. T. North 7, D. Lentell 8. First of Grandsire Triples for 1, 4 and 8. For the wedding of Dr. L. S. Scott to Miss H. F. Woolley.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Stone (first quarter, aged 12) 1, C. Clarke 2, H. Davis 3, R. Short 4, F. Sweet (cond.) 5, O. Pole 6. In memoriam to Mr. Charlie Evans, past secretary of the Bridgwater Branch, Bath and Wells Association, for 23 years.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 29th, 1,320 Treble Bob Minor (720 Oxford and 600 Kent): W. A. Hughes 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, W. Hollamby 3, J. Cannell (first of Treble Bob 'inside') 4, R. Bird (cond.) 5, A. S. Richards 6.

WHISTON, YORKS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,120 Primrose Surprise Major: T. C. Ryder 1, W. Robinson 2, G. C. Briggs 3, J. J. L. Gilbert 4, A. Firth 5, A. Hill 6, H. O. Chaddock 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. In memoriam George Lewis, former president of the Sheffield and District Society.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Nov. 1st, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Tindale 1, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 2, J. Waller 3, A. Hunter 4, W. A. Breckon 5, H. Waters 6, H. Short 7, J. Hodgson 8. A wedding compliment to the daughter of Mr. H. Waters.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. E. Roberts 1, F. C. Case 2, G. W. Holland 3, G. E. Green 4, W. Yates 5, G. F. Burton 6, J. A. Green (cond.) 7, P. Cowley 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. E. C. Lambert. With this quarter the band would like to associate the name of Mr. A. J. Green, who through illness was unable to take part.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Jordan 1, W. Kerrison 2, A. Lee 3, J. Thurlow 4, R. J. Darch (first as cond.) 5, R. Aldrich (first quarter) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. Mills on their silver wedding.

WOOD GREEN, LONDON.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Mrs. N. A. Tomlinson 1, Miss E. Fadden (first quarter in method) 2, R. P. Crump 3, R. Newman 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, W. Theobald (cond.) 6.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RINGING OUT THE OLD YEAR

Dear Sir,—In a few weeks' time the bells of most of our cathedrals and of many of our parish churches will be ringing out the old year and ringing in the new. This is an occasion when 'The Ringing World' might 'sound the same note' by conforming to a set pattern.

In some towers the bells are just rung—as they would be for any ordinary service—with only a slight pause at the midnight hour; while in others the bells are rung half-muffled for the closing few minutes of the old year and, after the twelve strokes have been struck on the tenor bell, then the open bells ring in the New Year.

The observance of this ancient custom could be given greater significance if some accepted ideal, or standard, to which every band of ringers might be asked to conform, was adopted. To get the contrast between 'the old' and 'the new,' the bells need to be rung half-muffled, and then open. That makes the point of the ringing quite clear to those who hear it.

Further to that, there should be a definite pause for an act of recollection and dedication. This, of course, is made easier in those churches where a watch-night service is held. But even where that is not so, it is possible for a small group in the belfry itself to observe such a period of silence with those intentions in mind.

At the year's end, then, there might be two programmes which fulfil the purpose of our ringing:—

- (1) Where there is watch-night service.
 - 11 to 11.30, ringing half-muffled.
 - 11.30 to 12, watch-night service.
 - 12, striking of the midnight hour.
 - 12.1, ringing in the New Year on open bells.
- (2) Where there is no watch-night service.
 - 11.15 to 11.45, ringing on half-muffled bells.
 - 11.45 to 12, short act of recollection and dedication (conducted, if possible, by the incumbent).
 - 12, striking of the midnight hour.
 - 12.1, ringing in the New Year on open bells.

Let us, once a year at any rate, make the purpose of our Exercise clear, even though many may object to 'standardisation' in an age of rules and regulations.—I am, yours sincerely,

A. C. F. DAVIES.

Croydon.

'STEDMAN CATERERS IN WINTER'

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter in the November 10th issue entitled 'Stedman Caterers in Winter,' and written by 'R. P.' I feel it is a disgrace to 'The Ringing World' and ringers in general that such a letter should ever be written and published.

There is much talk in 'The Ringing World' at present about relations between ringers and the public, and the general opinion seems to be that these relations should be improved, but if a non-ringer were to read 'R. P.'s' letter, I quite fail to see how the description of a ringer damning a Rector in his own church could elevate the Exercise in his eyes. In fact, quite the reverse would surely occur, and its effects would be far-reaching, for such things spread rapidly.

If 'R. P.' had the misfortune to witness such an incident he would do better to keep quiet rather than broadcast it in print, for although this modern world is falling about our ears, respect for the clergy and the Church is surely something worth holding on to.

As for 'the Major,' God forbid that such men should be allowed to ring on the Church's bells (note that the Major said 'our bells') and the sooner he and those like him leave the Exercise the better it will be for everybody.

If he is an Army Officer, I suggest that he be sent to the Korean front immediately.—Yours faithfully,

J. V. LONSBROUGH.

Brighton, Sussex.

NOTE.—The incident took place many years ago. The Major has since passed to his fathers.—Ed.

WIDECOMBE-IN-THE-MOOR

Dear Sir,—In the peal columns of 'The Ringing World' dated November 3rd there is a report of a peal rung at St. Pancras' Church, Widecombe-in-the-Moor, in which the tenor is given as 16 cwt. The weight of this bell, however, as supplied to me by Messrs. Taylor and Co., who rehung the bells in a new oak frame in 1932, is 12 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

The treble and second bells are by C. and G. Mears, London, 1848; the third, fifth and tenor by Thomas Pennington, of Exeter, dated 1632, 1663 and 1632 respectively; and the fourth by Thomas Bilbie in 1774. The inscription on the third bell includes the words, 'Fyftene pounds,' this presumably being the cost of the bell.—Yours faithfully,

Nailsea, Bristol. M. J. HORSEMAN.

ROUND BLOCK EXTENSIONS

Dear Sir,—In reply to 'Puzzled Learner,' here are Round Block Extensions to Major of the Minor methods mentioned.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

'Lincoln.'	'Norfolk.'
12345678	12345678
21354768	21436587
12537486	12463857
21573846	21648375
25178364	26143857
52713846	62418375
52178364	62143857
25713846	26418375
52731486	62481735
25374168	26847153
25731486	28641735
52374168	82467153
25734618	28647513
27543681	82465731
72456318	82647513
74253681	28465731

47523861	82645371
Lead Head.	Lead Heads.
15738264	18674523
	or
	17856342

Kent County Association

LEWISHAM DISTRICT

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. Mary's Lewisham, on October 28th. Sixty members and friends attended and the bells, recently rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were given a thorough 'try-out,' emerging triumphantly from the ordeal.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. D. Robb), who extended a warm welcome to his hearers in the course of a very interesting address. The unaccompanied singing of the hymns indicated that a large percentage of ringers had been, or are, choristers!

A sumptuous tea, arranged by the captain of Lewisham ringers (Mr. J. Dafters), was despatched in St. Mary's Hall.

Mr. E. A. Barnett (Crayford) presided at the business meeting. Seven ringers were elected practising members of the Association, and three others non-resident life members.

The district secretary's report and balance sheet, read by Mr. P. A. Corby, were adopted.

Mr. A. G. Hill was re-elected district secretary and Messrs. A. S. Richards and G. V. Murphy reappointed district representatives. Customarily, the office of Ringing Master changed hands, Mr. P. J. Spice (Bromley) succeeding Mr. J. Dafters (Lewisham).

Mr. J. Dafters, replying to a cordial vote of thanks for his meritorious services during the past year, congratulated Mr. Spice and hoped members would accord him full support, and pleaded with tower-keepers and captains of bands to ensure that their companies had timely reminders of dates of district meetings and encouragement to attend them. Eltham was chosen as the place of next meeting, to be held on January 27th.

Members registered their pleasure of the company of Mr. T. Groombridge, now of Slough. Sincere good wishes were extended to Mr. J. Wheadon (Dartford) whose departure from the county was imminent. He would be greatly missed from the Lewisham District, where he had for so many years taken his full share in all activities promoted or seconded by the Association. Mr. Wheadon fittingly replied and wished the District continuing prosperity.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar, the caterers and local ringers for all they had done to ensure a successful meeting. The belfry was then revisited for further ringing during the evening.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

NORTHERN DISTRICT AT FELSTED.

On October 28th the Northern Division held a very successful meeting at Felsted, there being 53 members present from 22 parishes. At the service the Vicar (Rev. F. D. Kidner) gave the ringers a welcome to Felsted and commended the importance of ringers' work for the Church. Tea was served in the Old Boates Cafe.

The meeting followed in the Old School, where it is interesting to note four sons of Oliver Cromwell were educated. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the District Master (Miss H. G. Snowden), Mr. R. C. Heazel, the Association's hon. general secretary, occupied the chair. Forty-three new members were elected, including 20 honorary, three of them life members, one being Miss Dorothy Sayers, the well-known novelist, who wrote the famous novel, 'The Nine Tailors.' This is believed to be a record number of new members to be elected at any district meeting of the Association.

Bocking was selected for the next meeting, which will be the annual for the district, on January 13th. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. F. D. Kidner, Rev. A. C. Telfer, Mr. W. Farrow and Mr. R. C. Heazel. Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to London Surprise Major.

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'INTRODUCING "PAPER WORK."'

Dear Improvers,—Having passed the 'Beginner' stage you are now introduced to Section 4 of the Course—Method Appreciation, or 'Learning the Music.'

So far you have learned to handle your instrument (the bell), and in order to play its music (change ringing) you must learn the notation (study the first principles of method structure).

In Lesson XI., which now follows, we try to give a general picture of the modern way of learning methods. Although this is given in general form, yet its points are of the utmost importance if you are fully to grasp the development of the scheme, in its application to methods with which we shall deal in turn, later.

Theory is often less interesting than practice, but we shall endeavour to make things as clear as possible. The subject is not easy to handle in logical fashion; in fact, you may investigate for yourselves that such treatment has been more often neglected than pursued; but please persevere with our line of argument, because, once grasped, method learning becomes an easy pleasure.

Very many ringers have succeeded in taking their part in change ringing simply by studying the working path of one bell and learning the order of succession of place-makings and dodgings. We have already seen, in our final exercises in hunting, place-making and dodging, that in any given method all working bells traverse the same sort of path, though each starts at a different part of it.

This path is often called the 'Blue Line,' from the fact that in Snowden's Diagrams of Standard Methods the path of a working bell is traced out in blue ink. And the complete blue line, or course, for any one bell, as we learned in Lesson X, is contained in a block of change-rows known as the 'plain course.'

Such a group of rows is often called a 'round block,' because it works round to end up with the row at which it started. In the case of the plain course this is of course, the round-row or 'rounds.' If you care to refer to the previous article (17), you will see that the path of one of the bells is marked (in the group of figures) by printing it in heavier type. In this sense we marked a bit of the blue line of that method, for it was a method!

An improved way of learning the method by the blue line is to learn it in 'divisions.' This is a term employed in the Central Council's publication—'Rules and Decisions'—at present under review. By 'division' is meant a group of rows in number equal to that obtained by dividing the total number of rows in the plain course by the number of working bells in the method. We will explain this further in a moment.

But first let us observe that in most methods there is what we call a 'hunt-control' bell; that is, a bell which has a fixed, regular hunting path, not varied by occasional place-makings, etc. To this regular path we can relate or 'fix' the path-variations of the other, or 'working' bells. From this fact the 'fixed' bell is often thought of as 'dominating' the work of the other bells.

Since such fixed bell is invariably (though not essentially) the Treble, this type of method is alternatively called 'Treble-dominated.' Thus, in methods which are hunt-controlled (or treble-dominated) the divisions above-mentioned are marked off by the rows in which the hunt-control bell comes

to lead. From this fact a Division is often called a 'lead.'

But this is NOT a good use of the word 'lead'—for two reasons:—

First, because there are other meanings for this word in ringing parlance; hence there is risk of doubtful meaning, or ambiguity in discourse. There may be some readers, more experienced ringers perhaps, who may say to this, 'Nonsense!' But the fact remains that in the history of technical argument in ringing matters a large part of it has been needless, and was the result of a lack of precise and unambiguous terms, leading to misunderstanding, misrepresentation and grave mistakes. Secondly, and this reason is even more cogent, in those methods which are not hunt-controlled, i.e., in which the treble performs exactly the same work or path as all other bells, the divisions are obviously not marked by the continued return to lead of any one particular bell; so how can they be, in any sense, 'leads'? Accordingly, in this course of instruction we shall never use the word 'lead' in reference to a particular group of change-rows. We shall use the C.C. term 'Division' for this, as already explained.

Now to return to our previous statement, as to the number of rows in a division, for which we promised further explanation. Take an example. The plain course of the method 'Bob Minor' contains 60 change-rows. The method is hunt-controlled, so with the Treble out of the six, five working bells remain. Divide 60 by 5. Result 12. So there are 12 change-rows in a division of Bob Minor. And since the method is hunt-controlled, the Treble must be returning to lead after every 12 rows. This is inevitably so, of course, because the plant hunt up and down through six bell-positions gives 12 rows, including the return blow out behind.

We have already said that an improved way of learning a method is to learn the blue line by its divisions. Reverting to our example of Plain Bob in the Minor Stage, we find there that any given working bell is in a different position at the end of each succeeding division. Since rounds is the first row of the first division, the last row of the first division is where the treble strikes at lead again. So the first row of the second division is the succeeding row. Those who have ready reference to this plain course may check that the second bell, for example, is in second position at the first division-head, in the fourth position at the second division-head, in the sixth position at the third division-head, and so on. In other words, this improved way of learning the blue line is to learn also how it is divided up by its successive 'divisions.' The order of succeeding positions at successive division-heads we call 'Position Sequence,' and this is a vital factor which we shall discuss later on. Its knowledge is invaluable in advanced method ringing, known as 'Spliced.'

A still further improvement in learning a hunt-controlled method is to learn also the hunt-control signals. This is commonly known as 'Where you meet the Treble.'

The various positions, in which you do this, give positive indication of the next bit of the blue line to be performed. At this stage we shall not do more than mention these ways of tackling the learning of a method, because they all depend, for best use, on the appreciation of a more important factor not yet mentioned. This will be discussed in the conclusion of Lesson XI., next time.—Cordially yours,

CORNELIUS R. STONE.

Coventry Diocesan Guild

MEETING AT MONK'S KIRBY.

The October quarterly meeting was held at Monk's Kirby, near Rugby, and was attended by about 40 members and friends. Ringing on the fine eight, service in the beautiful church, conducted by the Vicar with a Guild member from Meriden acting as organist, followed by tea at the local hostelry, occupied the afternoon. The business meeting, handbell ringing and tower bell ringing filled the evening hours.

Apologies were read from the president (Rev. R. R. P. Rigby), Mrs. Hinde (hon. member), Mr. J. L. Hinde (Bulkington), Mr. J. H. W. White, Mr. J. Taylor and Mr. J. W. T. Taylor (Allesley) and Mr. H. C. Burt (Leamington). The January quarterly meeting was fixed for Chilvers Coton on the 20th of the month with a social to follow. Warwick was selected for the annual meeting in April. New members elected were:—Miss Mary Bliss (Allesley), Mr. G. A. Peck (Rugby) and John Underwood (Rugby) a junior member. Ratifications of elections prior to peals were:—C. Turner (Hinckley), S. Pinder (Nottingham), H. Lewins (Hucknall) and F. Powell (Mickleton, Gloucestershire).

Members stood in silence for a few moments to the memory of Mrs. L. Lewis (hon. member, Chilvers Coton) and Mr. H. Price (ringing member, Stratford-on-Avon), who had both worked for the Guild in different spheres.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Thirty members of the Society met at Barton-on-Humber for the October meeting.

The bells of St. Mary's were rung during the afternoon in the standard methods. Very musical, with a tenor of 16 cwt., they were a pleasure to ring.

Owing to the Vicar of Barton being away it was not possible to hold a service, but the ringers were welcomed by one of the churchwardens, Dr. Burtwhistle. After tea, Dr. Burtwhistle spoke of his connections with Beverley: his grandfather, Canon Burtwhistle, was a past Vicar of Beverley Minster, and his wife's family had been connected with the Minster and Keldgate Tannery for a long period.

Ringers who take an interest in ancient churches were delighted at the chance to study the architecture of Barton churches which between them cover styles of building through five centuries.

After tea the bells of St. Peter's were rung to Stedman, Oxford, Double Norwich and St. Clement's.

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MR. ERNEST C. LAMBERT

Mr. Ernest C. Lambert, whose death at Cosgrove, Northants, was announced in 'The Ringing World' of November 3rd, will be remembered by many friends over a wide area. A good ringer and striker, he was always ready to help young ringers.

A member of the well-known family of Lambert, of Horsmonden, Kent, he started ringing with his father and brothers and soon proved himself to be a good conductor. Mr. Lambert took part in a number of family peals, among them being Plain Bob Minor at Lamberhurst, Kent, in 1911, by six brothers, and the peal he conducted of Plain Bob Major on November 2nd, 1921, when eight Lamberts took part.

It seemed particularly fitting that a peal to his memory should have been rung by his nephews on November 2nd, the 29th anniversary of the Lamberts' peal at Mitcham, Surrey.

Mr. Lambert had rung 208 peals in 400 different churches, in 19 counties. His list is as follows:—

Doubles, 7 (conducted 5); Minor, 50 (28); Bob Triples, 1; Bob Major, 24 (13); Grandsire Triples, 45 (19); Stedman Triples, 28 (3).

Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 23 (1); Kent Treble Bob, 11 (5); Canterbury Pleasure, 1; Cambridge Surprise, 6; Superlative, 5; Bob Royal, 1; Stedman Caters, 6.

Total 208 (conducted 74).

MR. WILLIAM SHERATON.

The sudden death on Saturday, October 28th, of William Sheraton has deprived the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of its oldest active ringer member. He was in his 83rd year, and had been a member since 1886.

Mr. Sheraton had enjoyed excellent health all his life and retained to the end a fine, erect figure which was often to be seen at district meetings. He was active to the last, having attended the practice at Houghton-le-Spring earlier that week and it was while waiting for a bus to return home from some business at Burnmoor Rectory that he collapsed and died.

The funeral at Burnmoor on November 1st was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. J. Gadd), assisted by the Rector of Houghton-le-Spring (the Rev. O. N. Gwilliam) and the curate (the Rev. F. Streatfield).

Former business colleagues and ringers were present in addition to the family mourners, and handbells were rung at the graveside by Miss M. Fidell and Messrs. F. Ainsley, J. A. Brown and S. C. Walker. The bells of Houghton-le-Spring had been rung muffled on the previous Sunday and on the evening of the funeral a memorial peal of Bob Major was rung there. The ringers were met in the belfry by the Rector who conducted a short service before the peal began.

Mr. Sheraton was born in Chester-le-Street and spent his working life in the service of Chester-le-Street Co-operative Society and retired as manager of its Shiny Row branch. He was the last surviving member of the original band at Chester-le-Street, formed after the installation of the original six in 1883. He rang in the first peal on the bells in 1896 and conducted the first local peal the following year. After 35 years' service at Chester-le-Street, he moved, and gave 30 years' service to Houghton-le-Spring. He rang 24 peals, of which he conducted three. The last two, in 1946, were, appropriately, Bob Major at Chester-le-Street and Grandsire Triples at Houghton-le-Spring.

Mr. Sheraton was a good, steady ringer, regular in attendance—the type that forms the backbone of the Exercise. Since the war he had been assisting his son in the training of a new band at Houghton-le-Spring, and his loss will be deeply felt, especially at that tower.

Mr. Sheraton's wife died some years ago and he leaves two sons, one of whom is a ringer and secretary of the Eastern District. His brother, Frederick Sheraton, still rings regularly at Chester-le-Street. D. A. B.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION A RECORD YEAR FOR PEALS.

The annual committee meeting and ringing meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Bucknall on November 4th.

The secretary (Mr. W. Carnwell), in his report, stated that twelve meetings had been held during the year, two at ten-bell towers, six at eight, and four at six-bell towers. All these had been well attended, the average being 41 per meeting.

Two resident ringing members had been elected, one honorary member and 22 non-resident life members. It was with regret he recorded the deaths during the year of three old members—Mr. C. Morley (Newcastle), Mr. W. Wheelodon (Bucknall) and Mr. W. C. Lawrence (Norton).

The past year had seen a record established in peal ringing with a total of 57. Included in these were the first peal of Maximus and the first of Cinques to be rung for the Association, and he tendered the Association's thanks to Mr. F. E. Wilshaw, Ringing Master, whose arrangements had made this record possible.

Peals on tower bells are as follows: Maximus 1, Cinques 1, Caters 2, Major 16, Triples 9, Minor 8, Doubles 3. Handbells: Major 2, Triples 2, Minor 8, Doubles 4.

F. E. Grocott headed the list of conductors with a total of 30, followed by A. Peake 7, F. E. Wilshaw 4, N. R. Holland 3, H. Howell 2, J. W. F. Trotman 2, W. Carnwell 2 and C. H. Page, A. W. Hall, C. S. Ryles, W. P. Whitehead, J. C. E. Simpson, J. Worth and E. Nixon one each.

The statement of accounts showed a credit balance of £65 19s. 11½d.

Officers elected for 1951 were as follows: Chairman, Mr. R. S. Anderson; hon. secretary, Mr. W. Carnwell; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. W. Edwards; auditor, Mr. A. W. Hall; Central Council representative, Mr. R. S. Anderson; Ringing Masters, Messrs. G. A. Moore and W. Hazledene.

Meetings approved for 1951 were: January, Wolstanton or Silverdale; February, Newcastle; March, Kidsgrove; April, Cheadle R.C.; May, Leek; June, Kingsley; July, Stone; August, Cheddleton; September, Uttoxeter; October, Hanley; November, Bucknall; December, Stoke.

To conclude the committee meeting, the chairman thanked the hon. secretary and assistant hon. secretary for their work during the year.

The meeting was followed by a service conducted by the Rev. K. T. Pearce, who was recently inducted to the living of Bucknall. Rev. R. S. Anderson read the lesson.

Some 45 members then adjourned to the schools, where a splendid tea had been arranged by the ringers' wives and friends.

The Rector extended a hearty welcome to all present. Mr. R. S. Anderson proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and ringers of Bucknall. This was seconded by Mr. A. W. Hall. Mr. G. Jones thanked the ladies who had kindly prepared such a bountiful tea.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At the Cathedral on Oct. 15th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. Norris (first of Caters) 1, H. Springate 2, F. J. Cheal 3, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 4, R. Skinner 5, T. Beaumont 6, C. Jarrett 7, E. A. G. Allen 8, C. E. J. Norris 9, E. D. Sills 10. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the Rt. Rev. M. L. Smith, Bishop of Rochester, 1930-39.

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MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Littlebury (6) on Saturday, Nov. 18th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All welcome.—G. Blake, 96, Burford, Hoddesdon, Herts. 7842

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North Western District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Ewell, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Nominations for 1951 District Officers will be received.—R. Lathbury, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 7815

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Somersham, Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 7899

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Rolvenden, Nov. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—H. Gorrings, Hon. Sec. 7862

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Harpenden, Saturday, Nov. 18th, 3 p.m.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec. 7971

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Madley, Nov. 18th.—J. W. Downes, The Cottage, Roundway, South Bank Road, Hereford. 7865

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Hinckley (8), Nov. 18th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. Ridgeway, 61, Priesthills Road, Hinckley, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 15th. All ringers welcome.—Jill Poole, Hon. Sec. 7854

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Hendon on Saturday, Nov. 18th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business.—T. J. Lock, Dis. Sec. 7869

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Aldington (6), Saturday, Nov. 18th, 3 p.m.—B. W. White. 7873

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Bromsgrove (10), Saturday, Nov. 18th, 3 p.m. Tea at De Grey's Cafe 5 p.m.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 7870

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Church Stretton (8), Nov. 18th, at 3 p.m. Tea arranged for usual numbers 5 p.m. Annual meeting, Shrewsbury, Jan. 27th, 1951. 7857

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Meeting, Nov. 18th. Ringing at Gospel Oak 3-4; St. Anne's, Highgate, 4.30-5.30; St. Stephen's, Hampstead, in evening. Tea for those who notify by Wednesday, Nov. 15th, Miss M. Martin, 80, Middle Lane, N.8. 7885

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Monthly meeting, Burbage (Buxton), (6), November 18th, 3 p.m. Bring own food. Cups of tea obtainable.—D. J. Dunn, Darley Dale. 7905

MITCHAM.—A bellringers' service will be held at Christ Church, Mitcham, on Sunday, Nov. 19th. Ringing at 5.30. Service at 6.30. All ringers and friends invited. 7790

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 25th, St. Stephen's, Clapham Park (bus from Clapham Common Station to Clarence Avenue), 3-4.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. at Williamson's, Balham High Road. Names to Mrs. C. Matthews, 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W., by Nov. 23rd. Ringing at Leonard's, Streatham, 6-8 p.m.—D. E. Lidbetter, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7872

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Hitchin, Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. E. Symonds, The Cottage, Windmill Road, Hitchin. 7861

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Wyke Regis, Nov. 25th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5. Names to Mr. G. Abbott, Williams Avenue, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.—Hayne, Abbotsbury. 7856

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The annual nomination meeting at Bagshot (8), Saturday, Nov. 25th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Ringing from 6.30 p.m. onwards at Yorktown (8), not at Bagshot. Names for tea by previous Wednesday please.—G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 7883

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axminster Deanery.—Practice, Banwell (6), Saturday, November 25th, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Artry, Sandford, Bristol. 7894

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Stoney Stanton, Nov. 25th. Bells 3. Cups of tea 5. Bring own food.—F. K. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 7899

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—St. James', Benwell, Newcastle, Nov. 25th at 2.30. Names for tea by Nov. 22nd to George Carse, 51, Lanercost Road, Fenham, Newcastle. 7888

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely Branch.—Meeting Chippenham (6), Saturday, November 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Belmont, Ely. 7910

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Saturday Nov. 25th, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, 3 p.m. Election of officers. Ringing afterwards, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate.—A. B. Peck. 7924

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 25th. St. Andrew's, Derby, not available; other tower being arranged; details next week.—J. Wilkinson. 7916

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Upton St. Leonards (8), 3 p.m., Nov. 25th. Names for tea definite by Nov. 21st (2s. per head).—Larner, Chedholm, Churchdown Lane, Hucclecote, Gloucester. 7922

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Next meeting at Tyldesley St. George's (8) on Saturday, Nov. 25th, 3 p.m. First meeting at this tower for a good number of years. Methods to be looked up for this meeting, Double Norwich and Cambridge.—W. Aaron, pp P. Crook, Sec. 7919

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting at Great Bowden, Nov. 25th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bishop's Hotel.—L. W. Allen. 7923

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Southover (10) Saturday, Nov. 25th. Tower open 2.45. Names for tea to undersigned by 22nd.—P. H. Rollison, Hon. Div. Sec., 313, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne. 7920

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Bredbury, November 25th. Bells (3). Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea advise by November 21st Mr. C. Tomkinson, 119, Redhouse Lane, Bredbury, Stockport.—C. K. Lewis. 7908

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Harston, Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at 'Three Horse Shoes'.—H. L. Martin, is. Sec., 60, Birdwood Road, Cambridge. 7892

GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, Coalpit Heath (6), 3 p.m., Nov. 25th. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business 6 p.m. Tea names by Nov. 20th please to N. Denson, 55, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol. 7886

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Ossett, Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at a nearby cafe will be arranged for those who notify Mr. F. Bennett, Carlton House, Dale Street, Ossett, by Nov. 23rd. Business meeting in tower 7 p.m. Buses leave Swinegate, Leeds, at 15 and 45 minutes past each hour.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec. 7912

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tyldesley on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells available 2.30. Business 6.30.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec. 7907

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Kirby Muxloe (5), Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Wednesday, Nov. 22nd to J. R. Smith, 75, Woodville Road, Leicester. 7889

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Swineshead (8), Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Wheatheaf Hotel 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, Nov. 20th.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 7897

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Overseale, Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided by the local ringers for those who notify J. Cotton, Overseale. 7909

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Swaffham, Saturday, Nov. 25th. Usual arrangements. Replies soon as possible to W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 7890

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Hitcham, Saturday, Nov. 25th, 6 p.m. No tea.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 7902

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting at Haverhill (6), Saturday, Nov. 25th, 3 p.m. Tea provided 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. H. Clarke, 7, Hamlet Croft, Haverhill, Suffolk. Short service 7.30.—A. A. Fitch, Dis. Sec. 7900

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Holmesley, Nov. 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. to all who notify Rev. Groom, Holmesley Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 7896

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Nutfield (6) on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Ringing 3. Service 5. Tea and ringing following. Names for tea by Thursday, Nov. 23rd.—Miss R. M. Soreman, 114, Croydon Road, Reigate. 7913

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting at St. John's, Worcester, Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 21st, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 7911

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—Meeting at St. Nicholas' Church, Kenilworth on December 2nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea available for those notifying me by Nov. 28th.—Roslyn M. Griffiths, 71, Dickens Road, Radford, Coventry. 7891

DUDLEY GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Wednesbury (10), Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Guild Service 4.15. Tea 5. Numbers for tea please Nov. 28th latest to F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 7893

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Whitstable, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea by kind invitation. Please send all names to Mr. C. C. Dilnot, Lingfield, Old Bridge Road, Whitstable, not later than Thursday, Nov. 30th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7895

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Social meeting at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 followed by social evening. Names please by Tuesday, Nov. 28th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 7904

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting, Watlington (6) Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names please to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 7898

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Great Linford, Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (6) at 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Nov. 25th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 7903

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual meeting at St. Paul's, Sketty, Swansea, Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business.—J. A. Hoare, Hon. Sec., 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 7887

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Dec. 2nd, at Tewkesbury Abbey. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 to those who notify me by Nov. 27th.—E. T. Newbury, 2, Western Hill Road, Beckford, near Tewkesbury. 7921

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's, on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandisle Triples: Miss E. Arthur 1, Miss J. Cox 2, W. Glasspool (first inside) 3, D. C. Williams (cond.) 4, J. W. Faithfull 5, R. Brown 6, M. J. Butler 7, O. N. Curtis 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

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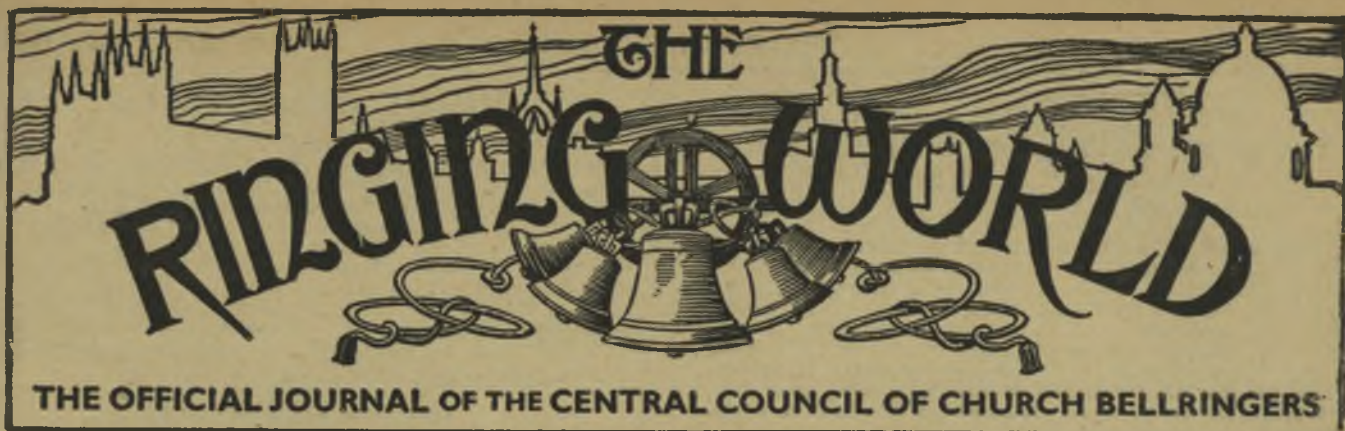
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BYGONE MASTERS

ONE of the pleasing features of the reunion dinners of the Ancient Society of College Youths is the honouring of the Masters of 100, 200 and 300 years ago. This 'Fragrant Memory' toast has reached its 13th year, and its proposer, Mr. E. Alex. Young, by research, has endeavoured to make the memories of these men as full as possible. In his observations the tireless activity of the late Mr. J. Armiger Trollope has been most helpful.

Of the senior of the trio honoured last week, John Newton, the Master in 1650, is largely unknown. A John Newton, of Craberton, Devon, was enrolled as a law student at the Inner Temple in 1640, and it is thought by Trollope that this is the same John Newton who was elected to the Society in 1647 and became Master three years later.

Of the second Master honoured, Theodore Eccleston, who was born in 1715 and died in 1753 at the age of 38, there is a wealth of information. He was elected to the Society in 1744, served as steward in 1747 and became Master in 1750. He came of a landed family from Crowfield Hall, Coddington, Suffolk. Though by upbringing a Quaker, he became a churchman. He evidently did his ringing at Coddington and the nearby Stonham Aspal, and to both of these towers he gave a ring of bells, viz., 8 and 10 respectively.

Theodore Eccleston appears to have been an admirable and much-liked man. Trollope says of him: 'In the history of the Exercise there have been many who were devoted to bellringing and, though not themselves very expert, were content to play the role of patrons and derived satisfaction, not so much from their own skill as from that of the bands they got together. One of the best known of these was Theodore Eccleston.

He lived at Mortlake, where he was interred, and in 1741 he added two trebles to the existing ring of six there. He built up bands from employees on his estates and even brought out ringers from London. Of the three peals he rang none were for the College Youths, as he began his ringing career with the Eastern Scholars. Eccleston joined the College Youths at a very critical period in its

history; the blaze of glory which had been enjoyed for half a century, especially the latter years under Benjamin Annable, seemed to be fading. The only peals being achieved, some two a year, were still being conducted by their great leader. But the cloud upon the horizon was getting darker and darker. And the early death of Theodore Eccleston was a great loss at a critical time, i.e., ere the striving parties snapped asunder, leaving two societies to share the name of 'College Youths.'

Of James Dwight, the third Master honoured, the information is more definite. He was born in 1816 and died in 1892, being a wheelwright by trade. Dwight was three times Master of the Society—in 1850, 1852 and 1858. At the turn of the century the fortunes of the Society were at a low ebb, but in the 1830's Richard Mills infused a new spirit into its ranks, and attracted such young, clever and enthusiastic new members as Tollady, Stockham, John Cox and Haley (the two rivals), Brittan, Landsdell, Clay, Cooter, Dwight, Haworth, Matt Wood, Ferris, Muskett, Pettit, Hayes and several others.

Many of these were members of St. Paul's Cathedral 'Scroof' and at their deaths had their names placed upon the College Youths' memorial tablet in the ringing room. James Dwight's was the first to be so honoured in 1892. Also painted on the wall is the record of the Memory Peal, rung on All Saints' Day, 1878, being the first on the new bells. In this peal Dwight rang the eighth. His first peal was rung in 1847 (Stedman Triples) for the St. James' Society. Of his many peals, the one outstanding was the record peal of 8,580 Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill. Dwight composed a song so popular for years after and which he would sing at the annual dinner.

Their memories might best be hallowed by the quotation from Holy Writ, one used by Mr. Trollope in closing his book on 'The College Youths':—

Let us now praise famous men and our fathers that begat us.

All these were honoured in their generations and were the glory of their times.

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†MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 2	†DAVID R. REED 8
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ARTHUR V. DAVIS 4	†JOHN HARTLESS 10
*HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS .. 5	†RONALD N. MARLOW .. 11
†WILLIAM C. SHUTE 6	PHILIP H. TOCCK Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCCK.

* First peal on 12. † First peal of Bob Maximus on tower bells.
† First peal in the method on 12. In memoriam Rev. R. F. R. Routh.

TEN BELL PEALS

HERTFORD.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 25 lb. in D.

MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS .. Treble	†ERIC EDMONDSON .. 6
*MRS. N. O. L. MANCHIP .. 2	CECIL J. MATTHEWS .. 7
†RONALD J. SHARP 3	SIDNEY F. CARTER .. 8
A. STANLEY CARTER 4	ALFRED E. RUSHTON .. 9
THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 5	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 27½ cwt. in D flat.

FRANK BLONDELL .. Treble	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE .. 6
*ALFRED H. PULLING .. 2	CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD .. 7
BARBARA M. HARRIS .. 3	GEORGE C. GOODMAN .. 8
H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 4	G. WILLIAM MORRIS .. 9
GEORGE W. MASSEY .. 5	*CLARENCE H. DOBBIE .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. GOLDSMITH.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* 300th peal together. Rung with the bells half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in D flat.

JOHN H. GRUNDY .. Treble	J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 6
JOSEPH A. FENTON 2	HAROLD MARCON 7
CLEMENT GLENN 3	COLIN HARRISON 8
JOHN P. FIDLER 4	LESLIE W. STEVENS .. 9
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 5	WILLIAM HICKMAN .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

A Remembrance Day peal.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN BRAMLEY .. Treble	†S. ANTHONY JESSON .. 6
LEONARD TREVOR 2	SHIRLEY BURTON 7
HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. 3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. 8
*GEORGE H. BAILEY .. 4	JOHN HILL 9
†L. MICHAEL CALLOW .. 5	TERENCE A. THORNBUR .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SHIRLEY BURTON.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters and of Stedman.
† First peal of Stedman 'inside.'

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

HERBERT A. MITCHELL .. Treble	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 5
JOYCE GIBBONS 2	MICHAEL J. E. BEST .. 6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3	JAMES E. DANIELS .. 7
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 4	GEORGE E. EVENDEN .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. BEEVOR (25).

Conducted by G. E. EVENDEN.
The first peal in the method on the bells.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrooks' Variation.

Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

GERALD ARMSTRONG .. Treble	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 5
MICHAEL BROWN 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 6
WM. GEOFFREY HAIR .. 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 7
ALAN G. FOSTER 4	W. HARRY DUNCOMBE .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON.

A birthday peal for Mrs. J. W. F. Trotman, of Nuncaton.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

M. J. Morris's Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 11 cwt.

MRS. S. H. JONES .. Treble	SIDNEY H. JONES .. 5
BARNABAS G. KEY 2	PERCIVAL W. GRICE .. 6
WM. GEOFFREY HAIR .. 3	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM F. WOODWARD.

First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a 10th birthday compliment to Norman W. Cotton.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*S. ANTHONY JESSON .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON .. 5
†JOHN UNDERWOOD .. 2	HAROLD J. POOLE .. 6
*C. WILLIAM HALL .. 3	*ROLAND BENISTON .. 7
JOHN P. FIDLER 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method. † First Surprise peal of Major. A 21st birthday compliment to John Underwood and a birthday compliment to Roland Beniston.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

MRS. A. RICHARDSON .. Treble	MAURICE BENNETT .. 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 2	AUBREY D. MILLS .. 6
FRANK RICHARDSON .. 3	WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON .. 7
G. DULCIE ROBINSON .. 4	JOHN G. AMES .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

In memoriam William Hollingworth. for many years a ringer at this church.



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On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND
ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN ANDERSON Treble	ROBERT BELL 5
FREDERICK SHERATON .. 2	THOMAS W. CROWE .. 6
MARGARET FIDELL 3	JOHN A. BROWN 7
*ROGNVALD ST. C. WILSON 4	DENIS A. BAYLES .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal of Major.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE GROVER Treble	ALBERT E. CHEESEMAN .. 5
GEORGE MARRINER .. 2	ALBERT A. ADAMS 6
*GORDON PETERS 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH 7
*BERNARD HAWKINS .. 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

MARGARET A. SWANN .. Treble	JACK F. HODSON 5
*GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. 2	OWEN A. NEEDHAM 6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. 3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS .. 7
*WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 4	JOHN A. COOK Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major. A wedding compliment to Miss Jean Metham, member of the local band, married to Mr. Leslie Dickinson.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM HARRIS Treble	*DONALD CLARKE 5
JAMES SMITH 2	*DAVID KING 6
*JOAN BUSSEY 3	JOHN W. DAVIS 7
*JACQUELINE EVANS .. 4	LESLIE BARRY Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Major.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt in F.

*ARTHUR ROY HARDING .. Treble	*LAURENCE E. HITCHINS.. 5
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING 2	WILLIAM C. WEST 6
†MRS. F. A. PENN 3	†FRANK A. PENN 7
FREDERICK S. SLATFORD 4	GILBERT H. HARDING .. Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH T. DYKE. Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

* First peal of Bob Major. † 25th peal together. First peal of Major on the bells.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstan's Four-part. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE M. KILBY Treble	ALBERT W. COLES 5
THOMAS COLLINS 2	W. NORMAN GENNA 6
ELSIE K. FULTON 3	FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW 7
*ERNEST W. THURLOW .. 4	GEORGE H. HART Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT W. COLES.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN E. BIBBY Treble	*ARTHUR PEAKE 5
WALTER ALLMAN 2	*NEVILLE R. HOLLAND .. 6
*FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 3	*FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 7
HENRY O. BAKER 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

* First peal in the method.

WINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN;

A PEAL OF SPICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Worcester Variation. Tenor 19½ cwt.

PETER NEWING Treble	†FREDK. R. WELLER .. 5
EILEEN S. WYLES 2	ALAN S. BUTLER 6
*GILLIAN A. SMITH 3	THOMAS H. HOLMES .. 7
WILFRED S. PALIN 4	WILLIAM BOTTRILL .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

* First peal in two methods on tower bells. † First peal of Major in two methods, Kent and Oxford, with no bobs.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Cathedral Society.)

On Mon., Nov. 13, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 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.

HENRY HUTTON Treble	ALFRED H. PULLING .. 5
*AUDREY MORRISON .. 2	FREDK. A. MUNDAY .. 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON.. 3	†HAROLD A. MAY 7
*†JOHN A. ETHERINGTON.. 4	T. MARK WHITE Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DENVER, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Oct. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

CYRIL COUSINS Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS .. 4
ERNEST H. MASTIN .. 2	WILLIAM THEOBALD .. 5
STANLEY G. ELSEY 3	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. MASTIN.

In honour of the baptism of Princess Anne, and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cousins on their wedding anniversary.

HAMILTON, NEW ZEALAND.

THE CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Sun., Oct. 22, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

G. NELSON SLOAN Treble	*JOHN R. DE LAMBERT .. 4
*STANMORE H. BARNETT .. 2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD .. 5
NORTHLEIGH F. E. REEVE 3	†JOHN S. MASON Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells and in the North Island of New Zealand. Rung on the day following the opening ceremony of the bells—a fine ring of eight by Mears and Stainbank—and on the Festival of the Dedication of the Cathedral.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs. Oct. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and three each of Kent Treble and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*J. TINSLEY (14) Treble	†HONOR WINTER 4
*A. DRAPER (15) 2	R. LARKEY 5
ANNIE ABRAM 3	W. DEACON Tenor

Conducted by W. DEACON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

LEIGHTON, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.
THE HERFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.
JOHN B. SANSOM Treble | EDWARD W. COLLEY 4
ALFRED E. G. OWEN 2 | CHARLES E. EDWARDS 5
RICHARD F. DAVIES 3 | ERNEST F. WILLCOX .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. EDWARDS.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. Willcox, mother of Ernest F. Willcox; also to Miss A. Redgwell.

SILKSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being: (1) Sandal, Kingston and London Scholars'; (2) Oxford, Sandal, Kingston and London Scholars'; (3) Oxford and Sandal; (4) Oxford and Kingston; (5) Oxford and London Scholars'; (6) Kingston and London Scholars'; (7) Oxford and Kent. Tenor 12 cwt.
WILLIAM L. GARBUTT .. Treble | STANLEY DANCE 4
PETER GARBUTT 2 | EDWIN ATKINSON 5
ERIC STAINROD 3 | ARTHUR CHAMPION .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR CHAMPION.

First peal of Spliced by all the band. First peal as conductor. In memoriam George Lewis.

TIBSHELF, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.
*J. PHILIP EASTLAND .. Treble | FREDERICK JACKSON 4
*†JOAN SMITH 2 | HAROLD DENMAN 5
*FRANK BRADLEY 3 | HERBERT T. ROOKE .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. † First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells since being rehung. A birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Bradley.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 9½ cwt. in F sharp.
*DENNIS KNOX Treble | *JOHN W. V. SINFIELD 4
R. JOHN SCOTT 2 | *WILLIAM A. TWIDELL 5
†ALAN J. BROYD 3 | JAMES G. NEWMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES G. NEWMAN.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Surprise Minor as conductor. First peal on the bells by a regular Sunday service band. Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. Arthur Llewellyn Jones, B.A.

WHAPLODE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Primrose, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.
G. DULCIE ROBINSON .. Treble | CYRIL WANDER 4
WILLIAM B. DAWSON 2 | JOHN G. AMES 5
AUBREY D. MILLS 3 | FRANK TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss G. D. Robinson.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.
IAN D. LOMAS Treble | NEIL D. LOMAS 4
ARTHUR RHODES 2 | SYDNEY SAGE 5
DOROTHY KIDD 3 | DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. Tenor

Conducted by DOROTHY KIDD.

Rung in celebration of the 700th anniversary of St. Bartholomew's Church.

WOLVEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Cambridge and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.
MARGARET A. BAILEY .. Treble | JOSEPH H. BEALE 4
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH .. 2 | HUBERT E. ASHLEY 5
L. MICHAEL CALLOW 3 | JOHN A. L. THOMPSON .. Tenor

Conducted by HUBERT E. ASHLEY.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of (1) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Double Bob, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE Treble | DOUGLAS O. WILKS 4
*M. ANGELA CARTER 2 | HARRY P. FLOYD 5
KATHLEEN HIGGINS 3 | ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in eight Minor methods. Arranged and rung on the Feast of St. Leonard. A 70th birthday compliment to Jonathan Honey.

UPCHURCH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 6, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, one 720 each of Oxford Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES GRANDSEN .. Treble | ERIC NAYLOR 4
GEORGE KENWARD 2 | CYRIL S. JARRETT 5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL 3 | VICTOR A. JARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by VICTOR A. JARRETT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam to the Rev. Harcourt Lightburn, Vicar of Upchurch.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent Treble Bob, and one each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.
ARTHUR SMITHSON .. Treble | DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 4
LEONARD FISHER 2 | FRANK BRADLEY 5
HERBERT T. ROOKE 3 | ALBERT E. WHEELER .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, eight of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, with 18 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt 14 lb.
*BEN CHEESEMAN (16) .. Treble | *IVAN T. READ (15) 4
*J. D. ANTHONY TYERS (16) .. 2 | E. T. PAUL FIELD 5
GILBERT W. RENDELL 3 | *FREDERICK C. DAVIS .. Tenor

Conducted by E. T. PAUL FIELD.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung on the 8th anniversary of the death of Comdr. C. B. C. Swayne, to whose memory in 1949 the bells were restored (after 70 years of silence) and augmented as the gift of his widow.

HITCHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.
AUDREY EWINS Treble | JAMES BROOKS 4
ROGER POSNETT 2 | WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 5
*FRANK BLAGROVE 3 | WILLIAM BUTLER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* First peal of Plain Bob. Rung with all singles and no bobs. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Armstrong.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON Treble	E. CHARLES TURNER 4
*MARY C. PAYNE 2	MICHAEL BROWN 5
GERALD ARMSTRONG 3	FRANK K. MEASURES .. Tenor

Conducted by MICHAEL BROWN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled in memory of the men of Cosby who fell in the two world wars.

GULVAL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GULVAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

*BERYL LAWREY Treble	*GODFREY MATTHEWS 4
*JOHN TRIGGS 2	GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM 5
VICTOR G. WOOD 3	*JOHN WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM.

* First peal. Rung on the eve of the Festival of St. Gulval.

NORTHAW, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

EDWARD B. MCKIE Treble	LEONARD LADLEY 4
JACK SUCKLING 2	NOEL CLARK 5
ARTHUR J. BULL 3	JOHN T. Y. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD B. MCKIE.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. George Griggs, connected with this church as ringer and towerkeeper for 40 years.

PADBURY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*WILLIAM H. YATES Treble	FREDERICK VICKERS 4
*K. MARY COWLEY 2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND 5
FREDERICK C. CASE 3	WILLIAM YATES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM YATES.

* First peal of Minor. In memoriam Ernest C. Lambert, who conducted the last peal on these bells 21 years ago.

SANDFORD ST. MARTIN, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. CROSS Treble	*EDMUND E. PEARSON 4
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER 2	EDGAR J. SMITH 5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Minor. The first peal on the bells. Arranged and rung on the Feast of St. Martin.

TARRING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 9 cwt.

RAYMOND P. WOOD Treble	FRANK CHIPPER 4
SIDNEY A. ANSELL 2	HENRY C. WEAVER 5
ANSLEY BOWERS 3	FREDK. H. JACKSON .. Tenor

Conducted by HENRY C. WEAVER.

First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

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WEMBDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 1,200 April Day, 1,080 Plain Bob and 1,320 Grandsire. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*A. HARRY DAVIS Treble	*CECIL T. CLARKE 4
*ERIC M. NORMAN 2	FREDK. W. SWEET 5
RONALD D. SHORT 3	OLIVER POLE Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. SWEET.

* First peal in more than one method. First peal in more than one method as conductor and on the bells. First peal on the bells by an all-local Sunday service band and first peal since rehanging.

WORLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 15 different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST F. SHEARN Treble	*DAVID HOARE 4
*ROGER O. FRY 2	GEORGE PRESCOTT 5
LEONARD DERRICK 3	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. The ringer of the second has now rung peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

COWFOLD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 3,120 of Grandsire (three 240 and six 120 callings) and 1,920 Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ROBERT E. PARSONS .. Treble	*BERNARD G. MOORE .. 4
†ERNEST J. KING 2	†FREDK. J. ROBERTS .. 5
*EDWIN C. STONER 3	*HENRY W. SYMMONDS .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. KING.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Believed to be the first peal by a local band since 1890. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 12, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF PRIMROSE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 2,160 and four 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.

ARNOLD HILL Treble	DONALD CHADWICK 4
GEORGE CHALLANS 2	FREDERICK FLINT 5
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARCH. GRIMWOOD Treble	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 4
*KEVIN HOHL 2	CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 5
WILFRED BOOTH 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a compliment to the Rector, the Rev. H. T. Severn, on his 26th anniversary as Rector of Warbleton.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Oct. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT HOLYWELL STORES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

ALFRED JORDAN 1-2	EDGAR VALLANCE 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD 3-4	WALTER CLOUGH 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Mary Jennings.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Oct. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT 73, BRAITHWAITE GARDENS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 1-2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER .. 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. 7-8

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.
Umpire: WILLIAM WENBAN.

* First peal of Surprise on handbells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Oct. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 12 in F.

JOSEPH A. FENTON 1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 5-6
*CLEMMENT GLENN 3-4	ALAN CATTELL 7-8

Composed by J. B. FENTON. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
* First peal of Double Norwich 'in hand.'

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

IN ST. MARY'S BELFREY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor size 12 in F.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 5-6
ALAN CATTELL 3-4	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS .. 7-8

Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.

First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 2, 1950, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

AT 201, HIGH STREET, DUNSVILLE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*DAVID G. JACKSON 1-2	*WILLIAM H. JACKSON .. 3-4
GIBSON JACKSON 5-6	

Conducted by GIBSON JACKSON.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.' † First peal of Minor.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 5, 1950, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPICED MAJOR, 5032 CHANGES;

In eight methods, comprising 1,728 Plain Bob, 800 Double Bob, 576 St. Clement's, 432 each of Gainsborough and Wellington Little Bob, 400 Reverse Bob, 376 Little Bob, and 288 Crayford Little Bob, with 328 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 on handbells by the above four ringers.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

No. 10. Tenor size 17 in A.

MICHAEL J. E. BEST 1-2	*DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4	DANIEL T. MATKIN 7-8

KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 9-10

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

* First peal on ten handbells. The conductor's 400th peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

C.C.C. No. 116. Tenor size 17 in A.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 1-2	DOROTHY R. FLETCHER .. 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3-4	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER .. 7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY.

Mrs. Marshallsay has now conducted peals of Bob Major from each pair.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

JOSEPH A. FENTON 1-2	ALAN CATTELL 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

'WHERE GEORGE DO SIT'

An occurrence in Somerset some years before the war may be of amusement to your readers. Having arranged an afternoon and evening's outing, we duly arrived at Huish Episcopi, armed with the Vicar's permission to ring, but finding the belfry door locked and no one to meet us, I made enquiries of an old lady in a cottage nearby, and was given the following reply: 'You'll find the key in a box under the seat where George do sit.' Being strangers, none of us knew where the redoubtable George sat, but a careful search under most of the seats at last revealed the box with the key inside.

On another occasion we went to ring at a church in Wiltshire where again, although having the Vicar's permission, we found no one to meet us, but the ringing chamber door was unlocked. All ropes nicely coiled, we prepared to raise the bells in peal only to find that it was impossible to move them at all. On investigation in the bell chamber it was discovered that generations of jackdaws had filled the frame with sticks to the level of the headstocks. After ejecting about a wagon-load of sticks through the louvres and a generous application of oil, the bells went reasonably well. E. T. P. F.

MUFFED THE MUFFLE

Just before the last war, the bells of our neighbouring village were to be rung half-muffled for a Good Friday morning service, and as a keen beginner I went over to help. I took the fifth to raise in peal, and after a couple of blows the captain barked at me, 'She is wrong, get her down and start again.' I did so, but with the same result. At the third attempt, I received a glare and was told, 'Get her up and I will go up and turn the clapper.' When he came down from aloft he was full of apologies, for he had put the muffle on the wrong side of the clapper. C. A. B.

Reminiscences

VERGER TRAPPED UNDER BELL

Arriving at Twickenham Parish Church, Middlesex, to ring the old year out some years ago, we learnt that the verger was trapped under one of the bells and was crying out for help.

We found him in the bell chamber lying face downwards across the frame with the bell rests on his back. He was still conscious.

By candle-light, a spare rope was fixed to the wheel and, hauling from the doorway, the bell was drawn away. The unfortunate verger was released by easing him down into the pit and then out through the frame. We carried him down the winding stairs to the ground floor where the ambulance was waiting to take him to hospital.

It appears that he had gone up to fix the muffles to the clappers and had, apparently, slipped. In so doing, he had pushed, or pulled, the bell over. He was a small man, which might account for his injuries not being greater. He eventually recovered sufficiently to get about again, but I believe he was partially crippled to the end of his days.

The moral is the danger of passing over the frame whilst the bells are up, G. H. H.

AVERSION TO HORSE TRANSPORT

It is interesting to recall an amusing incident which occurred on the occasion of an augmentation and rehang of Woburn bells in 1912.

The late Charles Herbert was invited to take over a band to ring at the re-opening ceremony. A horse and wagonette was the only means of transport available. It so happened that Mr. Herbert had a strong aversion to riding in a horse-drawn vehicle of any description, and would walk for miles to attend meetings in outlying districts and in the course of his business or other secretarial appoint-

ments. However he consented, after much persuasion, to travel with the party on this occasion.

Imagine his horror, when less than a mile of the journey had been covered, and they were descending a short decline, one of the front wheels of the wagonette became dislodged and went careering off down the road. Almost before the horse had been pulled up, he hopped out of the vehicle on to the road, and although the wheel was duly recovered and replaced securely, no amount of coaxing could get him back again.

However, as befitted one of the veteran pioneers of an earlier generation, such a contretemps did not deter him from carrying out his purpose, so he immediately set out to walk the whole way there and back, a distance of about twenty miles.

5,248 TREBLE BOB MAJOR

By EDWIN TIMBRELL.

23456 M B W H

34256				2
53462	2		2	2
35264	2			2
32654	1	—	2	2
43526	2		1	2
56234	1		1	2
64235	1			2
32546	2	—	2	

Repeat.

6th extent in 5ths, 4th, 5th and 6th extent in 6ths.

Rung at Higher Walton, Lancs, on Sept. 23rd, 1950.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Oct 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. Chedzey 1, G. Coles 2, A. H. Reed 3, L. Mason 4, W. H. Tarr 5, C. Williams 6, H. Churchill 7, J. Pugsley 8, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 9, F. Bulley 10. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. J. Pugsley, for many years captain of this well-kept tower.

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The first peal on the recast bells of Whitby Parish Church was rung last Sunday afternoon. When the belfry door was opened at the end, the first person over the threshold was a messenger to tell Mr. J. Hodgson, who was ringing the tenor, that his wife had been safely delivered of their first son.

Mr. A. Pat Cannon writes:—With reference to Mr. H. Miles' remarks at the A.S.C.Y. dinner, I am well aware of the fact that the Rev. F. E. Robinson used to chew raisins—it was from him that I got the idea myself! Debenham was the first time I had tried them—and the last too, as I did not digest them properly! What suited 'the Rev.' didn't suit 'the Cannon'!

Mr. Edgar C. Sheppard has written a delightful book, 'The Tower and Bells of Solihull Church,' which we hope to review next week.

Mr. Rognvald Wilson travelled from Edinburgh to Chester-le-Street to participate in his first peal of Major on November 11th.

Birthday greeting next Monday to Mr. James George, of 30, Wimborne Road, Poole, Dorset. Reaching the age of 97 years is a great achievement.

Mr. R. O. Fry, of Bath, has rung peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. He left the Doubles to last, at Worle, on November 11th.

Mr. Walter Weston, of East Road, Sleaford, is making satisfactory progress in Lincoln County Hospital (Robey Ward) from a broken leg due to an accident at work on October 13th. He is ringing captain at St. Denys', Sleaford, Lincs.

The peal of Plain Bob Maximus at Christ Church Priory on November 11th, enabled Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, Mr. W. C. Shute and Mr. F. L. Harris to have rung Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus on tower bells.

We thank those readers who have written expressing their appreciation of the introduction of the 'Times Roman' in 'The Ringing World.' Their pleasure as to legibility is shared by the editorial staff.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Tricks with the lighting were played as the band rang the peal of Stedman Caters at Melton Mowbray on November 11th. Four sixes from the end the lights were switched off and on five times. Each time the 'on' was a brief flash. The final bob at 16 and rounds came up in total darkness.

The ringer of the 6th in the peal of Grand-sire Triples at Stalybridge on November 4th was John T. Walmsley and not Halmesley.

It is 24 years since the Sunday service band at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Guildford, had rung a peal of London Surprise Major until Nov. 13th this year. Messrs H. Hulton, W. J. Robinson and A. H. Pulling are the only members who rang in both peals.

Between October 14th and November 15th, Barwell, Leicestershire Society, rang six quarter peals for Sunday services. All 15 members rang in at least one quarter and there were 13 'first in method.' The ages of the band range from 13 to 75.

On November 11th a peal of Bob Major was rung at St. Nicholas' Church, North Bradley, Wilts, as a compliment to Canon S. D. M. Davys, who has completed 21 years as Vicar of this parish. During this time he has been responsible for two major improvements in the tower, i.e., the rehanging of the bells in 1935 and the augmenting from six to eight bells in 1950.

The christening of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kingcott took place at All Saints' Church, Wrington, on Sunday. The baby was given the names of Patricia Anne and the godparents were Miss Elizabeth Faulknall (Leicester), Miss Prescott and Mr. T. Mark White (Guildford). After the ceremony a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung.

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The Men who Rang the Record Length of 21,600 Bristol Surprise Major



Below we give brief biographical details of the band which rang the record length of 21,600 Bristol Surprise Major, at Over on Saturday, November 4th

PETER LAFLIN.—Sixty one years of age on December 5th next. The 'father' of the band has a long and creditable career behind him. A Suffolk man by birth but Cheshire by adoption, he rang his first peal at Debenham, where he learnt to ring, on May 26th, 1906. His peal total is 333 of which 89 have been rung on handbells. He is not a conductor although, undoubtedly, he would have made a sound one, but prefers to support the conductor by always giving of his best. His selection for the treble was no accident for it was realised that the treble ringer must be above all a reliable man. His ability has long been recognised, for he took part in the 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Heptonstall in 1927, and on April 14th in the following year was one of the band which, after ringing over 18,000 Double Norwich, had the disappointment of knowing that the shortened 'peal' which they were obliged to ring could not be true. He and Edward Jenkins have the distinction of being, so we believe, the only living ringers who have thrice rung over 17,000 changes, and to Peter Laflin alone belongs the honour of being the only man to score two peals of over 17,000 changes. From 1919 to 1926 he was in Canada and while there was with the late Harry Withers at the opening of the Metropolitan carillon in Toronto in 1922. His peals include 10,080 Bristol, the first peal of Superlative at Debenham, rung in 1907 by the Sunday service band, and his handbell peals include many firsts in the method for both the Lancashire Association and the Chester Guild. He rang in the first peals of Stedman Cinques for the Chester Guild on hand and tower bells. He is in charge of the Beeston library of the Chester Guild and is steeple keeper at St. George's, Stockport, and the state of the library and the condition of the bells are a credit to the loving care which he lavishes on them both.

Congratulating the band on their performance immediately the peal ended. The Vicar of Over (the Rev. E. V. Dawson) is seen shaking hands with the conductor (Mr. John Worth). Next to Mr. Worth, reading from left to right, are Messrs. Henry O. Baker, Walter Allman, Wilfred Stevenson, C. Kenneth Lewis, Peter Laflin, John E. Bibby and Fred Dunkerley.

WILFRED STEVENSON, who will be 42 years old on December 19th next, is a ringer whose ability is unquestioned for he took part in the peals which led up to the record Spliced Treble Bob Minor peal in 73 methods, the greatest number of Treble Bob Minor methods which can be spliced into seven true and complete extents. His first peal was Grandsire Doubles in 1929 and his first as conductor Grandsire Triples in 1930. He has rung 269 peals of which he has conducted seven. He took part in the 10,080 of Bristol at Over in 1948, and in the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major for the Guild as well as in several firsts in the method for the Guild. For a few years just before the war he gave up ringing because of the pressure of business but since his return he has quickly taken up the slack and his critical faculty, always acute, is not at all impaired. He can be relied upon to do his utmost in any peal or touch and his return to the belfry where he learnt to ring gave greater strength to the already capable band there. He rings at Christ Church, Macclesfield.

HENRY O. BAKER.—A proud Salopian by birth, 42 years of age, he is, nevertheless, a proud and enthusiastic member of the Chester Guild. He rang his first peal in 1925 and his first as conductor (Stedman Triples) in 1947. He has rung 111 peals and conducted eight. Willing and obliging by disposition, he is always ready to help by either standing in or out of a peal as occasion demands and when the departure of Alan A. Potts on military service left a gap in the band he volunteered to fill it. Although it is only of late years that he has gone in for the higher flights of method ringing, he has gained a reputation for being a safe and sound method ringer and

in this, his first long length, he rang like a veteran. His service ringing is done at St. Mary's Church, Handbridge, Chester.

JOHN E. BIBBY has a long and established reputation for long length ringing for he was in the record 11232 Superlative Surprise Major at Bolton in 1927, and in the unsuccessful attempt at Double Norwich which failed after over 18,000 changes had been rung. In 1948 he rang the 10,080 of Bristol at Over and in 1949 in the record length of Spliced Surprise 6,496 at Frodsham. Forty-nine years of age, he began to ring under the guidance of Mr. E. H. Lewis at the age of 11 and rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, in 1920, calling his first (Bob Minor on handbells) in 1922. He has rung 406 peals of which he has conducted 150. He has a penchant for ringing fourths to peals and it was thought advisable to exploit this at Over to ensure the success of the peal. His expression in peal ringing is generally impassive but occasionally his face lights up as some familiar landmark is safely passed. He took part in the first silent peal of London Surprise Major for the Chester Guild and in the first silent peal of Bristol. He carries on the family tradition of service ringing at Frodsham and his young son William has already started on a peal ringing career which it is hoped will eclipse even that of his father.

C. KENNETH LEWIS.—At 37 is the youngest member of the band and rang his first peal in 1934 and his first as conductor the following year. Since then he has rung 353 peals and called 143 of them. He conducted the record Spliced Treble Bob Minor peal in 73 methods and also the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 14 methods for the Chester Guild. His records include many firsts in the method for the Guild, including Cambridge Surprise Maximus and Stedman Cinques, silent London Surprise Major and the first silent peal of Bristol. Not content with practical ringing alone, he has spent many hours at the study of composition, particularly in those methods for which it is difficult to obtain a peal. By temperament he belongs to

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The Record Peal—continued

that class of person who says 'We do the possible at once, the impossible takes a little longer.' He is a service ringer at Bowdon and report secretary of the Chester Guild.

WALTER ALLMAN, who is 40 years of age, rang his first peal in 1937 and his first as conductor in the following year. Of a long line of ringing forbears, he has rapidly come to the front through his ability to learn methods quickly and his genius for organisation, particularly those gatherings after peals. Of a genial disposition, he takes everything in his stride and his peals, which total 233 (conducted 28) include several firsts in the methods for the Guild, i.e., Cambridge Maximus, silent London Surprise Major and the first silent Bristol. By dint of hard work he has, with other ringers, built up a good Sunday service band at his home tower of Runcorn.

FRED DUNKERLEY.—Ringing secretary of the Lancashire Association, he has made rapid strides in method ringing in the past two or three years and there was at no time any doubt as to his ability to ring the length required although it was his first long length. Forty-five years of age, Lancashire born, he rang his first peal in 1922 and his first as conductor (Stedman Triples) in 1933. Soon after that he gave up ringing for a period of ten years to devote himself to his business interests and came back to it after the war-time ban was lifted. His peal total is about 220 of which he has conducted about 100. Practically all his Surprise peals in new methods have been rung without previous practice and he has called Carter's Odd Bob peal and J. O. Lancashire's peal of Stedman Triples. He has also scored three Surprise peals in one day. But it is not only in ringing that he has made his mark, for he has also learnt to fly and he is very proud of his flying record. He has flown in eleven races, including the King's Cup, and been placed in nine of them. This year he won two out of the four national air races he entered and obtained a place in the others. In fact to stand in the peal he cancelled a trip to the Isle of Man by air, and on the Sunday morning flew over in a single seater plane. His home tower is Moorside, Oldham.

JOHN WORTH, the conductor of the peal on whom the burden rested, so it seemed, very lightly. As is well known to many readers of this journal, he is a conductor of high capability and no mean psychologist. Both these qualities are the fruits of a long and hard experience for he rang and conducted his first peal in 1929; in fact all the band were first pealers, and since that date he has rung 532 peals of which he has conducted 238. Forty years of age, he is chairman of the Macclesfield Branch of the Chester Guild and whilst he gives some time to the higher flights of method ringing he also devotes considerable time and thought to the learners on whom the future depends. His peals include the 73 Treble Bob Minor record, the first peal of Spliced Surprise in 14 Major methods for the Chester Guild, many firsts in the method for the Guild, silent London Surprise Major and the first silent peal of Bristol. It may be said that he introduced Soliced Surprise Major ringing to Cheshire, for he called the first peal in the four standard methods in 1933. He is Ringing Master of Christ Church, Macclesfield, and the number of ringers shown in the last annual report of the Guild is a tribute to his genius for teaching and keeping ringers, for there are no fewer than 19 members at that tower, to say nothing of those he has taught from other neighbouring towers.

LANGFORD BUDVILLE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. J. Farr 1, Miss J. Tattersall 2, G. Walford (cond.) 3, F. W. Slocombe 4, D. T. North 5, H. Commins 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Derbe.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Sir,—Please allow me, through the courtesy of your columns, as conductor of the band which rang 18 144 changes in 1933 to add my congratulations to the band successful in their attempt to ring 21,600 changes of Bristol Surprise. A great peal and worthy of praise.—Yours truly,

Hertford.

SIDNEY F. CARTER.

THE RECORD PEAL

Dear Sir,—On behalf of those who took part in the recent Debenham peal attempt, I wish to congratulate heartily and sincerely John Worth and his band on their magnificent performance.

The dearth of raisins in the Cheshire District undoubtedly contributed to the success of the venture but, nevertheless, a summit has been reached by a difficult path and possible aspirants to long length records may well be daunted by the magnitude of the task. It is, indeed, a fine thing that the longest peal ever rung by one set of men should be rung (and in a fairly difficult Surprise method) by men, with one exception, from one Diocesan Guild. The Cheshire Guild has reason indeed to be proud of its members.—Yours sincerely,

Norwich.

NOLAN GOLDEN.

RECORD LENGTHS IN SECRET

Sir,—Do those members of our fraternity realise the incalculable harm they are doing to our cause in the recent record length attempt.

I am not, of course, attempting to belittle their magnificent achievement, and it is a magnificent achievement, when looked at from a ringer's point of view, but the majority of the population are unfortunately absolutely apathetic to that which we hold dear.

The undue publicity brought on by this attempt has brought on our heads a spate of ridicule never before known to us. In my office I am daily inundated with newspapers, brought in by people who know I am a ringer, all of which have amusing and some insulting reference to the fact that eight men should desire to pull a bell for twelve hours or more, in fact till one collapses under the strain—bad luck to A. P. C.

As you are aware, it is hopeless to try to explain to the layman why these things should be, but might I suggest that should any further attempts of this nature be contemplated, an isolated tower be chosen, and no intimation be given to the lay press. The result, success or failure, could then be published only in 'The Ringing World,' and the adverse publicity would be avoided.—Sincerely yours,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

Brosley, Salop.

MR. JAMES GEORGE'S RECORD

Dear Sir,—If my life survives, by Almighty God, to November 27th, 1950, I shall, on that date, reach 97 years of age.

I am thankful to inform you that my health is improving and I hope to ring another peal in the warm weather next summer.

On August 24th, 1939, I rang a tower bell peal at the age of 85 years and nine months and am the only surviving veteran ringer in the world to ring a tower bell peal at that age. I am also the oldest veteran ringer in the world to ring a handbell peal at the age of 95 years.

I have rung 1,281 peals in 420 different cathedrals, churches and other places in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

Poole, Dorset.

JAMES GEORGE

SUB-EDITING

Dear Sir,—Many who have suffered at the hands of irresponsible sub-editors will applaud your recent leader, in which you deplore the fanciful account in a Sunday newspaper of the Debenham peal.

Quite recently a report of our annual outing was sent to a weekly paper known to many ringers. It contained the information that 'this was the first time these fine bells (St. Leonard's, Watlington) had been rung for six months.' After the sub had finished with it the sentence appeared minus the last three words and must have caused some bewilderment.

J. E. BEAMS.

Ewell.

KIBWORTH TENOR

Sir,—In the report of a peal rung recently at Kibworth, Leicestershire, the weight of the tenor is stated as being 14½ cwt.—½ cwt. more than reported in one or two earlier peals there, and over two cwt. more than one I rang in, reported in the old M.C.A. yearly report for 1931. In that year, in a letter sent to me from Messrs. Taylors, the weight was given of Kibworth tenor as 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

P. AMOS.

Northampton.

ORIGIN WANTED

Dear Sir,—Since having a newspaper cutting given to me the other evening, I have been rather interested to find out if this is the complete 'Old Somerset Rhyme,' and also if anyone could help me with any information as to its origin:—

Ye rascals of ringers, ye merciless foes,
Disturbers of all who seek calm repose.
How I wish, for the peace and good of the land,

Ye would wind round your neck what ye hold in your hand.

Yours faithfully,

R. G. FIELD.

Yeovil.

WIDECOMBE-IN-THE-MOOR

Dear Sir,—Might I add to the information given by Mr. Horseman. In 1553 Widecombe had four bells and at a later period the number was increased to five. The old tenor became cracked and out of the old metal, Messrs. C. and G. Mears cast the two present trebles in 1848. I noted the fifth, a 1633 bell—not 1663 as given by Mr. Horseman—and its inscription is SOLI DEO DETER.

Regarding the third bell I leave your readers to form their own views. Here is the full inscription:—Robert Hamlyn, Sonne of John Hamlyn, Chittelford, gathered of young men and mayds fyftene. T.P.1632.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

MR. F. WARRINGTON'S 400 PEALS

Mr. F. Warrington's 400 peals have been rung in 93 towers, in 14 counties and for 10 associations. His list is as follows:

Doubles: 3 (conducted 3).
Minor: One to seven methods, 187 (160); Cambridge, 49 (43); London, 11 (10).
Triples: Grandsire, 8 (4); Stedman, 2 (nil); Plain Bob, 1 (1).

Major: Plain Bob, 36 (22); Kent Treble Bob, 30 (16); Oxford Treble Bob, 3 (nil); Double Norwich Court Bob, 21 (11); Cambridge, 12 (6); Superlative, 14 (10); London, 10 (nil); Yorkshire 1 (1); Spliced Oxford and Kent, 3 (1).

Caters: Stedman, 2 (nil).

Royal: Kent Treble Bob, 3 (nil); Plain Bob, 1 (1).

Handbells: Plain Bob Major, 1 (nil); Minor, 2 (2).

Total, 400 (conducted 286).

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK

THE REV. R. F. R. ROUTH

The news of the death of the Rev. R. F. R. Routh was received by his many ringing friends with much regret. He passed away at Beaconsfield, his old parish, on November 5th at the early age of 61, after an illness lasting for several months.

The funeral service, which took the form of a Requiem Mass, was held at the Parish Church on Thursday, November 9th, when the Celebrant was the present Rector of Beaconsfield (the Rev. C. R. Warner). The service was preceded and followed by half-muffled ringing, which included a quarter peal of Stedman Triples by the following:—H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, D. R. Fletcher 2, J. Harrison 3, R. Buckland 4, J. Howard 5, A. Bridges 6, W. Lee 7, S. Hatfield 8. Others who took part in the ringing were Miss M. Wingrove and Miss E. Gordon.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild was represented by the Rev. E. C. S. Lowman, who succeeded the Rev. R. Routh as chairman of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Guild when he left to take up the living of St. Ambrose, Bournemouth. Other members of the Branch wrote to express their regret at being unable to be present owing to illness, and the difficulty of making arrangements, due to the early hour of the service. The bells of St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth, were rung half-muffled on Thursday evening as a tribute to his memory.

Mr. Routh endeared himself to all ringers with whom he came in contact by his friendliness, his youthful spirit and wholehearted enjoyment of ringing. He came to Beaconsfield from Hitchin in April, 1937, and while he was Rector of Beaconsfield he always found time, even on the great festivals, to take part in service ringing. During his nine and a half years in this parish, he found increased opportunities for peal ringing, which he enjoyed to the full. He rang his first peal in each of the following Surprise Major methods:—Cambridge, New Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative, Lincolnshire and Beaconsfield, and also took part in the first peal of Stedman Triples rung by an entirely local band.

He rang on these bells for the last time at All Saintside last year, when he visited the parish to preach at the Patronal Festival, and took part in a quarter peal.

His keen sense of humour and his unflinching sympathy will be missed by those who were privileged to call him friend, and they are the poorer for his passing.

D. R. F.

Mr. Arthur Davis, of Bournemouth, writes:—Mr. Routh came to St. Ambrose shortly after the war and I remember we rang a touch of Grandsire Triples in his new church after his induction. He was particularly pleased with this for, although St. Ambrose possesses a fine tenor bell for ringing and a frame for eight bells, local inhabitants have prevented the full ring being placed there.

As soon as he settled in his new parish Mr. Routh identified himself actively with the ringing in the District, attending practices at John's and St. Peter's regularly with his sons when they were available. He was attached to St. John's, Surrey Road, as that church was nearest to his own but I think he missed his Sunday ringing. Mr. Routh held office in the Christchurch District as representative on the Contest Committee and as Assistant Ringing Master. He enjoyed a peal attempt and rarely refused a rope if his duties at St. Ambrose permitted. We miss him very much at Bournemouth but we looked forward to his going to Winchester (as he did) for we hoped his interest in bells may have resulted in the Cathedral bells becoming more accessible than than they are at present, but it was not to be.

His passing leaves a gap which will not be easily filled. Bournemouth and District ringers

extend their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Routh and family at this time. Tributes were rung on the bells of St. Peter's and St. John's and a peal of Maximus was rung at Christchurch to his memory. His wise counsels and friendliness brought happiness to us all in Bournemouth during his all too short time amongst us.

MR. J. H. CHARLESWORTH

We regret to announce the death on November 6th, at the age of 72, of Mr. James Henry (Harry) Charlesworth, the oldest of the ringers at St. Mary's, Bolsterstone, Yorks. By his death is dissolved a partnership which must have been almost unique in its way. Five men, all members of the Yorkshire Association, who all learned to ring under the late Mr. David Brearley, and had rung at Bolsterstone ever since, had been together for over 35 years.

Harry Charlesworth belonged to that rapidly diminishing band who joined the Association in the last century (1897) and had been a regular ringer and chorister at Bolsterstone ever since. He was an enthusiastic bell man, that is, anything appertaining to bells was of great interest to him. He was tower keeper at St. Mary's for many years but, on removing some distance away from the village, he was compelled to give up that job although nothing could stop his usual regular and most punctual attendance at service ringing. His jovial personality made him deservedly popular and he was of some renown in the place as a singer of both sentimental and comic songs.

An excellent striker, he liked mostly to be at the 'heavy end,' although he was equally at home anywhere. Indeed, it was a saying of his that he would take 'what's left.'

He had rung 74 peals, all for the Yorkshire Association, in Plain and Treble Bob methods, and rang in the Association's longest length of Double Norwich (8.064) as well as in the longest length of College Single Major (8.336).

He died in the Sheffield Royal Infirmary, after being there some weeks, and was cremated at the City Crematorium on November 11th. Representatives of various organisations were present as well as the relatives. The Bolsterstone ringers were represented by Mr. William Harrison and Mr. J. R. Brearley. The service was taken by the Vicar of Bolsterstone (the Rev. Surtees) and the bells of St. Mary's were rung half muffled by his fellow ringers of his own tower on Sunday, November 12th.

J. R. B.

MR. J. W. HOLLINGWORTH

For more than 50 years Mr. John William Hollingworth, of Spalding, had rung Lincolnshire bells. His death occurred on November 6th after an illness of a week's duration.

He learnt to ring at Whaplode, Lincs, when five carpenters rang the bells about 1898. He afterwards lived at Surfleet, where he became a pupil of the Rev. H. L. James with whom he did most of his peal ringing. In all he rang about 60 peals and had a reputation as a good striker. Later in life he moved to Spalding and joined the local company. Only eight days before he died he was in his customary place and ringing for service. His wife, who died several years ago, was a sister of Mr. Rupert Richardson.

Four of the local ringers—Messrs. G. W. and A. Mills, R. Stevenson and G. Bennett—acted as bearers at the funeral on November 9th. Wreaths were received from the local band and the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, of which he had been a member for many years.

In the evening 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung half-muffled by A. F. Farr 1, Mrs. A. Richardson 2, G. Bennett 3, G. W. Mills 4, M. Bennett 5, A. Mills 6, F. G. Ames (cond.) 7, Miss A. Lawson 8.

DEDICATIONS

BRANDESTON, SUFFOLK

The rededication of the six bells of Brandeston, Suffolk, took place on October 28th in the presence of a large congregation including some 50 ringers. The bells, which had been silent for over 40 years, had been taken to the foundry of Messrs. John Taylor where the second and fifth were recast and the others retuned and hung in a new iron frame and fittings.

After the rededication the Bishop of the Diocese, Dr. Richard Brook, said the sound of church bells appealed to him more than any other form of music. He related the various uses of bells and was glad to see so many recruits taking up the art and he appealed to the young folk of Brandeston to commence ringing. Tea was provided for all visitors and the bells were kept going until a late hour. The bell-founders were represented by Mr. John Fidler who was congratulated on a very fine job considering the tenor, in G sharp, weighs only 7½ cwt.

C. W. P.

TILNEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE

The bells of Tilney All Saints were dedicated on November 4th by the Rev. Sturgis-Jones, Vicar of Terrington St. John. The dedication took place after shortened evensong, conducted by the Vicar of Tilney (the Rev. Bodley). The preacher was the Vicar of Walpole St. Andrew (the Rev. H. J. Scott), the lesson being read by the Rev. Bacon-Phillips, Vicar of Clenchwarton.

After the service a few short touches were rung until tea was served in the Church Room by the lady members of the church. After tea, the Rev. Sturgis-Jones congratulated the local band and the people of Tilney on carrying through the restoration.

Replying, Mr. W. Rose (local captain) said that they had had many disappointments and had to wait a long while but he thought that it was worth it. He thanked all those who had helped and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for the grand job they had made of the bells.

Various touches and rounds to suit all-comers were rung, everybody remarking on the wonderful transformation the bellhangers had made.

J. E. F.

ESHER, SURREY

After many months of silence, the bells of Christ Church, Esher, were dedicated on November 5th by the Rector (the Rev. E. A. Hone). The original ring of six has been retuned by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and two new bells added. The latter are the gift of Mr. Van Beugan Bik and his mother-in-law, Mrs. A. Thompson, given in memory of Mr. Bik's wife.

Following the Sung Eucharist, the Rector mounted to the ringing chamber where the captain of the ringers, Mr. W. Massey, handed him the ropes and requested him to rededicate the bells to the glory of God and to the use of His Church. After this dedication Mr. Bik presented the ropes of the two new bells to the Rector with a similar request. The bells were then rung.

In the course of his sermon, the Rector said the same firm of bell-founders who cast the bells had carried out the repairs and made the two additional ones. The bells of Christ Church contained some of the metal of the old bells used at Esher Parish Church.

OBITUARY—continued.

MR. W. WOOD

It is with regret that we record the death of Mr. W. Wood at his home at Great Hale, Lincs, on November 9th. Mr. Wood had had trouble with his eyes for a long time and latterly was unable to ring, but he was always interested in anything connected with ringing and always willing to give good advice to a learner. He served the Exercise well and will be greatly missed.

The funeral took place on November 11th.

LEICESTER GUILD ANNUAL FESTIVAL

ENCOURAGING THE YOUNG RINGER

THERE was an accent on youth at the annual festival, dinner and social of the Leicester Diocesan Guild held at the Bull's Head, Loughborough, on November 4th. During the afternoon the bells of the parish church and the bell foundry were available.

The president (Mr. H. J. Poole) was in the chair at the dinner supported by Mrs. Poole, the Archdeacon of Loughborough (the Ven. W. J. Lyon), Mr. P. L. Taylor (vice-president), Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Rowley, Mr. and Mrs. S. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. C. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Fidler, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ballard, Mr. N. Chaddock and Mr. T. Mark White.

The president extended a hearty welcome to Archdeacon Lyon and thanked him for the continued support he gave to the Guild. He also remarked on the number of young ringers present saying 'The young ringers of to-day are the ringers of to-morrow,' and appealed to the older members to give them every encouragement. Mr. Poole also congratulated the band in the Loughborough District who were ringing the multi-method peals.

GUILD'S FORMATION JUSTIFIED

Referring to remarks which had been made to him, when visiting outlying Districts of the Guild, that the meeting would never have been held under the old M.C.A., the president said this fully justified the formation of the Guild. He stated that the hon. secretary (Mr. W. A. Wood) was expecting to enter hospital during the week and that he would not be available for a period of approximately six weeks. The hon. treasurer had undertaken to deputise for him during that period. He knew he was voicing the wish of everyone present in wishing Mr. Wood a speedy recovery.

Archdeacon Lyon briefly replied, and said he represented the whole of the clergy in the diocese who all appreciated the amount of work put in by the ringers. They were always proud to welcome visitors to Loughborough, having, as they had, such a lovely church and one of the finest rings of ten in the country.

Mr. P. L. Taylor proposed the toast of 'The Visitors' and said that these included Mr. N. Chaddock, representing the Yorkshire Association; Mr. M. White, representing 'The Ringing World' and the Guildford District Guild; Mr. R. Noon, Peterborough Guild; Miss Christine Dunnington, Ely Association; Mr. W. Smith, Peak District, and others, all of whom were heartily welcomed. Mr. Taylor said he hoped

all these would take back to their own Associations the best wishes of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. He also welcomed the wives and friends of the ringers, all of whom helped to make these festivals such a success.

Mr. N. Chaddock, replying, said that he had been to Leicester on several occasions, but this was the first time that a visit had coincided with the Festival, but he would make an effort to come again. As a north-countryman he was much impressed by the enthusiasm of the younger members and also by the splendid way the belfries were kept.

It was always a case of 'sharpening your wits' before coming to Leicester, added Mr. Chaddock, as he was always being invited to take part in some feat or other as the ringing possibilities of the Guild members knew no bounds.

Mr. E. C. Turner proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World' in his own inimitable manner. He said that although not a big peal ringer himself, it always gave him pleasure to read the accounts of peals rung, meetings, tours and outings held. He very often felt like answering some of the letters inserted.

Mr. M. White briefly replied and conveyed the best wishes of the Editor to the Guild.

The president expressed his pleasure at having old Joe Morris with them again and as Ernest was also present he asked them to join Jill and himself in ringing a course of Stedman Triples on the handbells. This was much appreciated.

Dancing and games followed and all present stated that this was the best Festival ever since the Guild was formed. A. E. R.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

MEETING AT MILTON ERNEST

On November 4th a meeting of the Bedford District was held at Milton Ernest. Ringing on the ring of six bells here, with its ground floor pull, is not always an enviable task for the conductor as the floor of the belfry is of stone which transmits the sound very easily; however, the 'go' of the bells is fair and we managed to bring several methods round successfully.

The church has many interesting features for the non-ringing wife or boy friend and is well worth a visit. On the right-hand side of the tower arch there can be seen a wall-case where bread is still placed for the poor of the parish. At present the ancient rood-screen is in the north aisle serving to partition off the Vicar's vestry from the church. The Vicar, the Rev. A. R. Ennis, has started a Church Restoration Fund, and one of his objects is to move the screen to its original position under the chancel arch. Another project of his is the building of a ringers' gallery, so that the floor space may be used as a choir vestry.

After a service conducted by the Vicar, we walked down to the church schoolroom for a fine tea prepared by the local ringers' wives. Our president, Miss E. Steel, was chairman at the business meeting, and Amptill was chosen for the next meeting on December 2nd. We were told that our annual general meeting would be in Bedford on February 3rd.

Our evening ringing had been fixed at Bletsoe and while we cycled the couple of miles there we were reminded that it was Guy Fawkes' night. In our part of the country the custom of ringing in thanksgiving for the exposure of the Gunpowder Plot is, unfortunately, dying out. However, it was not hard to imagine the village ringers of a bygone age climbing the spiral staircase to ring on the old ring of five bells housed in the Norman tower. True, there is now a clock-case in the tower by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and electricity has been installed, but, strange though it may seem, a stirrup still hangs on the wall to remind us of the past when 'scientific' was in its infancy and 'firing' was the order of the day.

Winchester and Portsmouth

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT

About 40 members, friends and visitors were present at the quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District, held at Fareham on November 11th. The fair sex were in the majority—so much so, in fact, that one wag (male) asked if he had made a mistake and come to a Ladies' Guild meeting by mistake!

A wedding delayed ringing until 3.30. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. B. C. Daniel) with Mrs. Linter, wife of the District chairman at the organ. A sumptuous tea followed in the School Hall.

At the business meeting, seven young ladies from Fareham and one young man from Portsmouth Cathedral were elected as ringing members. (If we continue to get new members in this ratio, the mere male will soon become an oddity in the belfry, as ladies were at one time!) The election of Mr. P. J. Eves, of Chelmsford, as compounding member, was also ratified. It was announced that the annual District meeting will be held at Portsmouth Cathedral on the third Saturday in January, 1951.

Before departing for more ringing on the tower bells, the gentlemen were called on to perform on the handbells, so three of them, with the help of a lady visitor from Chichester, rang a course of Grandsire Triples. Afterwards, the three males rang a good 120 Plain Bob Minor.

Methods rung during the day were:—Rounds; Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Triples; Plain Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD BICESTER DEANERY BRANCH AT CAVERSFIELD.

The first meeting of the Bicester Deanery Branch to be held at the charming and well-kept Church of St. Lawrence, Caversfield, took place on November 4th. The fine ring of five was rung to Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Dob Doubles, and the bells of Bicester Church in the evening.

The Vicar, the Rev. C. Cowland Cooper (branch president), conducted the service, the lesson was read by Mr. F. Sharpe (vice-president), and a real ringers' sermon given by the Rev. Nott, of Bucknell. Launton choir led the singing, which was accompanied by handbells, and the Blessing was pronounced by Bishop H. J. Buxton, Rector of Launton.

Tea was served in the library of Caversfield House (by kind permission of Col. and Mrs. Wyndham). The business meeting was presided over by the branch president. The next meeting was arranged for Islip on the last Saturday in January.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks by Mr. Sharpe, to Col. and Mrs. Wyndham, the handbell ringers, the choir, the Rev. Nott, the Vicar and churchwardens and all who had made the meeting a success.

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QUARTER PEALS

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Nov. 11th, half-muffled for Armistice, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Holmes 1, R. White 2, Miss Shirley Rymer (first of Caters) 3, F. White 4, F. Messenger 5, E. H. Edge 6, H. C. White 7, F. C. White (cond.) 8, F. A. White 9, Fred White 10.

ARELEY KINGS, WORCS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hicks 1, T. Elcox 2, G. Bowen 3, E. Lucas 4, A. W. Gazzard (cond.) 5, G. Lewis 6. A birthday compliment to the Rev. R. Francis (Vicar).

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Nov. 5th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: H. S. Wickens 1, F. G. Huckstep 2, W. W. Ring 3, M. W. Marshall 4, P. D. Huestepp 5, S. G. Waters (first in method) 6, T. Cullingworth 7, H. Parks 8.

BARROWBY, Lincs.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. W. Coy (first quarter) 1, J. W. Drury 2, H. Drury 3, A. O. Nichols 4, H. R. Woods (cond.) 5, F. W. Pinchbeck 6. First 'inside' 2, 3 and 4.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Nov. 5th, 480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire Doubles: J. Chambers 1, F. K. Thompson 2, G. Lowe 3, R. Soars (first in two methods 'inside') 4, K. E. Lovett (cond.) 5. Average age, 15 years 10 months.

BARWELL, LEICS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Yates (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Colver 2, G. Armstrong 3, J. Hill 4, W. P. Whitehead 5, C. R. Belton 6, A. H. Hough (cond.) 7, J. Hough (first quarter) 8. A 70th birthday compliment to the Bishop of Leicester and to mark the birth of a daughter to Mrs. T. C. Belton.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss B. Colver (first in method) 1, W. P. Whitehead 2, A. H. Hough 3, G. Armstrong 4, C. R. Belton 5, T. K. Deacon 6, G. P. Garner 7, J. Hill 8. In memory of those who fell at El Alamein.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Wells 1, G. Castleman 2, C. Lynch 3, A. Skinner 4, J. Udale 5, J. Kesterton 6, R. Barrow (cond.) 7, E. Bass 8. First in method by 1 and 3. Rung half-muffled.

BENINGTON, HERTS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. C. Mayne (cond.) 1, J. Kemp 2, S. Carter 3, A. Ager 4, M. F. R. Hibbert 5, J. R. Mayne 6, C. C. Mayne 7, J. Phillips 8. First in method for 2, 4 and 8.

BICKER, Lincs.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Short 1, N. B. Fovargue 2, W. B. Dawson 3, J. E. Allen 4, G. R. Dawson 5, C. Wander (cond.) 6, A. H. Bennett 7, C. Randall 8. Rung with bells half-muffled in memoriam Canon W. H. Judd.

BIDDULPH, STAFFS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,680 changes (240 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Ipswich, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise): J. Stanway, jun. 1, W. Dean (cond.) 2, L. Higgs 3, W. A. Weston 4, J. Stanway, sen. 5, W. Hazeldine 6.

BOSTON, Lincs.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Briggs 1, A. Freeston 2, S. Jessop 3, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 4, F. Dewey 5, J. Petch 6, R. Brown 7, T. Freeston 8. A farewell to T. Freeston, who is leaving to join H.M. Forces.—Also on Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, half-muffled: J. Bryan 1, F. Dewey 2, E. Jessop 3, R. Brown 4, D. White 5, F. Leggett 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, J. Petch 8. In memoriam Cranon W. H. Judd.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Nov. 5th, at St. John the Evangelist's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Evenden 1, M. Best 2, J. Daniels 3, Miss D. Fletcher 4, Miss K. Fletcher 5, A. Rose 6, H. Mitchell (cond.) 7, P. Coote 8. Rung for Mayor's service.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Nov. 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: M. S. Morris (first quarter, age 14) 1, G. Wiffen (cond.) 2, H. Pratt 3, B. Redgwell 4, J. Warner 5, S. Warne 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, H. R. Belton 8. A farewell to the treble ringer on leaving the district.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's on Nov. 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. C. Hart 1, Miss B. Stephenson (first 'inside') 2, A. W. Bond 3, R. Beale 4, A. W. Gravett 5, J. V. Lonsbrough 6, H. W. Woolven (first as cond.) 7, W. H. Hargreaves 8.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Blount 1, G. Packham 2, R. West 3, R. Simpson 4, G. Sturt 5, A. Feist 6, F. Godmark (cond.) 7, A. Brown 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Y. Porter (first quarter) 1, A. Lewis 2, Miss J. S. Evans 3, F. Woods 4, D. G. Clarke 5, J. L. Smith 6, D. J. King (first as cond.) 7, J. J. King 8. A 79th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 5th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Mayle 1, Miss R. Seabrook (aged 14) 2, O. Ballard 3, F. Bensley 4, S. Honeyball 5, W. Cuthmore 6, S. Twitcheit (cond.) 7, F. Kemp 8. First of Kent Major by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Bennett 1, F. I. Hairs 2, P. A. Corby 3, J. J. Thomas (cond.) 4, J. W. Eden 5, W. J. Lemon 6, E. Barnett 7, F. J. Cullum 8.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 12th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Christopher 1, Miss J. Mattinson 2, J. Relf 3, J. Hayward 4, P. Davis (first as cond.) 5, B. Newson 6, T. Blow 7, J. Adcock 8. First quarter for 1 and 3.

CROSCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 4th, 1,440 Bob Minor: P. Hull 1, J. Naish 2, H. Hawkins 3, D. Hoare (cond.) 4, J. Fowler 5, D. Lee 6.

DERBY.—At St. Andrew's Church on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Clare 1, G. Freebrey (cond.) 2, S. Walklate 3, Rev. S. K. Reynolds 4, H. Letts 5, C. Walklate 6. First quarter 1 and 4. Rung for Armistice Day.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—At St. Peter's on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Laws 1, W. J. Simons 2, J. T. Godwin 3, H. J. Stead 4, R. H. Duke 5, J. W. Smith 6, P. Toccock (cond.) 7, K. W. Hewitt 8. First of Triples 1 and 8.

EALING MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church on Nov. 12th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. E. Churchill 1, H. J. Eldred 2, W. J. Ellis 3, P. E. Clark 4, F. A. Finch 5, A. M. Stacey 6, T. Davies 7, A. Harding (cond.) 8.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church on Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Beryl Worsfold 1, W. Robinson 2, Barbara Pottinger 3, G. Marriner 4, E. Coward 5, B. Hawkins 6, F. Oakshott (cond.) 7, A. Horwood (first quarter) 8.

FYLINGDALES, YORKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Harland (first quarter) 1, C. W. Haslop 2, S. R. Elwick 3, J. S. Beddington 4, M. J. Cooper 5, H. Short (cond.) 6, J. A. Alexander 7, W. Fewster (first quarter) 8.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Nov. 9th, 1,064 Grandsire Triples: P. Sgt. A. P. Harrison (first quarter) 1, F. W. Pinchbeck (first of Triples) 2, R. Parker 3, J. Watson (first of Triples) 4, W. Dale 5, S. Proctor 6, P. C. H. R. Woods (first of Triples as cond.) 7, F. W. Parsons 8.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. R. Gladman 1, A. Jones 2, W. W. Webb 3, B. A. Rose 4, J. E. Chilcott 5, W. Godfrey 6, W. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, J. Ricketts 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. W. Todd 1, L. Fidler 2, A. E. Symonds 3, G. Cherry 4, W. Croft 5, C. V. Hare 6, E. W. Winters 7, F. W. Croft (cond.) 8. Also 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major.

HORNSEY, LONDON.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Betts (first of Bob Minor) 1, W. G. Kingston 2, R. P. Crump 3, Miss E. Fadden 4, D. H. Kingston (first as cond.) 5, J. Crump 6. Rung for the dedication festival of the church and as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss P. Betts.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 12th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Whitford 1, J. Papworth 2, P. Elliott 3, J. Elliott (cond.) 4, C. Burton 5, A. Elliott 6. First of Cambridge for 1, 2, 3 and 6.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Freeman 1, M. Stephens (cond.) 2, R. Stephens 3, E. Freeman 4, P. Inskip 5, W. Izzard 6, L. Turner 7, C. Izzard 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of H.M. Queen Elizabeth to Kempston Barracks for the unveiling of the 1939-45 war memorial.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Nov. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. A. Clarke (first quarter) 1, Miss B. M. Harris 2, Miss P. G. Kitchen 3, G. W. Massey 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, G. C. Goodman 6, H. G. Andrews 7, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 8.

LANE END, Bucks.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. E. Slayter (first quarter) 1, W. Woodward 2, W. Avery 3, S. Smith 4, K. Seymour (cond.) 5, R. Wright 6.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 5th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. S. Smith 1, A. F. Turner 2, W. R. J. Poulson 3, S. H. Symonds 4, F. Boreham 5, W. Jarvis 6, M. T. Symonds (cond.) 7, L. G. Pryke 8.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Nugent 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds 3, A. J. Dadds 4, L. Twyman 5, W. Fairbaird 6, F. J. Gadsden (cond.) 7, H. Lade 8.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Hector 1, A. N. Wood 2, C. Windram (first quarter in method) 3, R. March 4, J. C. Chester 5, T. A. Thorner 6, G. Hollick (cond.) 7, F. Wallington 8.

MOREBATH, DEVON.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. N. Burrow 1, D. J. Gould (first quarter) 2, F. Baker (first quarter) 3, E. H. Oxenham 4, J. F. A. Waite (cond.) 5, J. Broom 6.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Nov. 5th, 1,300 Plain Bob Doubles: Dorothy Mansfield 1, A. Livings 2, K. Wood 3, B. Burton 4, C. Sams (cond.) 5. Rung for the patronal festival.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's on Nov. 5th, 1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major (Worcester Variation): F. A. Salter (cond.) 1, G. E. Padgett 2, Mrs. J. D. Niblett 3, J. D. Niblett 4, R. Aley 5, F. Bradley 6, V. T. Jennison 7, G. H. Clift 8. First quarter in this variation by all.

OVERSEALE, DERBYS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. W. Cotton (first quarter) 1, J. W. Cotton 2, Miss J. Cotton 3, G. W. Clayfield 4, W. Brooker 5, W. H. Curson 6, P. W. Grice (cond.) 7, H. Shaw 8. Rung on the 10th birthday of the treble ringer.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. French 1, W. Rose (cond.) 2, H. Goakes 3, J. Mounfield 4, C. Woods 5, L. Hadman 6, G. Bush 7, W. Barker 8. In memoriam to the fallen.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Nov. 4th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss B. M. Ball (first in the method) 1, E. A. Jurd 2, B. C. Stirland 3, F. W. Burnett 4, P. J. Eves 5, H. A. Nobes 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, S. J. Harding 8.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Doubles, being 6 six-scores of Grandsire and 44 of Plain Bob: C. Brown 1, T. M. Griffin 2, A. Jones (cond.) 3, D. Milverton 4, D. Hoare 5, D. Youdle 6.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Fields 1, Miss C. Dunnington 2, C. H. Harding 3, J. W. C. Blythe (first of Cambridge Major) 4, B. G. Warwick 5, S. Gilbert 6, G. H. Dunnington 7, F. Warrington (cond.) 8.

SALTWOOD, KENT.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Fielder (14) 1, J. Soles 2, C. A. Wratten (first as cond.) 3, S. Mowl 4, R. Birch 5, T. Wilson 6. First quarter for 1 and 2. First of Doubles for 3, 4, 5 and 6. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells since 1912.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At All Saints' on Nov. 12th, 1,440 Bob Minor: A. Proctor (first quarter) 1, W. Holland 2, J. S. Woodhouse 3, C. A. Brown 4, A. C. Watson 5, D. Holland (cond.) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those killed in both wars.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles with 7.6.8 behind: Miss P. Partridge (first quarter) 1, P. Anger (cond.) 2, M. Collins (first 'inside') 3, E. Boardman 4, R. Partridge 5, B. Micham (first quarter) 6, E. Anger 7, E. Grainger 8. Rung half-muffled Remembrance Day.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincs.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire): H. Longland 1, H. P. Collins 2, D. A. Frith 3, F. N. Mitchell 4, J. H. Musson (cond.) 5. First quarter peal in three methods for all except the conductor.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At St. George's Church on Oct. 29th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: D. F. Harman 1, Miss P. Kitchen 2, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 3, J. H. Crampion 4, H. G. Andrews 5, R. H. Begrie 6, C. E. Williamson 7, R. F. B. Speed (cond.) 8. First in method for 2, 3, 5 and 6.

SPALDING, Lincs.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Farr 1, G. W. Mills 2, Mrs. A. Richardson 3, S. E. Bennett 4, M. Bennett 5, A. D. Mills 6, J. G. Ames (cond.) 7, Miss D. Lawson 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to William Hollingworth, a ringer at this church.

TUCKINGMILL, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. W. Taysom 1, A. Carveth 2, H. Miles 3, W. J. Sanders 4, H. C. Spencer (cond.) 5, E. Sanders 6. Half-muffled in memory of the late Bishop of Truro.

WANBOROUGH, WILTS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. W. Pearce (first quarter) 1, P. Anger (cond.) 2, M. Collins 3, E. Boardman 4, E. A. Anger 5, W. Ayres (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled Remembrance Day.

WIMBORNE, DORSET.—On Oct. 24th, at the Minster, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters: R. Groves 1, C. Bishop 2, D. Matkin 3, L. Pink 4, C. Burt 5, W. Shute 6, L. Lockyer 7, E. Bishop 8, R. F. Price (cond.) 9, J. Redgwell 10. First of Grandsire Caters 1, 2, 4, 5 and 8.

WINFORD, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. A. Bradbury 1, Mary I. Kennelly 2, B. Enid Lloyd Roberts 3, C. Barwick 4, I. H. Trueman 5, J. R. Worrall (first of Surprise as cond.) 6. First of Surprise 1, 2, 3 and 4. First of Surprise for Bristol University Society.

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SUMMER TOUR, 1950

It had been intended this summer to make a waterborne incursion into eastern England by way of the River Ouse. News of the nautical training undertaken last Whitsun had apparently leaked out, however, in spite of the efforts to keep secret the methods of disembarkation practised. The natives of those parts have not forgotten the traditions of Hereward the Wake, and with the skill of long generations of repelling raids they prepared their counter measures. The Great Ouse Catchment Board rendered the river impassable at several points, and all craft suitable for our purpose were withdrawn beyond reach.

The element of surprise was considerable—only a few hours' notice of changed plans was given to most members—and the most vigorous action was therefore necessary to prevent a rout. Two members, indeed, fled the country, and the original organiser was admitted to hospital a few days later. The rest of the party assembled on Saturday, July 29th, at a remote house near Luton which was taken as a base. The men slept in tents in the garden while the women slept indoors—and only, while, for until they had gone to bed, and once they had woken in the morning, sleep was impossible within a radius of about a hundred yards. On Sunday the party split up and joined in service ringing at several local towers. On Monday morning a peal of Plain Bob, instead of Cambridge, which the band could not settle down to properly, was rung at Knebworth. In the afternoon the sixes at St. Paul's, Waldon, King's Walden and Olney were visited. At King's Walden, Major Harrison kindly invited the party to visit the garden of Kingswalden Park.

The first stop on Tuesday was Luton where there is a fine ring of ten in an equally fine church. Houghton Regis was visited on the way to Dunstable for lunch. After an enjoyable hour on the bells of Dunstable Priory, the party set off for Flamstead where the Vicar showed them many of the treasures and interesting features of the church before ringing. In the evening, visits to Harpenden and St. Albans Abbey (for the local practice) concluded the day's activities.

By Wednesday sufficient motorised transport had been collected for a move to Cambridge. Five towers were visited on the way—Ashwell, Royston, Ickleton, Sawston and Whittlesford. The lovely eight at Ickleton would have been even more appreciated had we realised what was in store at Whittlesford where the 'go' of the six bells left much to be desired. The tallest and shortest male members of the party claimed that they turned in the tenor to Double Court and Plain Bob respectively, claims which no other members of the band had enough breath to dispute. A stay of three days was made at Cambridge, the Master and secretary of the Cambridge University Guild having arranged ringing for Thursday afternoon and Saturday. They explained their presence by some vague reference to Long Vac. Terms—a degrading habit of these parts, but fortunate for us.

On Thursday morning part of the original programme was kept, the pleasant eight at St. Ives and the sixes at Holywell (an unsuccessful peal attempt) and Hemingford Grey being on or near the river. The return in the afternoon was by way of Over, Longstanton and Histon. In the evening the birthday of one of the party was celebrated at the Railway Vue, Histon, with a supper, accompanied by selections on the Victorian equivalent of the 'nickelodion,' followed by a darts tournament. Skittles and a rather noisy vocal party whose choice of song was considered by the Master to be subversive to good order and belfry discipline.

Only two towers were visited on Friday—St. Mary's, Ely, and St. George's, Littleport—though this had nothing to do with the previous evening's activities. The rest of the time was

spent in Ely Cathedral and by and in the river

On Saturday the bells of Cambridge were available at St. Andrew's (where a rope broke during the last touch, but the bell set to the gratification of at least one ringer), the Roman Catholic church and St. Bene't's, well known for its association with Fabian Stedman. That evening the party returned to near Luton, and rang locally again on Sunday.

The problem of Monday's ringing was solved by the hospitality of some local ringers who kindly let us join them on a trip to Wingrave, Aston Abbotts, Stewkley, Drayton Parslow, Newton Longville, Blechley and Fenny Stratford. That evening most of the party returned home though two or three remained to strike camp the next morning.

Our thanks are especially due to Mr. and Mrs. Gardner, our hosts near Luton, and other friends.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Saturday Nov. 25th, Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, 3 p.m. Election of officers. Ringing afterwards, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate.—A. B. Peck. 7924

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Bredbury, November 25th. Bells (3). Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis. 7908

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Harston, Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at 'Three Horse Shoes.'—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec., 60, Birdwood Road, Cambridge. 7892

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Chippenham (6), Saturday, Nov. 25th. 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—Miss M. Grain, Dis. Sec. 7960

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Swineshead (8), Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Wheatsheaf Hotel 4.45 p.m.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 7897

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Overseale, Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided by the local ringers for those who notify J. Cotton. Overseale. 7909

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting, Swaffham, Saturday, Nov. 25th. Usual arrangements. Replies soon as possible to W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn. 7890

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Hitcham, Saturday, Nov. 25th, 6 p.m. No tea.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 7902

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting at Haverhill (6), Saturday, Nov. 25th, 3 p.m. Tea provided 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. H. Clarke, 7, Hamlet Croft, Haverhill, Suffolk. Short service 7.30.—A. A. Fitch, Dis. Sec. 7900

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting at Holmesley, Nov. 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. to all who notify Rev. Groom, Holmesley Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 7896

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Nutfield (6) on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Ringing 3. Service 5. Tea and ringing following. Names for tea by Thursday, Nov. 23rd.—Miss R. M. Soreman, 114, Croydon Road, Reigate. 7913

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Meeting at St. John's, Worcester, Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Names for tea to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 7911

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 25th, 3 o'clock. Own tea arrangements, cafes nearby.—J. F. Wilkinson, Hon. Sec. 7905

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting at Wistanstow, Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. 7944

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Stanwell, Saturday, Nov. 25th, 3 p.m. Tea obtainable nearby. Bedford bells during evening.—F. Finch. 7945

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—The restored six bells by Taylor (new frame and two recast) will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Hastings on Sunday, Nov. 26th, during 11 a.m. service. Bells open after service. 7940

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Practice meeting, Thurleigh, Nov. 29th, 7 p.m. Monthly meeting, Amptill, Dec. 2nd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in the Church Hall, Dunstable Street, at 5.—Michael Stephens. 7917

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midlands District.—Meeting at St. Nicholas' Church, Kenilworth on December 2nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea available for those notifying me by Nov. 28th.—Roslyn M. Griffiths, 71, Dickens Road, Radford, Coventry. 7891

DUDLEY GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Wednesday (10), Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Guild Service 4.15. Tea 5. Numbers for tea please Nov. 28th latest to F. Colclough, Hall Park Street, Bilston. 7893

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Whitstable, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea by kind invitation. Please send all names to Mr. C. C. Dilnot, Lingfield, Old Bridge Road, Whitstable, not later than Thursday, Nov. 30th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7895

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Social meeting at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 followed by social evening. Names please by Tuesday, Nov. 28th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 7904

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting, Watlingbury (6) Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names please to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimberidge, Ditton, Maidstone. 7898

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting at Great Linford, Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (6) at 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Nov. 25th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 7903

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual meeting at St. Paul's, Sketty, Swansea, Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business.—J. A. Hoare, Hon. Sec., 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 7887

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Dec. 2nd, at Tewkesbury Abbey. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 to those who notify me by Nov. 27th.—E. T. Newbury, 2, Western Hill Road, Beckford, near Tewkesbury. 7921

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery.—Annual meeting at Wrington, Dec. 2nd. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 7942

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Goatburst, Dec. 2nd, from 6.30 p.m.—R. Short, Local Hon. Sec. 7943

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Deanery Guild.—The annual meeting will be held at Lydney (8), Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea early, please.—J. C. Goulding, 27, High Street, Lydney, Glos. 7928

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Oxhey (8), Dec. 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 7933

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting of the above at St. Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (10) available 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. Names for tea (provided) to M. R. Rainford, 23, Golgotha Road, Lancaster. All ringers welcome—the more the merrier.—G. Woods, Sec. 7934

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Shildon, Dec. 2nd. This meeting is now cancelled.—J. T. Titt, 54, Stoopdale Avenue, Darlington. 7929

CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Joint branch practice meeting at Keswick, Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) 1 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 28th to J. W. Brownrigg, Gen. Sec., 14, Greta Hamlet, Keswick. 7952

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Kirby Bellars, Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names to Mr. A. E. Wheeler by Nov. 30th. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Cook. 7939

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Stoke, Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Names for tea to Mr. C. H. Page, 57, Oxford Street, Penkhull, Stoke-on-Trent.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 7932

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Thame, Oxon, on Saturday, Dec. 2nd, at 2.45 p.m.—H. Badger, Branch Sec. 7937

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V. W. H. Branch.—Meeting, Ashbury, Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea Wednesday, Nov. 29th.—R. Gilling, Farnham, Faringdon. 7950

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice at St. Paul's, Wokingham (8), on Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 6.30—9.—B. E. Castle. 7926

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Holt (6), Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea, F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 7930

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridport, Dec. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names by Nov. 25th to C. H. Lathey. 7927

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. S. Wilson, 33, East Bawtry Road, Rotherham.—J. E. Turley, Hon. Sec. 7954

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Greasley (note place), Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names at latest by Thursday previous to Mr. T. Wheat, Church House, Greasley, Newthorpe, Notts. 7935

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, East Grinstead (8), Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, by Nov. 29th. 7941

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 2nd, St. Wilfred's, Standish. Annual meeting, election of officers.—J. Burns. 7961

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District Branch.—Meeting at Halesworth (8), Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Names to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. 7959

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at West Hadden, Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Names for tea to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby, before Nov. 28th please. 7957

NORTH-EAST ESSEX AND SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Joint meeting, Stratford St. Mary, Dec. 2nd. Langham bells also available. Bells 2.45. Tea 5.15, Riverside Cafe. Names to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich (Tel. 78926). 7965

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston District.—Annual, Breaston, Dec. 9th, 2.30. Notifications for tea by Dec. 5th certain to F. Shaw, 38, Inglefield Road, Ilkeston. 7951

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Broomfield (6), Saturday, December 9th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 7851

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Northchurch (8), Saturday, Dec. 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Ashby, 38, High Street, Northchurch, by Dec. 5th.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7953

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Barlborough (6), Saturday, Dec. 9th. Names for tea to Mr. A. Ashby, 135, Creswell Road, Clowne, Chesterfield, by Dec. 5th.—H. Denman. 7936

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting for nomination of District officers at Ashted on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Usual ringing. Service 4.15. Tea at Peace Memorial Hall 5. Numbers for tea to reach G. Cook, Lavender Cottage, Crampshaw Lane, Ashted, by Thursday. 7949

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Gravesend (8) on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea as we have been unable to get a hall for this date.—B. W. May. 7948

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—Meeting, Dodford, Dec. 9th. Names for tea to Mr. V. Perry, Weedon, Northampton, by Saturday, Dec. 2nd. No names, no tea.—F. W. Hancock. 7938

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at York Minster on December 9th. Bells (12) available 1.30. Dedication service of Five Sisters' Window 2.30. Further ringing later. Tea 3s. 6d. each, in Barton's Cafe, Dargate, for all who advise Mr. S. Steel, 7, Ing's Way, Rawcliffe Lane, York, by first post, Dec. 7th.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 7958

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Dec. 9th, at East Meon. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, and business meeting. Numbers for tea by Dec. 4th.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash. 7962

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Cheltenham, December 16th. Bells (12) 3 Service 4 Tea and meeting 4.30. Names for tea to P. Baker, 31, Tobysfield Road, Bishop's Cleeve. 7956

YATTON, SOMERSET.—Dedication of restored ring of eight by the Ven. Archdeacon of Bath at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Everyone welcome. P.C. only for tea by 13th to E. A. Price, Rectory Farm, Yatton, Bristol. 7931

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting of the Society will be held on Jan. 13th, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, W.C.1. 7967

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Annual meeting, Huntingdon, Jan. 20th. Details later.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 7964

QUARTER PEALS

COLESHILL, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. H. Hill 1, K. L. Taylor 2, D. L. Hooper 3, W. C. Rhodes (cond.) 4, J. W. Hovey 5, G. H. Lane 6, L. L. Willis 7, W. G. Lane (first of Triples) 8. For the unveiling of the parish war memorial.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 5th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: F. Cattell 1, D. Cattell (first on working bell) 2, G. J. Leversuch 3, E. C. S. Turner 4, T. Clark 5, W. Wenban 6, R. Wenban (cond.) 7, J. E. Rootes 8.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Anker 1, D. Nock 2, K. Smith 3, R. N. Eaton 4, W. G. Anker (cond.) 5, E. Thompson 6. Run half-muffled in memory of Mr. D. E. Clayton, Rector's warden.

WORCESTER.—At the Church of All Saints, on Nov. 5th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: R. G. Morris 1, G. E. Large (cond.) 2, Miss J. A. Southerst 3, R. W. Sayers 4, A. Morgan 5, A. E. Humphries 6, R. Woodyard 7, T. W. Lewis 8.

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SOLIHULL CHURCH AND BELLS

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD has given to the Exercise a book in which it can take a just pride—'The Bells and Tower of Solihull Church.' It embodies far more than an historical essay or catalogue of the history of a ring of bells, some of which date from the 16th century. Woven into the story are some of those famous personalities who created change ringing as it is to-day and who knew Solihull tower and bells. Solihull has a lifelong connection with the author and few ringers of to-day could have had his 'baptism.' More than 50 years ago Charles Fairfield, the towerkeeper, of Solihull, so he tells in the Preface, carried him into the bell chamber and there laid him inside the upturned tenor bell. Thus began a long attachment and out of the affection engendered 'by years of this genial bondage' came the desire to write this book, which is dedicated to his brother, Hubert Shepherd, who was for more than 50 years a chorister at Solihull Church.

It was in the early part of the 13th century that the first church at Solihull was built. First came a wooden spire and then a stone edifice on the top of the central tower to a total height of 190 feet. This spire crashed in a hurricane on March 15th, 1757, into the church roof, leaving a jagged, grotesque stump squatting upon the tower. The rebuilding of the spire was not completed until 20 years after and then it was some 22 feet shorter than the old one. Since those days Solihull Church has constantly been in the hands of the builders, the last big restoration scheme being completed as recently as 1948.

In pre-Reformation days Solihull had its 'custod campanor' (towerkeeper), and there are records of payments to him for repairs to the three bells. It was when Henry Greswold was Rector that Solihull was provided with a ring of eight. A friend of his from his university days was Anthony Scattergood, whose son, Samuel, a friend of Fabian Stedman, brought a company of 20 Leicester ringers to Solihull for the opening and testing of the bells on August 27th, 1686. Samuel Scattergood was then minister of Blockley, Worcs, and the certificate he gave as to the worthiness of the bells is quoted by Mr. Shepherd. What better praise could be given than the following: 'Ye said 8 Bells to be well and workmanlike made, every way right for tone and metall, ye chearfullest and best Ring of Bells for their weight that I ever heard?'

Mr. Shepherd deduces that this opening ceremony was the first time when Solihull bells were rung to changes.

Scattergood, he reminds ringers, was a contributor to Stedman's book, 'Campanalogia,' was a member of the Society of College Youths, and an accomplished ringer and composer. The Leicester Scholars were established some years before in 1669 and Fabian Stedman stayed with them several days explaining his 'artes and mysteries.'

The first peal on the bells was 5,184 Bob Major, rung by the St. Martin's Youths, Birmingham, in three hours and ten minutes. The composer and conductor was a famous personage, Samuel Lawrence, who was then 26 years of age. Lawrence was said to have attained the weight of 32 stone and there were many churches at which he could not ring because the stairs were too narrow for him to ascend. The historic incident in his life was his visit to St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury, where he got stuck on the belfry stairs, and, according to the story, it took five ringers to get him out—two to push and two to pull and Lawrence in the middle.

Modern ringing at this tower dates from May 2nd, 1891, when a preliminary meeting was held and the outcome was the formation of the Solihull Guild of Amateur Ringers. Mainspring of this Guild was Geoffrey Martineau. The bells were then in a deplorable condition. An appeal for funds was issued, two bells, the 3rd and 5th, recast by Messrs. Barwell, and two new trebles added. A new wooden frame was also made. The ring of ten was dedicated on July 6th, 1894, by the Bishop of Marlborough, and ten members of the St. Martin's Guild from Birmingham were invited for the opening ringing. Their peal attempt failed after 2 hours 25 minutes, the tenorman being overcome by the heat.

The present ring of ten, with a tenor of 21 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb., came into being following a report in August, 1930, by the late Major J. H. B. Hesse, who found the bells extremely faulty in their harmonics and other defects. The contract was placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co. and the ten rededicated by the Bishop of Birmingham on Oct. 1st, 1932. It was the author who composed the first peal on the new ten—5,057 Grandsire Caters—rung on Dec. 9th, 1933, and conducted by his old friend, Mr. Albert Walker.

We close this brief review with the words of Mr. John Burman, who wrote the Foreword: Mr. Shepherd's book may easily become a classic of its kind, and will certainly be read as long as the bells of Solihull are heard on the Warwickshire air.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Nov. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*MRS. JOHN D. NIBLETT .. Treble	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT .. 7
FRANK E. PERVIN .. 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 8
ALBERT WALKER .. 3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 9
GEORGE E. FEARN .. 4	H. JAMES TURNER .. 10
HENRY H. FEARN .. 5	JOHN N. LINDON .. 11
JOHN SCOTT .. 6	LEONARD TREVOR .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

* First peal on twelve bells.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ELIZABETH FAULKNALE .. Treble	† JOHN HILL .. 7
DOROTHY M. UDAL .. 2	HAROLD J. POOLE .. 8
JILL POOLE .. 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY .. 9
*TERENCE A. THORNBUR .. 4	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. 10
*JOHN R. SMITH .. 5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 11
SHIRLEY BURTON .. 6	PETER J. STANFORTH .. Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus. † First peal on twelve bells.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

THOS. W. STRANGEWAYS Treble	JACK F. HODSON .. 7
*NOREEN BRAIN .. 2	*ROY BETTLEY-COOKE .. 8
*WILLIAM J. LEACH .. 3	*JOHN D. ROCK .. 9
RONALD H. DOVE .. 4	GORDON HARRISON .. 10
*ARNOLD COLE .. 5	BARNABAS G. KEY .. 11
*ALAN FOSTER .. 6	GEORGE L. RODEN .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal on twelve bells. First peal of Grandsire Cinques by all except the ringer of the fourth. First peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 8184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*R. GEORGE MORRIS .. Treble	*RALPH W. SAYERS .. 6
*CLAUDIA A. HARDING .. 2	*ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES .. 7
†GEORGE E. LARGE .. 3	RONALD W. M. CLOUSTON .. 8
JEAN A. SOUTHERST .. 4	CYRIL TANSELL .. 9
*ALLEN MORGAN .. 5	†REGINALD WOODYATT .. Tenor

Composed by WM. BARTON.

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal of Little Bob. † First peal of Little Bob Royal. First peal in the method on the bells.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in C sharp.

MARGARET FIDELL .. Treble	ERNEST WALLACE .. 6
WILLIAM E. ROBINSON .. 2	KENNETH ARTHUR .. 7
JOHN ANDERSON .. 3	DENIS A. BAYLES .. 8
JOHN A. BROWN .. 4	ROLAND PARK .. 9
THOMAS W. CROWE .. 5	W. NORMAN PARK .. Tenor

Composed by G. W. DEBENHAM.

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

First peal of Little Bob Royal by all the band. In memoriam the Rt. Rev. H. E. Bilbrough, Bishop of Newcastle, 1927-1941.

WELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 56½ cwt.

JOHN THOMAS .. Treble	ARTHUR H. REED .. 6
ALBERT M. TYLER .. 2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 7
PETER BAKER .. 3	RONALD G. BECK .. 8
PERCIVAL H. HULL .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. 9
WILFRED WILLIAMS .. 5	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*NORMAN HADLEY .. Treble	†ERNEST STITCH .. 6
J. DENNIS HOLDEN .. 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 7
ERIC E. SPEAKE .. 3	RICHARD J. WARRLOW .. 8
GEORGE E. OLIVER .. 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 9
†MAURICE G. TURNER .. 5	HOWARD HOWELL .. Tenor

Composed by W. D. CROFTS. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

* First peal of Royal and 25th peal. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BENSON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Sept. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALEX R. WOODLEY .. Treble	JAMES P. BLOND .. 5
*JAMES E. GODMAN .. 2	JAMES GORDON .. 6
GEORGE W. BISHOP .. 3	ROBERT B. BLOND .. 7
†FRANK ABSOLOM .. 4	*JOHN B. CHERILL .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

ST. COLUMB MAJOR, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COLUMBA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

*A. HUBERT EPLETT .. Treble	CHARLES E. TAYLOR .. 5
CHARLES SANGWIN .. 2	THOMAS G. MYERS .. 6
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS .. 3	FREDERICK SANGWIN .. 7
REV. A. S. ROBERTS .. 4	*JOHN C. NORTHEY .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First peal on eight. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Bishop of Truro, the Rt. Rev. J. W. Hunkin, D.D., who died the previous Saturday, on which day he should have rededicated this restored ring of bells.

LONDON.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in Three Hours and 1 Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH, S.E.,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

CHARLES A. HUGHES .. Treble	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2	CHARLES W. OTTLEY .. 6
PEGGY G. KITCHEN .. 3	HERBERT G. ANDREWS .. 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK .. 4	JAMES BULLOCK .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOS. WILFRED TAFFENDER.

WEST COKER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

WALTER H. POOLE .. Treble	HERBERT W. PEARCE .. 5
*EDMUND C. ATYEO .. 2	*ALBERT S. ATYEO .. 6
*STANLEY A. GUPPY .. 3	WILLIAM E. TURNER .. 7
FREDA M. POOLE .. 4	GODFREY H. PIKE .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.

* First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung for patronal festival.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

RONALD W. STEWARD .. Treble	CHARLES E. FISHER .. 5
*FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD .. 2	†GEORGE W. PIPE .. 6
URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON .. 7
GEORGE A. FLEMING .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE .. Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal of Surprise (aged 15).

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX. MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. Treble	JOHN G. NASH .. 5
FREDERICK E. DUKES .. 2	ALICK CUTLER .. 6
*G. WILFRED SLACK .. 3	THOMAS J. LOCK .. 7
JAMES BENNETT .. 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.

* First peal in the method.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE. THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

*DAVID A. MELLOR (14) .. Treble	JOHN W. SYKES .. 5
NORMA HOWES .. 2	†GEORGE H. PAULSON .. 6
D. JEAN DUNN .. 3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. 7
DENNIS SCOTT .. 4	ERNEST PAULSON .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. TAYLOR.

* First peal. † 50th peal.

EWHURST, SURREY. THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CHILTERN SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON .. Treble	LEONARD STILWELL .. 5
HAROLD A. MAY .. 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN .. 6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON .. 7
FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 4	C. ERNEST SMITH .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

First peal in the method on the bells, by the Guild and by all the band except the ringer of the 5th.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES;

Containing 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol and 832 each of Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative, with 127 changes of method.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

OSWALD CLAYBROOK .. Treble	CYRIL VALENTINE .. 5
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 2	ERIC J. GILBERT .. 6
WALTER ALLMAN .. 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 7
FRED DUNKERLEY .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

This is the first peal to be rung of Spliced Surprise Major in six methods in which the full work of all methods is done by all the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs. Nov. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Middleton's. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

ARTHUR FIDLER .. Treble	*W. HARRY DUNCOMBE .. 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 2	FREDERICK E. DUKES .. 6
PAUL LEA TAYLOR .. 3	COLIN HARRISON .. 7
HAROLD MARCON .. 4	LESLIE STEVENS .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

*50th peal. Arranged for Mr. F. E. Dukes, of Ireland.

DORCHESTER, DORSET. THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 17, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*WINIFRED HARRIS .. Treble	†JOSEPH H. HAYNE .. 5
†MRS. M. M. GODLEY .. 2	†RICHARD H. DUKE .. 6
H. DENIS W. BISHOP .. 3	PHILIP H. TOCOCK .. 7
*HENRY J. STEED .. 4	JOHN W. SMITH .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor.

WHITWORTH, ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BARTHOLOMEW AND GEORGE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

VERNON SYKES .. Treble	ALAN J. BROWN .. 5
DAVID VINCENT .. 2	STEPHEN LL. PARRY .. 6
*JEAN C. BROWN .. 3	FRED DUNKERLEY .. 7
A. NEVILLE BROWN .. 4	SELWYN H. DEARDEN .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY.

Conducted by FRED DUNKERLEY.

* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. A 17th birthday tribute to A. N. Brown, of Bowdon, Cheshire.

ALPHINGTON, DEVON. THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN ROB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

ROGER KEELEY .. Treble	*CYRIL C. DEEM .. 5
CUTHBERT W. POWELL .. 2	JOSEPH T. BARRETT .. 6
ARTHUR J. SCOTT .. 3	HENRY G. KEELEY .. 7
NORMAN MALLETT .. 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.

* First peal of Major.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTFORDSHIRE. THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*LESLIE S. BAINES .. Treble	WALTER AYRE .. 5
†ANNE M. DICKINSON .. 2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD .. 6
†ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. 3	*TERENCE G. MORTON .. 7
PAMELA A. MARTIN .. 4	WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Cambridge Major. First peal of Cambridge. The first peal in the method on the bells and the first of Surprise Major in the district by resident members. A birthday compliment to Miss C. R. Ayre.



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CHILHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BELVEDERE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. Treble	RALPH BIRD .. 5
MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 2	S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. 6
FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEEP .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
PERCY PAGE .. 4	HARRY PARKES .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.

First peal in the method by all the band.

COLERNE, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

STANLEY R. COCKELL .. Treble	†LEONARD COLES .. 5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT .. 2	PERCIVAL W. HARDING .. 6
*THOMAS F. KING .. 3	†PHILIP W. WEEKS .. 7
GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. 4	†MAURICE HELPS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

* 200th peal. † First peal of Major.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

C. HENRY HARDING .. Treble	RONALD J. SHARP .. 5
*MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS .. 2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD .. 6
THOMAS E. DAVIES .. 3	ALICK CUTLER .. 7
GEORGE H. CROSS .. 4	ALFRED J. HOUSE .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ALFRED J. HOUSE.

* First peal in the method.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb.

HILDA OAKSHETT .. Treble	CHARLES A. BASSETT .. 5
RICHARD D. DIVALL .. 2	†EDWARD J. JENNER .. 6
*EDWARD C. LEIGH .. 3	ERNEST J. LADD .. 7
MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT .. 4	ALEC E. RICHARDSON .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. 25th peal as conductor. Rung as a 51st wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Leigh, parents of the ringer of the 3rd.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours,

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

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY .. Treble	*THOMAS G. FOX .. 5
FRED J. CULLUM .. 2	GEOFFREY DODDS .. 6
*FRANCES A. EDGAR .. 3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 7
*EDWIN J. LINDLEY .. 4	*BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by BRIAN D. THRELFALL.

* First peal in the method.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALBERT A. HUGHES .. Treble	DAVID E. PARSONS .. 5
HORACE BELCHER .. 2	ALFRED B. PECK .. 6
HERBERT LANGDON .. 3	JOHN PHILLIPS .. 7
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 4	RICHARD F. DEAL .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

FLETCHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ANDREW AND MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 9 lb.

ALBERT W. BOND .. Treble	LEONARD STILLWELL .. 5
GEORGE W. CECIL .. 2	ALBERT HARMAN .. 6
*MAURICE THOMAS .. 3	FREDERICK PAGE .. 7
FRANK BENNETT .. 4	WILLIAM ROGERS .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Superlative on 'inside' bell. First peal of Superlative on the bells.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

FREDERICK A. SALTER .. Treble	*JOHN WISEMAN .. 5
MRS. J. D. NIBLETT .. 2	GEORGE CLIFT .. 6
WM. THORNLEY, SEN. .. 3	WALTER NICHOLLS .. 7
*JOHN D. NIBLETT .. 4	WM. THORNLEY, JUN. .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Major as conductor.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*RALPH CROW .. Treble	WILLIAM BARTON .. 5
ALAN WEAR .. 2	ARTHUR C. WALSH .. 6
GORDON BENFIELD .. 3	JOHN W. GIBSON .. 7
*PERCY WHITAKER .. 4	WILLIAM DIXON .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal. Rung to mark the 80th birthday of Mr. T. Thompson, a member of the local band since 1889, and verger at Guiseley for 39 years.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY .. Treble	ERIC J. GILBERT .. 5
*FREDERICK PRICE .. 2	HENRY O. BAKER .. 6
JOHN E. BIBBY .. 3	*WILLIAM H. TYLER .. 7
WALTER ALLMAN .. 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.

* First peal in the method.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

DORIS SHEPPARD .. Treble	JOAN BUSSEY .. 5
MARY DREW .. 2	*LESLIE BARRY .. 6
CHARLES ROUSE .. 3	WILLIAM RICHINGS .. 7
THOMAS PRICE .. 4	CHARLES LARNER .. Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTON.

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* 200th peal.

ROMSEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFLEDA,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

FRANK L. HARRIS .. Treble	ROY C. HURST .. 5
MRS. M. M. GODLEY .. 2	RONALD N. MARLOW .. 6
MICHAEL J. BEST .. 3	*THOMAS H. TOCOCK .. 7
WILLIAM C. SHUTE .. 4	PHILIP H. TOCOCK .. Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by PHILIP H. TOCOCK.

* First peal on eight.

SHEDFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
*ALAN H. STURGESS .. Treble	SAMUEL J. HARDING .. 5
BLANCHE M. BALL .. 2	JOHN H. HUNT .. 6
MRS. G. W. TAMPLIN .. 3	FREDK. W. BURNETT .. 7
ERNEST A. JURD .. 4	HENRY T. MACEY .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.

* First peal. Rung in memory of Rev. R. F. R. Routh, who passed away on November 5th. He was the brother-in-law of the Vicar of Shedfield.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

BEN COOPER .. Treble	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 5
ARNOLD HILL .. 2	GEORGE S. LEE .. 6
*SHIRLEY BAMPTON .. 3	*TOM CUTTS .. 7
DENNIS HOLLAND .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal of Treble Bob. The ringer of the second has now circled the tower.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

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

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Pitstow's Transposition.

WALTER ALLWOOD .. Treble	Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.
MRS. J. E. TURLEY .. 2	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS .. 5
JOHN H. BROTHWELL .. 3	JACK G. BROTHWELL .. 6
CLEMENT GLENN .. 4	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. 7
	JOSEPH SAXTON .. Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

DORIS E. COLGATE .. Treble	THOMAS E. SONE .. 5
ROBERT COLLINS .. 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 6
FREDK. W. BUDGEN .. 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. 7
WILLIAM G. COOK .. 4	A. PATRICK CANNON .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST PYE.

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

The conductor's 75th tower in Kent for a peal.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ALBERT RELFE .. Treble	*RICHARD J. SUMNER .. 5
HENRY N. VAUGHAN .. 2	†ARTHUR F. LEWRY .. 6
ERNEST J. OLIVER .. 3	JOHN W. BOYES .. 7
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 4	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by ARTHUR F. LEWRY.

* First peal. † 150th peal.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Nov. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).	Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.
W. A. BRECKON .. Treble	H. WATERS .. 5
J. WALLER .. 2	H. SHORT .. 6
A. V. COATES .. 3	S. R. ELWICK .. 7
G. WHITE .. 4	*J. HODGSON .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY R. ELWICK.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal by a local band since the restoration of the bells in October, 1950. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hodgson, on the birth of a son.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb.	
HARRY RICHARDSON .. Treble	*JOHN E. SKERRITT .. 4
ERNEST E. WHITMORE .. 2	BURLEY P. MORRIS .. 5
WILLIAM J. WHITMORE .. 3	*GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

*First 720 of London. Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to Mr. Anderson Y. Tyler, of Irthlingborough.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.	
W. MARTIN WALKER .. Treble	H. JAMES CHAPMAN .. 4
*F. DAVID GODDARD .. 2	ARTHUR W. CROWDER .. 5
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS .. 3	WALTER M. GODDARD .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER M. GODDARD.

*First peal in three methods. Rung with the bells half-muffled for Remembrance Day, and as a tribute to the memory of James W. Goddard, a former ringer at the above church, who lost his life in the R.A.F. Bomber Command on August 23rd, 1941.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, and Kingston Treble Bob, and one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.	
*IAN D. LOMAS .. Treble	*DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. 4
*NEIL D. LOMAS .. 2	GEORGE H. ASHMORE .. 5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 3	JAMES A. MILNER .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

*First peal in four methods. Rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. J. Mottershead, of Wilmslow, father of the 4th ringer.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Wells, London, York, Chester, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.

Tenor 7½ cwt.	
*HERMON J. OLIVER .. Treble	HENRY T. WILSON .. 4
*LAURENCE H. TURNER .. 2	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. 5
*RICHARD VALENTINE .. 3	HARRY TURNER .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

*First peal in seven Surprise methods. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the fallen in two world wars, especially John Maitland Keddie, Wallace Arthur Keddie and Richard Danyon Keddie, to whose memory these bells were restored and augmented in 1947.

LONGWOOD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
CLIFFORD AARON .. Treble	ALBERT W. BOND .. 4
GEOFFREY GEE .. 2	FRANK RHODES .. 5
JOHN PEARSON .. 3	ARNOLD ROTHERY .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT W. BOND.

Rung fully muffled for Armistice Day.

YARDLEY HASTINGS, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.	
ARTHUR R. ARMSTRONG .. Treble	PHILIP JONES .. 4
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 5
JOHN E. SKERRITT .. 3	HARRY WOODING .. Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.

YAXLEY, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.		Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.	
FRANK WARRINGTON .. Treble	*JOSEPH F. V. BELLARS .. 4		
HERBERT GOAKES .. 2	R. FRANK BAKER .. 5		
DANIEL T. AUSTIN .. 3	FRANK H. NEWMAN .. Tenor		

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

*First peal. Rung half-muffled in memory of Yaxley fallen. R.I.P.

COTGRAVE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.		Tenor 17½ cwt.	
ARTHUR E. HOODLESS .. Treble	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. 4		
CLEMENT GLENN .. 2	WALTER NICHOLLS .. 5		
FREDK. A. SALTER .. 3	WM. THORNLEY, JUN. .. Tenor		

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN.

In memoriam Walter White, rung in his favourite method.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 13, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.	
HORACE BENNETT .. Treble	BERNARD H. DALTON .. 4
WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON .. 2	*HAROLD C. WHITTON .. 5
STANLEY E. BENNETT .. 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL R. BURRELL.

*First peal in seven methods.

FYFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's		Tenor 7 cwt.	
*FREDERICK W. BLATCH .. Treble	ALBERT PRYKE .. 4		
JOHN SITCH .. 2	HARRY TURNER .. 5		
ROBERT C. HEAZEL .. 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. Tenor		

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

*First peal on more than five bells First peal on this recently augmented ring.

KIRBY MUXLOE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt.	
STANLEY PARAGREEN .. Treble	GEORGE PICKERING .. 3
FREDERICK WATSON .. 2	*MICHAEL BROWN .. 4
JOSEPH TAYLOR .. Tenor	

Conducted by JOSEPH TAYLOR.

*First peal of Doubles.

KISLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 21 six-scores each of Plain Bob and Grandsire, standard callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. 13 lb. in F.	
*KENNETH D. PERKINS (14) Treble	IVOR DICKIN (14) .. 3
PERCY AMOS .. 2	EDWARD G. BENNETT .. 4
HARRY WOODING .. Tenor	

Conducted by HARRY WOODING.

*First peal. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. C. E. Bender, who is leaving for Thrapston.

GREAT YELDHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's of Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.	
ERNEST BROWN .. Treble	†FELIX BENSLEY .. 4
*ROSEMARY SEABROOK .. 2	SIMON DACE .. 5
SAM TWITCHETT .. 3	ALBERT CATTERWELL .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT CATTERWELL.

*First peal in four methods. †First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

GOLDERS GREEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT 20, DUNSTAN ROAD, N.W.11,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11 in G.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 1-2 | EDWIN J. LINDLEY 5-6
BRIAN D. THRELFALL 3-4 | FRANCES A. EDGAR 7-8
Arranged and Conducted by EDWIN J. LINDLEY.

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT OAKLEIGH, ELM GROVE ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

JOAN BUSSEY 1-2 | LESLIE BARRY 3-4
DORIS M. SHEPPARD 5-6

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Sheppard and also to Mr. S. Romans on his 83rd anniversary.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

James William Washbrook's Variation.

JOHN BRAMLEY 1-2 | ERNEST MORRIS 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3-4 | J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

A birthday peal for Mrs. E. Beamish, mother of A. H. Beamish, Master of the Coventry Diocesan Guild.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

IN THE VESTRY OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

JOAN BUSSEY 1-2 | LESLIE BARRY 3-4
GEORGE CASE 5-6

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF SPICED MAJOR, 5100 CHANGES;

Being 36 methods: Longney, Winchester, Shipway's, Edmonton, Lavenham, Chesterfield, Maidstone, Ashbourne, Spalding, Richmond, New London, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Wellington Little Court, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court, Bastow Little Court, Kent Little Court, Little Oxford Bob, Victoria Little Court, Colville, Romsey, Cheltenham, Leamington, Pulford, Avalon, Painswick, Kidlington, Double Oxford, Pershore, Hereward, Double Norwich, St. Clement's and Crayford College; 359 changes of method.

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2 | JACK BRAY 5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN 3-4 | PHILIP BARNES 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

The greatest number of Major methods yet rung in a peal.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 14, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

JILL POOLE 1-2 | PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4 | ALFRED BALLARD 7-8

TERENCE A. THORNBUR .. 9-10

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

First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal to be rung on handbells. Rung in honour of Prince Charles on his 2nd birthday, and also a birthday compliment to J. Frederick Milner.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Four-part variation of Thurstans'. Tenor size 15 in C.

*TERENCE A. THORNBUR .. 1-2 | ALFRED BALLARD 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4 | †HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 7-8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Stedman Triples on working pair. † First handbell peal and 150th peal.

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By ringing a peal at Little Petherick last Saturday, the Rev. A. S. Roberts is the first to ring a hundred peals in Cornwall. Ninety-nine have been for the Truro Guild and one for the Devon Guild.

Herrick B. Bowley has realised one of his ambitions, that of ringing a peal on handbells. His question of 'What can I do to get my name in Belfry Gossip?' has been a standing joke with the Leicester Cathedral members for some time. It was his 150th peal and on the way to P.H.Q. he was collided into by a youthful cyclist and received a nasty cut on his leg. What Herrick said and did does not concern the Ringing Exercise, but to add to his soreness he raised a blister on his finger and this broke during the first quarter peal and he finished the peal with a very sore finger which was bleeding. He little thought the start of a handbell career was so cruel. Needless to say there was abundant sympathy extended to him.

Will readers please note that there was an error in the numbering of 'The Ringing World' on November 3rd. There will be no issue No. 2065.

In honour of the 81st birthday of Mr. Anderson Y. Tyler, of Irthlingborough, a peal of Minor was rung at Great Addington, Northants. on November 9th. Mr. Tyler is still ringing and working and is as cheerful as ever. He rang two peals of Superlative in 1949 and hopes to ring more. He has been known to make an excellent job of turning in to Surprise the 30 cwt. tenor of St. Neots and other heavy tenors in recent years.

In honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Nichols, of Rectory Cottage, Ducklington, near Witney, Oxon. 1,260 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury, 240 Bob Doubles, 120 April Day and 420 Grandsire) was rung at St. Aldate's, Oxford, on November 18th, by D. Woodley 1, Miss A. Rodwell (first quarter 'inside') 2, Miss M. Biederman 3, A. F. Barrett 4, W. Fenn (first quarter as conductor) 5, T. Bowles 6.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Last Tuesday was the 25th anniversary of Mr. James George turning in the tenor of St. Mary-le-Bow to a peal of 5,040 Kent Treble Bob Maximus in four hours and seven minutes. The tenor weighed 2 tons 13 cwt. 22 lbs. Mr. George was then 72 years of age; he performed a feat unsurpassed for a man of that age.

Miss Rosemary Seabrook, the latest life member of the Essex Association, impressed the company by the way she rang in a peal of Minor in four methods at Great Yeldham, Essex, on November 18th. 'She never made a single mistake,' writes the conductor.

Our friends at Piddlehinton, Dorset, are progressing. Ruth Jeanes (aged 12) and N. B. Davis (13) rang their first 720 on an 'inside' bell of Plain Bob Doubles on November 19th. Also in this young company were B. Cheeseman (16), I. T. Read (15), E. T. P. Field (conductor) and F. C. Davis.

Handbell ringers will appreciate the very fine performance at Burton-on-Stather by Mr. George E. Feirn and his band in ringing a peal of Spliced Major in 36 methods. It is the greatest number of Major methods yet rung to a peal. Congratulations to all concerned in setting such a high pinnacle of achievement for the Exercise.

After 12 months' exile in London, Mr. Percy W. Cave is back again in Liverpool ringing peals with his old friends. He has been travelling to London every Monday morning and back to Liverpool on Friday evenings. While he had been able to keep up his regular Sunday ringing at Halewood, he had not been available for many peals. Now transferred back to Liverpool he looks forward to resuming his old 'habits.'

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A NEW EIGHT IN NEW ZEALAND

Hamilton Cathedral's Long Awaited Day Christchurch Ringers' Long Trip for Opening Peal First Ringing Meeting in Dominion

ST. Peter's Cathedral, Hamilton, New Zealand, has now a ring of eight with a tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb., in E. The Cathedral has had this tenor since 1933 and in 1948 received a treble, the gift of the junior Ladies' Guild of the diocese. By Christmas Day, 1949, the fund to provide the remaining six was complete and an order was placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The bells arrived in August and, after a ceremony of blessing, were installed in the tower, the work being completed early in October.

For the opening ceremony six members of the Christchurch Cathedral Society—Messrs. N. Sloan (secretary), A. Lancefield (Master), N. Reeve, C. Hollobon, D. Sloan and C. Ward—set out on October 19th. There was first a 180 mile sea trip to Wellington, where a visit was paid to St. Peter's Church with its ring of eight (tenor 15 cwt.) which has not been rung for 20 years owing to the instability of the tower. Opportunity was also taken to see the National War Memorial Carillon, and Mr. S. Baker, carillonneur, explained the system of playing the 49 bells. The afternoon was spent in the home of Mr. S. H. Barnett, a 'long distance member' of the Society.

Wellington was left at 7.15 p.m. by the Night Limited express and Frankton Junction reached at 7 a.m., where the Very Rev. Dean Chandler, of Hamilton, and respective hosts awaited the visitors.

The first assembly of ringers was at 10.30 a.m., the visitors being joined by Squadron Leader Mason, R.A.F., who had travelled up from Wellington the day before to check the bells, and John de Lambert of the Christchurch Cathedral Society, who had made the journey by car. Other ringers present were Mr. A. J. White, of Auckland, formerly of Mitcham (his farewell peal was rung in 1908), Mr. Roberts, of Plymouth (formerly of Gravesend), and the Hamilton Cathedral ringers who, with the exception of Mr. D. Caldwell, had previously been taught the rudiments of changering at Christchurch.

The bells, all on ball bearings, were rung silent for a while in order to get used to the feel of them and then lowered to unlash them and to allow an inspection of the handiwork of Mr. A. C. Caldwell, district hydro electric engineer, who had installed them.

After lunch a short service was held in the Cathedral and the Te Deum sung by the large congregation.

Promptly at 2 p.m. the music of the bells was heard in rounds and Grandsire Triples for the first time over the city of Hamilton and the broadcasting station I.X.H.

CHERISHED AMBITION FULFILLED

Important though this moment was for everyone, it was particularly momentous for the Dean and Vestry of St. Paul's Cathedral, for it spelt the fulfilment of their most cherished ambition. It was on October 21st, 1948, soon after the induction and institution of the present Dean, that he first mentioned publicly the desire of the Bishop and Chapter to complete the ring of bells in the Cathedral. He named this as his first objective and it was indeed fitting that they should ring out for the first time on the second anniversary of the appeal.

The initial ringing over, the tower was unlocked to admit the other ringers and a number of visitors anxious to see how it was done. The Hamilton ringers all rang in rounds, the majority for the first time, and for the remainder of the afternoon an enjoyable Ringing

Meeting was held, believed to be the first of its kind in New Zealand. To terminate it on a good instructional note, a slow, well-struck touch of Bob Minor was rung on the back six by the more experienced ringers. It was acclaimed by the Dean and all listening, both inside and outside the belfry, as our 'show piece' of the day, and obviously served to convey to all potential campanologists present some of the excellencies of the Art.

In the evening, all members of the Christchurch Society except two, who were visiting friends, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Caldwell who, we fancy, were keen to see and hear the Society's set of handbells which our worthy secretary had been guarding well. This set of handbells (a fine 17 by Shaw) was bequeathed to the Society by the late Mr. J. Wilde, of Dunedin. Grandsire Caters, Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Doubles for the learners, all too quickly tapped the evening away and all retired at 10.30 p.m. happy, if very tired, to their places of rest.

The next day, Sunday, October 22nd, ringing commenced at 8.30 a.m. for choral communion service at 9 a.m., Grandsire Triples being the method rung. All ringers stayed to the service, the sermon of which was preached by the Rev. K. Liggett, of nearby Cambridge.

After the service the bells were rung again for half an hour until 11 a.m., as a friendly and appreciative gesture from the Dean to the other churches of the city.

THE PEAL

It was expected by the Dean, and previously mentioned in the local Press, that a peal attempt would be made by the Christchurch

Society while in Hamilton, and the Dean had kindly consented to our request that it be on Sunday afternoon, to allow more time on the Monday to put the Hamilton enthusiasts through their paces. The question was what to ring and be assured of a good chance of success! We all realised that the chances of being together again as a band in this north region were slender. Grandsire Triples was the favourite but the Master considered that, owing to lack of practice by all in the method, it would not be a 'first time bet.' and so Bob Minor on the back six was finally decided upon.

The afternoon was warm, 76°, causing the lucky six to strip off and prepare to sweat. This they were doing freely by the end of the first 720, but the bells were going well and everyone looked safe. Looks did not belie, for apart from an occasional irregularity of pace and a missed dodge or two, the peal was successfully accomplished in three hours and seven minutes. This made everyone happy, the large gathering of anxious listeners more so, it seemed, than the few blistered ringers, but who would care to say! Ringing for the evening service at 6.30 concluded our activities for the day, and a quiet evening, strolling round and drinking innumerable cups of tea, was had by all.

A PROGRESSIVE DAY

Monday was devoted to practising, both the Hamilton and Christchurch ringers having a progressive day. Good progress was made by the former in rounds and hunting and the latter rang touches in Grandsire, St. Simon's and Bob Doubles, St. Clement's and Bob Minor and Grandsire and Bob Triples. All wished that the company could be longer together, for a strong enthusiasm for new and better methods was rapidly taking form. Ringing terminated at 4.30 p.m. to allow everybody to 'get spruced up' for the parish tea at 6 p.m. This was a very jolly affair, the culmination, one might say, of the happy and friendly spirit of true Christian hosts, and an evening that we will long remember. All appropriate toasts were honoured, including 'Mears and Stainbank,' 'The Dean' and 'Visiting Ringers,' and speeches of various lengths and texture, but all on a very grateful note, were made and replied to. The Master of the Christchurch Society thanked the Dean and Wardens and people of Hamilton for making the trip for the opening ceremony of the bells possible and for the great welcome received. Some good handbell ringing was given by the Society during the course of the evening.

As a means of relaxation before departing south for home, a trip was arranged for the following day by Mr. A. C. Caldwell, to the Lake Karapiro and Arapuni dams and power houses. This was most enjoyable through countryside green with lush spring grass and hedges of blossoming hawthorn, with a stop at St. Andrew's Church, Cambridge, where the Rev. K. Liggett and ringers welcomed us and allowed us to have a go at chiming the Vickers ring of six.* The same evening virtually marked the ending of 'The Little Adventure,' for four members of the party boarded the south-bound express at 9.40 p.m., one had already gone north and one west, and the remainder were 'on vacation.'

A. J. L.



ST. CHAD'S, OVER

where the record peal of 21,600 Bristol Surprise Major was rung on November 4th.

* Four of these are hung for ringing but the tower is not strong enough or big enough to allow them to be swung up.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

VISITS BIRTHPLACE FOR 75th ANNIVERSARY MEETING

The 75th anniversary general meeting of the Association was held on Saturday, November 4th, at Birstall, birthplace of the Association on October 30th, 1875. It was to this West Riding overgrown village that the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon assembled a handful of enthusiastic ringers who had formerly held small meetings amongst themselves, mostly at private houses, culminating in the birth of the Yorkshire Association.

He became its first president, and it is a singular thing that, despite his early death, the Association has only had four presidents since its inception.

By kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. F. G. Patterson, the bells were available from 2.30 p.m. and made good use of during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise Major.

A meeting of the committee was held at 3 p.m. followed by a most enjoyable service, at which the address was given by the president, very appropriately so, as since the last meeting he had been appointed Archdeacon of Leeds, bringing attendant prestige to the Association.

AN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Tea followed in the schools, after which the Vicar of Birstall was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, together with the churchwardens, for the use of the bells. In reply, the Vicar said he was delighted to have the Association at Birstall, and was glad to welcome them. It was the first church that he had had charge of that possessed a ring of bells, and he felt proud to have as his charge a tower with such historical associations. He had to leave for another engagement and wished the Yorkshire Association success and continued prosperity.

At the business meeting which followed, the chair was taken by the president, supported by the general secretary (Mr. L. W. G. Morris), the hon. treasurer (Mr. F. S. Palmer) and the retiring peal secretary (Mr. W. Barton). Apologies for absence were received from J. B. Hutchinson, A. H. Fox, R. B. Smith, J. Ambler and H. Chant.

After confirmation of the minutes, the president said how glad they were to have the Western District secretary, Mr. W. Ambler, with them again, and congratulated him on his recovery from illness. They mourned the loss of the former vice-president, Mr. George Lewis—a household word in the sphere of composition—and Mr. Joseph Kellet, of Birstall.

A hearty vote of thanks to the local company was accorded on the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. H. Loffhouse, and suitably acknowledged by Mr. S. Britton.

The president announced that in the absence of any specific invitation, the committee proposed that the next meeting should be held at Guiseley on January 20th. Mr. P. J. Johnson moved and Mr. W. Barton seconded that the committee's proposal be accepted if the necessary arrangements could be made. Mr. A. C. Walsh, of Guiseley said they would be pleased to entertain the Association as suggested, and it was unanimously decided to accept.

The president reported that the committee had considered an application from Harfield to be transferred from the Eastern District to the Southern District, and had agreed to the transfer. An application for a grant from the bell repair fund by the Scarborough company had also been accepted to.

NOW 1,520 MEMBERS

Some considerable time was then spent in an historical picture of the life and development of the Association, the president reading the minutes of the first meeting, and giving a list of the founder members. Mr. P. J. Johnson had vivid recollections of many of the early ones, and Mr. J. W. Moxon said he was particularly glad to be at this meeting as his father attended the foundation meeting 75 years ago. The past

75 years had seen the Association grow from 53 members to 1,520.

Mr. C. McGuiness brought fraternal greetings and best wishes from the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, which was greatly appreciated by all present.

The president remarked on the coming Festival of Britain, and suggested, where local festival weeks were arranged, ringing wherever possible should be included in the programme.

SNOWDON DINNER

Mr. H. Walker said he had made enquiries about the possibility of arranging the Snowdon Dinner at York next year, and was confident it could be done. This was very well received, and will have the earnest attention of the committee at its next meeting.

The following new members were elected: Charles Thornton, Edwin Hirst and Tony Hudson, of Mirfield; Mervyn Storey and Miss Mavis Macvean, of St. Chad's, Headingley, and Jack Turner, of Northwram.

Mr. E. Hudson rose to congratulate the president on his appointment as Archdeacon of Leeds, pointing out that their former president, Canon C. C. Marshall, had been appointed an Hon. Canon of Ripon Cathedral, and that the Venerable C. O. Ellison had brought a new prestige to the Association by virtue of his new calling in the same diocese.

In acknowledgment, the president said he regretted that, in the Press reports of his appointment, little or no mention was made of the fact that he was the president of the Yorkshire Association, but the whims and fancies of editors were unpredictable. He was grateful for the speaker's kind references, and hoped that, in spite of the increased responsibilities attendant upon his new appointment, he would be able to serve the Association as they would wish.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Mr. P. J. Johnson said he was very perturbed in reading through the names published on the Ringers' Roll of Honour, and was certain that there must be more than the two given for the Yorkshire Association. He appealed to all members and tower secretaries who knew of any member, either Forces or Civilian, who had paid the supreme sacrifice to send particulars to the general secretary immediately.

This concluded the business, and an adjournment was then made to the tower by most of the younger members for further ringing, whilst the goodly muster of older ones continued their reminiscences of early events in the life of the Association.

L. W. G. M.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

At the meeting held on November 25th, at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, the following officers were elected for the ensuing 12 months.

Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, Master; Mr. A. B. Peck, secretary; Mr. A. A. Hughes, treasurer; Mr. J. G. A. Prior, senior steward; Mr. F. E. Collins, junior steward; Mr. H. G. Miles and Mr. W. H. Pasmore, trustees.

RINGERS' SERVICE AT MITCHAM

A well-attended ringers' service was held at Christ Church, Mitcham, on November 19th and 27 took part in the ringing from 5.30 to 6.30 and 7.45 to 8.30.

The towers represented were: Christ Church, Mitcham; St. Mary's, Wimbledon; St. Leonard's and Emmanuel, Streatham; Merton; Bushey; Ruislip; Battersea; Lewisham; Putney; Kingsbury; Northaw and Southwark. Ringing consisted of touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob Minor Kent T. B. and Cambridge Minor.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells during the service by four Streatham ringers, which was much appreciated by a large congregation. Thanks are due to all who helped to make the service a success.

OBITUARY

MR. P. O. BAKER

The ringers of Gillingham, Dorset, have suffered a severe loss by the death of Percival Osmond Baker, for many years captain of the band.

Born in the neighbouring village of Semley, Wilts, he learnt to ring there at an early age, and last New Year's Eve he revisited his native place and joined with the local band in ringing in the New Year in the same tower where he had first had that experience 50 years before.

Over 40 years ago he settled in Gillingham as a garage proprietor and soon began to take an active interest in the eight bells of the Parish Church. His enthusiasm and genial disposition made him a welcome personality among the ringers of the district, and while he exercised a stimulating influence in his own belfry, he frequently visited neighbouring towers and made it his habit to join in practices at Mere. It was a great shock to his many friends when after six weeks' illness he passed away at the age of 68.

The funeral service on November 15th was conducted by the Rev. E. L. Seager, Vicar of Gillingham, assisted by the Rev. F. L. Edwards and the Rev. W. Uphill, secretary of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Guild, and was attended by a large gathering which included ringers from ten parishes in Dorset, Somerset and Wilts.

In the evening many members of the Salisbury Guild and the Bath and Wells Association joined with the Gillingham band in ringing muffled touches as a last solemn tribute to a keen ringer, a loyal churchman and a valued friend.

F. L. EDWARDS.

MR. W. G. THORPE

Mr. William George Thorpe, whose death at the age of 63 years, at Grantham, Lincs, was announced in 'The Ringing World' of last week, will be remembered by many friends over a wide area, especially in Grantham and district.

A regular Sunday service ringer, a good striker and very capable conductor, he was always ready to help young ringers.

He had been a member of St. Wulfram's band, Grantham, for 41 years, and had rung just over a hundred peals. He was a member of the Lincoln Diocesan and Midland Counties Guilds.

The interment took place at Grantham Cemetery on November 15th, following the funeral service at the Parish Church. A good number of ringers and other friends attended.

In the evening the bells of St. Wulfram's were rung half-muffled by members of the local band and visiting ringers from Bottesford, Caythorpe and Hough-on-the-Hill, as a token of respect to a good ringer.

H. R. W.

DR. T. WOOD, Mus.Doc

The whole country will mourn the loss of Dr. Thomas Wood, Mus. Oxon., of Bures, Suffolk.

He was a great friend of all ringers and was due to countersign the contract for the new trebles to be installed in St. Mary's tower to complete the octave. Dr. Wood and his wife were giving the treble and the second was being given by public subscription to commemorate the Festival of Britain.

It has now been decided that the augmentation shall be to Dr. Wood's memory.

His passing will be received with great regret throughout Australia, where he was greatly loved. He returned from one of his many visits to London in connection with music by the midnight train on November 18th and passed away very suddenly just before the ringing for Matins on Sunday. He was 58 years of age.

L. D. M.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE AXMINSTER TRAGEDY

Mr. E. H. Lewis recalls that in his presidential address to the West of Scotland Iron and Steel Institute in 1924 he quoted to a Mr. W. A. Millar the case of *Re v. Churchwardens of Axminster 16 Chas II. (1676)* and received back the following verses dedicated to E. H. L. :—

This simple tale that you restage,
From Ellacombe's archaic page—
Its spartan briefness, drama, tense,
Have touched my poor historic sense,
And I can see 'mid lawyers' wrangling,
'One Brockhurst' from the belfrope dangling,
(Town of Axminster, famous reckoned
For Carpets; Time: King Charles the Second),
So full of beer or pious frenzy
That in a twinkling his life ends he,
'Caught up,' like old Elijah, Bitter?
Why, no sir! *Sic ad astra itur.*

Perchance—a martyr—he foresaw
A problem in the ancient law,
And flung his neck, with the halter,
Upon the sacrificial altar,
Hoping his death, thus greatly planned,
Would help define the Deodand.

Alas, my pen records with pain
That gallant Brockhurst died in vain!

For though 'twas banded to and fro
Whether the Bell was 'fixed' or no,
And wardens of the Church were bent
To prove it 'hereditament':
While Rex's Counsel made great battle
To show it but a 'Tenant's chattel':
The Church's case being—blunt and bold—
That it was fixed to the freehold,
While answer came for Rex and people
That Bell was only tied in Steeple,
And bound—so rang the further pleas—
With paltry pines and cunning keys,
Four Judges of King's Bench Division
Quite failed to reach a clear decision—
(Poor Brockhurst's shade, oh how incensed!)—
For two were 'For' and two 'Against.'

And to this day throughout the land,
Such Bells are doubtful Deodand.

EPILOGUE.

And still we seek, with pen and parchment,
To solve such problems of 'attachment'!

Two hundred years and fifty gone
The seekers then went searching on:
Two hundred years and fifty hence
Our Trades and Courts and Parliaments
Will still conform to 'wont and use',
And what is 'fixed' and what is 'loose',
W. A. M.

The old English law whereby a personal chattel which caused death was forfeited to the Crown as deodand was repealed in 1846.

CHRIST CHURCH, OXFORD, RECORDED

Dear Sir,—We thought it might be of interest to the Exercise to know that the B.B.C. has recently made a recording of the bells of Christ Church Cathedral which is to be relayed by the New Zealand Broadcasting Company some time in December in connection with the Canterbury Settlement Centenary Festivities.

We rang a very nice touch of Grandsire Cinques for this and afterwards heard it back in the Great Quadrangle of Christ Church from the B.B.C. recording van and it sounded very good. A piece of ancient stone from Christ Church Cathedral here has been sent out to New Zealand to be built into the Cathedral of Christ Church, New Zealand.—Yours faithfully,

V. BENNETT, Hon. Secretary.
Oxford Society of Change Ringers.
Headington, Oxford.

BROCAS BELL

Dear Sir,—I was interested in the letters of Messrs. N. Mallett and M. J. Horseman in a recent issue, but at once looked up the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe's 'The Church Bells of Devon,' from which I quote a few extracts.

Axminster: February, 1662 (not 1663), 'One Brockhurst (or Brocas) ringing a bell in the church was strangled by the rope of the third bell (one of the original six). For the King it was argued that the bell "shall be forfeited as a satisfaction for blood to be disposed of by the King to other pious uses." Two judges were of opinion that the bell was not a deodand (i.e., must be forfeited to the Crown for pious uses), the other two seemed of a contrary opinion; but nothing further was done in the case.'

In a Revised Supplement to Charles Pearson's 'Ringers' Guide' it is stated about the present eight bells that 'the old fifth (which has a curious history) is hung above.'

Widcombe-in-the-Moor: Ellacombe gives the inscription on the third bell as follows: 'Gathered of The Young Men and Mayds Fyftene' (the word 'pounds' does not occur), and inserts a footnote to the effect that there is a bell at Fordingbridge, Hants, inscribed 'Young men and mayds made me 1665.' In the light of the above can Mr. Mallett tell us why the bell was replaced, and did Mr. Horseman read the inscription himself or only see an alleged copy of it?—Yours faithfully,

E. V. COX.

Ottery St. Mary.

PEALS AT TIBSHELF

Dear Sir,—I may be able to help Mr. H. T. Rooke regarding his enquiry in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World' as to dates of previous peals at Tibshelf, Derbyshire.

I have taken part in two peals there, i.e., one of six methods on June 6th, 1931 (conducted by H. Lowman) and one of three methods on July 1st, 1933 (conducted by J. England).

As far as I am aware, the previous peal to those was rung in July, 1909, and I have no knowledge of any other peal having been rung on the bells.—Yours faithfully,

W. TOMLINSON.

Lincoln.

MAKE THE OUTSIDER WELCOME

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, express my regret that so many ringers, while lamenting the lack of understanding of ringers' tastes shown by non-ringers, do nothing to establish a contact which would probably encourage that understanding.

I feel very strongly that when a non-ringer asks to be allowed to watch the ringing, he should be made as welcome as any Surprise ringer. We welcome ringers who are often strangers to us, therefore why should we not welcome our fellow townsmen or villagers, even if they do not share our interest? We do not have to be able to play an orchestral instrument to attend a concert, why then should we have to be a ringer to enter a belfry?

Bellringing is one of the oldest of our English arts and if more people knew 'how it worked' there would not be the number of ignorant statements made which throw so many ringers into a state of rage!

When non-ringers are welcomed to the ringing chamber, I think it is essential that they should be shown how a bell works and told a little about change-ringing. I am quite aware that in many cases this is not practicable through the bells being inaccessible to all but the very steady-headed, but where a staircase leads right into the belfry, it needs only one reliable person to conduct a small party thither. Failing this, why not have a working model in the ringing chamber? It would save a lot of trouble.

Finally, I would like to say that I know there are many bands of ringers who put into practice all I have said, and I admire those tower leaders who always have a few minutes for the outsider, however crowded (or empty) the belfry may be.—Yours faithfully,

STELLA M. WICKENS.

Bishop Otter College,
Chichester.

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

I do not think any tribute has been rung to mark the passing of this great writer and it does seem to me some reference to the late G.B.S. should appear in such a journal as ours.

No two people will agree concerning this man; he has been described as an atheist yet his writings and lectures seem to reveal that the sage had a more intimate knowledge of God than is vouchsafed to the majority of us.

What did Shaw think of church bells? If one reads and studies his masterpiece—'St. Joan'—one gets the impression that he was deeply moved by the sound of them. Joan says—'It is in the bells I hear my voices, not to-day when they all rang, that was nothing but gangling.' Had Shaw heard some bad striking or had he detected the great difference between Continental ringing and our English method? Joan goes on to say—'Where the bells come down from heaven, and the echoes linger, or in the fields where they come from a distance through the quiet of the countryside. . . .'

Later in the play when St. Joan pictures the life she will have to lead in perpetual imprisonment, she said she could renounce the material comforts of life 'if only I could still hear the wind in the trees, the larks in the sunshine, the young lambs crying through the healthy frost, and the blessed, blessed, church bells that send my angel voices floating to me on the wind.'

Did the most ardent campanologist ever write a greater tribute to our church bells? A peal 'in memoriam' G.B.S. would not be out of place, preferably rung by a notable company.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR V. DAVIS

Bournemouth.

PROGRESS FROM WALES

Dear Sir,—It is now six months since Porthkerry, in the Vale of Glamorgan, had two trebles added to its ring of four, and readers may be interested to hear of progress since.

We made a start on Grandsire, but did not stay long on it before moving to Plain Bob Doubles, noting the similarities. As soon as we could ring Plain Bob competently we made the slight alteration necessary to turn it into Reverse Canterbury. April Day was then rung to combine Grandsire and Plain Bob before moving on to St. Simon's.

Having rung Double Bob Minimus on the old four, St. Simon's front work gave us no trouble, and knowing Plain Bob made the rest of the work simple. We had, in between times, rung several courses of Bob Minor, so with St. Simon's Double accomplished, we rang our first plain courses of St. Clement's Minor. We want to ring New Doubles, with its St. Simon's front work, before settling down to consolidate the ground gained; we then propose to learn Stedman.

It will be noted that the methods rung lead on from one another, but for a band starting almost from scratch we think it a good six months' work. We have 14 ringers, including learners; only a few, of course, have done all the work listed, and some are only now picking up plain hunting.

The ringers have creosoted all the woodwork in the tower, limewashed the inside walls, and installed electric light. The bells and fittings receive regular attention from the steeplekeeper, and continue to go well.

We extend a warm welcome to anyone wishing to visit the tower.—Yours faithfully,

L. J. MALINGS.

Rhoose, Glam.

TOWER CORNER (19)

'METHOD-LEARNING: DIVISIONS AND LINKS.'

Dear Improvers.—Continuing with Lesson XI. We shall examine the blocks of change-rows which we have come to know as a 'Division,' such blocks being 'linked' together to form the larger block of rows, known as the 'plain course' of the method.

TERMS.

But first, a reminder, that we are making a special effort in this course of instruction to avoid using ringing terms in more senses or meanings than one. Such words include 'lead,' 'course,' etc., to which we shall give one particular meaning only. Other words such as 'changes,' 'lead-ends,' etc., we shall avoid using altogether as even more misleading, and because there are preferable substitutes, e.g., 'change-rows' and 'links.' Moreover we shall try to make statements of general, rather than of particular, application; so that you may form your conclusions more independently. For example, our reference to 'methods' will imply both 'principles,' by which is generally understood omni-working systems such as Stedman, and hunt-controlled methods, having one or more bells with an unvaried hunt, such as Grandsire.

METHOD STAGES.

At this point we give a table of names of the various 'stages' of methods on both odd and even rings of bells.

Odd-numbered Rings of bells	Stage-name	Even-numbered Rings of bells	Stage-name
3	Singles	4	Minimus
5	Doubles	6	Minor
7	Triples	8	Major
9	Caters	10	Royal
11	Cinques	12	Maximus

It is interesting to note that the names of the 'odd' stages are derived from the number of transits normally occurring from change-row to change-row.

ANALYSING A DIVISION

Older ringers will recognise the C.C. term 'division,' which we introduced last time, as meaning what they often call a 'lead of changes' in a 'treble dominated' method, e.g., Plain Bob. But it also stands for 'sets' of change-rows, as we saw, in a 'principle,' i.e., a method with no hunt-control bell, such as Stedman.

GRID PATTERN.

Now we have already learnt that a change-row is formed from its preceding row by the introduction of one or more transits: a transit being the mutual exchange of positions of a pair of neighbouring bells. The number and arrangement of transits between one row and the next, and the form in which these arrangements succeed one another constitutes the character or pattern of the method. If the numbers representing the bells be written out in rows vertically successive, the figures will form columns also. In fact they may be written down most conveniently on squared paper. The rectangle of squares to accommodate the figures is known as a 'grid.' The name is derived not only from the grid-like structure of this frame-work, but also from the fact that for detailed analysis of the framework a system of notation of its squares is employed similar to that used for a grid of map-squares. (The application of this scheme comes in a later Section of this Course, but it has been briefly explained in passing.) Now if lines joining all figures of the same denomination be drawn neatly from square to square, an interesting network pattern of the method results. This is known as the 'grid-pattern.' It is far easier to study a method by its grid-pattern than by any other known means.

TYPICAL HUNT-CONTROLLED GRID.

Let us take a look at a division, first of all, of a hunt-controlled method. (See fig. 7.). We will take, as typical, the Minor stage of the method known as 'St. Clement's Bob,' simply

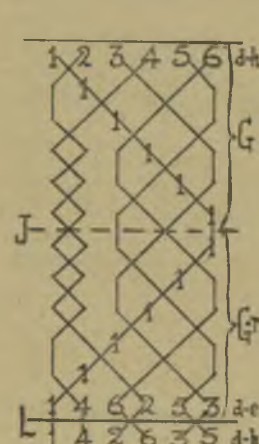


Fig. 7. The Grid-pattern of a Division of a hunt-controlled method.

using d-h row, 142635, is also given to show the form of Link (a second's place one) between the divisions in this method. Positions of Links (L) are marked by continuous transverse lines. The dotted transverse line (J) marks the position of the Junction of the two halves of the Division, for indeed every Division comprises two similar halves.

AXIS OF SYMMETRY.

This dotted junction-line across the grid is also called the 'axis of reflection' or 'axis of symmetry' of a Division; and it is important, now, to see why. At the close of our previous instalment we spoke of appreciating 'a more important factor to be discussed next time.' This factor is that of the symmetry in the structure of a Division—a symmetry about the axis of reflection just mentioned. If you take a thin pocket mirror, such as from a lady's handbag, and place it edgewise along the junction, facing the upper half of the Division but leaning back slightly, the reflection of the upper half of the pattern may be seen to be identical with the pattern of the lower half on the paper behind the mirror. Thus the two halves are mutually reflective. (See * below.) Or again, if you place a piece of translucent tracing paper over figure 7. above, and draw in the grid-pattern and the axis; then remove the paper and 'reflect' it, (bend it backwards) along the axis line, you will observe, on holding the folded paper up to the light, that the two halves of the pattern of the Division coincide exactly. In short, the structure of a Division is symmetrical about its junction. From this it follows that the same pattern features are to be found in change-rows equidistant from the junction, above and below it. (Test this!)

SECOND AXIS.

Before leaving this material question of symmetry of Divisions, it is important to note that in a group of change-rows extending through more than one Division there is a second position where an axis of symmetry can be drawn. This may be visualised more readily by reference, again, to fig. 7. The rows in the first half-division are bracketed as 'G,' this portion being what is called the 'Grid' of the method. The rows in the second half are bracketed as 'G-r' (grid-reflect), being simply the reflection of the rows in 'G.' From this it follows that all we need for making out a method

in any given stage is the group of rows in 'G,' or the Grid. (This is often unwisely called a 'half-lead.' It is unwise because 'half-lead' usually means the row either just above or just below the Junction; but more especially because in methods like Stedman, with no hunt-bell, it is meaningless.) However, please imagine another Division following on below the one in fig. 7. Now consider the group of change-rows beginning with the G-r set of rows and continuing with the following G set of rows. We saw above (see * in previous paragraph), that these groups are mutually reflective; so that the line between them must also be a reflection-axis. This is the Link, as we have seen. So that axes of reflection are found at both the Junction and the Link. Test this by (a) inspection, (b) mirror, and (c) tracing paper.

HALF AND HALF.

It follows that in any and every method (according to established practice), whether it be hunt-controlled or otherwise, there are two positions in the row-succession where the grid-pattern reflects upon itself. In the same way we shall discover that there are two positions in the blue line of any and every method where the pattern of the bell-path 'reflects' upon itself. In this highly-important conclusion lies the basis of the modern system of learning methods. Indeed, you may now recall that in Lesson X, we drew attention to the way in which the Stedman figures start off with half a 'six,' and we said that the very important significance of this fact would come out in our study of method structure, as arising from the principle of symmetry.

In our next lesson we will study the structure of the Stedman method, with which we began, noting particularly the arrangement of its Division.—Cordially yours.

CORN. R. STONE.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD NORTH NOTTS BRANCH AT EDWINSTOWE

The meeting of the North Notts Branch at Edwinstowe on November 11th proved to be an attraction, some 34 ringers, including a newly-formed local band and visitors from Lincolnshire, Derbyshire and Yorkshire, representing 17 towers, were present.

The bells, a light ring, 6½ cwt., were raised just after 2.30 and kept going until 5 p.m. when tea was served.

Afterwards a brief meeting was held in the church, preceded by a short prayer by the Rev. W. B. Evans, who was most pleased to welcome the members to Edwinstowe. The place of the December meeting was arranged for Barlborough on December 9th. The collection for the Bell Repair Fund amounted to 13s. 9d.

Thanks were accorded to the Rev. W. B. Evans for the use of the bells and there seemed every hope of the local band joining the Guild. It is 12 years since this tower had a Guild member.

Some sixteen Minor methods were rung during the day including six in Surprise.

JOINT MEETING AT BECCLES

A joint meeting of the Suffolk Guild and East Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Association was held at Beccles on November 4th, 40 members attending. Ringing started at 2.30 and tea was served at the Co-op Restaurant.

The Rev. A. S. J. Heard, president of the Norwich Association, thanked the churchwardens for the use of the bells, and also Mr. B. R. Goate, Master of Beccles tower, for arranging the tea.

It was proposed by members of East Norfolk Branch to hold their annual meeting at Gorleston on February 24th, 1951.

Ringling was resumed after tea until about 9 p.m. Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Kent and Plain Royal, Bristol, Cambridge, Double Norwich, Plain Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and rounds for learners were rung. Ringers from Isleworth were also present.

J. H.

QUARTER PEALS

ASHCOTT, BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Keith Prime 1, Miss Sylvia Dean 2, G. Bird 3, D. Emery 4, W. Cavill (cond.) 5, W. Somers 6.

BARWELL, LEICS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Hough 1, R. Lord 2, W. P. Whitehead 3, J. Hill 4, T. C. Belton 5, C. R. Belton (cond.) 6, T. H. Duncombe 7, A. H. Hough 8. First quarter in method for 1 and 8.

BATHWICK, BATH.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, half-muffled: K. F. Medway 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, Miss Betty Smith 3, E. J. Fry 4, E. F. White 5, J. Hallett 6, R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, P. R. Stubbs 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's Church, on Nov. 8th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. J. Turner 1, Miss Evelyn Fletcher (first of Surprise) 2, G. E. Fearn (cond.) 3, A. Jones 4, H. H. Fearn 5, J. F. Harvey 6, W. E. Thompson 7, J. Pinfold 8.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Walker 1, C. Gregory 2, R. Blond 3, C. Corderoy 4, F. James (cond.) 5, C. Aldridge 6, H. Aldridge 7, C. Corderoy 8. For the wedding of Miss Pam Westbury and Mr. E. J. Grace, a regular service ringer at this church.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's Church on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Cooté 1, Miss J. Gibbons 2, B. Gould 3, F. Price 4, M. Best 5, A. G. Rose 6, H. A. Mitchell (cond.) 7, J. E. Daniels 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the late Rev. R. F. Routh.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 19th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: R. T. Lambert 1, R. E. Lambert 2, F. J. Lambert 3, A. E. Richardson 4, B. V. Collison 5, S. G. Waters 6, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 7, W. A. Kitchenside 8. Rung half-muffled after the dedication of a tablet in the church in memory of the fallen in the late war, by the Bishop of Lewes.

BYFIELD, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. E. Smith 1, F. W. Hutt 2, V. A. Perry 3, D. W. Lewis (first 'inside') 4, S. G. Osborne (cond.) 5, W. J. Haynes 6. Rung on the occasion of the christening of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Lewis.

CASSINGTON, OXON.—On Nov. 11th, 1,440 Cambridge Minor: Miss D. M. Panting 1, Miss E. Brown 2, J. B. Guy 3, W. G. Thomas 4, F. Wright 5, R. B. Meadows (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge for 3 and 6.

CHEWTON MENAPI, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Atwell 1, D. Gardner 2, S. Poole 3, S. Riches 4, W. Smith 5, J. Turner 6, V. Mills (cond.) 7, A. Hargreaves 8.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: B. Brain 1, J. Tonkin (first quarter) 2, G. Lucas 3, D. Upshall (first quarter) 4, T. Tyers (cond.) 5, L. Piper 6. First of Bob Doubles for all the band.

CLAPTON, LONDON.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, with tenor covering: Miss G. L. Friswell 1, Miss I. B. Cording 2, Miss J. H. Friswell 3, M. Sinden 4, R. K. C. Wilkins 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, K. C. Seeger 7. Rung half-muffled in memory of H. J. Slade, a very dear friend of the ringers and churchwarden for many years, who passed away on Oct. 31st in his 89th year.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 12th, 240 Plain Bob Doubles and 1,020 Grandsire Doubles: H. Cummings 1, E. J. Lambert 2, J. Higgins (cond.) 3, F. Lambert 4, E. R. Lambert 5, F. Tustain 6. In memory of the late E. C. Lambert.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Mellor (first quarter) 1, G. H. Paulson 2, Norma Howes 3, Dorothy J. Dunn 4, H. W. Gregory 5, D. Scott 6, H. E. Taylor (cond.) 7, N. Hotchin 8.

DRONFIELD, DERBYS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: B. Knights (cond.) 1, Miss E. Bellerby 2, W. Allwood 3, T. Barker 4, Sam Scattergood 5, G. C. Lawrence 6, S. Lawrence 7, J. Sykes 8. First of Major for 2, 4, 6, 7. Rung for the birthday of the donor of the two trebles.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Court Triples: F. Kaye 1, Miss W. Wilkinson 2, C. Cook 3, J. Bartram 4, H. Denman 5, W. Coates 6, K. Beardsall (cond.) 7, H. Willows 8. First quarter in method by all the band.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Pottinger 1, E. J. Lindley (cond.) 2, Margaret Howard 3, H. E. Good 4, C. W. Munday 5, R. Tomlin 6, J. E. Beams 7, D. Donalds (first quarter) 8. Rung for the 21st birthday of Margaret Howard.

GLOSSOP, DERBYS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss E. Wise 1, N. Allan 2, D. Ogden 3, F. Booth 4, N. Haile 5, H. Bradshaw 6, B. Walshaw 7, F. Johnson (cond.) 8. First quarter of Kent Treble Bob for 1 and 5.

HINKLEY, LEICS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss N. Marklew 1, A. Ballard 2, A. Jordan 3, Miss J. Bray (first in method) 4, H. Duncombe 5, Ridgeway 6, E. Vallance (cond.) 7, F. Mellor 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Marklew 1, E. Sowman 2, Miss J. Bray 3, Miss D. Benford (first quarter) 4, W. Aldridge 5, B. Ridgeway 6, A. Ballard (cond.) 7, F. Mellor 8.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. D. Ashdown 1, J. Salway 2, A. G. Betts 3, D. Callard 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. H. W. 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. R. Retter 8. Rung after the funeral of Mr. W. H. Read, former ringer at this church, and member of the choir for over 80 years.

HORNSEY, LONDON.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Blee 1, W. G. Kingston 2, D. H. Kingston 3, Miss E. M. Fadden (first as cond.) 4, R. P. Crump 5, J. Cutmore 6. Rung for the dedication of the Garden of Remembrance at St. Mary's, Hornsey.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Remembrance Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Biggs 1, R. Biggs 2, J. Biggs 3, R. Blaby 4, N. Cornwall 5, F. D. Boreham 6, P. Newton (cond.) 7, V. Evans 8. Rung half-muffled. On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. D. Kape 1, I. S. Biggs 2, A. Newton 3, A. E. Cox 4, R. Blaby 5, R. Biggs 6, W. Lee (first in method as cond.) 7, F. Cox 8. Rung half-muffled prior to the service of dedication of a war memorial plaque.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Kebble 1, P. Webb (cond.) 2, D. Bonham 3, S. Kebble 4, L. Flitton 5, R. Griggs 6, G. Tilley 7, W. Smoother 8. First quarter for 1, 3, 4, 6. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect for Dr. Newman (churchwarden), who died very suddenly.

IFFLEY, OXON.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Baker 1, C. Bennett 2, L. Busby (cond.) 3, D. Woodley 4, W. Fern 5, G. Webb 6. Rung for the wedding in South Africa of Miss Rosemary Allen, of Iffley.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—At St. Mary Abbot's on Nov. 19th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: G. Dodds 1, E. J. Lindley 2, Miss F. A. Edgar 3, D. N. Layton 4, L. J. Fox 5, T. G. Fox 6, B. D. Threlfall (first on 10 as cond.) 7, C. W. Outley 8, D. E. Parsons 9, R. F. B. Speed 10.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Remembrance Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, half-muffled: J. Backshall 1, W. Small 2, C. D. Linington (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. Backshall 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, R. A. Cragg 6.

KISLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): R. Minney 1, P. Amos 2, W. R. Paul 3, E. G. Bennett 4, H. Wooding (cond.) 5.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 12th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Smith 1, V. Ambrose (first of Kent 'inside') 2, S. H. Symonds 3, F. F. Mortlock 4, F. Boreham 5, L. Offord 6, W. Jarvis 7, L. Pryke 8. A compliment to Miss O. B. Lambert, a local ringer, and Mr. F. Day, captain of St. Mary's ringers, Preston, on their engagement.

LINDLEY, YORKS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,950 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Aaron 1, F. Popplewell 2, H. Roberts 3, W. Dransfield 4, G. Gee 5, A. Hinchcliffe 6, A. W. Bond (cond.) 7, A. Rothery 8.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Townend 1, A. Rothery 2, C. Aaron 3, W. Dransfield 4, J. Pearson 5, A. Hinchcliffe 6, A. W. Bond 7, G. Gee (cond.) 8.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM, LANCs.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Dare 1, E. Leyland 2, Audrey Seville 3, H. Armstead 4, F. Mellor 5, J. Brooks 6, I. Kay 7, M. Mitten (cond.) 8. First quarter of Stedman for 2, 3 and 8.

MORECAMBE, LANCs.—On Oct. 28th, 1,344 Bob Major: Miss M. Braithwaite 1, Miss D. Schofield 2, F. Schofield 3, G. Braithwaite (cond.) 4, Miss B. Schofield 5, H. Rainford 6, H. Palmer 7, R. Rainford 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. D. Swain, who died October 25th.

MORTON, DERBYS.—On Nov. 19th, 720 Norwich Surprise, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. E. Gough 1, E. G. Holdgate 2, P. H. Wright 3, R. M. E. Richards 4, E. J. Sterland (cond.) 5, W. Swain 6.

NEWTON-MAKERFIELD, LANCs.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Redgwail 1, R. F. Davies 2, A. E. G. Owen 3, E. W. Colley 4, C. E. Edwards (cond.) 5, K. Edwards (first quarter) 6. Rung on the back six.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Desponds 1, F. Burgess 2, G. F. Roope 3, E. G. Bennett 4, A. Beckwith 5, T. Jennings 6, W. R. Hammons (cond.) 7, A. E. Sibley 8. A silver wedding compliment to A. E. Sibley.

OLDHAM, LANCs.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (half-muffled): J. Fletcher 1, O. Moores 2, Miss M. J. Jaggar 3, A. F. Taylor (cond.) 4, G. Taylor (first quarter) 5, A. J. Baker 6, F. Pritchard 7, E. Casterton 8.

OXFORD.—On Nov. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Isles 1, Miss E. M. Roe 2, Miss S. Rymer 3, N. G. McCrum 4, W. G. Thomas 5, E. H. Edge (cond.) 6. Rung on St. Hugh's Day. At St. Ebbe's on Nov. 19th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: Miss E. Brown 1, Miss S. V. Rymer 2, Miss R. M. K. How 3, W. G. Thomas 4, M. E. H. Barrow 5, P. Broader 6, N. G. McCrum 7, R. B. Meadows (cond.) 8. First of Rutland by all except conductor.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Nov. 12th, half-muffled, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7.6.8 covering): Miss M. Bastone 1, R. Davies 2, T. Malin 3, B. Cheadle 4, R. Molforth (cond.) 5, A. Morris 6, B. Johnson 7, J. Davies 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 6 and 7.

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob Doubles and 780 Grandsire Doubles): S. Petter 1, S. C. Baker 2, F. Cherryman (cond.) 3, E. Sherwood 4, J. Avenall 5, R. Boyllett 6. First quarter by 2 and 6. Rung for the 55th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Thompson. Mr. Thompson has been a ringer here for over 62 years.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 12th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: E. A. Jackson 1, N. D. Lomas 2, E. Houldsworth 3, W. Shaw 4, S. Sage 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled to commemorate Remembrance Day.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 14th, 1,440 Minor, being one extent each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob: A. Jones 1, J. Holbrook 2, D. Hoare (cond.) 3, H. Griffin 4, T. M. Griffin 5, F. Carter 6. A birthday compliment to A. Jones.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Remembrance Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Plumridge 1, T. A. Cross 2, J. Hales 3, C. D. Chantler 4, B. Edwards 5, Eric Naylor (first in method as cond.) 6, W. J. Walker 7, G. A. Naylor 8. Rung half-muffled.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean A. Brooks 1, Mary A. Carpenter 2, Mary C. Payne 3, Diana Segl (first quarter) 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, H. Humphreys 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7.6.8 covering): L. Mole 1, H. J. Jones 2, J. Corbett 3, J. W. Jones 4, J. W. Humphries (first as cond.) 5, A. E. Hughes 6, A. J. Collins 7, T. E. Hughes 8. First quarter 1, 4, 6 and 8. Rung as a farewell to L. Mole prior to joining H.M. Forces. First quarter peal on the bells since rehanging and augmenting in July, 1949.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Rumens 1, F. C. Maynard 2, H. J. Ranzetta 3, E. E. Holman 4, J. H. Crampion (cond.) 5, C. T. W. Coles 6, C. E. Willmington 7, F. C. Taylor 8.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—On Nov. 18th, at St. Maurice's, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. Keen 1, P. N. Bond 2, R. Currie 3, W. Harrison 4, H. D. Buckingham 5, J. A. C. King (first quarter as cond.) 6. First in method for 1, 3, 5 and 6.

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56324	—	—	Vi Ki Pu St
35624	—	—	Pa Av Cr Pu DO
62354	—	—	St Ro Ki Co St
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Rung at Burton-on-Stather, Lincs, on November 11th, 1950.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The last meeting of the year of the Shropshire Association was held at Church Stretton on November 18th.

Some enthusiasts had arranged an hour's ringing at the nearby Hope Bowdler where Plain Bob, Kent, Grandsire and Stedman were rung on the light six.

These standard methods were afterwards practised on the eight at Church Stretton, the attendance being below the average on account of the atrocious weather conditions.

Returning along the main Shrewsbury Road afterwards, about two feet of water was encountered, and we have yet to learn what the two motor-cyclists said about this.

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Twice repeated.

Surrey Association

A well representative meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association was held at Ewell on November 18th; the Vicar conducted the service and gave an address in which he welcomed the ringers. Mr. Miller gave his service at the organ.

Fifty-one ringers sat down to tea. At the commencement of the meeting, Mr. F. Collins announced the death of two members—Mr. J. Corbett and Mr. W. H. Scabrook. Five compounding and three ringing members were elected.

The following were nominated for 1951. District officers—Master, F. E. Collins; secretary, R. Lathbury; treasurer, H. N. Pitstow; auditor, C. Dean; committee, Miss J. Smith, D. Parsons, R. Davis and E. G. L. Coward.

The sum of £1 12s. was subscribed toward the New Bell Fund. A vote of thanks to the Rev. V. P. Davis, Mr. Miller and Mr. Beams, for their various services was carried. Further ringing was carried on till 8.30.

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QUARTER PEALS

ROTHERSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 19th. 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Canterbury, Old, April Day, Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): K. Perkins 1, A. Paul 2, I. Dickinson 3, W. R. Paul 4, E. G. Bennett (cond.) 5. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. C. E. Bender), who is leaving for Thrapston.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Nov. 5th. 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss H. J. Holloway 1, R. Davidge 2, Miss M. J. Skinner (first in method 'inside') 3, Miss M. E. Richards 4, T. Townsend 5, C. J. Gardner (cond.) 6. G. Townsend 7, R. Townsend 8, R. W. Rex 9, W. W. Daniell 10. First in method for 1, 2.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Oct. 29th. 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: D. Chadwick 1, Miss J. Smith (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Haynes 3, F. Flint 4, D. H. Rooke 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. On Nov. 5th. 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Webster 1, Miss J. Smith 2, Miss J. Haynes 3, D. Chadwick 4, D. H. Rooke 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.

LATE NOTICE

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, Dec. 9th, at St. Thomas', St. Helens. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, price 6d. All names by Wednesday, 6th, to Ian Campbell, 7, Clifton Terrace, Prescott Road, St. Helens (phone 5859).—Julia M. Preston, Branch Sec. 7998

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MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Whitstable, Saturday, December 2nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea by kind invitation.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7995

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Oxhey (8), Dec. 2nd. 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford. 7933

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridport, Dec. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. 7927

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting, Watlingbury (6) Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names please to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 7898

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V. W. H. Branch.—Meeting, Ashbury, Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30.—R. Gilling, Fernham, Faringdon. 7950

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Dec. 2nd. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. S. Wilson, 33, East Bawtry Road, Rotherham.—J. E. Turley, Hon Sec. 7954

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, East Grinstead (8), Saturday, December 2nd, 3 p.m. 7941

NORTH-EAST ESSEX AND SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District.—Joint meeting, Stratford St. Mary, Dec. 2nd. Langham bells also available. Bells 2.45. Tea 5.15, Riverside Cafe. Names to Edward Ellenger, 108, St. John's Road, Ipswich (Tel. 78926). 7965

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Tottenham Court Road, W.C.1, on Monday, Dec. 4th, 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Sec. 7968

MARKET WEIGHTON.—Dedication of recast ring of six (Taylor) Friday, Dec. 8th, 7 p.m., Bishop of Selby. Ringing to 9 p.m.—John W. Kneeshaw. 7978

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston District.—Annual, Breaston, Dec. 9th, 2.30. Notifications for tea by Dec. 5th certain to F. Shaw, 38, Inglefield Road, Ilkeston. 7951

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Broomfield (6), Saturday, December 9th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 7851

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Northchurch (8), Saturday, Dec. 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Ashby, 38, High Street, Northchurch, by Dec. 5th.—P. A. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7953

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery.—Annual meeting, Minehead, Saturday, Dec. 9th. Ten bells, 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, Newcombes Cafe, 5 p.m. Names by previous Monday.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec. 7989

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting for nomination of District officers at Ashted on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Usual ringing. Service 4.15. Tea at Peace Memorial Hall 5. Numbers for tea to reach G. Cook, Lavender Cottage, Crampshaw Lane, Ashted, by Thursday. 7949

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Gravesend (8) on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea as we have been unable to get a hall for this date.—B. W. May. 7948

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at York Minster on December 9th. Bells (12) available 1.30. Dedication service of Five Sisters' Window 2.30. Further ringing later. Tea 3s. 6d. each, in Barton's Cafe, Davygate, for all who advise Mr. S. Steel, 7, Ing's Way, Rawcliffe Lane, York, by first post, Dec. 7th.—H. S. Morley, 28, Church Hill, Selby. 7958

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Grappenhall, Saturday, December 9th. Names for tea by the 6th. I. E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall. 7971

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts Branch.—Meeting at Barlborough (6), Saturday, Dec. 9th. Names for tea to Mr. A. Ashby, 135, Creswell Road, Clowne, Chesterfield, by Dec. 5th.—H. Denman. 7936

BARNLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Penistone, Saturday, Dec. 9th, 2.30 p.m. For teas, notify Mr. A. Champion, 24, Church Street, Penistone, near Sheffield, not later than Dec. 6th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 7996

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice, Wedmore (8), Saturday, Dec. 9th, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—E. J. Avery, Hon. Sec., Sandford. 7985

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Great Barford and Blumham on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells at 3 p.m. Great Barford. Tea at 5 p.m. Great Barford. Bells at Blumham 6 p.m.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 7995

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Annual meeting, Staveley (8), Dec. 9th. Numbers for tea to Mr. A. Parsons, 42, Circular Road, Staveley, by Dec. 6th. Business important. 7992

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Gateshead, Saturday, Dec. 9th, 2.30. Names for tea by Dec. 6th to Mr. P. E. Johnson, 45, Watt Street, Bensham, Gateshead, 8. Method, among others, Double Norwich.—W. F. Sheraton. 7976

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Sevenoaks (8), Dec. 9th. Bells 4 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks.—C. A. Bassett. 7987

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Downham Market, Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Dec. 6th please.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway, Wisbech. 7982

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Redcliffe (12), Dec. 9th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Community Centre, Guinea Street. Meeting 6 p.m. Notify by Dec. 6th.—A. Bennett, 5, Lancaster Street, Bristol, 5. 7990

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Radstock on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Names for tea by Tuesday, Dec. 5th.—N. C. Williams, 20, Macaulay, Bath. 7981

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Christ Church, Swindon, December 9th. Tea.—W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. 7970

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Barrow-in-Furness. Bells (8) on Saturday, Dec. 9th, at 2.30 p.m. Meeting after tea. Names to J. E. Burles, 2, Rand Villas, North Scale, Barrow-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 7997

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Hoghton, Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bring own food. Bus Route No 1, Preston-Blackburn Old Road.—L. Walmsley. 7980

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Leonard's, Middleton, Dec. 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—F. Pritchard. 7969

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Michael's, Blackburn, on Dec. 9th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 7993

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—South Wigston (8) Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Dec. 6th to J. R. Smith, 75, Woodville Road, Leicester. 7973

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Meeting, Kegworth, Dec. 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Bondgate Cafe. Names by Dec. 6th to F. J. Sutton, Market Place, Kegworth, Derby.—C. W. Hall. 7974

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting Saturday, Dec. 9th. Colliers Wood 2.45. Clapham R.C. 4.45. Business in Monastery 6. Battersea 7.15. Own tea arrangements. 7977

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Aston Abbots (6), Dec. 9th, 2.45. Service 4. Names for tea to E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow. 7988

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Aldate's, Oxford, on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Ringing. Tea. Meeting. Names for tea to be sent in by Dec. 6th to Miss M. R. Cross, The School House, Radley, Abingdon, Berks. 7986

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Haverfordwest on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Machynis Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carmar. 7975

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Cheltenham, December 16th. Bells (12) 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.30. Names for tea to P. Baker, 31, Tobysfield Road, Bishop's Cleeve. 7956

YATTON, SOMERSET.—Dedication of restored ring of eight by the Ven. Archdeacon of Bath at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Everyone welcome. P.C. only for tea by 13th to E. A. Price, Rectory Farm, Yatton, Bristol. 7956

HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford (10) on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. (Long's Restaurant). All welcome.—S. Carter, North Road, Hertford.—G. Blake, Burford Street, Hoddesdon. 7983

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Horbling, Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. at the Plough Hotel. Names for tea to me before Monday 11th please.—B. H. Dalton, Hon Sec., Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs. 7984

LINCOLN AND SOUTHAL GUILDS.—Joint meeting of the Lincoln and Newark Districts at Brant Broughton (6) on Dec. 16th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., Lincoln District, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 7994

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Blandford, Dec. 16th at 3. Welcome to visitors. Write: Rev. Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 7972

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A DIARY OF INTEREST

THIS week we publish the first instalment of the diary of the late Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough. The diary now under notice is for the period of 1880-1890 and was written in ten small books. A shrewd observer and with a strong sense of humour, Mr. Fussell's observations cover a particularly interesting period in the art of change ringing. They coincide with the development of the movement for belfry reform and there are many indications of the need for placing our art on a higher plane if it was to secure the respect of the Church and the confidence of the public.

Mr. Fussell was one of the great figures in English ringing over a very long period. Although he was never elected to the Central Council, he was very much of what might be described as 'the man behind the scenes.' His work was in three categories, as an instructor, an organiser of ringing tours and a peal ringer.

The invitation to English ringers to visit Australia in 1934 came to Mr. Fussell. He perceived what a wonderful opportunity this was. A preliminary meeting of probabilities and possibilities was held in London in April to discuss prospects. A peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields and six of the eight ringers who took part in it eventually made the trip 'down under.'

The day before the 'Barrabool' sailed on September 14th, 1934, Mr. Fussell rang his 1,000th peal, one of Superlative Surprise Major at Slough, conducted by Mr. George Martin. It took 'Old Bill,' as he was affectionately known to his friends, 52½ years to ring his 1,000 peals. His record was rather amazing, the peals being rung for no fewer than 44 societies. He was the first to ring a peal in every county in England and in Wales (except Anglesey).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith gives an insight into his character in his book, 'A Great Adventure,' telling of the Australian tour. The day after the 'Barrabool' sailed Mr. Fussell celebrated his 73rd birthday, and, looking back on his career, gives these pointers: 'Never broken a stay or a slider; never been run in by the Police Guild or "sent down" by the College Youths.' Of his 1,000 peals he has a special word of thanks for four Georges, viz.: George I (Newson), George II (Williams), George III

(Martin) and George IV. (Pye). He also expressed the hope that he would never ring a peal with a band of 'Pussyfoots.'

For editing this Diary the Exercise is indebted to Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester. After Mr. Fussell's death his books and papers were rescued by one of the leading Slough ringers. All his bound literature is preserved in a special bookcase in his native tower of Slough, where he had so many connections and gave a bell. Mr. Fussell's loose papers and oddments were sent to Mr. Morris to look through and destroy any that were not of value and to preserve all which were deemed of historical interest.

Among the papers sent were two notebooks of the late Mr. Cornelius Charge with his compositions and peal records, which were given to Mr. Fussell for preservation following his Australian tour; also a book containing the peal records of 'John C. Truss, sen., and John C. Truss, jun., of Great Marlow,' with a note added 'from Mrs. Truss, of Marlow, June 29th, 1942.' The correspondence connected with the great Australian tour, shipping company's letters, souvenirs of various places visited, photos and menu cards signed by all present at the various functions were also included. It was Mr. Morris' deep regret that he was unable to take part in this historic tour, although Mr. Fussell extended to him a most pressing invitation.

BELLS AND NOISE

While ringers have to face many critics, it is extremely gratifying to know that Lord Horder, chairman of the Noise Abatement League, is not against church bells. 'We never do anything about a noise if we find from a sort of rough canvass that as many like it as do not.' Lord Horder was last week lecturing to the League on 'Cities Without Noise,' and we hope in this issue to publish a precis of his speech.

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers has for many years recognised that the nuisance that can be caused by bells ringing can be abated by various methods for deadening sound. The co-operation of all ringers in this matter is desired. It is a question upon which the Council is prepared to give expert advice, and if any tower has any peculiar difficulty which cannot be met by the orthodox methods, the Council is prepared to assist them.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL Treble	ALAN ELSMORE 7
JOAN BERESFORD 2	MAURICE G. TURNER .. 8
*EVELYN FLETCHER 3	RICHARD D. LANGFORD .. 9
GEORGE E. OLIVER 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 10
GEORGE A. PACKER 5	RICHARD C. INGRAM .. 11
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 6	*WM. FRANK STENSON .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.

* First peal on twelve bells. Rung to welcome the Lord Mayor of Birmingham (Alderman A. Paddon-Smith) on the occasion of the opening of the St. Matthew's Christmas bazaar.

TEN BELL PEALS

ABERGAVENNY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. BAILEY .. Treble	ERNEST STITCH 6
REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS .. 2	JACK R. WORRALL 7
THOMAS YEOMANS 3	ALFRED W. HEATH 8
TREVOR M. RODERICK .. 4	ROBERT E. COLES 9
GEORGE LARGE 5	CHARLES GREEDY Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

First-peal of Caters as conductor. The first peal on the newly-augmented ten bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. H. Simpson, late churchwarden and mainly instrumental in the work of augmentation.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ALBERT W. BOND .. Treble	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT .. 6
FRANK BENNETT 2	*HERBERT W. WOOLVEN .. 7
*BASIL WHITE 3	HENRY STALHAM 8
*MAURICE THOMAS 4	FREDERICK PAGE 9
JOHN DEARLOVE 5	WILLIAM ROGERS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Treble Ten.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. .. Treble	FREDK. A. SALTER 6
CLEMENT GLENN 2	SIDNEY BRIGGS 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3	JOHN E. TURLEY 8
JOHN FREEMAN 4	*WALTER NICHOLS 9
J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF .. 5	DENIS CARLISLE Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* 100th peal and first of Stedman Caters away from tenor.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. Treble	HAROLD N. PITSTOW .. 6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. 2	FREDK. W. HOUSDEN .. 7
BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 3	T. MARK WHITE 8
ALFRED J. HOUSE 4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 9
ALFRED L. SIMMONDS .. 5	RICHARD E. PRICE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BAKEWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E.

*JOSEPH SAXTON .. Treble	†STANLEY SLANEY 5
DENNIS CARLISLE 2	CYRIL WRIGHT 6
FRANCIS R. LOWE 3	HAROLD TAYLOR 7
*†WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 4	GORDON C. BRIGGS .. Tenor

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

* First peal in method. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal of Surprise Major as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss June Wright.

BURNHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM HENLEY .. Treble	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM .. 5
ALBERT DISERENS 2	NOEL J. DISERENS 6
DAVID H. PEARCE 3	HAROLD SMITH 7
MARY JAYCOCK 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by GEO. F. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by GEO. W. DEBENHAM.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam to Peter Blamey, Brian O'Neil, and Martin A. Blamey, of the pre-war band.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES C. RAWDING .. Treble	HAROLD BASLEY 5
*JOY RAWDING 2	DENIS A. FRITH 6
JAMES H. MUSSON 3	HORACE BENNETT 7
RONALD C. NOON 4	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

* First peal in the method.

NORTON (MALTON), YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Grove's Variation of Parker's T. elve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

SEDMAN H. STEEL .. Treble	EDWARD HUDSON 5
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY .. 2	*DESMOND FORTH 6
*HERBERT ROWSBY 3	BERT SUTTON 7
†HAROLD SPENCER 4	*OCEAN H. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by BERT SUTTON.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Arranged as a compliment to H. Rowsby, captain of the local company.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM WENBAN .. Treble	†CHARLES WENBAN 5
*WILLIAM J. NUDDS .. 2	†ALBERT C. WENBAN .. 6
†FREDK. A. H. CATTELL .. 3	†RALPH E. W. WENBAN .. 7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER .. 4	†JOHN E. ROOTES Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by RALPH E. W. WENBAN.

* 500th peal (aged 82). † First peal in the method. † First peal away from treble and of Treble Bob. First peal as conductor.

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On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Pritchard's Four-part.	Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.
*C. JOHN GIBBS Treble	ERIC DODDS 5
FRANK T. BLAGROVE 2	*TERENCE H. BLUNT 6
†JANET S. BAILEY 3	RICHARD E. PRICE 7
†PETER A. LAWRENCE 4	FRANK C. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. PRICE.

* First peal of Major. † First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung in memory of Dudley Read, late ringer of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Sunbury.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

FRANK E. HAYNES Treble	CHARLES T. RICHARDS 5
JOHN PINFOLD 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 6
HENRY H. FEARN 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
*WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT 4	LEONARD TREVOR Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

* First touch in the method.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

FREDERICK C. CASE .. Treble	WILLIAM J. CHESTER .. 5
MARGARET L. TUTT .. 2	*GEORGE F. BURTON .. 6
*GEORGE W. HOLLAND .. 3	THOMAS E. ROBERTS .. 7
*WILLIAM YATES .. 4	WALTER F. JUDGE .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by MARGARET L. TUTT.

* First peal in the method. A 16th birthday compliment to Miss K. Mary Cowley, regular singer and ringer at this church.

RANDWICK, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.

THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 19, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Jude,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Six-part.	Tenor 21 cwt.
*RUTH E. DONNELLY .. Treble	JOHN DUNCAN 5
EDWARD B. McDONALD .. 2	WILLIAM M. ROWE 6
EDMUND J. FOWELL .. 3	THOMAS W. GOODYER .. 7
†JOHN J. CUMMINS 4	RAY B. ALTASS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM M. ROWE.

* First lady to ring a peal of Triples in Australia. † First peal First peal of Triples by all the band, for the Association and by a local band in N.S.W. Rung in honour of His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury.

WYE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Gregory and Martin,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HILDRED S. WICKENS .. Treble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD .. 5
PERCY PAGE 2	FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP .. 6
*WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. 3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH .. 7
MARK W. MARSHALL .. 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal of Cambridge.

ALLOA, CLACKMANNAN.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-part.	Tenor 13 cwt. in F.
*JOYCE E. TAYLOR .. Treble	†MISS K. M. H. BRANSON .. 5
HARRY F. SARGENT .. 2	ROGNALD ST. C. WILSON .. 6
†R. M. PRESTON 3	C. R. RAINE 7
PROF. R. O. STREET .. 4	W. H. PICKETT Tenor

Conducted by C. R. RAINE.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. First peal as conductor.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*ALAN WARD Treble	*DEREK OGDEN 5
*JAMES CARTER 2	ROGER LEIGH 6
†STEPHEN LL. PARRY .. 3	CHARLES CLEGG 7
*VERNON SYKES 4	JACK CLEGG Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JACK CLEGG.

* First peal in the method. † 150th peal for the Association. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to the brothers Charles and Jack Clegg.

BURFORD, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A variation of Thurstan's.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

BERNARD S. NICHOLS .. Treble	ALBERT E. LOCK 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK 2	THOMAS W. TIMMS 6
*MICHAEL C. F. COLLETT .. 3	WILLIAM J. DIXON 7
EDMUND E. PEARSON .. 4	JOHN J. WESTMACOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD S. NICHOLS.

* First peal of Stedman. In honour of the gift of a daughter to the wife of the conductor.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

GLADYS K. JARRETT .. Treble	GEORGE KENWARD 5
VICTOR A. JARRETT 2	CYRIL S. JARRETT 6
JAMES BENNETT 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT .. 7
HARRY SPRINGATE 4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS .. Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer's wife.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

W. A. Cave's Variation of Washbrook's.	Tenor 20 cwt.
NORAH M. BIBBY .. Treble	BRIAN HARRIS 5
HARRY PYE 2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. 6
FREDERICK H. BIRKS .. 3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 7
GEORGE H. RANDES .. 4	*R. GORDAN CORBY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal of Stedman.

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*CYRIL WRIGHT Treble	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 5
WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 2	†HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. 6
GORDON C. BRIGGS .. 3	†HERBERT T. ROOKE .. 7
†ARTHUR B. COOPER .. 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

* 50th peal. † First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JULIA M. PRESTON .. Treble	FRANK VARTY 5
ROGER C. PRESTON .. 2	DAVID VINCENT 6
MARY WAESHAW 3	THOMAS W. HESKETH .. 7
*GEORGE H. HESKETH .. 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

* First peal of Surprise. A compliment to Mr. Thomas W. Hammond, the well-known St. Nicholas' (Liverpool) ringer, on attaining his 70th birthday.

KNOWLE, BRISTOL. THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY NATIVITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's Variation.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS Treble	VICTOR SAVAGE 5
ARTHUR H. REED 2	IVOR H. TRUEMAN 6
ENID LLOYD-ROBERTS 3	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 4	NORMAN H. COOMBS Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

Rung half-muffled in memory of the donor of the bells.

NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EGWIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*CLIFFORD J. DARKE Treble	C. ARTHUR MANNING 5
WILLIAM COLLETT 2	*GERALD C. HEMMING 6
WILLIAM H. MALE 3	*HAROLD HUXLEY 7
*ARTHUR T. SHOREY 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

* First peal of Major.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM SLAUGHTER Treble	RAYMOND OVERY 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	LEONARD STILWELL 6
HAROLD A. MAY 3	C. ERNEST SMITH 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

RONALD BURT Treble	CHARLES CATCHPOLE 5
FRANK C. ARNOLD 2	CECIL A. THOMPSON 6
C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
ERNEST A. HEAD 4	ERNEST C. STAFF Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

First peal of Plain Bob Triples by all the band and on the bells.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

*GORDON J. BLOWER Treble	SIDNEY PENFOLD 5
DAVID W. BEARD 2	THOMAS E. LOXTON 6
VICTOR W. GRIMWADE 3	FRANK V. GANT 7
COLIN E. WRIGHT 4	*BRIAN W. CABLE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK V. GANT.

* First peal.

SCORTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-part.

Tenor 20 cwt.

STANLEY ANDERTON Treble	JAMES W. METCALFE 5
JOHN WOODS 2	JAMES E. BURLIS 6
FRANK T. F. POSTLETHWAITE 3	PETER CROOK 7
JOHN BAGNALL 4	*THOMAS H. MOSS Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLIS.

* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Egerton Ward. First peal after the rehanging of the bells by Messrs. Taylors.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

FRANK BLONDELL Treble	EDWIN J. LINDLEY 5
BARBARA M. HARRIS 2	GEORGE W. MASSEY 6
PEGGY G. KITCHEN 3	GEORGE C. GOODMAN 7
CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 4	HERBERT G. ANDREWS Tenor

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by HERBERT G. ANDREWS.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON Treble	ERNEST F. PAYNE 4
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 2	GERALD ARMSTRONG 5
W. HARRY DUNCOMBE 3	MICHAEL BROWN Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

WICKHAM MARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Double Court, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALDERMAN LING Treble	*A. PIPE 4
GEORGE BERRY 2	J. PREASTNER 5
ARTHUR LING 3	H. HALL Tenor

Conducted by J. PREASTNER.

* First extent of Surprise. First peal as conductor.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*C. AUBREY HARRISON Treble	JACK BRAY 4
†RONALD CHAFER 2	HARRY HALL 5
GEORGE E. FEIRN 3	†HAROLD MORWOOD Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal, including Treble Bob. † First peal in four methods 'inside.'

ARELEY KINGS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, ten callings.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JOHN H. HICKS Treble	*GERALD L. BOWEN 4
ALFRED W. GLAZZARD 2	ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY 5
*ERIC C. LUCAS 3	*GEORGE LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to Reginald Rowley, of the local band.

ASTON-INGHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

JOHN J. WEBB Treble	*ARNOLD G. HAZELDEN 4
REGINALD POSTON 2	ALFRED T. POULTON 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON 3	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells recently increased from four to six.

COSSINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK W. SWEET Treble	THOMAS E. MOGG 4
*HEDLEY E. BEST 2	WILFRID R. KENT 5
RONALD D. SHORT 3	†EDWARD C. MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID R. KENT.

* First peal 'inside' and on six bells. † First peal. First peal on the bells, augmented to six in 1949.

HINXWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of London Surprise and four 720's of Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

BRYAN F. SIMS Treble	LEWIS H. BYWATERS 4
ALAN S. SMITH 2	STANLEY H. WALLIS 5
JOHN CHURCH 3	HAROLD W. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD W. SMITH.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble; Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

W. WILLIAMS	Treble	A. PHILLIPS	4
J. WELCH	2	N. PATMORE	5
B. PATMORE	3	S. F. CARTER	Tenor

Conducted by S. F. CARTER.

Rung as a token of gratitude to Mr. A. A. Williams for the gift of an electric clock to the church and in remembrance of his family's 200 years of service to the church.

LITTLE PETHERICK, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETROCK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

DONALD DOCKING	Treble	STEWART J. ROBINSON	4
MRS. A. S. ROBERTS	2	REV. A. S. ROBERTS	5
A. HUBERT EPLETT	3	JOHN C. NORTHEY	Tenor

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.

First peal on the bells.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten extents each of Canterbury, April Day and Grandsire, and 12 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM E. MINOR	Treble	RHODA HEMMINGS	3
†MRS. S. H. JONES	2	WILLIAM H. CURSON	4
SIDNEY H. JONES			Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY H. JONES.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal of Doubles 'inside.'

MILTON REGIS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, Reverse College Single, and two each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

GEORGE A. NAYLOR	Treble	FRANCIS J. CHEAL	4
GEORGE KENWARD	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD	5
STANLEY V. RAYFIELD	3	ERIC NAYLOR	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Prince Charles.

NETTLESTEAD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 5 cwt.

FRED E. MANSER	Treble	LUTHER J. HONESS	3
EDNA M. SILLS	2	WILLIAM R. MANSER	4
JOHN T. MEDHURST			Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. MEDHURST.

First peal on the bells.

PARRAMATTA, AUSTRALIA.

NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six methods, viz.: 6 extents of Antelope, 10 Grandsire, 8 Old Doubles, 6 April Day, 4 Norfolk, 8 Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

W. HARRY SHORT	Treble	ROBERT W. FERRIS	4
GEORGE E. WILLIAMSON	2	*KEN G. P. STACEY	5
A. ROBERT BOTTING	3	BRUCE DUNBAR	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT W. FERRIS.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal of all local band. First peal in six methods for the Association. Rung to welcome the Archbishop of Canterbury to Parramatta. First peal rung outside of Britain for an Archbishop of Canterbury.

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RAINHILL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Liverpool Branch.)

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the R.C. Church of St. Bartholomew.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

HERBERT ASHTON Treble	HARRY BLACKBURN 4
*DOREEN M. JONES 2	WILFRED RILEY 5
*A. DONALD POCKLINGTON 3	†WILLIAM E. COURT .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. COURT.

* First peal of Minor. † 25th peal. First peal on the bells for 25 years.

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

G. WEST Treble	F. PICKERING 4
*N. V. CHAPPELL 2	G. R. HINER 5
F. S. WILSON 3	H. MORTEMORE Tenor

Conducted by H. MORTEMORE.

* First peal. Rung as a 72nd birthday peal for G. West.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Nov. 21, 1950, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being fourteen 120's each of April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	†MICHAEL BROWN 4
GEORGE PICKERING 2	FREDERICK WATSON 5
*WINIFRED M. BURTON .. 3	JOHN BURBAGE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in three methods. A birthday compliment to the tenor man, who is verger of this church.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Chesterfield District.)

On Wed., Nov. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*MISS J. SMITH Treble	†DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 4
JOSEPH SAXTON 2	HERBERT T. ROOKE 5
†MISS I. BELLERBY 3	§ARTHUR B. COOPER .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Kent. § Fiftieth peal.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cunecastre, Lightfoot, Norwich, Beverley, York, Cambridge and London.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWIN J. UPTON Treble	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT .. 4
*ANNE B. STOCKDALE .. 2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 5
†WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in seven methods and of Surprise Minor. † 50th peal. 50th peal on the bells, which were installed in the tower in 1871. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Rogers, of Apsley, the former having been a ringer at the above church for many years. The band would like to associate the name of T. G. Morton with this peal.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Nov. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

LEONARD DERRICK Treble	HERBERT W. KNIGHT 4
ERNEST F. SHEARN 2	*BRYAN F. SHEARN 5
*MERVIN R. SHEARN 3	†MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD DERRICK.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Shearn and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Yeates; also a farewell peal to the ringer of the third, who is joining H.M. Forces.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

*DOREEN RICHER Treble	†ROY DUESBURY 4
†JAMES H. EDWARDS 2	*FRANK G. OLIVER 5
*ROY W. SPENCER 3	HARRY J. MILLATT .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods. First peal of Minor as conductor. A farewell peal to the Rector, the Rev. A. R. Johnston.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, London and Wells.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

*JOHN ANDERSON Treble	MICHAEL P. MORETON .. 4
ROLAND PARK 2	W. NORMAN PARK 5
THOMAS COOKE 3	*DENNIS A. BAYLES .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods. Rung for the 59th anniversary of the installation of the bells.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one extent of Double Oxford, and two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*DOREEN EDWARDS Treble	HARRY HOWARD 4
HENRY PARKER 2	*ALFRED WILKINSON .. 5
WILLIAM R. HAMMONS .. 3	ERIC NOBLES Tenor

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.

* First peal in four methods.

DEAL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOHN A. HILTON Treble	WILFRED S. PALIN 4
EILEEN S. WYLES 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 5
PETER NEWING 3	THOMAS H. HOLMES .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

* First peal in three methods.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, six extents of April Day, 12 extents of Plain Bob and 20 extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 6 cwt.

*MISS J. M. S. COOKE .. Treble	†S. SAGE 4
†B. J. ONGLEY 2	†ERNEST PIMLOTT 5
†R. BARRETT 3	*E. L. ELLIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

* First peal. † First peal in four Doubles methods. A 55th birthday compliment to R. J. Ongley, the local captain.

MARBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being sixteen 120's of Stedman, twelve 120's of Grandsire, four 120's of Plain Bob, four 120's of St. Simon's and six 120's of April Day, all the different 120's being called.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

EDWARD J. BOFFEY Treble	J. DEREK SMITH 4
HAROLD G. SMITH 2	JOHN E. BROUGH 5
KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH 3	FREDK. W. CHAPMAN .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

First peal in five Double methods by all the band.

WINFORD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,400 Plain Bob, 1,200 April Day and 1,440 Grandsire.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*HASLEY WORLE Treble	†ALFRED HAZZARD 4
*HENRY BALL 2	LEONARD DERRICK 5
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 3	*T. CHARLES YORK Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD DERRICK.

* First peal. † First peal on a working bell.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

At 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR, 5096 CHANGES;

In two methods, comprising 3,192 Little Bob and 1,904 Plain Bob, with 215 changes of method.

Tenor size 17 in A.

*ROY C. HURST 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.

* 100th peal.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes,

At 39A, HIGH STREET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor size 15 in C.

OWEN A. NEEDHAM 1-2	MAURICE J. THURMOTT .. 3-4
RONALD H. BULLEN 5-6	

Conducted by MAURICE J. THURMOTT.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

IN THE 15TH CENTURY PARVIS OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 5-6
*ALFRED MOULD 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT.

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.'

LAMBETH, LONDON.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

MISS A. B. STOCKDALE (Girt.) 1-2	E. J. LINDLEY (Trinity) .. 5-6
R. F. B. SPEED (Caius) .. 3-4	G. DODDS (Emmanuel) .. 7-8

B. D. THRELFALL (Trinity) 9-10

Composed by E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's). Conducted by E. J. LINDLEY.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., Nov. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

At 35, MARKET STREET,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

PETER BERESFORD 1-2	GEORGE E. OLIVER 5-6
JOAN BERESFORD 3-4	DENNIS BERESFORD 7-8

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.

First peal on eight handbells and of Major as conductor.

BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 26, 1950, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor size 18 in G.

JOHN B. BENNETT 1-2	ROGER O. FRY 3-4
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*DAVID HOARE 5-6

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

* First peal 'in hand.' Rung as a 78th birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Baverstock, of Bath.

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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From 'Punch' Charivaria:—'During the afternoon, visiting teams of bellringers rang short peals on the bells, which cost about £1 7/0 to repair.'—'Irish Times.' They are hardly likely to be asked again

Culled from a Midland paper:—The Rev. Alan L. Holt, Vicar of Streetley, Staffs, fears that American visitors to the golf course near his church will be distressed by the sound of the 'cans and kettles' when the bells ring. So he is appealing for £200 for a set of electronic bells.

With a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal on November 25th, Mr. John Dearlove completed the circle of St. Peter's, Brighton, for the second time.

Send your Christmas Greetings to ringing friends through 'The Ringing World.' (Charge 2s. 6d.) Special page in issue of December 22nd.

Miss Joyce E. Taylor, a student at the Edinburgh College of Domestic Science, whose home is in Sedburgh, joins this week's list of those who have rung their first peals. Her peal was rung at Alloa, Clackmannan.

In the small parish of Kingston Seymour, Somerset, the ringers have been working hard for some time to raise funds for the tuning and rehanging of their bells. They have raised all but the last £100. If any tower would like to encourage them by helping them over this last hurdle, donations will be thankfully received and acknowledged by Mr. E. Norton, Gout House Farm, Kingston Seymour, Clevedon, Somerset.

Doyen of Bath ringers is Mr. A. E. Baverstock, who celebrated his 78th birthday recently. Mr. Baverstock rings regularly on Sundays at St. Mary's, Bathwick, and has taken part in several quarter peals recently. It was not possible to attempt a tower-bell peal, but a peal 'in hand' was rung in honour of the occasion.

For the peal of Grandsire Caters at Abergavenny on November 25th, Mr. Ernest Stitch travelled back to Wales from Wolverhampton. This was the first peal on the new ten.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The report on the Festival of Britain has been circulated to members of the Standing Committee for their observations. It is a very comprehensive document and, if accepted by the Standing Committee, it will be published in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. Eric T. Lee has resigned the hon. secretaryship of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. He has accepted an appointment with the Harpenden Urban District Council.

Mr. B. S. Nicholls, who has been organist and choirmaster at Burford Parish Church (Oxon) for over 18 years, has been appointed to a similar position at St. Mary's Parish Church, Witney. He is due to take up his duties in the New Year.

Congratulations to Mr. J. Nudds on ringing his 500th peal at the age of 82 years. The method chosen, Oxford Treble Bob Major, was the same which he rang for his first peal over 60 years ago.

Members of the Towcester Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild had hard luck in an attempted peal of Beverley Surprise Minor on Nov. 25th at Middleton-Cheney, Northants. After three hours, fifteen minutes' good ringing with one and a half courses to go, the ringer of the treble missed his sally and the bell went over and stuck. The band was A. Hinton 1. E. Lines 2. W. J. Chester 3. G. Burton 4. G. W. Holland 5. W. Yates (conductor) 6.

Mr. James George, of 30, Wimborne Road, Poole, Dorset, has received so many letters and telegrams of congratulation upon his 97th birthday that he finds it impossible to reply to them individually. He, however, desires to thank sincerely all those who have sent him such kindly messages.

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THE STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

Diary of the late Mr. W. H. Fussell

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

Among the many 'treasures' that have come into my charge, there is a series of small note books that belonged to the late Mr. W. H. Fussell, dating from 1880, the first of which is titled 'Notes and Scraps of Ringing by W. H. F., previous to 1880, from the time he began to ring.' The opening page has the stanza:—

'O all ye bells and ringers thereof,
Praise ye the Lord;
Ring unto Him, and sing unto Him
For ever and ever.'

Like all the old-time ringers (and even in my own experiences), his first beginnings were not so easy, nor opportunities so many, as is experienced by youngsters to-day. They are not without humour, however, and I know it would not be against his wish or desire that these notes be published.

He begins at 1874 by saying:—

August 23rd. My brother was married to A. Leader, the Slough steeplekeeper's daughter. They went to live in one of my father's houses in Park Street, opposite the 'Queen of England.' It was through my brother I learned to ring.

It was about the end of the following year I first entered a belfry (1875). About the month of November, one evening, I was playing with some boys in Church Street, near by Bartlett's Corner, High Street, when my brother, going on his way to the church to ring, stopped and asked me if I should like to ring. He gave me a long yarn about having to 'stick to it,' the trouble and difficulty of learning, and no end of advice. Accordingly, I was taken to the tower with another boy, the son of a ringer, who was playing with me. We were allowed to pull one of the bells at handstroke a few times, and then had a sit, quiet as mice, while a melodious string of Stoney was yelled out by W. Leader.

OLD RINGERS OF SLOUGH

The names of the ringers then, as far as I recollect:—

Snob Allen, a bootmaker and repairer, living near the 'Greyhound,' Upton; he used to have a room by the 'Red Cow' to work in.

William Allen, no relation, a tinker by trade, living in the Windsor Road close by the 'Rising Sun,' a public house then kept by a Mr. Cheer, who possessed a set of handbells. This was the house of call, mostly. Tinker Allen, as he was nicknamed, was a good man for his time, and had some idea of change-ringing; he was particularly fond of Plain Bob, and would lap touches for hours.

Harry Pinnafore, a general gardener at Eton College for one of the masters, living in Ragstone Road, Chalvey; fond of breeding birds and drinking beer.

I. Ship, foreman and manager at the Slough Gas Works, a fat man, very fond of telling unusual lies and exaggeration of the truth, i.e. while ringing down his home way (the belfry being on the ground floor and the door opening on to the road), on one occasion the 5th clapper came out of the bell and broke through the roof and fell outside. He had just time to set the bell and run out in the street and catch the clapper!

G. Joynes, a maltster, living at the Malt Houses in Alpha Street; a very straightforward man. He owned a set of 12 handbells (Simonds make, old-fashioned but in good tune and condition); these bells my brother gave him 30s. for, and sold them three or four years later to J. J. Parker, of Farnham, for £3. Joynes used to get a few in his place and sit round the furnaces on chairs during the winter months, ringing lap touches and tunes. He used to grow a special potato on a piece of garden adjoining the Malt House. He was



MR. W. H. FUSSELL

fond of putting a lot in the furnace and raking them out when the ringers arrived, when they used to present a very comfortable appearance, seated on sacks of malt and eating these hot 'murphys.' He was never without a stone jar of ale, filled from the 'Greyhound' to drink from.

A MEMORIAL BOARD

1872. My brother learned to ring through Mr. Joynes; they met on some business, Alf being a painter and decorator, and, while talking, Joynes spoke of a board that was to be written for the Slough belfry, with the names of all old, departed ringers on. This board Alf wrote. Afterwards, by his going up to fix it, Joynes talking, and his seeing the ring-up going on, he was tempted to try, with the result he soon got on, and was made a parish ringer a year or so after.

1873. This board is now in the tower but other names have since been added. While learning to ring, he had several footings to pay. A gallon when first pulled up a bell alone; another when he rang in rounds, and one more when he finished a peal.

Father Allen, a son of Snob Allen, who had just learned to ring; he being a young hand and just starting, led to my being allowed to start.

William Allen, jun., a son of Tinker Allen. He went up for the first time with me. Neither of these last two stuck to ringing. After about three years of it, they stopped away altogether. But I must say that from 1875 to 1878 the chiming was done most even and regular by us 'three boys,' as the old hands called us, and leaving us to do it.

William Maisey, a carpenter and wheelwright jobber, living in Park Street, not a very good hand. Both Maisey and Ship stayed away a good deal after us young ones got on a bit.

William Leader, a small man, found of beer. Very pompous as steeplekeeper, living in Buckingham Gardens with a big wife (very homely) and a large family.

So much for the company I was introduced to before I made any progress in the Art. Most of them, however, left one by one, until only Leader and my brother remained, others coming up to fill their places. I. Pursey and W. Wilder were principally taught by Pinnafore and Alf.

Mr. Pefryman, of Hencroft Street, and John Steel, of The Dutchman's Farm, also began to come up although they were parish ringers at St. John's Church, Windsor, Perryman having learned to ring at Farnham, and Steel at Langley, when young men.

OPENING OF FARNHAM BELLS

1877. June. Whit Monday. The Slough ringers opened the Farnham Bells, the tower having just been rebuilt and the bells restored. Call changes rung. A good dinner was provided for us in a large tent adjoining the schoolroom opposite. The Slough ringers at this time became very popular as good ringers, visiting numerous towers round about. A party of us went to Clewer the latter end of the year, the handbells being taken and used well. Beaconsfield was also visited, a numerous company driving over in a wagonette and pair, but, as we got to the church and began to pull the bells up, word was sent to stop the bells as a woman, lying near the church was very ill: she died afterwards. We put up at the 'Saracen's Head,' and there staid (sic) the rest of the day. Some suggested we should go on to Woburn or Wycombe. Numerous tunes were rung by W. Leader 3-4, Street 5-6, Alf 7-8, and myself 1-2, Perryman Slip, Pinnafore and all the Allens being with the party.

About this time, a trin was made to Hurst on the August Bank Holiday, via train to Twyford, and walking the rest. Here we ordered a good dinner, afterwards some tunes and a game of bowls were played out on the bowling green, which was in beautifully-kept order and well stocked round with flowers. The public house we put up at was opposite the church, and a very old-fashioned place.

Harry Pinnafore and Alf often used to take a walk together to some neighbouring church on a Sunday afternoon. I went to Old Windsor on one occasion and to Burnham also with them.

Langley was very frequently visited as there were several good handbell tune ringers there. Many a crowded roomful of smoke-dried ringers have sat in the parlour of the old 'Red Lion,' opposite the church.

To be continued.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

MEETING AT BRIXHAM

The Mid-Devon Branch held a by-meeting at Brixham on November 25th which was attended by the president (Prob. E. V. Cox) and friends from Buckland Newton, Kenn, Teignmouth, Newton Abbot, Ashburton, Buckfastleigh, Dartington, Totnes and Paignton, as well as the local ringers.

The bells were kept going throughout the afternoon to Grandire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major, this being followed by an excellent tea in the schoolroom.

There was no speaker business to be done but the president, in a few well chosen remarks, expressed his pleasure at being present. It was announced that nominations had been granted to the Branch to hold practices at Welborough on the second Tuesday evening in each month, whilst one associate member, Mr. R. Denham, was elected.

Heartly votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar of Higher Brixham who sent his apologies for absence, and to the local ringers for the excellent tea arrangements.

A visit was afterwards paid to Churston Ferrers Parish Church where ringing of Grandire, Stedman and Reverse Canterbury, Pleasure and Bob Doubles were rung. The annual meeting of the Branch is to take place at Paignton in February. A. L. B.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

RECORD PEALS

Dear Sir,—The letter written by Ernest J. Rowe prompts me to write and point out that campanology does not receive sufficient publicity in this country to-day and that is why the layman looks at us askance—he cannot understand nor enjoy the mysteries of the magnificent hobby of bellringing.

Some years ago I wrote to the B.B.C. suggesting that as they were concerned with things auditory that they should give some time to bellringing. I am glad to say that my letter bore fruit and they did two broadcasts—but, upon my word, I received many letters from readers wanting to know how they could start bellringing. Were there lectures? What books were there?, etc. This brought home to me the fact that there must be hundreds of potential ringers about.

As for record peals—we want much more of this so that ultimately bellringing is included in the Olympic Games and then we could show the world who were the masters in this!

As a medical man I should like to know what advice Nolan Golden's and John Worth's band took with regard to training for this long ring at one stretch. I have heard it voiced that people should not drink (water) for some days before the event. This is of course ridiculous and even dangerous. In most towers I believe, attendants are present who can revivify the ringers. Could somebody confirm or deny this? I have some ideas of my own which may help.

May I add my congratulations to James George on having reached his 97th birthday and on having rung 1,281 peals which surely must be a record?—Yours faithfully,

P. H. A. JONASON.

East Harling, Norfolk.

RECORD LENGTHS IN SECRET

Referring to the letter of Mr. E. J. Rowe in your issue of November 24th, I doubt very much if the publication of good ringing achievements does in fact do incalculable harm to our cause. In Mr. Rowe's case it seems he is a sufferer, but I do believe that there would be no dearth of ringers if the ringing art received much greater publicity.—Yours truly,

THOMAS D. WINYARD

Gerrards Cross, Bucks.

OLD SOMERSET RHYME

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent may be interested to know that in his book, 'The Bell,' published in 1848, the author (The Rev. Alfred Gatty) quotes the following French stanza:—

Persécuteurs du genre humain,
Qui sonnez sans miséricorde,
Que n'avez vous au cou la corde
Que vous tenez en votre main!

which he translates:—

Disturbers of the human race,
Your bells are always ringing,
I wish the ropes were round your necks
And you upon them swinging!

The origin is not given, but it seems to take it a little further afield than Somerset.—Yours faithfully,

NORMAN PEARSON.

Warminster, Wilts.

Dear Sir,—I enclose another version of the 'Old Somerset Rhyme,' sent in by Mr. R. G. Field. Unfortunately I cannot recollect from what source I obtained the cutting. I have a feeling it was from 'The Ringing World' itself.

Ye ringers who, in deafening bands

No pity have for age or sex,

Would that the ropes, pulled by your hands,

Were fastened round your cursed necks.

—Yours faithfully,

H. D. HARRIS.

MR. JAMES GEORGE'S BIRTHDAY

Dear Sir,—On Monday, November 27th, Mr. Fred Price and I visited Mr. James George, to extend to him personally our congratulations upon attaining the age of 97 years. We found him in reasonably good health and excellent spirits. His bed was strewn with letters and telegrams of congratulation, and he informed us that Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, from Fern-down, had called to see him the previous day. During our visit, the Rev. Goodrich (sometime curate at Aston Parish Church, Birmingham) brought in an iced birthday cake, on the icing there being 97 currants.

Mr. George proved by his accurate observations of happenings (past and present) in the Ringing Exercise that, despite his great age, he is still very mentally active.

We wish him many more such happy anniversaries.—Yours faithfully,

DANIEL T. MATKIN.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. JAMES GEORGE

Dear Sir,—May I, as conductor of Mr. James George's last tower-bell peal, offer my sincere congratulations to him on attaining his 97th birthday. He will be pleased to know that we in Leicester rang his composition of Stedman Caters to mark the event, and he will be interested to learn that this was my 1,250th peal. Carry on Jimmy!—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS

St. Margaret's, Leicester

OLDEST LIVING TOWER-BELL RINGER

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of November 24th, Mr. James George stated that he was the only surviving ringer to ring a tower-bell peal at the age of 85 and nine months: I am sorry to disappoint him, but Mr. James W. Wilkins, of High Wycombe, rang in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Hughenden, Bucks, on May 13th, 1950, two days after his 87th birthday, and he is looking forward to next May so that he can try for another peal for his 88th.

We all sincerely hope Mr. George will be able to ring another peal in the summer.—Yours sincerely,

R. BIGGS.

Hughenden, Bucks.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE

Dear Sir,—Previous to 1945 no local ringers had taken part in any of the few peals rung on the bells of St. Luke's, Goostrey. The Sunday service ringing consisted of plain courses of Grandsire Doubles or 120 of Plain Bob Doubles, the figures of which were painted on boards fixed to a kind of music stand. Each man had his own bell and the striking was good; none would change his bell.

All this pre-war band has left now, and last year the first lady joined the local band (another lady ringer joined a few weeks ago). Miss Cooke is the first local lady ringer to score a peal on the bells.

The change over to method ringing is slow and uphill work but it is showing results now. The attendance for service ringing is looking up with very often eight or nine ringers present. Visitors are made very welcome and since 1944 the tower has been in union with the Chester Diocesan Guild.—Yours faithfully,

Goostrey, Cheshire.

B. J. ONGLEY.

NOTE.—We congratulate the three local members who rang in the peal recorded in this issue.—ED.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Brian Austin 1, D. Cattell 2, A. Wenban 3, C. Wenban 4, G. Cheshire 5, H. Butler 6, E. J. Leversuch (first as cond.) 7, R. Lambert 8. First in method for 3, 5 and 8.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: D. Cattell 1, W. Wenban 2, R. Wenban 3, T. Clark 4, E. C. S. Turner 5, C. Wenban 6, A. Wenban 7, W. J. Nudds (cond.) 8.

AN EXAMPLE FROM READING

Dear Sir.—On November 18th, the Reading Branch held a very happy quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Reading. This meeting was unique from a secretarial point of view, in that I had nothing whatever to organise. I commenced by asking Mr. Dyke (captain of St. Mary's ringers) for permission to use the bells. He came back later with the meeting arranged. The Vicar offered to take the service for us, the organist offered to play for us (and produced a choir), one of the ladies offered to make herself responsible for the tea (more than ample!), the verger arrived at the hall in the morning and set up all the tables. None of these people were asked to do all this.

I hope you will be able to find space in your columns for this short report, not only is it a heartening sign in the life of a branch when the ordinary members volunteer unasked, but it may, I trust, also help the Exercise to reflect that our Guilds and Associations exist not only to further the art of ringing, but also to foster the ideals of Christian brotherhood and service to others.—Yours sincerely,

THOMAS N. LANAGHAN, Hon. Sec.,
Reading Branch, Oxford Guild.

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

Dear Sir,—There is little doubt G.B.S. was an atheist. On of the last things he did during his lifetime was to direct that no clergyman attended his funeral, neither did he want a burial service.

I have always understood that 'in memoriam' peals are arranged and rung for some person who had, at least, some connection with the Church. I respectfully suggest that Mr. Shaw's self-admitted attitude towards religion puts him outside this class, and an 'in memoriam' peal as suggested by Mr. Davis would be out of place.

Regarding the reference to bells: G. B. S. was a brilliant man, and in his writings (plays and otherwise) made full use of all facts and happenings in every-day life. He may have been fond of bells, I know many people who are so, but they are not persons who merit an 'in memoriam' peal.—Yours faithfully,

DANIEL T. MATKIN.

AVERSION TO HORSE TRANSPORT

Dear Sir.—There is a slight error in the incident under the heading 'Aversion to Horse Transport.' It should have referred to Maulden bells. Mr. Herbert took the party over from Woburn, and I understand the account was sent in as a tonical footnote to the report on the recent augmentation to Maulden bells. Incidentally I was greatly disappointed, owing to being confined indoors with a severe cold and sore throat on the day, I was unable to take part in the first touch on the new eight as I happen to be the sole remaining active member of Mr. Herbert's band at the previous augmentation.

H. D. H.

THE LADIES' GUILD

CENTRAL DISTRICT

A most successful meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild was held, in spite of adverse weather conditions, at Clapham Park and Streatham on November 25th.

Ringling during the afternoon was at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, whither the sound of the bells directed many members through the murk and gloom of a foggy afternoon. In the evening a variety of ringing was enjoyed by all present at St. Leonard's, Streatham.

At a very short meeting, four new members were elected and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Havering-atte-Bower and Romford on February 10th. All members please note and book the date now.

NOISE ABATEMENT LEAGUE NOT AGAINST BELLS

LORD HORDER'S LEAD

Bells as a noise nuisance in the modern city were mentioned by Lord Horder, chairman of the Noise Abatement League and extra physician to the King, in a lecture on 'Cities Without Noise,' at the Royal Society of Arts, in London, on November 29th. Lord Horder was introduced by the chairman, Mr. Alfred C. Bossom, M.P.

The speaker referred to bells in reply to a question put by Dr. Greenhouse Allt, principal of Trinity College of Music, who, in stressing that everyone loved making a noise said, 'Men love banging with bells. A child loves banging a drum.'

Lord Horder explained that the members of the Noise Abatement League had had a difference of opinion about church bells and, as was their custom in such cases, decided to do nothing about it. 'We never do anything about a noise,' he said, 'if we find from a sort of rough canvass that as many like it as do not.'

It was time, he felt, that people did get a kick out of bellringing and he told the story of a clergyman about whose church bell he had made 'comments which were not absolutely favourable.' The parson had replied, 'I don't like it myself, I always put cotton wool in my ears.'

The speaker felt that this illustrated a case where a person got a kick out of making a noise. He was making his job conspicuous, advertising his office, and it was this which gave him the kick.

A large part of Lord Horder's talk was taken up with tracing the history of the Noise Abatement League. Since the war efforts to revive interest in it had failed and in the autumn of 1949 it decided to make over its autonomy to the Royal Council for Health and Hygiene.

THE INTERMINABLE LAST WORDS

Some progress had been made towards securing silence in our cities but, as Lord Horder put it, 'there were still the riveters, pneumatic drills, the screech of the tram, the noises of the milk delivery and dust collection. There were the interminable last words of friends standing outside the house of their all too hospitable hosts and clocks striking during the night every quarter of an hour.'

It was the sensitive person who was most hurt by noise. Noise jarred and fatigued the nerves and lessened and made poorer the quality of a man's work. This had been proved by scientific tests and the medical man was in no doubt of the wastage noise produced in the human nervous system.

At night, too, the human being suffered from the effects of noise, impairing the quality of his sleep. From the angle of preventive medicine, Lord Horder had no doubt that noise wore down the human nervous system and caused a lowering of the power of recovery from disease.

Some important steps had been taken towards silencing our cities. Lord Horder instanced the introduction by Mr. Hore-Belisha of the '7½ hours relief from motor horns at night.' It had been shown that the number of accidents during these hours had dropped with the introduction of this measure.

In the everyday world Lord Horder said, building operations could be carried out noiselessly and road making and road breaking could 'lose their terrors,' if we set our minds to it and if we were prepared to pay for it.

Summing-up, the speaker said that the elimination of noise could never be achieved by an Act of Parliament. It could only come about by people realising their own lack of thought for others.

CHRISTMAS PUBLICATION

Guild and District secretaries are advised that notices of meetings to appear in 'The Ringing World' issue of December 29th must reach the Editorial Offices by Friday, December 22nd. The issue of this journal for that week will go to press early on Saturday, December 23rd.

It is important that all editorial communications, including peals, should be sent as early as possible to facilitate publication.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

MEETING AT WYKE REGIS

The Dorchester Branch held a very well-attended meeting at All Saints' Church, Wyke Regis, on November 25th, upwards of 50 ringers and friends being present.

The service, at 4 o'clock, was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. E. Pratt) who gave a most interesting address, during the course of which he emphasised the fact that throughout the length of the Bible the sense of hearing is called upon on most occasions in order that the people may receive the Word of God, therefore the ringing of church bells is a call to all who hear.

Following the service, tea was served in the Hall by a band of lady helpers and at the conclusion the hon. secretary of the Branch, Mr. J. H. Hayne, asked the company to stand for a moment in silence to the memory of Mr. G. T. White, of Dorchester, who passed away recently. He had been a member of the Guild for 55 years during which period he had been for some time Ringing Master of the Dorchester Branch.

Another former Ringing Master, Squadron-Sgt.-Major P. H. Toccock, who is on a short visit to the district, was then presented with a Guild badge as a small token of regard for his untiring energy in all ringing matters connected with the Branch.

Mr. Duke proposed a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting a success and also apologised for the absence of the chairman, Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, of St. Peter's, Dorchester.

Sgt.-Major Toccock paid a special tribute to the choirboys for their attendance and said that he could not recall a ringers' service where so many boys had turned up.

Ringers were present from the following towers in the Branch: Abbotsbury St. Peter's, Dorchester, Milton Abbey, Preston, Upwey, Wool and Wyke Regis with visitors from Yetminster, Oldham, Stoke-under-Ham, Yeovil, Hazelbury Bryan, Childe Okeford and Clapham (London).

Methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob Minor, Cambridge Surprise Minor and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major.

Ringing was under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. F. Precey, and his deputy, Mr. F. Stedman.

J. H. H.

RINGERS' NOTEBOOK AND DIARY

This popular little publication, the Ringers' Notebook and Diary, has made its third appearance. The contents have been revised, and evidence of its usefulness is apparent at most ringing meetings.

An innovation this year is production of copies in a choice between rexine and leather, and the latter is a really handsome gift to any ringer for Christmas.

Mr. W. H. Viggers and Mr. Maurice Hodgson are to be congratulated on producing such an essential requirement for the average ringer.

OBITUARY

MR. G. T. WHITE

One of the leading bellringers in South Dorset for more than half a century, Mr. George Thomas White, of Dorchester, died on November 17th, at the age of 76.

Coming to Dorchester from Ottery St. Mary, in 1896, Mr. White was well known in the town as a boot and shoe maker. He joined St. Peter's ringers in March of that year and was elected captain in 1897, a post he held with the exception of one year, until 1921. In 1902 he conducted the first peal rung on the bells and was the last surviving member of the band that took part in that performance. He had since rung a number of peals in his own and various other towers and had conducted five of the seven peals which he subsequently rang at St. Peter's with the local band.

He was a past Ringing Master of Dorchester Branch of Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers and did much to foster the art of change-ringing. In 1946 when celebrating his 50 years' membership of St. Peter's, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung in his honour by a band of past and present Ringing Masters of the Salisbury Guild.

Before and after the funeral service half-muffled touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by ringers from St. Peter's and the Branch. The service was conducted by Canon A. W. Markby, Rector and chairman of the Branch.

Members of St. Peter's band present were: Messrs. H. Steed (captain), J. W. Smith (correspondent), J. T. Godwin (churchwarden), W. J. Simons, R. H. Duke, H. W. Gale, D. W. Gale and C. S. House.

Representing the Branch were: Messrs. F. Precey (Ringing Master), F. Stedman (Deputy Ringing Master), J. H. Hayne (hon. secretary), Mrs. M. M. Godley (Yetminster), K. W. Hewitt and J. B. Whalley (from the neighbouring tower of Fordington St. George). The Master (Rev. C. C. Cox) was unavoidably prevented from attending.

MR. A. BERRILL

The death took place on November 18th of Mr. Arthur Berrill, aged 85 years, of Yardley Hastings, near Northampton. He started ringing at the age of 15, and had been a ringer at Yardley Church of 70 years.

He was a most faithful member of the band, and was scarcely absent from any ringing. He took part in the first peal known by any Yardley ringer, Grandsire Doubles, in 1922, the only peal he ever rang. He was also very fond of music and possessed a wonderful ear for it.

Six fellow ringers acted as bearers at the funeral and also rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in the evening with the bells half-muffled.

AN OUTING IN NOVEMBER

A party of Essex ringers had an outing in November 11th, three cars coming from Stebbing and one from Bocking.

The first call was at Moreton where there is an old ring of six. Despite the rattles and groans from above, as if in protest at being disturbed after a long rest, ringing on these bells was enjoyed. From the position of the ropes, the last ringers were either dwarfs or else were accustomed to ringing kneeling down.

The recently-augmented ring of six at Fyfield was the next call. Congratulations must be extended to the local ringers on raising the money required in ten months.

Tea, toast and cakes at a roadside cafe were followed by ringing on the fine six at North Weald, which were a delight to all the company. Harlow, Potter Street, was the last church visited. Although most of the band were six-bell ringers they found ringing on this light eight enjoyable. It is hoped to arrange another trip in the not too distant future.

R. S.

TOWER CORNER (20)

'METHOD LEARNING—STEDMAN'

Dear Improvers.—In our previous lesson (XI.) we considered in general terms the form and structure of a Division of a method, and how Divisions are 'linked' together to form the Plain Course. We also saw that every Division falls into two halves, each being the reflection of the other; and that they show this feature not only about the 'Junction' of the two halves, but also about the 'Link' of two adjacent Divisions.

TWIN POSITIONS OF REFLECTION.

We remarked accordingly that just as there are two different positions, in a succession of change-rows, at which the method-pattern itself reflects, so also we should find that there are two different positions in the Blue Line of a method, about which the bell-path pattern reflects.

First method—STEDMAN.

These and other features we shall now discover in our study of methods in particular: beginning in this current lesson, No. XII., with the method already encountered, Stedman.

From the GENERAL to the PARTICULAR.

It is worth while recalling not only how we made the acquaintance of this method, but also what we gathered of it in general form. Indeed, this will be our way of approach to learning all methods we select; that is to say, first a general idea of the form of structure, then the sequence of the detail.

ELEMENTS OF METHOD RINGING.

It will be recalled that our approach to practical ringing was NOT to start upon any particular method but to learn to perform the three elements of all method-ringing, namely: (a) Hunting—both 'forward' and 'backward'; (b) Dodging; (c) Place-making. Our hunting was learned upon the smallest possible number—three bells, and our dodging upon two others behind them; while our place-making was learned on passing from the dodging to the three-bell hunting again, thus causing the hunting to be reversed to 'backward'.

SPECIFICATION for the STEDMAN METHOD.

In following that practice, we had encountered, so we discovered, the fundamentals of the method called Stedman; which, briefly summarised, give this general specification:—

- Plain hunting on the minimum number of bells in front
- Dodging on remainder of bells, in pairs, for the row-extent of (a).
- At the end of this row-extent or 'set,' exchange a bell from the front-work with one from the dodging, and start a new set.
- But reverse the form of hunting in this new set, so that the hunting in successive sets is alternately 'forward' and 'backward.' (Called respectively 'Quick' and 'Slow' sets)

THIS SPECIFICATION IS COMPREHENSIVE.

Now this is not only the complete specification for the method for the method on Stedman's Principle, but also the specification for its application on all numbers of bells both odd and even. The only difference between odd and even stages of the method occurs under (a) above, where the minimum on odd bells is three and on even bells is obviously four; and again under (b) above, where the extent on three bells is six rows and on four bells—unmodified—is eight rows.

STEADFAST.

Attention was drawn in these columns, early in 1950, to this 'mathematical' application of the Stedman Principle on all numbers; and details of the even-bell form were then given the distinguishing name of 'Steadfast.' Students of method structure may recall with interest that later, through the attention this publication had attracted, the C.C. was persuaded to declare that Shipway's Principle is the same method.

EVOLUTION of the WORK.

At the time of our practising the elements of method-ringing as above-mentioned (Exs. 34, 35, 36, 37 refer—as given in instalments 16 and 17), we discovered that what we called the sequence of alternate quick and slow sets gives rise to the 'work' of a bell recurring in cyclic order thus—Dodging, Slow work, Dodging, Quick work. We saw precisely what was entailed in the dodging and the quick work; but all we gathered of the slow work was that the bell in it was there for five sets working alternately in backward hunting and forward hunting. (Please refer to instalment 17, conclusion of Lesson X. for reminder.) It remains, therefore, for us to see in what sort of path our bell is involved, in these five sets of the slow work. Then this path, added to what we know to be the path in the dodgings and the quick work, will give us the complete Stedman Blue Line. Before coming to this, however, we must find and examine a Division in Stedman, bearing in mind all we have learnt about Divisions in general, in our previous lesson.

A DIVISION in STEDMAN.

Without much reflection the student might at first think that a set or 'six' might constitute a Division in this method. A quick set and a slow set will each be found to be symmetrical in structure about its half-way line or 'axis of reflection' as we have come to know it; but the portions of grid-pattern in each set are different. It is useful to test this for yourself by making up and comparing their grid-patterns, from the change-rows given in instalment 17, in figure 6. Clearly then, neither a quick set nor a slow set can alone constitute a Division of the method. Moreover if two complete sets together (one quick and one slow) be considered as a Division, there is found to be no symmetry about the line at the junction of the two sets. So by the C.C.'s definition of a Division this would be out of order. Now it is a matter of history that some measure of argument has proceeded about this question in the past; some holding that there are sets of two types there must be two kinds of Division in this method; while others have maintained the irregularity of such a concept and that the two sets together constitute an asymmetrical Division. (But of course, that is equally irregular!)

ONE SYMMETRICAL ARRANGEMENT.

The truth, however, is simple, and fairly obvious on reflection. A Stedman Division, like any other Method-Division, contains a number of change-rows equal to that obtained by dividing the number of rows in the plain course by the number of working bells. (See definition in instalment 13.) Take the Doubles stage of Stedman. Here the plain course comprises 60 change-rows. All five bells are working bells, of course. As sixty divided by five gives twelve, there must be twelve change-rows in a Stedman Division, and the first Division must comprise the first twelve rows of the plain course.

DIVISION and 'SIX' NOT COINCIDENT.

Many experienced ringers and even some writers on ringing have stated that Stedman began his plain course with the 'last two changes' of a quick six. Manifestly this is not true. Such folk commit the error, unfortunately found even in some current ringing publications, of putting the dividing line between Divisions just one change-row out of place. The position of this line, marking the parting of the Divisions (or as we prefer to call them—the Links), varies with the class of method, according as to whether it has one hunt-bell, two hunt-bells or none at all. This aspect of our subject is of sufficient importance to demand a special note on it. This we will give later. Reference to figure 6 in instalment 17 (or to the figures in any publication on Stedman) will show the starting rows of the plain course of the Doubles stage in this method, exactly as Fabian Stedman set them out. And the simple and obvious

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LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

NOVEMBER MEETING AT OSSETT

The Society's November meeting was held at Ossett on Saturday, November 25th as local conditions prevented the meeting being held at St. Chad's, Headingley.

The bells were raised at 3 p.m. and ringing was enjoyed until 5 p.m. when an adjournment for tea was taken. Tea was served at the Church sale of work held in the Town Hall. On returning to the tower ringing continued until 7 p.m., the time for the business meeting.

Mr. F. Hutchinson was chairman owing to the president (Mr. Hill) returning home, as Mrs. Hill was ill in bed. The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was proposed by Mr. J. W. Benten and seconded by Mr. F. Hodgson, who thanked the local company for allowing the meeting at short notice and making arrangements for tea when the number attending was three times larger than the number sent in requesting tea.

Mr. Fisher replied for the Ossett company and said they were pleased to have the Society at Ossett to ring the bells when most of their own ringers were busy working at the sale of work.

Following the Society's usual practice no meeting will be arranged for December and members are requested to look for the next meeting announcement in 'The Ringing World.'

A committee was formed to draw up a list of towers for the Society's future meetings. During the afternoon and evening members were present from Armley, Batley, Almondbury, East Ardsley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Liverseed, Ossett, Pudsey, Rothwell, Tadcaster and Drighlington.

WILLESEBOROUGH, KENT

After a spell in the summer, during which they confined their activities to short touches in order to accommodate visitors and on account of local ringers being away on holiday, the band of St. Mary's, Willeborough, has once more settled down to providing the best possible ringing for Sunday services. Recent achievements include:—

Sunday, October 29th.—Matins: Quarter peal, St. Clement's Bob Minor; an attempt at a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob in the evening failed in the last course owing to a failure of the second row.

Sunday, November 5th.—Matins: Quarter peal, Double Bob Minor. Evensong: Quarter peal, Kent Treble Bob Minor.

Sunday, November 12th.—Matins: Quarter peal, Plain Bob Minor. Evensong: Quarter peal, Double Court.

The above two quarter peals were rung half-muffled in memory of the fallen in two world wars.

Sunday, November 19th.—Matins: 1,020 Double Bob Minor.

Sunday, November 26th.—Evensong: Quarter peal, St. Clement's Bob Minor.

At the other services when there has been insufficient time for quarter peals, extents have been rung in Double Bob Minor, Plain Bob Minor, Double Oxford Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

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fact is that he began his plain course just exactly half-way through a quick set or 'six,' i.e., with the last three change-rows. As in most other methods, the first row of this plain course is 'rounds,' and the dividing line comes above that row. The first twelve rows, i.e., 1st Division, may now be seen to comprise the last half of a quick set followed by a slow set and then the first half of a quick set. The succeeding four Divisions are all identical in form with this first, and each is perfect in its symmetry of structure. Moreover each has another qualification, which we shall discover next time, when we study the Stedman Grid-pattern.—Cordially yours,

CORN. R. STONE.

QUARTER PEALS

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Michael's on Nov. 26th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. O. Fry 1, Mrs. D. Evans 2, T. F. King 3, J. B. Bennett 4, E. White 5, R. Perry 6, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 7, H. J. Merrett 8.

BATHWICK, BATH.—On Nov. 26th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. J. Merrett 1, R. O. Fry 2, Betty Smith 3, Jesse Hallett 4, E. White 5, E. J. Fry 6, J. B. Bennett (cond.) 7, K. F. Medway 8. A 78th birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Baverstock.

BIDDULPH, STAFFS.—On Nov. 20th. 1,440 Surprise Minor, being 720 each of London and Wells Surprise: W. Bowring 1, W. P. Dean 2, L. Higgs 3, W. A. Weston 4, J. Stanway 5, W. Hazeldine (cond.) 6.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On Nov. 21st. 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss J. Smith (first quarter of Major) 1, Miss I. Bellerby 2, C. Wright 3, A. B. Cooper 4, J. Saxton 5, S. Lawrence 6, S. Slaney 7, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 8.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Nov. 26th. 1,280 Bob Major: R. J. Lindsell (first quarter) 1, H. Pratt 2, H. G. Pelton 3, G. Wiffen 4, J. Warner 5, S. Warne 6, L. W. Wiffen (cond.) 7, A. Wiffen 8. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

BUCKLEY, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 27th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. E. Usher 1, R. Robinson 2, S. Brks 3, P. C. Roberts 4, J. C. Jones 5, D. H. B. Millward 6, A. Lewis (cond.) 7, A. G. Watkin 8. Rung in honour of the 90th birthday of Mr. Hayes Jones, one of the original band of this church and parish clerk and sexton for many years.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Nov. 18th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. J. Westmacott 1, M. C. F. Collett 2, H. Parker 3, J. G. Collett 4, B. S. Nichols 5, W. J. Dixon 6, T. W. Timms (cond.) 7, G. R. Miles 8. For the wedding of the Hon. Priscilla Piercy and the Rev. T. F. Taylor.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—At the Cathedral on Nov. 19th, on the middle six, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Hodson 1, B. Porter (first quarter) 2, A. Bousfield 3, J. Ling 4, R. Ling 5, A. Forsyth 6, J. Butterfield (cond.) 7, C. Lightning 8. A farewell to B. Porter.

CHARING, KENT.—On Nov. 27th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Pendrill 1, J. Thomas 2, W. Henniker 3, F. Good 4, G. Medley (first as cond.) 5, W. Curtis 6.

CLERKENWELL, LONDON.—On Nov. 26th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Charge 1, Miss A. M. Castle 2, G. A. Parsons 3, Dr. W. R. Winterton 4, A. W. Coles 5, E. T. Beauchamp (cond.) 6, J. Euston 7, R. Sanders 8.

COSSINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 27th. 1,260 Stedman Doubles: E. Norman 1, C. Clarke 2, F. Sweet 3, R. Short (cond.) 4, W. Kent 5, T. Mogg 6. First quarter of Stedman by all and on the bells.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' on Nov. 24th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Merrett 1, A. T. Weeks 2, J. Hunt 3, J. Potter 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, D. Parsons 6. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Canon Sangster. —On Nov. 26th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Hunt 1, A. T. Weeks 2, P. Hunt 3, W. Mortimer 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, P. Yates 6. Rung half-muffled for the memorial service for Canon Sangster.

DOVER, KENT.—On Nov. 22nd. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Te'lender 1, C. George 2, Miss G. A. Smith 3, C. Turner (cond.) 4, E. J. Walker 5, F. A. Rye 6, H. J. Saunders 7, J. D. Thomas 8. Rung half-muffled for Mrs. Golding, wife of the churchwarden, Mr. George Golding, J.P.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 22nd. 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. C. Atyeo 1, Freda M. Poole 2, S. A. Guppy 3, H. J. Gaylard 4, W. E. Turner 5, A. S. Atyeo 6, W. H. Poole (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, J. T. Locke 8. First quarter of Stedman for 1, 3 and 6.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 25th, at St. Stephen's Church. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Luke 1, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 2, J. E. Lewis Cockey 3, G. M. Kirby 4, A. T. Parker 5, H. W. Rogers 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, W. T. Cook 8. Rung for the wedding of Dr. D. C. Deuchar and Miss Daphne Knowles.

EARL SHILTON, LEICS.—On Nov. 18th. 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. O. Wright 1, J. W. Lawrence 2, C. R. Be'ton 3, J. H. Baileys 4, T. K. Deacon 5, F. Baileys (first quarter as cond. in a Major method) 6, T. H. Wright 7, G. A. Newton 8.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Nov. 13th. 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. W. Furbank 1, Miss Jean Barham (first quarter in the method) 2, P. J. Spencer-Phillips 3, Harrie Sydenham (first quarter in the method, aged 16) 4, B. Bover (first quarter in the method 'inside') 5, H. Carter 6, P. Green (cond.) 7, G. Green 8.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 19th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Peter W. Croft (first quarter, aged 12) 1, M. Chalkley 2, L. R. Runnacles 3, G. G. Curry 4, W. J. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6.

HERNE, KENT.—On Nov. 27th. 1,260 changes being 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 180 Plain Bob Minor: G. T. Holmes 1, M. Ruck 2, W. E. Ruck 3, G. Hadlow 4, T. H. Holmes (cond.) 5, C. E. Hadlow 6. In honour of the 37th wedding anniversary of the tenor ringer.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Nov. 19th. 1,299 Stedman Caters: Doreen Coker (first as cond. on ten) 1, F. Hayes 2, Sylvia Coker 3, Marie Goodship 4, E. Markham 5, W. H. Plumridge 6, A. Clutton 7, G. R. Goodship 8, R. Coles 9, A. L. James 10.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 19th. 1,440 New Cambridge Surprise Royal: Mrs. K. Parr 1, R. Joyce Pett 2, Sheila E. Harris 3, Eileen D. Farrell 4, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 5, F. D. Bishop 6, E. Dodds 7, A. L. Pearson 8, N. Hollingworth (cond.) 9, D. J. Charney 10. First quarter in the method by all the band.

LLANELY, CARM.—On Nov. 7th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. P. Sage 1, J. T. Williams 2, C. H. Hawkins (cond.) 3, L. Hurren 4, G. Francis 5, J. T. Hurren 6. Rung half-muffled for the dedication of the new Lady chapel and in memory of those who fell in the last war.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 26th. 1,263 Stedman Caters: A. King 1, J. Wing 2, J. Herber 3, H. Burton 4, A. J. Smith 5, R. Kendall 6, L. A. Goodenough (cond.) 7, H. Wood 8, A. E. Rushton 9, C. H. R. Mann 10. Welcome to the Bishop of St. Albans on his first visit.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Nov. 26th. 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss D. Keeley (first of Surprise) 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, C. W. Powell 3, Rev. C. C. Cox (cond.) 4, R. Keeley 5, N. Mallett 6, G. H. Whitmore 7, H. G. Keeley 8.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Nov. 24th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. C. West 1, Miss R. Gibbons 2, A. W. Argel 3, Miss M. Hunt 4, W. C. West (cond.) 5, G. R. Eyles 6, C. F. Andrews 7, A. W. J. Hunt 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon F. H. Sangster, former Vicar of Melksham.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's on Nov. 26th. 1,256 Little Bob Major: F. A. Salter (cond.) 1, G. E. Padgett 2, Mrs. J. Niblett 3, J. D. Niblett 4, R. Ale 5, J. Wiseman 6, F. Bradley 7, V. T. Jennison 8. First quarter in the method by 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8.

OTTERTY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Oct. 29th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. R. Trestain (first quarter) 1, Louis Hine 2, C. J. Turner (cond.) 3, C. Turner (first quarter 'inside') 4, J. Arbury 5, V. Pyne 6, E. Marks 7, A. J. Down (first quarter) 8. —On Nov. 25th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Marks 1, P. Davis 2, V. Pyne 3, R. Woodley (cond.) 4, E. Rowe 5, C. J. Turner 6, J. Arbury 7, R. Wood 8.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's on Nov. 19th. 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: M. Elizabeth Brown 1, Shirley V. Rymer 2, Ruth M. K. How 3, W. G. Thomas 4, M. E. Barrow 5, P. Border 6, N. G. McCrum 7, R. B. Meadows (cond.) 8. —At St. Thomas' on Nov. 26th. 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, April Day, Plain Bob, Grandsire and 60 of Stedman): Miss D. M. Pantin 1, Miss R. Buchthal 2, Miss M. E. Roe (cond.) 3, D. H. Niblett 4, K. M. Grayson 5, A. M. Elliott 6.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Nov. 20th. 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Elizabeth Llewellyn Jones 1, Marie R. Cross 2, Diana Llewellyn Jones (first quarter 'inside') 3, Janet Eason 4, Hilary Eason (first quarter as cond.) 5, Rev. J. V. Pixell 6. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Docker-Drysdale, of Radley, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Cross, of Radley, and to Jane Cross, of Hong-Kong.

RAWMARSH, YORKS.—On Nov. 14th. 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Pickering 1, Lilian Crossmore (first quarter) 2, E. Pammenter 3, N. V. Chappell 4, G. R. Hiner 5, H. Mortemore (cond.) 6.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On Nov. 26th. 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss B. M. Strange 1, W. B. Kynaston 2, Miss M. Harry 3, D. Bounds 4, Miss B. J. Strange (cond.) 5, T. I. Holborow 6. First of Minor by 3 and 4 and first as conductor.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Edward the Confessor, on Nov. 14th. 1,500 Grandsire Doubles: E. C. Sharpin 1, Mrs. M. Osborne 2, Miss S. Booth 3, H. F. Perry 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, A. T. Langstone 6. A birthday compliment to Prince Charles.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—On Nov. 25th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour. 1,325 Stedman Cinques: F. E. Darby 1, A. W. J. Appleton 2, J. Phillips 3, M. V. Chilcott 4, R. G. Burton 5, J. H. Hunt (first of Cinques) 6, T. J. Southam 7, J. H. Crampion 8, D. E. Parsons 9, T. J. Setter 10, J. E. Chilcott (cond.) 11, P. A. F. Chalk 12.

SOWTON, DEVON.—On Nov. 25th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Williamson 1, D. Reeks 2, A. Tapley 3, W. Se'don 4, J. Dunster 5, F. Williamson 6, W. Reeks (cond.) 7, L. Burnett 8. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss P. Williamson.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—On Nov. 23rd. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Bridger 1, R. H. Bullen 2, H. Fields 3, H. S. Peacock 4, F. H. Newman 5, F. W. Lack 6, F. Warrington (cond.) 7, R. H. Brooker 8. First quarter of Grandsire for 1, 4 and 8. —On Nov. 26th. 1,344 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major: S. Gilbert 1, Miss C. Dunnington 2, H. Fields 3, A. Clements 4, H. S. Peacock 5, R. H. Brooker 6, G. H. Dunnington 7, F. Warrington (cond.) 8. First quarter of Spliced Major by all except conductor.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 24th. 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Bunting 1, C. Cousins, jun. 2, S. Elsev 3, W. Cousins 4, E. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6. First of Cambridge for 2 and 3.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Nov. 19th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Hutchins 1, G. Dodd 2, J. Taylor 3, P. E. Dodd 4, R. Christopher 5, E. Curtis 6, R. W. Rex (cond.) 7, R. Dennis 8. First of Triples for 1 and 4.

TWERTON, BATH.—At St. Michael's on Nov. 26th. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Baverstock 1, T. F. King (cond.) 2, Mrs. D. Evans 3, W. J. Prescott 4, M. He'ps 5, R. Perry 6, G. Hawkins 7, P. Young 8. A farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. R. B. H. Kay) on leaving for the benefice of Backwell, Somerset.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—At St. Matthew's on Nov. 26th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, with tenor covering: Miss I. B. Cording 1, Miss J. H. Friswell 2, Miss G. L. Friswell 3, M. Sinden 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, G. A. Parsons 7. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

UPTON PYNE, DEVON.—On Nov. 26th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Perry 1, F. Wilmington 2, W. Panter (cond.) 3, Miss Phyllis Willmington (first 'inside') 4, R. Scores 5, T. Burnett 6.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—On Nov. 26th, at St. Bartholomew's. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Gaden 1, D. J. Tranter (first as cond.) 2, A. H. Hubble 3, A. H. Hingley 4, D. K. Knowles 5, G. Darlington 6, K. H. Knowles 7, J. H. Morton 8.

WHISTON, YORKS.—On Nov. 19th. 1,428 Grandsire Triples: Shirley Bampton 1, Mrs. E. Chaddock 2, D. Elaine Wright 3, G. S. Lee 4, P. Coote 5, T. Cuts 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, S. Wright 8. First of Grandsire by all except 6 and 7. Rung to mark the birth of a son to Mrs. Peggy Oliver (nee Wright), a former ringer at this church.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 12th. 1,440 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob): M. Fuller (first of Minor) 1, Hildesard Bird 2, Barbara Mitchell 3, J. Cannell 4, A. S. Richards 5, R. Bird (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. —On Nov. 19th. 1,440 Bob Minor: Mary Fuller (first of Minor) 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, M. Fuller (first of Minor 'inside') 3, L. W. G. Skinner 4, J. Cannell (first of Minor as cond.) 5, A. S. Richards 6.

YARDLEY HASTINGS, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 26th. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. G. Wooding (first quarter) 1, A. Goodman 2, R. Minney 3, H. Wooding (cond.) 4, S. Elliott 5, H. C. Minney 6. Rung for the patronal festival and children's service, in which two fathers and two sons took part.

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REMINISCENCE

RINGING DURING THE BAN

I suppose I am one of the few ringers who can claim to have rung during the time of the 'ban' in the early part of the war.

I lived then in Hampshire, and the Rector and I, being both on the phone, were appointed to ring the invasion alarm should it ever be required.

At 2 a.m. one very dark morning the phone rang and a message came through that enemy paratroopers were suspected to have landed in our district and we were to ring the alarm. I stumbled down to the church with beating heart, where I found the Rector. We groped our way to the bells (they were rung 'downstairs') and at the Rector's suggestion we took the 5th and 6th respectively, rang them half-up and let them come down. We repeated this for about ten minutes, and an eerie experience it was to hear them clashing out in those strange circumstances.

I had then to go and warn various air raid wardens and it was not without some trepidation that I set about the task. Every tree seemed to be a lurking foe. One warden thought I was too, for he promptly bolted and barred his doors against me!

My task finished, I was going home down a dark lane when I became aware of footsteps behind me and, dawn just breaking, I perceived dimly a figure armed with a rifle. I thought my last hour had come and, quite defenceless, wondered how I could sell my life as dearly as possible. At that moment the 'foeman' called 'Halt!' and I soon recognised a local Home Guard, his loaded rifle pointed directly at me. His disappointment at recognising me was intense.

'Lor' lumme,' he said 'It's you!' And laughing heartily he added, 'I nearly put a bullet in you just now.' And with that he went off in search of further victims.

C. N. P.

SIMPLE SIMON IN THE BELFRY

Simple Simon thought he would like to be a ringer so he ventured for the first time in his life into the belfry and this is what he said to his chum.

'Do you know, Bill, the ringers have a different language from ours (not bad language, mind you) but it was like a foreign language to me. One ringer was talking about touches, touches of Bob Major, touches of Double Norwich, touches of Cambridge, quarter peals of Bob Minor. He was telling them the conductor pricked out a touch. When they start ringing, one shouts out, "Here goes the treble! Going, going, gone." And they are always talking about some girl named Sally, though I never saw her and about some ringer handling his Sally nicely, and that someone broke her stays.

'Another ringer said he nearly broke her slider. I was told Number 4 bell was known to fall on her ringer. I looked up at the ceiling and moved away from Number 4. But she was said to have been called in quick by someone named Stedman whose name was frequently mentioned.

'Next I heard that Number 6 was in the hunt and then out of the hunt, made a double dodge and bobbed home. Number 3 was in the hunt and Number 6 coursing. Number 2 lying still. I fancied I was in the Pytchley Hunt following the hounds. Number 4 gave a blow, snapped with the treble. They all seemed a snappy lot. Someone yelled, "That's all," and they told me the bells were brought round, but I don't know where to. And then someone yells, "Stand." I was told they all stood at hand stroke and that Queen's change and Tittums had been heard. Someone remarked the bells were well controlled and were well tapped, but I don't know who tapped them.

'And if you know what it all means and what it's all about, I'm hanged if I do.'

'THE DIOCESAN HUMORIST.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

CANTERBURY DISTRICT

A most enjoyable meeting of the Canterbury District, Kent County Association, was held at Whitstable on December 2nd. Always a popular venue for a meeting, All Saints' again lived up to its reputation, for 80 members attended from 22 towers in the District, with a welcome visitor in Mr. Ted Allen, of Frindsbury. Ringing on the six bells took place during the afternoon.

The service was held in the church and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. E. Waynforth), assisted by his curate (the Rev. S. T. Easter). The feature was the attendance of the full surpliced choir attached to the church; this, together with a most capable organist, added greatly to the enjoyment and beauty of the worship. A collection for the Association's Belfry Repair Fund amounted to 35s.

Tea was taken in the Church Hall, members sitting down to yet another 'Dilnot Special,' this time with a difference: they were being entertained by Mr. C. C. Dilnot himself. At the conclusion of tea the District's chairman, Mr. J. A. Russell, on behalf of those present, cordially thanked Mr. Dilnot for entertaining the members to tea. He also expressed thanks to the Vicar, Curate, Choir and Organist for their great help during the afternoon.

One new practising member was elected, and Mr. Russell stated that the Quex Park Society had been re-formed by ringers in that area, and the present owner of the estate had consented to become an honorary member of the Association together with his agent, Mr. A. G. Graham. The election of Mr. C. Powell-Cotton again forged a link between Quex Park and the Association, as his father was a life member for many years.

A return was made to the tower and further ringing enjoyed until a late hour. Many young members were again present and these were looked after by Mr. R. G. French, attending his first meeting in his capacity as Ringing Master; other methods were practised, going as far as London Surprise.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

MEETING AT OVERSEALE

About 40 members, friends and visitors from as wide an area as Kingsbury, Duffield and Ibstock were present for the last meeting of the year held at Overseale on November 25th.

This handy ring of eight, a 1914-18 war memorial, was made full use of from 2.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and although no great variety of methods was rung, good practice was put in by the younger members. One performance worthy of note was that of Plain Bob Minor by six members of the fair sex.

The service was conducted by the Rev. F. V. Wallis, with Miss Wright at the organ.

A sumptuous tea prepared by the local ringers' wives followed, in the Robin Hood Hotel.

At the business meeting the belfry election of two members (one non-resident) was ratified. It was decided to accept the committee's recommendation and visit Repton for the annual meeting on January 13th.

The meeting closed with thanks to all who had made the meeting so successful.

YORK MINSTER

LADIES' GUILD TO RING SERVICE TOUCH

To-morrow (Saturday) the famous Five Sisters Window in the North Transept will be rededicated at a Welcome Back service at 2.30 p.m. The service will be sung by members of the Yorkshire Women's Institutes.

With the approval of the Dean and Chapter the Minster ringers invited the Ladies' Guild to ring the service touch on the middle eight. The response has been so good that this will now be possible and it will be the first time in the history of the Minster that a band of women has rung for a service in the Minster.

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BIRTH

LEWIS.—On November 29th, 1950, at 306, Wylds Lane, Worcester, to Florence (nee Johnson), wife of Thomas W. Lewis, a son (Brian Richard), a brother for Roger. 8011

ENGAGEMENT

LONGHURST—WHITE.—The engagement is announced between Cecil Roy Longhurst, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Longhurst, 92, Butchers Row, West Grinstead, Sussex, and Sylvia Mabel White, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. White, 14, South View, Henfield, Sussex. 8005

DEATH

RADLEY.—On Thursday, November 30th, 1950, George Radley passed away at Wallbury, St. David's Drive, Broxbourne, Herts, aged 73. 8009

PUBLICATIONS WANTED

WANTED.—History and Art of Change-ringing and Walters' 'Church Bells of England.' Price and particulars to Fred. E. Dukes, 26, William Street, Drogheda, Ireland. 8003

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MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting, Broomfield (6), Saturday, December 9th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 7851

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting for nomination of District officers at Ashted on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Usual ringing. Service 4.15. Tea at Peace Memorial Hall 5. 7949

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Meeting at Gravesend (8) on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea as we have been unable to get a hall for this date.—B. W. May. 7948

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Great Barford and Blumham on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells at 3 p.m. Great Barford. Tea at 5 p.m. Great Barford. Bells at Blumham 6 p.m.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. 7995

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Annual meeting, Staveley (8), Dec. 9th. Business important. 7992

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Sevenoaks (8), Dec. 9th. Bells 4 p.m.. Names for tea to Miss Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks.—C. A. Bassett. 7987

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Downham Market, Saturday, Dec. 9th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30.—J. E. Fox, Walpole Highway, Wisbech. 7982

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Redcliffe (12), Dec. 9th. 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Community Centre, Guinea Street. Meeting 6 p.m.—A. Bennett, 5, Lancaster Street, Bristol 5. 7990

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting Saturday, Dec. 9th. Colliers Wood 2.45. Clapham R.C. 4.45. Business in Monastery 6. Battersea 7.15. Own tea arrangements. 7977

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Aldate's, Oxford, on Saturday, Dec. 9th. Ringing. Tea. Meeting 7986

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Cheltenham, December 16th. Bells (12) 3 Service 4 Tea and meeting 4.30. Names for tea to P. Baker, 31, Tobysfield Road, Bishop's Cleeve. 7956

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Horbling, Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. at the Plough Hotel. Names for tea to me before Monday 11th please.—B. H. Dalton, Hon Sec., Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs. 7984

HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford (10) on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. (Long's Restaurant). All welcome.—S. Carter, North Road, Hertford.—G. Blake, Burford Street, Hoddesdon. 7983

LINCOLN AND SOUTHALL GUILDS.—Joint meeting of the Lincoln and Newark Districts at Brant Broughton (6) on Dec. 16th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec., Lincoln District. 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 7994

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Next meeting, Helmshore, Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells from 3. Meeting in tower at 6. Bring own food. Nominations for committee at this meeting. All ringers welcome. 8031

YATTON, SOMERSET.—Dedication of restored ring of eight by the Ven. Archdeacon of Bath at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Everyone welcome. P.C. only for tea by 13th to E. A. Price, Rectory Farm, Yatton, Bristol.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Blandford, Dec. 16th at 3. Welcome to visitors. Write: Rev. Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 7972

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Annual, Wellington (8), Dec. 16th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Names for tea please, Rockwell-Green bells 7.—A. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 8018

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, Bebington (8), Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided free for those notifying me by 14th at latest.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 8022

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 16th, St. Peter's, Derby, 2.30. Names by Dec. 13th to Mr. W. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby. 8019

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual meeting, Matlock (8), Dec. 16th, 3. Service 4.30. Bring own food. Cups of tea obtainable.—D. J. Dunn, Darley Dale. 8016

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND N. NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Dec. 16th. Sutton-in-Ashfield (8). Bells available 2. Tea 4.30. Names not later than Dec. 13th to Mr. B. A. Sollis, Pendene, Haddon Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts. 8002

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Saturday, Dec. 16th, at St. Andrew's bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. St. Mary's (8) available after tea.—S. Gilbert, Dis Sec. 8025

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Annual meeting at Stroud, Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells (10) 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Dec. 12th to S. T. Price, 1, Bridge Cottage, Stonehouse, Glos. 8008

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Annual meeting at Dursley on December 16th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by Dec. 12th to Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 8017

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting Dec. 16th St. Thomas', Exeter (8), 2.30. Cathedral 6.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Dec. 13th to E. J. Ryall, Alphidex, Dunsford Hill, Exeter. 8013

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, Dec. 16th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7999

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at All Hallows', Bispham, Saturday, December 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 8023

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Business meeting at the Cathedral at 5 p.m., Dec. 16th. Bells available from 4.30 p.m. Cafe nearby.—R. Benson. 8024

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Felpham, Dec. 16th, 3. Names for tea by 12th to E. Tregus, 78, Kvoto Court, Bognor Regis. 8000

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Blyton (5) on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lee, Gainsborough (Tel. 2623). 8004

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Barkby, Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. G. A. James, 10, School Lane, by Wednesday, Dec. 13th. please.—F. Key, Hon. Sec. 8012

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Broughton Astley, Dec. 16th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Mr. Farmer, Jesmond Cafe, Broughton Astley, Leicester. 8010

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Hornsey (near Hornsey B.R. Station) on Saturday, Dec. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business.—T. J. Lock. 8014

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Goole, Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea not later than Dec. 14th to Mr. J. Waud, 41 Oxford Road, Goole.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8015

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Reigate (10) on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Ringing 3. Service 5. Tea and business following. Nominations for District officers for 1951 received at this meeting. Further ringing in evening. Names for tea by Thursday, Dec. 14th to Mr. W. Claydon, 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate. 8026

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Maresfield (8), Saturday, Dec. 16th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 for those who notify by Wednesday, Dec. 13th.—B. W. White, 14, Southview, Henfield. 8006

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Handsworth, Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names by 14th to W. H. Taylor, 66, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield. 9. 8021

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at St. Matthew's, Northowram, on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 2s. 6d. per head. Apply before Dec. 12th to W. G. Turner, 4, Marlden Road, Northowram, Halifax. 8001

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting at Apsley Guise, Dec. 16th. Bells (6) at 3. Tea at 4.30. Names please by Tuesday, Dec. 12th.—Valerie Willard, Church Avenue, Leighton Buzzard. 8030

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting at Cottingham, Dec. 16th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for all who notify Mr. W. Lawson, 7, Arlington Avenue, Cottingham, by first post Wednesday, Dec. 13th. 8027

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual meeting Saturday, Dec. 16th, at Woodstock. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. C. Farmer, 5, Heyford Close, Standlake, Witney, Oxon.—W. Hibbert, General Secretary. 8029

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting St. Bartholomew's Bolton, Saturday, Dec. 16th. 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by hot meal. Names not later than Wednesday, Dec. 13th, to W. Aaron, 40, Haworth Street, Bolton. This is first meeting at the church for 20 years and cordial invitation is extended to all ringers. Methods: Double Court, St. Clement's Minor. Church is 100 yards on right beyond Walker's Tannery, Thynne Street.—W. Aaron, p.p. Peter Crook, Sec. 8028

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—The seventh annual dinner will take place on Friday, Dec. 29th, at the New Inn, Westminster Bridge Road. Tickets 13s. 6d., including organising fee. Details being circulated. New and prospective members invited to write to secretary before Dec. 15th.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, Ditton, Maidstone. 7991

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Edmund's, Northampton, January 13th. Details later.—Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec. 8007

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS is holding its annual luncheon in Oxford on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Any old members wishing to attend please communicate with Frank Wright, University College, Oxford. 8020

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THOMAS POST Ringer, Shepherd and Poet

LAST Christmas our editorial, 'Lord be thankit,' was based on a painting of the old shepherd who 'for three score years he rang his simple praise.' Inspired by this, Mr. George H. Head, of Hampton, Middlesex, has forwarded to us a selection of verses written by Thomas Post, of Wye, Kent, and published when he was aged 84. Post was of such a character as the aged bell-ringer; he was a shepherd, poet and ringer.

Perhaps some of our older readers in the Kent and Sussex border country knew him. Mr. Head did and had rung with him. The story of the publication of Post's verses is of interest. In December, 1899, an appeal was launched for widows of men killed in the war in South Africa. Thomas Post walked into the office of 'The Kentish Express,' Ashford, and to the editor said: 'I have come to see if I can help your War Fund. I have no money, but everybody should do his little bit. I wish to help if you will only let me.' Then from his capacious pocket he drew a scroll of manuscript. 'There,' said he, his eyes glistening with pardonable pride, 'I wrote those lines myself. I should like to sell them and give the money to the soldiers' widows and orphans.'

The late Mr. Charles Igglesden, the then editor of 'The Kentish Express,' describes Post as being entirely self-educated. After spending a few years in the Army, he became a shepherd. His manuscript was written in capital letters, as these were the only letters he understood. Rhyming has come naturally to him—a gift which in a highly educated man might have led to the loftiest steps of the ladder of fame. But for the alteration of a word here and there, the verses in the volume are left just as he wrote them—crude, but strangely flavoured with the intense earnestness that characterises their author.

For seventy years Thomas Post was a bell-ringer, and he is reputed to have rung peals in 53 different churches in Kent. Even as a child he had a marked predilection for bells, and he tells of the days of his boyhood when he produced his first chimes on some old scythes he had found in an outbuilding. The most notable event in his ringing career was the establishment of a ringing record in East Kent in May, 1846. This took place at St. Leonard's, Hythe, where 13,440 changes were rung in 7 hours and 55 minutes.

Mr. George H. Head adds his recollection of Post. He writes: 'It was about 50 years ago, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Bob Major, that I visited the dear old chap in his humble home and spent some time with him. I well remember him showing me the manuscript of his poems. I only remember ringing with him once, at Ashford, and the way he handled the tenor was a lesson to me as a beginner. He was then about 70.'

Typical of Thomas Post's verse is the following, entitled, 'To all my brothers strings':—

Many miles I have walked
To meet my brother string,
And for to meet
It was a treat
To make the bells to ring.

Many ringers I've taught to ring,
As you may understand:
Some of them
Be good men
And captains of a band.

Let us meet, we ringers all,
And ring within the steeple;
They hear the sound
For miles around,
We call a waiting people.

Christmas Day; rejoicing day!
We make the bells to ring.
The people hear
And all come near
To praise the Lord and King.

Four score years are gone and past,
Old age has come, you see.
Brother string,
When you ring,
Pray sympathise with me.

When ringing days are over,
I pray the Lord to bless
All his faithful ringers
When they lay down to rest.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Consisting of 2,880 Cambridge and 2,400 Yorkshire, with 40 changes of method.

*ALBERT WALKER Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON .. 7
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 2	ARTHUR D. COOK .. 8
†EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 3	†ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. 9
FRANK E. HAYNES .. 4	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON .. 10
FRANK W. PERRENS .. 5	HENRY H. FEARN .. 11
JOHN PINFOLD 6	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Arranged by GEO. E. FEARN. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.

* 450th peal on twelve bells. † 300th peal. ‡ 50th peal this year.
The first peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus for the Guild and by all the band.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 4 Hours and 13 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary, Redcliffe,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 50½ cwt.

TERENCE A. THORNBUR .. Treble	ALFRED BALLARD .. 7
EMLYN F. HANCOCK .. 2	J. FREDK. MILNER .. 8
FRANK E. PERVIN .. 3	E. ALAN JACQUES .. 9
JOHN R. SMITH .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE .. 10
G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. 5	WILLIAM J. ROOT .. 11
SHIRLEY BURTON .. 6	JOSEPH T. DYKE .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

In memoriam Stephen H. Wood.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Nov. 28, 1950, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 6
ALBERT WALKER .. 2	HENRY H. FEARN .. 7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING .. 3	FRANK E. HAYNES .. 8
GEORGE E. FEARN .. 4	JOHN N. LINDON .. 9
JOHN F. BUTLER .. 5	JOHN SCOTT .. Tenor

Composed by J. H. R. FREEBORN.

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

A compliment to Mr. James George, who was 97 on November 27th. This composition, rung for the first time, has the 6th in 2nds place with the 5th in 5ths, and the treble in 2nds with the 6th in 5ths, in alternate quarters.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLB .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON .. 6
COLIN HARRISON .. 2	JOHN R. SMITH .. 7
PAUL L. TAYLOR .. 3	TERENCE A. THORNBUR .. 8
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY .. 9
PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5	E. ALAN JACQUES .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

ARTHUR H. REED .. Treble	RODNEY B. MEADOWS .. 6
G. STEDMAN MORRIS .. 2	ROGER O. FRY .. 7
MARGARET L. TUTT .. 3	HARRY J. SANGER .. 8
WALTER F. JUDGE .. 4	GILBERT H. HARDING .. 9
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS .. 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt.

*STEPHEN LAYLAND .. Treble	WILFRED KERR .. 6
RICHARD D. LANGFORD .. 2	GEORGE A. PACKER .. 7
†HARRY F. HOLDING .. 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST .. 8
IVOR R. NICHOLS .. 4	HOWARD HOWELL .. 9
†RICHARD T. HOLDING .. 5	W. FRANK STENSON .. Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWARD.

Conducted by GEORGE A. PACKER.

* First peal. † 100th peal together. A 62nd birthday peal for the tenor ringer and for Mr. W. Edge, the towerkeeper at Crewe.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DRAYCOTT-LE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lb.

FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. Treble	*RONALD BARLOW .. 5
*JUNE M. HENSHAW .. 2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 6
*CATHERINE M. TRIST .. 3	CHARLES H. PAGE .. 7
ARTHUR PEAKE .. 4	*NEVILLE R. HOLLAND .. Tenor

Composed by WM. BARTON. Conducted by FREDK. WILLIAM GROCOTT.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. F. Chadwick, Rector of Draycott.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 18, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

*JAMES W. FORDER .. Treble	HERBERT J. ELDERD .. 5
CHARLES BAILEY .. 2	ARTHUR W. BIRD .. 6
*ALFRED W. FULCHER .. 3	GODFREY G. WALPOLE .. 7
JOHN DENTON .. 4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by H. WM. BARRETT.

* First peal. Rung as a 21st wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bird.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael-at-Coslaney,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

NOLAN GOLDEN .. Treble	H. WILLIAM BARRETT .. 5
ERNEST G. SHORTING .. 2	ARTHUR G. BASON .. 6
*JACK KING .. 3	GEORGE SAYER .. 7
*GEORGE P. ADAMS .. 4	*BERT GOGLE .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

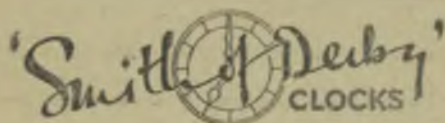
A PEAL OF 5088 ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER .. Treble	ALICK CUTLER .. 5
LEONARD H. BOWLER .. 2	MAURICE HODGSON .. 6
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES .. 3	THOMAS H. FRANCIS .. 7
RICHARD F. B. SPEED .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS .. Tenor

Composed by A. WILSON.

Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.



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FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 24, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 2,944 London, 640 Bristol, 736 Cambridge, 736 Superlative. with 112 changes of method.

ERIC J. GILBERT Treble	JOHN WORTH 5
WALTER ALLMAN 2	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	RALPH G. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER. Umpire: HENRY O. BAKER.
This is the first silent peal of Spliced Surprised Major.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Nov. 24, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5152 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*S. ANTHONY JESSON .. Treble	*TERENCE A. THORNEBR .. 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 2	SHIRLEY BURTON 6
ELIZABETH FAULKNALL .. 3	JOHN R. SMITH 7
ERNEST W. RAWSON .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

Parker's Six-part Treble	*REV. JOHN COUTTS 5
*ROY PECKHAM 2	*JOHN H. GILBERT 6
MARY E. DAVIS 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS 7
FRED PRICE 4	BRUCE B. ROGERS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

* First peal. Rung on the 18th birthday of the treble ringer.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

*D. G. SCOTT Treble	†ARTHUR J. BULL 5
G. WILFRED SLACK 2	J. ROBERTS 6
LEONARD LADLEY 3	J. R. TOWERS 7
W. T. HOLMES 4	J. G. M. SCOTT Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by G. WILFRED SLACK.

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

*SHEILA BARKER Treble	GORDON D. ELVIN 5
EILEEN BRACEY 2	CHARLES H. MOORE 6
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	RAYMOND G. LOFTY 7
GEORGE H. MOORE 4	HENRY TOOKE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

* First peal, age 16 years. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector.
Rev. R. G. Heawood.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE
STOKE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*FREDK. W. GROCOTT, SEN. Treble	FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 5
MARGARET RIGBY 2	NEVILLE R. HOLLAND .. 6
CATHARINE M. TRIST .. 3	†CHARLES H. PAGE 7
†ARTHUR PEAKE 4	FREDK. W. GROCOTT, JUN. Tenor

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by F. W. GROCOTT, JUN.
* First peal of Major. † 50th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. First peal of Major for the St. Peter's Society. Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. G. K. Davies, churchwarden for 20 years, and as an appreciation of his 50 years' membership of St. Mary's Church. Uttoxeter.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E.

*SYLVIA M. WHITE .. Treble	*FREDK. W. PARSONS .. 5
EDGAR R. RAPLEY 2	BASIL W. WHITE 6
*FRANK E. CRUTTENDEN .. 3	CECIL R. LONGHURST .. 7
*ERNEST LISH 4	*ERNEST F. PACKHAM .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by BASIL W. WHITE.

* First peal of Plain Bob Major. The conductor's 25th peal. Rung for the christening of David Arthur Cruttenden, son of the ringer of 3rd.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 26, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

SYDNEY FLINT Treble	THOS. W. HAMMOND .. 5
THOMAS S. HORRIDGE .. 2	WM. H. DEACON 6
THOMAS LARKEY 3	*WILFRED RILEY 7
GEORGE SKELLAND 4	WILLIAM COURT Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by WILLIAM H. DEACON.

* First peal in the method. A 70th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF 5144 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

Being seven methods: 1,536 changes of Double Oxford, 672 of Double and Reverse Bob, 648 of Little Bob, 624 of Plain Bob and 496 changes each of Double Norwich and St. Clement's College Bob; 261 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

CHARLES H. MOORE .. Treble	ARTHUR G. BASON 5
*SIDNEY MARSHALL 2	HENRY TOOKE 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	BERT GOGLE 7
GEORGE SAYER 4	WILLIAM CLOVER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Spliced Major. First peal in seven Major methods by all. on the bells and for the Association.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

*WINIFRED M. BURTON .. Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE 5
†JOHN HILL 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 6
SHIRLEY BURTON 3	E. ALAN JACQUES 7
†HUBERT E. ASHLEY .. 4	LEONARD TREVOR Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bristol Surprise.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Nov. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 104 lb. in F.

*RALPH SITCH Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
JACK KING 2	BERT GOGLE 6
ERNEST G. SHORTING .. 3	GEORGE SAYER 7
GEORGE P. ADAMS 4	ARTHUR G. BASON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Surprise.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Thurs., Nov. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt

ELIZABETH BROWN .. Treble	*EWART H. EDGE 5
*JOHN B. GUY 2	N. GERARD MCCRUM .. 6
*W. GWYN THOMAS .. 3	PETER BORDER 7
*KENNETH M. GRAYSON .. 4	FRANK P. WRIGHT Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FRANK P. WRIGHT.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

PHILIP A. CORBY Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
RALPH BIRD 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
ALFRED G. HILL 4	FREDK. J. CULLUM Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.

Rung to welcome to Erith the Rev. and Mrs. Philip Lea, M.A., the former being inducted Vicar of Erith the previous day.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 1, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Matthew's Twelve-part.	Tenor 7½ cwt.
JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. Treble	†STANLEY NADEN 5
*JUNE M. HENSHAW 2	†DENIS HEAPY 6
†NEIL D. LOMAS 3	JOHN WORTH 7
†ANNE WORTH 4	HAROLD BROUGH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal on eight bells.

‡ First peal of Grandsire.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES C. RAWDING .. Treble	HORACE BENNETT 5
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER 2	WILLIAM ROSE 6
WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON .. 3	HORACE HARRISON 7
THOMAS H. CHARLTON .. 4	C. HAROLD WHITTON .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Onc-part.	Tenor 31 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.
GEOFFREY DODDS Treble	*BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 5
DENIS N. LAYTON 2	MALCOLM S. CLOKE 6
LEONARD MANNERING 3	S. GEOFFREY WATERS .. 7
FREDERICK HOGAN 4	FRANK P. THWAITES .. Tenor

Conducted by DENIS N. LAYTON.

* First peal in the method and first of Triples.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

SAM SCATTERGOOD .. Treble	†HERBERT E. TAYLOR .. 5
BESSIE MOSS 2	CYRIL WRIGHT 6
*DOUGLAS ROOKE 3	GORDON C. BRIGGS 7
*†WILFRED L. ROBINSON .. 4	STANLEY SLANEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by GORDON C. BRIGGS.

* 25th peal. † First peal in the method. The conductor's 100th peal.

TICHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

CHRISTINE DUNNINGTON .. Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON .. 5
HERBERT GOAKES 2	FRANK W. LACK 6
*HAROLD S. PEACOCK 3	FRANK H. NEWMAN 7
*R. FRANK BAKER 4	STANLEY GILBERT Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. Birthday compliment to Rev. Canon Luckock, Mr. Jeffs and Mary, granddaughter of Mr. H. Goakes.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES L. WRIGHT .. Treble	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW .. 5
FRANK BARRACLOUGH .. 2	ALBERT GREENHALGH .. 6
MURIEL REAY 3	*ARTHUR TOMLINSON .. 7
SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW .. 4	RICHARD BENSON Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* 500th peal on tower bells.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's Ten-part. No. 1. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ROBERT C. HEAZEL .. Treble	*HARRY J. MILLATT 5
*RONALD SUCKLING 2	JOHN H. CRAMPION 6
HENRY T. WILSON 3	HARRY TURNER 7
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 4	H. WALTER SMITH Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First of Stedman Triples as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

GEORGE PICKERING .. Treble	PETER HALLAM 4
THOMAS K. DEACON 2	JOSEPH TAYLOR 5
GEORGE A. NEWTON 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of the men of Thurlaston, who gave their lives in two world wars.

CASTLE EATON, WILTSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 7½ cwt. (approx.).

*ROGER W. DAVIDGE .. Treble	†WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL .. 4
BERNICE M. STRANGE .. 2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON .. 5
†MARGARET E. RICHARDS .. 3	EDWARD G. ADAMS Tenor

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman Doubles. A compliment to a former ringer, Mr. William Card, on his golden wedding.

KIRKBY LONSDALE, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Lancaster Branch.)

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

MARJORIE BRAITHWAITE .. Treble	JOHN A. STOREY 4
EDWARD PROCTER 2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE .. 5
*BENJAMIN SHAW 3	ALAN W. CASSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.

* First peal.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

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

Comprising an extent each of Double Court, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and two extents of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

LEONARD WOOLLARD .. Treble	ARTHUR E. SMITH 4
RAYMOND PECK 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY 5
JACK PILGRIM 3	WILLIAM F. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Denis.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.
*MRS. MILLCENT SHORT..Treble †DENIS A. FRITH .. 4
FRANK R. MITCHELL .. 2 *CHARLES R. MUXLOW .. 5
†HUGH LONGLAND .. 3 JAMES H. MUSSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal. Mr. F. R. Mitchell has now completed the circle.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 2,160 York and two 720's each of London and Cambridge.
Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES .. Treble FRANCIS KIRK .. 4
FREDK. W. BRINKLOW .. 2 CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 5
WILLIAM WENBAN .. 3 HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

STEBBING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.
*SHIRLEY BARRINGER .. Treble *ALFRED LITTLE .. 4
*FRANK HARRINGTON .. 2 GEORGE SAUNDERS .. 5
*RONALD BOYKETT .. 3 RONALD SUCKLING .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. First of Cambridge Minor as conductor. An engagement compliment for ringer of 3rd.

WATERINGBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Plain Bob and three of Oxford Bob called alternately. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JOHN T. MEDHURST .. Treble ALBERT W. KELVIE .. 4
LEWIS NEWMAN .. 2 LUTHER J. HONESS .. 5
EDNA M. SILLS .. 3 WILLIAM R. MANSEY .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM R. MANSEY.

* 25th peal. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Cynthia Wells, of Wateringbury, niece of the ringer of the 4th.

HOLKAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Nov. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Withburga.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 19 cwt. 29 lb.
JOHN COUZINS .. Treble DONALD PEGG .. 4
ROBERT ALCOCK .. 2 JACK S. WILLIAMSON .. 5
ALBERT J. COOTE .. 3 TONY OWEN .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Southern Branch.)

On Mon., Nov. 27, 1950, in 3 Hours,
At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Oxford. Single Court and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*ALBERT E. LARKINSON .. Treble CECIL WADE .. 4
RAYMOND WADE .. 2 FREDERICK W. FRENCH .. 5
JAMES HAW .. 3 ALBERT SCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to James George.

BRAFIELD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 27, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of St. Simon, London, Antelope, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

*GWENDOLINE M. RAINBOW Treble RONALD NOON .. 3
PHILIP JONES .. 2 GEORGE CARE .. 4

LESLIE BATTISSON .. Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP JONES.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and also a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Noon, mother of Ronald Noon.

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TILNEY, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Nov. 27, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, one of Kent, one of St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

STANLEY J. ELSEY Treble	WALLACE COUSINS 4
ERNEST MASTIN 2	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
JOHN E. FOX 3	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MASTIN.

First peal on the bells since rehanging.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being six extents of Plain Bob and one of Single Court.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

HORACE BENNETT Treble	HENRY P. COLLIN 4
DENIS A. FRITH 2	†C. HAROLD WHITTON 5
*FRANK R. MITCHELL 3	JAMES H. MUSSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in two Minor methods. † 25th peal.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 30, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

PERCY SMITH Treble	WILFRED YOUNG 4
FRANK WARRINGTON 2	*VICTOR HURT 5
ERIC SMITH 3	WILLIAM SEEKINGS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SEEKINGS.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. J. Abrams, interred this day. R.I.P.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Primrose, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

STANLEY E. BENNETT .. Treble	ERNEST BRITAIN 4
*MAURICE BENNETT 2	FRED BRIGHTMAN 5
KENNETH W. DUFFY 3	FRANK TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

* First peal in seven methods on an 'inside' bell.

DUNHOLME, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 1, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Single Court, Plain Bob. Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEOFFREY R. PARKER .. Treble	†OWEN A. NEEDHAM 4
*MARGARET A. SWANN 2	WILLIAM R. PARKER 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal in seven methods. † 50th peal.

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On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 changes each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob. and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*ALAN AINSWORTH (15) .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB 4
†ERIC HARRISON (14) 2	KENNETH ARTHUR 5
STEPHEN THOMPSON 3	THOMAS W. CROWE Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

* First peal in five methods. † First peal.

HARTFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HAROLD JORDAN Treble	†DAVID CORNFORD 4
KEVIN HOHL 2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 5
HENRY N. VAUGHAN 3	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

CHURCH MINSHULL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being twenty-one 120's of Grandsire Doubles, nine 120's of April Day and twelve 120's of Plain Bob Doubles, calling all the different extents, including Morris's 240 of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

HAROLD G. SMITH Treble	J. DEREK SMITH 3
KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH 2	*JOHN E. BROUGH 4
EDWARD J. BOFFEY Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* 50th peal for the Guild. First peal on the bells.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, with ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

R. GEORGE MORRIS Treble	*CLAUDIA A. HARDING 4
*GEOFFREY J. LEWIS 2	GEORGE E. LARGE 5
*JEAN A. SOUTHERST 3	FRED HYDE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. Ringers of 2 and 3 have now completed Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Lewis, of Worcester.

TAXAL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of one extent each of Capel, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford and two extents each of Sandal and Kingston. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*IAN D. LOMAS Treble	*DENIS MOTTERSHEAD 4
*†ANNE WORTH 2	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. 5
*NEIL D. LOMAS 3	JAMES A. MILNER Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. MILNER.

* First peal in five methods. † First peal of Minor.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE 4
CLAUDIA A. HARDING 2	*TERRY R. HAMPTON 5
*JEAN A. SOUTHERST 3	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor, and have now completed peals in this method from Minor to Maximus.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Nov. 20, 1950, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S SELECT VESTRY HALL,

A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 17 in A.

JOSEPH A. FENTON 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 3-4	JOHN BRAMLEY 7-8

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor size 14 in D.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 1-2	ROY C. HURST 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3-4	*JOYCE GIBBONS 7-8

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal on eight handbells.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Nov. 22, 1950, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

AT 73, BRAITHWAITE GARDENS,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Consisting of 960 London, 640 each of Wembley, Ealing and Rutland. 480 each of Bristol, Superlative, Cambridge and Pudsey, and 320 of Ashted, with 139 changes of method.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE .. 5-6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER 3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW .. 7-8

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

Umpire: WILLIAM WENBAN.

The first peal in nine Surprise methods on handbells. A birthday compliment to the ringer of 1-2.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 23, 1950, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

IN THE NAVE OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkerton's Variation. Tenor size 12 in F.
*RONALD BARLOW .. 1-2 | *FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 5-6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 3-4 | *CHARLES H. PAGE .. 7-8
Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by FREDK. W. GROCOTT.
*First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.' First peal of Treble Bob Major
'in hand' as conductor. First peal of Treble Bob Major 'in hand'
for the Association.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS
No. 33. 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
MICHAEL J. E. BEST .. 9-10
Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOLS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Wasnbrook's. Tenor size 17 in A.
JOHN BRAMLEY .. 1-2 | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 5-6
ERNEST MORRIS .. 3-4 | HECTOR A. KNIGHTS .. 7-8
Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 27, 1950, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor, size 17 in A.
ROY C. HURST .. 1-2 | DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4 | FRED PRICE .. 7-8
Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
Rung as a compliment to the composer on his 97th birthday.

LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 27, 1950, in 1 Hour and 34 Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL SCHOOLS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor size 14 in D.
JOHN J. FIELDING .. 1-2 | FREDERICK E. DUKES .. 3-4
JACK CAMPBELL .. 5-6
Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.
Rung in honour of Terry R. Hampton's engagement.

LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 27, 1950, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. COLUMB'S CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. COLUMB'S DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores. 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 in the method by all the band, in Ireland and for the
Association. A 97th birthday compliment to James George.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 28, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE WAYSIDE, 150, NARBOROUGH ROAD SOUTH,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor size 18 in G.
HAROLD J. POOLE .. 1-2 | PETER J. STANFORTH .. 5-6
ALFRED BALLARD .. 3-4 | JILL POOLE .. 7-8
TERENCE A. THORNER .. 9-10
Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by PETER J. STANFORTH.
A 97th birthday compliment to James George.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 29, 1950, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

AT 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
FRED HOBGSON .. 1-2 | WILLIAM BARTON .. 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON .. 3-4 | JOHN AMBLER .. 7-8
Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.
Rung to mark the retirement, on November 27th, of Mr. W. Barton
from the peal secretaryship of the Yorkshire Association, an office he
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EDITOR: T. W. WHITE.

A notable event reported this week is the first peal in nine Surprise methods on handbells at Stanmore, Middlesex. It was composed and conducted by Mr. H. G. Cashmore and involved 139 changes of method.

Miss Jean Southerst, of Worcester and Leeds, has scored a double event in two days. At Hanley Castle, Worcs, on Dec. 2nd, she completed the Stedman range by a peal of Doubles, as did also Mr. G. J. Lewis, of Powick. On the following day at Hanbury, a peal of Cambridge Minor completed this method on all numbers for her, as well as for Mr. Terry Hampton, of Birmingham.

Mr. H. T. Rooke expresses his thanks to those who replied to his query re peals at Tibshelf, Derbyshire.

Congratulations to David Verrier, who rang his first quarter at St. Maurice's, Winchester, after about five weeks' tuition.

The vigour of Mr. Joseph T. Dyke, the hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, is unabated. He has just turned in the 50½ cwt. tenor of St. Mary's, Redcliffe, to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus!

Bakewell (Derbyshire) Parish Church ringers will be heard on the B.B.C. Northern programme on December 21st at 10.45 p.m. in a programme of tower bells and handbell (tunes) ringing.

Following Leicester's recent performance of Spliced Surprise Maximus, St. Martin's Guild are in our peal columns this week with Spliced Cambridge and Yorkshire. The occasion was memorable for Mr. Albert Walker—his 450th peal on 12 bells, a feat never before reached.

The peal of Plain Bob Royal at Kingston-on-Thames on November 11th was rung as a farewell to Mr. H. W. Barrett on leaving Kingston after 20 years' service, and the time taken was 3 hours and 33 minutes. Mr. Barrett is now living at Fernhill, Loddon, Norfolk, and has been privileged to continue his peal-ringing proclivities with the Norwich Diocesan Association.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Chester Diocesan Guild are having a vintage year in 1950. Latest achievement is the first silent peal of Spliced Surprise Major, and the umpire, Mr. H. O. Baker, in his report, published in another column, states, 'This was a perfect peal without a single trip.' The Exercise should be very proud of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

The peal at Henley Castle celebrated the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Lewis, of Worcester. Tom Lewis, the happy father, is a member of the Worcester Cathedral band and well known in ringing circles. His wife, a member of the Johnson family of Hinton-on-the-Green (Evesham), is also a ringer.

By fitting 'Davis' silencers, a peal has been rung at St. Peter's, Bournemouth; otherwise the authorities would not have permitted a peal attempt. The occasion was four first peals, including the Rev. John Coutts, who is the first clergyman on the staff to take up ringing.

Peal ringers will notice with this week's issue a change in the printing of the title of a peal to enable a modern type face to be introduced which is in keeping with the text. We trust that the omission of the word 'changes' will not cause consternation among those accustomed to the traditional style of printing peals.

St. Laurence's, Reading, has suffered a great loss by the departure of Mr. and Mr. C. J. Watts to London. Cyril Watts and Nancy have been for over 20 years most loyal Sunday service ringers. At the weekly practice they could be relied on to strengthen the band in ringing from rounds to Surprise. As a farewell and symbol of appreciation of their good fellowship, 1,323 Stedman Cinques was rung by the local company.

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STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

DIARY OF THE LATE MR. W. H. FUSSELL

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

Among his 'general notes' Mr. Fussell says, 'In 1877 I bought a small sketch book at Mr. Herbert's in High Street. This I frequently used in my visits to all country places, my sketches at that time being very rude and in quite an amateur style. After carefully putting my name on the first page I used it at Stoke Poges to make a sketch of several two-light windows, these being my first attempts.' After giving notes of several churches he rang at and sketched, he has pasted in several 720's received from J. J. Parker at Farnham Royal.

BULLDOG IN BELFRY.

An amusing entry is given under date 1878: 'Joynes of the Malt House was the means of my brother having a bulldog—a terror to everyone but a faithful companion to me, a big-hearted, ugly, ferocious-looking beast. After he had had him (Jack was his name) for about two years, he took to biting people. While ringing at Burnham the dog walked round the belfry and got caught in one of the ropes. He was immediately jerked up about 12ft. high. When he got his wind again, he at once fastened on to the trousers seat of the man who was ringing the tenor, with a tight grip. This quite alarmed the man, for he could not tell quite what had happened as the rope of the tenor came down right in the corner, and to ring the bell conveniently the ringer always faced the corner, turning his back to the others. There was a general commotion at this! At last the dog was got away, but soon after, while in the Slough tower, he caught hold of Joynes' leg. The dog was then sent to Stoke to a man to try and cure him of this habit of biting people, but one day he bit a man's arm and was shot soon after.'

Under the date 1874 he writes: 'The previous tower to the present one at Farnham was a very dilapidated place. The old peal of six were stacked in a barn where they were chipped and knocked about very much by farm labourers and others. The children threw stones at them until at last they were about to be sold when the relations of the late Dodd (to whose memory there is a fine tomb in the churchyard) had the tower rebuilt and the bells were consequently reinstated. From the time the bells were opened till last year, I had not failed once to attend the anniversary meeting there on Whit Monday.'

RINGING FOR NEW HATS

'At the time I learned to ring I was living in Church Street, Slough, not more than 120 yards from the tower. I continued a parish ringer up to 1881. I often heard Mr. Steel speak of ringing for new hats which took place at Langley every year. Both him and Tom Joy had won one in competition.'

'At the time Datchet bells were being fixed Steel went over to see the work and found the builders building the frame and timbers in with the stone work and masonry. He told them no one would be able to ring the bells, but the workmen offered to throw him down if he didn't mind his own business.'

'When the Slough men went to open them, they had to leave the tower and the bells anyhow, for it rocked so much that they expected to see it fall. Nothing further was done. They are now chimed by a machine (and in pencil) and have never been rung since!'

Under date 1878 Mr. Fussell has this amusing note: 'During one of our visits to Burnham, Mr. Pinnafore got the worse for drink and had some difficulty in getting along. He always went out in a high box hat, but this dropped into a ditch. On going to pick it up he fell on top of it, making it a shape like a concertina. I believe he passed the night there. The Burnham ringers found that gentleman and his high box hat in the morning early.' A pencil



ST. MARY'S, SLOUGH

Where Mr. W. H. Fussell did so much of his early ringing. Later he made a gift to the church of the tenor, the bell being inscribed 'The gift of William H. Fussell, to the glory of God. A humble thankoffering to St. Mary's Church by a native of the town. "The curfew tolls the knell of parting day."'

note states: 'His hat was one of those discarded by the Provost of Eton, Dr. Hornby.'

ROPE ROUND NECK.

Under date 1875, 'The old brick tower of our church had the lower part used as a vestry, the ringing room being over. This was reached by a staircase in a turret on the south side of the entrance and a walk along the gallery. There was rather a long draught, and my brother got the rope of the 4th while ringing under his arm and round his throat. Had his arm not been in the rope he would certainly have been hung. As it was, he was not allowed to work for two weeks, the arm, side and neck and throat being skinned and rasped with the rope and very painful. He rings left-handed, and the door then opened close by the 4th, that then causing the mishap.'

Mr. Fussell then gives a drawing of the ringing room.

BELFRY REFORM.

Mr. Fussell goes on to say: 'The popularity of the Slough Ringers' Society gradually increased, more especially about my ringing, as I was only on 13 years old when I started to learn. While on a visit or outing, for me to be seen handling a church bell or ringing handbells equal to some of the old fogeys who had been at it for about 40 years, seemed very unusual at that time of the world. During this year (1878) belfry reform was gradually creeping into several towers close by, and young

blood was speedily brought to the Exercise. The West Middlesex Association had been in existence since 1874. The East Berks and South Bucks Association was also in existence. Both were very much talked about in Slough belfry as well as elsewhere, many vows made against them and objections raised out of mere nothings. The good of them and their use was fully discussed, and not much faith expressed—not the slightest wish to learn change ringing. But, as old John Steel told them, "it's bound to come some day, you'll see."

'Another trip to Burnham made, melodious call changes rung as usual. When out on a ringing excursion our friend, Mr. Leader, used to carry a long roll of white paper with some

Stedman changes figured on it. Both ends of the sheet had a small roller. This was also produced for him to call the changes from and created quite an impression in the country towers. He had two rolls, one for Grandsire besides the Stedman.

'A visit to Stoke Poges was also enjoyed during this year. This place was a regular infernal hole for beer, tobacco, swearing and pitch and toss up to very recently. The beer was carried all the way from the Dog and Pot, a public-house quite 1½ miles away. When the new treble was added to the old five previous to being hung, it was fixed mouth upwards in the Red Lion Inn and filled with ale to christen it. Anyone could go and dip a mug and drink. It was propped up with sacks of corn round it. The bell itself is very much out of tune and spoiled the peal. It was presented by Squire Coleman.'

FIRST STEPS IN CHANGE RINGING.

Mr. Fussell gives an account of his early career by stating that in the latter part of 1879 he and his brother Alf very frequently rode to Maidenhead and walked to Boyne Hill, where they rang plain courses of Grandsire Triples—Alf on the 4th and himself on the 2nd. In 1880 the Slough men, able to ring Grandsire Doubles, began to practise Minor. In April that year the bells were rehung by Messrs. Mears and

Stainbank, and Mr. Fussell says, 'I little thought I should work in the same foundry with the man who came to hang them—John Collier.' He adds: 'I had no work on change ringing at this time, and had to borrow my brother's book (Troyte), from which I copied out the Grandsire method rules. I bought a copy of Troyte's "Change Ringing" at Luff's, High Street, for 3s. 6d. (November, 1880).

To be continued.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Some of our postal subscribers received last week an old subscription reminder with their last issue.

The subscription rates for 1951 are as follows:—

£1 for a year;
10/6 for six months;
5/6 for three months.

Guild and District secretaries are advised that notices of meetings to appear in 'The Ringing World' issue of December 29th must reach the Editorial Offices by Friday, December 22nd. The issue of this journal for that week will go to press early on Saturday, December 23rd.

It is important that all editorial communications, including peals, should be sent as early as possible to facilitate publication.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FIRST SILENT PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE

UMPIRE'S REPORT ON PERFECT PERFORMANCE.

Dear Sir,—I have the pleasure to enclose herewith my report of the silent peal of Spliced Surprise Major rung at Frodsham on Friday, November 24th, 1950.

The peal was rung strictly silent from start to finish without a single word being spoken or sign being made by any ringer.

Throughout the peal I kept a careful watch, noting all bobs made and checking every lead end. I was the only one to speak, and I only uttered two words, viz., 'Go' and 'Stand.'

This was a perfect peal without a single trip, and the ringers should be congratulated on this fine performance. Incidentally this was the same band that rang the first peal of Silent Bristol last March at Hyde.—Yours faithfully,
HENRY O. BAKER.

Chester.

Umpire.

KNEBWORTH PEAL SURVIVORS' CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Sir,—Will you allow me the medium of your pages to extend my hearty congratulations to the band that rang the 21,600 of Bristol Surprise Major at Over on the 4th ult.

I can well appreciate the high merit of the performance, as I had the privilege of ringing in the first long peal in the method, 12,160 at Knebworth on April 8th, 1912.

This, the extent with the tenors together, was eclipsed a few months later by a 15,000 odd at Hornchurch, but it has taken close on 40 years for these figures to be exceeded.

This last performance leaves our figures a long way behind, and has set up an amazing record.

The physical endurance of 13 hours' ringing is stupendous, and Bristol is a method that has traps for mind wearied by long concentration and bodily fatigue.

Whatever the opinions in the Exercise may be towards long peals, everyone must admit the high merit of this great achievement and join in a meed of generous praise.

I am sure the surviving members of our Knebworth peal will join me in saying 'Well done.'—Yours faithfully,

F. WHITE.

Luton.

AN APPEAL FOR MUFFLED RINGING

Dear Sir,—I have been learning ringing for the last six months at the beautiful 15th century church of St. John the Baptist, Cardiff, where we have a glorious ring of ten bells (tenor 27 cwt. in D). I also regularly take 'The Ringing World,' and notice that in most copies there is a notification of a muffled peal being rung either at a ringer's funeral or in memory of a ringer who died some time ago.

This is a very fine gesture on the part of the ringers and a practice that should have a wider field of scope. Why isn't it made a rule by all Diocesan Guilds that the bells be muffled whenever a sad festival or season comes round, e.g., Lent and Good Friday, the six weeks in the Church's year when all church bells throughout this land should be muffled, Good Friday especially?

Remembrance Sunday is another day when muffled bells should be the order of the day, as Great Britain then goes to church and to the war memorials to pay tribute to her fallen.

We cannot emphasise enough the indispensable part bells and their ringers have played in Church ritual down the ages to the present day. They are a part of the Church and its services and, therefore, should ring clear and muffled as the occasion demands.—Yours truly,

PETER J. ROBERTS.

Barry, Glam.

'YE RASCALLY RINGERS'

Dear Sir,—The 'Old Somerset Rhyme' I believe to be of Norfolk origin!

James Hooper, in his 'Notes on the Church of St. Peter Mancroft' (1895), says that 'An old parish clerk of Mancroft was so exasperated by the ringers starting at six on Sunday mornings that he vented his spleen in the following lines:—

Ye rascally ringers—inveterate foes,
Disturbers of those who are fond of repose;

I wish for the peace and quiet of these lands,

That ye had round your necks what ye pull with your hands.

Unfortunately, I am unable to say precisely when this worthy flourished. Was the old parish clerk guilty of plagiarism? Another version, endorsed by many wishers, is:—

Disturbers of the human race,
Your bells are always ringing.
I wish the ropes were round your necks,
And you upon them swinging.

Yours sincerely,
NOLAN GOLDEN.

Norwich.

DOGS AND BELLS

Dear Sir,—What is the effect of church bells on dogs? My little terrier howls pitifully if she hears one bell, but does not mind when all our bells are ringing.

As soon as we lower the bells on a practice night or after a peal she comes to the church to greet me.

A few weeks ago she was missing from home. After a search of two hours she was found asleep on the matting in the ringing chamber, which is on the ground floor.—Yours sincerely,
JAMES H. MUSSON.

Lincs.

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

Dear Sir,—Mr. Hesketh Pearson, in an obituary article in 'The Listener' (November 9th, 1950), writes:—

'He declined honours of all kinds, including the Nobel Prize for Literature. He told me that when the first Labour Prime Minister, Ramsay MacDonald, offered him a peerage, he said, "I cannot afford to be a Duke, and you cannot decently offer me anything less." "In that case," returned MacDonald, "we must give you the Order of Merit." "I have already conferred it on myself," replied Shaw, an example of his whimsicality.'

It is very doubtful, therefore, that, were it possible to ask him, he would favour the idea of an 'in memoriam' peal.

But I think my old friend Dan Matkin is mistaken in describing him as an atheist.

Hesketh Pearson recalls a visit to G.B.S. just after his 90th birthday:—'I asked him if he would write his own obituary for the postscript which I was preparing for my biography of him. "But I am not dead yet," he exclaimed. I replied that a man could not very well write his own obituary unless he were alive. He saw the point and at once began to dictate a synopsis of his philosophy; which was equality of income and equality of truth between men, and a belief that God was in every one of us.'

St. John Ervine, in a companion article writes: 'His serenity of mind endured to the last; he faced his end without fear. I said to him one day that Thomas Hardy had told me that death meant no more to him than removal from one room to another. Shaw nodded his head. "That's how I think of it," he said.'

The Editor, in his leading article, writes: 'Shaw was a worthy fraction of that Life Force which he worshipped.'

The idea of God admits of many interpretations.

JAMES F. HARVEY.

Edgbaston, Birmingham.

OLDEST LIVING TOWER-BELL PEAL RINGER

Dear Sir,—Referring to Mr. R. Biggs' (Hugghenden) statement in 'The Ringing World' of December 8th, I do not agree with his remarks. I still claim to be the oldest tower-bell peal ringer on the peal at 85 years and nine months.

I lost my left leg on July 2nd, 1940, at the age of 86 years and seven months and I rang a record peal on handbells on my 95th birthday. This proves that I am mentally active with my intellect, and that, as I rang a handbell peal at 95 years, with one leg, I could easily do it if I had my two legs, so no ringer will disappoint me doing it with two legs. I still make my claim until any ringer does it with one leg. Therefore James W. Wilkins, of High Wycombe, has no claim.

I lost a peal of Stedman Triples at the age of 92 years on the second bell at the tower of Bishop Ryder, Birmingham, when the ringer on the treble broke down after ringing two hours and twenty minutes.

JAMES GEORGE.

Pool, Dorset.

THE FOUR GEORGES

Dear Sir,—It is very interesting to read from the diary of the late Mr. W. H. Fussell. The four Georges referred to were the late Mr. George Williams, Mr. George Martin, Mr. George Pye and myself. It was during Mr. Frank Bennett's Newcastle ringing tour in August, 1936, that a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung at North Shields. Prior to starting, Mr. Fussell commented on the fact that we had four Georges in the band and they stood in consecutive order.

Please forgive me for interposing, but I felt that I would like the correction. The 'George Newson' referred to was most probably given in mistake for my name.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Liverpool.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

A well-attended meeting was held at Wednesbury on December 2nd in very wintry weather, when 40 members and friends braved the elements.

The bells were kept going in various methods until the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Dr. Lavelle, who gave a very interesting address and afterwards conducted the party around the beautiful church and explained many of the interesting possessions, which included a valuable picture and a Jacobean pulpit.

After an excellent tea the business meeting took place, the Vicar presiding. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Dudley on March 10th.

The usual votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar, organist, and the local ringers for their assistance, and members returned to the belfry for further ringing.

ST. MATTHEW'S, CLAPTON

The ringers of St. Matthew's, Clapton, held a parish social on December 2nd in their Church Hall, which was well attended both by ringers and parishioners. Over 100 turned up and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The aim was to help reach a target of £76 for repairs to, and soundproofing of, the belfry.

Games, dances and raffles, etc., helped to fill the evening, but the gathering nearly didn't have refreshments as a certain person crashed into the table of crockery during a blindfold game and most of the cups came to a sad end. However, after several persons had gone for more cups, refreshments were served. An additional collection was made and over £1 was collected for new cups and saucers.

At the end of the evening, the organisers were able to add £12 to the repair fund. Thanks are due to all who kindly helped in the effort: for their donations and by their presence at the social.
C. F. N.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**WEST DORSET BRANCH**

At the annual meeting of the West Dorset Branch held at Bridport on December 2nd, some eight affiliated towers were represented with visitors from Abbotsbury and Axminster, totalling about 50.

The Rector of Bridport, Canon G. C. Clare, conducted the service in church, the Master of the Guild (Rev. C. Carew Cox) giving the address.

Following tea in the Church House, the Rev. C. Carew Cox presided over the business meeting, supported by Canon Clare, the Rev. A. W. Wheeler, Vicar of Beaminster and Mr. Chapman, churchwarden, of Bridport.

The chairman asked that the Branch might consider electing someone in his place as he had now occupied the office for 21 years. On the motion of Canon Clare, however, the members unanimously voted for his re-election; also for the Rev. O. L. Willmott's re-election as vice-chairman. Mr. C. H. Lathey, the hon. secretary, wished it to be known that he would be undergoing hospital treatment in the near future and would not be able to carry out his duties for a period. Tribute was paid to his invaluable work with the best wishes of the members for his speedy recovery, and Mr. Critchard, hon. assistant secretary, kindly agreed to act for him during the emergency. The Ringing Master, Mr. H. D. W. Bishop, with his deputies, Messrs. H. G. Keeley and J. Barrett, were re-elected unanimously.

The following new members were welcomed: Messrs. L. A. Follett and K. R. Gardiner (Bridport); Miss A. Ivis, Messrs. G. Bird, F. Cartwright, J. Fox, W. Lucas and K. Knight (Evershot) and Mr. H. J. Arcsott (Whitchurch). Little Cheney, Beaminster, Evershot and Netherbury were chosen as the towers for the four quarterly meetings next year. The Branch voted for Mr. G. S. Morris as its nominee for the next election to the Central Council.

The chairman expressed the thanks of all to Canon Clare for his welcome and the use of the bells, to Mr. B. Elsworth, the Branch organist, and to Mr. C. H. Lathey for his arrangements for the meeting.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening included call changes, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Yorkshire Surprise Major, the latter being, it is believed, the first touch in that method on the bells.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION**CHEW DEANERY BRANCH**

The annual meeting of the above branch was held at Wrington on December 2nd.

The Association service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Chetwynd-Talbot) who gave a short address.

Forty-five people sat down to a sumptuous tea followed by the usual business meeting. All the branch officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. One new member from Portishead was elected as well as two life members from St. Ambrose, Bristol, and one honorary member from Winford.

Subject to necessary permission being given, it was decided to hold meetings as follows:—Practice meetings for January, February and March at Clevedon (St. John's), Piblow and Tickenham respectively. Should the tower repairs at Tickenham not be complete in time, this meeting will be transferred to Butcombe and Nemmett Thruwell. There will be a corporate communion at Chew Magna on April 1st and a quarterly meeting at Long Ashton on April 21st.

In addition to branch members, ringers were present from Abbots Leigh, Bath, Bathwick, Bristol, Kewstoke, Leicester, Locking, Marksbury, Stonehouse and the University of Bristol Society.

Ringing on the ten bells in the tower was then resumed in standard methods up to Little Bob and Cambridge Royal and was under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Knight.

M. J. H.

OBITUARIES OF THE WEEK**MR. JOHN L. GORNALL**

Ringing in Lancashire has suffered a loss by the death of Mr. John L. Gornall, of Penwortham, Preston, on November 24th, after an illness of ten days' duration.

Mr. Gornall was a faithful ringer for over 53 years at St. Mary's, Penwortham, and head ringer for ten years. For one period of ten years he was neither absent nor late for a service.

Of a retiring disposition, John was at all times dependable, slow to anger and the possessor of infinite patience; he was the true embodiment of the ideal church bellringer.

The funeral was on November 28th, the coffin being borne by four local ringers. On December 3rd, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung to his memory on the bells he loved so well.

MR. EDWARD STEELE

It is with regret that we announce the death of Mr. 'Ted' Steele, of Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, on November 25th, at the age of 60. 'Ted' had been a ringer at Longton St. John's for about 40 years, and had been leader for about 16 years. Always of a quiet nature, he at all times made visitors and friends feel at home in his company. He was truly one of nature's gentlemen.

He played a big part in teaching a band of ringers at Draycott-in-the-Moors, where he gave the second bell (in memory of his first wife), when the bells were augmented to eight in 1939. He would go miles to teach would-be ringers to set a bell; nothing was too much trouble to him where ringing was concerned. Being a potter, he became infected with that disease peculiar to his trade, silicosis, and had not done much ringing for the past two years.

He had been treasurer for a great number of years for the North Staffs Association and was very interested in his work for that Association, for which he had rung over 60 peals.

The funeral took place at Draycott on Nov. 30th. Ringers from Draycott and Cheadle acted as bearers and the bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service by ringers representing several towers in the Association. He has left a good sum of money for the upkeep of the bells at Longton, Draycott and Dilhorne, and he will be greatly missed in the district. May his soul rest in peace.

A. W. H.

CANON G. D. OAKLEY

The ringers of St. Mary's, Walthamstow, much regret to record the death of the Vicar of St. Mary's, the Rev. Canon G. D. Oakley, on December 2nd, in his 80th year.

He was inducted to the living in February, 1927, for which occasion the local band rang a peal of Grandsire Caters. Although he knew little about ringing affairs, during the whole of the period he was with us he was popular with all the ringers. The request for the use of the bells was always readily given, and he was very interested when the record length of Cambridge Royal was rung in the tower many years ago.

The various Associations were made very welcome by him on the occasions when meetings were held at St. Mary's, and he was most generous with catering for hungry bellringers. We shall miss him and his charming personality, as indeed will all the parish.

The funeral was on Dec. 6th, and during the evening a half-muffled quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung to his memory.

H. R.

MR. H. C. WALTERS

Pontefract has lost an able ringer in the death of Mr. Harry C. Walters, which took place at Northgate Lodge Infirmary on Monday, November 27th.

Six months ago Mr. Walters had a major operation in Pontefract Infirmary, from which he only made a partial recovery. After treatment in Leeds Infirmary, he returned home and was removed to Northgate Lodge Infirmary three weeks before his death.

Mr. Walters joined the Yorkshire Association in 1905, and was a member of the general committee, and at one time was Ringing Master of the Eastern Division of the Association.

Business prevented him being a great peal ringer; his total, however, was 115, of which he had conducted 43. His favourite method was Stedman Triples, which comprised half of his peals.

The funeral took place at the Pontefract Cemetery on November 30th, after a service in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar of Pontefract (the Rev. J. Peel) assisted by the Rev. J. A. Griffiths, assistant priest. As the cortege approached the church, the local ringers rang a short touch of Stedman Triples with the bells fully muffled.

There was a large congregation present, The Yorkshire Association was represented by the president, the Ven. C. O. Ellison, Archdeacon of Leeds, and the local ringers.

The Vicar, in a short address, spoke of Mr. Walters' devoted service to the church and belfry over a period of 47 years. He was only 17 years of age when he took up ringing, and through all these years he was always at his post of duty, helping learners and setting a great example.

Mr. Walters was funeral director for the Pontefract Industrial Co-operative Society, Limited, with whom he was employed for 28 years. The secretary of the Co-operative Society, announcing the death of Mr. Walters, on behalf of the Society, wrote: 'His unselfish life, his kindly, unassuming manner, and his genial temperament, endeared him to us all, and we shall sorely miss him.'

Mr. Walters leaves a widow and three sons. His eldest son was killed during the last war.

In the evening, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung at the Parish Church with the bells fully muffled by A. Walker 1, J. H. Lenton 2, B. Moody 3, W. Hawley 4, H. Newton 5, J. E. Atkinson 6, F. Newton (conductor) 7, A. Heckingbottom 8.

'DAVIS' SILENCERS

The peal at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, reported this week, was rung with 'Davis' silencers.

In response to our enquiry, Mr. Arthur Davis, the local captain, writes that they are of the same type as used at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, and were designed by J. E. Davis. 'We made our set locally to a pattern sent to us by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.'

'They consist of a thick piece of leather over which is laid a sheet of steel plate and are tied by cords in much the same way as you double-muffle a bell clapper.'

'The effect is a little different from full-muffled ringing, the blow being sharper but the noise of the ringing is much reduced and the tone rather pleasing. In fact, many people like hearing the bells with them on as they give a distant bells effect quite near the tower.'

'In the belfry we have to open up a door or two and then we hear the bells quite well.'

'I sometimes use them for practice when our hall is in use, which is much better than cancelling the practice. We do not overdo it because some people would want them *always* in use.'

TOWER CORNER (21)

'STEDMAN—THE GRID-PATTERN.'

Dear Improvers,—Continuing with Lesson XII., on learning Stedman as a first method, we have first to look at the Grid-pattern, so as to get some idea of the inter-working of the bells themselves. Then we shall develop the Blue Line, and finally derive some tips for ringing it.

The Division.—Recalling all we said, at the close of the previous instalment, of the perfect symmetry of a Stedman Division, let us examine this as illustrated in figure 8, and let us compare carefully the annotation with that of figure 7 in instalment 19. (There we gave the diagram of a Division of a typical hunt-controlled method—St. Clement's Bob.)

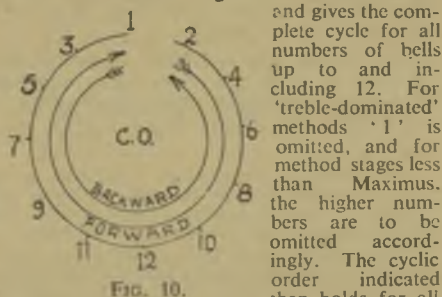
You will recall that we showed that the 'sixes' are not coincident with the Divisions, in Stedman, and here we see how this comes about. But note that the arrangement of the Stedman Division into the two symmetrical halves, is identical with that of any other method Division. Note at J the form of the Junction in this method, a 3rds place one; and note at L the form of Link, a 1sts place one.

Position Sequence.—In a hunt-controlled method we find, at each Link, the same bell (the Treble) coming to lead there. In an omni-working method (all bells doing same work), such as Stedman, we find, at each Link, a different bell coming to lead there. In Stedman it is as though the Treble got mixed up with another bell in the 4-5 dodging and lost its identity, coming down to lead as the fifth, at the first Link. A glance at figure 8 should illustrate this point. Now the order in which these bells come to lead at the Links is in that of the Position Sequence, and if you have forgotten what this implies, turn back to instalment 18. For Stedman Doubles this order is: 5-2-3-4-1. (Cyclic.) This fact may be checked by examination of the d-h (Division-head) rows themselves. For the full plain course—five divisions—they are as given in figure 9 alongside. Note that the figures in each column are of the cyclic order just quoted, i.e., the Position Sequence.

Basic Coursing Order.—Now examine something equally, if not more, important, a feature we know as 'Basic Coursing Order.'

Fig. 9. The as 'Basic Coursing Order.' Division - heads This is often referred to as of the plain 'Bob Major Lead Ends'—course of Sted- a bad name indeed. 'Bad,' man Doubles. because the principle involved is not applicable *only* to Bob Major, nor are the rows quoted those which come at the 'end' of a so-called 'lead' of rows. (We pricked this bubble, anyway, in a previous instalment.) However, the important thing is to grasp just what is implied by 'Basic Coursing Order.' It has become a convention in ringing that methods should, in the main (there are a few exceptions) have the bells turning up at the Division-heads in a certain cyclic order. In a plain course this order

appears as ascending even numbers and descending odd numbers. This is the order for forward hunting only. For backward hunting it is the reverse. Figure



10 illustrates this and gives the complete cycle for all numbers of bells up to and including 12. For 'treble-dominated' methods '1' is omitted, and for method stages less than Maximus, the higher numbers are to be omitted accordingly. The cyclic order indicated then holds for all

cases. Accordingly, from figure 10, the order for Stedman Doubles should be 24531.

Basic C.O. of the Division-Heads.—Test the Stedman Doubles d-h's (refer to figure 9) for the presence of this basic C.O.—2-4-5-3-1. As these Division-heads are all in 'quick' sets, the hunting is all 'forward' at the Links. To read off the order for forward hunting start with the second figure of the row, as that is the next bell to come to lead; and in the order in which bells come down to lead is to be found their 'coursing' order. (Correspondingly, for backward hunting, start with the first figure of the row.) From the starting figure continue with alternate figures to the right, and return likewise to the left, in the row. For example, applying this to the first d-h (rounds) we get the order 2-4-5-3-1. The second d-h gives the order 3-1-2-4-5. And so on. In fact, these and the remaining d-h's are all in the cyclic order we derived from figure 10, i.e., the Basic C.O. We may now remind you that at the end of the previous instalment we promised to indicate another qualification for the way of 'dividing' the Stedman method; and you have now seen that the Stedman Doubles Division-heads are all in Basic Coursing Order.

Starting Row of Stedman.—To more experienced ringers—and there are some!—who say it is not known why Stedman started his Doubles from inside a 'six,' you will now be able to show that it was evidently to provide his method with Divisions having symmetry of structure and with head-rows in basic coursing order. They may refer you to the Triples stage, and, whilst agreeing about the symmetry, point out the absence of basic coursing order in the d-h's there. To this you may reply that the extension to Triples was of later origin, and that it is one of the few exceptions above-mentioned. Union Triples is another.

Deriving Blue Line from Grid.—Having studied the Grid-pattern (see the rows bracketed as 'G' in figure 8) and note particularly the symmetry of the grid-pattern throughout the Division and the inter-working of the bells themselves, we pass to the development of the method's Blue Line. And later we can apply the test of a statement we made in instalment 19, where we said, 'All we need for making out a method in any given stage is the group of rows marked "G," i.e., the rows in the Grid.' This is true, of course, only if we have positioned the Link correctly amid the successive rows. That we have done so in the present case is already apparent from the test just applied, for there are no other positions of symmetry with basic C.O. head-rows anywhere in the plain course of Stedman Doubles.

Omission of Conventional Information in these articles.—To conclude this instalment, we digress a little. By now it will have become apparent, especially to more experienced readers, that, although it may not be unknown

to those who have devoted some rational thinking to these matters, yet some of what we have to say has not, up to now, been published. It is no part of our policy in these articles to 're-hash' conventional information that is already available in the several good ringing publications. But it is our object to present a new approach on a logical basis, with fresh matter that is fundamentally sound, and is calculated to help in the attainment of a broader outlook on the study and practice of ringing as a whole, with a closer correlation of viewpoints.

Bibliography.—We shall assume that beginners who have followed us thus far will be able to gain access to some of such ringing publications; to which, therefore, we shall from time to time refer them. They may thus study those fundamentals which not only would take up, unnecessarily, valuable space in these columns, but also could not be better put.

References to the method now being studied, then, may be found in:—

- 'Stedman'—Rev. C. D. J. Davies (Snowdon series) (now out of print).
- 'Stedman'—J. A. Trollope (Snowdon Series), 'Instructions and Diagrams for Beginners' (Lancashire Association).
- 'Standard Methods'—Diagrams and Letterpress (Snowdon).

Some of these and other relevant publications are advertised on the back page of this journal.—Cordially yours,

CORN: R. STONE.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society held its November meeting on the 18th at Pocklington, 34 members coming to ring on the six bells (tenor 16 cwt.) with friends and visitors from York, Loughborough and Walmer and Hawkhurst, Kent.

The Vicar, Canon Richardson, welcomed the ringers at the service held in All Saints' Church and gave an interesting talk on the link that bells formed between the church and the people.

Tea was taken in the Sellar's Hall and served by the wives of the ringers who had brought along large quantities of their home-made pastries.

The bells were rung again in the evening to Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Minor, Kent, Oxford and Cambridge, and settled at 8 p.m. after a good meeting.

5,024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By NOLAN GOLDEN.	
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Rung at Terrington St. Clement, September 2nd, 1950.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Holmes 1, R. White 2, R. Sargent 3, F. White 4, F. Messenger 5, C. G. White 6, H. C. White 7, F. A. White (first of Caters as cond.) 8, F. C. White 9, Fred White 10. Rung for the 73rd birthday of Mr. R. White.

BARTON STACEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,320 Doubles (960 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire): W. Harrison 1, R. M. Currie 2, P. N. Bond 3, H. D. Buckingham 4, J. A. C. King (cond.) 5, D. Verrier (first quarter) 6. First in two methods by 2, 4 and 6.

BEVERLEY, YORKS.—At St. Mary's on Nov. 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. Turcoose 1, G. F. Williams 2, C. Ellerington 3, J. Southwick 4, J. G. Hodson 5, G. Dowling 6, A. E. Selwers 7, F. Osgerby 8, C. Barker (cond.) 9, G. Braithwaite 10. Rung for the 50th anniversary of the first quarter peal on the bells.

BLECHINGLEY, SURREY.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob): C. J. Champion 1, G. Oliver 2, F. T. Hoad 3, L. A. Tidy 4, W. Slaughter 5, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 6.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. John's Church on Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Evenden 1, F. Price (cond.) 2, B. Gould 3, M. Best 4, Miss K. Fletcher 5, A. Rose 6, H. Mitchell 7, G. Miller 8.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 5th, at St. Nicholas', 1,260 Bob Royal: Miss E. Baddeley (first of Royal) 1, Miss B. Stephenson (first 'inside') 2, F. Bennett (cond.) 3, A. W. Gravett 4, A. W. Bond 5, G. Ades 6, H. Woolven 7, J. Whitehead (first of Royal) 8, W. Hart 9, H. Statham 10. Rung for the patronal festival.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. J. Westmacott 1, B. J. Forest 2, M. C. F. Collett 3, H. C. Parker 4, J. W. Dixon 5, T. W. Timms 6, W. J. Dixon (cond.) 7, G. R. Miles 8. In memoriam Miss H. M. Emeris, interred earlier in the day, sister of the former Vicar of Burford. Rung half-muffled.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hunt 1, Mrs. Crocker 2, D. Sleet 3, J. B. Hessey (cond.) 4, W. Goldstone 5, R. Andrews 6, J. Crocker 7, T. Warden 8.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hunt 1, W. Goldstone 2, Miss N. Stevens 3, Miss Joan Crocker 4, R. Andrews 5, J. B. Hessey (cond.) 6, J. Crocker 7, T. Warden 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Savory, generous donor to the church.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,472 Yorkshire Surprise Major: S. Harrison 1, A. Hill 2, W. Robinson 3, G. C. Briggs 4, E. Thorpe 5, J. E. Turley 6, H. O. Chaddock 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1 and 2.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist on Dec. 2nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. W. Oatway 1, Miss P. Steere 2, P. Humphries (first quarter on 'inside' bell) 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, C. Parks 5, W. Oatway 6, R. Abbott 7, H. G. Humphries 8, D. Cooper (cond.) 9, R. Davies 10.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss R. L. Hopkins 1, D. G. Blows 2, Miss D. J. Fleetwood 3, I. Campbell (first quarter) 4, S. Kelly 5, A. C. Chapin 6, J. Armstrong (first of Major as cond.) 7, J. R. Fleetwood 8.

EAST CROMPTON, NEAR OLDHAM, LANCs.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (36 Plain Bob, 504 Kent Treble Bob Minor and 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor): J. Butterworth 1, J. R. Buckley 2, R. H. Byrom 3, T. Ogden 4, F. Butterworth 5, G. Abbott 6. To celebrate the christening of daughter of tenor ringer.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At St. Martin's on Dec. 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. F. Layton (first on ten) 1, D. N. Layton (cond.) 2, Jill Brittain 3, E. J. Lindley 4, Barbara Pottinger 5, R. D. Tomlin 6, G. F. Oakshot 7, C. W. Munday 8, A. J. Adams 9, J. E. Beams 10. Rung for the induction of the Rev. W. G. Howard as Vicar.

GLOSSOP, DERBYS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,768 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss E. Wise 1, R. A. Johnston (first of Kent Treble Bob Major) 2, N. Allan 3, F. Booth 4, N. Haile 5, B. Walslow 6, H. Bradshaw 7, Frank Johnson (cond.) 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Pearce (first quarter) 1, Sylvia Coker (first as cond.) 2, Doreen Coker 3, E. Markham 4, F. Hayes 5, P. Baldwin (first 'inside') 6, R. Coles 7, A. L. James 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—On Dec. 3rd, at St. John's Church, 1,400 Kent Treble Bob Royal: P. E. Jones 1, T. G. Bannister 2, A. R. G. Twinn 3, H. W. Impey (first of Kent Royal) 4, F. Corke 5, A. R. Turley (first of Royal) 6, C. H. Chapman 7, W. H. Coles 8, W. N. Genna 9, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 10.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: W. F. Todd 1, C. V. Hare 2, A. E. Symonds 3, G. Cherry 4, L. Fidler 5, E. W. Winters 6, D. C. Mears 7, F. W. Croft (cond.) 8.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. F. Todd 1, L. Fidler 2, A. E. Symonds 3, G. Cherry 4, D. C. Mears 5, W. Croft 6, E. W. Winters 7, F. W. Croft (cond.) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

A. Holway 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, D. Callard 4, E. E. Retter 5, G. E. Retter 6, J. Sallway (cond.) 7, G. Richards 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Richards.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Blake 1, P. Williams 2, M. Flynn 3, J. Oliver 4, J. Cole 5, W. B. Cartwright 6, N. J. Goodman (first in method as cond.) 7, E. V. Blake 8. First quarter in method for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

KIRDFORD, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Sopp 1, C. Tovey 2, Miss Shirley Sopp (aged 16 years) 3, V. Nicholls 4, P. Duneton (cond.) 5, G. Wakeford 6. Rung for the occasion of the marriage of Mr. R. Thompson, a ringer at this church.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. T. Beauchamp 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, B. A. Richards (first quarter of Major) 4, C. A. Hughes 5, T. W. Taffender (cond.) 6, W. D. Grainger 7, J. Bullock 8.

LUTTON, Lincs.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Campling 1, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 2, C. A. Reeder 3, P. G. Butler 4, G. R. G. Butler (cond.) 5. First quarter by 1, 3 and 4.

MARKFIELD, LEICS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles: Jack Wardle 1, W. E. Geary 2, V. Geary (cond.) 3, S. R. Gardner 4, Derek Dodson 5, Harry Wardle 6. A compliment to the Rector on his recent marriage.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. M. Mitchell 1, F. A. Mitchell 2, Mrs. F. Mitchell 3, H. Argent 4, R. A. Munn 5, R. A. Constant 6, J. Burles (first as cond. in the method) 7, W. Gorringer 8. Rung for the dedication of the new vestries by the Bishop of Rochester.

OXFORD.—On Dec. 3rd, at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Shirley V. Rymer 1, M. Elizabeth Roe 2, D. Woodley 3, K. M. Grayson 4, E. H. Edge 5, M. E. H. Barrow (cond.) 6.

PENWORTHAM, LANCs.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Battersby (first quarter) 1, R. Price (cond.) 2, J. Bailey 3, J. Roskeil 4, F. Haworth 5, W. E. Loxham 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late John L. Gornall, a ringer at this church for over 53 years.

PITMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Quick (cond.) 1, W. Burston 2, R. Shire 3, G. Satter 4, J. Summerhays 5, B. Burston 6.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Laurence's on Dec. 3rd, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: Mrs. C. J. Watts 1, Mrs. S. Catherall 2, R. G. Burton (cond.) 3, W. Hibbert 4, Miss P. Hart 5, A. D. Cullum 6, Mrs. P. Lewington 7, Tom Lanahan 8, E. Humphrey 9, A. W. Tyler 10, Cyril J. Watts 11, V. Cherrill 12. A farewell to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Watts, members of the Sunday service band for over 20 years, who are leaving for London.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,440 Surprise Minor (being 240 each of Canterbury, Beverley, Chester, Carlisle, London and Cambridge): Jack Russell 1, W. C. Shute 2, D. R. Reed 3, J. Hartless 4, W. E. Cheater (cond.) 5, R. N. Marlow 6. First quarter in six Surprise methods by all the band.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Partridge 1, T. Stone 2, E. Boardman 3, E. Grainger 4, B. Bladon (cond.) 5, M. Collins 6, P. Anger 7, E. Vincent 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam to C. Clark, ringer for 25 years.

SIDBURY, DEVON.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: K. Clarke 1, P. Davis 2, R. Pike 3, R. Woodley 4, C. Deem 5, E. W. Rowe 6, J. G. Anville (cond.) 7, M. Denner 8. First quarter of Stedman for 1, 2, 3 and 8, also first of Stedman on the bells.

SPALDWICK, HUNTS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: E. Whiting 1, H. Goakes 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, G. L. Perkins 4, F. H. Newman 5, R. F. Baker 6. Rung before induction of Rev. Morley Wells.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On Advent Sunday, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: W. Noble (first quarter Major) 1, G. Nicholls 2, F. Warrington (cond.) 3, G. L. Perkins 4, F. R. Nichols 5, A. Clements 6, L. W. Fisher 7, G. H. Dunnington 8.

TURRAMURRA, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.—On Nov. 26th, 1,440 Reverse Canterbury Minor: K. Stacey 1, J. Rainsford 2, R. Ferris 3, L. Butcher 4, A. R. Botting 5, W. Smith (cond.) 6. Longest touch in method for all the band. Believed to be longest touch in method in Australia. Rung as a farewell compliment to His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Fisher on leaving Sydney for New Zealand.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Dec. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss G. L. Friswell 1, Miss M. A. Prockson 2, Miss I. B. Cording 3, Miss J. H. Friswell 4, W. D. Prockson 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, G. A. Parsons 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 19th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Eveline Kingcott 1, Elizabeth Faulknaill 2, T. E. Ferris 3, J. R. Smith 4, G. Prescott 5, A. E. Ferris 6, T. M. White 7, W. H. Kingcott (cond.) 8, H. W. Knight 9, W. M. Prescott 10. Rung for evening service after the christening of the conductor's daughter.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

WIRRAL BRANCH SOCIAL.

The fourth annual social of the Wirral Branch was held on November 25th, at St. Hilary's Parish Hall, Wallasey, and proved equally as successful as previous functions. The event attracted a company of over 230 ringers and friends.

An innovation this year was the fancy dress competition, and there was a fair sprinkling of costumes throughout the hall. Prizes were awarded to Miss Houston as 'The Bell Tower' and to Mr. C. B. Pemberton as 'Robin Hood.' The programme of dances and games proved very enjoyable, young and old being able to participate with equal facility.

Excellent refreshments were provided, and many persons are still trying to fathom how so much could be provided at so little cost. After the interval, the Rector, Rev. J. R. Spencer, welcomed the company and thanked those responsible for organising the function.

The second half quickly passed and midnight and 'Auld Lang Syne' came all too soon for the happy throng.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

EAST DEVON BRANCH.

A branch practice was held at Payhembury on December 2nd, when about 30 members attended from Buckerell, Honiton, Broadhembury, Payhembury, Ottery St. Mary, Sidbury and Sidmouth.

The six bells (tenor 15½ cwt.) were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman, and several had the pleasure of ringing through their first 120 of Stedman. Talaton (six) and Buckerell (six) were also visited by several members.

These practice meetings are arranged to encourage change ringing amongst the scattered towers in this area.

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO MR. J. W. JONES

Eight members of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association were unsuccessful in their efforts to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples, in honour of the 85th birthday of Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Monmouthshire. The peal came to grief after ringing for 2 hours 50 minutes, and with only 400 changes to go. The peal attempt took place at All Saints', Newport, where Mr. Jones has rung ever since the church's dedication in 1898.

Mr. Jones, who is widely known in ringing circles throughout the country, still takes an active part in ringing, and a regular attendant at the Sunday services as well as practice nights. He also faithfully attends all Association meetings.

Mr. Jones has rung over 500 peals and rung in well over 600 towers. He has been a prominent member of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association throughout the Association's history, and was secretary for 43 years, during which period he held the interests of the Association close at heart.

Born in Caerleon on December 5th, 1865, Mr. Jones was taught bellringing by the late Mr. Evan Davies, schoolmaster at Caerleon, and rang his first peal at Caerleon in January, 1889.

Throughout his life, Mr. Jones has been of great assistance in all matters concerning bells and ringing, and has shown unfailing energy in the tuition of new ringers, and teaching them the art of change ringing.

The many friends and acquaintances of Mr. Jones throughout the country will be pleased to hear that he still enjoys fairly good health. To him, on his 85th birthday, go the good wishes of all who have met him.

Those taking part in the unsuccessful peal attempt were Donald C. Clarke 1, L. F. G. Bainham 2, G. Large 3, Rev. Roy Hallett 4, A. W. Heath 5, Rev. I. J. Richards 6, R. E. R. Smith (conductor) 7, Norris Watkins 8.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

In fine weather the annual district meeting was held on December 2nd at St. Paul's Church, Sketty, Swansea.

The recently hung bells were kept going until four o'clock, when the service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Williams. In his address the Vicar thanked the local ringers for the work they were doing for the church and also all ringers who were doing the same in their own towers.

At the business meeting, with the Vicar in the chair, the officers elected were: Hon. district secretary, J. A. Hoare; hon. district auditor, T. Roderick. Five new members were elected.

It was the desire of all members present that Mr. E. Stitch continue as a ringing member for life without payment of further subscriptions in appreciation of his long service to the Guild. An invitation from Baglan Church for the next quarterly meeting was accepted.

The members then returned to the tower for further ringing and brought to a close a very enjoyable meeting.

J. A. H.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 26th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. E. Jones 1, T. G. Bannister 2, Mrs. A. R. Turley 3, S. Childs 4, A. R. Turley 5, F. W. Goodfellow 6, F. Corke (cond.) 7, H. W. Impey 8.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 30th, for St. Andrew's Day, 1,349 Grandsire Caters: R. G. Morris 1, C. A. Harding 2, P. Blissett 3, J. Thomas 4, W. Lewis 5, D. R. Sayers 6, A. E. Humphries 7, J. J. Jeffries 8, C. Tawse (first on ten as cond.) 9, T. W. Lewis 10.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

SOUTH FOREST DEANERY BRANCH

There was a record attendance, 83 sitting down to tea at Lydney, on December 2nd, for the annual meeting of the South Forest Branch. At the opening, the company stood in silent tribute to the late Mrs. E. Shelswell, wife of ex-Supt J. F. Shelswell, who presided, and expressed his gratitude for the many expressions of sympathy he and his son Frank had received in their bereavement.

The Rev. H. F. Heal, Vicar of St. Briavel's, in proposing the re-election of Mr. Shelswell as chairman, said that both in stature and heart he was the ideal leader of that Association and they were greatly indebted to him for the most happy position they were in—he was unceasing in his efforts to make their work a most valuable contribution to church life in the Deanery.

Mr. Shelswell, in accepting the office of chairman for the 12th year, said it was a position that gave him a great deal of happiness. The attendance that afternoon, easily a record, proved how real was the advancement they were making. It was good for themselves, but more especially for the Church, which, in these most anxious days, needed all their help and interest. He thanked the Incumbents in the Deanery for the encouragement they were extending to them in their work and he gave a warm welcome to the Rev. R. J. Blakeway-Phillips (curate), Mrs. C. O. Carson, Mrs. Wild and Mr. Frank Skidmore (secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association), who were present.

Mr. Skidmore said the South Forest Branch had a fine record, and he paid high tributes to their officers.

The Rev. H. F. Heal was re-elected vice-chairman, Mr. J. C. Goulding, re-elected secretary. In his report of the year's activities said there were 106 performing members, 12 honorary members, two life members and 11 affiliated towers, an all round increase. Receipts totalled £18.

Dr. C. O. Carson, Lydney, Col. R. G. M. Street, Brockweir, and Mr. A. H. Carter, Cheltenham (Deputy Chief Constable, Gloucestershire), were elected honorary members, and there were also 14 new performing members elected. Mr. J. L. Smith was elected Ringing Master and to serve on the management committee of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

The next meeting will be held at Tidenham. Mr. Shelswell thanked the many lady helpers who had provided an excellent tea, and the meeting closed with the singing of a favourite old hymn—'The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended.'

The Rev. R. J. Blakeway-Phillips officiated at the church service and gave a most interesting address. During the afternoon and evening the bells of St. Mary's Church were rung in various methods.

Towers represented: St. Briavel's, Tidenham, Hewelsfield, Lydney, Staunton, Newport, Littledean, Bristol, Ross, Llanbradach, Monmouth, Chenstow, Cheltenham, Gloucester, Westbury-on-Severn, Awre, Buckland Newton, Dorchester and Clearwell.

SWINDON BRANCH

The annual meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Christ Church, Swindon, on December 9th, nearly sixty attending. The usual ringing and service were followed by tea, Christ Church ringers being the hosts.

At the business meeting it appeared that members were satisfied with the way in which the Branch was run, and all the retiring officers were re-elected. It was proposed that meetings be held at St. Mark's, Swindon, Stratton-St. Margaret and Rodbourne Cheney during the next three months.

A hearty welcome was extended to Mr. Frank Skidmore, general secretary of the Association. Other visitors were present from Aldbourne, Shrivenham, Thatcham, North Bradley, Richborough, Cannings, Wootton Bassett, Melksham, Fairfield and Faringdon. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal.

W. B. K.

GRANDSIRE CATERS

By JAMES TOPP.

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First rung at Wrington, Somerset, on Saturday, October 14th, 1950.

5,079 STEDMAN CATERS

By J. H. R. FREEBORN.

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Rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on November 28th.

1,260 STEDMAN TRIPLES

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4th CENTENARY OF STAFFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL

On December a special service was held in St. Mary's Church, Stafford, to commemorate the Fourth Centenary of the founding of King Edward VI. Grammar School, at which service the Lord Bishop of Lichfield was the preacher.

It had been decided to ring the bells for this service when the head ringer, Mr. R. J. Warrilow, himself an 'Old Boy' of the School, suggested that it would be very appropriate if, including a boy from the present-day scholars, a band representing past scholars could be arranged.

The suggestion was very favourably received by the ringers who had no connection with the School and who offered to co-operate by 'standing down,' or 'standing in' if not enough 'Old Boys' could be found. Contacts were made, with the result that all ringers for this purpose had connections with the School.

The service ringing was Grandsire Doubles with 7, 6, 8 covering. The ringers were A. B. Garbett (representing present scholars), H. F. Evans, B. A. Yeates, R. J. Warrilow, F. R. Wiggin, H. Slinn, N. Greenwood and A. Page (representing 'Old Boys'). Messrs. Garbett, Warrilow, Slinn and Page are regular Sunday service ringers.

The headmaster has expressed his gratitude and thanks for the ringing of the bells and that those taking part were associated with the School. A. E. G.,

RING OUT, WILD BELLS!

LEICESTER PRESS AND REMOVAL OF PURCHASE TAX

The decision of the Government to remove the purchase tax on church bells was announced in one of the Leicester newspapers under the heading 'Ring Out, Wild Bells!' as follows:—

Any day now, the housewife toiling from shop to shop in the chill autumn mists and reflecting bitterly that the only thing that seems to be going down is the thermometer, is due for a surprise. Without warning she may encounter a horde of her fellow-citizens hurrying down the road with purposeful intent.

They will not be on their way to protest at the latest cut in the bacon ration or to demonstrate against the increased cost of woollen underwear or rayon nighties, for they will be a happy band of pilgrims. Indeed, if she looks twice, she will see that their faces are wreathed in smiles as they hurry onward, calling down many a kindly blessing on a Board of Trade that has treated them so handsomely.

Carefree campanologists, they will be hastening to the nearest foundry, there to cash in quickly on the latest blessing to be conferred by a sympathetic and understanding Government. True to its avowed intention to reduce the cost of living as soon as possible, it has taken a bold step to benefit the community.

With one stroke of the pen it has removed all purchase tax on the sale of church bells—and this in plenty of time for our Christmas shopping. So celebrate this notable contribution to the common weal by ordering your set of tax-free church bells right away, and thus avoid disappointment.

And Bob Major's your uncle!

LATE NOTICE

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Practice meeting, Surfleet, Saturday, Dec. 23rd, at 6.30 p.m. Grand-ire and Stedman Caters. Bob Royal. 8047

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MEETINGS

YATTON, SOMERSET.—Dedication of restored ring of eight by the Ven. Archdeacon of Bath at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Everyone welcome. P.C. only for tea by 11th to E. A. Price, Rectory Farm, Yatton, Bristol. 8031

HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford (10) on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. (Long's Restaurant) All welcome.—S. Carter, North Road, Hertford.—G. Blake, Burford Street, Hoddeston. 7983

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Annual, Wellington (8), Dec. 16th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Names for tea please, Rockwell-Green bells 7.—A. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 8018

CHERTSEY, SURREY.—Combined practice to-morrow (Saturday), Dec. 16th, 6—8 p.m. All are welcome. Please make an effort to attend.—J. B. Hessey. 8036

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 16th, St. Peter's, Derby, 2.30. 8019

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, Dec. 16th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7999

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND N. NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Dec. 16th, Sutton-in-Ashfield (8). Bells available 2. Tea 4.30. 8002

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Whittlesey, Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells, St. Andrew's (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. St. Mary's (8) available after tea.—S. Gilbert, Dis. Sec. 8025

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Gainsborough District).—The next meeting will be held at Blyton (5) on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Service 4.15. Tea 5. 8004

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Hornsey (near Hornsey B.R. Station) on Saturday, Dec. 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business.—T. J. Lock. 8014

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Felpham, Dec. 16th, 3. 8000

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Reigate (10) on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Ringing 3. Service 5. Tea and business following. Nominations for District officers for 1951 received at this meeting. Further ringing in the evening. 8026

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Maresfield (8), Saturday, Dec. 16th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. 8006

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Handsworth, Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. 8021

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at St. Matthew's, Northram, on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea, 2s. 6d. per head. 8001

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual meeting Saturday, Dec. 16th, at Woodstock. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea and meeting, 4.30 p.m.—W. Hibbert, General Secretary. 8029

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Windsor Parish Church, Saturday, Dec. 23rd. 6—8.30.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 8039

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Ernest Turner will give a talk on Conducting in St. Giles-in-the-Fields' large vestry, 7 p.m. on Dec. 29th. 8042

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Wye, Dec. 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 8041

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Westerham (8), Jan. 6th at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, by Jan. 3rd. 8033

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—The annual dinner will be at Retford on Jan. 27th. Full details later.—H. Denman. 8045

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GREETINGS

PROBABLY the uppermost thought in most adult minds as Christmas approaches is 'greetings,' good wishes for every happiness to friends far and near. And such greetings and remembrances are all the more treasured when times are troublous. The first Christmas came in troublous times; a whole country was in a turmoil over a census which a harsh invader had imposed on the Jewish people, for which each head of the family had to go to his native village. It was a time when conveyances were primitive. Imagine such circumstances to-day if each had to go to his birthplace, with a complete disregard for housing conditions. Amid such an upheaval came the infant Christ to this earth. Although the circumstances of His birth were of the lowliest, yet His reception was accompanied by heavenly grandeur as heavenly hosts sang their praises and greetings—'Peace on earth and goodwill towards men.'

It is this message of 'Peace on earth and goodwill towards men' that the bells will be saying to mankind as Christmas Day is ushered in. Try and visualise the picture in that New Zealand belfry where the first Christmas bells of 1950 will be rung. Probably it is a young New Zealander, who has been trained by those who have settled in the Dominion from this country, who, in the time-honoured phrase, will say, 'Look to, the treble's going, she's gone.' The global message has been started on the bells of Auckland, Christchurch, Hamilton, Papanui and Wellington, and with it go the greetings and best wishes of those New Zealand ringers.

Within three hours the refrain will be started again in Australia. Mr. W. H. Rowe has assembled with his band at St. Jude's, Randwick; there are also other companies in action, including those at Turrumurra and Parramatta, names now familiar to our readers through our peal and quarter peal columns. They had not finished their music before the twelve at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, with its tenor of 31½ cwt., take up the message, to be followed by the bells of St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, with its tenor of 41 cwt. There is new life at Adelaide; Mr. P. L. Cooper has created enthusiasm among undergraduates at the university and they have linked up with the Universities Association. Before leaving Australia we get the greetings from Mr. A. R. Wilson on behalf of the two rings at Hobart, Tasmania, separated from the mainland by a rough sea crossing.

We would like to think that the four rings of bells in India are rung to-day, but while we have readers there, letters indicate that they are ringers in exile as far as a practical contribution is made to the Exercise. The message, however, will be relayed from South Africa. It will be warm ringing in Durban now, where Mr. Chambers endeavours to keep the torch burning. There are also bells at Capetown Cathedral, Grahamstown and Woodstock.

The full majesty of the bells will be heard, however, in this country. How we would like to peep into the different belfries. As the white cliffs of Dover were reached we would see Mr. C. Turner, of Dover; upright and grey-haired, Mr. John Willis in a neighbouring sea-side port. The mind goes along the South Coast to Hastings, to Eastbourne with our many new friends made as the result of the Central Council meeting, to Brighton with its past traditions where 50 years ago some of the greatest ringers of the land added new chapters of fame to English ringing.

We would pause one minute in the Campanile of Chichester Cathedral before passing to that of Portsmouth and St. Mary's, Portsea, and hope to hear the bells of All Saints', Ryde, wafted across Spithead. On to the great port of Southampton as the glorious ten of St. Mary's ring out the message, and also picture the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead greeting his ringers at St. Michael's. At Christchurch Priory we hope to find that fine old veteran George Preston, ringing from the back of a chair and proceed on to Bournemouth with enthusiastic young ringers thronging the belfries of St. Peter's and St. John's, Surrey Road.

Greetings to that fine old College Youth, Mr. A. Macdonald, at Poole, before proceeding through the six-bell towers of Dorset, not forgetting, of course, the ten at Wimborne Minster and the eight at Lyme Regis with the Rev. C. Carew Cox and Mr. Stedman Morris (whose mind is doubtless with his Leicester friends). On into Devon with Mr. Aubrey Bennett at Buckfastleigh to Exeter with its famous towers apart from the Cathedral. We recognise Mr. C. G. Glass and Mr. E. W. Biffin before passing on to much-bombed Plymouth, the home of the Myers family, who have done so much for the maintenance of change ringing.

Cornwall, like Devon, gives much of the message of the bells in rounds and call changes, but change ringing is making progress. At Carbis Bay there will be the Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Roberts and Mr. Harry Miles with other

new friends ringing out across the wide Atlantic. Then come our Welsh friends—Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, with his long association with the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, Mr. F. J. Hannington, of Cardiff, and then into the area of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild, with Mr. J. A. Hoare, of St. John's, Sketty. The message is taken up by the scattered towers of St. David's Guild before crossing the Channel into Ireland. Mr. F. E. Dukes will be waiting to greet us and at Holywood there will be Mr. John Dunwoody. We have other faithful ringers in old Ireland, and as we listen we can hear the bells of Limerick, whose team, conducted by Mr. B. A. Brislave, are the champions of all Ireland.

Across the Atlantic and into Canada. It is in distant Vancouver and Victoria, British Columbia, that our art is chiefly practised, thanks to the enthusiasm of Mr. E. W. Izard and his band. To them falls the honour of giving the concluding notes of a great pæan of adoration and worship. And as the scene gradually fades out we picture sitting in his chair at Los Angeles, one far distant from his beloved bells, Ernest Weatherley. His contribution is now one of memories, and these fragrant memories of Christmasses past and present remain constant with those who realise that they are in a sense one with the angelic host, singing 'Glory to God in the highest; peace and goodwill to all men.'

TWELVE BELL PEALS

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 35 cwt. 4 lb.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	*PETER LAFLIN 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 8
JOHN WORTH 3	WALTER ALLMAN 9
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	*RALPH G. EDWARDS .. 10
*ERIC J. GILBERT 5	*JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 11
†FREDERICK W. GROCOTT .. 6	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Yorkshire Maximus. † First peal of Surprise Maximus. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. P. Laflin and Mr. Tom Hammond, of Liverpool. First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus for the Association.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 4 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	ALFRED B. PECK 7
JOHN E. CHILCOTT 2	HERBERT LANGDON 8
*MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT .. 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 9
*DAVID E. PARSONS 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION 10
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN .. 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS .. 11
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD .. 6	JAMES G. A. PRIOR .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

* First peal of Surprise Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF 5093 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS
Tenor 16 cwt. in D.

*OWEN A. NEEDHAM Treble	H. LESLIE PASK 6
JOHN FREEMAN 2	JOHN A. FREEMAN 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS .. 3	GEOFFREY M. MAYER 8
FREDERICK W. STOKES .. 4	JOHN WALDEN 9
WALTER TOMLINSON 5	CHARLES E. BROWN .. Tenor

Composed by A. W. T. CLEAVER.

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* First peal on ten bells. The first peal of Double Norwich Caters by all the band and for the Guild. Rung for the patronal festival.

SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

JOYCE COX Treble	LESLIE A. TREMEER 6
MRS. E. F. SALMONS 2	A. YORK-BRAMBLE 7
PETER N. BOND 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS 8
MRS. C. H. KIPPIN 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 9
REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD .. 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

A variation of Sir A. P. Heywood's Six-part.	Tenor 10 cwt.
*R. D. EDGE (Queens') .. Treble	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') .. 5
A. R. GUY (Jesus) 2	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn) .. 6
†E. CHRIS. BATER (Caius) .. 3	A. W. T. CLEAVER (Down) .. 7
C. G. WOODHEAD (Pemb.) .. 4	P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn) Tenor

Conducted by ANTONY W. T. CLEAVER.

* First peal of Major. † First peal. Rung for the patronal festival.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part.	Tenor 24 cwt.
*DOROTHY LINTERN Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 5
PERCY SPARKS 2	*JACK A. LINTERN 6
EDWIN H. NASH 3	THOMAS J. SETTER 7
PERCIVAL H. HULL 4	ALBERT J. LINTERN .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

* First peal in the method.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt. in A flat.

WILLIAM A. FARMER Treble	TERRY R. HAMPTON 5
MARIE R. CROSS 2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON 6
JOHN PINFOLD 3	HENRY H. FEARN 7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING .. 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. R. E. T. Allen, M.C., M.A., upon his appointment as Canon of Birmingham Cathedral.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

HORACE O. OVER Treble	†S. ANTHONY JESSON 5
*BRIAN G. WARWICK 2	*PETER J. STANFORTH 6
MRS. H. J. POOLE 3	TERENCE A. THORNBUR .. 7
JILL POOLE 4	JOHN HILL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* 25th peal together. † First peal of Major and in the method 'inside.' ‡ 200th peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW Treble	WILLIAM J. BUTTON 5
CHARLES E. FISHER 2	HARRY D. LISTER 6
ROBERT E. LESTER 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL .. 7
CHARLES G. SHEMMING .. 4	SIDNEY W. ARBON .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY BARNES	Treble	*ARTHUR W. WARD	5
GRACE BURCHNALL	2	†WILLIAM H. DALE	6
KATHARINE BURCHNALL	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	7
ARNOLD HILL	4	GEORGE W. CREASEY	Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by GEORGE W. CREASEY.

* 50th peal. † First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to W. H. Dale, also to Desmond K. B. Penny, grandson of the ringer of the treble.

BIRMINGHAM.

ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Mon., Dec. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

At Bishop Ryder's Church,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN N. LINDON	Treble	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
*EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	H. JAMES TURNER	6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
*RODERICK J. LEES	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

* First peal in a Surprise method.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	Treble	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	6
THOMAS E. SONE	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	7
MARK W. MARSHALL	4	HARRY PARKES	Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

Rung as a farewell to Mark Marshall, who joined the R.A.F. on December 7th.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 6, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Containing 1,440 London, 1,440 Rutland, 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 125 changes of method. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

*OSWALD CLAYBROOK	Treble	*CYRIL VALENTINE	5
JOHN E. BIBBY	2	*ERIC J. GILBERT	6
WALTER ALLMAN	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
*FRED DUNKERLEY	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.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

RONALD KENRICK	Treble	THOMAS W. HAMMOND	5
*JOHN ROBERTS	2	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	6
MARGARET RIDYARD	3	THOMAS W. HESKETH	7
*GORDON CRAINE	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Margaret Hammond, daughter of Mr. Thomas W. Hammond, to Mr. A. J. Oliver.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 8, 1950, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ebbe,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

CHARLES COLES	Treble	WILLIAM C. PORTER	5
MARGARET L. TUTT	2	PHILIP M. J. GRAY	6
*EDWIN G. MOORE	3	†EDGAR J. SMITH	7
WALTER F. JUDGE	4	ALAN R. PINK	Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal 'inside' in the method. † First peal of Surprise Major.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 2,944 London, 640 Bristol and 736 each of Superlative and Cambridge, with 112 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

ALBERT WALKER	Treble	*ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	5
FRANK E. PERVIN	2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	6
*MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	FRANK W. PERRENS	7
*DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	4	LEONARD TREVOR	Tenor

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER.

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First peal of Spliced Surprise as conductor and the first for the Guild.

BARTON-LE-CLAY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

VALERIE WILLARD	Treble	RICHARD KENDALL	5
DONALD CLIFT	2	FRED PLUMMER	6
JAMES NEWMAN	3	*HAROLD BURTON	7
ARTHUR DAY	4	†CLAUDE MANN	Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD BURTON.

* 100th peal. † First peal. First peal as conductor. Believed to be the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*MIRIAM R. JAMES	Treble	*ERIC SUTTON	5
*ELIZABETH M. HANNAN	2	†REGINALD G. HOOPER	6
†BETTY SMITH	3	*WILFRED F. WEBB	7
HAROLD L. PARFREY	4	ROGER O. FRY	Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.

* First peal of Major. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal of Bob Major on tower bells. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Eric Sutton.

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

*IAN D. LOMAS	Treble	†DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	5
*EDWARD A. JACKSON	2	†ALEC CAIRNS	6
*SYDNEY SAGE	3	JACK CLEGG	7
*NEIL D. LOMAS	4	RICHARD BENSON	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by JACK CLEGG.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. Charles Clegg.



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THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-part.			Tenor 14 cwt.
WILLIAM PERKINS Treble	ARNOLD G. MOORE 5		
GEOFFREY C. BEECH 2	ARTHUR W. HALL 6		
NORMAN SARGEANT 3	CHARLES H. PAGE 7		
*RONALD BARLOW 4	FREDERICK SHELLEY .. Tenor		

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

*First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Edward Steele, who was laid to rest at the above church on November 30th, and was the donor of the 2nd bell when the ring was augmented from six to eight.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

JOHN WALDEN Treble	OWEN A. NEEDHAM 5		
*MARGARET A. SWANN 2	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS 6		
ARCHER T. LOWMAN 3	H. LESLIE PASK 7		
WALTER TOMLINSON 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE .. Tenor		

Composed by BERNARD BENNETT. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

*First peal of London.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

ERNEST H. SIMPSON .. Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5		
WILLIAM O. TALBOT 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 6		
ROY BETTLEY-COOKE 3	JOHN AMBLER 7		
PERCY J. JOHNSON 4	FRED HODGSON Tenor		

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Talbot and to mark the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Johnson. Also to mark the 60th anniversary of the installation of the bells.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkeston Variation.			Tenor 18½ cwt.
*BRIAN J. HOWARD .. Treble	FRANK C. MAY 5		
BERNARD SADLER 2	PHILLIP SADLER 6		
DONALD COOMBS 3	FRANK B. LUFKIN 7		
*VICTOR W. GRIMWADE .. 4	GERALD FROST Tenor		

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

*First peal of Treble Bob.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

James William Washbrook's Variation.			Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.
*B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD .. 5		
SAMUEL PINDER 2	W. HARRY DUNCOMBE .. 6		
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS 3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON .. 7		
J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 4	GERALD ARMSTRONG .. Tenor		

Conducted by JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON.

*First peal of Stedman. The conductor's 200th peal.

WELFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

M. J. Morris's Transposition.			Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.
*MRS. W. J. VANN .. Treble	ARTHUR J. MILLWARD .. 5		
WILLIAM J. VANN 2	RONALD W. GIBBONS .. 6		
†PERCY AMOS 3	SYDNEY G. OSBORNE .. 7		
†ERNEST MORRIS 4	ALBERT W. GIBBONS .. Tenor		

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

*First peal of Grandsire Triples. †25th peal together.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 25, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

J. PHILIP EASTLAND .. Treble	FRANK BRADLEY 4
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE 2	HAROLD DENMAN 5
HARRY BARNES 3	ALBERT E. WHEELER .. Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

First peal as conductor in three methods. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the mother of Mr. R. Ashworth, the local captain, who died the previous day, aged 93.

WINTHORPE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten different callings.			Tenor 9 cwt.
*WALTER MEAD .. Treble	*FREDK. COUPLAND 4		
FREDK. G. HOOPER 2	HENRY J. CLOXTON 5		
†MAURICE LEACH 3	RALPH WING Tenor		

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

*First peal. †First peal 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Henry J. Cloxtton, captain.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars, Kingston, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.			Tenor 10 cwt.
SAMUEL A. MARTIN .. Treble	C. WILLIAM HALL 4		
*SAM W. CHAPMAN 2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5		
STANLEY R. GARDNER .. 3	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor		

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.

*First peal in seven methods 'inside.' First peal as conductor. A welcome to the Rt. Rev. Harold A. Maxwell, M.A., the new Vicar of Copt Oak and Assistant Bishop of Leicester.

HAXEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.			Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.
*GEORGE CHALLANS .. Treble	HAROLD DENMAN 4		
JOSEPH SAXTON 2	FREDERICK FLINT 5		
*DONALD CHADWICK .. 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor		

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

*First peal of Bob Minor. The first peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Challans, H. T. Rooke and James T. Rooke, aged seven, son of the conductor.

MISTERTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores.			Tenor 7 cwt.
STANLEY PARAGREEN .. Treble	PETER HALLAM 4		
GEORGE PICKERING 2	COLIN KIRK 5		
FREDERICK WATSON 3	W. HORACE CHENEY .. Tenor		

Conducted by COLIN KIRK.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony McNulty, of Corby.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Wells, London and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Double Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

*ALFRED WILKINSON .. Treble	HARRY W. HOWARD 4
DAVID SMITH 2	HARRY PARKER 5
ERIC HORNBY 3	A. GORDON LAWRENCE .. Tenor

Conducted by A. GORDON LAWRENCE.

*First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor in seven methods.

SNODLAND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*HARRY SPRINGATE Treble	GEORGE KENWARD 4
*GLADYS K. JARRETT 2	*CYRIL S. JARRETT 5
*FRANCIS J. CHEAL 3	VICTOR A. JARRETT .. Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

* First 720 of Surprise. First peal as conductor in more than one method. A birthday peal for Ronald Reader, nephew of the conductor, and Miss G. K. Jarrett. Also for Mrs. G. A. Naylor, sister of Mr. F. Cheal.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. D. R. CARLISLE .. Treble	FRANCIS R. LOWE 4
JACK BAILEY 2	†ALBERT E. THOMPSON .. 5
*MAURICE BAILEY 3	DENNIS R. CARLISLE .. Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS R. CARLISLE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Cambridge Minor.

SWINDERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten different callings. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

FREDERICK G. HOOPER .. Treble	*BERYL N. WHITE 3
COLIN W. REED 2	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. 4
ARTHUR E. CHILTON Tenor	

Conducted by FREDK. G. HOOPER.

* First peal in the method. First five-bell peal for the Guild. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. C. B. Mahon.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 2, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and St. Clement's, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CLAUDE COUSINS Treble	JOHN E. FOX 4
*CYRIL COUSINS 2	CECIL EBBERSON 5
WALLACE W. COUSINS .. 3	ERNEST MASTIN Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MASTIN.

* First peal 'inside' in five methods. C. Cousins and E. Mastin have now 'circled' this tower.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 3, 1950, in 3 Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*DOUGLAS F. DRIVER .. Treble	TOM SAUNDERS 4
LUTHER J. HONESS 2	JOHN J. MEDHURST 5
ALBERT W. KELVIE 3	WILLIAM R. MANSER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM R. MANSER.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th. The conductor has now 'circled' the tower.

GREAT BIRCHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 3, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Grandsire, St. Simon's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 17 lb.

DONALD PEGG Treble	CHARLES TOVELL 3
CECIL V. EBBERSON 2	ROBERT ALCOCK 4
TONY OWEN Tenor	

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A P. A. OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Childwall and St. Clement's and three extents of Plain Bob.

WALTER AYRE Treble	WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. 4
*GWENDOLYN F. GOOD .. 2	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT .. 5
†KEITH GOOD 3	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD Tenor

Conducted by AUGUSTIN V. GOOD.

*First peal 'inside.' †First peal. A birthday compliment to Walter Ayre.

EDWINSTOWE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Dec. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being five 720's of Kent and two 720's of Oxford, seven different callings.

*JOAN SMITH Treble	HERBERT T. ROOKE .. 4
†HAROLD DENMAN 2	*GEORGE CHALLANS 5
†DENNIS PARSONS 3	*FRANK BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

*First peal in two methods. †100th peal of Minor. ‡First peal of Minor.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 5, 1950, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*PETER HARRUP Treble	*RALPH NEWELL 4
*STANLEY DASH 2	JOHN GIPSON 5
†ARCHIBALD TUCK 3	FRANK HARPER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK HARPER.

*First peal. †First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells by a local band. The first peal on the bells since being augmented to six.

OLD MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Eynsham, St. Leonard's, Cassington, St. Peter's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Colum, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Plain Bob, Old, Kennington, Norfolk, April Day, Grandsire, St. Blaise, Fortune, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure and Antelope.

*ALEC GAMMON Treble	†LOTTIE R. PIMM 3
DOUGLAS O. WILKS 2	HARRY P. FLOYD 4

ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

*First peal of Doubles. †First peal in 21 methods. Rung on the Feast of St. Nicholas.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 3,600 of Grandsire and 1,440 of Bob Doubles.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

JOHN HOLBROOK Treble	†DONALD MILVERTON .. 4
THOMAS M. GRIFFEN 2	DAVID HOARE 5
*ARTHUR J. JONES 3	*DAVID S. YOUDLE Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR J. JONES.

*First peal. †First peal 'inside.' Rung for the patronal festival.

HARPFORD, DEVON.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wed., Dec. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

CYRIL DEEM Treble	JACK CARTER 4
BRIAN PIDGEON 2	JAMES SMITH 5
SIDNEY SKINNER 3	*JOHN QUICK Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.

*First peal of Cambridge.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Nov. 26, 1950, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

AT 2, WELLINGTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED ROYAL

In three methods, comprising 2,640 Plain Bob, 1,320 Double Bob and 1,056 Little Bob, with 264 changes of method. Tenor size 17 in A.

JAMES E. DANIELS 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 3-4	MICHAEL J. E. BEST 7-8

*WILLIAM G. YOUNG 9-10

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

*First peal of Spliced Royal. A compliment to Mr. James George on the eve of his 97th birthday.

LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Nov. 28, 1950, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. COLUMB'S CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores.

JOHN J. FIELDING 1-2	FREDERICK E. DUKES .. 3-4
*JOAN MCKINLAY 5-6	

Conducted by FREDERICK E. DUKES.

*First peal. 50th peal as conductor. Rung in honour of engagement of Cyril Galbraith, District Secretary (Southern), to Ann Myles, both ringers of St. Mary's (Limerick) Society.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Thurs., Nov. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes.

IN ST. MARY'S BELFRY.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Morris J. Morris's Variation.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 5-6
ALAN CATTELL 3-4	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS .. 7-8

Conducted by J. W. FRANK TROTMAN.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Nov. 30, 1950, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes.

IN ST. PETER'S BELFRY.

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

*RONALD BARLOW 1-2	†FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 5-6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 3-4	†CHARLES H. PAGE 7-8

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by FREDK. WILLIAM GROCOTT.

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

First peal of Major in the method 'in hand' as conductor. First peal of Major in the method 'in hand' for the Association.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 3, 1950, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes.

AT 9, PONSONBY ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven methods, viz.: Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double Bob, Reverse Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor size 11 in G.

*ALEX J. WEBSTER 1-2	ERIC J. GILBERT 3-4
FRANK VARTY 5-6	

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

*First peal in seven methods 'in hand.'

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 4, 1950, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 5-6
*KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 3-4	JOYCE GIBBONS 7-8

Conducted by MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY. Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

*First peal on handbells away from the tenors.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Dec. 6, 1950, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

AT 9, PONSONBY ROAD.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

*ALEX J. WEBSTER 1-2	JULIA M. PRESTON 5-6
†ROGER C. PRESTON 3-4	FRANK VARTY 7-8

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

*First peal on eight handbells. †First peal on an 'inside' pair.

First peal of Major 'in hand' as conductor.

ASH, CANTERBURY, KENT.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Prescott (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. A. Gambrell (first of Triples 'inside') 2, Mrs. D. M. Maynard 3, Dr. J. D. Ogilvie (cond.) 4, W. Payne 5, A. Gambrell 6, E. J. Wels 7, W. C. E. Goldup 8. Rung for the festival of St. Nicholas.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. S. Gatty 1, A. Ward 2, Miss B. Carter 3, P. P. Carter 4, J. B. Robinson 5, D. Ogden 6, R. Edwards (cond.) 7, P. R. Harrison 8. First quarter for 2 and 4. First quarter in method for 1, 3 and 8. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Minor (being 540 Plain Bob and 720 Oxford Bob): R. Soars 1, G. Lowe 2, F. K. Thompson 3, J. W. Lowe 4, K. E. Lovett (first of Minor as cond.) 5, H. Myatt 6. First quarter in two Minor methods for 2 and 3.

BARWELL, LEICS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 4.6.8 covering: J. Wilbur 1, Miss B. Colver 2, J. Hough 3, J. Needham 4, H. Duncum 5, T. Yates 6, A. Hough 7, J. Armstrong 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.—On Oct. 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Armstrong 1, A. H. Hoven 2, H. Duncum 3, T. K. Deacon 4, C. R. Belton 5, T. C. Belton 6, W. P. Whitehead (cond.) 7, G. P. Garner 8. First in method for 1, 2, 3 and 6.

BROAD HINTON, WILTS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Burry 1, F. Hacker 2, F. Walker 3, R. Barry 4, W. Hacker (cond.) 5, W. Haines 6. A compliment to Canon H. V. White, chairman of the Calne Branch, on his appointment to a Canonry of Salisbury Cathedral.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of Our Lady and English Martyrs, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Gipson 1, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 2, W. J. Ridgeman 3, T. R. Dennis 4, H. L. Martin 5, C. Hurst 6, J. W. R. Quinney 7, P. Border 8. First quarter of Stedman for 6 and 7.

CAYTHORPE, Lincs.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Mackears (cond.) 1, C. Simcock 2, L. Squires 3, S. Whaley 4, H. Squires 5, W. E. Dale 6, J. Cragg 7, G. Scott 8. A birthday greeting to the ringer of the 7th.

CROWLAND, Lincs.—At the Abbey on Dec. 11th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): A. Strickland (first quarter) 1, M. Strickland (first quarter) 2, C. Pepper (first quarter) 3, R. Strickland 4, W. Smedley 5, M. Brown (first as cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to R. Strickland (captain).

QUARTER PEALS

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Hartland (first quarter) 1, J. Stevens 2, G. Hartland 3, E. Dabinett 4, R. Hector 5, T. Locke (cond.) 6, H. Perry 7, G. Budd 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. J. Willey, member of the local band.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,287 Stedman Caters: J. Phillips 1, H. Langdon 2, Miss J. A. England 3, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 4, W. Langdon 5, B. D. Threlfall 6, H. Belcher 7, J. E. Chilcott 8, M. V. Chilcott 9, Miss D. Lidbetter 10. A birthday compliment to H. M. Page.

GOODNESTONE, KENT.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): H. Stringer 1, Miss M. M. Brockman 2, B. J. Luck 3, J. Walter 4, R. G. French 5, H. R. French (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, also 17th wedding anniversary to ringer of 3rd.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.—At St. Mary Abbot's on Dec. 10th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: Miss M. J. Freer 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Castle 3, W. Langdon 4, C. Finch 5, C. M. Meyer 6, W. W. Bailey 7, C. W. Ottley 8, J. Bullock 9, E. T. Beauchamp 10.

LIVERPOOL.—At Emmanuel Church on Dec. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: T. W. Hammond (cond.) 1, P. Heyes 2, G. Henshaw (longest length in any method) 3, T. E. Horridge 4, T. Larby 5, W. Court 6. Rung for the 70th birthday of the conductor and the wedding of Miss Margaret Hammond to Mr. A. J. Oliver.

MAPERTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: J. F. Hatchley 1, D. Gare 2, F. J. Hazzard 3, Miss D. Webb 4, H. P. Sparks (cond.) 5, H. Godfrey 6.

MIDDLEZOY, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (480 April Day, 480 Bob Doubles, 300 Grandsire): A. E. Bawden 1, C. Clark 2, F. Sweet 3, C. Davis 4, R. Short (first as cond. in three methods) 5, W. Keirle 6. First in three methods for 1, 4 and 6.

PARRAMATTA, AUSTRALIA.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (an extent each of Grandsire, Canterbury, Clifford, St. Columb, Southrepps Pleasure, April Day, Old, Norfolk, Plain Bob, Antelope and 180 Grandsire): H. Short 1, E. Fowell 2, A. R. Botting (cond.) 3, R. W. Ferriss 4, G. Williamson 5, T. Howell 6.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. T. Langstone 1, Mrs. M. M. Osborne 2, Miss S. Booth 3, T. H. Bullock 4, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 5, H. F. Perry 6. Rung for anniversary of accession of King George VI.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cornelius 1, R. Beale 2, D. Best 3, R. C. Beale (first 'inside') 4, R. Welch 5, F. Welch (cond.) 6, K. Welch 7, I. Best (first quarter) 8.

SHUSTOKE, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 240 April Day, 480 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob): D. K. Lane 1, J. W. Hovey 2, D. L. Hooper 3, G. H. Lane (cond.) 4, L. L. Willis 5, W. G. Lane 6. First in four methods by all. First quarter on the bells.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (180 Grandsire, 240 Reverse Canterbury, 360 April Day, 480 Plain Bob): Rev. R. W. Bennett 1, James Honey 2, Jonathan Honey 3, D. O. Wilks (cond.) 4, W. Cudd 5, J. E. Wilks 6. Rung as a farewell tribute to the Rev. R. W. Bennett before his last service as Rector of Sunningwell.

TEMPLECOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: J. F. Hatchley 1, F. J. Hazzard 2, D. Gare 3, Miss D. J. Webb 4, P. Sparks (cond.) 5, H. Godfrey 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. F. Hopkins, ringer at this church.

TUXFORD, NOTTS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Smith 1, D. Rooke 2, G. Challans 3, H. Denman (first quarter of Grandsire Doubles) 4, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 5. First quarter of Grandsire for 1, 2 and 3.

WALBERTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 1st, 1,440 Bob Minor: G. W. Holliss 1, G. H. Lee 2, N. Smith 3, E. Horner 4, E. Treagus (cond.) 5, H. J. Peskett 6. First quarter of Minor for ringers of 1, 2 and 4.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 St. Clement's: Miss J. Haynes 1, Miss J. Smith 2, F. Flint 3, D. H. Rooke 4, D. Chadwick 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. First quarter St. Clement's for 1 and 2.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,500 Doubles (240 April Day, 480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): F. W. Lewis 1, E. W. Keys 2, N. J. Smith (first as cond.) 3, H. Stovell 4, P. R. Blackman 5, R. Harvey (first quarter) 6.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—At St. Margaret's on Dec. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. E. Davis 1, W. M. Hewett 2, W. Nudds 3, E. A. Reeve 4, R. W. Stannard 5, J. W. Chapman 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, R. Sanders 8.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At St. Maurice's on Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): W. Harrison 1, R. M. Currie 2, J. A. C. King 3, H. D. Buckingham 4, P. N. Bond (cond.) 5, D. Verrier 6. Rung for Advent Sunday.

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for 1951. Send £1 to Mrs. Fletcher, The White
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1951.

Mr. F. Cooke, of Ux-
bridge reminds us that the
claim that the peal of
Chiltern Surprise at Ewhurst on November 15th
was the first for the Guildford Diocesan Guild
cannot be substantiated. The first peal of Chil-
tern Surprise ever rung was by the Guildford
Diocesan Guild on January 25th, 1934, at
Egham, Surrey. It was conducted by Mr. Alan
R. Pink, and the late Mr. John S. Goldsmith
rang the third.

The Editor and staff of 'The Ringing World'
send their Christmas greetings to all ringers,
far and wide, and especially to correspondents
who, week by week, provide the journal with
such a varied assortment of news of interest to
the Exercise.

One of the many encouraging letters this
week is from 12-year-old Doris Walden of
Piddlehinton, Dorset, who expresses her thanks
to all those who have given her a chance to
ring in over 150 towers and especially to Mr.
J. Lilley and Mr. W. Panter for arranging
outings.

Mr. Claude Cousins was in an unaccustomed
role when he rang the treble to a peal of Minor
in five methods at Terrington St. John on
December 2nd; in fact, it is 29 years since he
rang that bell to a peal. In the same peal Mr.
E. Masters was ringing the tenor to a peal for
the first time. Their purpose was to 'circle'
the tower.

The Good family, who made three of the
band for the peal at Apsley End on December
4th, would like to say how much they
appreciated the spirit of the remainder of the
band in turning up when travelling conditions
were so bad. Besides being a birthday com-
pliment to Mr. Walter Ayre, this peal enabled
a father to call his son's first peal and his
daughter's first 'inside.'

BELFRY GOSSIP

A non-ringing friend of
Mr. G. Kenward had ex-
pressed a wish to watch a
peal being rung. Mr. Kenward invited him to
watch the peal at Snodland, Kent, on December
2nd, and he sat it out with apparent interest.
On being asked at the conclusion of the peal
if he was 'bored stiff' he replied he was a
little stiff but not bored! We hope on that
score he will go a step further and become a
ringer.

There will be no practice ringing at St. Mat-
thew's, Clapton, until the first Wednesday in
1951.

On December 30th an attempt will be made
at Frodsham by the Chester Diocesan Guild for
a peal of 8,032 Spliced Surprise in eight methods
(A. J. Pitman). The attempt will start at 2 p.m.

The band which rang the peal of Treble Bob
Minor at Hallaton, Leicestershire, on December
9th, wish to acknowledge the excellent hos-
pitality of Mr. and Mrs. Russell.

The bells of St. Giles', Willenhall, Staffs, will
be broadcast on Christmas morning. Ringing
starts at 9 a.m. and the service, at which the
address will be given by the Bishop of Lichfield,
at 9.30 a.m.

Will conductors of quarter peals desirous of
publication please write same in the style appear-
ing on page 807 of this journal. After the town
and county give the date and method. Thank
you.

Mr. E. Sutton, of St. Ambrose's Church, Bris-
tol, celebrated his 21st birthday on December
9th. In honour of the occasion, a peal of Bob
Major was rung at Bitton, six of the band
scoring a 'first' of some sort. The band and
friends and relations of Mr. Sutton were en-
tertained after the peal, at Bristol. Handbell-
ringing and party games finished a very happy
day.

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A CHRISTMAS QUIZ FOR RINGERS

By KEWSETT

Kewsett again presents his popular Christmas Quiz to the Exercise. Three book prizes are offered for answers nearest to the correct solution. Closing date, January 10th, 1951. Envelopes to be addressed, 'Christmas Quiz,' c/o The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford.

1. Which church, with a ring of eight, has its tower directly over the principal altar?
2. Which church, with a ring of eight, has no aisle opposite the main altar?
3. Which church, with a ring of five, has a memorial window showing many different kind of birds, as a memorial to a famous naturalist, who was Vicar of the parish?
4. Where, in a church with a ring of eight, is there a stained-glass window with inscription concerning the 'fifth Sunday in February'?
5. Where, in a church with a ring of eight, is there a recently painted mural extending the whole width of the west wall?
6. Where, in a church with a ring of eight, was Dorothy Sayers' father once Rector?
7. Where is the tallest spire over a ring of ten bells?
8. Where, in a church with a ring of eight, is there a stone statue holding a dodecahedron?
9. Where are there Russian bells in England?
10. Which two churches have the same number of bells, the same weight of tenor, the same dedication and the same place name?
11. Which ring of bells is nearest the highest point in England?
12. Where can the old year be last rung out?
13. Which two rings of bells are nearest together of all hung anticlockwise? State distance apart.

14. Which two churches with rings of 12 are nearest together?
15. Which two churches with rings of 12 are farthest apart?
16. How many of the changes on six bells are divisible by 11 (treating each change as a number of six figures)?
17. How long is the longest touch of Grand-sire Triples obtained by using an ordinary bob or single at every lead?
18. Solve the following anagrams. All the solutions are phrases connected with Stedman's Principles:—

WINCH BOOT TUB
WILSON
OOLUG-BEDDED
SHALLOW NUTTER
PLUG WREN HOLLOW
DAMN TRIPLES PINCES

19. Having rung the extent of Plain Bob on their ring of bells, the ringers of Ursa Major augmented their ring with two more trebles and then rang the extent on their new ring. The number of changes in the second peal exceeded twice the number of changes in the first peal by 15 times the number of blows in the first peal. How many bells have they now?
20. Six youngsters rang a plain course of Bob Minor on our ring of six, which is hung clockwise and in a good circle. Alec rang next to Jill. Tom and Alec did not dodge together. John was on Jean's left, and Tom was opposite Jean. Mary cannot ring the tenor, neither can the other girls? Which bells were they ringing?

THE BELFRIES OF ENGLAND

The Churches' call to prayer
Of God's great goodness tells,
As Gospel tidings
Fill the air
With music, from the bells.

List to their merry peal,
They lilting changes ring
As lovers wed
(For woe or weal)
Their festive offering.

Or doth one lonely bell
With quiv'ring sadness sound?
Then know a friend
Bids thee farewell,
For he our hope hath found.

Our bells strict vigil keep,
They mark each useful hour
That in God's time
Who works may reap
The blessings of His power.

Yet they in silence wait
Man's aid each voice to raise.
One, two, three, four,
Five, six, seven, eight
Then blend in songs of praise.

Long may our bells be heard.
Long may our ringers' skill.
In constant witness
Of God's word,
Each one his task fulfil.

G. CAMPBELL GRILLS.

Tavistock.

50 PEALS AT APSLEY END

The bells of St. Mary's were installed in 1871 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank but it was not until 1902 that the first peal was rung. This was in seven methods—two Treble Bob and five plain—being conducted by George Price, who rang quite a number of peals around this district about this time.

Another lapse, this time until 1923, when Walter Ayre called a peal of Plain Bob. Then on to 1926, when two peals were rung—Grand-sire Doubles and Plain Bob. Things started moving a little now, but owing to the bad 'go' of the bells not many peals were attempted.

Walter Ayre now became a regular visitor to Apsley and joined the local band. His influence made a vast difference to progress, until in 1936 a peal in 14 methods was successful. Peals were now rung in various numbers of methods and, in 1938, peals in 25 methods and 24 Surprise methods were brought round.

After the war a new start had to be made and what an uphill task it was! However, progress has been made, several peals of seven Surprise, one of 14 Surprise and one of 21 methods having been rung.

We come to the 50th: several attempts were made for 30 methods without success. The golden wedding anniversary of a one-time ringer approaches—a peal must be rung for this—so it was decided to ring seven Surprise—and a good peal it was. The conductor could be none other than Walter Ayre, who conducted 43 of the 50.

In these peals 43 different methods were rung. Twenty-four of the peals were in seven methods, one each in 10 and 11, four in 14, one each in 21, 24, and 25. May the next 50 be as varied!

YORK MINSTER

Ladies' Guild in Memorable Service

In a service of rare beauty, the women of Yorkshire on December 9th welcomed back to the north transept of York Minster the famous Five Sisters Windows, which were removed for safety when war broke out in 1939.

Many women's organisations were represented in a huge congregation of 2,500. At the invitation of the Dean and Chapter the service was sung by a special choir of 100 supported by 800 massed singers from the Women's Institutes of Yorkshire.

The lessons were read by a Girl Guide, members of the Girls' Friendly Society, the Mothers' Union and the Women's Institutes, and a Sister of the Order of the Holy Paraclete.

In his address the Dean described the architect or mason who conceived the windows as a genius who had created a masterpiece of architecture unparalleled in the world. Tracing the history of the windows from the 13th century, he said: 'There is nothing in architecture like this row of slender giantesses, each 53½ feet high and each five feet and one inch broad. Even without their stained glass they were bound to be five of the most renowned windows in Christendom simply from their enormous height unbroken by any stone mullions or tracery.'

BATTERY OF CAMERAS

Some months ago the Minster ringers had requested the Dean and Chapter to be allowed to invite the Ladies' Guild to ring the service touch on the middle eight, and for the Yorkshire Association (Eastern District) to hold a meeting. Permission was readily granted with the result that between 79 and 80 ringers crowded into the ringing chamber.

Advance publicity had attracted press photographers and before the bells could be raised, the ladies had to face a battery of cameras and flashlights. As a result, several well-known lady ringers found their pictures in the local and national press on Sunday and Monday mornings.

The Ladies' Guild members rang exceptionally well and found the long draught of rope (80 feet), plus the weight of metal (tenor 25 cwt., treble 9 cwt., approx.) no apparent handicap. The way they handled their ropes and struck their bells earned the praise and admiration of the men. Before the event, several 'Doubting Thomases' had thought it was too much for the ladies to attempt. The following took part in the service touch of Grand-sire Triples:—Mrs. D. E. Kelly 1, Miss I. B. Thompson 2, Miss G. Burchnall 3, Miss K. Burchnall 4, Miss F. Laffin 5, Mrs. K. Lewis 6, Miss J. Poole (conductor) 7, Mrs. H. Poole 8. This was the first time in history that a complete band of ladies had rung for a Minster service.

Before the start of the service the Minster Sacrist, Rev. A. J. McMullen, welcomed the visitors on behalf of the Dean and Chapter.

BUSINESS MEETING

After tea, a short business meeting was held in the belfry at which Mr. Fox, vice-president, expressed thanks to the Dean and Chapter and the Minster ringers for being allowed to ring the bells and hold a meeting. Mrs. D. E. Kelly, Northern Branch secretary, Ladies' Guild, added her thanks on behalf of the ladies and said how much they had enjoyed the visit. Mr. H. Walker replied and said that as soon as the Minster knew about the service, they thought it a wonderful opportunity to invite the Ladies' Guild to ring the service touch, and for the Yorkshire Association to hold a meeting. He hoped they would all come again next year when, without doubt, the Yorkshire Association dinner would be held in York.

As this was mainly a ladies' event, a fashion note would seem to be appropriate. The method diagram jumper worn by the wife of a well-known composer and conductor was much admired. Patterns are, however not available.

Now, ladies, what about a hand for twelve next time? H. W.

STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

DIARY OF THE LATE MR. W. H. FUSSELL—3

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

Mr. Fussell's diary labelled 1881 is actually dated September, 1885, and has this note on the first page: 'Having resolved to make up my Diary Complete from the even year 1880, the following is the result of all notes and memorandums collected in my various notebooks connected with any ringing I have taken part in for the year 1881:—

'O all ye bells and ye ringers thereof,
Praise ye the Lord.
Ring unto Him, and sing unto Him,
For ever and ever.'

He begins on Saturday, January 1st: 'Measured myself, at the time with God's help being in good health: chest cir., 33in.; nape, 25½in.; thighs, 18½in.; calves, 12½in.; right arm, 9½in.; wrist, 6½in.; height, 5ft. 8½in.; weight, 9st. ½lb.

'Rang the old year out last night at 12. Got up this morning at 10 to 9, had no breakfast, got to Windsor at 10, heard the Curfew and Parish church bells ringing. [Next day] Sunday received for ringing during 1880 from W. Leader 30s.; chimed for morning service at Slough and staid to it. Rang at 6 o'clock service. A party in at my brother's.'

Then followed varied notices of ringing and chiming at Slough with handbell practices, etc.

On January 16th, Sunday, he went skating at Langley Park and 'spoke with Sir Robert Harvey,' and on the Tuesday, January 18th, 'a remarkable day! Heavy storms of snow, railway blocked and traffic all suspended. The worst day known for 30 years. 1½ hours riding by train as it had to be dug out. Wednesday I walked to Windsor. The Dutchman's Farm completely snowed up to the roof eaves, and the river nearly blocked.'

It must be appreciated that at this time there were no buses or suchlike conveyances for getting about as there are to-day. Most of the journeying was done by walking very long distances or cycling through hail, rain, snow, or sunshine, and the return journeys in the dark along the country lanes speak much for the great enthusiasm shown by such a pioneer of bellringing.

A typical Sunday's occupation noted many times at this period is 'went to service in the morning, chimed in afternoon and evening at Slough, and afterwards rang handbells at Alf's, "pricking out G minor—see Troyte, p. 46-51." On Saturday, February 5th, 1881, 'went to Slough church and rang with Baron and others from 7 till 8.30. Went to Gater's, "The Crown Tap," and rang the bells till 10. Rang 720 Grandsire Minor first time being the West Middlesex Association meeting there, conducted by the Instructor to the Association, W. Baron.' The next day for service he records 'three 120's of Grandsire Doubles called by me.' At this time Mr. Fussell was in the Volunteers, and he records many instances when he went to drill with them. On February 13th he records, 'Hutchinson preached a good sermon at Slough in morning. Had a walk after coming out of church. Went to Staines by train in evening.'

He states during next week 'my employer P. J. Byrne an Architect of Windsor laid up!', and on several occasions he reports 'went sketching.' On February 26th, 'rang at Slough with Wilder, Woodley, Pursey, Steel, Alf Leader and others till 8.30. Gater's room was full so went to Nallis's at the Royal Hotel ringing handbells till 10, came home with J. Perryman.

The next day he 'chimed and staid to the morning service at Slough with F. Simkins, walked to Chalfont St. Peter and back with C. Sargeant and rang for evening service. Rang with the Vicar's son, a very fat boy. Got home from Chalfont at 10 to 10, made rough sketch in my 1st pocket book. Was told the Vicar's son often walked about at night to try and reduce the enormous quantity of flesh he makes, causing him great inconvenience, which was the reason he took to ringing.'

THE 'BELL NEWS' PUBLISHED.

Mr. Fussell records February, 1881, 'The 1st no. of a journal called "The Bell News and Ringers' Record" came out this month, a paper devoted to ringing matters alone. Gave order for it at the booksellers (Herbert).'

On Sunday, March 6th, 'chimed and staid to service at Slough in morning. C. Sargeant and I walked to Beaconsfield in the afternoon at 3, staid to service. I made a sketch or two, saw some of the ringers, got home ¼ to 11, tired. Called in Chapman's at Farnham, went among the bells at Beaconsfield.'

On the Wednesday he 'walked 2 miles in 19½ minutes, heavy boots, leggings and usual clothes on for training. Strong wind. Making an etching of interior of Langley tower?' The next day, March 10th, was the Prince of Wales' marriage, and he rang at Slough, then walked to Beaconsfield and made sketches. The following Saturday he 'had bicycle ride in afternoon. Walked to Uxbridge and to St. Andrew's 7.15 by enquiring for Hillingdon church was led out of my way to old church there. After ringing at St. Andrew's with Rev. C. Mayo we went to the old church of St. Margaret and rang, then returned by train.'

WORKING IN LONDON

Mr. Fussell then went to work in London, and he records 'packing things to go to Town March 16th; St. Patrick's Day, 17th, this being the first time I ever went to London to work. Got to 303 Strand at 10.13 a.m., called on W. Baron in evening and saw St. Martin's church—walked about generally. On Saturday went from Waterloo to Staines, got to Egham 5.40 and rang the 6 bells there. Baron present and nearly tight! Left Egham 10.18. At Staines while waiting for train played some tunes on handbells in waiting room. I left my carpet bag and stick there. Walked from Datchet to Slough, got to bed 11.30 p.m.'

He records that he recovered his lost bag, and rang for the first time at St. John's, Waterloo, the 3rd to 1,000 Grandsire Triples. The weather was wet and miserable and he 'walked all the way home to Finsbury Park and got to bed 12.20 with my old chum Jim'!

On Sunday, March 27th, he rang for first time at St. Andrew's, Holborn Viaduct. 'Went to Hopkins' house in Plough Court and rang handbells. Hopkins showed his peal book with about 60 peals entered. Rang trebles to Grandsire Royal and saw their old black dog. Next day to St. Clement Danes, where ringing stopped owing to broken rope, but saw their peal hook at the meeting room.'

On April 1st 'went to Cumberland Headquarters, met J. Cox, Stack, Baron and others and saw them ring a touch of Stedman Cinques with J. Hayes, a College Youth. Got home 12.30 p.m. April 2nd my sister Flo's birthday. Went home to Slough and got book left by Mr. H. Appleton called "Hubbard's Campanologia."

The following Saturday he went by train to Isleworth—took notes, etc., and rang in touches of Grandsire Triples. Afterwards

'went to the pub by the Windmill Bridge for awhile and got home midnight.' Next day 'went to the "Olympic"—my first visit to a Theatre.'

During the Easter week-end he rang for all services at Slough and on the Friday following while at work at 303, Strand, 'I could hear St. Clement's bells ringing during the afternoon as my office window looked out into Holywell St. Went up the tower at 7 and let two of the bells down—walked home.'

On Sunday, April 24th, 1881, he went to St. Andrew's, Holborn, and rang both morning and evening, 500 and 700 Grandsire Triples, and the next week rang at St. Clement Danes the 4th to Grandsire Caters. 'H. Hopkins stood behind me.' Mr. Fussell went to St. Martin's-in-the-Fields and rang on eight, then heard some Stedman Cinques, there being 33 members present. Mr. Appleton, a ringer at the Curfew tower at Windsor, 'gave me a copy of Hubbard's Work (1868 edition), which he had come across at a furniture sale!'

WITH LONDON RINGERS

During the next few weeks Mr. Fussell mentions many walks and cycle rides to practices, services, etc., including visits to churches in the city of which we hear little these days. Thus on May 4th, 1881, he rang at St. Dunstan's, Fleet Street, a touch of Triples, 'went up on hearing the ring while passing.' Next day he rang 'call changes' at St. James', Clerkenwell, and later at St. Anne's, Highgate. Other places visited were St. Andrew's, Uxbridge; St. Stephen's, Hampstead Heath; Kensington, where he rang Grandsire on the back eight of the ten, with Baron, Barrett, Newton, Hopkins, Dains, Cox, Nelms, etc., names well known in ringing history. He also rang at the Chapel of Ease, Holloway, when he 'received of Dains 4s.,' and a similar sum on a later occasion here. On one occasion he heard St. Clement's ringing while at work, and met Hopkins, Dains and others coming down, 'and we all went to St. Bride's and rang back ten—received 1s. of Dains.'

In June he records 'some Minor at Slough. Farnham men over. W. Leader in a wax about it. Walked into Windsor and saw Steel and Woodley in Eton. Rang at the Curfew tower, and then saw the firework display from Eton Bocus fields.' On the 29th he had a cycle ride of nine miles and, nearing home, fell over the handles and broke his lower jaw bone. He says, 'I had little sleep or rest for many nights afterwards: my jaws were bandaged, my teeth wired, and everything to swallow was in liquid form, being unable to masticate anything for some weeks.' One day a short time after the accident he 'said goodbye to my kind old landlady and returned to Slough, greatly surprising my parents when I walked indoors, they having known nothing of what had happened. Thank God the fall was not worse.' When out once, he continues, 'I was nearly taken up for a notorious murderer named Lefroy, my features being disguised by the bandages. The said Lefroy having coldly murdered an old gentleman in a Brighton train, and had made his escape from detention for some time.'

We have recently seen correspondence on 'wedding fees,' and an interesting instance is quoted by Mr. Fussell in September, 1881. He says, 'Went up and oiled the bells and rang at 12 and 3 o'clock. Met again at 6 and rang till 8. Received 5s. for ringing' [for Miss Charsley's wedding].

About this period Mr. Fussell seems to have been out ringing nearly every evening, and his diary is abundant with walks and cycle rides to neighbouring towers. A typical example is quoted on September 3rd, 1881:—

'Rode to Twyford and walked to Hurst from there in company with some Farnham and Boyne Hill ringers. Arrived at church 11 a.m. and rang Grandsire Minor. From
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Repeated, calling first course:—
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produces 162453978.

BELLS IN EGYPT AND PALESTINE

A destroyer on which my brother was serving had put into Alexandria just before V.E. Day. He rang me at Kasfariet, we met in Cairo and, to our joyful surprise, Grandsire Doubles broke through the noise of traffic. On a previous Sunday evening I'd heard a 12-bell record, and it sounded very good to me, from All Saints' Cathedral tower, but this five-bell music was certainly no recording.

My brother had been out over five years; myself much less. We just looked at each other, said 'Grandsire Doubles,' and accelerated with all speed in the direction. We arrived, somewhat breathless, at St. Joseph's Cathedral. Our hopes should never have been allowed to get so high; we were disappointed to find but one brown-robed English Franciscan chiming, and quite by ear, what he'd heard years before.

When passing through Ismailia some months later, my train stopped long enough for me to hear this very English memory again. I wonder if our Cairo friend had moved, or taught the distinctive air to another Friar of the Order.

Visiting the Copt Church of Abu Sarga, built over the cellar in which the Holy Family lived in Cairo, apparently a very poor church without even one bell, we found a priest walking up and down outside, clashing cymbals together to announce divine service.

When in Palestine I climbed some 150 feet up the Jerusalem Y.M.C.A. Byzantine tower and walked round the 35-bell carillon from Croydon. On Easter Saturday evening I heard, across the city, this fine carillon play through just once, 'Jesus Christ is risen to-day.' Immediate enquiry revealed that this was for a recorded broadcast to America on Easter Sunday morning. I was sorry not to hear more of these bells and thought the operators' technique perfect.

The place of Crucifixion is not definitely known. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre stands on the site believed by Constantine in A.D.300, to be Calvary. In the Greek tower are ten bells brought from Russia 75 years ago; they were not hung for ringing and I did not even hear them chime. Six different services are regularly held at the same time in this one church, one in Aramaic, the common tongue of 2,000 years ago.

Four bells, rung electrically, in the nearby St. Saviour's Convent, are frequently heard. On the other side of the city, beyond the Damascus Gate and past the Tomb of the Virgin Mary and Joseph, the Church of all Nations, built over the betrayal rock in the

Garden of Gethsemane, has three bells which came from Italy 27 years ago. They are bolted by their canons to wooden headstocks, to which are fitted iron wheels. The bells are rung half circle only, to and fro.

In the garden, tended by a small Arab boy, were flowering, when I saw them in April, marguerites, lupins, snapdragons, carnations, sweet peas, tulips, violets, pansies, wallflowers, iris, geraniums, lavender, cyclamen, with rosemary hedging. Olive trees in the garden are reputed to be 2,000 years old.

The road to Bethlehem from Jerusalem leads past the field of the Shepherds. The Y.M.C.A. carol service is held here on Christmas Eve. The Christmas Eve service in the Church of the Nativity lasts up to five hours, with only a very few chairs provided for the very old and infirm. The church has three towers, the Greek tower, with ten bells; the Armenian tower, five bells bolted to girders, and ropes tied on the clapper flight: the Franciscan tower with five bells (these I was told are the Christmas bells bolted by their canons to wooden headstocks and swung by means of rope and lever). Their wheels had been removed some time previous to 1945. The church is built over the stable of the inn, the stable being a rock cavern with numerous passages. This very unusual stable is regarded as being one of the few authentic sites of Christian reverence in Palestine.

Quarrying underground and leaving caverns is not confined to Bethlehem. Stone for the Pyramids left tremendous caverns across the Nile, and Solomon would appear to have obtained stone for the first temple from under Jerusalem itself. I saw stones being shaped in this cavern just as they were 3,000 years ago. King Solomon's temple was built on a hill over and around the stone on which Abraham, some 800 years before, had offered Isaac as a sacrifice. The stone is now the centre of the Mosque of Omar. The high, empty, untidy temple area, but for this mosque, is large enough to allow every cathedral and abbey in this country to stand side by side. So much for Solomon's architecture. There are no bells there, I'm sorry to report.

E. L. HUMPHRIES.

Liverpool.

THE SABBATH BELLS

Across the scented air came stealing
The sound of church bells gently pealing.
Sounding the message far and near,
Come, worship, and lend thine ear.

This lovely, peaceful way of life
Seemed to me so far from strife,
Just as if Thy presence there,
Was in that garden fresh and fair.

Those bells for centuries have been rung.
Like to the hymns we all have sung;
May it be Thy almighty will
For evermore to sound them still;
So all concerned, whate'er position,
Shall carry on this great tradition.

PHYLLIS HUDSON.

Cheddar, Somerset.

SPLICED SURPRISE

By JAMES TOPP

23456	M	W	H	
35642	—	2	—	LCBL
64352	3	—	—	LBBCL
34256	—	3	—	LCBBL
43652	2	—	2	LBCLB
26354	—	—	—	LCL
26543	2	2	—	BBBCBBB
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OBITUARY

MR. G. RADLEY

The ringers of Broxbourne, Herts, have suffered a great loss in the death of Mr. George Radley at the age of 74.

He joined the band at Broxbourne in 1905, and two years later was elected Master of the band, a post he held continuously till his death. He was well known in ringing circles in Hertfordshire, being a past president of the County Association. He was also a veteran of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and he will be missed at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, as much as at the Hertfordshire towers.

The funeral service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Lane, took place on December 4th at St. Augustine's Church, Broxbourne, and the interment took place in the churchyard.

The bells were rung open by the local band before the service and were conducted by Mr. C. Gouldsmith, 65 years a ringer in the tower, a lifelong friend of Mr. Radley.

Visiting ringers present included Messrs. Newman and Scott (Chesham), Mumford (Hoddesden), A. S. Carter (Hertford County Association, Eastern District) and Messrs. Edmondson and Page (Cumberland).

DEDICATION

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX

Sunday, November 26th, was a memorable day for the village of Hellingly, Sussex. After two years and three months the bells were heard once more.

They were dedicated by the Right Rev. E. G. Reid, the Archdeacon of Hastings, during the morning service. After the second lesson and during the singing of the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' the Archdeacon and the Vicar, the Rev. R. W. Shaw, M.A., accompanied by the choir, led by the cross bearer, proceeded to the west end of the church.

The choir then remained below while the Archdeacon, the Vicar and the cross bearer ascended the stairs into the tower, where the Vicar, addressing the Archdeacon, said that it was through the generous gifts of the congregation and parishioners that had made this scheme possible, and asked him to bless the bells in the name of Almighty God.

The Archdeacon then gave charge of the ropes to the captain, Mr. Ben Stepney, telling him that by his example he would keep the ringers ever mindful of the service which they render to God and His Church.

Immediately the bells were rung to 36 changes of Bob Minor by the following local ringers: C. Booth 1, G. Beency 2, B. Stepney 3, E. G. D. Tonkin 4, G. J. Piper 5, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 6.

After the service, the bells were rung for an hour by the local ringers, and with the assistance of Mr. W. A. Kitchenside, of Mayfield, they rang a variety of methods up to and including Ken Treble Bob Minor.

The founders, Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., are to be congratulated on the excellent job they have made in recasting the 3rd and 4th and rehanging the bells on an entirely new iron frame. The weights of the bells are as follows:—

	cwt.	qr.	lb.	
Treble	4	3	7	D sharp
2	5	0	23	C sharp
3	6	0	17	B
4	6	1	24	A sharp
5	8	0	8	G sharp
Tenor	11	2	18	F sharp
				F. H. H.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. A. Collings 1, E. G. Buck 2, J. Church 3, W. D. Pooley 4, H. E. Werritt 5, J. S. Dear 6, R. V. Webb (first in method as cond.) 7, L. B. Scoot 8. Rung for E. G. Buck's wedding anniversary.



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BELLS AND RINGERS OF ST. OSWALD'S, OSWESTRY

By W. A. FARMER

THE ancient towns and villages of England are renowned the world over for their parish churches, the architecture of which reflects the spiritual and material well-being, or otherwise, of the district through the ages.

One aspect of our churches is the ring of bells contained in many, and certainly Shropshire is not lacking in such churches or bells.

The characteristic sound of bells, rung as they should be rung—one man to each bell and each bell swinging a complete circle each time it sounds, is peculiarly English.

It can only be found in isolated examples outside the British Isles, notably in Australia and New Zealand.

Many of these bells have been sounding the grave and the gay for upwards of two centuries. Their secular use has declined with the separation of the corporate life of the community from its original centre, the church; but these same bells still call, Sunday by Sunday, from our ancient churches, and more rarely on civic and national occasions.

CAST IN 1717

Oswestry, as befits a town of great antiquity, boasts an imposing church dedicated to St. Oswald, a King of Northumberland. The massive tower has housed a ring of eight bells since 1717. In that year these bells were brought from the famous foundry at Gloucester. The inscriptions cast in each bell are given below. It will be noticed that three have since been recast.

Treble: John Rudhall, Gloucester. Fecit 1809: John Taylor, Loughborough, Refecit 1880.

Second: A.R. 1717.

Third: A.R. 1717.

Fourth: Prosperity to all our Benefactors, A.R. 1717.

Fifth: C. and G. Mears, Founders, London, 1846.

Sixth: Abra Rudhall, of Gloucester, Bell-founder, 1717.

Seventh: Jno. Jones, Jno. Dawson, Richard Troy, Jno. Rogers, Churchwardens, A.R. 1747. Tenor, marked 16 cwt.: God save the church, Edwrd. Parry, Vicar, Richd. Lloyd, Esq., Richd. Owen Gnt., Hump Kynaston Gnt., Nath Price Gnt., Churchwardens Anno Dom 1717.

The newer bells match their companions in tone, an octave of mellow notes quite different from the more strident notes of modern tuning.

The ring was rehung in 1880 by Taylors of Loughborough, and was in continuous use until 1933, when the bearing of the fourth bell broke, effectively stopping ringing for a short time.

This also stopped the clock chiming, as the same bells are used. Immediate and widespread interest was shown throughout the town, and it is refreshing to read in a newspaper report of the time: 'Several Oswestry workshops state, on their returns to the Board of Trade, that they time their working hours by the Oswestry Church Clock.'

A subscription list was opened by the Mayor, Councillor J. H. Profit, with Mr. W. B. Broughall as treasurer. Amounts large and small poured in from parishioners, business firms, townspeople and Oswestrians everywhere, and in the same year Messrs. Taylor installed a new frame and new bearings, which are expected to last another century or so.

What of the men who rang Oswestry bells through this period?

Enough is known to show that the assiduous practice which is necessary to produce English change ringing, when each sequence occurs only once, giving immediate place to another, has seldom or never been lacking in Oswestry.

In 1731 the full peal of 5040 changes, still recognised as the standard performance, was rung in three hours sixteen minutes. The

names of the ringers have come down to us:—Thomas Edwards, Robert Kitchiner, John Lloyd, Charles Jones, Matthew Burton (the conductor), John Avance, John Price, Richard Tomley.

The method of producing these changes, Grandsire Triples, is still used almost exclusively at Oswestry, and in many towns today. These ringers were necessarily local, and the performance ranks as a notable one from a national standpoint.

HOLT'S GRANDSIRE

In 1785 members of an 'Anacreontic Society' rang 'Holt's Grandsire' in three hours fifteen minutes. This society was named after a Greek poet, and met at the George Inn to discuss the topics of the day.

We may imagine that convivial evenings followed, and it seems clear that the members were of some social standing, as names from London, Wrexham, Shrewsbury, Shifnal, Anglesey, are given in records.

Bellringing was a pastime of 'gentlemen' at that time, and it is not surprising to find the famous Shifnal ringer Samuel Lawrence conducting a peal of Bob Major here in 1800.

Probably the ringers were collected from various centres as far afield as Birmingham and Wrexham, as it seems unlikely that Oswestry ringers knew this method.

Mr. Griffiths Whitfield, a solicitor and churchwarden, appears to have revived the change-ringing band in 1887, as detailed records have been kept of the formal business meetings with the incumbents, and also of members joining, their progress week by week, and the performances of the band as a whole.

Two evenings a week were required for practice either on the tower bells or on handbells, but we also find outings to Shrewsbury Floral Fete, to London, to Welsh beauty spots as well as other churches with rings of bells.

The bells were heard three or four times on Sundays for many years, and 6 a.m. on Christmas Day. Mayor's Day, birthdays of the Royal Family, etc., are recorded in great detail.

HANDBELLS

As might be expected, the full peal of 5,040 changes was the object of much effort, and various Oswestry ringers rang such peals at Llangollen and Whitechurch; and finally Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire, conducted by Mr. David Davies, was rung by a local band in 1894. The ringers were Messrs. W. Morris 1, David Davies 2, R. Martin 3, Ed. Jones 4, W. H. Jones 5, Richard Edwards 6, Robert Evans 7, J. R. Wellings (tenor).

Tune ringing on handbells was also much practised, and very much appreciated too, if we may again refer to newspaper cuttings of the time, Park Hall, then the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wynne Corrie, was frequently visited, but at Christmas time their carols were in great demand everywhere.

During the next few years many of the band rang in peals of the usual length at Oswestry and elsewhere, and other methods of more intricacy were practised and rung, particularly Stedman's Triples, a more difficult method than Grandsire and generally considered more musical, although similar in many respects.

Coming to more modern times, we cannot help noticing among the names of present-day ringers that of Mr. David Davies, who rang his first three-hour peal in 1893, 'five months after he first pulled a bell.' His record since then as ringer and conductor is one of which he may well be proud.

In the same year Mr. Morris J. Morris rang his first peal, at Llangollen. He rang and conducted peals at Oswestry for many years, afterwards removing to Birmingham, where he now lives, aged 83. He does little ringing now, but has amassed the huge total of 426 peals, many on twelve bells and of twice the usual length.

The name of Kynaston is associated with north-west Shropshire from the earliest times, and among the ringers were the brothers H. and R. Kynaston.

Another brother, Mr. W. B. Kynaston, was at Oswestry and then Shrewsbury, and is now at Swindon, Wilts, and Master of the Bristol and Gloucester Association of Change Ringers. He has conducted and rung peals in many methods, as well as spending a great deal of time instructing learners in the district.

A sister used also to belong to the band at Oswestry, but to-day the only representative of the fairer sex is Mrs. James.

60 YEARS RINGING

Finally, we must mention Mr. John Hughes, Master of Oswestry Bellringers since 1929. To-day, after 60 years as a ringer, and at 80 years of age, he no longer rings long peals, but takes a rope when required. He is also a sidesman, churchwarden, vergier and deputy clerk to St. Oswald's, so that we may well endorse his wish 'to stand behind a learner to see that he doesn't go wrong.'

His son, Mr. Harold Hughes, is at hand to deputise when necessary, and with the added experience of Mr. David Davies, the bells of Oswestry will continue to sound as they have done since 1717.

The ringers to-day are Messrs. J. Hughes, H. Hughes, R. Kynaston, H. Kynaston, F. Dickinson, E. Griffiths, J. Warton, D. Mann, G. Beaton, E. Jones, A. Casewell, and David Davies (conductor).

KNOW THE FIVE-MINUTE BELL

Dear Sir—Some years ago I had a Yorkshire terrier who would stay in her basket while all the bells were ringing, but as soon as the five-minute bell was rung, she would always make straight for the front door and sit until I came home. While on tour in Somerset, she would pull the wife to the tower where we were ringing.

A. H. PULLING

Guildford.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. D. BARKER, of Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, send their Christmas greetings to all ringing friends, and best wishes for the New Year. 8038

The season's greetings to all our ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. BASSETT, Wadhurst, Sussex. 8067

THE BEDFORDSHIRE TOURISTS send greetings to all their newly-made friends in Cambridgeshire, Suffolk and Essex, and hope that they may welcome the East Anglians in their own towers during 1951. 8065

To all ringing friends, hearty Christmas greetings and every good wish for the New Year.—From Mr. and Mrs. F. BRADLEY, 60, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham. 8061

To all our friends far and near, a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.—Mr. and Mrs. R. H. BULLEN, 39a, High Street, Ely. 8040

Mr. P. N. BOND sends sincere good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all his ringing friends and particularly to the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. 8103

To all ringing friends, a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year, is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. G. BROWN, 40, Fuchsia Lane, Ipswich. 8053

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Conveying to all my ringing friends and their families, especially in South Wales, heartiest greetings for a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.—George H. CORNER, Chief Steward, s/s 'Egton,' on passage to Buenos Aires. 8049

Instructor-Commander and Mrs. Gordon CROSS send from Hong Kong to their friends in the United Kingdom every good wish for a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. 8063

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to fellow-Cumberlands and all our ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. George H. CROSS, 9, Beverley Road, Barnhurst, Kent. 8113

To all our ringing friends, wherever they may be, the joys of a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.—Leonard DERRICK, Nailsea, Somerset. 8085

Christmas and New Year greetings to all ringers who have visited and rung in our tower.—From The DUXFORD RINGERS' GUILD.

A very happy Christmas to my many ringing friends in various counties.—E. T. P. FIELD, Buckland Newton, Dorset. 8089

Season's greetings to all friends.—Mr. and Mrs. John P. FIDLER and ARTHUR. 8111

Christmas greetings to all my ringing friends and sincere wishes for a happy and peaceful New Year.—T. J. FOWLER, Cookham. 8046

Christmas greetings and best wishes for the coming year to all our ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. T. H. FRANCIS, 2, Camden Square, London, N.W.1. 8095

To all ringers and especially my old friends, greeting, happy Christmas and New Year. Good cheer, good ringing and good striking. S. H. G. 8055

My Christmas and New Year greetings to old and new friends.—C. W. R. GRIMWOOD, 19, Endsleigh Gardens, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames. 8094

Warmest Christmas greetings and best wishes for your health and happiness throughout the coming year.—Mr. and Mrs. F. I. HAIRS, Crayford, Kent. 8068

A happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. Norman J. HARDING, of Wyncroft, Roydon, King's Lynn, Norfolk, to all their ringing friends, especially those in the Guildford and Oxford Guilds. 8066

Sincere wishes to all ringing friends both far and near. A very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.—J. B. HESSEY, Queen Street, Chertsey. 8102

Holy Trinity Bellringers' Association, HOBART, TASMANIA, send their Christmas and New Year greetings to all bellringers.—A. R. Wilson, Hon Sec.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. HOWARD, of The Caravan, Handpost Corner, Wokingham, Berks, send Christmas greetings to all their ringing friends, especially those at Aldershot, Guildford, Witley, Haslemere and Grayshott. 8108

Seasonal greetings to all members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and ringing friends everywhere.—Mr. and Mrs. KYNASTON, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts. 8070

Hearty Christmas greetings and every good wish for the coming year, to all ringing friends.—From Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. LADD and Margaret, Tunbridge Wells. 8071

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Hearty Christmas greetings to all friends.—From Mr. and Mrs. C. Kenneth LEWIS and KATHLEEN. 8106

To all ringing friends, best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.—From Mr. and Mrs. Cecil J. MATTHEWS, 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 8058

To our friends in all places, a right merry Christmas. In the coming year, health, happiness and peace.—ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, Barking, Essex. 8099

To all ringing friends. A happy Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.—James H. MUSSON, The Bungalow, Silk Willoughby, Sleaford, Lincs. 8091

Wishing all my ringing friends a merry Christmas and prosperous and peaceful New Year.—Thomas G. MYERS, of Plymouth. 8109

The All Saints' Society, PARRAMATTA, N.S.W., Australia, extend Christmas greetings to all fellow-ringers in England, with a prosperous and peaceful New Year.—F. W. FERRIS (captain), A. R. BOTTING (vice-captain), Bruce DUNBAR (treasurer). 8109

To all ringing friends, sincere Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year.—From Mr. and Mrs. E. Dennis POOLE. 8064

To all our friends. Best wishes for your health and happiness this Christmas time and throughout the coming year.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred PRICE, St. Michael's, 9, Fisherman's Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. 8086

To all ringing friends, a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. PULLING, 144, Woodside Road, Guildford, Surrey. 8037

Seasonal greetings to all friends with a special thought for those at Wolverhampton and in Sussex.—Mr. and Mrs. Trevor M. RODERICK. 8105

To ringers everywhere, young and old, sincere Christmas greetings and a happy New Year.—From the ROTHERFIELD GUILD OF RINGERS. 8080

Best wishes to all ringing friends for Christmas and the New Year.—Charles ROUSE, Cheltenham, Glos. 8096

To 'The Ringing World' and all my ringing friends, kindly greetings and all good wishes.—Wm. SHEPHERD, 22, Chapel Grove, Addlestone, Surrey. 8035

Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to all my old ringing buddies in the Coventry Diocese and elsewhere. And say, you guys, take it easy with them bells till I get back.—Thomas W. SHEPPARD, Box 833, Cary Hall, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, U.S.A. 7925

Greetings and good wishes for Christmas and the coming year to all our friends.—From Mr. and Mrs. H. C. SPENCER, Lower Durrian Farm, Stithians, Truro. 8077

Heartiest greetings for Christmas and sincere good wishes for the New and succeeding years. Thanks to all my ringing friends for many hours of pleasure, wherever they may be.—W. Frank STENSON. 8056

A happy Christmas to all Sunday service ringers at home and overseas and a special one to remaining Australian partv.—From Charles SHARPLES, 157, Preston Old Road, Blackpool. 8052

Mr. and Mrs. Frank SKIDMORE, Bristol, send heartiest Christmas greetings and the hope of a prosperous New Year to all ringing friends, everywhere. 8090

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS—Cont.

Mr. J. FRANK SMALLWOOD sends to all College Youths and ringing friends, best wishes for a merry Christmas and peace, prosperity and good ringing in 1951.—122, Lee Road, S.E. 3. 8043

To all ringing friends, a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.—From Mr. and Mrs. E. STITCH, 233, Penn Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs. 8081

A happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all ringing friends.—From Eric SUTTON, Bristol. 8092

To the Editor of 'The Ringing World' and all ringers, best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.—W. E. CLARKE, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 8082

The band of ST. MARY MAGDALENE, Holloway, N.7, wish a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all ringers and friends. 8083

Wishing the ringers and friends of Nantwich and Acton Parish Churches a merry Christmas and happy new year.—From M. HOLDEN and R. TRAVISS, of Lincs. 8112

To members of the Society of Roving Ringers and to members of towers visited by the Society, Christmas greetings and good ringing in 1951.—T. Mark WHITE, hon. secretary, S.R.R. 8093

Best Christmas greetings to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lilley, of Highweek.—From Doris WALDEN, Piddleshinton. 8088

Every good wish for Christmas and the New Year to all friends everywhere.—Mr. and Mrs. Albert WALKER, 86, Scribes Lane, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. 8116

Greetings and hearty good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all brother (and sister) ringers.—From Frederick WHITE, Culverden, 68, Stratford Road, Luton, Beds. 8050

To Ralph Wenban, Glos. Happy Christmas and good luck in the new job and new belfry.—From FRED, 22, Wilcot Avenue, Watford, and all at St. Matthew's, Oxhey. 8054

BELLRINGERS' SUNDAY

The third annual Bellringers' Sunday was held at Barwell on November 26th and, throughout the day the Barwell ringers' own hymns were sung and special prayers offered.

The Rector, preaching at the morning service, reminded the congregation of the message of the bells in their tower, and that they were fortunate in having one of the most enthusiastic and regular bands of ringers in the country.

Mr. Ernest Morris gave the address at Evening and his most interesting discourse was all too short. Collections for the day were devoted to the Belfry Repair Fund.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

As the Tonbridge District of the Kent Association did not hold a meeting in December, the East Grinstead Guild thought it an opportune time to visit that area and the meeting at Sevenoaks on December 9th proved a great success.

Owing to a wedding, the bells were not available until 4 p.m., but good use was made of them in the hour before tea with rounds, Grandsire and Plain Bob for the beginners, while the more expert knocked off Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative.

Mr. E. J. Ladd presided over the meeting in the belfry, when three new members were elected, and the next meeting announced as Speldhurst, in January, with Maresfield proposed for February.

After the usual votes of thanks, the company of over 30, from 14 different towers, manned the ropes once more. Cambridge Major went like clockwork and with the help of two locals, who had returned from an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Yorkshire, a well-struck course of that method was brought round.

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MEETINGS

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Windor Parish Church, Saturday, Dec. 23rd. 6—8.30.—Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. 8039

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—There will be no meeting at the Bell Foundry on Saturday, Dec. 23rd, and no ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral on Dec. 26th.—A. B. Peck, 1 Eversfield Road, Reigate. 8115

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Practice meeting, Surfleet, Saturday, Dec. 23rd, at 6.30 p.m. Grandsire and Stedman Caters. Bob Royal. 8047

WALTON-ON-THAMES.—Practice ringing on St. Mary's bells, Dec. 26th. 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. All welcome. 8100

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Ernest Turner will give a talk on Conducting in St. Giles-in-the-Fields' large vestry, 7 p.m. on Dec. 29th. 8042

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual Dinner, Dec. 29th. Revised ringing times: St. Stephen's, Ealing, 10.30—12.30 (Bus 65 or 97 from Ealing Broadway to St. Stephen's Road). Christchurch, Ealing, 12—1. St. Mary's, Acton, 2—3.30. St. Mary's, Lambeth, 4. Service 5.15.—E. S. John Hatcher. 8078

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Wye, Dec. 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 8041

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Dec. 30th. Bells (10) available 6—8.30 p.m.—W. Birmingham. 8114

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Westerham (8), Jan. 6th at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, by Jan. 3rd. 8033

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester and Merston Deaneries.—Annual meeting, Yeovil, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Service 4.30. Names for tea by previous Monday.—F. Farant, Martock. 8097

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. Division.—Annual meeting at Dagenham, Jan. 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Elections, etc. Ringing at Barking in evening 7 o'clock. Names for tea to A. C. Chaplin, 25, Exeter Road, Dagenham. 8075

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—Annual general meeting at East Haddon, Saturday, January 6th. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea essential to E. Orland, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby, before Dec. 30th. 8073

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting will take place at St. George's, Colegate, on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at St. Clement's Hall. Also St. Miles' bells afternoon and evening. Names not later than Saturday, Dec. 30th, to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 8084

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting, Jan. 6th. Cathedral bells 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Council House, by invitation of the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, at 5 p.m., followed by meeting in the Council Chamber. Notification for tea essential.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. (SPR 1025.) 8057

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual meeting, Winchester, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Cathedral (12), St. Maurice's (6) 1.30 p.m. Meeting 3 p.m. in Smith's, High Street. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service in Cathedral 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Jan. 1st, to L. A. Tremere, 34, The Dean, Alresford. 8062

DEBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Quarterly) and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Chesterfield (10), Saturday, Jan. 6th. Names for tea to S. Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Chesterfield, by Jan. 4th.—A. B. Cooper. 8107

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Annual, Seaton, Jan. 13th. Service 4.15. Tea, Axe Vale Cafe, 2s., names by Jan. 3rd.—J. Arbury, 2, Paternoster Row, Ottery St. Mary. 8060

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Annual, Buckland Monachorum, Jan. 13th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Jan. 8th.—T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 8110

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CHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS

THOSE interested in the antiquity of bells have in the past year been fortunate in a number of surveys which add materially to knowledge. A gratifying feature is that most of these surveys have been undertaken by practical and practising ringers. The latest survey is by Mr. J. W. Clarke, the Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and deals with Cheshire bells.

Part I., which has now been published, having been reprinted from the 'Transactions of the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society,' deals with the bells of the city of Chester. Here there are seven rings of six or more bells, but unfortunately four are derelict. Mr. Clarke makes a strong point in his introduction of the relationship between change ringers and the preservation of old bells. Change ringing, he writes, has been frequently blamed for the destruction of old bells, but, looking at the matter in a proper perspective, there can be little doubt that but for its influence the average belfry to-day would contain cracked and unringable bells in rotting frames. If change ringing made demands which were the cause of some old bells being recast, it has also been the means by which many have been preserved.

Centrepiece of Chester's bells is naturally the ring of ten at the Cathedral, which was once a Benedictine abbey. There were originally five bells, three in the great central tower and two in the smaller tower at the south-west. Of these five bells nothing definite is known as to their casting. A sixth bell was added about 1510, which has always been associated with Abbot Birchenshaw, and bore his name on the inscription. After the Dissolution, the Cathedral Chapter found themselves in financial difficulties, and in 1551 Abbot Birchenshaw's bell was sold to Mr. William Aldersey and Mr. Seth Rosemgreve, of Chester, for £34, which at modern values is equivalent to nearly £700. The partners sold it to Conway Church, where it became the tenor of a ring of four, and it can still be seen in this neighbouring Welsh church, although two of its former companions have been destroyed. The sale of this bell necessitated Nicholas Buksey, the clerk of the Chapter, appearing before the King's councillors on June 9th, 1553, to answer for the loss of the bell. The findings of this court are not recorded.

The bells were recast and placed in a new frame in 1605 by Henry Oldfield II., of Nottingham. The work

was not satisfactory; within a year four of the five bells were recast, the treble only remaining. Mr. Clarke suggests that the explanation is that the bells were not a good ring musically, and the founder, having guaranteed them to be 'tunable,' had to recast the faulty bells at his own expense. Another bell, referred to as the 'four o'clock bell' and the 'prayer bell,' was added in 1626, the founder being William Clibury, of Wellington, Salop. The tenor was cracked in 1738 and sent to London to be recast by Samuel Knight, who had a foundry in Shoe Lane, Holborn. Then followed a sad chapter in the history of these bells. It is recorded that on June 17th, 1814, 'Cathedral bells which had not been rung for sixty years heard again.' But the bells held no attraction for change ringers—there were two rings of six and one of eight in Chester which received the attention of the 'Society of Gentlemen Bellringers,' who operated in Chester in the 18th century.

Although two of the Cathedral bells were recast by John Rudhall in 1827, there is no evidence that the bells were rung as we know them to-day. Precentor Deacle, writing in the early sixties, mentions the deplorable state into which the bells and belfry had been allowed to fall. The climax came on November 9th, 1866, when an attempt was made to ring a welcome to the new Mayor and at the same time to honour the birthday of the Prince of Wales. With the chiming of three bells (one of them cracked), it was decided to swing the tenor, which was thought to be in good order. In a few moments the crash came. A clapper which had been made too long took a piece weighing 36 lb. from a bell already weakened by a deep groove. Thus came the end of Knight's tenor—destroyed, as Mr. Clarke puts it, 'through neglect and carelessness.'

The destruction of the tenor brought matters to a head and a complete restoration scheme was decided upon. This included the recasting of the treble and tenor with the addition of three more bells to make a ring of eight. A proper ringing chamber was also constructed and the bells raised by some 15 ft. The work was carried out by Messrs. Warner, of London, at a cost of approximately £800, and the citizens of Chester were responsible for the recasting of the tenor bell as a memorial to Dean Anson, who died in 1867. The bell was well known as the Curfew and had long been part of the life of the city. In 1927 the bells were overhauled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and modern roller bearings were fitted to the

tenor (29 cwt. in C). The jubilee of the Chester Diocesan Guild in 1937 was marked by the provision of two more bells to make the present ring of ten. These were cast by the Whitechapel foundry. At the same time many improvements were effected in the ringing chamber.

The volume also deals with the unfortunate history of the bells of the Church of St. John the Baptist, Chester. The north side of the tower crashed on April 14th, 1881, and the tower has never been rebuilt. The tower contained a ring of eight by Rudhall and the bells are now hung 'dead' in a turret built in 1887. These bells were associated with the activities of the 'Society of Gentlemen Bellringers.' In 1733 the Society sought permission of the Vestry to augment the ring of six to eight, and so pleased were the parishioners that they passed a resolution that 'the Society of Gentlemen Bellringers have free access to ring the bells of St. John's and have a key to the belfry door.' The Gentlemen evidently made the most of the opportunity, for three years later the resolution was rescinded and the ringers were allowed the use of the bells by leave of the churchwardens only. In spite of restrictions, writes Mr. Clarke, the Society managed to continue its activities and remained in a flourishing state for a very considerable time.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Dec. 14, 1950, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF 5017 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ARTHUR V. PEARSON .. Treble	JOHN SCOTT 7
FRANK E. HAYNES 2	TERRY R. HAMPTON 8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 3	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY .. 9
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 4	HENRY H. FEARN 10
H. JAMES TURNER 5	GEORGE E. FEARN 11
WILLIAM C. DOWDING 6	JOHN N. LINDON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

Rung to celebrate the seventeenth birthday of Pamela Haynes, daughter of the conductor.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 4 Hours and 29 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 35½ cwt. in C.

EDWARD JENKINS .. Treble	J. FREDERICK MILNER .. 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS .. 8
J. EDWARD CAWSE 3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER .. 9
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	WALTER ALLMAN 10
*W. ERIC CRITCHLEY 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. 11
†WILLIAM BARTON 6	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

*First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, and has now rung the method from Minor to Maximus. †First peal of Surprise Maximus. In memoriam H. C. Walters, of Pontefract.

TEN BELL PEALS

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in B.

*BESSIE CARTER .. Treble	BRIAN HARRIS 6
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 2	WILLIAM A. FARMER 7
A. EDWARD REEVES 3	*FREDERICK G. BEDDOW .. 8
DENNIS B. MILLWARD .. 4	†JOHN N. LINDON 9
JOHN SANSOM 5	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. FARMER.

*First peal of Royal. †First of Royal 'inside.' A birthday compliment to Miss B. Carter. Rung in connection with the £3,500 redecoration and alteration scheme.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Mon., Dec. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD .. Treble	ARTHUR T. DUTTON .. 6
ERNEST STITCH 2	HENRY E. GREEN 7
ALAN ELSMORE 3	*BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 8
MAURICE G. TURNER .. 4	HOWARD HOWELL 9
J. NORMAN HADLEY 5	*ARTHUR S. WILLIAMS .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by JAS. S. EASTWOOD.

*First peal on ten bells and first of Stedman.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 15, 1950, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

ERNEST WILSON .. Treble	ALBERT E. HUMPHRIES .. 6
R. GEORGE MORRIS 2	REGINALD WOODYATT .. 7
GEORGE E. LARGE 3	RALPH W. SAYERS 8
CYRIL TANSELL 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS 9
ALLEN MORGAN 5	GEORGE AMBLER Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS (No. 13).

Conducted by GEO. E. LARGE.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mrs. Clinch, wife of Canon A. H. G. Clinch, Vicar of Claines.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

LESLIE STEVENS .. Treble	COLIN HARRISON 6
HAROLD MARCON 2	TERENCE A. THORNER .. 7
PAUL L. TAYLOR 3	HAROLD J. POOLE 8
*EDWIN J. LINDLEY 4	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS 9
HARRY G. WAYNE 5	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

*First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

GILBERT H. HARDING .. Treble	BERTRAM W. KYNASTON .. 6
*VICTOR SAVAGE 2	*EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. 7
*FREDERICK SAVAGE 3	HENRY J. SANGER 8
†ROGER O. FRY 4	RONALD G. BECK 9
*FRANK A. PENN 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by G. CROSS.

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

*First peal of Royal. †50th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wed., Dec. 6, 1950, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 28½ cwt.

LEONARD CHAMBERLAIN .. Treble	†GEORGE L. RODEN 5
NOREEN BRAIN 2	SYDNEY H. JONES 6
WILLIAM J. LEACH 3	†BARNABAS G. KEY 7
*HAROLD E. HARRISON .. 4	EDWARD J. WHITE Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER (No. 13).

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

*First peal in the method. †50th peal together. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. White on their silver wedding anniversary.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS.

A PEAL OF 5040 CHELTENHAM BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

*WALTER J. LEMON .. Treble	*FRANK I. HAIRS 5
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS .. 2	*FREDERICK J. CULLUM .. 6
*BRIAN D. THRELFALL .. 3	*EDWIN BARNETT 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.

*First peal in the method.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*GEORGE N. ORMAN Treble	URBAN W. WILDNEY .. 5
*RONALD G. BUGG 2	CHARLES A. ANDREWS .. 6
GEORGE W. MOSS 3	GEORGE A. ANDREWS .. 7
EDWARD E. DAVEY 4	ALAN R. ANDREWS .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal in the method.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOHN E. BROUGH Treble	*EDWARD J. BOFFEY .. 5
GEORGE A. PACKER 2	†FREDERICK S. SUTTON .. 6
IVOR R. NICHOLS 3	RICHARD D. LANGFORD .. 7
†HERBERT SUTTON 4	†FRANK OLLIER .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD D. LANGFORD.

* 25th peal together. † First peal of Stedman Triples. ‡ First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the Rector, the Rev. J. Tyler, being appointed Archdeacon of Macclesfield.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

H. JAMES TURNER Treble	G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY .. 5
FRANK E. HAYNES 2	EDWARD T. LLOYD .. 6
HENRY H. FEARN 3	JOHN PINFOLD .. 7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON 4	GEORGE E. FEARN .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEARN.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*ALAN ELSMORE Treble	†JOHN R. COTTERILL .. 5
†ERNEST STITCH 2	§J. NORMAN HADLEY .. 6
†EVELYN M. FLETCHER .. 3	GEORGE W. HUGHES .. 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER .. 4	§MAURICE G. TURNER .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by MAURICE G. TURNER.

* First peal of Major in the method. † 325th peal. ‡ First peal in the method. § 25th peal together.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The Cathedral Society.)

On Mon., Dec. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

THOMAS W. WHITE Treble	FREDK. A. MUNDAY .. 5
ALFRED H. PULLING 2	RONALD J. C. HAGLEY .. 6
*HAROLD A. MAY 3	T. MARK WHITE .. 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON .. 4	WILLIAM H. INWOOD .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* 50th peal of Stedman Triples on tower bells. Conductor's 100th peal of Stedman conducted in this tower. Rung in honour of the 14th anniversary of the King's accession. Also an 81st birthday compliment to the mother of the treble ringer and grandmother of the seventh ringer.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Mon., Dec. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

*JOYCE LEWIS Treble	HERBERT P. CLIFF .. 5
*J. ALAN AINSWORTH .. 2	SAMUEL C. WALKER .. 6
THOMAS W. CROWE 3	*JOHN HEDLEY .. 7
JOHN ANDERSON 4	DENIS A. BAYLES .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.

* First peal of Major.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

On Mon., Dec. 11, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*SHIRLEY BAMPTON Treble	ARNOLD HILL .. 5
†WILFRED ROBINSON .. 2	GORDON C. BRIGGS .. 6
†FRANK REED 3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK .. 7
JOHN E. TURLEY 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal in the method. ‡ 50th peal. 50th peal as conductor. Rung as a tribute to Harry C. Walters, of Pontefract, who died November 28th, 1950.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Dec. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF 5184 KENDAL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

RALPH G. EDWARDS Treble	WALTER ALLMAN .. 5
C. KENNETH LEWIS 2	JOHN WORTH .. 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 3	JOHN E. BIBBY .. 7
HENRY O. BAKER 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower' twice and this was his 250th peal. The first peal in the method for the Guild.

ANDOVER, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

*JOHN R. TOLMAN Treble	†OSCAR G. SMART .. 5
†WALTER H. G. GLASSPOOL .. 2	CHARLES H. KIPPIN .. 6
NELIA M. LEAHY 3	†ARCHIBALD L. MITCHELL .. 7
†MAURICE J. BUTLER 4	NORMAN V. ANDREWS .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by NORMAN V. ANDREWS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal. ‡ First peal in the method. The first peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cottle. Mr. Cottle being a member of the local band.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HENRY T. WILSON Treble	ROBERT C. HEAZEL .. 5
ALBERT PRYKE 2	JOHN SITCH .. 6
HARRY TURNER 3	*DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS .. 7
FRANK V. GANT 4	JOHN H. CRAMPION .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

* First peal of Cambridge on an 'inside' bell.



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ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD .. Treble	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS .. 5
NORAH M. BIBBY .. 2	BRIAN HARRIS .. 6
FREDERICK H. BIRKS .. 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES .. 7
JOHN W. BEST .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. LEWIS.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

The first peal in the method by all. A birthday compliment to Mr. S. Jones, a respected member of the local band.

HURST, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

BERNARD C. CASTLE .. Treble	HAROLD SMITH .. 5
MRS. A. J. N. RANCE .. 2	WALTER HUNT .. 6
*MRS. H. SMITH .. 3	*STANLEY G. DAY .. 7
†MRS. A. DISERENS .. 4	ARTHUR J. N. RANCE .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR J. N. RANCE.

* First peal of Major. † 100th peal. First peal of Major as conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM G. COOK .. Treble	ROBERT COLLINS .. 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT .. 2	FREDERICK W. BUDGEN .. 6
THOMAS E. SONE .. 3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. 7
DORIS E. COLGATE .. 4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

A birthday peal for Michael, son of Robert T. Lambert.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Variation. Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOSEPH D. HARRIS .. Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS .. 5
*BLANCHE M. BALL .. 2	JOHN H. HUNT .. 6
MRS. G. W. TAMPLIN .. 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT .. 7
BRIAN C. STIRLAND .. 4	SAMUEL J. HARDING .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.

* First peal of Stedman.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ISLIP, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Fulbeck Bob, (2) Plain and Double Bob, (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6) Single Oxford Bob, (7) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

*JAMES ADAMS .. Treble	†HARRY P. FLOYD .. 4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS .. 2	†EDGAR J. SMITH .. 5
CHARLES COLES .. 3	ALAN R. PINK .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in nine methods. First peal in nine methods on the bells. Rung within the octave of the Feast of St. Nicholas.

ABBOTTS LEIGH, SOMERSET.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

MARY I. KENNELLY .. Treble	*ROBERT J. STOKES .. 4
B. ENID LLOYD ROBERTS .. 2	†COLIN BARWICK .. 5
LANCE C. I. WATSON .. 3	JACK R. WORRALL .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal. † First peal in one method. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

ASHBY-DE-LA-LAUNDE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HYBALD,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of Stedman and New, six extents each of St. Simon's and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, twelve extents of Plain Bob and sixteen extents of Grandshire. Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

*MOSES BILLINGS .. Treble	*RONALD APPLEWHITE .. 3
†BERTIE BEE .. 2	*WILLIAM R. PARKER .. 4

†JOHN E. COOK .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

* First peal on five bells. † First peal in six Doubles methods. Believed to be the first peal on the bells since being made five in 1834. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

ASHCOTT, BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*KEITH PRIME (14) .. Treble	*DAVID EMERY .. 4
SYLVIA DEAN .. 2	WILLIAM CAVILL .. 5
FREDERICK SANDY .. 3	ALBERT CARVER .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CAVILL.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent each of London, York, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and Single Oxford Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*VIVIAN T. O. BOASE .. Treble	ERIC J. GILBERT .. 4
LESTER L. GRAY .. 2	HUGH F. ROBERTS .. 5
FRANK VARTY .. 3	ALEX. J. WEBSTER .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

* First peal in seven methods.

BOXLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD F. HARNETT .. Treble	GEORGE F. CANTRILL .. 4
EDNA M. SILLS .. 2	FRANK P. WRIGHT .. 5
BENJAMIN F. BAKER .. 3	JOHN H. R. BETTS .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. R. BETTS.

First peal as conductor:

CROWLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY, BARTHOLOMEW AND GUTHLAG.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRED BRIGHTMAN .. Treble	ERNEST BRITTAIN .. 4
FRANK TAYLOR .. 2	JACK BRAY .. 5
JOHN G. AMES .. 3	STANLEY E. BENNETT .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents of Kent and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HERBERT LEWIN .. Treble	JOHN D. NIBLETT .. 4
MRS. J. D. NIBLETT .. 2	JOHN E. T. WISEMAN .. 5
MISS S. P. LEWIN .. 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. SALTER.

First peal in two methods by all except conductor.

**COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Mon., Dec. 11, 1950, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720's, viz.: (1) Mendip, Barham, Waterford, Kentish, Beeston, Berwyn, Berkeley, Melandra, Oswald, Edinburgh, Leasowe, Pembroke, Peveril (13 methods, by A. G. Driver); (2) Nelson, Bourne, Ely, Skipton, Knutsford, Chepstow, Rostherne, Fotheringay, Hull, Bogedone, Balmoral, Wilmslow (12 methods, by A. G. Driver); (3) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Humber, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal, Morning Star, Elston (15 methods, by A. G. Driver); (4) Capel, Oxford, Sandal, Carisbrooke, Ockley, Donottar, Wath, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of Norfolk, Pontefract, Kingston, College Exercise, Norbury (13 methods, by C. K. Lewis); (5) Durham, York, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise; (6) Hereward, Single Oxford, Single Court, Double Court; (7) Double Bob, Windermere, Plain Bob, Canterbury, St. Clement's, Killarney, Childwall, London Bob, College, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Wavertree, Reverse Bob, Cumberland, Frodsham, Ennerdale, Lytham, Fulbeck, Horsmonden (19 methods, by C. K. Lewis).

ARTHUR E. ROWLEY Treble	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 4
SAMUEL A. MARTIN 2	JAMES W. BOWLEY 5
C. WILLIAM HALL 3	ROLAND BENISTON Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

Methods checked and witnessed by ERNEST H. BOWLEY.

First peal in 80 methods by all and for the Guild.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

CECIL MATTHEWS Treble	RONALD RUSSELL 4
GEORGE SLAUGHTER 2	ROBERT H. KNIGHT 5
PERCY D. BALDOCK 3	JOHN H. BLUFF Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor by all except the ringer of the 4th.

NEWTON ST. LOE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 15 callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE HAWKINS Treble	*TREVOR HAYWARD 4
*JEAN HUNT 2	SEALY S. WOODBURN 5
*SHIRLEY DRAKE 3	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*JACK CARMAN Treble	VICTOR SAVAGE 4
*FRANCIS C. MOGFORD .. 2	†LEONARD DERRICK 5
RONALD G. BECK 3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS .. Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' First peal in seven methods on the bells. A farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. Stephen R. Skemp, on preferment to the united benefice of Hornsea-with-Goxhill, in the diocese of York.

MARCHINGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, 15 callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

WILLIAM J. LEACH Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY 4
HOWARD HOWELL 2	SIDNEY H. JONES 5
*HARRY F. HOLDING .. 3	W. FRANK STENSON Tenor

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Doubles in the method. First peal of Doubles on the bells. A compliment to William John Stretton, who left Marchington 74 years ago; also to his former playmates, Mrs. Whyman and Mr. Slater, of Marchington, both 86 years of age.

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ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HIPPOLYTUS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and St. Clement's and one of Oxford Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

WALTER PRATT Treble	†FREDERICK M. CHALKLEY .. 4
*ALFRED C. HARRIS .. 2	EDGAR W. WINTERS .. 5
LEWIS R. RUNNACLES .. 3	FRANK W. CROFT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.

* First peal 'inside' in four methods. † First peal. Rung half-muffled in memoriam to Charles Gray, for 52 years a ringer and 42 years vergier at the above church.

LANGFORD BUDVILLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Dec. 12, 1950, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

*WINIFRED HARRIS Treble	HARRY COMMINS 4
STANLEY BRISTOW 2	FRANK BRANCHFLOWER .. 5
CLAUDE TARR 3	*FRED BURTON Tenor

Conducted by CLAUDE TARR.

* First peal and first peal on the bells. Rung for the wedding of Miss Jean Ewens and Mr. L. Goodman and on completion of the installation of electric lighting in this church and at Runnington.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Fri., Dec. 15, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*A. RONALD POCKLINGTON Treble	*HARRY BLACKBURN 4
††WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND .. 2	†WILFRED RILEY 5
*CHARLES BLACKBURN .. 3	†WILLIAM E. COURT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. COURT.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Minor in the method. ‡ 25th peal. First in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Grandsire, St. Simon's and April Day, and 24 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

RONALD E. BURT Treble	FRANK C. ARNOLD 4
FRANK C. W. PHILLIPPO .. 2	T. CHARLES BROWNE .. 5
FRANK PEARSON 3	ERNEST G. ARNOLD Tenor

Conducted by FRANK C. ARNOLD.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Arnold, who were married at this church December 16th, 1925.

HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Oxford, two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

A. DOREEN EDWARDS .. Treble	DOROTHY C. OSBORN 3
DAVID GODFREY 2	ALFRED WILKINSON 5
ERIC HORNBY 3	HARRY W. HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Wright.

TYRINGHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being fourteen extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*FRED ORCHARD Treble	†CECIL SHARP 3
†EDITH SHARP 2	†ARTHUR R. ARMSTRONG .. 4
VICTOR ADAMS Tenor	

Conducted by CECIL SHARP.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Sturges, who recently retired after being churchwarden at this church.

HANDBELL PEALS

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 7, 1950, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

C.C.C. No. 99.	Tenor size 12 in F.
RONALD BARLOW 1-2	FREDK. WM. GROCOTT .. 5-6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. 3-4	CHARLES H. PAGE 7-8

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by RONALD BARLOW.

First peal as conductor.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,

AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED MAJOR

In two methods, comprising 2,904 Little Bob and 2,096 Plain Bob, with 215 changes of method. Tenor size 14 in D.

ROY C. HURST 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN .. 5-6
*JAMES E. DANIELS .. 3-4	MICHAEL J. E. BEST .. 7-8

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Witness: ARTHUR G. JANES.

* First peal of Spliced Major 'inside.'

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOLS,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Morris J. Morris's Variation.

J. W. FRANK TROTMAN .. 1-2	W. P. WHITEHEAD .. 5-6
ERNEST MORRIS 3-4	JOHN BRAMLEY 7-8

Conducted by JOHN BRAMLEY.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Dec. 9, 1950, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

AT 306, WYLD'S LANE.

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor size 12 in F.

JEAN A. SOUTHERST .. 1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON .. 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4	JOHN THOMAS 7-8

THOMAS W. LEWIS 9-10

Composed by WILLIAM KENT. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON. Rung in honour of the birth of a second son (Brian Richard) to Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Lewis.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Dec. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

AT 160, BROCKWELL LANE,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.

WILLIAM J. THYNG (78) .. 1-2	ALBERT H. WARD (77) .. 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN (67) .. 3-4	WALTER ALLWOOD (74) .. 7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

A veterans' peal. Average age 74 years 6 months.

NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 10, 1950, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALBERT E. AUSTIN .. 1-2	JOHN A. ACRES 5-6
*PETER C. WRIGHT .. 3-4	J. REGINALD HEATH .. 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES. * First peal 'in hand' on an 'inside' pair. Believed to be the first handbell peal rung in Newmarket.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Sat., Dec. 16, 1950, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

FRANK E. PERVIN 1-2	FRANK E. HAYNES .. 5-6
ALBERT WALKER 3-4	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD .. 7-8

GEORGE E. FEARN 9-10

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sun., Dec. 17, 1950, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

AT 39A, HIGH STREET,

A PEAL OF 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

RONALD H. BULLEN .. 1-2	JOHN A. ACRES 5-6
PETER C. WRIGHT .. 3-4	MARION GRAIN 7-8

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by JOHN A. ACRES.

BOSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Compton (first quarter) 1, Stella M. Wickens 2, S. W. Brown 3, F. W. Garner 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, P. N. Bond 6.

CAINE, WILTS.—At St. Mary's on Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Freecard 1, Miss B. Hacker 2, F. Walker 3, R. Saye 4, E. Dixon 5, H. Burry 6, R. Barry (cond.) 7, W. Haines 8. A birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Ven. J. W. Coulter.

CAVERSHAM, BERKS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Cherrill (first Triples 'inside') 1, E. L. Baughan 2, M. L. Baughan 3, R. Vaughan 4, H. E. Tucker (cond.) 5, D. R. Jones 6, H. Osborne 7, C. M. Baughan 8. First quarter Triples for 2, 3, 8.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cawthorne 1, Mrs. R. A. Ward 2, H. Palling 3, P. E. Ball 4, J. Troughton 5, R. A. Ward 6, J. A. Barrett (cond.) 7, W. Perkins 8. Rung half-muffled for Mr. P. Stevens, churchwarden, ex-treasurer, diocesan lay reader.

ECCELESTON, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Clarke 1, L. Hopwood 2, S. Jones 3, G. Pugh 4, S. Jones, jun. (cond.) 6, H. Thomas 7, A. Jones 8. An 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. S. Jones.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Page 1, R. Mackrell 2, D. Lidbetter 3, J. Stephenson 4, W. Langdon 5, H. Belcher 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, H. Harris 8.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 12th, 720 Kent and 720 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. Bird 1, J. G. W. Harwood 2, A. Wigmore 3, C. Parnell 4, R. Garwood 5, J. Denton (first as cond.) 6, P. G. W. Newstead (covering 7, Rung to celebrate the 82nd birthday of Mr. W. J. Lee.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Mozley (first quarter on eight) 1, F. Bowden 2, Mrs. F. Bowden 3, A. C. Hazelden (cond.) 4, F. D. Teague 5, F. Radford 6, C. Slyfield 7, F. Maybee 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At All Saints' on Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Mann (first quarter) 1, S. C. Driver 2, J. Piper 3, C. Verdon 4, A. A. Easton 5, R. G. Roberts 6, C. A. Levett (cond.) 7, W. Levett 8.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. F. Cull 1, D. Hiscock 2, R. A. Cochrane 3, Miss H. Y. Gardner 4, A. B. McKie 5, J. M. Page 6, E. Edmondson (cond.) 7, D. C. Price 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter (Elizabeth Mary) to Mary, wife of the ringer of the sixth.

QUARTER PEALS

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. G. Collins 1, B. Stepney 2, W. M. Stepney 3, C. J. Piper 4, E. G. D. Tonkin 5, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 6. First quarter on the bells since being rehung.

HINCKLEY, LEICS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Nancy Marklew 1, F. Mellor (first quarter Stedman) 2, A. Jordan 3, W. Aldridge 4, E. Sowman 5, A. Ballard 6, W. H. Duncombe (first as cond.) 7, B. Ridgeway 8.

LITTON CHENEY, DORSET.—On Dec. 9th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: H. G. Keeley 1, R. Keeley 2, A. Scott 3, J. L. Glyde 4, H. D. W. Bishop 5, J. T. Barrett 6, L. W. Powell 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8. First on the bells since being augmented from 6 to 8.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—At St. Andrew's Church on Nov. 11th, rung half-muffled, 1,260 Doubles (540 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob, 240 April Day): J. Underwood (first quarter) 1, G. A. Peck 2, C. Underwood 3, E. Hunt 4, R. Gibbons (cond.) 5.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—On Dec. 11th, at All Saints', 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Birch 1, E. A. Thorpe 2, W. Holland 3, S. Scattergood 4, A. C. Watson 5, J. S. Woodhouse 6, P. E. Sampson 7, D. Holland (cond.) 8. First of Major for 5, 6 and 7. Rung as a farewell tribute to the Rev. Emrys and Mrs. Moses on leaving this parish to carry on their ministry at Llangennith, Glam.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—On Dec. 10th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: O. Ballard 1, Miss R. Seabrook 2, S. Twitchett 3, S. Honeyball 4, W. Perry 5, F. Bensley 6, A. Catterwell (cond.) 7, F. Kemp 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's on Nov. 19th, 1,480 Kent Royal: F. J. Spicer 1, A. D. Dale 2, R. W. Darvill 3, C. F. Sayer 4, Miss A. Bailey 5, B. C. Johnson 6, W. J. Southam 7, H. V. Frost 8, G. W. Debenham (composer) 9, T. J. Southam (cond.) 10. Welcome to the Bishop of St. Albans on his first visit.

—On Dec. 10th, 1,240 Bob Royal: D. G. Clift 1, Miss A. Bailey 2, A. D. Dale 3, H. V. Frost (cond.) 4, C. F. Sayer 5, H. G. Mason 6, R. W. Darvill 7, W. J. Southam 8, T. J. Southam 9, G. W. Debenham (composer) 10. Rung as a welcome to D. G. Clift.

—On Dec. 17th, 1,259 Grandsire Cateters: Mrs. A. M. Fergusson 1, H. V. Frost 2, C. F. Sayers 3, R. Tappenden (first quarter on ten) 4, Miss A. M. Bailey (cond.) 5, T. J. Southam 6, G. W. Debenham 7, F. J. Spicer 8, B. C. Johnson 9, D. G. Clift 10.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Fields 1, H. S. Peacock 2, Miss C. Dunnington 3, E. Harrison 4, F. Warrington (cond.) 5, S. Gilbert 6, G. H. Dunnington 7, John Bramley 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Manning (first quarter) 1, Miss M. E. Richards (cond.) 2, Miss H. J. Holloway 3, R. G. Davidge 4, W. W. Daniell 5, Miss J. Rose 6.

THORNE, YORKS.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Bob and 540 Plain Bob): John Thorley (first quarter, age 10) 1, David Thorley 2, J. Martin Thorley 3, Ernest Thorley 4, James Thorley 5, Charles Thorley (cond.) 6.

THURNBY, LEICS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Bott 1, J. Pawley 2, P. Pawley 3, E. Bagworth 4, L. Wykes (cond.) 5. First quarter 1 and 3. Rung for 800th anniversary of the Parish Church.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. C. Seeger 1, J. Hales 2, Miss I. B. Cording 3, Miss G. L. Friswell 4, Miss J. H. Friswell 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7, C. F. Neal 8. Rung on the occasion of the baptism of Roger C. Neal, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Neal. First quarter of Triples by an entirely local band for many years.

WALTHAMSTOW, LONDON.—At St. Mary's on Dec. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. E. Holman 1, C. A. Hughes 2, H. Rumens 3, A. J. N. Boyack 4, F. C. Maynard 5, C. Wilmington 6, C. Finch (cond.) 7, C. T. W. Coles 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon G. D. Oakley, Vicar of Walthamstow.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Mitchell 1, A. S. Richards 2, Mary Fuller (first quarter 'inside') 3, Michael Fuller 4, John Cannell (first in method as cond.) 5, Anne Holmes—On Dec. 10th, 1,440 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise and 720 Kent Treble Bob): M. Fuller 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, Barbara Mitchell 3, J. Cannell 4, R. Bird 5, A. S. Richards (cond.) 6. First extent of Surprise by 1, 2 and 4.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At St. Maurice's Church on Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Keen 1, G. Freebrey (cond.) 2, R. N. Currie 3, W. Harrison 4, H. D. Buckingham 5, J. A. C. King 6. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

YARDLEY HASTINGS, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Brinklow (first quarter) 1, A. Goodman 2, R. Minney 3, S. Elliott 4, H. Wooding (cond.) 5, H. Minney 6. Rung for the crib service and Sunday School prize-giving.

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Featured in the centre pages of 'Punch' last week was a subject dear to the hearts of all ringers. Illustrating the verses, 'Their sound is gone forth into all lands' is a typical country church and a belfry sketch by that eminent artist, E. H. Shepard. The belfry in question is Holy Trinity, Guildford, and among the ringers that caught the artist's eye were Messrs. A. H. Pulling, W. J. Robinson, T. Mark White and H. Hutton.

A quarter peal of Minor was rung at Thorne, Yorkshire, on December 12th by Mr. James Thorley with his three sons and two brothers.

Mr. Harry F. Holding, with a peal at Marchington on December 9th, has rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

Mr. Austen Kemp, who has been a Sunday service ringer at St. Nicholas', Ash, Kent, since 1910, rang his first peal on the bells on December 16th. Great credit is due to him for the way he rang the tenor.

Mr. A. H. Pulling has called at Holy Trinity, Guildford, 100 peals of Stedman Triples. He has rung in all 110 peals of Stedman in this tower, the last being exactly 50 years after his first peal in the tower for the method.

A handbell peal was rung at Chesterfield on December 10th when the average age of the four ringers was 74 years, six months. Has this been exceeded? These veterans also enquire what is the oldest average age for a tower bell peal.

Last April honourable mention was made in this column of 14-year-old William H. Jackson on ringing his first peal of London. Now at Campsall, Yorkshire, his 13-year-old brother, David, has scored his first peal in the method and with the same mastery. 'Two grand young ringers with a most promising future,' writes the peal conductor, Mr. J. E. Cawser.

BELFRY GOSSIP

We regret to announce that Mr. T. H. Reeves, the former secretary of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, is seriously ill in Sheffield. While staying at a hotel there he had a seizure on December 12th, and he was taken to a local hospital. The latest information is that he is a little better, but he will be there for some weeks, as he is too ill to move even by ambulance to Birmingham. His family are with him.

Mr. Reginald Woodyatt, with the peal at Claines, Worcs, on December 15th, has rung each bell in the tower to a ten-bell peal.

With reference to 5,079 Stedman Caters on page 798, the last turning course should read 2 7 S9 15 16

The ringer of the 3rd in the peal of Bob Minor at Rainhill, Lancs, on November 18th, was A. Ronald Pocklington, and not Donald as stated.

The footnote to the peal at Hethersett reported on page 787 should read: 'First peal in seven Plain Major methods for the Association.'

Has a ringer ever rung a tower-bell peal in evening dress? This took place at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on December 6th. Mr. Harold E. Harrison rang in such garb complete with 'dickie.'

Mr. A. J. N. Rance, of Bracknell, Berks, rang his 13th peal at the 13th attempt at Hurst, Berkshire, his last peal being in the same tower 2½ years ago. The band, in congratulating him on at last breaking his run of bad luck, also congratulate Mrs. A. Diserens, of St. Mary's, Reading, who kindly stood in at short notice and rang her 100th peal.

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RINGERS AND THE FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN

REPORT TO STANDING COMMITTEE

A COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY

I. INTRODUCTION

Recently there was circulated to each member of the Standing Committee the following report prepared by the Festival Sub-Committee. This report has not yet been approved by the Standing Committee, but in view of the widespread interest in the Festival, we publish the comprehensive survey of the subject and congratulate the sub-committee on a fine piece of work:—

1. The Festival of Britain Sub-Committee was formed at the 1950 Council meeting held at Eastbourne, and instructed to study the part which the Ringing Exercise should play in the Festival of Britain, 1951, and report with recommendations to the Standing Committee who were empowered to approve and to act on the recommendations placed before them. The Festival Sub-Committee was composed of Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher and Mr. G. H. Spice.

2. Their Majesties the King and Queen will open the Festival on May 4th, 1951, when they visit the South Bank Exhibition, which will then continue until September 30th, during which period the whole of Britain will be on show. So from an idea born in 1947 to celebrate the centenary year of the Great Exhibition of 1851 has grown and taken form the fine conception of demonstrating to ourselves and to the world something of the traditions and character of British culture and civilisation. The Christian Churches have given their full support from the outset, and in sharing in this expression of national faith we, as ringers, must ensure that our own form of Christian praise and worship, the sounding of bells according to our unique English art of change-ringing, shall witness to the achievement of this Ringing Isle in a Festival destined to lasting memory in the annals of its history.

II. SCOPE OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE'S WORK

3. After a preliminary study, the aims of the Sub-Committee were expressed in a letter of invitation to ringers to contribute ideas ('Ringing World,' August 10th, 1950), from which we quote:—

4. 'The work of our committee falls into two broad divisions, corresponding to the official Festival organisation on the one hand, and to the countrywide local celebrations on the other.

5. 'Regarding the first, liaison has been established with the Festival authorities, and two facts of some importance have been ascertained through this channel. They are, that there is absolutely no possibility of erecting a synthetic tower on the South Bank Exhibition site, but that the Church of St. John, Waterloo Road, adjoining the site, is being rebuilt as the Festival Church; and that, just as the Royal School of Church Music is arranging for visiting choirs to sing at services in the Festival Church, so should we arrange for visiting bands to ring the bells.

6. 'It is the second division of our work, however, which is likely to offer most to the individual guild or tower, not only by the suggestions we offer, but also in our capacity as a clearing house for ideas.'

7. Corresponding to these broad divisions, our work will now be described, leading on to a short discussion on the implementation of our suggestions, and to a final summary of the recommendations made.

III. THE FESTIVAL IN LONDON

(a) The South Bank Exhibition and the Festival Church

8. Link with the Festival authorities was made through the Liaison Officer for Voluntary Associations, and later through the Secretary of the Festival Advisory Committee of Christian Churches. In this way we found our general bearings, and were able to examine the possibility of erecting bells for ringing actually at the South Bank Exhibition, an idea developed in some detail by Mr. A. York-Bramble ('Ringing World,' May 19th, 1950), who suggested transparent walls to the temporary tower to enable the bells and the ringers to be seen in action. Such a project would have involved considerable technical skill and the collaboration of the bell-founding firms who were invited to offer comment. Any possibility of their co-operation was, however, eliminated by a firm 'no' from the Festival authorities, whose plans for the South Bank were rigidly fixed; and though the idea was not finally shelved even then, the announcement that St. John's was being rebuilt as the Festival Church meant that an alternative scheme was open to be developed.

9. When St. John's was damaged the tower was not seriously affected, and the eight bells came to little harm. The tenor weighs 18 cwt. and the bells were refitted in new bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank as recently as 1935, so that they should prove most suitable for their honoured role in the Festival. It was, therefore, great encouragement to find that the Rev. L. W. Harland, Secretary of the Advisory Committee for Christian Churches, agreed that our bellringing art should be suitably represented. To this end the correspondence on the matter has been passed to the Committee responsible for the Festival Church, with whom further negotiations will take place.

10. There will be regular services at the Festival Church, and we feel that it should be possible during the Festival period for many ringers to visit St. John's, and by proper organisation, for every Guild and Association to send representative bands. A special bell-ringing festival in early summer has been suggested as especially appropriate. We are glad to know, too, that the local band at St. John's will be playing its part, and this will be a great help in developing the visiting scheme outlined. One of our principal recommendations is that every effort should be made to ensure that the bells of St. John's sound forth their message throughout the Festival.

11. The question of peal attempts at the Festival Church has been raised. With effective shutter arrangements the sound of the bells over long periods might be controlled so that is no more than a pleasant background to visitors to the Exhibition, but every care should be taken to avoid any reasonable criticism, and some limit on peal attempts should be fixed. On the other hand, quarter peals might be a wiser plan, as this would give a worthwhile ring under good conditions without being too persistent.

(b) Exhibitions on Ringing in London

12. The Sub-Committee was very glad to receive a letter from Mr. William Shepherd, of Addlestone, Surrey, who recalled the Festival of Empire in 1911, the Coronation Year of King George V., at the Crystal Palace. The Ringers' Day in London, organised by the new journal, 'The Ringing World,' may also be recalled. Messrs. Warner had a stand there, but only after the innovation of handbell ringing were the crowds drawn. As a result, hand-

bell concerts were given on three evenings a week, which were highly popular. Mr. Shepherd would like a 'ringers' corner somewhere in the 1951 Festival, where demonstrations, models, handbell ringing, even talks, could entertain the crowds. Mr. York-Bramble likewise envisaged his tower to be the scene of similar activities, and Mr. C. Cullen, in a letter discussed the desirability of a suitable exhibition.

13. It is doubtful if such projects could be arranged at South Bank, but there might be an exhibition at the Festival Church, and the Imperial Institute is another possibility. The Royal Festival Hall has also been suggested, and exploration of the position should be made if the idea is acceptable.

(c) Visitors to London

14. We like the suggestion put forward by Mr. T. J. Lock, of the Middlesex Association, of a hospitality scheme by London area ringers, in conjunction with a special effort to provide ringing at all London churches during the Festival. We recommend that Mr. Lock be invited to co-ordinate such a scheme, but think it should be on a proper financial footing, for visiting ringers will only be too thankful to have accommodation found, and would not wish their hosts to be out of pocket.

15. Regarding overseas visitors, those who ring will be glad of all opportunities offered to take part in ringing events associated with the Festival. But any visitor from across the waters should have the opportunity of seeing English ringing at its best, and Mr. A. A. Hughes has suggested that with the Dean and Chapter's permission, invitations could be extended to St. Paul's Cathedral on Sundays. The Ancient Society would, we feel sure, willingly operate such a scheme.

(d) A Commemorative Ring of Bells in London

16. Lansbury, a newly-named district of the blitzed East End, is being redeveloped as a model 'neighbourhood,' some thirty acres of which will be completely rebuilt for the Festival, including shops, schools and two churches. Mr. T. J. Lock makes an unexpressed suggestion ('Ringing World,' June 30th) that one of these churches might be equipped with bells. Unfortunately, one of the churches is Roman Catholic, the other Congregational, but the Sub-Committee would welcome the Standing Committee's views on the possibility of a Festival installation, which would remain a permanent ringing feature of the Festival of Britain.

IV. THE COUNTRYWIDE FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN

(a) The Individual and His Own Tower

17. The aim of the Festival organisers is that everyone should play his or her part in the celebrations of 1951, and that every phase of British life, every art and craft, every creative instinct, should find its full expression. To this end, all ringers should be encouraged to take full responsibility for seeing that in their village or town the local Festival committee is not only aware that the bells are an essential feature of the English 'make-up,' but that every opportunity is taken of introducing ordinary folk, residents and visitors, to the belfry. As was urged by the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow in a letter recently ('Ringing World,' September 15th), individuals must use their own initiative now and not later on, for it is useless to wait for invitations and wonder why they are not forthcoming.

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FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN.—Cont.

(b) The Guild or Association

18. Corporate ringing life finds expression in the work of our guilds and associations whose rapid development in the last half century have assured the future of our Exercise. It is the guild which should seek to further co-operation with the more central Festival enterprises in their own county or diocese. These include the Festivals of Art at such historic cities as Canterbury, Norwich and York, in addition to the special Festival programmes in the large towns and cities. The sponsoring of ringing exhibitions by diocesan and county authorities should be an important aim, and this offers scope for considerable enterprise and originality. The invitation of the general public to ringing meetings could form a special feature of next summer, and the holding of a special Festival ringing meeting would be a worthy departure from normal. In many cases the formation of a special committee to study local possibilities would encourage action.

(c) The Central Council

19. As the representative body of the Exercise, the Council must be responsible for undertaking a number of projects designed to further the widest possible participation in the Festival.

Peals

20. As ringers, our own expression of festival will be the ringing of peals, and the Sub-Committee recommends that the Central Council appoint the opening day of the Festival, Friday, May 4th, and the day following, Saturday, May 5th, as special days for ringing commemorative peals.

A Festival Method

21. The Sub-Committee further recommends that a method should be selected and named after the Festival as its permanent expression in the ringer's art. It does so in the belief that the events of 1951 will be unique in our country's history, and worthy of commemoration. The great arts of painting, music, literature, drama and the ballet, are all following such a course, and it should be emphasised that what is being honoured is not the name of one person, or victory on the field of battle, but the expression of our nation's spirit and culture.

22. While the Sub-Committee is not, at this stage, in a position to suggest a method for such distinction, it would like to acknowledge one suggestion from Mr. York-Bramble, and some valuable technical comments from Mr. Denis N. Layton, who points out the scope offered by both Treble Bob and plain unnamed Major methods. If this recommendation is accepted, the Exercise should be given a voice in the selection of the Festival method, with the final recommendation resting with the Festival Sub-Committee.

Literature

23. In addition to making every effort to get ringing mentioned in as many Festival printed programmes as possible, the Sub-Committee strongly supports a suggestion emanating from several sources that a pamphlet should be carefully prepared and produced in large numbers for distribution to the public at every suitable opportunity. The cost of this should be shared by every guild undertaking to purchase copies. One estimate puts the probable cost at about 10s. per 100, and at this price many guilds could afford to purchase at least 2,000, though, in turn, individual towers could purchase from

their own guilds. An edition of 50 to 100 thousand would not be beyond the bounds of practicability. Great care would have to be taken to see that an interesting account was given of our ringing art, so that from it a layman would enjoy and appreciate the bells of England, and be let into some of their secrets.

A Ringing Film

24. The Sub-Committee recommends that an attempt be made to encourage the production of a first-class feature film on bells and ringing for general exhibition at cinemas.

Other Activities of the Central Council

25. It is recommended that every opportunity shall be taken by the Council to foster, officially, all projects to further the aims of ringing. In certain respects it is to be regretted that the tradition of holding the first meeting of a new Council in London is to be broken in 1951, but perhaps the visit to Chester, only a week after the opening of the Festival of Britain, will be made the occasion of a special tribute.

V. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FESTIVAL RECOMMENDATIONS

26. In the preparation of this report, the Sub-Committee has not exercised its power to co-opt, though it has been only too glad to receive ideas and suggestions from ringers. In the implementation of its recommendations, however, there will be considerable opportunity for inviting the assistance of others, and it will be essential to do so if the work is not to prove too arduous. Thus the organisation of ringing at the Festival Church, the arranging of a ringing exhibition in London, the hospitality scheme for London, the preparation of a ringing pamphlet, and the study of the feature film project, are all excellent examples of where one or more persons can be made responsible.

27. In submitting this report, the Sub-Committee, bearing in mind the relatively long period which has inevitably elapsed during its preparation, hopes that it will be possible to obtain the views and the approval of the Standing Committee quite quickly. It ventures to think that most of the recommendations will be accepted unreservedly, but would like comment again on four of them.

(v.). The idea of a Festival installation of bells must clearly be investigated further before any decision can be contemplated.

(viii.). The appointment of the two opening days of the Festival for commemorative peals would be one of the most effective means of signifying the historic nature of the events, and would be appreciated by ringers and non-ringers.

(ix.). The naming of a method after the Festival is a recommendation on which much thought has been given because of possible diversion of opinion. As a result, it is our strong wish that such a method be named, as in this way only can our change-ringing art itself be an expression of the Festival.

(xi.). Like (v.) the idea of a feature film on ringing must be explored before the final outcome is known. This must, in the last resort, depend on practicability rather than desirability. In this sense, provisional approval could be given by the Standing Committee.

VI. SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

29. The Festival of Britain Sub-Committee has much pleasure in making the following recommendations to the Standing Committee of the Central Council. The numbers in brackets after each refer to the numbered paragraphs in the body of the report.

(i.). That every effort should be made to organise representative ringing at the Festival Church including full consideration of a possible Ringing Festival Day, and the question of peal attempts (9, 10, 11).

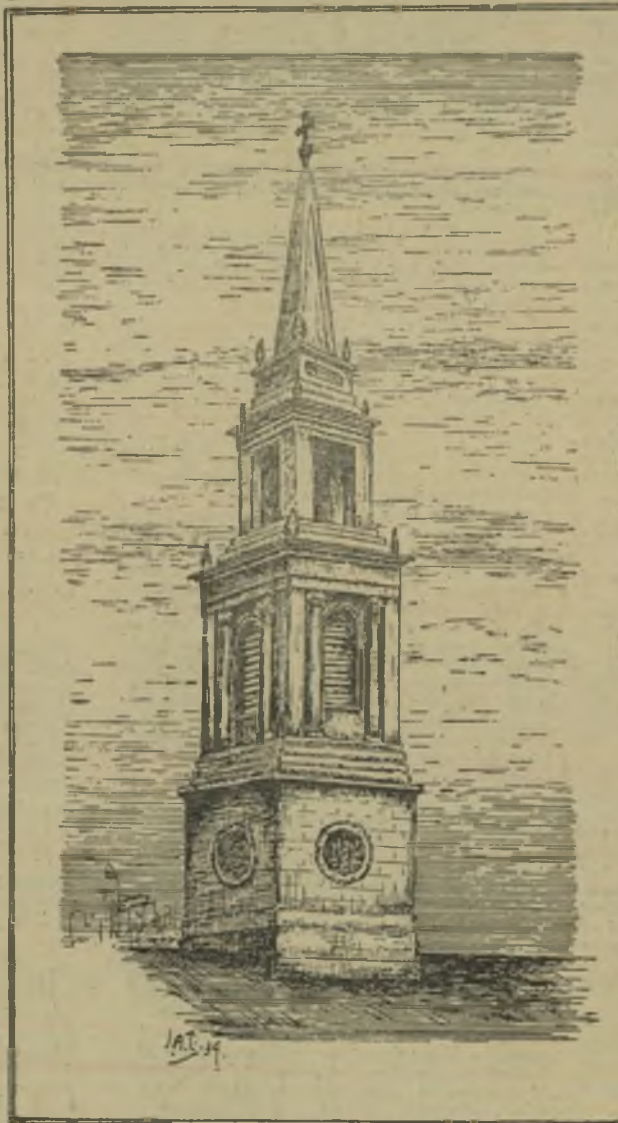
(ii.). That at least one central exhibition of ringing should be organised in London, to include photographs, literature, models, talks and handbell ringing (12, 13).

(iii.). That a hospitality scheme should be operated in London, in which it is hoped that all associations and societies in London and the Home Counties will join (14).

(iv.). That overseas visitors should be given the opportunity of seeing ringing at its best, and welcome the suggestion of invitations to Sunday ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral (15).

(v.). That the possibility be explored of a national bell installation scheme in London as a permanent ringing memorial of the Festival of Britain (16).

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ST. JOHN'S, WATERLOO ROAD

The Festival of Britain Church

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

TEWKESBURY BRANCH

The annual meeting of the Tewkesbury Branch was held at Tewkesbury Abbey on December 2nd. Some 34 members and friends were present including the Master, Mr. W. B. Kynaston, and Mrs. Kynaston.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. B. Purefoy), with the Curate (the Rev. M. Seacombe) at the organ.

At the meeting, which followed tea, Group Captain T. V. Lister was again appointed chairman. Mr. E. T. Newbury intimated that he did not wish to seek re-election as secretary and asked the Branch to appoint someone in his place. Mr. J. Beech, 6, Abbey Terrace, Tewkesbury, was appointed.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Newbury, for his services as hon secretary to the Branch since 1945, was proposed by the chairman. The name of Mr. H. Ball was also coupled with Mr. Newbury's in this vote of thanks, as they together were responsible for restarting the Branch after the ban on bellringing was lifted following the war.

Mr. Kynaston also, on behalf of the Association, thanked Mr. Newbury for his services, and wished Mr. Beech 'all the best' in his new job.

Thanks were also expressed to Group Captain Lister for arranging the annual outing, to the Vicar and Curate for their hospitality, etc., and use of the bells, and to the Master, Mr. Kynaston. Several new members were elected. Mr. E. T. Newbury was appointed representative on the management committee.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Maximus.

J. B.

DEDICATION

SANDFORD, DEVON

The Lord Bishop of Crediton dedicated on December 9th the bells of St. Swithin's, Sandford, which have been rehung on a steel frame and a treble added, the gift of the late Miss Halten. The contract was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

Sandford bells had been silent since 1938. The tenor of this ring of six weighs 12 cwt. Seven visiting teams from the Cadbury Deanery took part in the ringing which followed the dedication and were complimentary on the 'go' of the bells. Mr. W. G. Dyer represented Messrs. Gillett and Johnston at the opening ceremony.

FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN.—Cont.

(vi.). That through 'The Ringing World' all ringers should be invited to take individual responsibility for ensuring that the bells play their full part in local Festival activities (17).

(vii.). That a letter be sent to all guilds, associations and societies, inviting them to make every effort to sponsor schemes for participation of bells and ringers in the main Festival events of their own areas (18).

(viii.). That the opening days of the Festival, Friday and Saturday, May 4th and 5th, 1951, be appointed as special days for the ringing of commemorative peals (20).

(ix.). That a method should be selected and named after the Festival (21, 22).

(x.). That a ringing pamphlet be prepared for distribution to the public on the widest scale, to be sponsored by the Central Council and supported by all guilds and associations (23).

(xi.). That an attempt should be made to encourage the production of a first-class feature film on ringing (24).

(xii.). That every opportunity should be taken by the Central Council to foster, officially, all projects in Festival Year designed to further the cause of ringing (25).

E. S. JOHN HATCHER.

GEORGE H. SPICE.

Central Council Festival of
Britain Sub-Committee.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE OLDEST TOWER-BELL PEAL-RINGER

Dear Sir,—Come, come, Mr. James George! As one of your great admirers, I urge you to get down to 'brass tacks' and reasoning. You claim to have rung a tower-bell peal at the great age of 85 years and nine months; Mr. James W. Wilkins, of High Wycombe, rang a tower-bell peal when he was two days past his 87th birthday. Well, it is obvious you are not the oldest tower-bell peal-ringer only on the grounds that you are at present 97 years and Mr. Wilkins nearly 88 years old, but Mr. Wilkins was older than you were when you rang your last tower-bell peal, therefore the claim should be his.

To have rung a tower-bell peal at the great age of 85 years and then, in spite of the sad misfortune to lose a leg, still be hale and hearty at 97 years is a truly wonderful record, and should it be the happy and fortunate experience of the writer such things would not be bothered about. You have had a wonderful ringing career, and no doubt have done much to help less fortunate persons to master the art of change-ringing. So please do not mar that career by 'ifs' and 'buts' and what you could still do but for your unfortunate disability. You have done your share nobly and well. Now enjoy the evening of your life.—Your faithfully,

R. NEWMAN, S.E.A.N.

Holloway, N.7.

PRESTBURY BELLS

Dear Sir,—Following the report by bell-hangers, the Church Council have decided that the eight at Prestbury, Gloucestershire, will have to be rehung, and that until they have been rehung, the bells are only to be used for service ringing and the weekly practice.

Visitors will always be welcome on Tuesday evenings or Sundays, but there can be no peal attempts.

Members of the local band are to start the fund for the rehanging by touring the village this Christmas with handbells, and hope to be able to get a peal on the bells when enough money has been raised for the job to be done.

—Yours faithfully, CHARLES ROUSE.
Cheltenham.

THE FOUR GEORGES

Dear Sir,—I am writing entirely from memory but I am sure my old friend George Newton is mistaken in thinking he is the George referred to by the late Mr. Fussell in his diary. If he refers to the first issue of 'The Ringing World' published after the tourists sailed for Australia in 1934, I am sure he will find the paragraph, word for word, which is quoted in your leading article of December 8th.

George Newton was the gifted conductor of the Cumberlands from approximately 1880 until his death some 15 years later and with whom Mr. Fussell was very closely associated during that period. Incidentally, George Newton called my father's first peal—Grandsire Triples at West Ham in the early 1880's and his first peal of Double Norwich some 10 or 12 years later.

Among the many peals he conducted was the then record length of Treble Bob; the number, I believe, was 8,864, and the composer, William Harrison. The composition was published on the Friday, and at the St. Martin's practice that evening, the band was arranged and the peal rung on the following day at Highgate. He also conducted the 13,440 of Double Norwich which the Cumberlands rang at Romford in 1894. He died the following year from (so I have been told) what we now know as appendicitis, but what was then known as a 'twisted gut,' and for which, at that time, there was no cure.

There are still a few ringers living who rang with George Newton. I remember, as a small boy, seeing him once when he came to Crayford for a peal, shortly before his death.—Yours sincerely, E. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

'YE RASCALLY RINGERS'

Dear Sir,—If possessors of Snowdon's 'Double Norwich' will turn to page 47, they will see these lines were printed in the 'Norwich Mercury' somewhere between 1817 and 1821. They were sent by John Twiddy, the parish clerk at Mancroft, who lived close to the tower. Between these dates the Norwich Scholars, under Robert Chestnutt, used to practise Court Royal at 6 a.m. on Sundays during the summer season. Small wonder, therefore, that Twiddy turned to poetry! Snowdon remarks that he had seen other poetic efforts bearing a great resemblance.—Yours truly,

CHAS. E. BORRETT.

Sheringham, Norfolk.

MR. FUSSELL'S PEAL AT BEAUMARIS

Dear Sir,—With regard to the publication of Mr. Fussell's diary, I expect others will have already written to you to say that he did, in fact, ring a peal in every county in England and Wales. He completed this task on Saturday, July 9th, 1938, when we were able to arrange for him to ring a peal at Beaumaris, Anglesey. Mr. R. Sperring called Parker's 12 part from the second and Mr. Fussell rang the sixth. He had waited many years to get this peal.—With good wishes for Christmas, sincerely yours, J. W. CLARKE.

Chester.

MR. E. C. SHEPHERD'S 300 PEALS

An extremely varied list has Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, of Solihull, in his 300 peals. Details are appended:—

TOWER-BELL PEALS

Doubles. Grandsire 1 (1).
Minor. Plain Bob 3 (2). Cambridge 3. London 1. Oxford T.B. 1 (1). Kent T.B. 3 (2). Two methods 2 (1). Three methods 5 (3).
Triples. Grandsire 7 (6). Stedman 12.
Major. Plain Bob 8 (4). Kent 3 (2). Oxford 1. Spliced Treble Bob 2. Double Norwich 8. Superlative 4. Cambridge 15. Yorkshire 15. London 11. Ipswich 1. Pudsey 1. Rutland 2. Ashted 2. Lincolnshire 2. Painswick 1. New Cambridge 1. Belgrave 2. Hinton 1. Bristol 1. Aldenham 1. Whitminster 1. Hallam 1.
Caters. Stedman 17 (2). Grandsire 7 (3).
Royal. Kent T.B. 2. Cambridge 9. Yorkshire 11. Belgrave 1. Rutland 1. Lincolnshire 1. Solihull 1. Painswick 1.
Cinques. Stedman 58 (5). Grandsire 1. Erin 1.
Maximus. Cambridge 6. Yorkshire 3. Lincolnshire 1. Lindsey 1. Prittlewell 1. Solihull 1. Pontefract 1. Pudsey 1. Spliced Cambridge and Yorkshire 1.

HANDBELL PEALS

Doubles. Grandsire 4 (4). Plain Bob 1 (1). Stedman 1 (1). Two methods 4 (4). Three methods 4 (3). Four methods 1 (1).
Minor. Plain Bob 15 (10). Grandsire 1 (1). Reverse Canterbury 1 (1). Two methods 2 (2).
Triples. Grandsire 2 (2). Stedman 1.
Major. Plain Bob 2.
Cinques. Stedman 5.
Caters. Grandsire 1. Stedman 6.
Total 300. Conducted 63. Seven of the Maximus peals were the first ever rung.

A VETERAN TOWERKEEPER

Mr. S. Jones, of Eccleston, Cheshire, who celebrated his 82nd birthday on December 13th (and participated in a quarter peal in honour of the event), is one of the few one-armed ringers in the country. At 82 he is still going strong, having been towerkeeper at Eccleston since the bells were opened in 1907. Eccleston is one of the finest sights in the country and will be one of the attractions at the Central Council meeting next Whitsuntide. Two of Mr. Jones' sons rang in the quarter with him, while a third was prevented by indisposition. We express our congratulations to Eccleston's veteran towerkeeper and wish him many more happy years of service to the Church.

TOWER CORNER — 22

'STEDMAN—THE BLUE LINE'

Dear Improvers —In this Lesson, No. XIII, we begin to learn our first method—Stedman—by means of its Blue Line. We already know quite a bit of this method, but those of us who have turned up any of the references mentioned in our previous article will have found out, no doubt, quite a bit more about it.

General form of B-L to be appreciated.—Before we can draw out the Blue Line, however, we must (a) understand the general arrangement of all Blue Lines, and (b) work out and list, from the Stedman Division (given under figure 8 in the previous instalment), the pattern features of this particular B-L.

All B-L's in two parts.—As to (a), the general arrangement, you may recall that we have said (at the close of instalment 19, in fact), that there are two positions in the B-L of any method where the pattern of the bell-path 'reflects' upon itself. From this it follows that every B-L falls into **two main parts**, each of which has a mid-way pivot point, not unlike the 'axis of reflection' in a Division. So that the second portion of each part is, respectively, the 'reflection' of the first portion of that part. Accordingly, knowledge of the first portion gives the whole of this same part. These two main parts respectively pivot about work (a) chiefly 'on the front,' and (b) chiefly 'on the back.' From this fact we derive the names 'Front Path' and 'Back Path.' Every method's B-L is so constructed.

Unequal lengths of Front and Back Paths.—In hunt-controlled methods the Front Path is centred or 'pivots' upon the place where the Treble is leading and the Back Path 'pivots' upon the place of the Treble's lie. These two places will be recognised as the Link and the Junction of a Division, respectively. In omnivorking methods, such as Stedman, the Front and Back Path pivot points may be reversed; in other words, the Front Path may be found to pivot round a Junction, while the Back Path pivots round a Link. Except in 'Double' methods, where the two Paths are of equal length (and where, incidentally, the pivot positions may be found as in omnivorking methods), the paths are of unequal length, due to the fact that the number of working bells in a method and therefore, of Divisions, is generally odd; so that there will be one more Division in one Path than in the other.

The Stedman Two Paths.—In Stedman Doubles, with its five Divisions, the Front Path includes the whole of the Slow Work, which is comprised (with its three initial and three terminal dodging rows), in three Divisions or 36 rows. This leaves, for the Back Path, which is comprised in two Divisions or 24 rows, the rest of the dodging in 4-5 which 'sandwiches' the brief excursion down to the front of the Quick Work. So here, as generally, the Front Path is the longer of the two. This is indicated on the B-L diagram which comes later.

Developing B-L from Grid-pattern.—Those who have to hand a reference book giving the plain course of Stedman Doubles may turn to it for illustration of what follows; but it is preferable to turn up the previous article and study figure 8 (which gives the Grid-pattern of a Division of Stedman Doubles) for this purpose. i.e., for our actual 'make-out' of this blue line. The simplest way of using the Grid-pattern to develop the blue line is this:—Start with a given bell-position at the d-h row and work down the line of the bell-path, jotting down every departure from plain hunting, including the blows at lead and lie. In a hunt-controlled method note also the meeting places with the hunt-bell (Treble). On reaching the Link at the end of the Division, draw in a dividing mark in your list, and note the position in which you have arrived at the new d-h row. Now revert to the original d-h row and start again from this newly-derived position, working down the new bell-path and jotting down the method features as before. Repeat

this process until you have traversed all bell-paths in the Division, and find yourself back at the position from which you first began.

The next step is to rule narrow vertical columns in number equal to the number of bells in the method stage, and to 'head' them according to bell-positions, i.e., '1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, etc.' (Note that these numeral headings are not bells, but bell-positions; and that this distinction is fundamental in analysis of the Grid, which we may consider later in the Course.)

The third step is to translate your jottings into the complete bell-path, by means of the zig-zag line drawn from column to column. Where a place-making occurs the line is drawn down the middle of the column for a short length. Meetings of a hunt-bell are indicated by short cross-lines, preferably in red. As each Link is reached (denoted by the dividing marks in your list), you enter a small circle on the bell-path for the new d-h position. This shows not only what part of the bell-path comes within any given Division of the plain course, but also, at a glance, the 'go-offs' or starts of the work for each position at the d-h.

Omission of first step inadvisable.—More experienced workers on methods may suggest the omission of the first step, and the making-out of the Blue Line directly from the Grid-pattern. But for students (and this Course is intended mainly for such), experience shows it preferable to write out the list of method features, with 'encounters' of any hunt-bell, and with Link positions, before attempting to draw in the B-L: as being both more informative to the learner and less likely to engender mistakes in the bell-path. Moreover the student can check, from the list, the pivot positions of both Front and Back Paths, together with the starting places, i.e., the Links, for each Path. The Blue Line may then be started from the most appropriate bell-position, i.e., the 'go-off' of the Front Path. In the B-L diagram, given in figure 11, 'F.P.P.' indicates 'Front Path Pivot,' and 'B.P.P.' indicates 'Back Path Pivot.'

Drawing the Blue Line.—We saw (para. 5 above) that the Stedman Front Path comprises the Slow Work, so we start from the bell-position in the d-h row at which we find a bell, in that Division, entering the Slow. This is seen to be from the 4th position. (In rounds of

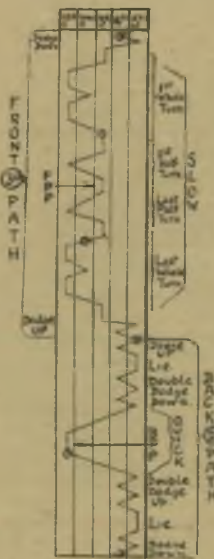


FIG. 11
Stedman Doubles Blue Line

course, this is the 4th bell itself.) From our list already made out we shall thus pick up these directions: 'Dodge in 4-5. Cross into front-work at slow six (which means enter a set of backward hunting, i.e., the whole pull is at the back of the 3-bell work (3rd's place) instead of in the front), so make 3rds: . . . etc.' (We need not continue the directions, as everything is marked in the diagram in figure 11.)

Cause of Pattern of Slow Work.—At this point the discerning student will have realised that Stedman Slow Work is no more and no less than just plain hunting, reversed after every six change-rows — forward hunting in one six, backward hunting in the next six, and so on. Inside every six, however, there is nothing but plain 3-bell hunting.

At the junction of the sixes the change of kind of hunting causes a momentary reversal (dodge) or place-making, which occurs as between a six-end row and the ensuing six-head row, giving rise to 'snapping blows' at lead or in seconds as the new six opens; but otherwise the hunting is plain. The reversals give rise to the characteristic 'Whole Turns' and 'Half Turns,' seen to be symmetrically arranged about the 'middle thirds' of the Slow Work.

Extending a Plain Course.—Except on the smallest stages the extent of change-rows obtainable is not contained within the plain course. To obtain the extra change-rows fresh d-h's, not occurring within the plain course, must be brought up. This is done by changing the form of Link, i.e., the type of permutation (arrangement of transits) employed between the d-c and the ensuing d-h. This change is effected by the conductor making a 'call,' the word employed being 'Bob.' The effect is to alter the coursing order of an odd number of bells, as appearing in the new d-h row. But even this device will not give the full extent in some methods. Later we shall go further into this matter of 'calls.' For the present we simply say that a further device changes the nature of the succession of rows, and is called 'Single.' In Stedman Doubles the plain course yields half the extent of rows, and a 'Single,' employed instead of a plain Link, suffices to change the nature of rows and yield the other half. This, and tips for ringing, we'll discuss next time.—Cordially yours, CORN: R. STONE.

E. DERBYSHIRE & N. NOTTS

The quarterly meeting of the East Derbyshire and North Notts Association was held at St. Mary Magdalene's, Sutton-in-Ashfield, on December 16th and was attended by members representing most towers in the Association. During the afternoon the bells were kept going to Minor and Major methods.

An excellent tea followed, given by Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Sollis, to mark their birthdays which fall during the ensuing week, also their 12th wedding anniversary; also for the birthday of Miss M. Heathcote (ringer, local band). The guests included the Rev. W. E. A. Pugh (Vicar) and Mrs. Pugh, Rev. G. Neville, Mr. Piggot (warden) and Mrs. Piggot and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Heathcote.

At the business meeting, appreciation and good wishes were expressed to all concerned. Ringing ended late in the evening with a quarter peal by members as a birthday compliment.

B. A. S.

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STORY OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER

DIARY OF THE LATE MR. W. H. FUSSELL — 4

Edited by ERNEST MORRIS

MR. Fussell's diary for 1882 starts off with his opening remarks: "Here commences a diary of my ringing and any performances done worth noticing at the several towers I have visited. The first two pages are devoted to a list of 720's rung during the year, and once again Grandsire is favourite with a total of 30, mostly rung at Farnham and Slough. He records nine of Plain Bob and one of Kent T.B.

He states "On the last day of the old year I went to our parish church to ring in the new year. Heard St. John's, Windsor, and those of the Curfew tower, the night being clear and frosty and moonlight. The grand and solemn tones of the Curfew bells gave one an awful reminder of the close of another year and how soon, too, we may go. Commenced ringing at 11.20 (I had been ringing at Farnham till 9 o'clock). Flaxman tolled the tenor for mid-night, Doubles rung before and Minor after. W. Leader having been steeple-keeper ever since bells put up, made 25 years this Christmas.

"Wished the ringers goodnight and went for a walk—Windsor still on—got to bed 1.30. Only ringers can imagine the state of my feelings after having done some well-struck changes on eight fine toned bells on a still, clear night, although only called changes. I have done very little ringing worth mentioning last year although I joined the "Cumberland Youths" on September 22nd, and the "Waterloo" on October 26th, but I hope to do more this year with God's help."

As in the previous records, Mr. Fussell seems to have been out at practices and handbell-ringing almost nightly, walking in many instances to the various neighbouring towers, usually to ring Doubles and Minor.

A JOVIAL EVENING

On January 16th he went to London by train and called re the Hornsey peal board, "thence to St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, the bells being muffled; pulled up several bells and rang fifth in rounds on the 12 bells for the first time—usual "whole pull and stand" and Manfield tolled on the tenor the age of the gentleman rung for. Saw Cox; Nelms; Rogers; Stackwood; Dains; Newson; Hoverd; Hopkins and others, who rang Stedman Caters." Next day at St. Anne's, Highgate, he rang some Treble Bob and Grandsire Triples. "Went to their house below and had ale and staid till 12.30 singing, etc., together in the little side parlour.

"It appeared to me that this was one of several jovial meeting nights. The occasion of dividing the funds. Mr. Page attempted an elaborate speech. Mrs. Tichener, who came in with two lady friends during the evening, caused a little unpleasantness; then some roughs who desired a row and tried to make out old Page was trying to insult the ladies during his verbose speech. Newson and Jacob had a fair harney all the evening, acting about. Griffin, Jacob and I came home with Mrs. Davis, who had the nickname "Archer Up," on account of her jockey cap. I lost myself in Hornsey owing to thick fog and had a job to find Griffin's house—long after two o'clock before I did. After knocking him up, I slept with his boy—a lad 12 years of age. Griffin and Jacob were almost run in coming home by Crouch End, by a policeman who was watching for some burglars."

On January 18th he walked or rode to Kensington where he pulled up a few bells and heard the start of a successful peal, composed and called by J. Cox. Newson and Stackwood changed their bells while ringing on account of the latter coming over queer. Later he went to Uxbridge and rang Grandsire Triples with Rev. Shears and the Vicar, Rev. Mayo. "Bad strik-

ing all the evening, as usual. Two of their men have given up ringing for some unknown reason."

Later in this month he says: "Tried some handbell ringing and, by a struggle, got 120. Akery and H. King will turn out fair ringers, I am sure, while Chas. King will never be worth anything as a change ringer—he'll never see it, everything he's told seems no good. He is like Woodley, who has been two years at it—too thick to see and too lazy to give time to it. John Steel found an old note book in which he wrote some tunes in 1847. King senr. seemed pleased with the ringing although he could not take part in it, having cut the top nearly clean off his finger."

On January 28th he says: "Parker lent me "Snowden's Treatise on Treble Bob." I sat up till two a.m. reading it at home. Wilder and Flaxman went to Isleworth to hear a peal that lasted 2 hours, fifty minutes."

Then follow many notes of touches at various places and a typical entry is "This morning I walked to Langley and back. Copied the inscriptions on the bells and saw Fred Mattingley. Told the 4th bell for a death. A nice little fellow called Gerald Barnby came with me and assisted. He often had many long walks with me." "Walked to Denham—made notes, etc. One College Youths' peal board fixed high up in the entrance way under the belfry. Saw the tomb of the Marshall family who were murdered by a blacksmith." At this time Mr. Fussell mentions many trips to various churches where he copied bell inscriptions, did sketches, etc. and on one occasion, when out at Denham and Iver, found he had no money. "Poor Barnby never had much as he is poorly situated. We therefore had to wait till I found my friend Squeelch of Uxbridge—a landlord of a public house: he obliged me with some ale, bread and cheese, which we made do till we got home. At Uxbridge we ferreted out an old codger named Tiny Hastings, the steeple-keeper. Dirty tower; I got smothered over with grease and dirt."

THE McLEAN TRIAL

On March 10th he walked to Windsor and rang at St. John's on the occasion of the marriage of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. An order came from the magistrates to stop the ringing and Mr. Fussell says "and no wonder when the Town Hall is so near and belfry windows so open. Besides, an unusual trial was going on—that of McLeans, for attempting to shoot the Queen." "Rang at Slough; after evening service. I lent Akery, King and Steel copies of the "Bell News" each and persuaded them to take a copy weekly." As has already been explained, Mr. Fussell was a very clever artist, and many of the early illustrations of churches in the "Bell News" were drawn by him—usually he placed his initials in the crazy pathways or foliage at the foot of the picture. To show his enthusiasm, he not only records many occasions of chiming, ringing call changes and pulling bells up, but in March, 1882, he records: "Visited Langley last Saturday and rang six plain courses of Bob and Grandsire Singles on the front 4."

About this time Mr. Fussell, who had designed the West Middlesex Association certificate, went to Windsor and called at the lithographer's works. "The man showed me the final proof, the printing looked horrid. What a pity no one can get good work done by a country lithographer. He had altered a good many points in my design according to his own ideas which do not give him credit. The thing looked fairly spoilt: he promised to alter some, but what's the use. I don't expect to see it improved." He rang some Triples on handbells

at Mr. Newell's place at the back of the brewery in a loft. "We seldom came down without being covered in whitewash and meal-dust."

He went to Reading, and at St. Mary's School had a handbell practice. The Curate with Messrs. Bonney and Little came in and heard the ringing. "Old Alder, the steeplekeeper of St. Mary's, came into the schoolroom in a temper as we were ringing, and began blustering out about change-ringing—damn it—'taint no use to anyone—not knowing the clergy were there, for which he apologised and kept quiet."

In April, 1882, he walked from Reading to Wokingham, starting at 2.20 and arrived at 4.20. Had a ride along the road in a trap and found the driver to be a ringer of Appleton. A funeral was proceeding when I reached the church, the remains being that of a young man who was highly respected, by the quantity of flowers sent to be placed on the grave. The Revd. F. H. Brown, Rector, read the service and I had a chat with him and the Sexton, Blake. Went in the tower and had a look round."

A VISIT TO OXFORD

About this time to took out an office friend named Silver on his many walks and on Saturday, April 8th, says: "Got up at 8, Silver, from the office, called, and we started to walk to Oxford at 8.30 a.m. Our first stop was Wallingford, where we had a light lunch and started out again at 1.30, my companion complaining of his feet slightly. At 2 o'clock he changed his socks, his feet being blistered and we continued walking till the 20th mile was passed, but we had to stop again, his feet being very painful, the back of his boot rubbing his heel and making it red and sore. I gave him some wadding to pad the shoe with, and we again proceeded—my feet in good condition—at 2.50. I made a spurt at the 22nd mile and continued on to Nuneham, leaving Silver some way behind. He found his way into the village pub where I had rested, not before putting away a glass of milk and having one in readiness for him. Once more we made a start and reached Magdalen Tower, Oxford, at 5 o'clock."

"Hearing a bell tolling, I made my way up the tower after many enquiries and going through various courts, etc. Saw the Steeplekeeper and Sexton, who gave me Mr. C. Hounslow's address, he being a relation. Called at No. 2, Ilfrey Road and saw Mrs. Hounslow, who made us welcome, and after tea took us to the Ringers' Meeting Room after taking us round the town, into the Market place, and about the Colleges, just as if we had not had enough walking already. Stayed in the rooms until 9.30 ringing handbells with S. Hounslow, Smith, Bastow, Thomas and others. Mrs. Hounslow made arrangements for us to sleep at a friend's next door to a public house by the name of "The Cape of Good Hope," and no sailor shipwrecked ever longed to see that outlandish part of "America" more than I longed to lay in the bed that was shown to us at 11.30, and we slept soundly till 9 the next morning: my friend passed a restless night."

HIS FIRST PEAL

Next day—Sunday—he rang at Holywell both morning and evening, at the latter a 720 Treble Bob. A peal was fixed up for Magdalen next day, but news came that a peal of Grandsire Triples was also on at Bicester, so we decided to go there. The party met at 11 a.m., the Rector and local ringers from there took them to the Red Lion for refreshments. They started for the peal at noon, but failed after 25 minutes—started again and concluded the 5.040 at 3.43 p.m. Mr. Fussell says: "The ringing was well struck and we received the congratulations of all around. I felt delighted, it being my first peal. We again adjourned to the Red Lion, the Rector had kindly provided dinner there for us. Fields and others—all good ringers from Oxford—had arrived and sat down to dinner with us. At 6 o'clock went again to the tower for an hour and rang a date touch (1882)."

(To be continued.)

A REDUNDANT BELL MADE INTO TWO TREBLES

In the heart of Northampton stood a church for 111 years, dedicated to St. Katherine. During recent weeks it has fallen under the hammer of the demolition squad—a regrettable step in the eyes of many people with the crying need in this ever-expanding town for a large hall in the centre for religious meetings, a use to which it could have served a fine purpose.

St. Katherine's had but one bell in its strange-looking steeple of three sections—a short broach tower surmounted with an octagonal bell-chamber and a short spire built at the south-west corner of the church erected in 1839, which date was to be seen on the bell.

For a single bell, it was somewhat unusually large although not so heavy as many were led to believe. Its diameter across the lip was 43½ inches, and for years was rumoured at weights varying from 15 to 17 cwt. Its strike note was F, and little difference could be told between it and the seventh of the nearby church of All Saints should the two be heard sounding together—except that St. Katherine's gave out a rather dull note, accounted for by its shortness in the waist and rather flat crown—typical of most of the early Taylor bells. Since taken down, it has been found to weigh between 12 and 13 cwt.

It was one of the last bells cast at Oxford by the brothers John and William Taylor, the sons of Robert, most of whose bells are also cast on this pattern—all six at Rushden, and the tenor at Great Houghton, for example. Cast at the same time as St. Katherine's bell was the tenor of Grafton Regis, dated 1839, which weighs 9 cwt. 2 lb., and also rumoured for years to be heavier.

In 1840 John Taylor moved to Loughborough. William following in 1843. During those three years not all the records of the bells cast at Oxford by William were kept, and a few years ago the writer was able to assist the Loughborough firm in establishing that one of William's last castings at Oxford, of which they had no record, was a bell at St. Andrew's, Northampton, dated 1842. Like St. Katherine's, this is another short-waisted, dull-toned bell, but much lighter—only 4½ cwt.

The St. Katherine's bell has now been recast into two new trebles to add to the fine six at Weedon. Northants: any surplus metal is to go towards their cost of installation.

Centuries ago, Northampton had several churches like St. Katherine's, which were destroyed. There was a St. Mary's in the vicinity of St. Peter's (the famous Norman church) with a St. Gregory's close by. A St. Michael's stood in what is now Wood Street. On the south side of the town stood a St. Leonard's, from which St. Leonard's Road, Far Cotton, takes its name. This church stood on the site of the present Pomfret Arms, where traces of the old stonework have recently been seen. There was once another St. Edmund's Church on a site a quarter of a mile from the present one. St. Bartholomew's once stood at the north end of the town in what is known as Kingsthorpe Hollow.

Most of these churches disappeared about the Cromwellian period. They were built in the Crusade period by Simon de Senliz, the famous Crusader, who built the round church of St. Sepulchre. Some were actually chapels of ease!

P. A.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The final meeting of the year took place at Rawmarsh on December 6th and was very well attended by members from the surrounding districts including Mr. J. Rock, of Hereford. The ringing was of a high standard throughout the day and ranged from rounds to London and Bristol Surprise Major. A touch of Spiced Surprise in three methods was also successfully brought round. Tea was served in the Church Hall and, at the business meeting which followed, the chairman was the president, Mr. H. O. Chaddock.

'THE BOY WHO LEFT MARCHINGTON'

In connection with the peal of Stedman Doubles rung at St. Peter's, Marchington, on December 9th, it was the first in that method on the bells; and it was rung as a compliment to 'the boy who left Marchington for Australia, 74 years ago,' William John Stretton, and his two former playmates, Mrs. Whyman and Mr. Slater, both 86 years of age.

After the peal, the ringers were entertained to tea by Mrs. Whyman and were joined by Major Alan Bishop Stretton, son of the late William John Stretton, who is attached to the Australian Army, and who came from Melbourne early this summer, visited Marchington to see where his father was born and to make some enquiries into his ancestry. His father was born at the Dog and Partridge. Major Stretton came up from Cheam, Surrey, for the peal. The Vicar (the Rev. Oswald G. Ede) also joined the gathering. Owing to the inclement weather Mr. Slater was not able to be present; neither was Mr. George Wainwright, the leader of St. Peter's ringers, owing to pressure of business.

After tea the Vicar, in moving the toast to 'The boy who left Marchington 74 years ago' and his two former playmates, said it was thoughtful of the ringers to ring the peal as a compliment; it forged another link between Australia and the Mother Country.

Major Stretton proposed the toast to the ringers, and thanked them for the compliment and said it would be greatly appreciated by the family in Australia. Mr. Barnabas Key, who conducted the peal, responded for the ringers and Mr. Frank Stenson for Mrs. Whyman, Mr. Slater and the late 'William John Stretton.'

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2371546	3
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6315427	1
3261574	2
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— 526734	436527	— 273564
572463	— 754236	— 452673
a — 345672	S 267354	— 364752
— 263745	— 432567	— 376245
276534	— 754632	— 523476
257463	S 627354	— 542637
— 342657	632475	b — 765342
b — 763542	— 546732	— 736254
756234	574263	— 427536
— 427356	a — 325674	— 654327
432675	— 463725	— 635742
463527	476532	— 673254
456732	457263	— 426573
— 274356	— 324657	— 354726
— 632574	b — 763524	— 375642
653427	756432	S 623475
645732	— 247356	— 546723
674253	234675	— 375246
— 326574	263547	S 263475
352467	256734	— 542763
345726	— 472356	— 574326
374652	— 634572	S 365274
— 263574	653247	a — 423765
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— 742356	672453	— 367254
S 367542	— 346572	— 326475
— 253467	354267	— 342567

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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

The marriage between Arthur Doeg Cook (Peter) and Betty Novello Westoby (Molly) will take place at St. Leonard's Church, Beoley, on Saturday, Jan. 6th, 1951, at 12 noon. All friends welcome at the church. 8032

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

To all our ringing friends. Good ringing in the New Year is the wish of Mr. and Mrs. W. BOTTRILL, 110, College Road, Deal, Kent. 8129

Best wishes for the New Year from S. Geoffrey WATERS and Malcolm S. CLOKE to all their ringing friends. 8122

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MEETINGS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting, Wye, Dec. 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 95a, High Street, Ashford, Kent. 8041

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Dec. 30th. Bells (10) available 6—8.30 p.m.—W. Birmingham. 8114

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Westerham (8), Jan. 6th at 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to R. A. Whitehead, 19, Deakin Leas, Tonbridge, by Jan. 3rd 8033

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester and Merston Deaneries.—Annual meeting, Yeovil, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Service 4.30. Names for tea by previous Monday.—F. Farrant, Martock. 8097

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. Division.—Annual meeting at Dagenham, Jan. 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Elections, etc. Ringing at Barking in evening 7 o'clock. Names for tea to A. C. Chaplin, 25, Exeter Road, Dagenham. 8075

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting will take place at St. George's, Colegate, on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at St. Clement's Hall. Also St. Miles' bells afternoon and evening. Names not later than Saturday, Dec. 30th, to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, St. Clement's Rectory, 3, Colegate, Norwich.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 8084

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting, Jan. 6th. Cathedral bells 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Council House, by invitation of the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, at 5 p.m., followed by meeting in the Council Chamber. Notification for tea essential.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Hall Green, Birmingham, 28. (SPR 1025.) 8057

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual meeting, Winchester, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Cathedral (12), St. Maurice's (6) 1.30 p.m. Meeting 3 p.m. in Smith's, High Street. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service in Cathedral 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Jan. 1st, to L. A. Tremeer, 34, The Dean, Alresford. 8062

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Quarterly) and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Chesterfield (10), Saturday, Jan. 6th. Names for tea to S. Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Chesterfield, by Jan. 4th.—A. B. Cooper. 8107

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting at Wootton, Jan. 6th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Note: A.G.M. at Bedford, Feb. 3rd. Details later.—Michael Stephens, Durler Avenue, Kempston. 8074

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Holy Nativity (8), Jan. 6th, 3 p.m. Service 6.30 (evensong). Tea St. Katherine's Hall, Green Street, Totterdown.—A. Bennett. 8124

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Annual meeting at Syston on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names to Mr. G. Walker, Southfields, Goodes Avenue, Syston, by Wednesday, Jan. 3rd, please. All ringers are welcome.—F. Key, Hon. Sec. 8126

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Annual, St. John's, Devizes, Jan. 6th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. St. Mary's and Southbroom also available. Names for tea to F. Slaford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 8125

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thapston Branch.—Annual business meeting at Thapston, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday, please.—G. W. Jeffs, 4, Highfield Road, Thapston, Kettering. 8117

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual district meeting at St. Mary's, Nottingham, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Walter Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgeford, by Thursday previous at latest. Definitely, no name, no tea, this meeting.—W. Thornley, Dis. Sec. 8121

WALKDEN.—Dedication Memorial Tablet to the late Mr. John Potter, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names by Jan. 3rd.—Miss A. Potter, 73, Manchester Road, Walkden, near Manchester. 8132

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—Annual, Seaton, Jan. 13th. Service 4.15. Tea, Axe Vale Cafe, 2s., names by Jan. 3rd.—J. Arbury, 2, Paternoster Row, Ottery St. Mary. 8060

DEVON GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Annual, Buckland Monachorum, Jan. 13th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Jan. 8th.—T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 8110

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting to be held at Writtle (8), Saturday, Jan. 13th. Election of officers for 1951. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to Everett, 24, The Chase, Boreham. 8119

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 13th, at Repton. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify by Jan. 11th. S. H. Jones, 6, Brook End, Repton, near Derby. All welcome. 8130

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davertry Branch.—Annual meeting Daventry, Saturday, Jan. 13th. Names for tea to me not later than Saturday, Jan. 6th.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 8127

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Annual, St. Edmund's, Northampton (8), Jan. 13th. Names for tea must reach me by Jan. 6th. No names, no tea. This is definite.—Eric Nobles, Hon. Sec., 48, Millway, Duston, Northants. 8131

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Jan. 13th. Deddington (8). Service 4.15, with handbell music. Tea. Meeting.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 8079

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 13th, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Bells available 3-5.15, followed by tea (5.30) and meeting. Names for tea must reach me by Monday, Jan. 8th.—Mrs. C. J. Matthews, 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18. 8059

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.—The annual dinner will be held on Jan. 27th at the Full Moon Hotel. Tickets, 6s. 6d., from J. R. Worrall, 47, Ravenhill Road, Lower

LATE NOTICES

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting, Tiverton, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to C. G. Dymond, Silverton. 8140

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Bletchley, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells (8) at 5 p.m.—R. H. Howson. 8134

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 6th, Wigan Parish Church. Bells (10) 2.30. Meeting in tower 6.30. No arrangements for tea. Numerous cafes near by.—J. Burns. 8138

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Lindfield, Saturday, Jan. 6th, 3 p.m. Tea for those who advise by Jan. 3rd.—G. T. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley. 8135

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Silverdale, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Names for tea to Miss F. Malkin, 1, West Street, Silverdale, Staffs.—W. Carnwell, Hon. Sec. 8133

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